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## Indiana House passes rebates

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**  
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The Indiana House on Friday voted 93-2 to use the state's unexpected surplus to send \$1 billion in taxpayer rebates proposed by Gov. Eric Holcomb.

With \$6.1 billion in combined reserve accounts, Holcomb called the General Assembly for a special session to redistribute the funds back to Hoosiers in the form of \$225 checks.

Lawmakers delayed the session until this week but advanced different proposals for using the surplus in each chamber.

House Bill 1001 also expands the pool of eligible Hoosiers for the checks to include those using Social Security and disability benefits. Additionally, it shores up various funds in support of families and repeals the state's diaper tax.

House Speaker Todd Huston made a rare appeal in support of the bill, saying he supported it without any hesitation.

"When somebody wants to argue, 'It's too late,' well, I've got to do something now and get something done and accomplished (rather) than worrying about who gets credit," Huston said in response to criticisms. "I'm proud to be in bipartisan support for this bill and there should be no 'buts.'"

On the other side of the aisle, Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, called the bill "camouflage," noting that roughly half of taxpayers still hadn't received their \$125 from the automatic taxpayer refund earlier this year.

"It hides years of inaction for our families and children," DeLaney said. "It comes too late and the overall scale is too small... (Still,) let's vote for this bill!"

Rep. John Jacob, R-Indianapolis, said he would vote against the bill because, though unrelated to abortion, an abortion ban hadn't yet passed.

Rep. Curt Nisly, R-Milford, joined Jacob to vote no.

# Rogers retires



Eric Rogers speaks during a ceremony on the front lawn of Arts Place in Portland during a groundbreaking ceremony for its \$2.4-million renovation and expansion project on Sept. 25, 2020. Friday was his last day as executive director of the organization, closing a 46-year career.

## St. Joseph County native and IU graduate spent 46 years as Arts Place executive director

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

After 46 years, Friday was Eric Rogers' last as executive director of Arts Place.

He had decided about three years ago that it was time to start thinking about retirement and at that time started working on a succession plan to put into effect after the organization's \$2.4 million expansion and renovation project was finished.

That work was completed last fall, a search committee settled on his replacement this spring and his retirement was officially announced in June.

"I don't bounce as high as I used to," said Rogers. "I love doing this. This has been a passion. But I'm 70 years old ... You see the signs."

Rogers, who grew up on a dairy (and later beef) farm in southern St. Joseph County and graduated from Penn High School, was in his mid-20s when he first made his way to Jay County. It was one of the small communities with all-volunteer groups that he had noticed as being especially serious about its advocacy for the arts while he was working for Indiana Arts Commission.

He had lived in some larger communities — Cleveland, Bloomington, Indianapolis — and wanted to get back to something more similar to his roots.

"While I find those places exciting, I wanted to live in a small community," Rogers said. "And I wanted to make

things happen in smaller communities that could happen in bigger communities.

"And one that really stood out and was Jay County."

He approached Sid Austin of Jay County Arts Council about the possibility of becoming its first full-time staffer. But the group only had \$2,500 in the bank.

So Rogers went out and secured grant money to pay for a year of his salary — at that time \$8,500 — and the organization agreed to hire him. He started on July 1, 1976.

His first office was on the second floor of what is now First Financial Bank. (It didn't have heat that first winter.)

Among the Arts Place

achievements in which Rogers takes the most pleasure — he avoids the word pride, he said, because so many have been involved in the organization's successes — is how it has grown over the years. From that single office, it later moved into a house in the area that is now Arts Place's west parking lot and then to a former car dealership that had been home to Jay County REMC (it is now the south side of the performing arts center). This first expansion of what is now known as the Jay County Campus of Arts Place came in 2000 and the most recent was completed last year, bringing the facility to more than 23,400 square feet over two buildings. See **Retires** page 2



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## Back in time

Cara Shoemaker plays the vibraphone Friday night during the Fort Recovery High School marching band's ice cream social and 2022 show reveal — it features music from the 1980s (and sneaks in one from the '90s) — at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park.

# Death toll up to 19

By **BILL ESTEP**  
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Lexington Herald-Leader  
Tribune News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The death toll from devastating flooding in eastern Kentucky rose to 19 as of midday Friday. Some people were still missing even as the water receded and residents across the region continued the weary tasks of trying to salvage belongings and clean thick mud from their homes, or look for new places to live.

Gov. Andy Beshear announced 16 deaths Friday at a mid-morning news conference. Knott County was hit hardest, he said, with 11 deaths, with two fatalities each in Letcher and Clay counties and one in Perry County, Beshear said.

However, the Knott County coroner later confirmed three more deaths there, bringing the county

## Flooding devastates eastern Kentucky

total to 14 and the overall state total to 19.

The fact that people were still missing raised the grim potential there will be more deaths. Beshear said the number of fatalities is "gonna get a lot higher."

"This isn't over. While we are doing search and rescue, there are still real dangers out there," Beshear said, noting that flooding has not crested in some places and more rain-

fall is forecast for early next week.

Jeff Combs, emergency manager for Knott County, said six people whose homes were swept away during the intense storms early Thursday were still missing Friday about 1 p.m..

There had been 18 people missing at one point, but Combs said before Beshear's news conference that some had been found.

Friday morning, firefighters, rescue-squad members, troops from the Kentucky National Guard and volunteers were searching for people in wrecked houses and along streams where the water had gone down.

"It's beyond anything I've ever seen. Damage like I've never seen before," Combs said. "It's unbelievable."

Combs said it would take weeks to assess all the damage.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for a high of 81 under sunny skies. Skies will be mostly sunny Sunday with a high of 82.

There is a chance of showers Monday with a high of 85. Lows this weekend will be in the low 60s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots will compete in the Drums at Winchester contest, which begins at 7 p.m. tonight. JCHS is scheduled to take the field at 7:09 p.m. Awards are scheduled for 10:35 p.m.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Jay School Board meeting.

**Thursday** — Feature stories ahead of Indiana State Fair Band Day.



## Retrospect

# Meridian Street renovation project started

Twenty-five years ago this week a major road construction project got underway.

The July 30, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of a groundbreaking ceremony for extensive Meridian Street work.

"It's going to be a mess, but we'll get through it," said Portland Mayor Maxine Lewis in a ceremony in front of LoBill Foods on the north side of the city. It followed a Portland Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Portland Country Club that included remarks by several construction and engineering personnel involved with the project.

Brad Davis, director of the Greenfield District of Indiana Department of Transportation, joined

Lewis in breaking the soil.

"We have \$1.5 billion in projects that need to be done in the state," he said. "It's satisfying that this one will be done."

The project essentially broke down into three sections:

- From Votaw Street to county road 100 north would become five lanes with a center turn lane.

- Between Votaw Street and the Salamonie River would become five lanes wide with a center turn lane, parking on each side, new trees, metal tree grates, ornamental lighting, park benches and trash receptacles.

- From the Salamonie River to Seventh Street would become three lanes wide with existing pavement replaced.

The bulk of the project area also included new storm sewers, water mains, signals, curbs and gutters.

The project, engineered by the Bonar Group and constructed by Hunt Paving Company, was estimated at \$7.4 million, with INDOT picking up 89% of that cost while the city covered the remaining amount.

Hunt Paving representative Ted Kennedy sought to allay some concerns from downtown business owners by saying traffic would be maintained with one lane during the day and two in the evening. He added that construction personnel would work with property owners to maintain access to their businesses.



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Portland Mayor Maxine Lewis and Indiana Department of Transportation Greenfield District director Brad Davis break ground on the Meridian Street Construction Project during a ceremony on the north side of the city on July 29, 1997.

## CR almanac

Sunday 7/31	Monday 8/1	Tuesday 8/2	Wednesday 8/3	Thursday 8/4
<b>82/64</b>	<b>85/68</b>	<b>85/67</b>	<b>90/73</b>	<b>92/72</b>
Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday. Chance of rain late at night.	Thunderstorms are possible Monday with a 30% chance of showers.	Another slight chance of rain throughout the day. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Sunny and hot temperatures Wednesday. The high may reach 90 degrees.	Thursday has a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly sunny and hot.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-8-0 Daily Four: 5-8-1-3 Quick Draw: 1-7-13-18-23-27-32-34-38-40-41-45-50-54-60-63-65-71-75-80	Pick 4: 9-8-1-0 Pick 5: 6-5-8-5-8 Rolling Cash 5: 1-14-22-26-31 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 5-9-7 Pick 4: 7-7-9-2 Pick 5: 3-8-5-5-7 Evening Pick 3: 2-8-3	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$170 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$1.28 billion

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms</b> <b>Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.81 Aug. corn .....6.81 Wheat .....6.58	Wheat ..... 7.68 Nov. wheat ..... 8.36
<b>POET Biorefining</b> <b>Portland</b> Corn.....7.06 Aug. corn .....7.06 Oct. corn .....6.05	<b>Central States</b> <b>Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.91 Aug. corn .....6.76 Beans .....15.59 Aug. beans.....15.59 Wheat .....7.78
<b>The Andersons</b> <b>Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.98 Sept. corn .....5.90 Beans .....15.69 Sept. beans .....14.39	<b>Heartland</b> <b>St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.71 Aug. corn .....6.71 Beans .....15.43 Aug. beans.....15.43 Wheat .....7.67

## Today in history

In 1956, "In God we trust" became the national motto of the United States, replacing "e pluribus unum" (out of many, one).

In 2014, The Portland Foundation pledged \$250,000 toward the \$1 million fundraising campaign for what would become Portland Water Park. The city was seeking about 30% in private donations with public funds to be used for the remainder of what was estimated as a \$3.3-million project.

In 2018, the Jay County High School girls golf team's season opener was cut short by rain. The Patriots placed fifth in what ended up being scored as an 11-hole Bellmont Invitational at Cross Creek Golf Club in Decatur.

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## Citizen's calendar

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

## Capsule Reports

### Motorcycle mishap

A Bryant man sustained a head injury after his motorcycle crashed into a trailer hauled by a vehicle driven by an Ohio man on U.S. 27 about 7:24 a.m. Friday.

Wade A. Moser, 48,

was driving his 2002 Harley Davidson V-Rod south on the highway and following behind a 2014 Chevrolet Express, driven by 54-year-old Clifton A. Thompson of Maria Stein. Thompson started to slow down

because of a horse-drawn buggy in front of him. Moser failed to slow down and his motorcycle struck a trailer attached to Thompson's van, according to a report from Jay County Sheriff's Office. Moser was thrown from

his motorcycle and sustained a minor head injury. His motorcycle was towed. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The van Thompson was driving is registered to RS Transporter of Celina, Ohio.

## Felony arrests

### Methamphetamine

A Bryant man was arrested Friday for possession of methamphetamine.

Eric A. Shultz, 39, 204 W. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony, along with a Level 5 felony for criminal confinement and

a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery.

He's being held on a \$25,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Failed to appear

A Dunkirk woman was arrested Friday for failing to appear in court.

Shonda L. Easton, 42, 1261 S. Main St., pleaded guilty April 19 to burglary, a Level 5 felony. (The prosecution moved to dismiss a Level 6 felony charge for theft.) She failed to appear at her sentencing hearing June 13.

Easton is being held without bond at Jay County Jail.

## Retires ...

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"It's just hard to even fathom," said Arts Place board secretary Bonnie Maitlen, who has been involved with the organization for decades. "It takes vision. ... And it takes an incredible ability for fundraising and knowing how to put that kind of money together. ... He provides the structure and the leadership for that to happen.

"I think it's taken a special person ... He does a nice job of balancing the creative aspect and the need to move forward with just the discipline that you need to be diligent with an organization."

Other things that have pleased him the most over the course of his tenure are the organization's expansion to other communities through the Mercer-Auglaize Center of Arts Place and Blackford County Arts Center, and the wide variety of programs offered, from its MusicWorks and ArtWorks programs to Arts in the Parks to performances. Music lessons started with orchestral strings, expanded to piano and voice, then guitar, at which point the organization decided it was time to build out a full program that includes most basic music instruction.

"We have striven so hard to make sure that we provide opportunities for

the visual arts, when possible dance and writing, and then of course the performing," said Rogers. "That's hard to do, that broad array."

Though he's finished his long run as Arts Place's executive director — Desiree Duell has been in Jay County for three weeks working side-by-side with him and will take over the role Monday — he's not walking away. He's been contracted for a year to advise Duell as needed and to provide fundraising support.

"I'm really excited about Desiree," he said. "I think she's going to be a great advocate for us. She's a house of fire. And she believes in what we do."

The most important part of his retirement, he said, will be making his wife Pam his top priority. Together, they've already started a run of seven vacations in seven months, with trips planned to Brown County, Glacier National Park and Traverse City, Michigan, among others. They also look forward to spending more time with their two children and four grandchildren, who range in age from 3 to 10.

And Rogers hopes to be able to dedicate more time to playing piano — his bachelor's degree from Indiana University is in piano performance — and working on his conduct-

ing skills. (He still plans to direct Art's Place's A Chaired Taste choir and the Christmas Eve choir at First Presbyterian Church.)

He admitted that when he was hired by Jay County Arts Council he expected it would be a two- or three-year project and he would move on to something else.

"And then I discovered how neat people are here," Rogers said. "Everybody has treated me like I'm from here. ... They were good to me. It was very quickly more like home than the farming community I was raised in. I was impressed by that."

There were still times when he looked at other opportunities. But he considers a 1987 National Endowment for the Arts leadership institute at the University of Minnesota, where he spent time with others who worked in the arts across the country, as a turning point.

"I decided I could keep trying to go up this ladder, or I could stay here and grow personally and with my community," said Rogers. "That was a pivotal moment for me.

"This is home, and this is the place I care about."

## SERVICES

### Saturday

**Tyndall**, Donna: 9:30 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Laux**, Elizabeth: 10 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.

**Rhodehamel**, Julia: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

### Sunday

**Schultz**, Goldie: 1:30 p.m., Gravel Hill Cemetery Chapel, intersection of county roads 650 North and 50 West.

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

**Pearson**, John: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Bledsoe**, Daryll: 7 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

### Wednesday

**Strohl**, Joe: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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# Disabled athlete crosses Lake Michigan

By ADRIANA PEREZ

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — A small dot on the horizon grew larger as a group of 10 paddleboarders prepared to join it. Some of them whistled, hooted and yelled words of encouragement, waving their paddles in the air.

And so Michael Shoreman reached the shore, equipped with a paddle and a bright blue board.

At approximately 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, the 39-year-old Shoreman landed on North Avenue Beach after a 27-hour journey on paddleboard across Lake Michigan that started Tuesday at 5:40 a.m. According to his team, Shoreman is on the way to being the first athlete with a disability to cross the Great Lakes.

He wiped away tears as his feet touched the sand. He had beaten his expectations to travel the 44.1 miles between Union Pier, Michigan, and Chicago in 30 hours.

"This is the emotional part," Shoreman's manager Liana Neumann said. She picked up the pace to go give the paddleboarder a hug.

Shoreman has had plenty of these emotional



Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune/Tribune News Service

Mike Shoreman, foreground, paddleboards in Lake Michigan towards North Avenue Beach on Wednesday as he attempts to make history as the first disabled athlete to cross Lake Michigan. Greeting him as he ended his journey were local paddleboarders.

moments over the summer. On July 5, he crossed Lake Superior in eight hours, after crossing Lake Huron in 28 hours on June 13 and Lake Erie in seven hours on May 19.

"I feel really tired, but I'm really happy to be here," Shoreman told the Tribune. "Chicago is one of my favorite cities in the world; it's my favorite American city. And so to be able to arrive here, in front

of this beautiful skyline and all these amazing paddleboarders, is just amazing."

In 2018, Shoreman suddenly developed Ramsay Hunt syndrome, a shingles variant and neurological condition. The disease attacked his ear, paralyzed and collapsed the right side of his face and gave him mobility, vision, speech, taste and hearing problems. He also has vertigo,

which makes paddleboarding particularly difficult.

"So I went from being very athletic to not being able to walk, and I spent a year learning how to retrain my brain how to walk properly," Shoreman said. "And the doctors said I'd never paddleboard again. And I had a mental health breakdown."

"And on the other side of learning how to walk and getting back on the paddle-

board, I just wanted to work with mental health organizations that support youth and young people and help support them so this is to raise money to put mental health programs in schools for young people."

Shoreman has been involved with many mental health advocacy organizations such as Kenneth Cole's The Mental Health Coalition, The Trevor Project and the Tyler Clemente Foundation, and Canada's youth mental health organization Jack.org.

Neumann has been friends with Shoreman for about seven years — ever since she took a class with him back on the Toronto waterfront, where he was a paddleboard instructor.

"I've been a mortician, a funeral director, for 22 years and so I'm off with PTSD. I've been off for two years," she said. "And he's doing this for mental health, so it's dear to my heart."

During the crossings, Shoreman cramps, sits down, stands up, laughs, cries. But one thing he can't do is stop paddling for too long — otherwise the board drifts away on the water.

"Last night was very difficult," he said. "It was very scary at times."

Yet every time the sun comes out, Shoreman is reenergized. Neumann said she has never met someone with "such raw determination."

"I don't know where he gets it from. It's really something to witness," she said.

Closer to the city, paddleboarders from the group Chicago Stand-Up Paddleboarding joined Shoreman to give him one last push.

"You guys are the best," Mike told them once they were all ashore.

"We're just the support. YOU are the best," an accompanying paddleboarder answered.

The next and last Great Lake that Shoreman will attempt to cross is Lake Ontario. He tried to cross it from Rochester to Toronto in the summer of 2021, but was unsuccessful. He'll face the challenge again mid-August.

Whether Shoreman will attempt crossing other large bodies of water in the future remains to be seen. But regardless of what happens next, Neumann is convinced of one thing.

"It won't be the end of what you hear about Mike," Neumann said. "He'll keep being out there, making a difference."

# Wife's smoking addiction clouds marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wife for 32 years. I love her dearly. Recently, though, her smoking has been really bothering me. Her father passed away from COPD five years ago because he was a lifetime smoker. I thought that would convince her to stop. She has tried, but she always goes back.

She tries to cover it up by making frequent trips to the store and other places to get out of sight to smoke. It infuriates me that she would lie, but she doesn't seem to have a problem

Dear Abby



ing while she sleeps, snoring terribly. We now sleep in separate beds at times just so I can get some sleep. When I bring up the subject of quitting, she gets defensive. Her mother will no longer talk to her about it, and she wants her to quit even more than I do.

As my wife goes down this road, I'm becoming less attracted to her. We don't talk much anymore when we are by ourselves. We once went to a marriage counselor who agreed with me on the subject of quitting, but my wife blew it off. I'm

near my limit and thinking of ending our marriage. How can I get through to her without a messy divorce? — END OF MY ROPE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR END: By now it should be obvious that your wife is displaying classic symptoms of an addict. This is something she may have inherited from her father. She has a serious medical (and possibly psychological) problem because she CANNOT quit on her own. If she's even interested in doing so, which I doubt, she will need

professional help. Nicotine patches and gum could aid her in cutting back, but a psychological component will still need to be addressed.

Interestingly, you didn't mention the effect (besides revulsion) her secondhand smoke is having on you. This is something you should address with your doctor. Once you have done that, offer your wife the option of treatment. However, if she refuses, you will have to decide whether to consult a lawyer.

# Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

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.

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 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.

# Sudoku

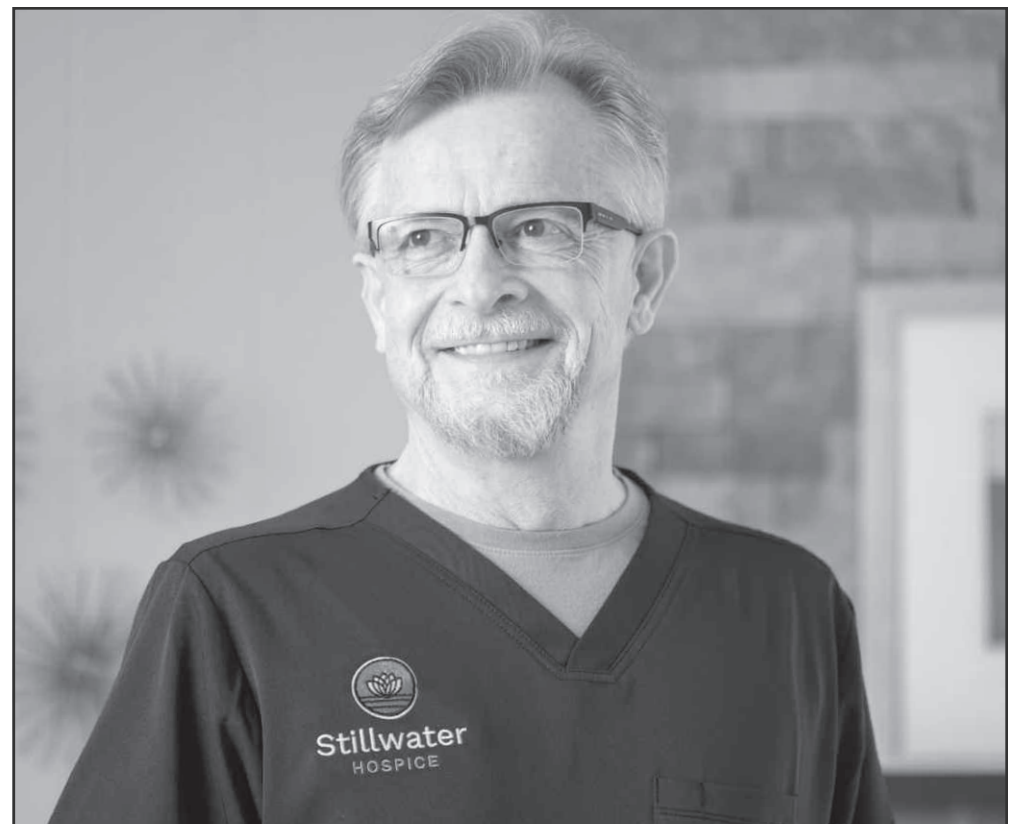
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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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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.

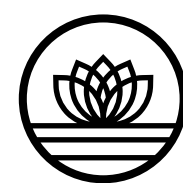


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The beauty of our democratic system of government is that anyone can get elected. But that feature is also a bug. We suspect we aren't alone among Americans who watch some of the antics on Capitol Hill and think, "How on Earth did that person get elected?" Sometimes it seems that politicians know little more than how to win votes.

To take one recent example: In his first interview after being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2020, Republican Tommy Tuberville, the former Auburn University football coach, misidentified the three branches of our government, claimed that World War II

## Guest Editorial

was fought against European socialists, and promised to use his Senate resources to campaign for fellow Republicans, which is illegal.

Tuberville isn't the only one. Examples abound from both parties.

Last fall, Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Kentucky, suggested that the government "absolutely cannot go bankrupt because we have the

power to create as much money as we need to spend."

Nor are politicians outliers. According to the latest installment of the annual Constitution Day Civics Survey by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, 44% of Americans would join Tuberville in misidentifying the branches of government.

Every elected representative doesn't have to be John Locke, but it would be nice if Americans could have a bit more confidence in Beltway brainpower. U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyoming, has an idea that could help, and we think she should pursue it.

In an interview with David

Kramer of the George W. Bush Institute last month, Cheney said Congress should institute a "Constitution Boot Camp" for freshman members of Congress. Cheney said freshman onboarding includes a lot of nuts-and-bolts training like "Appropriations Boot Camp" to help lawmakers navigate Washington. But it doesn't include any political philosophy or history.

An official with the minority committee on House Administration, which handles freshman orientation, told us various seminars are offered to new lawmakers, but only three are required: workplace rights, ethics and cybersecurity.

We remember a day when it

was fashionable among elected leaders to carry pocket-size copies of the Constitution, like talismans of patriotism. We don't think Cheney's idea should be about such preening, but a serious crash course in the unique beauty of the American system of government and the genius of its framers.

Cheney has a few important things on her to-do list right now, including a congressional investigation into a former president accused of betraying that very Constitution. When she gets done protecting our founding documents on the Jan. 6 House panel, we encourage her to implement the Congressional Constitution Boot Camp.

## Full-time online school is a bad idea

By ANDREA GABOR  
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Nearly all of the 20 largest U.S. school districts will offer online schooling options this fall. Over half of them will be offering more full-time virtual school programs than they did before the pandemic. The trend seems likely to continue or accelerate, according to an analysis by Chalkbeat.

That's a problem. School closings over the last two years have inflicted severe educational and emotional damage on American students. Schools should now be focusing on creative ways to fill classrooms, socialize kids and convey the joy of collaborative learning — not on providing opportunities to stay home.

Historically, various forces have pushed for online education — not all of them focused on improving education. These include: the quest for cheaper, more efficient modes of schooling; the push to limit the influence of teachers unions by concentrating virtual teachers in non-union states; and a variety of medical and social factors that lead some students and families to prefer online learning.

The prevalence of these programs in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Dallas and New York is particularly worrying, as they target poor and minority students who are likely to be particularly ill-served by online school options.

A new study shows that while young children, especially, are bouncing back from the pandemic-era academic doldrums, the gap between high-poverty and low-poverty schools remains greater than it was pre-pandemic.

Research, where it exists, shows consistently worse educational outcomes for online schools than for traditional public schools.

Students in cyber schools do their coursework mostly from home and over the internet, with teachers often located in different states and time zones. There is little comprehensive information about the curricula, student-teacher ratios, how much actual teaching occurs or what if any academic supports are provided by the schools.

The adverse impact of the pandemic on the emotional well-being and social skills of children — one-third of school leaders reported a surge in disruptive student behavior during the past school year — is a cautionary lesson for online learning.

Andrea Gabor



Graham Browne, the founder of Forte Preparatory Academy, an independent charter school in Queens, New York, said recently that he saw a sharp increase in "aggressive or threatening" behavior, especially among sixth graders who spent much of the previous two years online.

During a recent multi-day field trip to a camp run by the Fresh Air Fund, Browne said he noticed that during team-building exercises, such as figuring out how to carry a large object over a low bridge, students resorted to screaming at each other. Previously, he said, they would have worked out a strategy for maneuvering the object together.

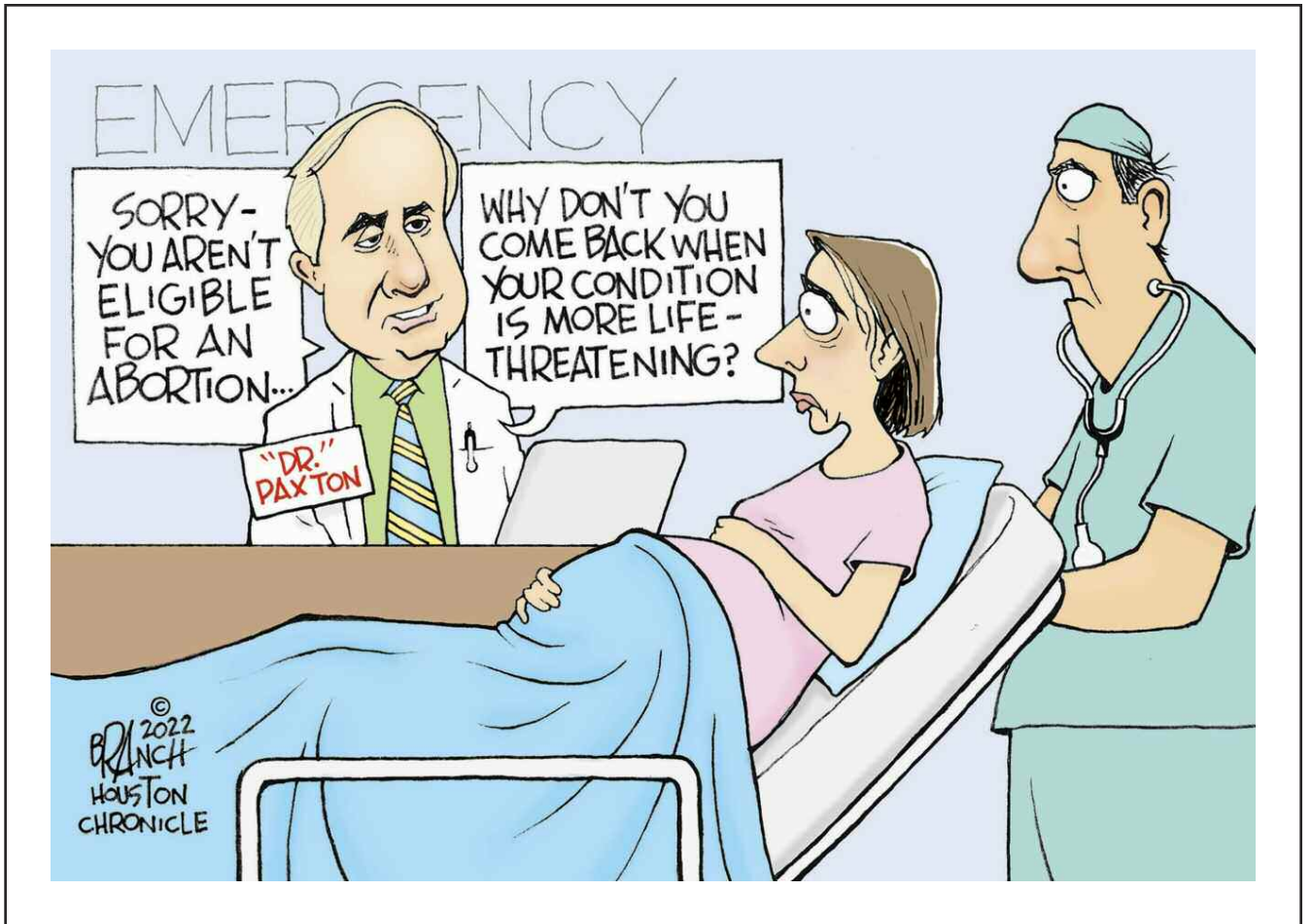
The most immediate threat comes from the private sector and especially from for-profit virtual charter schools, which are of notoriously poor quality; just 30% met state school-performance standards, compared with 53% for district-run virtual schools before the pandemic.

What kids need most are robust in-person learning opportunities and the chance to experiment. Schools also need to maintain reassuring safety protocols as COVID-19 variants continue to spread.

This is the time for schools to adopt engaging learning approaches, such as those of a high-poverty school in the Bronx that uses the Bronx River as a science laboratory, and of the Leander, Texas, school district that turned over the development of an anti-bullying strategy to high school students, in the process building young leaders.

What makes no educational sense is the rush to embrace online schooling. Experience has demonstrated its severe disadvantages. Before barreling ahead, research should be financed and conducted by independent scholars to pinpoint the potential benefits. Until that happens, schools should do everything they can to keep kids in classrooms.

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## Care providers should step up

By GABRIEL BOSSLET  
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For me the most difficult period of the pandemic was the Winter of 2021. Not only were the hospitals in which I work as an ICU physician massively overextended with COVID-19 patients, but there was an exhaustion throughout the hospital that was palpable as you walked the halls. There was physical weariness from the sheer number of patients and amount of clinical work there was to do.

But for me the emotional fatigue was far more severe. Because by the winter of 2021, the vast majority of those who would die in beds in our ICUs were there because they had made the choice not to be vaccinated against the virus. For most of us fighting this thing, it was hard to stomach.

This choice was not made in a vacuum. It was bolstered by the messaging of many elected leaders who either remained silent about what science told us was the best way to protect ourselves and society or just plain spouted untruths about what was going on.

This came to a head in December of 2021 as lawmakers at the Indiana Statehouse debated House Bill 1001. This bill would have prohibited private businesses from requiring vaccination of their employees. HB 1001, drafted and debated (and ultimately passed, although in a version that essentially had little impact) suggested that vaccines are not important.

I have reflected a lot on the way the pandemic has been handled and it has laid bare for me the fact that many bills written and enacted at the Indiana Statehouse are the biggest determinants of public health and safety in the state. Hoosiers literally live and die based upon the decisions of our lawmakers. And the messages sent by bills as of late ignore science and put Hoosiers at risk.

Gabriel Bosslet



The message sent by HB 1001 and the silence of many of our elected officials about the importance of vaccines meant that far more Hoosiers died this past December and January than should have. The science demonstrates that states with the highest vaccination rates have the lowest per capita death rate from COVID-19. Lawmakers who see their mission as keeping their constituents safe and healthy should act on this.

The permitless carry bill that became law July 1 now makes it easier for Hoosiers to carry guns in public spaces than before — and this is occurring in a year in which Indiana has already seen more mass shootings in 2022 than we generally do in an entire year. States with stronger gun safety regulation have significantly lower rates of gun violence and gun deaths. Gun violence is now the leading cause of death in children. Lawmakers who see their mission as keeping their constituents safe and healthy should act on this.

Now we come to abortion, on which lawmakers are discussing to further curb access to via Senate Bill 1.

And most experts agree that limiting reproductive rights will lead to an increase in complicated and high risk pregnancies, further worsening a maternal mortality rate that ranks 47th in the country. Currently twice as many Hoosier mothers die around the time of childbirth than the national average. And a recent study demon-

strated that states with more restrictive abortion policies had significantly higher maternal mortality. Lawmakers who see their mission as keeping their constituents safe and healthy should act on this.

These three issues — vaccines, gun safety, and reproductive rights — are ones in which decisions made by politicians at the Statehouse have a direct effect on exam rooms and ICUs around the state. And these are issues for which we have empiric data that can and should help guide lawmakers in their deliberations to keep Hoosiers safe and healthy.

To me this clearly points to the fact that those of us involved in healthcare and public health need to become far more involved in civic advocacy with an eye on the Statehouse.

We need to work to elect lawmakers who understand science and want to use it to guide policy to make us all safer and more healthy.

We need to interface more with our elected officials to help them understand our stories and experiences about how policies affect the lives of normal Hoosiers.

And (gasp!) maybe some of us in healthcare and public health need to run for office and represent the ideals of sound public health policy and science in the General Assembly. (Note this is not a campaign announcement, but I think more of us should consider it). Because the flow of patients to our healthcare facilities at this point in history seems to be regulated at the statehouse.

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# Bank honored for farm lending

A local bank has been honored for its farm lending.

The American Bankers Association this week unveiled its Top 100 Farm Lender list for the nation and it included First Bank of Berne.

The list is determined by farm loan value.

"It is an honor to be recognized as one of the nation's leading ag lenders for the second year in a row," said First Bank of Berne agribusiness manager Rick Gentis in a press release. "I am proud of our team and the knowledge, experience, and expertise they offer our customers. Their service and commitment is paramount to the continued growth and success of our area."

First Bank of Berne, which operates a branch in Portland, serves communities in northern Indiana and northwest Ohio.

## BSU names

Ball State University announced this week that it has selected Rashida Willard as its new associate vice president of inclusive excellence.

## Business roundup

Willard, who will start in the new position Sept. 19, previously served for about seven years at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington, most recently as vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion.

"We are excited to welcome Willard, whose compassion and enthusiasm make her an excellent fit to lead our Office of Inclusive Excellence," said BSU chief strategy officer Charlene Alexander in a press release. "Inclusiveness is one of the enduring values that guides our University to a bright future, and with Willard's leadership, we will continue the hard work necessary to overcome barriers in diversity, equity and inclusion ..."

## Hospitals honored

IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital of Muncie was among 37

hospitals in the state that were honored through the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines initiative.

The effort is designed to improve outcomes for Americans who experience heart disease or stroke.

IU Health Ball received the Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll, Gold Plus and Target Stroke Honor Roll stroke awards.

"Every 40 seconds, someone in America has a stroke or heart attack," said Dr. William Gill, a cardiologist on the American Heart Association's Indianapolis Board of Directors. "Access to high-quality care is something that everyone should have ..."

Other area hospitals that received honors included Reid Hospital in Richmond, Community Hospital in Anderson and Parkview Health and Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

## Purdue awarded

International Data Corp.'s inaugural IDC Future Enterprise Best in Future Connectedness North America Awards

program named Purdue Research Foundation's private wireless project in Discovery Park at Purdue University as its overall winner.

The project at Purdue uses a private mobile network to provide connectivity to enable commercial and smart city uses.

"With the rise of unlicensed cellular spectrum and private mobile networks, communities like Discovery Park District now have the power to chart their own course in terms of what advanced services and applications they can deliver to their members," said Purdue Research Foundation chief innovation and collaboration officer David Broecker in a press release.

## Tyson provides

Tyson Foods this week announced \$1.5 million in grants to 63 non-profit organizations in support of hunger relief and community assistance programs.

Those receiving grants included Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana,

which provides service in Jay County.

Tyson operates Tyson Mexican Original in Portland.

"We're committed to relieving hunger and are honored to support organizations that work hard every day to help communities impacted by food insecurity," said Tyson senior director of business operations, sustainability and strategy Tim Grailer in a press release. "These grants will support hunger relief agencies across the country increase their capacity and provide greater access to protein."

## Walmart partnering

Walmart this week announced a partnership with health and wellness hospitality company Getaway as part of an effort to "make traveling to nature even easier and convenient."

The result will be new shopping options including The General Store by Walmart at some Getaway Outposts. The first will open in Wimberley, Texas, next month. Others are planned for Connecticut, California, New York and Missouri.



Photo provided

## Honored

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association District 8B recently presented the MacQueen Excellence Award to Donald Gillespie and CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union. The award is presented to people who have made a difference in their community and/or fire department and help promote the betterment of fire service in their community. Pictured with Gillespie are District 8B Miss Flame Hannah Armstrong and representatives Sam Bisel and Jeff Biehl.

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## Big harvest is expected

By KIM CHIPMAN  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

The U.S. is poised to deliver a bumper spring wheat crop in the coming weeks, which if realized could help relieve global shortfalls caused by turmoil in the Black Sea.

Fields in North Dakota, the top producing U.S. state, are forecast to yield a record high 49.1 bushels per acre of the grain,

according to the final estimate of a three-day crop tour led by the Wheat Quality Council. North Dakota makes up about half of the U.S.'s spring wheat crop.

The world is counting heavily on American farm supplies to help refill grain silos as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to put more than a quarter of global wheat exports at risk. Spring wheat has been under close watch after plantings were slowed by downpours and flooding.

## Buyer charged with insider trading

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Buyer began purchasing Sprint securities the next day, and, ahead of the merger announcement, he acquired a total of \$568,000 of Sprint common stock in his own personal accounts, a joint account with his cousin, and an acquaintance's account. After news of the merger leaked in April 2018, Buyer saw an immediate profit of more than \$107,000.

In 2019, according to the SEC's complaint, Buyer purchased more than \$1 million of Navigant Consulting, Inc. securities ahead of the public announcement that it would be acquired by another one of Buyer's consulting clients, Guidehouse LLP. Buyer again spread the purchases across several accounts, including his own accounts, joint accounts with his wife and son, his wife's personal account, and the same acquaintance's account involved in the Sprint trading.

The complaint alleges that the Navigant acquisition was publicly announced, Buyer sold nearly all of the shares and profited more than \$227,000.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IFA FELLOW COMPETING IN A MARATHON TRIPS AND FALLS, WHAT HAS HE DONE? HIT THE GROUND RUNNING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Y

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to irrigation.
Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = R)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to irrigation.
SMSYTES

Guess Who?
I am an actor born in Massachusetts on July 25, 1967. I worked as a model before getting into acting.

kids' corner
Illustration of school supplies and a laptop.

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ONE CAN TELL THE APPROXIMATE AGE OF THIS POPULAR ANIMAL BY EXAMINING ITS TEETH.

How they SAY that in...
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FRENCH: Crinière
GERMAN: Mähne

8-1 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS DISNEY FILM WITH A PRINCESS WHO'S WILD ABOUT CATCHY RHYTHMS: "BEAUTY AND THE BEATS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals K

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Clutch, 6 Modern messages, 11 "Queen of Soul" Franklin O'Connor, 15 More promising, 16 "— Mine" (Beatles song), 17 "Zorba the Greek" star, 19 Hit CBS series, 20 Morning droplets, 22 Pump up the volume, 23 Bit of dust, 24 Road curves, 26 Test monitor, 28 Wardrobe malfunction.

Solution time: 26 mins.
Grid with filled-in letters for the crossword puzzle.

Yesterday's answer 7-30
Grid with filled-in letters for the previous day's crossword puzzle.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The case of the missing damsel

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: A K J 5, K 9 8, K 6, 10 7 4 3. WEST: 10 9 7 3, 5, 10 8 4, K Q J 8 2. EAST: Q 4, 7 4 2, J 9 7 5 3 2, 9 6. SOUTH: 8 6 2, A Q J 10 6 3, A Q, A 5. The bidding: North 1♣, East Pass, South 3♥, West Pass. Opening lead — king of clubs. Declarer obviously cannot control the distribution of the defenders' cards, which may or may not be favorable to his cause.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

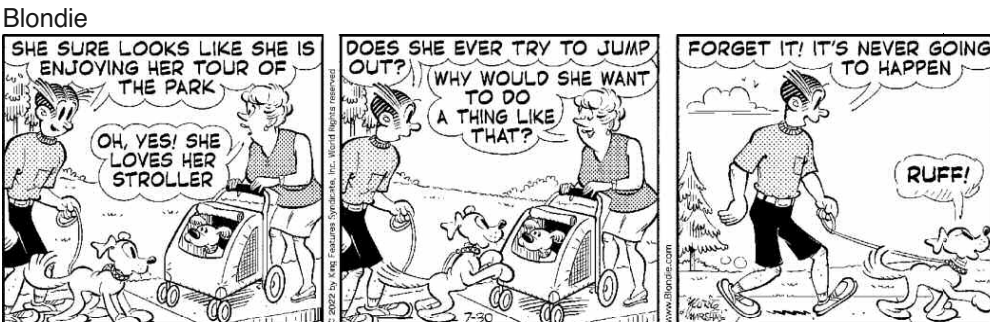
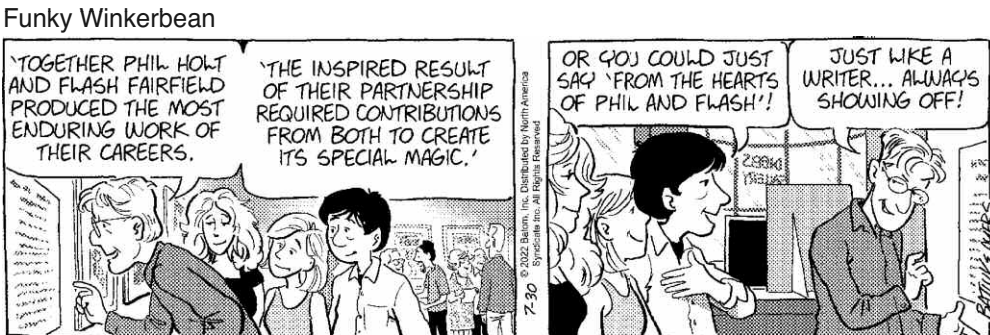
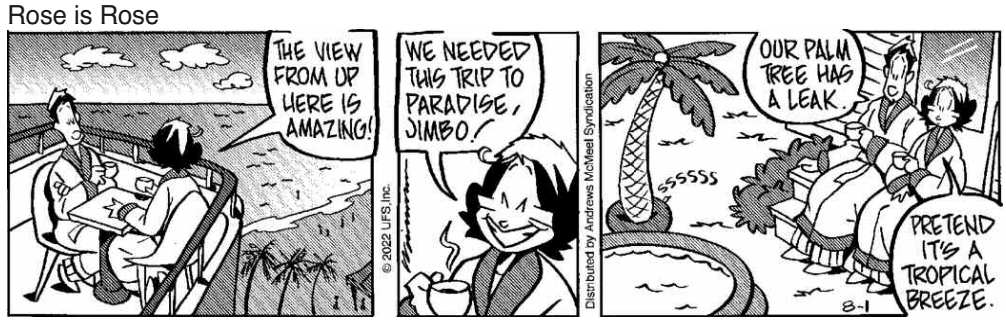
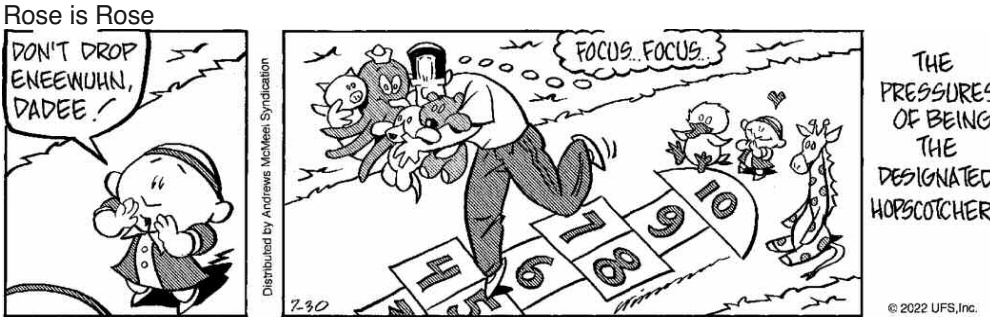
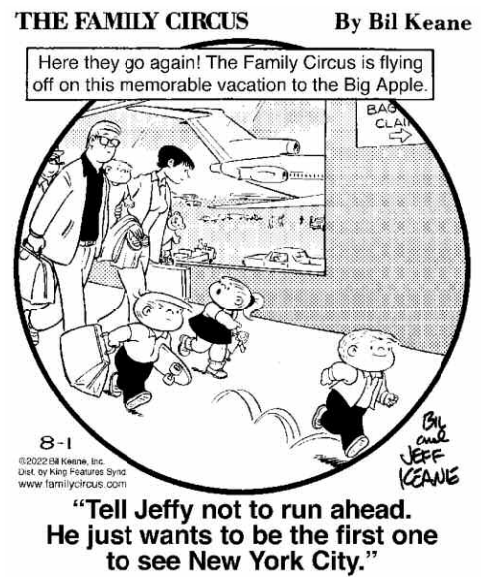
West dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: A, 10 6 5, A J 10 3, 9 6 4 3 2. WEST: 8 7 3, A J 9 7 2, —, A J 10 8 7. EAST: J 5 2, K Q 4 3, 8 7 4 2, K Q. SOUTH: K Q 10 9 6 4, 8, K Q 9 6 5, 5. The bidding: West 1♥, North Pass, East 3♥, South 4♣. Opening lead — nine of hearts. Brilliances are not always rewarded. For example, take this deal from the match between Taiwan and the United States at the 1979 world team championship. The U.S. North-South pair at the first table got to four spades doubled as shown, and West, Che-Hung Kuo, made the remarkable opening lead of the nine of hearts! After East, Patrick Huang, won the trick with the queen, he recognized that the purpose of his partner's underlead of the ace of hearts was to get a ruff. Huang also recognized that West's lead of an unnecessarily high heart was a suit-preference signal, asking for the return of the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits. Accordingly, Huang returned the deuce of diamonds, transmitting a suit-preference signal of his own. West ruffed the diamond and, obeying East's signal, returned the seven of clubs! West's second underlead of an ace was likewise successful. East won with the queen and led another diamond, and West ruffed to put the contract down one. But alas, this brilliant defense by the Taiwanese East-West pair was more than offset by what occurred at the second table, where the U.S. West wound up playing at five hearts doubled. Ordinarily, he would have gone down one, losing the first three spade tricks. But, luckily for declarer, North's singleton spade was the ace, which he led, and that was the only trick scored by the defenders. So the outcome was that the American East-West pair at the second table made five hearts doubled with an overtrick for a score of 1,050 points. This was 950 points more than the Taiwanese pair at the first table had scored with their extraordinary defense, providing ample proof that brilliances are not always adequately rewarded.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Newt, 4 Former Delta rival, 7 Very dry, 11 Bjorn of tennis fame, 13 Documentarian Burns, 14 Portrayal, 15 Afrikaner, 16 Fire sign?, 17 Pinnacle, 18 Lieu, 20 Trumpet, 22 Actress Vardalos, 24 Trité, 28 Basking venue, 32 Skiing spot, 33 Twistable treat, 34 TV's Danson, 36 Autobahn auto, 37 Open-mouthed, 39 Swiss cheese, 41 Wards off, 43 Resort, 44 Pleasing, 46 Batter's dry spell, 50 Spiced tea, 53 Vitamin stat, 55 Bangkok cuisine, 56 Hayloft site, 57 Whatever, 58 Christmas, 59 Unforeseen problem, 60 Skillet, 61 Chart-topping song, DOWN: 1 Recedes, 2 Shoe insert, 3 Shade provider, 4 — -la-la, 5 Desire, 6 Sneeze sound, 7 Basis for repeat purchases, 8 Sinbad's bird, 9 City on the Danube, 10 Golf peg, 12 Banner at a new store, 19 Conk out, 21 "Kid-napped" monogram, 23 Play part, 25 Aspiration, 26 Mimic, 27 Prefix with con-ference, 28 Fly high, 29 Incite, 30 Tide type, 31 Small barrel, 35 Hosp. workers, 38 Football's Manning, 40 Boom times, 42 Discard, 45 — St. Vincent Millay, 47 "Nope!" Algerian's neighbor, 49 Artist Mondrian, 50 "CSI" aier, 51 Solo in space, 52 Altar constellation, 54 Novelist Rand.

Solution time: 21 mins.
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Saturday's answer 8-1
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Monday afternoon  
August 8, 2022  
5:00 P.M

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - OLD & COLLECTOR ITEMS**  
Sears Coldspot refrigerator; upright freezer; Smith Brothers sofa; 4 pc. queen size bedroom suite; and other items not listed.  
**CAR - MOWER - TOOLS**  
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Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN  
Saturday Morning  
AUGUST 6, 2022  
10:00 A.M.

**BARBIE DOLLS AND ACCESSORIES - DOLLS**  
1950's thru 1980's Barbie dolls; International dolls; MINT dolls and clothing; 1950's original clothing; Special Edition dolls; Japanese Barbie, MINT IN BOX; and many other items not listed.

**OLD AND COLLECTORS ITEMS HOUSEHOLD GOODS TOY AND COLLECTOR CARS:** Hallmark, Nascar, Deluxe Plastic, MINT die cast police cars, Matchbox, bank, and many others not listed.

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## 260 PUBLIC AUCTION

## 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Saturday, August 6th, 2022  
TIME 10:00 A.M.  
LOCATED: Both Online, and on site at 3430 W. State Rd. 67, Portland, IN

**GUNS - GUN SUPPLIES - AMMUNITION - KNIVES**  
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**GUN PARTS - Springfield Model 84-C Barrel & Action, Remington 12G Barrel, Remington 12G Slug Barrel (Smooth), Electro Steel Choke Bore 32" Barrel, Pardner 12G 3" Modified Barrel 27" Long, Stag Pistol Grip**

**KNIVES - Randall 5" Blade w/ Sheath, Randall 7" Blade w/ Sheath, Bayonet w/ Sheath, Case XX Knife w/ Sheath (Bradford PA), Case XX Knife w/ 2 Blades, 9" Hunting Knife, American Wildlife Camillus Pocket Knife w/ 2 Blades, (2) Case XX Pocket Knife, Case X Single-Blade Pocket Knife, Remington 3-Blade Pocket Knife, Buck Pocket Knife w/ Sheath, RR Pocket Knife w/ Sheath, Edge Hunting Knife w/ Sheath, Hunting Knife w/ Sharpening Stone & Sheath, Hailey's Hunting Knife w/ Sheath, Spain Hunting Knife, Swiss Army Knife, and more!**

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## Felony court news

### Domestic battery

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery, a Level 5 felony.

Nicholas E. Maxwell, 38, 528 W. High St., Portland, was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served since Oct. 20, 2021. Maxwell was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention fee.

The prosecution moved to dismiss a Level 5 felony for domestic battery and a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement.

### Unlawful possession

Two men were recently sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay courts to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony.

Charles P. Shultz, 52, 1237 U.S. 27, Lot 3, Portland, was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to two and a half years in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine was dismissed.

Samuel D. Pitman III, 28, 6596 W. 500 South, Redkey, was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 172 days suspended and given 172 days credit for time served. Pitman

was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 373 days. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

### Common nuisance

A woman was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Cheryl A. Johnston, 47, was sentenced to two years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Johnston was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine was dismissed.

The court recommended her for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, it may consider modifying her sentence.

### Illegal handgun

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to carrying a handgun without a license, a Level 5 felony.

Zachary B. Combs, 32, 101 W. Moody Ave., was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served since Jan. 14. He was fined \$15 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class A mis-

demeanor for resisting law enforcement was dismissed.

### Obstruction

An Ohio man was sentenced to jail after he pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to obstruction of justice and resisting law enforcement, both Level 6 felonies.

Deon D. Nelloms Jr., 21, 6282 Waybridge Drive, Trotwood, was sentenced to 10 months in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. He was fined \$1 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 3 felony for dealing in a narcotic drug and a Class A misdemeanor for dealing in marijuana were dismissed.

### Burglary

A woman was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to burglary, a Level 4 felony.

Amber R. Newton, 34, was sentenced to eight years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served since Jan. 19. She was assessed \$185 in court costs and recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, it may consider modifying her sentence.

As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for theft was dismissed.

### Child exploitation

A Portland man was

sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to child exploitation, a level 4 felony, and child pornography, a Level 5 felony.

Johan Silos, 20, 609 S. Bridge St., was sentenced to five years in Indiana Department of Correction with two and a half years suspended. He was given credit for time served since Jan. 19.

Silos was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victims assistance fee.

### Child solicitation

Two Jay County men were sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to child solicitation, a Level 5 felony.

Justin W. Burrell, 34, 246 E. Commerce St., Dunkirk, was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction with 32 months suspended and given credit for one day served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victim assistance fee and a \$100 child abuse prevention fee. His original charge was filed as a Level 4 felony for child molestation.

Jose Eladio Lima Del Cid, 33, 422 E. Main St., Portland, was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with one year suspended and given credit for time served since Sept. 13, 2021. He was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault

victim assistance fee and a \$100 child abuse prevention fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 4 felony for child molestation and a Level 6 felony for dissemination of matter harmful to minors were both dismissed.

### Nonsupport

A Modoc man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 felony.

William Price, 38, 209 S. Main St., was sentenced to two and a half years in Jay County Jail with one and a half years suspended and given credit for time served. Price was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation.

He was ordered to pay \$22,575.47 in restitution to Shana Enis.

### Drug possession

Several people were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to drug possession.

Phillip O. LeMaster, 65, 5849 E. 400 South, Salamina, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of cocaine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 120 days suspended and given 38 days credit for time served. LeMaster was placed on probation for 245 days, fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation

within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana were both dismissed.

Myriah Boice (formerly known as Myriah R. Whitacre), 28, 663 Marian Ave., Lima, Ohio, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but 270 days suspended and given 14 days credit for time served. Boice was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was placed on probation for 460 days and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

Cody A. Brenner, 31, 336 E. North St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 36 days suspended and given 36 days credit for time served. Brenner was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was placed on probation for 329 days and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse treatment.

## Portland City Court

### Judge Donald Gillespie Fined and sentenced

Christina L. Parsons, Portland, speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Jai P. Singh, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, unsafe lane change, \$160.50; Anthony M. Burke, Portage, speeding 60 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$171; Melinda J. Zorn, Portland, noise ordinance violation (two counts), \$161; Hunter J. Gillette, Portland, improper display of renewable plate sticker, \$150.50; Tea Nichols, Portland, speeding 60 mph in a 40 mph zone (defaulted on her deferral), \$171.

### Failed to appear

Tyler A. Benedict, Bluffton, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone; Carlos W. Esparza, Marion, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone; Zuniga J. Kalle, Nashville, Tennessee, speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph zone and driving with expired plates; Kegan B. Lawrence, Portland, driving with a suspended license; Nicole M. Beckstrom, Winchester, driving without insurance; Michael P. Riddell, Portland, driving with a suspended license; Krishna Hunt, Ridgeville, driving without a valid license

### Cases dismissed

Albert L. Brittner, Kileen,

Texas, speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph zone; Jorge Cabrera Luna, Fitchburg, Wisconsin, failure to stop at stop sign; Abigail Boggs, Portland, driving with a suspended license; Cody A. Barker, Redkey, driving without a valid license; Hunter J. Gillette, Portland, failure to signal; Max A. McClain, Pennville, driving with expired plates

### Trials scheduled

Jeremia J. Busby, Dunkirk, driving with expired plates, pre-trial Sept. 7; Victor K. Gaston, Portland, driving with a suspended license, pre-trial Sept. 7; Spencer E. McCombs, Dunkirk, speeding 84 mph in a 55 mph zone, July 20; Gavin Grady, Redkey, animal control ordinance violation, Sept. 7; Kori Caldwell, Montpelier, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, Sept. 7; Randy J. Wolford, Portland, passing a school bus, Jan. 4, 2023; Aaliyah T. Oneal, Bloomington, speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph zone, driving with expired plates (two counts) and speeding 41 mph in a 30 mph zone and, Sept. 7

### Deferrals

Drema D. Weiss, Muncie, driving with a suspended license, \$195.50, six months; Emily DeVoe, Portland, disregarding auto signal, \$195.50, six months;

Janet L. Cross, Dunkirk, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, six months; Adam E. Nixon, Portland, speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph zone, six months; Eryn Curtis, Redkey, speeding 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, six months; Clinton A. Ellis, Albany, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, six months; Jerry W. Shields, Eaton, passing a school bus, one year; Carlton D. Tipton, Anderson, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, six months; Connor Teeter, Portland, speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone, six months; Esther G. Gilliam, Middletown, speeding 59 mph in a 40 mph zone, six months; Drema D. Weiss, Muncie, driving with a suspended license, six months; Maxwell S. Revere, Noblesville, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, six months; Dennis R. Burton, Columbus, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, six months; Andrew J. Castillo, speeding 44 mph in a 40 mph zone, six months; Hailey S. Braun, Monroe, speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone, six months; Aaron T. Hunt, Winchester, driving with a suspended license and driving without insurance, \$195.50, six months

### Paid by waiver

Bryant Clark, Portland, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$149.50; Eric J. Serjen,

Portland, driving with expired plates, \$160.50; Fernando L. Lopez, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Vince Robbins, Portland, seat belt violation, \$25; Rachel L. Bellis, Winchester, speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$152.50; Davron Qurbonov, Philadelphia, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Pavel Lunga, Mastic, New York, disregarding stop sign, \$160.50; Aaron M. Grandas, Muncie, speeding 60 mph in a 40 mph zone, \$171; Rick D. Gibson, Portland, seat belt violation, \$25; Cheyann L. Mills, Gaston, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Jason L. Crouse, Pennville, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$141; Ramazan Ciftci, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Thurman R. Curtis, Keystone, speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Destiny L. Butler, Pennington, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Kumar Nammar, Brampton, Canada, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Brittany R. Stoner, Bryant, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Kamal K. Macon II, Fort Wayne, speeding 67 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$147.50; Malak Singh, South Richmond Hill, New York, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Ricky J. Ruhl, Rich-

mond, speeding 79 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Colin D. McGinn, Greentown, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; William M. Fields, Indianapolis, speeding 50 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$150.50; Abbi G. Kuss, Albany, speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.50; Tabitha G. Somers, Portland, distracted driving, \$160.50; Tyler N. Sorrell, Yorktown, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Mon Ko Ali, Baltimore, Maryland, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Jerica M. Thomas, Eldorado, Ohio, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Ronald L. Morehouse, Hartford City, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150; Stacie S. Penrod, Montpelier, speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Verod A. Hopson, Houston, Texas, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Michaella M. Iles, Portland, speeding 81 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Khiry Wallace, Fort Wayne, driving with expired plates, \$160.50; Michael R. Fear, Montpelier, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$149.50; Michael A. Blizard, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Jeffrey A. Decant, Curtice, Ohio, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Aaron J. Wells, Muncie, speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$154.50

## Deeds

Dan K. Robinette and Peggy A. Robinette to themselves, death deed — Lot 3, Sunnypoint Addition  
Michael A. Blowers to himself, death deed — Part of Section 24, Jackson Township, 1.23 acres

Amy J. and Brian M. DeVoss to Riley DeVoss, warranty deed — Part of Section 15, Jefferson Township, 2.47 acres; Part of Section 14, Jefferson Township  
Jonathan W. Miller to

Bryant Volunteer Fire Department, quit claim deed — Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, original plat of Bryant  
Barbara J. Moses to Kenneth E. Moses, quit claim deed — Part of Section 13, Penn Township, 9 acres

Barbara J. Moses Revocable Trust to Kenneth E. Moses, trustee deed — Section 13, Tract 1, Penn Township, 139.927 acres; Part of Section 24, Tract 2, Penn Township  
Jonas C. and Jonathan

G. Graber to Emma M., Faith C.R., Jonas C. and Jonathan G. Graber, quit claim deed — Part of Section 8, Jackson Township, 10.45 acres

Richard J. Parks to Margaret A. Lindsey-McK-

ibben, warranty deed — Part of Section 24, Greene Township

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# Sports

## Rockets' season ends in regional

FORT WAYNE — The Rockets won their final game in pool play. It wasn't enough for them to move on. The Portland Rockets' season came to an end Friday in pool play in the National Amateur Baseball Federal regional tournament, though they closed with a 2-1 victory over the Fort Wayne Jackers at Indiana Tech.

The Prison City (Michigan) Padres and Jackers advance from the pool to today's tournament action, with a berth in the NABF World Series going to the regional champion. (The Jackers had already clinched a spot before playing the Rockets.)

Portland (18-18) fell behind Friday night when the Jackers scored in the bottom of the sixth inning. But after Noah Collins hit a leadoff single in the top of the seventh, the Rocket rally was on. A dropped third strike allowed Collins to take second, he moved to third on a fly ball from Dakota Durick and he scored on an error. Then Zach Orn and Zach Tanner connected on back-to-back two-out doubles for a 2-1 lead.

Fort Wayne got a couple of runners on base in the bottom of the seventh, but Trever Sheets was able to strike out the side to preserve the season-ending win. (Bryce Deckman went the first 5 2/3 innings for the Rockets, limiting the Jackers to one run on four hits and three walks with five strikeouts.)

Portland lost 5-4 to the Prison City Padres earlier in the day, scoring once in the top of the seventh inning but failing to push home the tying run. In the regional opener Thursday, it suffered a 14-3 loss to the Livonia (Michigan) Firebirds in six innings.

## Small squad starts Tuesday

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

Team wins were hard to come by for the Patriots last year. As they approached the 2022 season, they faced the possibility of not being able to compete in the team standings at all.

With a late addition, the Jay County High School girls golf team will be able to fill out a full lineup this year, though it won't have its full complement of golfers yet when it takes the course to open the season Tuesday at the Belmont Invitational.

First-year coach Marvin Buckner explained that the team had a roster of just three before exchange student Stacy Fomina agreed to join the group this week. It will take her a few days next week to get the required practices in so that she can be added to the lineup.

Jay County returns three golfers — Maddy Snow, Rosealynne Smith and Ellie Klarer — from last season's squad that finished 4-10 in dual meets. (Its wins came against South Adams, Adams Central, Wes-Del and Monroe Central.) The Patriots finished sixth in the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament and last in the 11-team sectional tournament at Crestview Golf Course in Muncie.

The competition is close between the top two players on the squad, with Buckner saying he expects Snow, a sophomore, to open the season at the No. 1 spot and Smith to play at No. 2.

He noted that before the end of the 2021-22 school year, he asked

JCHS girls golf		
Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, Aug. 2	Bellmont Invitational	8 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 3	S. Adams Invitational	9 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 8	Four-team at Heritage	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 11	Muncie Central	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 15	Anderson	5 p.m.
<b>Monday, Aug. 22</b>	<b>Mon. Cent./Bluffton</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug. 25</b>	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 30</b>	<b>Winch./Fort Recovery</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 6</b>	<b>Wes-Del/Yorktown</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Sept. 10	ACAC at Celina Lynx	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 13	Southern Wells	4:30 p.m.
<b>Home matches in bold</b>		

the players to fill out cards indicating strengths and weaknesses. For Snow, the areas to improve were chipping and putting.

"She's improved dramatically," said Buckner, whose team started informal practices July 11. "She's even indicated a couple different times since we started practicing how well she's doing. ... She is very happy with that.

"(Smith) is an excellent chipper and putter," he added of the senior who led Jay County with a 110 at the sectional tournament last season. "She needed driving and middle irons. ... We worked on ... staying down with the shot. ... She is progressing."

Klarer, a junior, makes the move to the varsity squad after playing at the junior varsity level last season.

While Fomina, who is from Ukraine and will be spending a second school year in Jay County, has not played competitive golf, she has spent some time playing recreationally as friends.

She, like the other members of the team, is open to learning.

"All the players take criticism and coaching very easily," Buckner said. "And they pay attention. ... So far, these girls, they've tried everything that I've asked. ...

"Anything that I'm teaching them as far as putting technique or anything of that nature is basics. Now they can develop their own style to that. Each girl is different, but the basics mainly stay the same."

With just four golfers, the margin of error is thin. All four scores will count for the Patriots every night. (Typically a varsity lineup includes five golfers, with the highest score being dropped.)

The team has essentially a three-part schedule. It opens with five consecutive events on the road, including a pair of invitationals to open the season, then plays six straight at Portland Golf Club. It finishes with the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Celina Lynx and a road match against Southern Wells before the sectional tournament.

So what does success look like for Jay County on the links this year?

"That the girls just



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Jay County High School senior Rosealynne Smith chips onto the first green Friday during practice at Portland Golf Club. Smith and the rest of the Patriots will open their season Tuesday at the Belmont Invitational. (A team photo will be published in the fall sports special section that runs Aug. 17.)

have fun, don't get down on themselves," said Buckner, who has been an assistant coach for the boys team the last two seasons. "And still have the drive to participate and expect to do well."

He set a goal of the team winning a third of its matches, similar to what it did last season. "I feel like that would be a huge success," he added. "They're all upbeat and any win is a good win."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls golf at Belmont Invitational — 8 a.m.

### TV sports

**Tuesday**  
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)  
8 p.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC 277 (ESPN)  
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)

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. — Auto racing: Formula 1 — Hungarian Grand Prix (ESPN)  
Noon — Soccer: Women's Euro final — Germany vs. England (ESPN)  
1:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Washington Nationals (Bally Indiana)  
2:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — Verizon 200 (NBC)  
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Rocket Mortgage Classic (CBS)

3 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Las Vegas Aces at Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana)  
4 p.m. — Auto racing: Northwest Nationals (FOX)  
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at San Francisco Giants (ESPN)

**Monday**  
1 p.m. — Tennis: Citi Open and Silicon Valley Classic (Bally Indiana)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
8:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros (ESPN)

**Tuesday**  
1 p.m. — Tennis: Citi Open and Silicon Valley Classic (Bally Indiana)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Miami Marlins (Bally Indiana)  
9:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco Giants (TBS)

### Local notes

**JCC registration deadline extended**  
Jay Community Center has extended its registration deadline for its fall Boomer flag football and soccer programs to Wednesday.

Forms are available at the community center or online at [jaycc.org](http://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](http://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 IHSA tournament events.

**5K circuit continues July 16**  
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will wrap up its 2022 schedule on Aug. 6.

The final event in the eight-race circuit is the JRDS 5K at Hudson Family Park. Registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race.

To register, or for more information, visit [runjaycounty.com](http://runjaycounty.com).

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