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Group seeking to revive Glass Days

Board targets fall 2023 for return of festival

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Glass Days may be coming back.

Representatives from the newly formed not-for-profit organization Glass Days, Inc., visited Dunkirk City Council on Monday to explain their plans for reviving the festival that was last held in 2019.

Council members also discussed 2023 raises for city employees.

Larry Lafoe explained that he, Rose Morgan, Pam Robbins, Dru Hall and Jeff Hatch make up the board of the new Glass Days organization and are making plans to try to relaunch Glass Days in late September or early October 2023. They want to “make Glass Days about glass,” he said.

The last Glass Days — the 53rd — was held in 2019, with the entirety of the former festival committee resigning that November. Since then, the Dunkirk Park Festival Committee has implemented a series of new or expanded events, including celebrations for Easter and Independence Day at Dunkirk City Park.

LaFoe, a Greenwood resident who connected with Hall at the Indiana Glass Convention, said he has talked with Carnival Tyme Amusements about the possibility of bringing rides, games and food to the event. (Carnival Tyme played the Jay County Fair from 2019 through 2021.) Plans also include a parade, the return of the Cinderella Queen of Glass pageant, glass blowers, a beer tent, an antique car show, a cornhole tournament, a dunk tank, a raffle, an auction and various contests. The goal, he said, is to relocate the event to Dunkirk City Park and the surrounding area in order to alleviate congestion in the downtown area, where the event was previously held.

Fundraising events for the new festival are planned to begin next month.

LaFoe also explained the group would like to gain ownership of the former Indiana Glass property at 717 E. St. on the west side of the city and develop it as Glass Capital Community and Nature Park as part of a five-year plan. He said the group will be seeking grants, including one from the Department of the Interior, to fund the project. Indiana Glass closed in 2002 and the factories that once stood there were demolished in 2011.

Council revisited raises, which had been discussed at multiple previous meetings, with council member Bryan Jessup suggesting 6% raises with the exception of the police department.

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Sentenced to 53 years



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Roger Boyd of Portland walks through Jay County Courthouse after being sentenced Monday to 53 years in prison for the September 2020 murder of James P. Miller of Montpelier.

Portland man gets five-plus decades for 2020 murder of James P. Miller

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A Portland man convicted of murder has been sentenced to more than five decades in prison.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison on Monday sentenced

Roger L. Boyd Jr., 36, to 53 years in Indiana Department of Correction for the September 2020 killing of James P. Miller of Montpelier.

A jury found Boyd guilty at his trial last month.

During Boyd's sen-

tencing hearing Monday, Hutchison said he found the mitigating circumstances to slightly outweigh the aggravating circumstances, suggesting two years less than the advisory sentence of 55 years for murder.

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Dumping addressed

Ordinance sets rules, penalties for recycling trailers

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Reduce, reuse, recycle — and don't forget to relocate to the right receptacle.

Jay County Commissioners OK'd an ordinance Monday in reference to illegal dumping.

According to the ordinance, it is prohibited to place non-recyclables in recycling trailers provided by Jay County Solid Waste Management District. It's also forbidden to leave recyclable and non-recyclable items (specifically trash) outside the trailers.

The ordinance, which will be enforced after roughly 30 days, lists the following items as recyclable materials: newspapers, newsprint, magazines, books, office paper, cardboard, paper packaging, aluminum and glass beverage and food containers, number 1 and number 2 plastic containers and tin and steel food containers.

George McGinnis of the solid waste management district approached commissioners June 28 to discuss issues the organization has been having with illegal dumping at its recycling trailer at Jay County Sheriff's Office, as well as locations in Portland, Dunkirk and Bryant. He cited issues with residents leaving non-recyclable items — he named everything from furniture to rotting meat — and piling recyclable items outside the trailers prior to pick-up day. He suggested officials consider legal action against violators instead of removing the trailers, which are made available to help those who do not have curbside recycling.

Jay County police officers and employees of Jay County Solid Waste Man-

agement District both have the authority to enforce the new ordinance. Those who violate its terms are subject to up to a \$1,000 fine, not including the possible cost of clean-up as well as court and attorney fees incurred.

Previously, commissioner Brian McGalliard also suggested officials also look into legislation in relation to trash accumulating outside of containers on rural properties. County attorney Bill Hinkle addressed his request Monday, explaining that he could not find a lot of published ordinances from other counties made to this effect. It would create several questions, he said, such as defining what is trash, how much is allowed and how it is stored.

Also Monday, commissioners OK'd Portland Police Chief Mike Weitzel and John McFarland of Jay Emergency Medical Service to move forward with organizing Jay County Critical Incident Stress Management team, a non-profit group providing mental health services for emergency personnel.

“Mental health has been an up-and-coming, ongoing issue,” explained Weitzel.

Counties across Indiana are grouped into sections of the critical incident stress management network, but Blackford and Jay counties are not able to join any existing nearby teams. McFarland proposed Jay County create its own team.

The private group would act on its own and provide crisis intervention as needed. (McFarland noted it is not a replacement for professional counseling. According to a draft of the group's operational guidelines, the team would provide tools to “potentially alleviate stress-related symptoms.”)

McFarland plans to develop a team consisting of about 15 individuals, with hopes to train near the end of October.

Commissioners also heard from OneDigital insurance broker Jessica Clayton, who shared a mid-year update regarding the county's insurance rates.

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Third at Muncie

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots placed third Saturday night in the Spirit of Sound contest at Muncie Central High School. Pictured, Alex Ardizzone leads a group of saxophones during the band's performance. Kokomo posted a solid win with 71.05 points, followed by Muncie Central (68.625) and Jay County (68.1). Those three were well ahead of the rest of the field, as Northeastern was fourth with 62.475. Anderson, Montgomery County and Centerville, which had won the previous three contests this summer, were not in attendance at the Spirit of Sound.



Deaths

Sandra Bupp, 75, McCordsville
Thomas Settle, 86, Penningtonville
Earl Stults, 84, rural Bryant
Jeffrey Reynolds, 57, Celina, Ohio
 Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature topped out at 80 degrees Monday. The low was 62.
 Tonight's low will be 66. Showers and thunderstorms are expected Wednesday, with a chance of precipitation through about 2 p.m. The high will be 80.
 See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will hold its summer shred day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the parking lot at 1600 N. Meridian St., Portland. The service is for Jay County residents only.

Coming up

Wednesday — A new police dog is on the job in Portland.

Thursday — Medication assisted treatment for substance abuse is now available at IU Health Jay.



Sentenced ...

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Boyd was arrested Sept. 5, 2020, after a shooting that resulted in Miller's death at 1215 S. Bridge St., Portland. Video evidence of crime shows Boyd and Miller walking into the garage, with several gunshots heard shortly afterward.
Eleven of Miller's friends or family members gathered together in the courtroom Monday, wearing black T-shirts with an orange symbol resembling the Harley Davidson logo reading "Justice for Jimmy."
Holly Miller, who was married to James Miller for 20 years

and shared three children with the victim, took to the stand to push for the maximum sentence of 65 years. She listed off various ways James Miller would interact with his family and friends, adding that because of Roger's actions, he wouldn't do any of those activities ever again.
"I'm not trying to make Jimmy out to be some kind of saint," said Holly Miller. "But at the end of the day, Jimmy was a human being ..."
Five people stood in the crowd in support of Boyd, although none spoke at the hearing.

Chief deputy prosecutor Zech Landers argued for the maximum sentence, pointing out Boyd's oath as a former police officer — he served with Dunkirk Police Department and Jay County Sheriff's Office, having been fired from the latter — as well as his testimony that he hid or disposed of evidence, specifically erasing his phone's memory.
Defense attorney Zaki Ali referenced mitigating factors, such as Boyd's lack of a criminal history. He also argued that Boyd acted in self defense, having felt he had a "threat against his

life," and pushed for the minimum sentence of 45 years.
"In cases like this, there are no winners, specifically for my clients — my client, my client's family, and also the victim and the victim's family," Ali said after the hearing. "So there are no winners. And it's just a sad feeling all the way around."
With good time credit factored in, Boyd will likely spend just under 40 years in prison, explained prosecutor Wes Schemenaur.
"That's maybe not quite a life sentence, but a good chunk of the rest of his adult life, anyway,

is going to be spent behind bars," Schemenaur said. "And so I think the family's OK with that, and they got the justice that they needed for Jimmy."
As Boyd exited the elevator on the first floor of the courtroom in handcuffs, a woman shouted at him, "karma."
"He'll be an old man before he gets out," Holly Miller remarked after the hearing.
Boyd was also charged with a Level 3 felony for criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weapon. That charge was dismissed June 10, the last day of his trial.

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Wednesday 7/27	Thursday 7/28	Friday 7/29	Saturday 7/30	Sunday 7/31
80/67	78/61	77/56	79/59	81/63
There's a 60% chance of thunderstorms Wednesday with up to a half an inch possible.	Thursday has a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Friday, with a high in the upper 70s. Cool at night.	Saturday looks like sunny weather and clear skies at night. The high may reach 79.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies. There's a chance of showers at night.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 25-37-38-39-65 Powerball: 5 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$145 million	19-37-38-46-54-55-59-60-64-66-67-72-73-77-78 Cash 5: 6-15-27-31-34 Estimated jackpot: \$472,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$810 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 7-1-9 Pick 4: 4-2-1-6 Pick 5: 6-0-7-9-7 Evening Pick 3: 8-6-3 Pick 4: 2-6-7-3 Pick 5: 2-2-9-4-2 Rolling Cash 5: 4-11-12-17-34 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 5-7-13-37-47-49 Kicker: 5-0-9-1-7-8 Jackpot: \$32.3 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-4-3 Daily Four: 6-8-3-4 Quick Draw: 1-3-5-10-20-26-30-31-37-39-42-46-53-59-62-66-68-70-76-79 Evening Daily Three: 3-1-2 Daily Four: 3-6-5-5 Quick Draw: 3-5-7-9-10-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.81 Aug. corn6.81 Wheat6.41	Wheat 7.51 Nov. wheat 8.19
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Today in history

In 1788, New York ratified the U.S. Constitution. It became the 11th of the original 13 colonies to join the union.
In 1948, President Harry Truman signed an executive order calling for the end of discrimination and segregation in the U.S. armed forces.
In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law. It provides civil rights protections for those with physical and mental disabilities.
In 2005, Jay School Board named Mike Crull as the new principal of West Jay Middle School. Cruss had been named Indiana Geography Teacher of the Year in 2002 and was a finalist for Indiana Teacher of the Year in 2003-04.
In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to lead the presidential ticket for a major U.S. party when she was nominated at the Democratic National Convention.
In 2021, Dunkirk City Council approved an application for an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant to pave all of Broad, Johnson and 5th streets and parts of Ohio, Shatto and High streets.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Tuesday, Aug. 2 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
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Obituaries

Sandra Bulp

Jan. 1, 1947-July 21, 2022
Sandra Sue Bulp, age 75, of McCordsville, Indiana, and former Portland resident passed away on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at her residence.
She was born in Portland on Jan. 1, 1947, and was raised by her Aunt and Uncle Harold and Judy Butcher. Sandy was married on Jan. 29, 1964, to Larry Bulp who survives. She had worked in Home Interior Decorations, owned Designing Lady Clothing Store in Portland, was a Realtor with Porter-Takats and worked at Evans Fine Jewelry.
Sandy loved Portland and worked to make Portland a better place for everyone through all her volunteer work. She was active in Downtown Merchants Association, initiated the Heritage Festival, Parade of Lights and Fourth of July Celebration, and helped save the scout cabin at the fairgrounds. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Cincinnati League, Plant Hoe and Hope, Altrusa, Headwaters Heritage and Jay County Historical Society.
Surviving are her husband Larry; two sons, Michael Bulp of Portland and Gregory Bulp of Indianapolis; one daughter, Debbie Jackson (husband: Steve) of Omaha, Nebraska; three grandchildren, Shawn Thomas, Ryan Thomas and Caitlyn Thomas.
A Celebration of Life Service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Herb Hummel presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.
In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society.



Bulp

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Thomas Settle

Sept. 11, 1935-July 22, 2022
Thomas "Fred" Settle, 86, of Pennville, Indiana, passed away at 3:05 a.m. on Friday, July 22, 2022, at his home in Pennville, Indiana.
He was born on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1935, in Jay County, Indiana, to Lloyd and Dorothy (Wilson) Settle. He married Betty (Edmundson) Settle on Thursday, April 2, 1959.
Fred was a 1954 graduate of Petroleum High School. He was a member of the Army National Guard from 1958 to 1964 in Bluffton, Indiana. He retired from Franklin Electric in Bluffton after 40 years of employment.
He loved to design and build things and work on lawn mowers and tractors, and he liked looking forward to reaching goals. Some of those goals included retirement with Betty Ann whom he had loved for 63 years, traveling to Alaska and Calgary, Alberta, Canada, watching his daughters graduating from high school and college and going on to have successful careers, watching his grandkids graduate, Spencer and Hannah graduating from Indiana University, Spencer and Alexis' wedding, seeing Hannah graduate from dental school and sharing the joy in Tyler's engagement.
He loved going to the grandkids and great-grandkids sporting events and birthday parties. Some people called him Tom, some called him Fred, but his favorite name was Grandpa. He loved spending the holidays with his family, especially Christmas. He loved his kids and grandkids. Fred enjoyed watching IU basketball, the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Pacers and Cincinnati Reds, and any activity involv-



Settle

ing the grandkids. He enjoyed going out to eat (especially BBQ ribs), Sunday drives out to the farm, going to flea markets, Goodwill stores, antique malls and the Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show. He was a member of the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association, Franklin Electric Quarter Century Club and the Domestic Church of Christ.
He will be sadly missed by his wife Betty (Edmundson) Settle, Pennville, Indiana; two daughters, Linda (Rick) Lacy, Union City, Indiana, and Sharon (David) Paluch, Muncie, Indiana; grandchildren Cristina Lacy, Matt Lacy, Erica Lacy, Tyler (fiance: Christina Dinkins) Lacy, Spencer (wife: Alexis) Paluch and Hannah Paluch DDS; great-grandchildren Lailah and Jax; future great-grandchildren Aleah, Tanner and Octavia; sister Sue Smith, Portland, Indiana; sister Shirley Short, Bluffton, Indiana; and beloved sister-in-law Jeannie (Kevin) Bingaman.
He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Settle; mother Dorothy (Wilson) Settle; and brothers Bob and Larry "Butch" Settle.
Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m.
A service to celebrate Fred's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, with the Rev. Billy Stanton officiating. Interment will follow in the Twin Hill — I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.
Preferred memorials may be sent to Pennville Fire Department/First Responders, P.O. Box 252, Pennville, IN 47369.
Special thanks to the Pennville Fire Department/First Responders, Dr. Michael Moran, Dr. Mark Haggengos, Kindred at Home, Southern Care Hospice, Richard and Ruby Imel, Ann Van Horn and Tom Kegg.
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He noted that those in the police department received sizable raises early this year when council cut several employees and redistributed their salaries in an effort to make the city more competitive in attracting officers.
He said he wanted to "put the people first."
"It's more, but it's a little safe," said Jessup, who pointed out that previous raises had been at 2% and 3% in recent years. He said he felt 6% would be a fair increase "without breaking the bank."
Council members were mixed in their response to the proposal, with Kevin Hamilton and Tom Johnson saying they would be in support. Christy Curts responded that she would vote for 6%, but she feels that's a bit high.
Bivens expressed concern over the size of the increase and its financial impact on the city, asking that council step back and take more time to consider the proposal. He also said he would not be in support of leaving the police department out of the raises.
(Based on numbers from the Indiana

Gateway employee compensation report, each percent increase would come in at just under \$10,000 in additional cost to the city. For example, a 6% raise would increase the city budget by almost \$60,000.)
The 2023 salary ordinance will be written with a 6% raise, with the exception of the police department, for council members to consider for a vote at their Aug. 8 meeting.
In other business, council:
• Heard from Chelsea Burress that she and Kaitlyn Kelley have purchased Cat's Costumes. They are relocating the business, which had previously been at 3491 S. 1150 West, to 344 N. Main St., Dunkirk. The mayor wished them well.
• Learned from Robbins, in response to a question from Bivens, that two entities have expressed interest in the former Westlawn Elementary School building, which Jay School Corporation has up for sale. The school closed at the conclusion of the 2020-21 year, with students shifting to the former West Jay Middle School as part of a consolidation process.
• Approved payment of \$176,841.42 in claims.

SERVICES

Wednesday
Settle, Thomas: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.
Bulp, Sandra: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday
Reynolds, Jeffrey: 10 a.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

Monday
Stults, Earl: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Storms are more intense these days

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

One of our maple trees lost a branch this weekend.

The stormy weather these last few days decided that the tree needed to be pruned. It was a fairly big branch, and I am glad it didn't do any damage. There were lots of small twigs and other debris that ended up on the ground. When I ventured outside I could hear chainsaws indicating that we weren't the only ones whose trees got a good trimming thanks to Mother Nature.

We had been watching

As I See It



the wind blow the treetops this way and that most of the morning. If we looked north we could see a big black cloud trying to decide how much damage it was going to do.

The trees were preparing themselves for the battle. I am always amazed at how flexible the leafy treetops are while the trunks stay firmly in the ground.

After the worst of the winds died down I went outside to check for damages. The wind promptly let me know that it didn't want me outside and tried to blow me back to the safety of the porch. I decided that it was prudent to wait until at least tomorrow to pick up the debris.

While I am dealing with fallen branches, the Texas gang is broiling in a heatwave. The last pictures I saw of them, they were at a water park enjoying a respite from the heat.

The weather seems so much more intense than it did when I was growing

up. We had thunderstorms and lightning, heat and cold. We had spring rains that filled the low lying field that separated us from the neighbors. We had enough snow in the winter to build tunnels and snow forts.

What we didn't have were all the warnings. The only weather warnings were the ones that told us that school was closed for the day. Other than that, we didn't worry about it. Chores had to be done, even if it was pouring rain.

If we wanted to know if it was going to rain or not all we had to do was to

wait and see what would happen. We could smell and feel the change in the air before the first raindrops fell. That was as accurate as any forecast today.

Now we have turned into a bunch of chickens who cry, "the sky is falling, the sky is falling." Do we really need to be told to beware at the least sign of bad weather? Why can't a storm just be a storm and not the end of the world?

My mom was ahead of her time. If there was a cloud in the sky she would tell me not to visit that day. Most of the time she was wrong, as the day

would turn out to be sunny and warm. She was right sometimes, and I had to turn back because the weather lived up to her fears.

These days climate change gets the blame for weather extremes. We are told that we are the ones who are the cause for the increase in destructive weather.

There is no doubt in my mind that humanity has an effect on the weather. I also believe that it is not that simple.

No matter what I do or do not believe, there are limbs to clean up and they aren't going to do it themselves.

Twin sister decides she rules the roost

DEAR ABBY: When my husband died two months ago, my identical twin helped me move in with her. She never married. I do all the chores — clean six litter boxes, load and unload the dishwasher, etc. I don't know how to operate her washer/dryer, as she has shown me only once. She doesn't like the way I use my phone, set up files, nothing. She also drinks a lot, uses marijuana and is on a starvation diet. If I eat any carbohydrates at dinner, she accuses me of being a "glutton."

At first, she was happy I was here, because on a previous visit she said I was her drinking buddy. I don't usually care much about eating, since my sense of taste is poor. Last night, because I could taste the dinner, I ate more. She accused

Dear Abby



me of being a glutton and a parasite. She has, as far back as I can remember, always been "MY way or the highway."

I'm tempted to go live in my truck to avoid her constant sniping. I have no money, YET. She loaned me \$4,500, and feels that any money I receive from now on must go directly to her. Please help me. — UNHAPPY TWIN IN MICHIGAN

DEAR UNHAPPY: Please accept my sympathy for the

loss of your husband. While moving in with your sister may have seemed like a good idea while you were in shock and the initial stages of grieving, unless you want to be her maid for the rest of your days, make other living arrangements. You are being treated like Cinderella.

Repay the loan in installments after you find a job or the estate is settled. Your sister may have always been the dominant twin, but what you are experiencing now is abuse, and for the sake of your mental health, you cannot allow it to continue.

DEAR ABBY: I had a man as a roommate for a year while he worked in town. "Rodney" was

a wonderful roommate. After his lease ran out and he was transferred elsewhere, he came clean about his feelings for me. Then the pandemic happened, and he disappeared for two years.

Rodney is now back and wants to live with me part time again. This time he wants more intimacy. He's kind and helpful around the house. He's divorced, very smooth and has a residence 1,000 miles from here. I don't want to be "friends with benefits." I don't know him well enough to know if I want more. But I enjoy his company a lot. I am in my 60s and young-looking — so why not just have a good time? I still don't want to be hurt. Any advice? — ROOMMATE ROMANCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ROOMMATE: Sex with you should not be part of Rodney's lease agreement. What he is proposing seems more like a business deal than an attempt to court you. If you are looking for a relationship that could lead to "something more," do not jump into this without carefully weighing the pros and cons, including the emotional risk involved. If you were willing to settle for a "good time," you wouldn't be writing to me.

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.

Community Calendar

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

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.

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical

Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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

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

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

Thursday

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

7	2	1	6	3	5	4	9	8
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New 988 hotline could save lives

Tribune-Star(Terre Haute)

More Hoosiers and Americans are in need of mental health services after more than two years of the COVID-19 pandemic and its multiple effects.

A new nationwide 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline went live on Saturday and is intended to provide a first layer of help to those in need. The three-digit dialing code will connect callers to the hotline, formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The new three-digit process adds speed and simplicity, much like the 911 emergency hotlines. It puts a caller in touch with a trained crisis specialist.

Hoosier Editorial

Certainly, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline should become as well recognized as 911 to the general public.

Its necessity is great. Mental health issues have grown through the isolation and uncertainty of the pandemic. "One serious, lingering result of the COVID-19 pandemic that has been widely recognized by experts all over

the country is a worsening of our mental health crisis," Dr. Dan Ursyniak, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration secretary, said in a statement last week.

The Indiana FSSA will use federal funds, including those from the American Rescue Plan Act, to support the 988 system needs here, according to the agency's website.

In last Thursday's announcement concerning new funding for mental health services in the state, the Indiana FSSA issued a reminder that the new national hotline number was about to take effect. The 988 hotline, according to its website, "provides free and confi-

dential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States."

The 988 hotline involves a network of more than 200 local crisis call centers. Indiana has three, in Gary, Muncie and Lafayette, WFYI reported last month.

The Indiana FSSA said Thursday that the 988 services will grow, long-term. "In the coming years, that service will be expanded to include a response team and locations where people can go for help," the agency statement said. "The work to develop this complete system is well underway

and will continue over the next seven to 10 years."

Meanwhile, the free national 988 crisis hotline is underway. People experiencing any type of mental health crisis will be able to reach a compassionate specialist for support. Also, people can call 988 to help a loved one in the midst of a mental health or substance use crisis.

Help is as close as punching three numerals into a phone. Share the 988 number with family and friends. It could save a life.

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We need to push for more

The Dallas Morning News

Tribune News Service

Transparent backpacks. Millions of dollars for school security and mental health services. An audit of law enforcement tactics.

After the Uvalde attack, our state leaders are seemingly trying everything they can to prevent the next school shooting. But so far, they refuse to deal with the root source of the tragedy: the easy availability of guns.

A newly released report by a Texas House committee tells a story of cowardice — and not only on the part of law enforcement. The report didn't delve into Texas gun laws, but it revealed that the troubled teen who attacked Robb Elementary bought firearms with minimal effort. Decades of political inaction made that possible.

The gunman began amassing firearm accessories when he was still 17. As soon as he turned 18 in May, he legally bought two AR-15-style rifles, despite displaying violent tendencies for years. He had no criminal history, but he had expressed suicidal thoughts to family members and made violent threats against other social media users.

The bipartisan federal gun legislation passed in the wake of the Uvalde murders was a good first step, but it didn't go far enough.

We can do more to prevent gun violence while still respecting Americans' Second Amendment rights.

The legislation required more thorough background checks of gun purchasers under the age of 21. It also closed the "boyfriend loophole," thereby keeping guns out of the hands of abusive dating partners who are not spouses or live-in boyfriends.

And it provided funding to help enforce red flag laws, which allow law enforcement to confiscate weapons from individuals deemed by a court to be a threat to themselves or others.

After decades of federal inertia on guns, this bill was a breakthrough. We welcomed it despite its shortcomings. As we wrote at the time, "The good should not be the enemy of the perfect."

Guest Editorial

At the very least we could raise the age to purchase a rifle to 21. That is already a federal requirement for people buying handguns.

But it shouldn't stop us from demanding more.

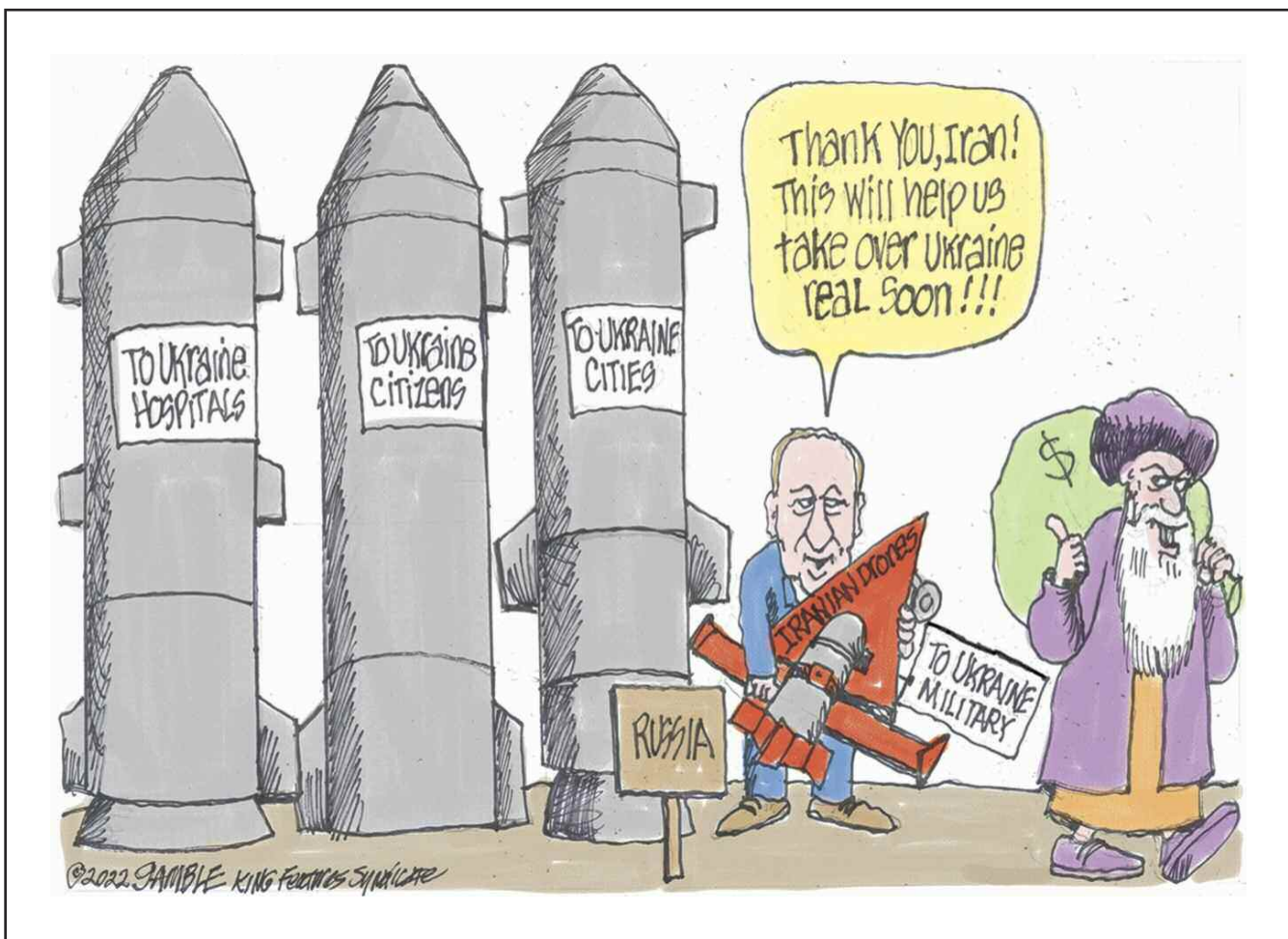
While the new federal gun law offers states incentives to implement red flag laws, it does not require them. Here in Texas, many state officials remain opposed to red flag laws, even though a 2019 University of Texas at Austin poll found that 68% of Texans support this kind of measure.

And our background check system is still inadequate. Gun sales between buyers and one-off private sellers aren't subject to background checks — a loophole that allows criminals to circumvent checks at licensed gun dealers.

At the very least we could raise the age to purchase a rifle to 21. That is already a federal requirement for people buying handguns.

Of course, troubled teenagers must receive mental health support and intervention. Transparent backpacks and enhanced school security could protect students. And law enforcement should be prepared to stop an attack.

At the margins, these measures may save some lives. But unless we abandon the death pact we have entered with an overly broad interpretation of the Second Amendment, mass killings will continue apace.



Trees can survive (almost) everything

By FAYE FLAM
Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

What's captured people's attention about the Washburn fire raging in Yosemite isn't just its size or scope, but the fact that it threatens a giant Sequoia with a name, Grizzly Giant, and an extreme age: It's almost 3,000 years old.

The oldest trees have scientific as well as sentimental value. There's something alarming about the thought that anything hardy enough to live through multiple millennia could now be in trouble. As it turns out, climate change is not even the worst hazard the oldest trees face.

Trees possess a quality that humans had once attributed to gods: They don't age. Or as forest ecologist Nathan Stephenson puts in a more scientifically accurate way, there's a growing school of thought that trees don't undergo senescence, a programmed slide toward decline and death that puts a limit on the lives of animals. "They die from accidents, like getting attacked by bark beetles, getting burned in a fire ... getting infected by a pathogen," said Stephenson, who is a scientist emeritus with the USGS Western Ecological Research Center.

Someone once did a calculation, he said, that if humans didn't senesce but only died when our luck ran out, the average lifespan would be about 700 years. Some unlucky people would die at 5, and some lucky ones would live thousands of years.

Trees, including giant Sequoias, don't have life expectancies of 3,000 or more years. Most never survive the sapling stage, and of those that reach adulthood, most never get to their 1,000th birthday. But a few can last thousands of years.

The only way to ascertain the age of a living tree is to take a pencil-thin section from the trunk and count the rings. While scientists can pick up clues about which trees are likely to be very old, it's almost inevitable that the oldest tree in the world is growing in a

Faye Flam



remote spot — unmeasured, unknown and unnamed.

But among known trees, the oldest grow in an arid set of jutting peaks called the White Mountains, near California's border with Nevada. They're called bristlecone pines — mid-size trees, with gnarled branches that look like long-dead driftwood. The living bark and needles cover just a few strips and patches of the mostly dead wood. Bristlecones have been measured at ages close to 5,000 years, having sprouted from seeds when humans were just inventing writing on clay tablets.

The oldest ones take root in the harshest environments — the driest, windiest, roughest mountains with the chalkiest soils — places inhospitable to predators, tree-eating beetles, tree-rotting microbes and smaller plants that might build up brush-fire fuel.

The ones that live in nicer spots, such as the lower-elevation hills of Death Valley, are more vulnerable, and indeed, some of those are now dying, suffering from beetle infestations and other side effects of human-generated climate change.

The very oldest trees are good at standing up to changes in climate — that's one of their superpowers — but there are some threats that even they can't endure.

The world's oldest recorded tree, called Prometheus, was killed in 1964. A scientist tried to take a core sample using a drill called an increment borer. When the instrument got stuck in the tree, the researcher called the Forest Service for help. They said there were plenty of old trees like this one and called in a crew with a chainsaw to cut it down. After the fact, the

scientist, who was a graduate student at the time, counted the rings and discovered to his horror that it was nearly 5,000 years old. They'd just chopped down the world's oldest tree.

The current oldest living tree, a bristlecone called Methuselah, endured the extraction of a tree ring core without harm, but spent years getting torn apart by tourists wanting a piece of bark. Now scientists try to keep its location secret.

Similar problems afflict a tree in Chile called Alerce Milenario, a cyprus scientist recently announced as a new contender for the world's oldest tree. It's not the official record holder yet because it's rotten and has lost some of its rings, and so the scientists had to estimate its age, which they claim is around 5,400 years. Alerce Milenario is a charismatic giant tree and attracts tourists who are trampling its roots. Climate change it can handle, but it's not adapted to being loved to death.

And for the giant Sequoias, there's another threat. Stephenson said that the trees are well adapted to a natural cycle of fire, but not to the kinds of megafires that result when humans suppress fire for decades, allowing an explosive buildup of small trees, brush and other fuel. When those finally catch, flames can rise more than 100 feet and burn the crowns. He said fires have killed 13% to 19% of all the giant Sequoias in the last few years alone. Our current period of global warming and Southwestern drought are also contributing risk factors for megafires.

And of course, global warming is cause for alarm even if it spares the toughest, oldest trees. The more enduring threat of climate change is the collapse of complex ecosystems. It will leave us in a diminished world, a world less able to provide food and clean water to billions of humans. The most weather-hardened gods, looking down from their Olympus, won't miss us.

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Obituaries

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Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier. Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Earl Stults

Earl W. Stults, age 84, of rural Bryant, Indiana, passed away Sunday, July 24, 2022, in Parkview Regional Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Stults

Born in Bluffton, Indiana he was the son of Cecil and Kathaleen (McNeir) Stults. He was married on Oct. 22, 1960, to Jama Rohlfing and she passed away on June 6, 2022.

Earl was a 1956 Bryant High School graduate and worked at New Idea in Coldwater for 44

years. He was an avid NASCAR fan and traveled to different tracks for races.

Surviving are two sons, Shannon Stults of Warsaw and Bill Stults of Bryant; one brother, William Stults (wife: Nancy) of Anderson; one sister, Patricia "Patti" Thieme of Decatur; one aunt, Margaret Reynolds (husband: Fred) of Anderson; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sons, Chris, Rick and Nick Stults.

Funeral services will be Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Alan Crull presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Jeffrey Reynolds

Oct. 28, 1964-July 23, 2022

Jeffrey L. Reynolds, 57, of Celina, Ohio, formerly of Fort Recovery, passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Lima Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1964, in Portland, Indiana, to Woodrow Reynolds and Patricia (Long) Van Trees, both of Fort Recovery.



Reynolds

In addition to his parents, Jeff is survived by his stepmother, Della Link of Fort Recovery; his stepfather, Mark Van Trees of Fort Recovery; his sisters, Lisa Cox, Kathleen (Kevin) Reynolds-Evers and Jennifer Hahn, all of Fort Recovery; his nieces and nephews, Ariel (Scott) Kruse and Micaiah Cox of Cincinnati, and Haley Cox, Athena Evers, Elena Evers, Elisa

Evers and Ella Hahn, all of Fort Recovery; his dear aunt, Peg Long; his special cousin, Zach Champ; his group home family; and countless other extended family and friends.

Jeff lived at the Wayne Street Group Home for over 30 years, where he developed many friends. He worked for Cheryl Ann Programs in Celina and was active in the Mercer County Adult Day Services.

Jeff was one-of-a-kind. His smile was infectious, his laugh was contagious and his hugs were highly sought after. Jeff was a true pistol and was even stubborn from time to time. Jeff loved playing basketball, going swimming, bowling and playing the Nintendo Wii. He also had a love for food. M&M's were his favorite, but pizza was a close second. Jeff enjoyed taking adventures with his group home family but loved taking naps in his chair even more.

A celebration of Jeff's life will

be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home in Fort Recovery with Pastor Paul Burry and Mr. Shawn Reynolds officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Guests may visit with Jeff's family on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mercer County Special Olympics.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

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 service information. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Connie M. and William O. Coleman to Indiana Michigan Transmission Company/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Lot 12, Sunnysport Addition

Triple 3 Enterprises to Indiana

Michigan Transmission Company/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 20, Wayne Township, 1.32 acres

City of Portland and Ohio Valley Gas Corporation to Indiana

Michigan Transmission Company/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 29, Wayne Township

Seth Eltzroth to Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and ATRE Department, deed affi-

davit — Part of Section 15, Penn Township, 1.69 acres

Grieshop Family Farm to Beth A. and Lucas C. Wolf, warranty deed — Part of Section 15, Jefferson Township, 50.40 acres

Marcella A. Dirksen to Indiana

Michigan Transmission Company/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 1, Knox Township, 1.382 acres

BCJS Properties to Chaz A. and Taylor Carroll, warranty deed — Lot 19, Wilson Addition

County ...

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Jay County has a 146% income to loss ratio so far this year. (The company's preferred ratio falls between 70% to 80%.)

Ryan Sucord of Understand, Service and Innovate (USI) Insurance Services also introduced his company. Sucord offered his services, saying the county could stay on the same insurance (Physicians Health Plan) but see lower rates with the new insurance broker. Commissioners decided to look into the company.

In other business, commissioners:

- Decided to install warning signs near the intersection of county road 300 South and Boundary Pike. Commissioner Chad Aker said he had only heard from one resident about making the intersection a four-way stop, with McGalliard pointing out the landscape — the new stop on Boundary Pike would not be visible until close to the intersection — may make it more dangerous for traffic on county road 300 South. They agreed to install a "dangerous intersection" sign on the northbound

portion of Boundary Pike and a sign on county road 300 South noting that cross traffic doesn't stop.

- Signed a contract with Milestone Contractors of Portland to pave stone portions of State Line Road for \$1,351,230. Approximately \$1 million of the cost is covered through an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant received earlier this year.

- Learned Jay County Emergency Management Agency has been distributing weather radios to the community through Jay County Sheriff's Office, IU Health Jay and local municipality offices or departments. The devices — their arrival was announced Thursday — were purchased using a grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. As of Monday morning, director John Hankins said, there were 120 radios out of 446 radios left.

- OK'd courthouse superintendent Bruce Sutton to purchase a \$6,200 floor scrubber from Four U Packaging and Supplies of Celina, Ohio.

Felony arrests

Drunk driving

A Portland man was arrested Sunday for drunk driving.

Zachary G. Pryor, 25, 704 E. Arch St., was preliminar-

ily charged with a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Distracted driving

A Portland man's vehicle struck a parked car along Main Street about 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Roger A. Luedeke, 59, was driving his Red 2006 Dodge Ram west on Main Street near the intersection with Harrison Street. He told Portland police he was reaching over to connect his phone to a charger when his vehicle struck the rear of a parked 2012 Chevrolet Equinox at 212 E. Main St.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Deer hit

Deer have caused two

accidents in Jay County recently.

Kathryn J. Bisel, 42, Hartford City, was driving east on Indiana 26 near Division Road about 5:52 a.m. Saturday when a deer ran in front of her 2005 Ford Explorer. She wasn't able to avoid a collision with the animal, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

Brianna M. Hardin, 31, Kokomo, was driving west on Indiana 18 just east of county road 250 West when a deer ran onto the highway. Hardin's 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee crashed into the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.



What to do about wellness after 50

Reaching one's fiftieth birthday in optimal health is an accomplishment to be proud of. The hard work required to be healthy in midlife includes adhering to a nutritious diet and exercising regularly. Once individuals cross the threshold and enter their 50s, they can look to some additional strategies to maintain their physical and mental well-being for decades to come.

- Get a pet. Many people 50 and older qualify as "empty nesters," a term applied to adults whose children have grown up and moved out of their homes. Some empty nesters experience a phenomenon known as "empty nest syndrome," which the Mayo Clinic notes can be marked by feelings of sadness or loss. Pets can help people over 50 with no children at home overcome feelings linked to empty nest syndrome. In 2018, the University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging found that 86 percent of pet owners felt their pets make them feel loved while 73 percent said their pets provided a sense of purpose. Pets also can ensure individuals over 50 stay physically active



and provide opportunities to connect with other people.

- Prioritize learning. Whether it's taking music lessons, going back to school or mastering a new hobby, learning has a profound effect on aging brains. For example, a 2013 study published in the journal Psychological Science found that memory function is improved by engagement in demanding everyday tasks. That study reported that people who

agility. Balance exercises can be a valuable component of a fitness regimen that help individuals reduce their risk for falling as they advance through their 50s and into their 60s and 70s. That's a significant benefit, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one out of every three adults age 65 and older experiences a fall each year, and as many as 30 percent of those falls lead to serious injury.

- Embrace your inner socialite. Socialization is important for people of all ages, including individuals 50 and over. A 2017 study from researchers at Michigan State found that valuing friendships was a strong predictor of health and happiness among older adults. Opportunities to socialize with friends may increase as people navigate their 50s and children move out or become more independent. Individuals can take advantage of opportunities to socialize whenever possible.

Various strategies can help people maintain mental and physical wellness as they make their way through their 50s and beyond.

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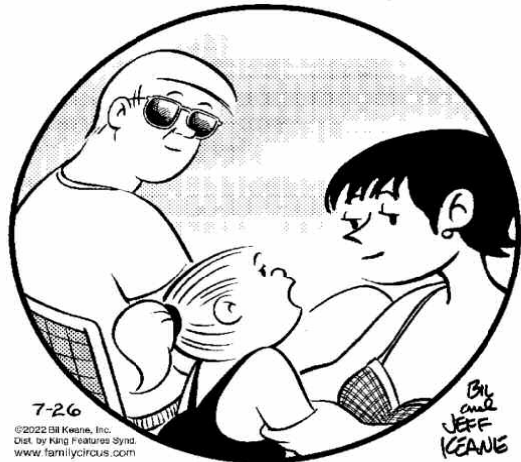
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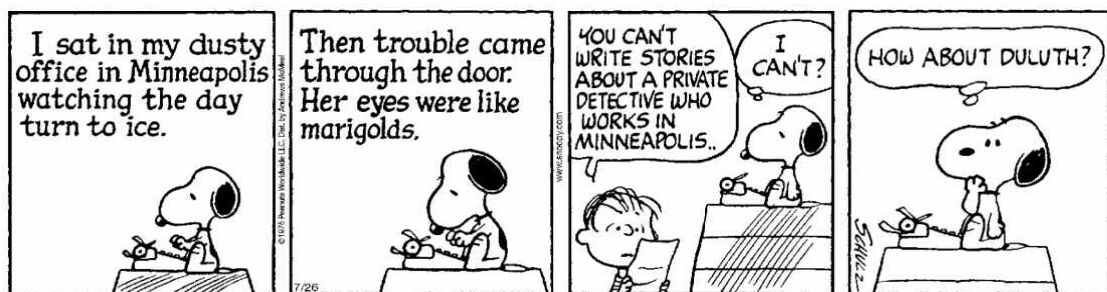
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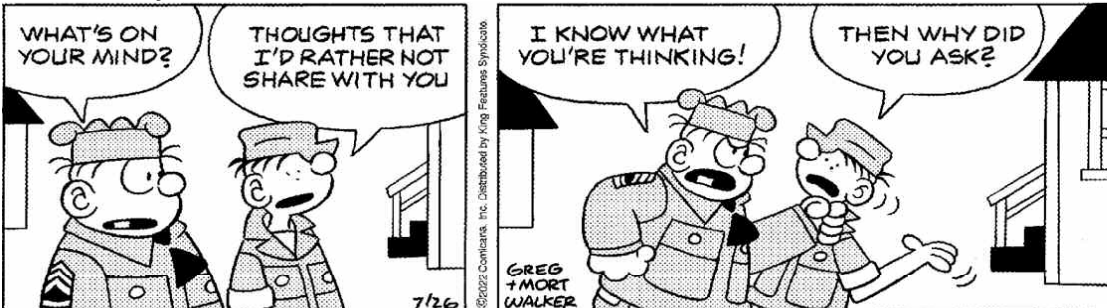
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The prime directive

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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♥ 8 7 3
♦ J 10 8 5 2
♣ Q 7

EAST
♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 9 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K J
♥ A 10 5
♦ A Q 9 6
♣ A J 8 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ 1♥ 2♦ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — king of hearts.

In political novels and spy thrillers, the "prime directive" is an inviolable decree that provides the motivation for the main characters. Anyone who deviates from the prime directive is a good bet not to survive to the final chapter.

Bridge also has a prime directive: declarer must do everything possible to fulfill his contract. Failure to abide by this principle can lead to the demise of many contracts that would have succeeded with proper play.

Take this case where South got to

three notrump after West had over-called in hearts. Declarer held up on the first two hearts, took the third with the ace, crossed to dummy with a spade and tried the diamond finesse. West won with the king and cashed two hearts to sink the contract.

South was guilty of playing more by habit than by reason. The correct play is to lay down the ace of diamonds rather than attempt the finesse. In the actual deal, West's king falls under the ace, and South has an easy 10 tricks.

While this line of play may seem to be based on a peek at West's cards, there is in fact irrefutable justification for this approach. In the given case, declarer cannot lose the contract by cashing the ace if East has the king of diamonds. Even if a trick is lost to the king in the East hand, South will still have nine tricks in the form of three spades, four diamonds, a club and a heart.

This being so, declarer should play the diamond ace to guard against the possibility that West was dealt the singleton king. If the king does not appear, a second diamond is led. If East has the king, nine tricks are assured, since East has no heart to return; if West has the king, the contract could not be made no matter how South played.

Tomorrow: An endplay of a different kind.
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7-26 CRYPTOQUIP

Q J B U V W P J U R U N W Y P
W Y R U N K V G Y U B D W R U R T Y E I T L B I T
Q J W D G B U B V K R W I J B D D ' R

L B N N E E V ? I G D D E R J E U R .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PARCEL OF PROPERTY SPECIALLY ALLOCATED FOR HUMPED ANIMALS TO CONSTRUCT HOMES ON: CAMEL-LOT.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	36 Eyeglass frames	DOWN	20 Feels unwell
1 Pop singer Céline	37 Smooths, as wood	1 River blocker	21 Mattress option
5 "It's c-c-cold!"	38 Source of gum arabic	2 A Gershwin brother	22 Writer Kingsley
8 Cicatrix	41 Numerical prefix	3 British ref. work	23 Music genre for BTS
12 Vicinity	42 Composer Bartok	4 Italian port	24 Plano's state
13 Fib	43 Performance bonus	5 Huff and puff	26 Abba-inspired musical
14 Sharpen kudos	48 Japanese noodle	6 Wardrobe mal-function	27 Lake bird
15 Huge	49 "Rocks" org.	7 Check	28 Slightly
17 Assess	50 Rights org.	8 Tempura choice	29 Forget-me- (flowers)
18 Blue	51 Head, to Henri	9 Furnace fuel	31 1102, to Nero
19 Shadowed	52 Fine, at NASA	10 Pay to play	34 Esoteric
21 Pre-tended	53 Detail	11 Clarinet insert	35 Rum cocktail
24 Decorate		16 Scepter	37 Hindu honorific
25 Rap-scallions			38 Border on
26 Campus cafeteria offering			39 Give up
30 Carnival city			40 Oodles
31 Long skirts			41 Arduous journey
32 Oklahoma tribe			44 Author Umberto
33 '80s arcade game			45 Agt.'s cut
35 Castle defense			46 Hearty brew
			47 "Tasty!"

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-26

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The Jay County 4-H Dairy Beef and Beef Feeder Show was held July 1 during the Jay County Fair. Pictured above left, Max Dues showed the grand champion dairy feeder. Above right, Owen Muhlenkamp had the grand champion dairy beef.

Dues, Muhlenkamp lead dairy beef show

Sam Dues was unable to repeat. Instead, his brother took the title.

Max Dues showed the grand champion dairy feeder July 11 during the Jay County 4-H Dairy Beef and Beef Feeder show at the Jay County Fair while Owen Muhlenkamp had the grand champion dairy beef.

Max Dues had the champion heavyweight dairy beef feeder, which went on to win grand champion. Muhlenkamp's title came with the champion medium weight dairy beef.

Sam Dues followed his brother with the reserve champion and reserve grand champion. He also won for junior showmanship.

Eli Dirksen won the senior and advanced showmanship titles and went on to represent the dairy beef barn in the large animal supreme showmanship competition. Veronica Dirksen earned the other showmanship title in the beginner division.

Other awards are as follows:

Dairy beef feeders

- Light weight**
Class 1
1. William Muhlenkamp
2. Seth Degler
3. Halle Homan
4. Cole Steed
5. Charlotte Muhlenkamp

- Class 2
1. Owen Muhlenkamp
2. Maria Hemmelgarn
3. Ayva Pitman
4. Isaac Homan
5. Cole Steed

- Class 3
1. Grant Linville
2. Isaac Homan
3. Khloe Homan
4. Melana Zimmerman
5. Charlotte Muhlenkamp
6. Benton Langenkamp

- Class 4
1. Drew Muhlenkamp
2. Gabe Muhlenkamp
3. Joseph Kunk
4. Simon Dirksen
5. Holly Hemmelgarn

Champion: Drew Muhlenkamp
Reserve champion: William Muhlenkamp

Medium weight

- Class 5
1. Veronica Dirksen
2. Gabe Muhlenkamp
3. Eli Dirksen
4. Kinze Homan
5. Creed Beiswanger
6. Joseph Hemmelgarn

- Class 6
1. Max Dues
2. Jordyn Hutzler
3. Alyssa Schwieterman
4. Alyvia Muhlenkamp
5. Benton Langenkamp
6. Creed Beiswanger

- Class 7
1. Jordyn Hutzler
2. Khloe Homan
3. Henry Dirksen
4. Grant Linville
5. Alyssa Schwieterman
6. Alyvia Schwieterman

Champion: Veronica Dirksen
Reserve champion: Jordyn Hutzler

Heavy weight

- Class 8
1. Sam Dues

2. Molly Muhlenkamp
3. Alyvia Schwieterman
4. Carter May
5. Joseph Kunk

- Class 9
1. Max Dues
2. Kaylee Zimmerman
3. Carter May
4. Melana Zimmerman
5. Sam Dues
6. Kinze Homan

Champion: Max Dues
Reserve champion: Sam Dues

Dairy beef steers

Light weight

- Class 1
1. Ayva Pitman
2. Georgia Hall
3. Ayva Pitman
4. Levi Russell

- Class 2
1. Benton Langenkamp
2. Molly Muhlenkamp
3. Alyvia Muhlenkamp
4. Jordyn Hutzler
5. Gabi Miller

Champion: Benton Langenkamp

Reserve champion: Molly Muhlenkamp

Medium weight

- Class 3
1. Maria Hemmelgarn
2. Holly Hemmelgarn
3. Jordyn Hutzler
4. Isaac Homan

- Class 4
1. Owen Muhlenkamp
2. Joseph Hemmelgarn
3. Joseph Kunk
4. Benton Langenkamp

Champion: Owen Muhlenkamp
Reserve champion: Maria Hemmelgarn

Heavy weight

- Class 5
1. Eli Dirksen
2. Simon Dirksen
3. Joseph Kunk
4. Kaylee Zimmerman

Champion: Eli Dirksen
Reserve champion: Simon Dirksen

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 170 North Union Street, Pennville, IN

Friday afternoon
JULY 29, 2022
5:00 P.M.

PIZZA OVENS – RESTAURANT ITEMS:
2 – Blodgett refurbished pizza ovens; 2 – Hot-point upright freezers; 4' stainless steel counters; Randle prep cooler; 1 hole stainless steel sink; beverage cooler; booths; tables; chairs; pizza paddles; dishes; flatware; trays; wire racks; open sign; and other items not mentioned.

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Located: 709 West North Street Portland, IN
Wednesday Afternoon
JULY 27, 2022
5:00 P.M.

MOWER - TOOLS
Dixon riding mower; Craftsman stack tool cabinet; Craftsman 10" table saw; Skil Laser X2 miter saw w/stand; Craftsman 10" band saw w/stand; gas grill; glass top patio tables; fiber-glass folding tables; wood folding chairs; and many other items not listed.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, August 6th, 2022

TIME 10:00 A.M.
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90 SALE CALENDAR

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IN INTEREST TO IFREEDOM DIRECT CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF
vs
DARYL COOPER; PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY
LLC
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 05/12/2022, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Jay County, in Jay County, Indiana, located at Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Portland, IN 47371 on August 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Jay County, Indiana, to-wit:

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section Thirty-Three (33) and part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Thirty-Two (32) in Township Twenty- Three (23) North, Range Fourteen (14) East more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section Thirty-Three (33) Township Twenty-Three (23) North, Range Fourteen (14) East, running thence East on said Section line 26 feet to a point; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 197 feet to a point; thence west parallel with said section line 26 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 197 feet to the point of beginning, Jay County, Indiana. Also, commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Thirty-Two (32) Township Twenty-Three (23) North, Range Fourteen (14) East running thence West on said section line 286.75 feet to a point; thence North 5 degrees 00 minutes East 198.5 feet to a point; thence East parallel with said section line 271.5 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes on the East line of said section 197 feet to the point of beginning, Jay County, Indiana. Commonly known as: 2981 South US Highway 27, Portland, IN 47371-8921
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Sports

Rockets close with W

Portland heads to tournament play with NABF regional starting Thursday



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Peyton Smith reaches back to throw a pitch Sunday afternoon during the Portland Rockets' 7-3 victory over the South Bend Royals in their final game of the regular season. Smith closed out the win and led the offense by going 4-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Fans who stuck it out through a storm Sunday were treated to a season-finale win.

The Portland Rockets closed out their regular season on fan appreciation day by winning the second game of a doubleheader 8-3 over South Bend Royals after a brief storm delayed the festivities. They dropped the opener 8-3.

Portland (17-16) and the Royals were tied at 2-2 early in the second game Sunday when Peyton Smith and Joel Kennedy recorded back-to-back singles in the bottom of the third inning. With two outs, Smith stole third base and then scored on an error to give the Rockets the lead for good.

The home team scored two more runs in the fourth inning, including on a solo home run by Dakota Durick, one in the fifth and two in the sixth.

South Bend had the bases loaded with one out in the top of the sixth but was only able to manage one run.

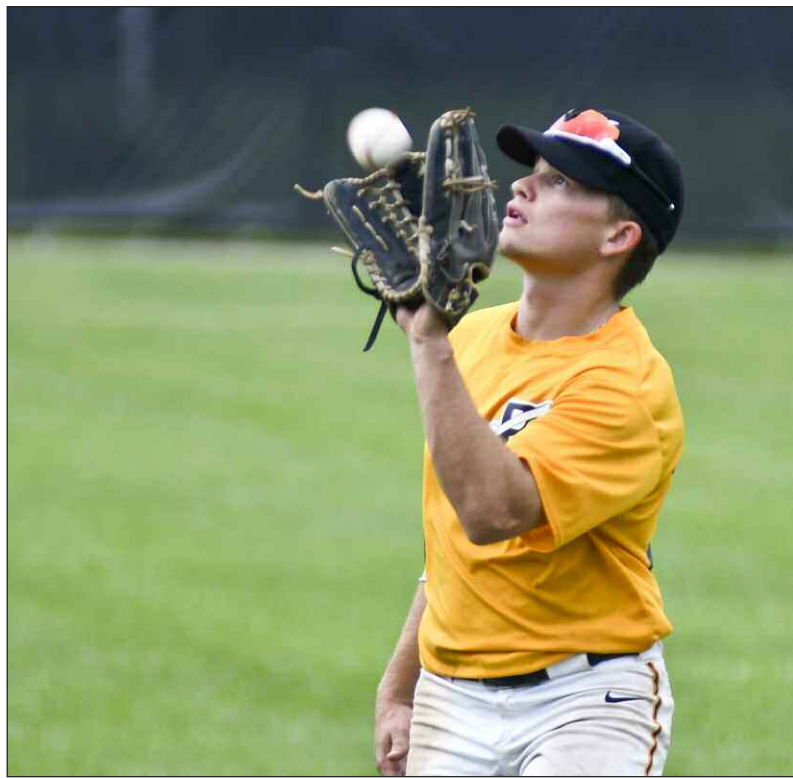
Durick drove in three runs in the victory while Smith finished 4-for-4 with a run and an RBI. Kennedy had two hits and two RBIs, and 2021 Jay County High School graduate Blake Caldwell and Noah Collins each had two hits and a run.

In addition to his effort at the plate, Smith got the final four outs to close the game. Bryce Deckman earned the win as he went three innings, allowing two runs — one earned — on four hits and a walk while striking out three.

Jason Best took the loss for South Bend, though three of the five runs against him were unearned.

CJ Swartz led the Royals' offense, going 2-for-2 with a walk and all three runs.

In the opener, South Bend got



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Portland Rockets right fielder Dakota Durick makes a grab on a fly ball to end the top of the fifth inning Sunday.

an insurance run on a sacrifice fly in the top of the seventh inning and off the Rockets' attempt at a rally. A Smith double and a Caldwell single pulled Portland back within one, and they loaded the bases with two outs. But Caleb Richardson struck out against Swartz, who went the distance for the win, to end the game.

Nick Bailey took the loss as he gave up one run on one hit and one walk in two innings.

Smith led the offense in game one as well, going 2-for-3 with two runs and an RBI.

The Rockets will head to the

National Amateur Baseball Federation regional tournament in Fort Wayne beginning Thursday. Portland will play at Indiana Tech, first taking on the Livonia (Michigan) Firebirds at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. They will play the Prison City (Jackson, Michigan) Padres at 10 a.m. Friday and the Fort Wayne Jackers at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The top teams in each four-team pool will advance to compete for the championship Saturday.

The regional winner advances to the NABF World Series in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Johnson to lead IBCA

The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association announced Monday that Marty Johnson has been named as its new executive director.

Johnson, who had previously served as associate executive director, takes over the role from Steve Witty, who will become executive director emeritus. Witty led the organization for 20 years.

Tom Beach was named as the organization's associate executive director/chief operating officer. He had previously been assistant director/chief operating officer.

Johnson, who has served with the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association in various capacities since 1990, coached boys basketball for 26 seasons at Pendleton Heights, East Noble and Whiteland. He becomes the organization's sixth executive director.

"It is an honor to represent the more than 2,000 men and women who comprise the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association," Johnson said in a press release.

"Since the IBCA's inception in 1971, it has been the organization's goal to provide the best possible experience for the coaches and players who make Hoosier Hysteria great."

He was a member of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association board in 1990 and '91, was its president from 1998 to 2000 and served as past president from 2000 to 2002.

Beach is a former boys basketball coach at Forest Park and Shelbyville. He was the coaches association's president from 2008 through 2011, past president from 2011 to 2014 and an assistant director for the last eight years.

"I have been a member of the IBCA for more than 30 years and have been directly involved in some capacity for more than 20 years," said Beach. "It is humbling and exciting to move into this next chapter of my life. I will do my best to continue the traditions of the past while being excited about the future of the organization."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets in National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament vs. Livonia Firebirds at Indiana Tech - 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro semifinal (ESPN2)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami Marlins at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — Soccer: Copa America Femenina semifinal - Paraguay vs. Brazil (FS1)

Wednesday
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro semifinal - France vs. Germany (ESPN2)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami Marlins at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at New York Mets

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.

Swiss Days Race registration open
Registration is open for the Swiss Days Race.
The event is scheduled for Saturday, with a 5K run at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile kids race at 9:15 a.m.
The registration fee is \$20. In order to receive a race shirt, registrations must be completed by July 20.
To register, visit firstbankofberne.com.

5K circuit continues July 16

The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will wrap up its 2022 race 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.

2022 Jay County Pee Wee Football AND FLAG FOOTBALL Registration

Flag Football:
Grades Pre-K(4 years old), K, 1st, and 2nd

Pee Wee Football:
Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th

At Hines-Inman Memorial Field
(S. Western Ave., Portland)
When: July 16th, 23rd, 30th
8am to 11am

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