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Goodrich died **Tuesday** at 76

Owner of J&P was 2009 Citizen of the Year

John B. Goodrich, a local businessman and philanthropist, died early Tuesday.

He was 76.

Goodrich, a Pike Township resident, owned and operated J&P Custom Plating in Portland and was the founder of Goodrich Brewery. He was a former teacher and Jay School Board member, was active in Portland Rotary Club and Presbyterian First Church, and was a vocal advocate for his alma mater, Wabash College.

He was president of John Jay Center for Learning when he was honored in 2009 with the Jay County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award. (J&P, custom chrome plating for classic and antique automobiles and motorcycles, had been named industry of the year three years earlier, with Goodrich credited for his vision, dedication to the community and perseverance in the face of adversity.)

Goodrich was a longtime member of Portland Rotary Club, serving as its president at the time of his death. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and shepherded the club's tree distribution project for fourth graders for more than 30 years.

A former teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School, he was elected to Jay School Board in 1992 He was a longtime supporter of Jay Community Center, serving on its board of directors, was a member of the John Jay board in addition to spending time as its president and was also president of the Goodrich Family Foundation. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Foundation and taught Sunday School. A 1968 graduate of Wabash College, Goodrich was a longtime advocate of the school and helped recruit local students. "John has been a tireless supporter of Wabash," said Wabash director of admissions Mike Thorp in 2015. The 1963 Portland High School graduate credited Wabash with laying the foundation for his future accomplishments, noting that he struggled at first and needed five years to graduate instead of four. "I became a pretty good student," said Goodrich, who was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. "I wasn't killing them. But I was pretty good. ... My last three years turned my life around. ... If it can do that for me, think about what it could do for someone who's gifted. ... I try to share that vision."

over the Show Arena on Tuesday at the Jay County Fair, it was time for straw races and autocross in front of the grandstand.

At right, Isabelle Byrum speaks with the the beginner showmanship goat show Tuesday afternoon.

stands on straw bales while



2022 Jay County Fair



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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Knapke takes over lead of Classics area

Bv LOUISE RONALD

The Commercial Review A Jay County Fair classic has a new leader. Jay County Fair Board member Luke Knapke is

It includes a display of antique tractors, a working sawmill and two fashioned games like tents. One tent features euchre and checkers.

in his first year in charge of the Classics area. an exhibit by the Muse-um of the Solder, and the other is a space where fairgoers can enjoy old-

biggest draw is the free food.

From Monday through Friday of fair week, volunteers serve a kettle-

But perhaps the area's cooked lunch at noon homemade and ice cream at 4 p.m. in a covered pavilion just east of the 4-H livestock barns.

See **Classics** page 5



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Makinsey Murphy shows a rabbit during Tuesday's small animal supreme showmanship competition at the Jay County Fair. Murphy earned the trophy on her third try.

Murphy claims small animal title

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review A year ago, Makinsey Murphy struggled out of the gate with her pygmy goat.

When everything went well with the species this year, it was a sign of good things to come.

Murphy put together a strong effort from start to finish Tuesday and walked away with the Jay County 4-H Small Animal Supreme Showmanship trophy on her third attempt.

'I'm happy because I've tried it two times before this," she said. "It's kind of cool."

Murphy, who will be a junior at Jay County High School in the fall, is deeply involved in 4-H, as she has shown cats, rabbits, ducks and chickens for years and added goats and sheep to the mix this year. She also has a long list of projects in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall, with cake decorating, photography and arts and crafts among her favorites.

She is also involved in FFA and student council at JCHS and is a volunteer at Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

See Murphy page 5

Deaths

Julia Rhodehamel, 85, Portland Carol Klingel, 90, rural

Ridgeville Roger Hansel II, 40, Port-

land

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Tuesday. The low was 60.

There is a chance of showthunderstorms and ers tonight. The low will be 58. Expect sunny skies Thursday with a high of 80.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

At the fair

Today

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 Noon — Indiana State Fair Queen appearance and speech in the Farmers Building

4 p.m. — A Touch of Mexico in the Farmers Building

5 p.m. — 4-H large animal supreme showmanship in the Show Arena

7 p.m. — Cain concert at the grandstand



Obituaries

Julia Rhodehamel

Julia A. Rhodehamel, age 85, of Portland passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022, in Wayne Hospital in Greenville, Ohio. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Carol Klingel

May 31, 1932-July 11, 2022 Carol "Joan" Klingel, age 90, a resident of rural Ridgeville, passed away on Monday, July 11.2022.

Joan was born on May 31, 1932, in Salamonia, the daughter of Howard and Irene (Delauter) Hilfiker. She graduated from Madison Township School and worked for Farm Fresh in Portland, Hartwigs Poultry, Portland Country Club, Jay's Country Kitchen and Circle K in Portland for 28 years.

Joan and her husband

Friday

7/15

82/62

Mostly

sunny with a cool breeze.

There's a slight

chance of rain

CR almanac

Saturday

7/16

84/66

Saturday

has a slim

chance of rain,

into a higher

chance (40%)

developing

at night

Sunday

7/17

82/67

50% chance

of thunder-storms Sun-

wise, mostly

day.

cloudy.

There's a

Other

farmed for many years in Jay and Randolph County. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church Salamonia in where she sang in the church choir and Tri-State Gas



tion where she served as manager of the Red Barn. Joan married Paul Klingel on Aug. 12, 1950, and he passed away on Dec. 7, 2011.

Engine and Tractor Associa-

Survivors include: Her children — Bill Klingel, Winchester, Carol "Diane" Heidegger, Portland, and Nila Lawrence (husband: Richard), Union City

One brother — Allen Hilfiker (companion: Bette Nancarrow), Portland

One sister — Martha Shaneyfelt, Bainbridge, Georgia

Monday

7/18

84/66

Another

chance

thunder-

skies.

Ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren

Local

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Klingel; parents, Howard and Irene Hilfiker; sister, Wilma Jean Theurer; and a granddaughter, Melissa Lawrence.

Visitation will be held Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Pastor Robin Owen will officiate and burial will follow at Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia.

Memorials may be directed to St. James Lutheran Church or the donor's choice.

Roger Hansel II

Roger V. Hansel II, most his grandfather Lonzo; his ary services.

recently of Portland Indiana, passed away at the age of 40 on July 12, 2021, one year ago, after a long battle with cancer.

He is survived by his parents,

Roger and Pam Hansel (nee Owens); his sisters and their spouses Phyllis, Nicole (nee Hansel) and Steve King, Crystal (nee Hansel) and Craig Jackson, and Amanda (nee Hansel) and Josh Graley; his nieces Jessica, Kyleen, Lumen and Kali; his nephews Seth, Carter, Negan and Kane; his grandmother Patricia Hansel; and several aunts, uncles and cousins; and, growing up as a child in a military family, friends who he kept in contact with all across the country.

Hansel

He was preceded in death by

grandmother Phyllis; and his brother Billy.

He attended Saint Charles Elementary School in Peru, Indiana, and graduated from Peru High School. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration - finance from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, in 2016 and was pursuing his master's degree.

He enjoyed travel and concerts and learned Chinese with the hope of moving to China to further his career in finance.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortu-

In 2015, John Goodrich (left), Wabash College class of 1968, was honored as an Alumni Admissions Fellow by his alma mater. He made a habit of steering local students to Wabash over the course of three decades. Goodrich, who owned J&P Custom Plating, was president of Portland Rotary Club and earned the Citizen of the Year Award from Jay County Chamber of Commerce for 2009, died Tuesday at the age of 76.



Lotteries

at night.

Powerball

80

Thursday

7/14

80/59

Sunny skies are in

the forecast

with the high

peaking around

degrees.

million

Mega Millions

4-7-10-45-64 Mega Ball: 12 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$480 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 3-5-6 Daily Four: 4-1-2-8 Quick Draw: 6-8-15-21-30-37-39-42-45-47-48-56-59-60-61-64-66-74-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 4-6-0 Daily Four: 9-6-0-7

Quick Draw: 5-6-14-15-Estimated jackpot: \$66 18-20-30-36-39-42-45-49-54-57-60-62-64-68-71-72 Cash 5: 1-22-27-31-43

Estimated jackpot:

Ohio

Pick 3: 0-0-7 Pick 4: 0-4-4-4 Pick 5: 9-9-0-6-1 Evening Pick 3: 0-7-7 Pick 4: 4-5-1-8 Pick 5: 4-7-9-7-5 Rolling Cash: 10-12-16-34 - 35Estimated jackpot: \$140.000

Goodrich

Continued from page 1 Alumni Admissions Fellow Award.

born to Perce and Francis J.B. Goodrich and Will

He received Wabash's He married Sarona Mathews on March 24, 1972.

Along with his wife, John Goodrich was survivors include sons

Nov. 6, 1945, in Winchester. Meranda Teeter and Home in Portland. Private Emily Goodrich, all of Portland, and two grand-

sons. Visitation is scheduled for 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at tain Park Cemetery in (Hawkins) Goodrich on Goodrich and daughters Baird-Freeman Funeral

funeral services will be held in the First Presbyterian Church in Portland with burial in the Foun-Winchester.

Capsule Reports

Barrier hit

A Dunkirk man drove his motor scooter into a road barrier on Indiana 67 near Redkey about 2:40 p.m. Monday.

Lloyd D. Hopkins, 76, was driving his 2005 Suzuki AN650 northeast on the highway near county road 600 South (Main Street) and struck a construction barrier in

closed in order to replace the Creagor Street and Votaw Street bridge deck.)

Hopkins complained of a lower leg injury, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. His motor scooter was towed, with damage estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Turning accident

Damage is estimated between

about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Beth A. Hunley, 60, Portland, told police she was driving her 2013 Toyota Rav4 on Creagor Street and stopped at the intersection with Votaw Street. As she turned east onto Votaw Street, her vehicle struck a northbound 2016 Honda Civic, driven by 41-year-old Pedro Garcia-Monjaraz

\$240,500



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Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn6.92	Wheat 7.81 July 2023 wheat8.23
Aug. corn6.97	Central States
Wheat6.73	Montpelier
POET Biorefining	Corn6.86 Late July corn6.71
Portland	Beans15.67
Corn6.95	Late July beans15.62
Aug. corn7.00 Oct. corn5.84	Wheat7.88
	Heartland
The Andersons	St. Anthony
Richland Township	Corn6.65
Corn6.80	Aug. corn6.65
Aug. corn5.95	Beans15.10

Today in history

In 1787, the U.S. Con- iff's Office chief deputy gress enacted the North- Mitch Sutton as the city's ed land that would be come the states of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota.

Beans15.66

Aug. beans.....15.66

In 1972, Alma E. Fennig, 47, of rural Jay County drowned in the Wabash River near the Indiana-Ohio state line.

In 2021, Portland Board of Works approved former Jay County Sher-

west Ordinance, which new chief of police. His laid out rules for govern- hiring came just minutes ing the Northwest Terri- after the board accepted a tory. The territory includ- letter of resignation from previous chief Josh Stephenson, who spent just over six months at the helm. (Stephenson was the subject of a special prosecutor's investigation for potential criminal misconduct and other issues. The investigation resulted in no charges being filed.)

Aug. beans.....15.10

Wheat7.76

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Citizen's calendar

Monday

5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

cil, village hall, 201 S. land.

Main St., Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Wednesday

4 p.m. – Portland 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, air-City Council, council port, 661 W. 100 North. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commission-7:30 p.m. — Fort ers' room, courthouse, Recovery Village Coun- 120 N. Court St., Portfront of a bridge on the northwest \$5,000 and \$10,000 after two vehicles of Portland, turning onto Creagor edge of Redkey. (It is currently collided at the intersection of Street.

Deeds

Stephen V. Hudson Sr. Revocable Living Trust and Nancy J. Hudson Revocable Living Trust to Keri Farris, trustee deed -Parts of Section 33, Wayne Township

Wanda A. Ickes (deceased) and John P. Ickes to John P. Ickes, deed affidavit – Part of Section 33, Noble Township, 71.57 acres

Pennville Community Center to Pennville Community Gym. quit claim deed -Part of Section 27, Penn Township, 10.56 acres

David S. Ashley and Tamara K. Hanlin to Brea Burcham and Charles C. McClain, warranty deed — Parts of Section 36, Penn Township, 8.58 acres

Donna M. and William M. Landers to State of Indiana, warranty deed — Part of Section 1, Knox Township, 0.282 acres

Edward D. and Mary L. Yoder to Terry E. Phillips, warranty deed — Lots 2 and 3, Grisells Addition

Edward D. and Mary L. Yoder to Bill L. and Jaymie L. Foy, warranty deed — Lots 1 and 22, Grisells First Addition

Nancy E. Rupe to herself, death deed — Lot 5, Corwin Subdivision

William A. Whitacre (deceased) and Alice C. Whitacre to Tonya A. Whitacre, Part of Lot 24, Houcks Subdivision

quit claim deed — Part of Section 27, Wayne Township, 2.91 acres

Nancy D. and Phillip E. Strait to Bradley Strait, warranty deed — Part of Section 5, Noble Township, 0.96 acres

Ethan Bost to Michael L. Hall, warranty deed - Lots 119, 120 and 121, Cloverdale Addition

Kent Homan (also known as KKH Farms) to State of Indiana, warranty deed - Part of Section 2, Knox Township, 0.123 acres

Andy E. and Erma C. Hilty to Lavon Hilty, warranty deed — Part of Section 6, Jackson Township, 12 acres

Polly A. Morgan to Martin G. Eicher. warranty deed — Lots 54 and 55, Silverdale Addition

Michael R. Smith Sr. and Susan K. Smith to themselves, quit claim deed — Parts of Lot 1, 2 and 24, Haynes Addition

Judith R. and Meredith B. Sanders to themselves, death deed — Lots 68, 69 and 70, Woodlawn Park Addition

Juan Marentes to Nicole Towell, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, Bakers Addition, Lots 1A, 2A and

SERVICES Today

Bonvillian, Cleda: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday

Klingel, Carol: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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McMillan, Evelyn: | p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

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AMERICA'S #1



Family

'Breaks' define relationship

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ashton," is bisexual. After we have fights, he takes "breaks" and uses them to be with other men. He has several friends who are bisexual or transgender. He is presently in the closet about his status because he comes from a Christian family and lives in a highly conservative area.

He was still maintaining contact last year with his on-again, off-again boyfriend, "Will," even though he swore nothing was going on between them. He always rushed back to Will or kept him on the side during his other relationships as well. I almost broke up with him four months ago over his hanging out with Will.

Now he wants his friend "Cody," who is a transgender male, to stay with him for several days for an upcoming concert there. I'm in the process of moving to his area, but I don't trust him not to have sexual relations outside of ours. My straight Listen to your friends. They male friends have warned me may have more insight into not to trust him.

Should I break up with him do. because I don't feel he respects his female partners as much as he does his male ones? It also seems like he has a double stan-



dard with sharing phone details. I share mine openly, but he isn't as open with his, which leads me to think he's still got someone else on the side. Yet he wants me to see only him. Help! - FRUS-TRATED GIRL IN CALIFORNIA FRUSTRATED: DEAR Because someone identifies as bisexual does not mean the person is incapable of being monogamous. Ashton, howevseems to use these er, "breaks" to consort solely with other males. He may be using you to hide his true orientation from his Christian

family. None of this bodes well for your relationship. Ashton's character than you

P.S. People who hide their phones often have more going on than they are comfortable Consider revealing. this

another red flag, and reconsider both the move and your romance with him.

DEAR ABBY: I have a lifelong friend whose oldest child has always been led to believe that his stepmother is his mother. The stepmom has had two children of her own now, and it is clear that she treats her own kids far better. I recall example after example. When does the charade end?

I have been close friends with the kid's dad since childhood, but that poor kid will feel betraved when he finds out who his mother really is and that I was one of the adults who knew and kept it from him. He will be 18 soon. What can I do? — SILENCED IN THE WEST

DEAR SILENCED: Talk to the young man's father. Point out that because of genetic testing, it's only a matter of time until his son learns the truth about who his birth mother is, and it would be better if the news comes from his father.

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 www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Coffee makers turn to moldy beans

Bv KAT ODELL

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Chefs generally want to keep mold out of their kitchens, but they make an exception for koji. For around a decade, the fungus has been a secret weapon for trailblazing chefs like Rene Redzepi at Noma in Copenhagen, used to ferment grains, cure proteins and impart umami to dishes both sweet and savory.

Now, the culinary world's most popular mold is poised to become the biggest trend in the specialty coffee world. Enterprising producers believe the multipurpose ingredient can improve on mediocre coffee beans, and pro- shops around the world have

duce a better-tasting caffeinated begun releasing bags of koji cofcup.

It's an opportune time to maximize coffee bean quality. The price of Arabica beans, the most popular in the world, has more than doubled in the past year and a half.

'The biggest thing that makes koji great is the potential to grow sweetness in coffees that are lacking, or to enhance a coffee to a higher grade," says Mason Salis-bury, co-founder of Nevada-based Luminous Coffee, one of the country's first koji coffee adopters. Salisbury started selling his fermented beans this spring; a 200-gram bag goes for \$30.

A handful of specialty coffee

fee, including Ohio's Phoenix Coffee, The Netherlands' Manhattan Coffee Roasters and Hatch, in Ontario, Canada. Manhattan Coffee Roasters sold out of stock quickly, moving 100 kilos (220 lb) of koji coffee in 72 hours.

Whether brewed via the filter method or pour-over, part of the appeal of the koji process is that, when done right, it doesn't add a flavor of its own.

For industry professionals, the coffee is revolutionary for its ability to boost the quality of a basic bean and turn it into a better version of itself. For the consumer, koji means a rounder, silkier, sweeter brew.

Daily labor is a struggle

By KWAME DAWES

"The classics can console. But not enough," wrote Derek Walcott, a poet who often found limited literary consolation in Greek mythology, as he wrote about his Caribbean world.

For Esteban Rodriguez in his poem, "37[–] El mundo," the classics, with their allusions and myths, are not enough of a consolation to capture the labors of his father. In the

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end, his father's heroism is rooted in the grit and realism of a world of labor and struggle, and the truthful retelling of the story of his father is enough to create a new hvbrid mythology of self.

37 El mundo

Even in dreams, your father is working,

and in the version you'd been having for weeks,

he lifts a large replica of the world, places it

on his back, and because his body here defies

logic and physics, carries it up a hill, which,

after you wake up, you know is a metaphor

for twelve-hour shifts, for pounding nails

into wood, for sliding steel into slots again

and again, and for the days when his back

is shaped into a crooked punctuation,

and his feet, marking the floor into a hieroglyph,

have lost more of their purpose, becoming quiet

when he gets home, so that all you see of him

is not comparisons to language, but two

swollen limbs, a body reclined on a La-Z-Boy,

a father relieved to call this silence his own.

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Community Calendar

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persons

City. For more informa-

alcoholics, will meet at

6:30 p.m. each Wednesday

in the Zion Lutheran

Church, 218 E. High St.,

Portland. For more infor-

mation, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-

1072 or (800) 272-3900.

AL-ANON

with all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at group will meet at 6 p.m. Redkey United Methodist the second Wednesday of Church, 122 W. Main St. each month at Blackford Come early for a meal. For Community Hospital con- more information, call ference room, 410 Pilgrim Pastor Randy Davis at Boulevard in Hartford (765) 369-2085. STRESS AND ANXIETY tion, call Joni Slentz or CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance Lisa Garrett at (765) 348at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. FAMILY GROUP — New Begin-For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703nings, a support group for friends and families of 0534.



Reunions

JAY COUNTY HOSPI-TAL EMPLOYEES — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library. Attendees should bring their own table service and are invited to bring a dish to share and a white elephant gift as a prize for bingo. Reservations are not required. For more information, call Sharon Taylor at (765) 578-0357.

Today

CAREGIVER SUPPORT ANNA'S HOPE - A faith-

	Sudoku							
	1		9			6		
	9		3		4			
2				1				
	2			4				
5					7		3	
				6			7	
							8	
1		4				7		3
	7	3		5			9	1
	7	3		5		Leve	Ŭ	1 mediate

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

Tuesday's Solution									
5	4	9	2	3	7	6	1	8	
8	1	3	9	6	5	2	7	4	
6	2	7	4	1	8	3	9	5	
7	9	4	5	2	3	8	6	1	
2	5	8	1	9	6	7	4	3	
1	3	6	8	7	4	5	2	9	
9	6	2	3	5	1	4	8	7	
4	7	5	6	8	9	1	3	2	
3	8	1	7	4	2	9	5	6	

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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.

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

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

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Opinion

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The fair is about making memories

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from July 27, 2011. This year will mark the first in decades that Jack won't be at the Jay County Fair. His participation in our coverage had dwindled in recent years, but he remained a fixture at the livestock auction up until his retirement in 2020. Follow his advice. Enjoy memories past and keep making more.)

By JACK RONALD The Commercial Review

The great thing about a county fair is that it isn't just about this week. It's about all the county fair memories from years gone by, about the traditions, the rituals, and the rites of passage.

When I walk around the midway or through the 4-H barns, dozens of other Jay County Fairs echo through my mind.



I remember:

•The old Tri-Kappa stand that the sorority had when I was a kid. It stood near where the merry-go-round has been placed in recent years. My mother was in Tri-Kappa, and on Tuesday nights during fair week, when my dad was at Rotary, we'd have supper at the Tri-Kappa stand.

•My first "Chinese handcuffs" or whatever they're called, the woven bamboo tube that traps your fingers. Mine was a prize at

the duck pond game, and on the way home from the fair I thought I was going to be stuck in the darned thing the rest of my life.

•Walking or riding a bike to the fair. If walking, we'd stop at Green's Grocery Store across from the Haynes Mill on Votaw Street for something cool to drink on the way.

•The Caterpillar, a ride that featured a canvas cover that emerged and put everyone aboard in the dark as centrifugal force squeezed us and the ride speeded up.

•Endless trips around the midway in high school when the primary purpose was to meet girls.

•Standing on the chest of a dwarf who was lying in a bed of glass at a sideshow. (I can still hear the barker shouting: "Stand on the little man's chest.")

•Winning a huge stuffed teddy until the film was processed in bear at the mouse game. I gave it to the first pretty girl I saw.

 Riding the Himalaya with my daughters when they were little.

•Braving the true double Ferris wheel that was part of the midway once in the 1980s. When my wife and I were in the top car on the top wheel, we were higher than the tallest tree at the fairgrounds.

•My first assignment as photographer for the newspaper at the 4-H livestock auction. Frank Kenyon had done the job for years, but some time before he retired I took over to give him a break from the heat. In those days, it was all film, of course. So it was a high-pressure assignment.

You had to get the picture, and you didn't know if you got it

the darkroom. Digital photography has eliminated all that stress

•A lucky streak for a couple of years in the countless raffles and drawings at the fair. I still use a set of screwdrivers that I won, but I've never used a set of pipe wrenches I won a year later. •Getting my first stockholders'

pass. At some point in the late 1970s or early 1980s, my mother transferred her share of stock to me. It had belonged to my grandfather before my mother, and it may have belonged to my greatgrandfather, Judge Haynes, before that.

As I said, the echoes keep on coming.

And I expect to add to them again this year.

You can too. Have a great fair.

'Say on pay' ought to be strengthened

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Tribune News Service Culture wars continue to polarize U.S. politics, but Americans on both sides of the cultural divide should agree that the growing gap between the richest Americans and average folks undermines democracy.

The average compensation for a CEO at the country's largest companies hit \$20 million this year, up 31% since 2020. That's 275 to 350 times the wages of median workers.

Shareholder votes is one check on this kind of dangerous inflation, and making that vote binding would strengthen it.

Since 2011, public companies have been required to hold a nonbinding shareholder vote on executive compensation packages. It's not exactly democracy — the dominant shareholders are usually the super-rich as well — but it does give someone outside the c-suite a chance to object. Unfortunately, only about 3% of votes result in rebukes.

Several European countries have made these votes binding on corporate boards.

It's not a cure-all for

Guest **Editorial**

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Stop ignoring issues of injustice

By ALLIE YANG-GREEN

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

Elder abuse and exploitation is a silent crisis affecting every corner of our country. Whether it is mistreatment at an assisted living facility or a parent exploited by an adult child, elder injustice is happening more often than you might think.

Each year in the United States.



that abuse and exploitation has on older adults in her community. Through her two-year fellowship with Equal Justice Works, Wood is pursuing public interest law and serving older adults needing legal help — such as one client we'll call "Susan." Susan was being stalked by her former intimate partner, who sent messages from fake phone numbers and social media accounts and used her Social Security number to fraudulently take credit cards out in her name. Wood helped Susan obtain a two-year order of protection from her former partner, and, when the stalking continued, Wood advocated for Susan with the state's attorney, which led to the abuser being charged with two different misdemeanor violations. To remedy the credit card fraud and identity theft, Wood worked with Susan to place a credit freeze on her accounts and contacted the credit card company to have the debt written off as fraud so that Susan would not be responsible for it. Wood's work was life-changing for Susan, but this kind of hands-on, client-centered lawyering is not readily available for the hundreds of thousands of older adults affected by elder abuse and exploitation. These services should be the rule, not the exception. To make legal aid more accessible, especially in rural communities, we need to make investments to ensure that public interest law is an accessible career option. Fellowship programs are one part aid lawyer and has seen the impact of the solution, but programs like the Program.

federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness, or PSLF, are another necessary benefit. Many would-be public servants are barred from entering careers in the public interest because of burdensome educational debt (and in this case, law school debt). In October, the Department of Education took a step in the right direction by implementing a temporary waiver for borrowers to receive credit for past

executive pay inflation, but the U.S. should follow suit.

The salary figures at Pittsburgh-based firms follow the national trend. Data compiled by the Post-Gazette in the Fortunate 50 shows the top 50 highest-paid executives at local companies made, 1. in sum, nearly \$500 million last year.

That's about 80% of the annual tax revenues for the entire City of Pittsburgh.

Americans often assume there's no other way to organize the economy than what they see - that exorbitant executive salaries, even if unseemly, are a fact of life in a capitalist society. That's what the powerful want ordinary folks to believe, but it's not the case.

In 1965, for instance, the average CEO made about 21 times the salary of his company's average employee, reports a 2021 study by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI). That's a healthy ratio that may actually reflect the real value of an executive to his or her company.

ever, is simply an exercise of raw power over logic.

The late 1980s brought a radical change in how American businesses thought about pay and justice.

The ratio grew to 61-to-And it has only climbed since.

Consider these extraordinary numbers from the EPI same report: Between 1978 and 2021, the average CEO salary at top companies had increased 1,322%. The S&P 500 index went up 817%. And average workers saw their wages go up 18%

It doesn't take a socialist to see something's wrong here, and you don't have to be a socialist to worry about it.

In fact, ardent capitalists should worry the most about a glaring injustice that erodes trust in the American economic and political system.

To preserve that system, the federal government ought to strengthen the power of shareholders to oppose executive compensation packages.

A ratio of 300-to-1, how- hundreds of thousands of adults older than 60 are physically or psychologically abused, neglected or financially exploited, and 1 out of every 10 older adults experience elder abuse. But many of the cases go unreported because victims experience fear of retaliation and shame or are physically or mentally unable to report.

Public interest law is one critical tool to help curb the abuses and support the victims of elder abuse. The challenge is how to ensure that public interest lawyers (of which there is already a shortage) are positioned to respond to the needs of older adults, especially in underserved communities.

In rural areas, for example, elder injustices are less likely to be addressed because access to critical legal aid is even more limited. Attracting legal talent with a passion for public service is challenging everywhere, but especially in rural areas where salaries are lower and often the locations are remote. Rural legal aid organizations and nonprofits simply cannot afford to pay entry-level attorneys a salary that a corporate firm in New York City has no qualms offering.

The need, however, is great.

Attorney Megan Wood's commitment to public interest law led her to do this work at Prairie State Legal Services, serving 17 rural counties in central Illinois. Wood has dedicated her legal career to serving her community as a legal

periods of repayment that would otherwise not qualify for PSLF expanding access for more than 550,000 borrowers. Public programs like PSLF make embarking on a career in public service much more viable to those with school debt.

Public interest lawyers work day in and day out to advance equal justice, ensuring that underserved communities have access to critical legal services. Many are also in the business of improving local and national infrastructure that has allowed injustices to continue. In the case of elder abuse and exploitation, Wood not only works directly with clients but also on education and outreach to older adults, social service providers and law enforcement to prevent abuse and serve victims in a sustainable way.

As a society, we need to invest more deeply in our nation's passionate public service leaders who are supporting better access to justice on issues of elder abuse, as well as housing insecurity, disaster resilience, immigration, voting reform, LGBTQ+ rights and much more.

We need to stop ignoring issues of injustice and build a stronger pipeline of public servants who want to do this work — ultimately improving our national response to a host of issues affecting individuals and their communities, including older adults.

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2022 Jay County Fair







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Kids and 'cross

Tuesday was Kids' Day at the Jay County Fair, with activities including a pet parade, cake walks, games and races along with a bike giveaway. Evening entertainment at the grandstand featured autocross, which included a variety of events.

Pictured, clockwise from upper left:

Six-year-old Blaise Dirksen pedals past his competitors to win his heat of the Kiddie Pedal Tractor Races.

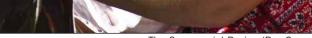
Tyler Lewis gets some air while clearing a hill during the four-wheeler portion of the autocross event.

Alizabeth Stotler sits next to Sebastian Solis as the Ferris Wheel climbs into the bright, sunny sky.

Lillian Hurst snuggles her daughter Addalynn Rose Moon, 1, while riding the carousel on the midway.







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Murphy

small animal supreme trophy, showmanship representing the cat club in 2019 and the rabbit club last year. (There was no contest in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic.) While she said show-

Murphy had made two biggest challenge in the previous runs at the contest Tuesday, she was happy to get the opening pygmy goat portion of the competition out of the way without any issues.

"Last year, I got in the manship ring for goat and I just pits the advanced showscrewed up right when I manship winners from tion Tuesday — large ani- when you come out of the got out there," said Mur- each of the species mal is slated for 5 p.m. ring," she noted.

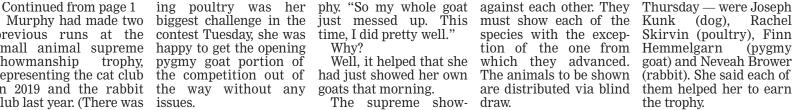
just messed up. This time, I did pretty well." Why?

Well, it helped that she had just showed her own goats that morning.

The supreme showcompetition

species with the exception of the one from are distributed via blind draw.

Joining Murphy in the



"All the contestants, small animal competi- they give you pointers

While the supreme showmanship animals mostly were wellbehaved Tuesday, some of the competitors did have trouble getting their rabbits to lie still. For Murphy, it was second nature.

"It's the easiest for me," she said. "It's just stuck in my head."

Classics

Continued from page 1 Go early. Lines are long and it's first come-first served only while supplies last.

Overseeing it all can be challenging, but Knapke is determined to make it work.

"As long as time marches on," he said, "there will always be classics."

To him, that includes a Classics tent and area at the Jay County Fair.

"It reminds me of the way things used to be, how hard people used to work and how lucky we are now," said Knapke.

The area was the brainchild of former fair board member Bob Lyons "just less than a thousand years ago." It was based on the simple idea that while at the fair, people might like to reminisce about the old days and said.

"Bob really pioneered the way," said Knapke.



The Commercial Review/Louise Ronald

Luke Knapke, standing at left, talks to the team of sawmill workers in the Classics area of the Jay County Fair. Knapke, a fair board member, took leadership of the area this year.

"look at old stuff," Lyons auction proved successful evening hours. It was later several years ago, Lyons got moved to 4 p.m. so that it's to thinking. "I believe we available during free admiscould do that every day," he sion hours (before 5 p.m.). After a free ham and beans decided. After that, free ice lunch at the 4-H livestock cream was added to the said Lyons.

"I'm a champion of free."

Knapke has the same philosophy.

"To me. I want to have anybody in Jay County — rich or poor — come out and have a good time," he said.

A group of euchre players seemed to be doing just that in one of the tents. At 81, Jim Bruner was the youngest member of the foursome, which also included Dick Nixon and Paul and Norma Minnich.

"I've been to 85 of these fairs," said Nixon.

He shared memories of footlong hotdogs and thrilling motorcycle races in silos.

As for coming to the Classics tent, Bruner was enthusiastic.

"It's a great place to socialize," he said.

Knapke encourages fairgoers to take a few steps past the midway, just past two large rides called No Limit and the Ring of Fire, to check out the Classics area.

"It's worth coming to see," he said.

For more than 20 years, Howard Ontrop has been part of the team that puts on sawmill demonstrations in the area.

"I wouldn't miss it," he said. "You see a lot of old friends."

Lyons recruited Ontrop and led the area programming until two years ago, when he retired from the fair board after 51 years of service. An interim director last year found the job wasn't to her liking, so Knapke took the helm.

'We'll miss Bob but he's still around," said Barry Miller, who has been kettle cook for the free lunches for some 15 years. "Luke is very energetic and willing to learn.

Lyons has confidence in Knapke.

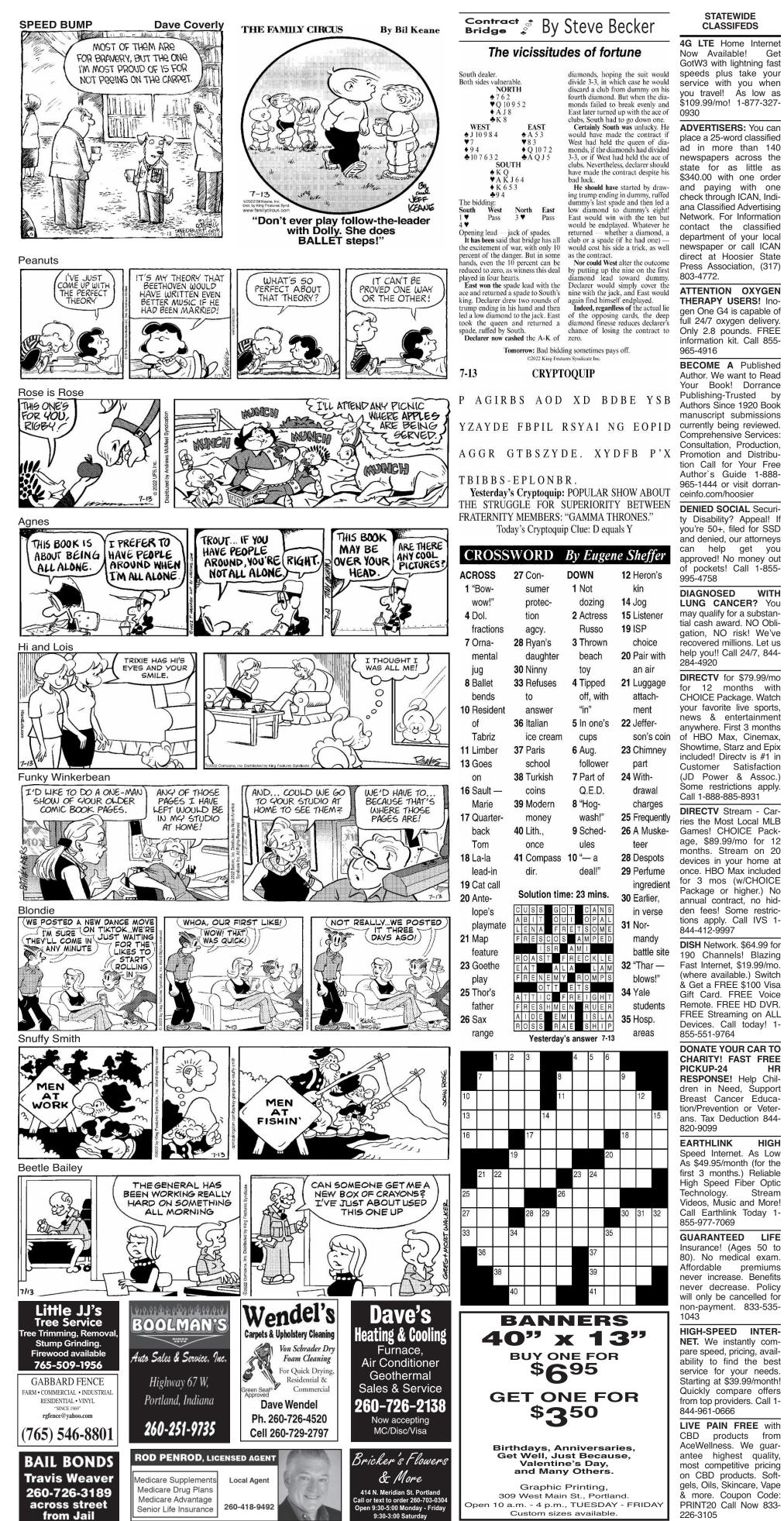
"He's going to come up with something that I haven't thought of," he said.

As for Knapke, he plans to keep what works and look for more.

"My goal is hopefully to have something for everybody," he said.

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Comics



Sports/Classifieds





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PJL awards

Portland Junior League distributed awards at the end of tournaments last week. At left, from left, are Sandy Koufax Rookie of the Year Ashton Castillo, Mr. Baseball Issac Scott and sportsmanship award winner Trenton Street. Above, from right, are Willie Mays Rookie of the Year Henry Teeter and Mr. Baseball Cooper Reynolds. Not pictured is sportsmanship award winner Andrew Myers.

New

Continued from page 8 "Just always being ready for whatever he asks us to do because he's asking us to do a lot, and we're all smart guys in that room. So I think we can handle it.'

The Colts are counting on it.

The depth

In just his second season, Kylen Granson trails only Alie-Cox for NFL tenure among the tight ends.

The 24-year-old had a rocky rookie campaign, catching just 11 passes for 106 yards without a touchdown while appearing in all 17 games

He'll have competition this year in the form of rookies Jelani Woods and Drew Ogletree.

ginia, the 6-7, 253-pound Woods coaches were making an effort to caught 44 passes for 598 yards and eight touchdowns during a breakout senior season. Woods spent the first three years of his career as an in-line tight end at Oklahoma State before getting to display his receiving skills with the Cavaliers.

Ogletree also has plenty of upside after transferring from Div. II Findlay to Youngstown State and converting from wide receiver to tight end. At 6-5 and 260 pounds, he's another versatile player with good size in the position room.

"We can impose our will — run game, pass game, just do what you do," Alie-Cox said of the tight end group. "Working with Matt these last couple weeks, you can see he A third-round pick out of Vir- really likes the tight ends, and the

get us involved."

On the bubble

Michael Jacobson is another big – 6-7, 244 pounds — target who was signed to the practice squad in October. An undrafted rookie out of Iowa State, Jacobson originally signed with the Seattle Seahawks and began the 2021 regular season on their practice squad.

Nikola Kalinic signed а reserve/futures contract in January after playing in 30 games over two seasons with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League. The 25-year-old played collegiately at York University in Ontario, recording 38 catches for 416 yards and two touchdowns.

Rallies

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Yankees closer Clay Holmes, staked to a 3-0 lead by Gerrit Cole and the offense, suffered a meltdown in the ninth with a walk, single, hit by pitch, single, hit by pitch. The Yankees had a 49-0 record when leading after eight innings until the Reds' four-run rally. Holmes entered with a 0.46 ERA, but he didn't record an out against the five batters he faced.

When Holmes was yanked, he handed Wandy Peralta a basesloaded, no-out mess and a one-run lead.

Peralta nearly escaped. He induced two weak ground balls that turned into forces at home plate (the first might have been a double play if catcher Alex Trevino hadn't bobbled the ball taking it out of his glove while attempting to throw to first) and had two strikes on Jonathan India.

But India, after fouling off a pair of changeups, slapped an elevated fastball to right center for a two-run single and the eventual game-winner.

Said Reds catcher Tyler Stephenson: "It was an unforgettable game."

Chamber outing set

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Local notes Ticket sales set

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junior high and high school events, is \$100. (It is \$60 for those 65 and older.) Super tickets are \$75 for high school only and \$60 for junior high only. And season passes are \$20 for football and \$45 for boys basketball. (All Jay County students will be admitted to home games at no charge.)

Tickets will be sold from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 6 p.m. July 18 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 19. From July 20 on, they will be available during regular office hours — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Passes do not cover Allen County Ath letic Conference or IHSAA tournament events.

5K circuit continues July 16 The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will con-tinue with a race July 16.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Sculpt Fitness 5K, which begins at

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Struggling Cincinnati rallies vs. Yankees By KEVIN MANAHAN

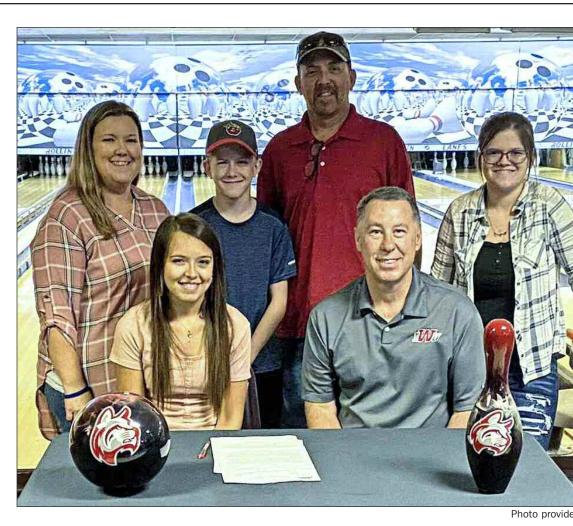
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The Cincinnati Reds, 15.5 games out of first place in the NL Central, are having a forgettable season, so it's understandable that they're going to relish a four-run, ninth-inning rally that shocked the best team in the majors and probably shocked the heck out of themselves, too.

The Red were all but popping corks in their Yankee Stadium clubhouse last night after a 4-3 victory over the Yankees.

'That's an unbelievable win." hero Jonathan India said. "I think that's our best win of the year. It shows a lot of fight and who we are, what kind of team we are. I'm just happy we did it with this group because this group doesn't stop fighting ever.'

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Wildcat kegler

Jay County High School graduate Heidi Cox last week signed to bowl for Indiana Wesleyan University. She is pictured next to Wildcats bowling coach Carl Knowles. In back, from left, are her mom Missy, brother Dougie, dad Doug and sister Hilary.

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Doyle's

sparked

changes



Indianapolis TEs have a new look

ship will be a part of his job description.

"I still have my regular (role), my blocking and some of the things I did in the passing game," Alie-Cox said in June. "But (I'm) taking on some of the routes that (Doyle) also had and everything like that and also being a leader in the room, going first in every drill, setting the example and just showing the young guys what it is." Playing alongside veter-

an quarterback Philip Rivers, Alie-Cox set career highs with 31 catches and 394 yards in 2020. Those numbers slipped to 24 and 316, respectively, last season. But he did catch a career-high four touchdown passes from former quarterback Carson Wentz.

The No. 1 tight end role

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downs. And the group competing to replace him includes a pair of rookies.

The tight ends have carried a lot of responsibility in head coach Frank Reich's offense for the past four years, and new quarterback Matt Ryan has enjoyed plenty of success using the middle of the field throughout his celebrated career.

Here's a look at how the important position shapes up heading into training camp:

The starter

Perennial breakout candidate Mo Alie-Cox understands the burden placed on his shoulders.

Doyle's impact went far beyond his numbers. He was a crucial element of the Colts' blocking scheme, and he was an integral veteran voice in an increasingly younger locker room.

The 29-year-old Alie-Cox signed a three-year, \$17.55 million contract to return to Indianapolis this offseason, and he knows leader-

will be a big step up for Alie-Cox. He's made just 16 starts over his four seasons on the active roster, and he's accumulated 70 catches for 936 yards and eight scores.

At 6-foot-5 and 267pounds, the former VCU basketball star makes an inviting target for Ryan. But Alie-Cox already has gotten a taste of the quarterback's exacting standards and the attention to detail required to play with him.

"He's checking a lot of plays (at the line of scrimmage), and a lot of plays are getting checked off the coverages because we have an advantageous look," Alie-Cox said of the team's limited work together in the spring. "So that's just one thing I've learned. With Matt, that ball is out. You come out your break, you gotta be ready because it's not this slow, turn your head (situation). Turn your head, the ball's going to be on you. But it's going to be on point, too.

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