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Sidewalk contract OK'd

Milestone will handle work on path from park to school

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — The town is getting a new sidewalk.

Redkey Town Council awarded a contract of \$205,700 Thursday from Milestone Contractors for a sidewalk leading from Redkey Elementary School to Redkey Morgan Park. The path, which has been in discussion for years, will lead west from the elementary school on Main Street and turn south on Mooney Street to the park.

Milestone Contractors' bid, which was the lowest of those offered, came in at \$92,700 more than the engineer's estimate. Indiana Department of Transportation originally planned to pay for 80% of the cost. Because of the higher bid, it offered additional funds, leaving Redkey to pay \$46,831 total. (Redkey's initial share was \$28,091.)

Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation pointed out that if council did not accept the

bid, it would be required to pay for almost \$32,000 in preliminary engineer costs originally paid for by Indiana Department of Transportation.

Randy Young noted Redkey Economic Development Corporation would be willing to contribute toward the project or cover the extra cost if needed.

Council awarded the project to Milestone.

Also during a more than two-hour meeting Thursday, Redkey Town Council member Gary Gardner read aloud a handwritten draft of an ordinance for keeping chickens in town. He told council he sent a copy to town attorney Wes Schemenaur, who was not present at the meeting.

Gardner's draft allowed no more than five hens on a property, and no roosters. Chickens would need to be located on at least 5,000 square feet and have a coop with a lockable door, fence and sealed feed container. Selling eggs or chickens would not be allowed, and renters would need written consent from their landlord, Gardner read from his draft.

Council member John Pierce noted the council had not reviewed Gardner's draft, having heard his suggestions for the first time at the meeting Thursday.

"I'm not going to vote on something I haven't had a chance to look over, Gary," he said.

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Senate GOP is pushing own plan

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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INDIANAPOLIS — Senate Republicans on Wednesday proposed an alternative form of inflation relief for Hoosiers, bucking Gov. Eric Holcomb's request to send \$1 billion back to Hoosiers in the form of \$225 checks.

"We believe this is the best way to provide relief for all Hoosiers and keep the money in the state of Indiana," said Sen Pro Tem Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville.

Bray noted the nation's 9.1% inflation rate reported in June hit Hoosier budgets hardest in food and gas. His chamber's proposal caps the sales tax on gas, which automatically increases monthly based on the price of gas, at 29.5 cents per gallon until June 30, 2023 or the end of the fiscal year.

The sales tax on gasoline may decrease over that time if fuel prices drop.

Erin Murphy, the press secretary for Gov. Eric Holcomb, sent a brief statement Wednesday following the press conference announcing the bill.

"When the General Assembly convenes next week, the more formal and public process begins. Governor Eric Holcomb will continue with his discussions with legislative leadership and members about the multiple issues before Hoosiers today, including the best way to return hard-earned tax dollars to Hoosiers in a timely, meaningful way," Murphy said in the release.

House Republicans are embracing Holcomb's proposal in House Bill 1001, which has not yet been made public.

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Potter party

Jay County Public Library hosted Harry Potter Night on Thursday evening.

Above, Jonathan Newman, 10, races toward the goal with the golden snitch while playing quidditch in the library's parking lot.

At right, Josey Snow, 6, makes red slime during the event. In reference to the Harry Potter series, Children were sorted into their Hogwarts houses. Snow's slime was themed after the house of Gryffindor.



Committee details 'destructive energy'

By ARIT JOHN
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The House Jan. 6 committee offered new details Thursday about the 187 minutes — from 1:10 pm to 4:17 pm — that elapsed between the end of President Trump's speech to supporters near the White House and the video he put out urging the mob storming the Capitol to go home.

The committee showed that Trump spent most of those three hours in the White House dining room. As Fox News played in the background, the former president called senators to urge them to help delay the electoral

Hearing showed inaction during capitol insurrection

count and ignored pleas from his advisors to help end the insurrection.

"For 187 minutes on January 6, [2021], this man of unbridled destructive energy could not be moved," Chairman Bennie Thompson, D-Mississippi, said at the start of the hearing.

Here are four key takeaways from the hearing:

Trump's hours in the White House dining room

The White House records of what happened during the insurrection are limited. There were no details in the official call log, nothing recorded in the White

House Daily Diary and no photos taken.

Several witnesses who testified in depositions before the committee said they weren't aware of the president reaching out to law enforcement agencies for help. Instead, he was making calls in an attempt to secure another term. Former White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany testified that Trump asked her for a list of senators to contact, which she left with him.

Trump also spoke with his lawyer, Rudolph W. Giuliani, according to Giuliani's phone records.

Later in the afternoon, as Vice President Mike Pence was evacu-

ated from the Capitol, the president called Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Alabama.

The senator later told a local news outlet that he had to end the call with the president because he was also being evacuated.

Trump, Meadows were bombarded with requests to send mob home

Several Trump staffers, members of Congress, conservative media personalities and members of the president's own family either urged Trump directly to call off the rioters or contacted his chief of staff Mark Meadows to make their pleas.

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Deaths

Jay County had a high temperature of 87 degrees Thursday. The low was 70.

Tonight's low will be 67. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms beginning early Saturday. Skies are expected to clear in the after-

Weather

noon with a high of 89 and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. The low will be 74 with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening and overnight.

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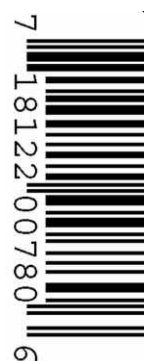
In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — JCHS graduate is the new athletics director at Elwood.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



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Gardner responded that the group has been discussing chickens in town since Gavin Grady requested council enact a chicken ordinance in May. He asked council to move forward with his proposed ordinance. His motion did not pass, with Gardner and Randy May voting in favor and Erik Hammers and Dottie Quakenbush dissenting. Pierce abstained from the vote, leaving it in a tie.

Also, Hammers noted town marshal Chance Retter is taking certification classes. Retter, who was hired last month, is also setting up logs and other paperwork for officers to complete in order to track their daily activities. Plans are to hire a second officer after Retter is finished with classes and implementing the new system.

"It's setting a new precedent," Hammers said. "I anticipate our police department will operate a lot more efficiently."

In other business, council members:

- Applied for a Community Crossings grant through INDOT. Hopes are to receive up to \$200,000 to pave Boyce Street between Sycamore to Meridian streets, Bell Avenue between Meridian and Butler streets, Sycamore Street from Indiana 67 to Main Street and all of Morgan Drive. (Paving Morgan Drive would be contingent on additional funds coming from Redkey Economic Development Corporation.) The work would be scheduled for sometime in spring.
•Agreed to look into work done by Emerald Business Solutions. Eley suggested the company, which operates out of

Dunkirk, create a website for the town. (Redkey currently does not have a website. It does, however, have a Facebook group.)

•Discussed using American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase new water meters. Eley suggested purchasing meters that are equipped to connect with phone applications, allowing residents to check their water usage or discover if there is a leak.

•Heard estimates for town personnel to purchase a new radio system through Motorola, totaling \$165,169.75. (The county has also been in talks with the company about purchasing a new radio system.)

•OK'd a reduction in the town's water rates by 1.46% to reflect the state's elimination of the utility receipts tax. Indiana House Bill 1002, which was

approved by the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate on March 9 and signed by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb six days later, repeals the 1.46% tax and requires that a utility that is subject to the tax must adjust its rates to reflect the repeal. Eley said the reduction will amount to about a 20-cent decrease.

•Raised the fine for semis driving on town streets from to \$250 from the previous \$50. (Council agreed Thursday to amend the related ordinance to include all town streets after Retter said it only lists Main Street in reference to fining semi drivers.)

•Noted Redkey's annual Gas Boom Days festival is slated for Aug. 13 and 14.

•Learned from Young the water department will be flushing hydrants from Aug. 8 and 15.

•Heard council's meeting Aug. 18 will be held at Redkey Fire Department. New flooring is being installed next month in the park cabin at Redkey Morgan Park where council usually meets.

•Decided to budget an extra \$100 next year for the town's annual Independence Day fireworks. Starting in 2023, Redkey will budget \$600 for the show.

•Approved two contracts totaling \$1,258 with EVAPAR of Fort Wayne for annual maintenance at the water and wastewater plants.

•Agreed to spend \$1,500 to purchase street barricades, \$1,066.69 to pay a bill to Motorola and roughly \$2,000 for a new computer and network setup at Redkey Police Department.

•Paid \$224,492.05 in claims.
•Made a water bill adjustment of \$178.95.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Saturday 7/23, Sunday 7/24, Monday 7/25, Tuesday 7/26, Wednesday 7/27. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (89/74, 91/69, 82/62, 82/66, 85/70).

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results: Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, Ohio, and Heartland St. Anthony.

Markets

Table listing market prices for Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, and The Andersons Richland Township.

Today in history

In 1796, surveyors commissioned by Gen. Moses Cleaveland arrived at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River, the location that would become Cleveland, Ohio. In 1923, Walter Johnson became the first Major League Baseball player to record 3,000 strikeouts. In 1933, American aviator Wiley Post became the first to fly solo around the world when he landed at Floyd Bennett Field in New York. In 1983, Dick Smith of Australia completed the first solo helicopter flight around the world. In 1992, Colombian drug cartel leader Pablo Escobar escaped from police custody. He was killed in a shootout with law enforcement officers in December 1993. In 2012, Noland R. Kirk, 63, Fort Wayne, died after the Mercedes Benz ML3 he was driving struck two horses that were loose on Ohio 49 northeast of Jay County. Kirk was thrown from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene, and two horses were also killed. In 2019, Dunkirk City Council approved spending \$21,200 to repair the north wall of the Weaver Building in preparation for a new mural. The "Glass Capital of Indiana" mural was completed in October 2020. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Table listing events for Monday, including Jay County Solid Waste Management District meeting and Dunkirk Board of Works meeting.

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According to witnesses and text message records, that list included former White House Counsel Pat Cipollone; Trump's children, Ivanka Trump and Donald Trump Jr.; Fox News' Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham and Brian Kilmeade; Republican Reps. Chip Roy of Texas, Jeff Duncan of South Carolina, Barry Loudermilk of Georgia; and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law, testified that McCarthy also called him, asking for any help possible.

"I got the sense that they were scared," Kushner said.

Sarah Matthews, a former deputy press secretary and special assistant to the president, said it would have taken Trump less than 60 seconds to walk from the dining room to the press briefing room to address the public. It would have taken a few minutes to assemble the White House press corps to cover remarks from the Oval Office, she said.

"If the president had wanted to make a statement and address the American people, he could have been on camera almost instantly," she said.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., who helped lead Thursday's hearing with Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Virginia, and committee Vice Chair Liz Cheney, R-Wyoming,

said there were concerns among the president's team that his unscripted comments could cause further damage.

"For example, Gen. Keith Kellogg told us that some staff were concerned that a live appearance by the president at the microphones at that moment could actually make matters worse," Kinzinger said, referring to Pence's former national security adviser. "He told us he recommended against doing a press conference because during his four years in the Trump administration, 'There wasn't a single clean press conference.'"

Trump's Jan. 6 tweet on Pence came as he was being evacuated

At 2:24 p.m. that day, Trump tweeted that Pence "didn't have the courage to do what should have been done."

As the insurrection unfolded, the president's national security council staff was listening to radio traffic of the Secret Service agents protecting Pence.

At 2:13 p.m., a national security council staffer noted that the windows of the Capitol were being kicked in, according to excerpts from the staffer's chat box. Three minutes later a staffer wrote Pence was being pulled out. As the Trump tweet went out, a staffer wrote that the agents protecting Pence didn't "sound good."

Felony court news

Arson

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to arson, a Level 4 felony.

Chad G.A. Wells, 35, 503 E. Main St., was found mentally ill after a competency evaluation. He was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction and assessed \$185 in court costs. Wells was given credit for time served since Jan. 5. The court ordered Indiana Department of Correction to provide a mental health assessment and treatment to Wells.

As part of his plea agreement, another Level 4 felony for arson, a Level 4 felony for burglary and a Level 5 felony for burglary were dismissed.

Resisting law

Two people were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony.

Amanda L. Oliver, 42, 105 N. Malin St., Bryant, was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given four days

credit for time served. Oliver was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for one year. As part of her plea agreement, two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and driving with a suspended license were dismissed.

Brandon A.M. Risner, 32, Rushsylvania, Ohio, was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 180 days credit for time served. Risner was fined \$1 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for theft was dismissed.

Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

An Albany man was arrested Tuesday for drug possession.

Cody M. Cramer, 26, 253 W. 1st St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. He's being held

on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Nonsupport

A Geneva man was arrested today for nonsupport of a dependent child.

Paul J. Townsend, 38, 335 Richfield Lane, was preliminarily charged with the Level 6 felony and contempt of court. He's being held on a total \$3,500 in bonds from Jay County Jail.

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'Extinct' oak tree found in Texas

By ADRIANA PEREZ
Chicago Tribune

Somewhere on the rugged, pathless hills of Big Bend National Park, under the sweltering Texas sun, a singular tree stands apart from the rest. At least for the people who know what they are looking for.

Its odds of survival are grim. The oak tree, standing stoically about 30 feet high, is scarred by fire and likely suffering from a serious fungal infection.

This was the scene a group of nine researchers, led by the Morton Arboretum, in suburban Chicago, and the United States Botanic Garden, came across when they found a specimen of *Quercus tardifolia*, a type of oak thought to be extinct since 2011, at Big Bend on May 25.

One of the researchers had called over Wesley Knapp, chief botanist at Virginia-based NatureServe. They faced a tall

tree, sunlight filtering through its foliage.

"And (he) held up these leaves. And immediately I was like, 'Well, we haven't seen this,'" Knapp recalled.

Three days in, their expedition had already encountered thousands of oaks, Knapp said. But nothing quite like this. *Q. tardifolia* is one of — if not the rarest — oak there is. And one of the ways to identify it is by its leaves, which look hairy.

"It was kind of one of those things where no one wanted to just jump up and down immediately," Knapp said. "But then, as we started to look at the material and feel the thickness of the leaves, noticed the hair on the undersurface, we all kind of collectively realized that this is a dead ringer for *Quercus tardifolia*. And then excitement started to really grow."

For the trip, researchers from across the country headed to the Lone Star

State to see if they could locate the oak. Murphy Westwood, vice president of science and conservation at the Morton Arboretum, led the project alongside the United States Botanic Garden.

Westwood said the research trip to Big Bend was prompted by a 2017 study of threatened oaks in the United States, which cataloged 91 native oak species that are under the risk of extinction, and a 2019 report on a conservation gap analysis that identified 28 species of concern, coupled with the knowledge that Southwest Texas is a hotspot for oak diversity in the country.

Some of the leaves collected from the specimen on the discovery trip were sent to the Morton Arboretum for molecular analysis, Knapp said. So scientists will study the DNA composition of the oak and pinpoint whether *Q. tardifolia* is its own species or if

it is a "weird hybrid," as Westwood put it.

But besides excitement, the discovery of the tree also offers cause for concern: Its location makes it vulnerable to wildfires and droughts, which are more likely every year due to climate change, researchers said.

"This individual tree could be on the precipice of dying," Knapp said.

The researchers said they don't know the age of the tree because that would require a procedure to read the rings in its core, which could damage the already struggling oak. But its existence means that there may be other specimens of *Q. tardifolia* around.

"If we found one, there's certainly a chance that we could find more, and we are going to go back and keep looking and we're going to do the work to try to prevent this (tree) from disappearing," Westwood said.

The National Park Serv-

ice and the group are working to protect the oak from fires and the researchers will soon search for acorns to try to help the tree breed.

"So when we go back, now that we know that it's there and we know that it's struggling, a top priority for us now is to do things to mitigate the risk to that individual," Westwood said.

That includes clearing the underbrush, which can act as fuel in case of a wildfire, so that the tree is better protected from a possible blaze.

Oak trees — one of which is the state tree of Illinois — carry out important ecosystem functions, Knapp and Westwood said. They are important sources of food and habitat for pollinators like butterflies and moths. In addition, they are a keystone species for other wildlife and plants, which means that the ecosystem

would be very different or not exist without it.

"So, preserving oaks is preserving much more than just oaks — it's preserving pollinators, wildlife and our forests," Knapp explained.

Studying specimens such as this endangered oak, researchers said, is necessary to prevent other organisms from suffering the same fate.

According to Westwood, a discovery like this underscores that biodiversity exists beyond the Amazon rainforest and the jungles of Southeast Asia.

"We have really unique and really threatened plant species right here. In our own backyard, right here, in the States, we have them here in Chicago, we have them in Texas," she said. "We have our own sort of natural heritage and biodiversity that we can be conserving."

Half-century of friendship ends abruptly

DEAR ABBY: For 50 years, I had a close career and personal friend I'll call "Ellen." She has been married a long time, but I know she and her husband have had some rocky patches. Ellen was with me through the tragic loss of my son and, six weeks later, my very ill husband. I couldn't have gotten through it without her.

After being alone for 17 years, I met a man in the construction trade. He has his own business and is a fine, intelligent, kind, considerate man. He took care of his sick wife, as I took care of my ill husband. He also lost a grandchild. He was married for 51 years; I was married for 28. We are four years apart in age and have a deep, abiding love and understanding for each other.

Abby, immediately upon meeting him, Ellen rejected him

Dear Abby



We saw each other frequently. I regret I couldn't tell her family and friends this parting was not my choice. I may never understand this situation. Do you have any advice? — PUZZLED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PUZZLED: As much as we might wish the opposite, not all friendships last forever. If you have described Ellen accurately, this dear friend was an elitist who judges people by a far different scale than you do. She may also have been upset that, after so many years of your depending on her, you were finally getting your emotional needs fulfilled elsewhere. I'm not a mind reader, and I have never met the woman, but, PLEASE, don't waste another minute looking backward. Enjoy the here and now and spend no

more time dwelling on something you cannot change.

DEAR ABBY: When I was leaving work last Friday, I caught two co-workers in a passionate kiss. The elevator doors were just about closed, but I waved my hand and they opened back up. I averted my eyes before they realized I was there and jumped apart. Because I was in shock, I made some nervous small talk and did not acknowledge the elephant in the elevator.

My issue is they are both upper management and married to other people. I have no plans to "out" them, but I'm confused about how to interact with them going forward. I work with them on a daily basis as well as attend company parties, which their spouses usually attend. Any advice would be

appreciated as my respect for them has plunged. — SHOULD HAVE WAITED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SHOULD HAVE: This is a minefield, so tread carefully and do not say a word about what you saw to anyone. Your respect for those two may have diminished, but it is vital — for your own sake — that your behavior toward them remain the same as it has always been. It may take a large dose of amnesia on your part to accomplish this, but it is what I am recommending.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane 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.

Reunions

JAY COUNTY HOSPITAL 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.

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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

Monday

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

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon

each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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

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Global heatwaves are a warning

The Washington Post

In Yosemite National Park's famed Mariposa Grove, giant sequoias have grown for millennia. As some of the largest and oldest living things in the world, their preservation — which was first given legal protection under Abraham Lincoln — predates the National Park Service. This month, they were threatened by a nearby wildfire that was exacerbated by dry, hot conditions.

That is just one of many dramatic weather events taking place around the country and world. In Texas, record-breaking temperatures forced the state's power grid operator to warn residents to cut back on energy use or face the risk of blackouts. Around 35 million Americans were placed under heat advisories or excessive heat warnings.

Guest Editorial

Western Europe is also experiencing extreme heat waves — Spain is experiencing its second in less than a month, while the United Kingdom issued its first-ever “extreme heat” warning. Italy has faced prolonged heat and drought, and a glacier collapse attributed to climate change resulted in the deaths of 11 people earlier this month. In China, at least 86 cities released heat alerts; in the city of Nanjing, officials opened air-raid shelters for locals to escape the heat.

These cases should not be viewed in isolation. While links between individual weather events and global warming cannot be determined immediately, studies have found that concurrent heat waves affecting parts of North America, Europe and Asia have become more intense and frequent over the past few decades. An analysis by World Weather Attribution, a group of scientists who analyze whether extreme events are connected to climate change, found that last year's devastating heat wave in the Pacific Northwest was “virtually impossible without human-caused climate change.”

Such patterns have disastrous, far-reaching effects. Heat waves pose a particular threat to global food supplies,

already under pressure from Russia's invasion of Ukraine. They are linked with a range of health problems and correlate with higher rates of crime, anxiety and depression. A 2021 analysis from the Atlantic Council estimated that the drop in worker productivity due to extreme heat costs the U.S. economy \$100 billion annually — a figure that could double by 2030.

As President Joe Biden and congressional Democrats struggle to find enough support for their climate agenda, the ongoing heat waves offer a small window into what the future could look like if global warming continues unabated. Even if we keep the global temperature rise under 1.5 degrees Celsius — the threshold scientists believe should not be

exceeded — the number of extreme weather events a person will experience would nearly quadruple, according to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. A greater rise in temperature would be even more calamitous, with unthinkable consequences for global hunger, disease, migration, productivity and standards of living.

Slashing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning to a greener economy at the scale and pace needed would require creativity, innovation and political courage. But the cost if we fail is far more daunting: a future in which climate disasters, and all the damage and instability that come with them, become the new normal everywhere.

Inflation worse if measured correctly

By JUSTIN FOX

Bloomberg Opinion

As you may have heard, the U.S. inflation rate is 9.1%. That is, the consumer price index for all items as estimated for June by the Bureau of Labor Statistics was 9.1% higher than it was a year earlier.

Other economic indicators generally aren't measured this way. With retail sales it's the percentage change from one month to the next that gets the headlines. With employment it's the monthly change in the number of jobs. With gross domestic product, in the U.S. at least, it's the annualized quarterly change.

In its monthly CPI news releases the BLS actually does mention the monthly percentage change — as in the change from May 2022 to June 2022 — before the annual comparison to the same month a year earlier, but this tends to get a lot less attention, probably because it's so much smaller (1.3% in June) and harder to make sense of. That's easy enough to fix, though, if we follow the GDP example and annualize the monthly CPI change.

Measured this way, U.S. consumer prices rose at a 17.1% annualized pace in June. That's awful! But it is also, as is clear from the chart, possibly not very informative. Monthly CPI changes are volatile, and annualizing them just makes them more so.

To get past the volatility, policy makers and market watchers often focus on so-called “core” inflation that excludes food and energy prices. It rose 0.7% in June. Annualized that comes to 8.8%, compared with a 5.9% year-over-year gain.

Measured year-over-year, core inflation has been steadily declining since March. Measured month-to-month, it has been accelerating since then. And yes, it's pretty noisy, but smooth it by annualizing the three-month change and the picture of accelerating core inflation remains.

I'm pretty sure that the monthly and three-month core inflation measures better reflect what's been going on in the U.S. economy over the past year than the annual change does. There was a spectacular burst of inflation last spring that subsequently subsided, only to be followed by new, smaller but still major waves — the latest of which certainly hasn't crested yet in the CPI

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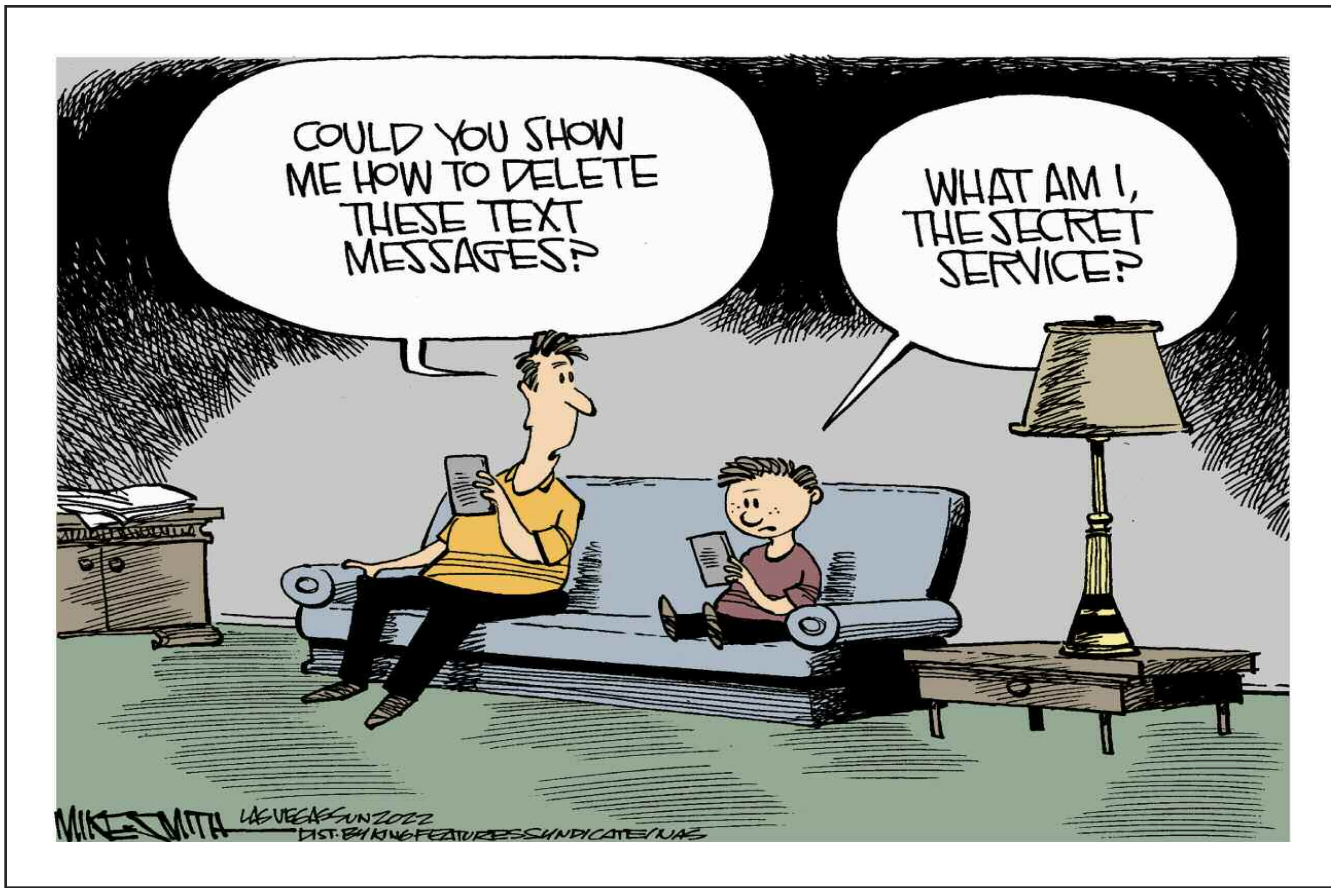


data. For context, consider what the current GDP trajectory would look like if we measured it as we did inflation. Year-over-year GDP change will still be positive even if the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's current gloomy GDPNow forecast of a second quarter in a row of declining GDP comes to pass. (I've started the chart with the quarter ending December 2020 because the wild GDP swings of the previous two quarters would otherwise make it really hard to read.)

There are some questions about what those quarterly GDP declines really mean, given that job growth has continued at a healthy pace and GDP would have risen in the first quarter if it hadn't been for a big increase in imports that may have reflected U.S. economic strength more than weakness. But it seems pretty obvious why we pay attention to quarterly GDP changes. In retrospect, annual GDP change gives a smoother, clearer view of the medium-term trajectory of the economy, but at turns in the business cycle that view is usually out-of-date. (The chart stops short of 2020 for the reason mentioned above.)

To some extent all of the economic indicators discussed here are out-of-date, of course. The CPI is among the timeliest, but the numbers released this week are supposed to represent average prices over the entire month of June. There's been much pointing in recent weeks to signs that inflationary pressures are receding — gasoline prices, among the biggest inflation drivers so far this year, are down 8% since mid-June. Maybe this will have an impact on the next CPI report. If it does, though, the place to look will be in the monthly changes and not the annual ones.

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Surplus shows absence of ideas

By MICHAEL LEPPERT

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It's not a surprise to those of us who have been watching it grow, stagnate, and then grow some more. But when the State of Indiana closed out its books for the fiscal year last week, the news about it still should have made more of an impression on Hoosiers than it did.

Indiana ended the year with \$6.1 billion in reserves. That news should jolt taxpayers. But it doesn't. I don't know why it doesn't. But I will keep trying to make sense of it until the day Hoosiers clearly understand the terrible news.

The easiest way to understand why it is terrible is to first understand that simply having that money means our government isn't doing its job. It is not teaching our children to be smarter. It is not making our families healthier. It is not making the streets in Indianapolis smoother. It is not making our fiber or wi-fi networks faster. It is not making Indiana better.

WFYI's Brandon Smith has done a good job of reporting on the expected surplus for the months leading up to last week's closing of the books. Again, no one around here should be surprised at what the final number would be. It is the fundamental lack of understanding that a surplus like this is simply the wrong way to run a government that continues to amaze.

Let me try to connect with Hoosier taxpayers on this in a new way.

Imagine that the state decided it needed \$18.1 billion to operate for a year. And during that year, it collected 35% less in tax revenue to fund that budget. The \$6.1 billion deficit would be a fiscal and political disaster. One that would

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inspire visions of taxpayers surrounding the statehouse with torches and pitchforks, and demanding accountability. Right?

That deficit would require taxpayers in the future to assume that liability, and future taxpayers would have to either settle up on the deficit or debt through higher taxes, or reduced spending, or in a case that horrifying, both.

The important part of that description is that a deficit or debt is burdening taxpayers of the future.

Now, turn that example around and make that same 35% miscalculation that results in a surplus like the \$6.1 billion one announced last week. Who is that burdening?

It's burdening the taxpayers who have already paid. Yes, it is the taxpayers of the past. Here's another important part: Once the state has over collected from the taxpayers, it will never be able to completely settle up. The reason is that the taxpayers who contributed to the surplus of today, don't exist anymore. Many of them have died in the last year. Many others have moved away. And what about those who paid too much on the last budget, and the one before that, and so on?

This is the fundamental problem with the entire ideology of surplus budgeting that has taken hold of the Republican legislature here. It is fundamentally unfair.

People like to forget that budget surpluses only come from taxation surpluses. Even so, Republicans

regularly say a modest 12 to 13 percent surplus is about right. That will protect our AAA bond rating and be plenty in reserve for a rainy day, according to them.

The surplus is not the only factor in the bond rating, and while it is nice to have, its value is certainly debatable. And forget about the actual drought the state is having. In fiscal terms, we've had plenty of rain.

The surplus era started during Mitch Daniels' first term, and since then, we have suffered through a collapse in our financial institutions leading to a devastating recession in 2008 and 2009, and now a global pandemic that will continue to ripple in its impact for the rest of my life.

Indiana's surplus survived both of those things, and a litany of smaller crises in between. For context, I was still wearing a mask in my classroom in March of this year, and in July, Indiana has more than \$6.1 billion in reserve.

While the Indiana General Assembly's ideology of surplus budgeting violates basic tax fairness, it indicates an even deeper problem. Our legislature has run out of ideas.

So, here's where you come in. Give your legislator some ideas. Need a sidewalk? Call them. Need a library? Call them. Need money? Call them, and on that one, don't ask for the \$225 they are offering. Ask for the \$1000 they actually owe you.

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Grand champions were awarded July 10 during the Jay County 4-H Poultry Show at the Jay County Fair. Pictured, from left, are Jacob Monroe, who won for meat production, Claire Skirvin, who showed the grand champion exhibition bird, and Ty Paxson, who won for egg shells.

Skirvins strong in 4-H poultry show

Sisters Claire and Rachel Skirvin both picked up a series of honors at the poultry show.

Claire Skirvin showed the grand champion and reserve grand champion overall exhibition birds July 10 during the Jay County 4-H Poultry show at the Jay County Fair. She also finished as the junior showmanship runner-up.

Her sister Rachel Skirvin showed the grand champion exhibition large fowl. She also won for senior showmanship and then went on to take advanced showmanship as well to represent the poultry barn in the small animal supreme showmanship competition.

Jacob Monroe showed the grand champion meat bird, Ty Paxson won the banner for grand champion egg production and Khloe Homan showed the grand champion laying hens.

Other showmanship winners were Madi Paxson (junior) and Khloe Homan (beginner). Showmanship runners-up were Ty Paxson (advanced) and Lucas Lyons (senior).

Additional awards at the fair were as follows:

Meat production

Turkey
Meat tom
1. Anna Brewer
2. Emily Dues

Meat hen
1. Hannah Muhlenkamp
2. Duston Muhlenkamp

Overall
Champion: Anna Brewer
Reserve champion: Emily Dues

Commercial chicken
Broiler
1. Kinze Homan
2. Jacob Monroe

Roaster
1. Jacob Monroe
2. Joshua Monroe

Overall
Champion: Jacob Monroe
Reserve champion: Kinze Homan



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Khloe Homan showed the grand champion laying hens July 10 during the Jay County 4-H Poultry Show.

Production waterfowl

Duck
1. Megan Faller
2. Brianna Faller

Drake
1. Lucas Lyons
2. Lilly Lothridge

Overall
Champion: Megan Faller
Reserve champion: Brianna Faller

Overall meat bird
Grand champion: Jacob Monroe

Reserve grand champion: Kinze Homan

Commercial Eggs

White shell
1. Ty Paxson
2. Lucas Lyons

Brown shell
1. Ty Pason
2. Lucas Lyons

Colored shell
1. Ty Paxson
2. Nicholas Lyons

Overall
Champion: Ty Paxson
Reserve champion: Ty Paxson

Commercial egg production
White egg laying hens
1. Lucas Lyons
2. Khloe Homan

Brown egg laying hens
1. Khloe Homan
2. Madi Paxson

Colored egg laying hens
1. Nicholas Lyons
2. Ty Paxson

Overall
Champion: Khloe Homan
Reserve champion: Lucas Lyons

Exhibition poultry

Chickens
Large fowl
Pullet
1. Rachel Skirvin
2. Ty Paxson

Hen
1. Rachel Skirvin
2. Joseph Kunk

Overall
Champion: Rachel Skirvin
Reserve champion: Rachel Skirvin

Cockerel
1. Claire Skirvin
2. Ty Paxson

Cock
1. Rachel Skirvin
2. Keisha Adair

Overall male
Champion: Claire Skirvin
Reserve champion: Rachel Skirvin

Breeding pen
Champion: Jenna Bricker
Reserve champion: Ty Paxson

Overall large fowl
Grand champion: Rachel Skirvin
Reserve champion: Ty Paxson

Bantam
Pullet
1. Clair Skirvin
2. Ayva Pitman

Hen
1. Claire Skirvin
2. Claire Skirvin

Overall
Champion: Claire Skirvin
Reserve champion: Claire Skirvin

Cockerel
Champion: Rachel Skirvin
Reserve champion: Joseph Kunk

Cock
Champion: Jenna Bricker

Reserve champion: Claire Skirvin

Overall
Champion: Jenna Bricker
Reserve champion: Rachel Skirvin

Breeding pen
Champion: Ayva Pitman
Reserve champion: Jenna Bricker

Exhibition wildlife

Turkey
Tom
1. Ty Paxson
2. Corbin Lothridge

Hen
1. Madi Paxson
2. Corbin Lothridge

Pigeon
1. Jenna Bricker
2. Jenna Bricker

Guinea
1. Madi Paxson
2. Ty Paxson

Other
1. Madi Paxson

Overall exhibition wildlife
Champion: Jenna Bricker
Reserve champion: Madi Paxson

Exhibition waterfowl

Duck
1. Brianna Faller
2. Megan Faller

Drake
1. Joseph Kunk
2. Jenna Bricker

Goose
1. Khloe Homan
2. Kinzi Homan

Overall
Champion: Joseph Kunk
Reserve champion: Claire Skirvin

Overall exhibition bird
Grand champion: Claire Skirvin
Reserve grand champion: Claire Skirvin

Plan ...

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The Senate measure — Senate Bill 3 — also repeals the 1 cent fuel tax increase that went into effect on July 1, bringing the fuel tax back to 32 cents until the end of the next fiscal year. It is unclear how much money the gas tax changes would save Hoosiers.

In addition, the Senate proposal would suspend the sales tax on residential utilities for six months, including the 7% sales tax on electricity, water, gas, internet and phone bills.

“By suspending the 7% sales tax on residential utilities, we can provide relief for nearly every Hoosier, with an estimated statewide savings of \$260

million,” bill sponsor Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, said in a release. “This concept would benefit more people than the proposed taxpayer refund, and all of the savings would go to Indiana households.”

Bray said he didn’t have an estimate on how much the average Hoosier household could expect to save.

Bray said the Senate proposal will also pay \$400 million to the Teacher’s Retirement Fund, on top of the \$2.5 billion already going to pension relief this month.

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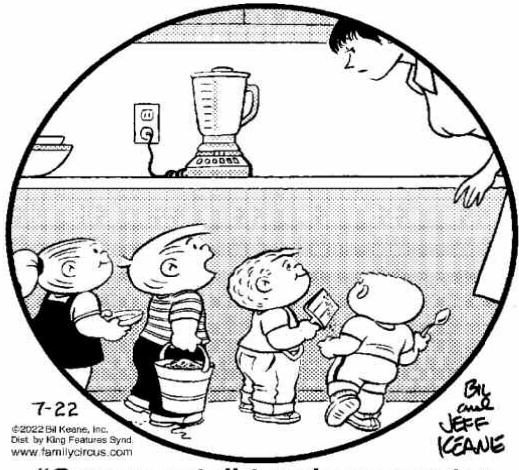
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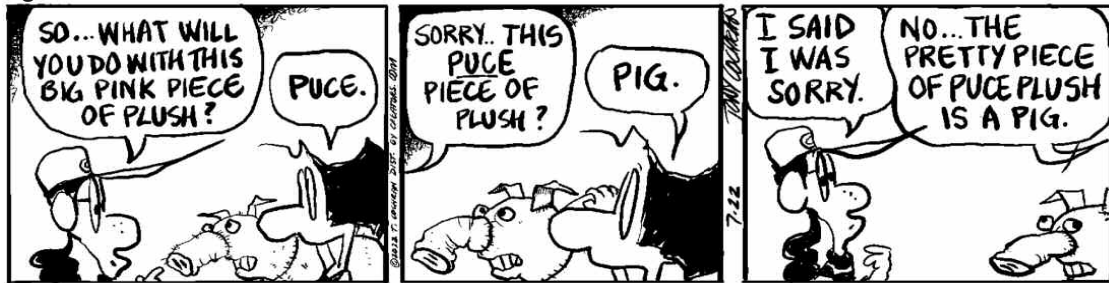
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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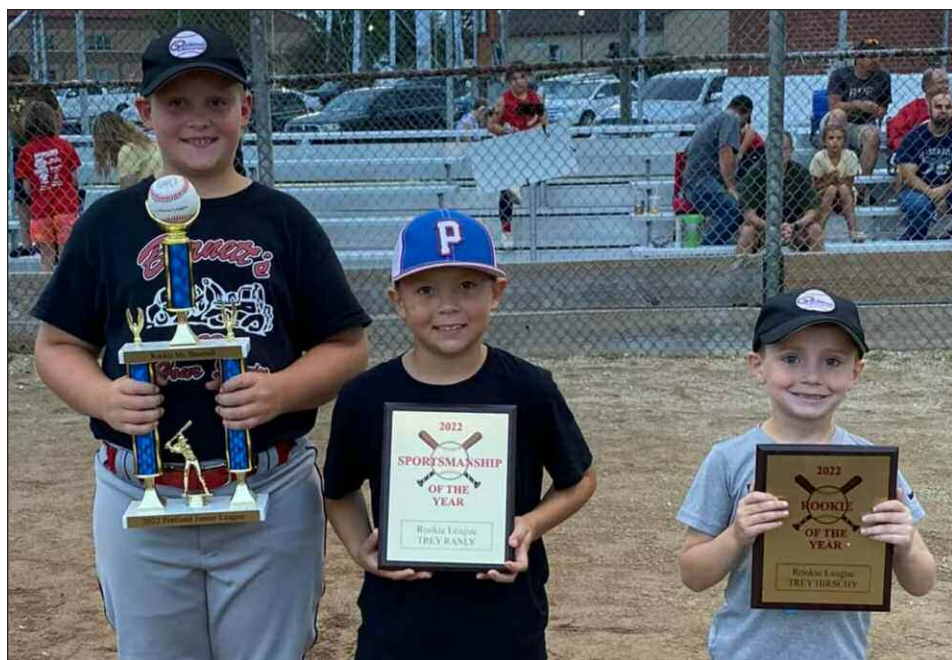
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Rookie awards

Portland Junior League recently distributed awards for its Rookie baseball and softball leagues following the completion of their tournaments. Pictured above left, from left, are Rookie baseball honorees Sawyer Hemmelgarn as Mr. Baseball, Trey Ranly with the Sportsmanship Award and Troy Hirschy as Rookie of the Year. Above right are Rookie softball honorees Carsyn Guggenbiller as Rookie of the Year, Aubrie Overla with the Sportsmanship Award and Eliana Wiggins as Miss Softball.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Sunday
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. South Bend Royals – 1 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro – Quarterfinal (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Auto racing: ARCA Menards Series – General Tire Delivers 200 (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Edmonton Elks at Winnipeg Blue Bombers (ESPN2)

Saturday
Noon — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series – CRC Brakleen 150 (FOX)
Noon — Golf: PGA Tour Champions – Senior Open Championship (NBC)
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour – 3M Open (CBS)

3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro quarterfinal – Netherlands vs. France (ESPN2)
4 p.m. — Auto racing: IndyCar – Hy-VeeDeals.com 250 (NBC)
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners (FS1)
5 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series – Explore The Pocono Mountains 225 (USA)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Soccer: Club friendlies – Manchester City at Bayern Munchen

(ESPN)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland Guardians at Chicago White Sox (FOX)
8 p.m. — Auto racing: Camping World SRX Series – Sharon Speedway (CBS)
9:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics (FS1)

Local notes

Ticket sales set
Jay County Junior-Senior High School super and season tickets for the 2022-23

sports season are on sale.
A Patriot Pass, which is good for all 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 are available during regular office hours — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Passes do not cover Allen County Athletic Conference or IHSAA tournament events.

5K circuit continues July 16
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will wrap up its 2022 schedule on Aug. 6. The final event in the eight-race circuit is the JRDS 5K at Hudson Family Park.
Registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race.
To register, or for more information, visit runjaycounty.com.
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Sports

Murray, Cardinals agree to extension

By MARK MASKE
The Washington Post

The offseason unrest between Kyler Murray and the Arizona Cardinals dissipated Thursday, as the quarterback agreed to a lucrative contract extension that places him among the NFL's highest-paid players at his position.

The five-year extension is worth \$230.5 million, including \$160 million in guaranteed money, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The \$46.1 million per-season average of Murray's extension ranks second to the \$50.3 million average annual value of the three-year, \$150.815 million extension quarterback Aaron Rodgers signed with the Green Bay Packers in March. Deshaun Watson's five-year contract with the Cleveland Browns is worth a guaranteed \$230 million, an average of \$46 million per season.

Murray, 24, now is under contract with the Cardinals through the 2028 season. He had two seasons remaining on his existing contract.

The Cardinals announced the agreement with Murray on the extension but did not release the terms of the deal.

There had been considerable speculation about Murray's future with the Cardinals during an offseason that included reports of discontent between the two sides. Murray removed references to the team from his social media accounts.

His agent, Erik Burkhardt, released a statement to media outlets proclaiming in all capital letters that "actions speak much louder than words in this volatile business" and adding that it was "simply up to the Cardinals to decide if they prioritize" Murray as their franchise quarterback.



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Ryan Fitzpatrick, 17, of New Fairfield, center, plays wheelchair basketball Wednesday at the Ryan Martin Foundation camp at Southern Connecticut State University.

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Leonard's health is key

By GEORGE BREMER
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Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — When will Darius Leonard be available, and how close to 100% will he be?

Those are arguably the two biggest questions the Indianapolis Colts face on defense as veterans prepare to report to training camp Tuesday.

Colts head coach Frank Reich said last month Leonard is expected to miss some time in camp while recovering from a procedure on his back. The goal is to have the All-Pro linebacker ready for the season opener Sept. 11 against the Houston Texans.

It's obviously a concerning development for a player who battled an ankle injury throughout last season and was still affected enough by it to sit out all the on-field work this spring. Former Indianapolis punter Pat McAfee reported on his highly popular radio show that the back and ankle issues are connected, and last month's procedure was intended to correct both ailments.

Despite dealing with limited mobility, Leonard was outstanding while playing through the ankle injury in 2021. He led the NFL with eight forced fumbles and added four interceptions and three fumble recoveries. He also had 122 tackles while being named first-team All-Pro for the third time in his four-year career.

Speaking with the media at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center in May, however, Leonard said he felt like his mental struggles kept him from being the leader he wants to be.

"Last year I wasn't in the right mental space to hold everybody accountable," he said. "And I felt like I let the team down in that aspect the last two games. I felt like we got comfortable with winning. We went down to the (Arizona) Cardinals and won on Christmas night.

"I felt like that was our Super Bowl, and a lot of people saw it as our Super Bowl, and we felt invinci-

Veteran linebacker is recovering from a back procedure

ble. When we went down there and beat that team with our backups, we got caught up in the moment."

The Colts infamously lost their final two games against the Las Vegas Raiders and lowly Jacksonville Jaguars to miss the playoffs. It set off a chain of offseason changes, but Leonard hopes to be a constant for a defense that is seeking to make the leap into the NFL's elite.

Here's a look at how Indianapolis' linebackers stack up with camp quickly approaching:

The starters

When Leonard does make it onto the field, he's excited about playing in new coordinator Gus Bradley's defense. Bobby Wagner and Fred Warner have become All-Pro talents in this scheme, but they play the middle linebacker role.

Leonard will remain on the weak side where he has grown into one of the game's premier defensive weapons over his four professional seasons. He doesn't believe any alteration to his role will present a significant challenge.

"It's a little different," Leonard said. "But, luckily, with Coach Flus (former defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus), he has so many different variations — we played schemes on (Cover) 2, 3, 6. We played all of that. So now we're just learning new terminology, learning how they're coaching and stuff like that."

For middle linebacker Bobby Okereke, it's a very important season. He's entering the final year of his contract and is playing either for an extension in

Indianapolis or a lucrative new deal somewhere else.

He's coming off a season in which he recorded a career-high 132 tackles with two interceptions and a sack.

Manning the position that helped make Wagner and Warner into stars can only benefit his effort to build on those numbers and the defense as a whole.

"We're gonna run our stuff, and we're gonna be great at it," Okereke said of the simplicity of the scheme. "With the (new) coaches coming in and the position flexibility of everybody, I think it's just an exciting opportunity."

Zaire Franklin also put up career-best numbers in 11 starts on the strong side last year with 40 tackles and his first interception. He signed a three-year, \$12 million deal to return in free agency and again will serve as the No. 3 linebacker, a special teams captain and a locker-room leader.

The depth

E.J. Speed will be the next man up if, for some reason, Leonard is not ready to start the season. He got the nod for the Christmas night win at Arizona last year and responded with nine tackles and a pass deflection.

A standout special-teamer, Speed will again serve as the primary backup at all three linebacker spots.

Brandon King, a 29-year-old entering his ninth NFL season, also is a strong contender for a roster spot because of his skills on special teams. In five seasons with the New England Patriots, he never played fewer than 65% of the special-teams snaps — including 75% last year for a play-off participant.