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Brick reconstruction

Jimmy Connell of Toombs Masonry, Markleville, works on masonry on the side of Jalisco Mexican Store in Portland this morning.

Shauver resigns from JCCD post

Director plans to stay on part-time to assist with HELP

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The county's community development leader has resigned. The Commercial Review learned Thursday afternoon and confirmed with Jay County Development Corporation that Jay County Community Development director Christy Shauver is resigning from the position. Her resignation as a full-time employee will be effective Aug. 12, though she has agreed to stay on part-time to assist with ongoing initiatives including the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program. Shauver, who earned a mas-

ter's degree in special education in December 2020, is moving on to become assistant director of special education in a neighboring school district. That job begins Aug. 15. (Her official hiring is still pending board approval.)

She said she had not been actively looking for a new position but rather was approached about the opportunity.

"It was very unexpected," Shauver added.

Travis Richards, executive director of Jay County Development Corporation, initially confirmed late Thursday that Shauver had turned in her letter of resignation the previous day. The organization's executive committee discussed the resignation at its meeting Thursday morning, with an email then going out to the full board.

The job opening is expected to be discussed at Jay County Development Corporation's regular board meeting Tuesday.

Though details of the arrangement have not yet been finalized, Shauver has agreed to continue to assist with the HELP program.

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Jay Co. COVID level is now high

By RAY COONEY
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For the first time since February, the local COVID-19 level is high.

Jay County was rated at a high community level of COVID-19, up from medium the previous week, in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention update Thursday.

It marked the first time the county has been rated high since the Feb. 16 update from Indiana State Department of Health.

Jay County has recorded 159 new cases of COVID-19 this month — through Tuesday — which is about eight times as many as in July 2021 or July 2020. (The peak in COVID-19 cases for Jay County was 908 in January.) At 6.1 new cases per day it is the highest average for a month since posting 7.7 new cases per day in February. The community level of

COVID-19 had been low for 19 consecutive weeks before moving to medium July 14. This week, each of the adjacent counties in Indiana — Adams, Wells, Blackford, Delaware and Randolph — are medium. In Ohio, Darke County is high and Mercer County is medium.

Fifty-four of the state's 92 counties, including most of the southern half of the state, was rated high this week. Only four were rated low.

At the high level, the CDC recommends wearing a mask in indoor public spaces and on public transportation. Vaccination is also recommended. Those who have symptoms should be tested, and those at high risk for severe illness should consider additional precautions.

According to CDC data, 40% of Jay County residents are fully vaccinated.

Amendment rejected

By CASEY SMITH
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Indiana lawmakers voted down a contentious amendment that would have removed exceptions for rape and incest from a Republican-backed bill that seeks to ban virtually all abortions in the state.

That was after more than two hours of heated debate on the proposal late Thursday night during a special legislative session.

Eighteen Republicans joined Democrats in voting against the measure, which failed in an 18-28 vote.

It was one of several vote tallies for the 62 amendments filed to the bill that lacked consensus from members of the GOP supermajority caucus. Overall, the abortion debate went five hours.

The full Senate will vote Saturday to determine whether to advance the bill to the House.

Exception for rape and incest remains

The amendment, authored by Sen. Mike Young, R-Indianapolis,

Senate GOP splits, half join Dems to reject effort to remove exceptions

sought to remove exceptions for abortions following instances of rape or incest.

Young said his amendment was "simple" and is about saving lives. He recently resigned from the Republican caucus amid disagreements over the GOP approach to abortion-restricting legislation. This allowed him to offer the amendment even if the GOP caucus didn't approve.

"Exceptions equal death," he said.

The original bill allowed abortions for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest up to 20 weeks con-

ception, keeping in-line with current Indiana law that allows abortions — in any case — within that timeline.

Qualifications for those exceptions became stricter on Tuesday, however, after lawmakers adopted a separate amendment in committee to limit abortions performed in cases of rape or incest to 12 weeks for those under the age of 16. The limit drops to eight weeks for anyone aged 16 or older.

As amended Thursday, the bill also maintains narrow exceptions for miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies and cases when a fetus is



Indiana Capital Chronicle/Casey Smith

Republican State Sen. Mike Young takes questions from Democratic Sen. Fady Qaddoura on Thursday during amendments on an abortion bill in the Indiana Senate.

not capable of supporting life. It does not not allow women to get an abortion after conception for any other reason.

Young maintained Thursday that even though his amendment would have completely stripped the exception, he thought sur-

vivors of rape or incest who are under the age of 16 should still qualify to get an abortion. He said on the Senate floor that he would support a separate amendment with that language, noting that girls under 16 are "too young to give consent."

"On this issue, we're going to take some lives of people who never had the opportunity to make that choice (to live)," Young said. "We have the opportunity and the responsibility to protect those people who cannot talk to us."

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Deaths

Darryll Bledsoe Jr., 13, Dunkirk
John Pearson, 77, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 85 degrees Thursday. The low was 63.
Tonight's low will be in the upper 50s. Skies will be sunny Saturday with a high of 81.
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.

Coming up

Saturday — Photos from tonight's Fort Recovery High School marching band event.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.





Photo provided

Farming friends

Teacher Amanda Clemens reads a story about farm animals to a group of students during the Kindergarten Prep School (KIPS) program at Jay County Public Library. Students made crafts resembling muddy pigs, read and sang "The Farmer in the Dell," herded balloon sheep, cows, chickens, and pigs into pens, and scrubbed and cleaned muddy farm animals along with other activities in honor of Farm Week. The free library program led by teachers, community volunteers and library staff is offered for incoming kindergarteners to Jay School Corporation.

Hospice care takes its toll on employee

DEAR ABBY: A co-worker has been stricken with multiple stage-4 cancers. We all have been compassionate and caring, supporting him through the challenges of treatment and the side effects. His condition is terminal, in the final stage and deteriorating rapidly. He does have a supportive family, but we don't have the heart to send him home and take away the only thing that gives him his reason to live — his work. So we spend our time providing hospice care, something none of us have any training for.

Our work environment has become increasingly stressful and anxious, and it's overflowing onto our friends and families, not to mention the toll it has taken on our company. I need to make a choice — to place my family and my well-being first, take a leave of absence and abandon my co-workers, or stay in support and have a front-row seat to the imminent passing. — 911 ON SPEED DIAL

DEAR 911: This is something you should discuss with your employer. Neither you nor your co-workers are trained caregivers, and no one should be administering medical care because of possible liability to the company.

You are obviously a sensitive and caring person. However, if the situation has become more stressful than you can manage, it's time to take a step back. To do so isn't "abandoning" anyone; it is looking after your own mental

Dear Abby



health so you can provide for your family.

DEAR ABBY: I was offered a beach condo. I invited my friend "Sara," then another and another. These women had heard of each other, but didn't really know each other. I assumed we could all have a great time. When I told Sara I had invited others, she backed out!

It has been three months, and she has refused all invitations to get together. We used to talk daily and see each other weekly. I have apologized. How do I get Sara to forgive me for not having given her a "heads up" before inviting the others? Was what I did so bad that she would end a long friendship? — MISSING HER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR MISSING: No. I suspect Sara may have other reasons for taking 10 steps back, and inviting others to join you was the straw that broke the camel's back. Was she jealous? Did she need time alone with you to confide in you? Have you been able to discuss with her the reason for her reaction? It might save the relationship if you could find out. However, if Sara's unwilling to talk about it, perhaps you should consider yourself lucky.

Red Cross needs more donations

American Red Cross has experienced a drop in blood donations this summer.

The organization's blood supply has shrunk nearly 20% in recent weeks, according to a press release from the American Red Cross. If the trend continues, the release says, blood product availability will continue to decline.

All August donors will receive \$10 e-gift cards and will be entered into a sweepstakes to win free gasoline for a year, a prize valued at \$6,000. Three donors will be selected for the gas award.

According to organization's website, appointments are still open for blood drives scheduled for August in Jay County, including a drive from 2 to 7 p.m. Aug. 9 at Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S. Hendricks St., Bryant,

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and a drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland.

For more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Officers re-elected

Jay County Civic Theatre re-elected all of its officers at its meeting last week.

Re-elected were president Ray Cooney, vice president Lee Osteen, secretary Reid Knuth and treasurer

Greg Rittenhouse. (Cooney and Osteen were both re-elected to their board seats for a second three-year term during the organization's annual meeting in June.)

The board also announced winners of the following 2022 scholarships:

•Tom Casey Memorial Scholarship — 2022 Jay County High School graduate Lindy Mercer

•Heather McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship — 2022 Jay County High School graduate McKenna Vore, 2022 homeschool graduate Grace Rison and University of California (San Diego) sophomore Hannah Littler

•Jay County Civic Theatre Merit Scholarship — 2022 Jay County High School graduate Shea Bailey and 2013 Jay County High School graduate Jessica Mills, who is pursuing a graduate degree

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

JAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY — Will

meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Democrat Party headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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 COM-

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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Court ICE order violates tradition

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

In the span of a month, the Supreme Court overturned a half-century-old abortion right, knocked down a century-old New York concealed firearm carry law, made it much harder to hold law enforcement accountable for constitutional violations, frustrated the EPA's ability to regulate emissions and eroded the wall between church and state, a series of activist rulings in the name of constitutional conservatism.

Yet our highest court exercises

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its power in other ways, primarily through procedural orders. Last week, in a 5-4 decision largely along ideological lines (Justice Amy Coney Barrett broke from her usual bloc, joining Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson), the

court refused to stay a lower court injunction that had prevented the Biden administration from enacting ICE enforcement guidelines issued last year. The court said it would hear the merits of the case at the end of this year.

This leaves in place an untenable situation: A single federal district judge in Texas is forcing the entire federal immigration enforcement efforts nationwide to have absolutely no prioritization whatsoever. Biden's Department of Homeland Security had sanely sought to concentrate its

energies on detention of recent border crossers and those posing a threat to public safety or national security. The judge thwarted that policy choice, which means now a hardworking undocumented mother raising her U.S.-born kids in Queens must be targeted exactly the same as an admitted terrorism supporter or child sexual offender.

Every single law enforcement agency in the history of the United States — local, state and federal — exercises discretion daily. The government does not have

the resources to go after the 11 million undocumented people in communities around the country, and even if it did, doing so would cause us social, economic and moral ruin.

This nonsensical directive keeps no one safe, is inhumane and is particularly galling given the top court's frequent knocking down of district court injunctions against Trump-era restrictive immigration policies. It's part and parcel with justices' increasing willingness to be political actors, the precedent be damned.

Stop meddling in GOP primaries

By HENRY OLSEN
Special To The Washington Post

Democrats piously proclaim that they alone are committed to protecting American democracy. So how do they explain the millions of dollars they spent in support of Republicans who spout former president Donald Trump's election lies?

It's not unusual for committees affiliated with one party to try to boost candidates in the other party's primary who would be a weaker nominee in the general election. The template for this gambit was the 2012 Missouri Senate race, in which Democratic incumbent Claire McCaskill's campaign sponsored television ads during the GOP primary "attacking" Rep. Todd Akin for his conservative stances that many Republicans found attractive. Akin won that primary and then famously imploded in the general election. Partisans ever since have tried to fiddle in the other party's primaries to produce similar outcomes.

But if some extreme candidates threaten our democracy, as many Democrats say about some Republicans running in the midterms, such a tactic can be dangerous. After all, there's always a possibility that the supposedly unelectable person might win. Why would anyone who genuinely loves democracy take that risk?

Yet Democrats have spent loads of money this campaign cycle to back Trump-endorsed Republican candidates. They promoted Maryland gubernatorial nominee Dan Cox, who attended the Jan. 6, 2021, rally and continues to profess Trump's specious claims of voter fraud. They also boosted Pennsylvania gubernatorial nominee Doug Mastriano, who would be in a position to interfere in the 2024 presidential election if he wins, since he would be able to refuse to certify a slate of Biden electors or falsely proclaim an alternative slate of electors is the correct one. Those real risks to democracy seem not to matter to Democrats more interested in winning an election than protecting freedom.

Their latest foray into this shameful behavior raises some serious red flags. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the campaign arm of House Democrats, is now airing television ads on behalf of John Gibbs, the Trump-endorsed challenger to freshman Rep. Peter Meijer of Michigan. Meijer was one of the 10 courageous Republicans who voted to impeach Trump after the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. One might

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think that this act would earn Democrats' applause. Au contraire.

This utterly cynical behavior shows how demagogic Democratic claims to back democracy really are. Far from "defending" democracy, Democrats are using claims that democracy is in peril to try to force moderate voters to support their left-leaning partisan agenda. This allows the self-proclaimed party of democracy to avoid moving to the center to accommodate independents and conservatives disaffected by Trump. How does that help democracy?

True friends of democracy would seek to build new alliances that cross old partisan boundaries. That's what the Hungarian opposition to Prime Minister Viktor Orban did recently, forming an alliance of parties ranging from the social democratic left to the nationalist right. Opponents to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan are doing the same thing, bringing Kurdish nationalists, conservatives and social democrats together in an attempt to defeat the strongman.

If Democrats really believed democracy was under threat, they would act like these patriots. Instead, they are building walls and playing with fire by openly backing candidates who are willing to violate our election laws.

Georgia's Republican primary results show what could happen if Democrats stay out of GOP primary battles. Democrats did not get involved in Trump's challenges to Republicans who stood up to his bullying in 2020, such as Gov. Brian Kemp and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. Independents voted in droves in the GOP primary to back these candidates, showing real commitment to our democratic norms. Trump's endorsed candidates for statewide office lost, often by huge margins. That's what a genuine, cross-partisan commitment to democracy looks like.

Republicans such as Meijer are locked in a battle to preserve that commitment nationwide. Friends of democracy should be rooting for them, not undermining them with hypocritical partisan game-playing.

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Education is key factor

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Over the past four decades, the United States suffered its first prolonged period of economic divergence. This type of divergence occurs when rich places grow at a noticeably different rate than poor places, which causes the standard of living to diverge. Roughly around 1980, the nation experienced broad convergence, and capital (businesses) and people migrated from poorer (lower-income, lower-cost) areas to richer (higher-income, higher-cost) areas.

Understanding why this growth happens is important because increasing differences in prosperity leads to fissures in American culture and politics. Increasingly poor places differ substantially from growing places. In these poor places, far fewer families thrive, social institutions such as churches and fraternal organizations weaken, economies languish and health is worse.

This is a growing problem nationwide, one that far too few Americans take seriously. To address the problem through policy, we must first understand what causes this divergence. Whether or not divergence is happening is not in dispute. However, the details of why this is happening are not fully understood. A few general facts do give us some clues.

First, the places that are shrinking in population uniformly have much lower levels of educational attainment than those that are thriving. Nationally, college graduates make up approximately 38 percent of the workforce. We can assume, as a rule of thumb, that no place with a workforce of at least 40% college graduates is doing poorly. Conversely, no place with a workforce of less than 36% college graduates is thriving.

Whether educational attainment is a causal factor in regional divergence isn't in question. Rather, the lingering unknown is understanding precisely what within the measured educational attainment contributes to regional divergence. One hypothesis is that regions with few college graduates lack the innovative capacity to adjust after an economic shock—such as a recession or plant closing. I'm doubtful of this explanation. Business process and technological innovation occurs very heavily on the shop floor of factories and offices. Indeed, most productivity-enhancing innovation seems to happen at the worksite from employees across the business. It's not exclusively a college graduate phenomenon.

A second hypothesis is that higher levels of educational attainment pro-

vide a higher share of entrepreneurial talent in a region. I am very dubious of this explanation for two reasons. First, there's very little evidence of important differences in entrepreneurial talent among regions. Second, there's not much evidence of major differences in entrepreneurial capacity across educational attainment levels.

I'd be happy to be wrong on both of these hypotheses, but I suspect there's a much more believable pair of related accounts for the role of educational attainment in regional divergence. I say "believable" because these hypotheses closely correlate to the facts we already know about the places that are in decline. That alone makes them a far more powerful explanation than the innovation and entrepreneurship arguments.

The first of the two related arguments is simple; job automation and digitization are more likely to replace the tasks performed by less well-educated workers. We know this is true from a number of studies, including some that I've authored with colleagues at Ball State. We also know that these at-risk jobs are more likely to be clustered in places with lower levels of educational attainment.

To be clear, automation doesn't cause a net decline in the demand for labor; it creates some jobs and destroys others. Automation and digitization create new, higher-paying, higher-skilled jobs in some places and destroy lower-paying, lower-skilled jobs elsewhere. If you have the right skills and live in a place with lots of other workers with those desired skills, automation can be a great economic boon. If you lack the desired skills and are surrounded by lots of other people who also lack those skills, automation can lead to job losses and significant family disruption.

This story is as old as the Industrial Revolution, but the global economy has been growing robustly for the past 300 years, and it will continue to do so. In order to participate in the new economy, individual workers must possess the ability to absorb new skills that may be vastly different from what they currently know.

Michael J. Hicks



For most of American history, we've been pretty good at this type of adaptation. From 1880 until about 1950, four generations of boys raised on farms built the Midwestern manufacturing economy into the marvel of the world. Farm skills and an elementary/middle school education easily transitioned into the skills and education necessary to work in steam- and electric-powered factories.

Modern automation and digitization requires a much higher level of educational attainment. We aren't talking about moving from an eighth-grade skill to an 11th-grade skill to accommodate new machinery. Today's technological changes eliminate whole categories of tasks that in turn reduce the number of jobs in many low-skilled occupations. The jobs created by automation typically require several years of post-secondary education.

This cycle doesn't just happen once, but several times over a working career. This sets up the second, complementary reason why places with a less-educated workforce now suffer long-term economic decline. College isn't just a gateway to a new job; the college education itself insulates workers from job losses by making individual workers more adaptive to technological changes.

When we put together these two explanations, we are left with a story of regional success and failure that is pretty straightforward. Technology changes favor better-educated workers, and at the same time, education makes those better-educated workers more adaptable to new technologies.

Thus, places with lower levels of educational attainment are more likely to experience job losses. At the same time, those displaced workers are less likely to have the ability to "upskill" into new jobs. As a consequence, better-educated places grow richer, while less well-educated places grow poorer. I believe that over the coming years, this will be the accepted explanation for regional divergence.

These matters are well within the capacity for states to address. We just need more people to take seriously an economic problem that risks affecting America's politics for several more decades.

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On July 12 at the Jay County 4-H Meat Goat show, Madi Paxson (left) showed the grand champion market wether while Elijah Stockton (right) showed the grand champion market doe. Kaylee Zimmerman (center) had the grand champion pygmy doe at the Jay County 4-H Pygmy Goat Show on the same day.

Basford shows two grand champs

Two Zimmermans took the pygmy goat show this year.

Another 4-Her continued his family's longtime winning streak in the meat goat show.

Twins Kaylee and Melana Zimmerman and Bretton Basford were among several winners during the Jay County 4-H pygmy goat and meat goat shows July 12 at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Basford showed the grand champion boer doe and buck, marking his second year in a row to win both awards. His sister, Eden, had taken similar awards in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Bretton won the advanced showmanship title and also had the grand champion yearling doe.

Kaylee Zimmerman showed the grand champion pygmy doe. She was followed by Melana Zimmerman for the reserve grand champion pygmy doe. (There was no award for grand champion pygmy wether this year.)

Madi Paxson won the grand champion market wether, and Elijah Stockton showed the grand champion market doe.

Other results are as follows:

Pygmy goats

Does
Junior
Champion: Bailey Muhlenkamp

Yearling
Champion: Kaylee Zimmerman

Reserve champion: Melana Zimmerman
3. Finn Hemmelgarn
4. Finn Hemmelgarn

Senior
Champion: Melana Zimmerman

Mother/daughter
Champion: Kelsey Muhlenkamp

Buck
Champion: Milee Rickard
Reserve champion: Kaylee Zimmerman



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Bretton Basford showed the grand champion boer doe (left) and grand champion buck (right) on July 12 during the Jay County 4-H Meat Goat Show at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Meat goats

Doe
Junior
3 to 6 months
Champion: Elly Byrum
Reserve champion: Brooklynn Byrum
3. Cameron Clark
4. Benjamin Fisher
5. Elizabeth Dollar

6 to 9 months
Champion: Ella Stockton
Reserve champion: Seth Degler

Grand champion: Ella Stockton
Reserve grand champion: Elly Byrum

Yearling
12 to 16 months
Champion: Max McClain
Reserve champion: Anna Fisher
3. Madison Clark
4. Freddie Lingo

16 to 20 months
Champion: Bretton Basford
Reserve champion: Seth Degler
3. Lauren Fisher
4. Freddie Lingo
5. Brooklynn Byrum

Grand champion: Bretton Basford
Reserve champion: Max McClain

Senior
24 to 36 months
Champion: Seth Degler
Reserve champion: Emalynn Clark

36 months and older
Champion: Cameron Clark
Reserve champion: Bretton Basford
3. Ella Stockton

Grand champion: Bretton Basford
Reserve grand champion: Max McClain

Buck

Class 1
Champion: Bretton Basford
Reserve champion: Isabelle Byrum
3. Elizabeth Dollar
4. Chloe Muhlenkamp
5. Chloe Muhlenkamp
6. Caleb Dollar

Class 2
Champion: Seth Degler
Reserve champion: Freddie Lingo
3. Max McClain
4. Rylieann Clark
5. Levi Russell
6. Anna Fisher

Grand champion: Bretton Basford
Reserve champion: Seth Degler

Market doe
Light weight
Champion: Courtney Benter

Reserve champion: Danielle Somers
3. Cayden Buckland
4. Camden Buckland
5. Nicholas Somers

Medium weight
Champion: Gillian Keller
Reserve champion: Lina Lingo
3. Maisey Keller
4. Wyatt Twigg
5. Emily Dues
6. Isaac Dues

Heavy weight
Champion: Elijah Stockton
Reserve champion: Freddie Lingo
3. Samuel Benirschke
4. Ella Stockton
5. Madeline Benirschke
6. Kellan Tout

Grand champion: Elijah Stockton
Reserve champion: Freddie Lingo

Market wether

Light weight
Champion: Courtney Benter
Reserve champion: Levi Garringer
3. Isabelle Byrum
4. Lauren Fisher
5. Emalynn Clark
6. Easton Sprunger
7. Madison Clark
8. Cameron Clark
9. Andrew Muhlenkamp
10. Emalynn Clark

Medium weight

Champion: Max McClain
Reserve champion: Maisey Keller
3. Brooklynn Byrum
4. Chailey Muhlenkamp
5. Ella Stockton
6. Benton Langenkamp
7. Caden Muhlenkamp
8. Anna Fisher
9. Stanley Muhlenkamp
10. Benjamin Fisher

Heavy weight

Class 1
1. Levi Garringer
2. Ella Stockton
3. Elijah Stockton
4. Lina Lingo
5. Freddie Lingo
6. Elly Byrum
7. Nicholas Lyons
8. Stanley Muhlenkamp
9. Georgia Hall
10. Elizabeth Dollar

Class 2
1. Madi Paxson
2. Lucas Lyons
3. Jordyn Hutzler
4. Lucas Lyons
5. Nicholas Lyons
6. Madeline Benirschke
7. Levi Russell
8. Cienna Muhlenkamp
9. Samuel Benirschke
10. Caleb Dollar

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Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dble	Pass	?

What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ 96♥ 733♦ Q543♣ Q543
- ♠ 72♥ K85♦ K96♣ KJ982
- ♠ 84♥ Q763♦ KQJ3♣ A984
- ♠ 10♥ Q874♦ KJ95♣ AJ86

1. **Two clubs.** Partner's takeout double guarantees the values for an opening bid. He might have anywhere from 12 to more than 20 points; you can't tell at this stage how many he has. Ordinarily, he will have support for all of the unbid suits, but he could also have a powerhouse, or, rarely, possibly five diamonds and four hearts and be planning to correct a two-club response by you to two diamonds. All that matters at this point is that he is asking you to bid, and you are obliged to do so regardless of the strength of your hand. The only question is whether you should bid two clubs or two diamonds.

From the standpoint of economy, it is better to bid two clubs. This leaves partner room to bid diamonds or hearts at the two-level if that is what he is planning to do over a two-club response. But if you respond two diamonds, there will be no corresponding chance to locate a club fit without going into the three-level.

2. **Three clubs.** You can't bid two

clubs with this hand and also the preceding one and expect partner to know that this time there is a reasonable chance for game. The usual way of showing strength is by making a jump-response in your longest suit. The single-jump response normally indicates 9 to 11 high-card points, but you don't need quite that many if your hand is distributionally very promising.

3. **Two hearts.** Here you're just a bit short of the values for a jump-response, but there is still a chance for game. It is therefore better to respond in hearts than diamonds, because partner is more likely to bid again over a major-suit response. If partner raises two hearts to three, you should happily bid four.

4. **Two spades.** Game is extremely likely in one of your three suits — you have 11 high-card points plus a singleton in the opponent's suit — but you don't know which of your suits should be trump. So, instead of guessing which suit to jump-respond in, you force partner to choose the trumps by cuebidding West's suit.

Partner can't misconstrue the meaning of your bid, since you would have passed one spade doubled if you had length and strength in spades. The cuebid indicates a game-going hand that contains two or three potential trump suits. You plan to raise partner to game in whatever suit he names in response to your cuebid.

Tomorrow: The case of the missing damsel.
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7-29 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOW DO MOST PEOPLE FEEL AFTER THEY GET WHACKED WITH AN ANGRY ANIMAL'S FURRY FOOT? PAW-STRUCK.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals H

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	38 Future oak	DOWN	19 Equally distant
1 Platters	41 Luau instrument	1 River blocker	21 Dhabi preceder
6 Chum	43 Canine greeting	2 British verb	22 Rebel Turner
9 Club — (act)	44 Wander end	3 NPR's Ari	24 Madrid Mrs.
12 Put on	45 Pencil variation of color	4 Musical finale	26 Went easy on
13 Expert serve	49 Spanish snacks	5 Used a broom	28 Japanese seaport
14 Navarro of "The View"	52 Feedbag morsel	6 Computer language	30 Bit of physics
15 Gettysburg general	53 Memo letters	7 Needing a massage	32 Hone
16 William on "Star Trek"	54 Levels opposite	8 Tony winner	33 Football filler
18 Vatican term	55 SSW	9 Chutney fruit	34 Suntan lotion
20 Folklore monster	56 Feeling down	10 January, to Juan	36 Over-blown
21 Black-bird	57 Transmits	11 Chal-lenged	38 Incendiary crime
23 Airport screening org.		17 Sums	39 "Over There" composer
24 Offered one's seat			40 Egg-shaped
25 Taverns			42 — Park, Colorado
27 Plant life			45 "May It Be" singer
29 Perfect place			46 Roof edge
31 Zesty dips			48 Conditions
35 Blood line?			50 Moreover
37 Model in a bottle			51 Snake's sound

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Returning for more

NASCAR back for second run on Indy road course

The Albany (Georgia) Herald Tribune News Service

The NASCAR Cup Series makes its second foray onto the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course, but it will be difficult to rival the chaotic proceedings of last year in Sunday's Verizon 200 at the Brickyard (2:30 p.m. on NBC, IMS Radio and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

Competing in the Cup Series in a part-time role for Kaulig Racing, AJ Allmendinger won the debut race on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn circuit. Taking advantage of two late cautions for wild multicar wrecks, Allmendinger claimed the second Cup victory of his career.

That came after Chase Briscoe knocked Denny Hamlin out of the lead and was parked for doing so. Given the last-lap scramble involving Allmendinger, Alex Bowman and race winner Ross Chastain at Circuit of The Americas earlier this season, the action in the second race at the Indianapolis Road Course is likely to be as memorable.

Allmendinger is competing for the NASCAR Xfinity Series championship this season, but he'll defend his victory — the first in the series for Kaulig Racing — in Sunday's event.



Tribune News Service/For the Indianapolis Star/Randy Crist

Christopher Bell (20) and Ryan Preece (37) slide out during a massive crash caused by a piece of curbing Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021, during the Verizon 200 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"Being a part of Kaulig Racing's first Cup Series win will always be so special to me," Allmendinger said. "Heading back to Indy for the first time since then will be a surreal feeling. This is a place we have had circled on our calendar, and hopefully all the hard work will pay off."

To score a second straight win, however, Allmendinger will have to beat surging Chase Elliott, who has won three of the last five Cup races and finished second in the other two. Elliott won last Sunday's Cup race at Pocono after disqualifications to Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch, who crossed the finish line first and second.

Elliott leads all active drivers

with seven road course victories. He's third all-time behind Jeff Gordon with nine and Tony Stewart with eight, but the 2020 series champion has his own issues with the road course at Indy.

"I feel like that's probably been one of my worst road courses, personally," said Elliott, who finished fourth in the inaugural race. "Never really felt like I got ahold of the track last year..."

"So going back, I need to do some homework this week on how to be better up there, because I do not feel very good about that track and just never got a good groove there last year at all and was never really on offense."

If the Verizon 200 gives such established road course aces as Allmendinger and Elliott a chance to pad their resumes, it also presents an opportunity for drivers below the Playoff cutline.

With five races left in the regular season, 14 drivers already have recorded victories, leaving two Playoff spots currently available on points. Those positions are held by last year's Indianapolis runner-up Ryan Blaney and Martin Truex Jr.

Kevin Harvick is the first driver out of a Playoff spot, 83 points behind Truex. Realistically, Harvick and those below him in the Playoff standings will have to win one of the next five races to qualify for the postseason.

Portland falls in tourney opener

FORT WAYNE — It's going to take some work for the Rockets to play into the weekend.

In the opening game of the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional tournament Thursday, the Portland Rockets suffered a mercy-rule loss 14-3 in six innings to the Livonia Firebirds at Indiana Tech.

They were back in action in NABF regional pool play today, taking on the Prison City (Michigan) Padres at 10 a.m. They will play the Fort Wayne Jackers at 5:30 p.m. tonight. The top two teams in each of two pools advance to Saturday's action.

Livonia, a Michigan-based squad, jumped on the Rockets (17-17) with three runs in the top of the first inning and never stopped scoring. It added two runs in the second to make it 5-0 — Portland responded with its only three runs in the bottom of the second — one in the third, three in the fourth, two in the fifth and three in the sixth.

The Rockets, needing a couple of runs to stay alive in the bottom of the sixth, got a walk from Joel Kennedy and a double from 2018 Jay County High School graduate Max Moser. But a double play and a strikeout ended the game early.

Peyton Smith took the loss for Portland, allowing six runs on five hits and two walks in three innings. He recorded four strikeouts.

Nick Bailey allowed seven runs on eight hits in 2 1/3 innings of work.

Moser, who plays at Huntington University, went 2-for-3 with two doubles for the Rockets while Kennedy was 2-for-2 with a run and a walk and Dakota Durick singled and drove in two runs. The only other hit came from Caleb Richardson.

Twins Gavin and Landon Kempainen powered the Livonia offense, combining for six hits, five runs and three RBIs.

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DK inks extension

By BOB CONDOTTA
 The Seattle Times
 Tribune News Service

RENTON, Wash. — While speculation about DK Metcalf's future lingered in national NFL circles throughout the off-season, the Seahawks expressed confidence at every turn that a deal would eventually get done.

Those expectations came true Thursday as Metcalf agreed to a three-year, \$72 million deal with the Seahawks that will keep him

with the team through the 2025 season.

A league source confirmed the deal to The Seattle Times. It was first reported by ESPN and the NFL Network, which each said the contract also includes a \$30 million signing bonus — the highest ever for a receiver — and \$58.2 million guaranteed overall. The signing bonus tops the previous receiver record of \$28 million Washington gave Terry McLaurin last month.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
 Portland Rockets in National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament vs. Prison City Padres at Indiana Tech — 10 a.m.
 Portland Rockets in National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament vs. Fort Wayne Jackers at Indiana Tech — 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
 Portland Rockets in National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament vs. TBA at Indiana Tech — TBA

TV sports

Today
 6 p.m. — Auto racing: ARCA Menards Series — Reese's 200 (FS1)
 6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
 9 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series — TSPort 200 (FS1)
 11 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Seattle Sounders at Los Angeles FC (FS1)

Saturday

Noon — WNBA basketball: Seattle Storm at Washington Mystics (ESPN)
 3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Rocket Mortgage Classic (CBS)
 3 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Portland Timbers at Minnesota United (ABC)
 3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Pennzoil 150 (NBC)
 4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at Boston Red Sox (FS1)
 6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
 7 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Calgary Stampeders at Winnipeg Blue Bombers (ESPN2)
 7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball (FOX)
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 8 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Toronto FC at New England Revolution (CBS)
 9:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels (FS1)

Local notes

JCC registration deadline extended
 Jay Community Center has extended its registration deadline for its fall Bomber flag football and soccer programs to Aug. 3.

Forms are available at the community center or online at jaycc.org. The fee is \$30 for football, which is open to ages 3 through 12, and \$60 for soccer, which is open to ages 3 through 14.

Games will be played Aug. 20 through Oct. 1 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South Portland.

WJCC soccer registration open
 Registration is open for the West Jay Community Center fall soccer program for third through eighth graders.

Forms are available at the community center or online at thewjcc.wix.com/wjcc. The fee is \$35 for those who sign up by Aug. 10. It will then increase to \$45.

Registration is open until Aug. 19, with a clinic and skills assessment to follow Aug. 20. Games will be held on Saturdays from Sept. 10 through Oct. 15 at West Jay Elementary School.

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. To register, visit firstbankofberne.com.

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 the Hudson Family Park. Registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race.

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