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Inventive inspiration



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The Jay County High School Marching Patriots hit their final formation to finish their show — “A Bright Idea” — during their Indiana State Fair preview performance Tuesday night. The show tells the story of three Thomas Edison inventions and innovations through music and movement.

Show tells story of Edison’s imagination

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Imagination. Innovation. Invention.

Thomas Edison embodied all of those things.

The Marching Patriots are trying to as well as they share his story through music and movement.

Jay County High School’s 2022 show is all about Edison, who developed a version of the light

bulb for widespread use, invented the phonograph and supervised his lab’s development of the Kinetograph (an early movie camera).

“It’s just really trying to encapsulate that story of those three great inventions,” said band director Chuck Roesch, who is in his first year leading the Marching Patriots (see related story).

“It’s just really how we got all

these new inventions back in that era,” said senior snare drummer Destiny McManus. “And eventually evolving ...

“We want to bring about his timeline of how he went through his process of connecting all these new ideas... and how it’s affected us today.”

The show, written by Alex Yoder with the drill by John Bay, features three movements, each focused on one of the inven-

tions. The first opens quietly with a focus on the pit percussion under the band forms and turns toward the crowd.

“The band has been doing a lot of choreography and then right upon that they turn around, instruments come up and they just start blasting away,” said Roesch. “That’s a very exciting moment in the show.”

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Director, band have adjusted together

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

It’s been a time of transition.

That was inevitable.

Not only was Kelly Smeltzer the only band director the current students had ever worked with but, for most of them, he had led the Marching Patriots for their entire lives.

Meanwhile, Chuck Roesch was starting over in a new place with a new group after two decades leading his former program.

Roesch, who was the director of Centerville’s Blue Regiment for 20 years, took over as the new director of the Jay

County High School Marching Patriots in June.

Smeltzer had announced his retirement the previous fall after 17 years as the band director and more than 30 years with the program. (He had served under Dave Humbert, the only other director in the history of JCHS before this year.)

So far, so good.

“At first I was a little nervous,” said senior saxophone player Alex Ardizzone. “I myself am a bit unreceptive to change but just about after the first week I was pretty much sold.”

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First-year Jay County High School band director Chuck Roesch strolls in front of the Marching Patriots before they took the field Saturday for the Drums at Winchester contest.

Walorski died in traffic collision

By WHITNEY DOWNARD and LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

U.S. Representative Jackie Walorski, R-2nd, was killed in a car crash Wednesday about 12:32 p.m. near Nappanee, a city south of South Bend.

Two other occupants in Walorski’s vehicle, heading southbound, were identified as Zachery Potts, 27, Mishawaka, and Emma Thomson, 28, of Washington, D.C. Both worked for Walorski’s office. The driver of the other vehicle, 56-year-old Edith Schmucker of Nappanee, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the Goshen News.

Walorski, a South Bend native, was 58. She served in the U.S. House of Representatives starting in 2013, and before that spent five years in the Indiana House.

The reactions poured in Wednesday afternoon:

•Purdue University President and former Gov. Mitch Daniels said “there could not be worse news.”

“I’m heartsick at this tragedy. Jackie Walorski was a great public servant, a brave and constant ally for change during all my years in elected office, and a great representative of her district at both the state and national levels. I can’t say how much I’ll miss her.”

•Indiana Sen. Todd Young released a statement expressing his condolences for Walorski, Thomson and Potts.

“I’m truly devastated. Jackie loved Hoosiers and devoted her life to fighting for them. I’ll never forget her spirit, her positive attitude and most importantly her friendship,” Young said. “All of Indiana mourns her passing.”

•Third District Republican Congressman Jim Banks said his heart is broken for Walorski’s husband and family.

“Jackie was a true public servant — selfless, humble, and compassionate. She was a devout Christian, a passionate advocate for life, and a leader among Hoosier representatives. Everything Jackie did was to serve others,” he said in a statement. “From my first day in Congress, Jackie showed me kindness and grace.”

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Missiles fired close to Taiwan

By CINDY WANG
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

China fired its largest missile tests in Taiwan’s waters in decades, the day after U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi defied Beijing by visiting the self-ruled island it claims as its own.

The People’s Liberation Army fired 11 Dongfeng ballistic missiles into waters north, east and south of Taiwan between 1:56 p.m. and 4 p.m. local time Thursday, the island’s Defense Ministry said in a statement. Sun Li-fang, a ministry spokesman, earlier said missiles had been fired from land.

It was unclear which location the missiles were fired from and if any went over Taiwan. China has never sent missiles over the island before and such a move would be a provocative escalation. Taiwan’s defense ministry declined to comment on that point.

China also sent long-range rockets near the northwestern outlying islands of Matsu and Dongyin, and Wuqiu in the west, Taiwan confirmed. Its defense ministry said it had strengthened its guard around the islands, which are located closer to China’s coastline than Taiwan.

Taking off

Lilliah Poling, 5, waves to her mother Wednesday as she takes off on a ride around the Walmart parking lot in Portland. Local emergency personnel gathered in the lot next to the store for National Night Out, offering free food, games and tours of different emergency vehicles, as well as a kiddie ride, bounce house and a demonstration from Portland Police dog Spike.



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Deaths

Eva Wyrick, 94, Cincinnati
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 91 degrees Wednesday. The low was 70 and there was about a tenth of an inch of rain.

Tonight’s low will be 69, with Friday’s high coming in at 81. There is a chance of rain through Tuesday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Portland Foundation has announced that the application period for the 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is open. It is available to seniors who have at least a 3.5 grade point average. Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org.

For more information, call Jessica Cook at (260) 726-4260.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of today’s Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday’s Indiana State Fair cheerleading competition.



Capsule Reports

Lost control

A Portland man lost control of the van he was driving, causing him to drive off Como Road and into a rural Portland woman's yard about 4 a.m. Monday.

Preston R. Keen, 26, was driving southeast on Como Road near the intersection with Mount Pleasant Road at a high speed, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. The 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan he was

driving went off the northwest side of the road and into Rebecca Brunson's yard at 5685 S. Como Road. The Dodge crashed into Brunson's mailbox and a small tree, causing damage to the van's bumper, windshield and a tire.

Keen appeared to have been drinking, according to the report. Police performed field sobriety tests on Keen, who was given a portable breath test and his blood alcohol content was

found to be below the legal limit.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle Keen was driving is registered to Emily E. Williams of Portland.

Curb hit

A Decatur man's motorcycle struck a curb in Redkey about 8:38 p.m. Sunday.

Douglas E. Barker, 58, was driving north on Meridian Street

just south of McKinnett Street when he looked down, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. His 2015 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 hit a curb, causing his motorcycle to roll over and tossing him off it.

Barker complained of head pain. (He was wearing a helmet, according to the report.) His motorcycle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of the vehicle a Portland teen was driving about 9:44 p.m. Tuesday.

Leah E. Wenning, 16, was driving south on county road 600 East when a deer crossed the road. She couldn't avoid hitting the animal with the 2014 Buick Enclave she was driving, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

CR almanac

Friday 8/5	Saturday 8/6	Sunday 8/7	Monday 8/8	Tuesday 8/9
81/70	86/71	87/71	85/68	76/63
There's a 70% chance of thunderstorms Friday. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high in the low 80s.	Saturday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with a cool 5 to 10 mph southwestern wind.	Sunday has a slight chance of rain and thunderstorms under mostly sunny skies.	The forecast shows a 60% chance of thunderstorms Monday, with a high in the mid 80s.	Partly sunny skies with a 40% chance of showers. The high will be in the upper 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball 9-21-56-57-66 Power Ball: 11 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	48-52-59-64-67-69-76-78 Cash 5: 3-7-11-21-36 Hoosier Lotto: 3-5-25-28-30-40 Estimated jackpot: \$16.6 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$36 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-5-9 Pick 4: 3-6-4-9 Pick 5: 1-6-2-7-1 Evening Pick 3: 5-7-5 Pick 4: 8-0-9-6 Pick 5: 7-7-4-6-4 Rolling Cash: 2-3-11-26-28 Classic Lotto: 17-21-29-38-47-48 Kicker: 9-9-1-8-0-4 Estimated jackpot: \$33 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-3-5 Daily Four: 8-4-5-8 Quick Draw: 2-4-11-13-17-19-20-23-26-30-32-35-36-37-39-46-50-52-53-65 Evening Daily Three: 9-3-0 Daily Four: 6-1-2-1 Quick Draw: 7-11-13-17-19-21-25-32-37-38-44-45-	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1704, Britain took control of Gibraltar, which became a British colony, during the War of Spanish Succession.

In 1753, George Washington became a Master Mason in Fredericksburg, Virginia, his hometown.

In 1790, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton established the Revenue Marine Service. It would later become the U.S. Coast Guard.

In 1821, a Russian Antarctic Expedition, led by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen, returned after becoming the first to circumnavigate Antarctica.

In 1914, Great Britain entered World War I, declaring war on Germany following its invasion of Belgium.

In 1944, the Gestapo discovered the secret annex in Amsterdam where Anne Frank and seven others were hiding. All were sent to concentration camps.

In 1972, Ludwig's Supermarket on West Votaw Street in Portland was robbed. A lone gunman pulled a pistol on a cashier and stole an estimated \$100 shortly before midnight.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter established the Department of Energy.

In 2021, Republican precinct committeemen elected Harold Towell to fill the Jay County Council seat vacated by the resignation of Amy Barrett. She had resigned in July.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room courthouse, 12 N. Court St., Portland.	6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Eva Wyrick

Aug. 18, 1927-July 30, 2022
Eva Kathryn Wyrick, age 94, of Portland passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2022, in Aventura at West Park in Cincinnati.

She was born in Jay County on Aug. 18, 1927, the daughter of Ezra and Dona (Sanders) Grile. She was married on June 29, 1950, to Henry E. Wyrick and he passed away on Dec. 3, 2006.

She was a homemaker and had worked at the Footcare shop in Portland. She was a member and church secretary at Trinity United



Wyrick

Methodist Church, belonged to United Methodist Women and Jay County Hospital Auxiliary. She was a 1945 Portland High School graduate, Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout leader and PTO officer. Eva enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are two sons, Randy Wyrick (wife Kate) of Indianapolis and Rick Wyrick (wife Sandy) of Noblesville; three daughters, Diana Wyrick of Florence, Kentucky, Kathy Folk of Villa Hills, Kentucky, and Rosanne Rickabaugh (husband Tim) of Defiance, Ohio; one sister, Frances Pizarek of Kokomo; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. in Baird-

Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. Burial will follow in Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Memorials can be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or Jay County Historical Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

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

Show ...

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The second movement starts with hearing the voice of Edison himself from his first recording — “Mary had a Little Lamb” — followed by musical stylings from the turn of the 20th century with ragtime and Jazz. It brings more choreography from the era with a penguin walk and high knees, and the saxophone quartet of Alex Ardizzone, Lukes Powers, Jordan Wickey and Azael Navarro being “recorded.”

The third movement shifts to a more majestic, cinematic sound.

“The (color guard has) a saber routine in the middle of the ragtime stuff and they make faces at the audience,” said Roesch. “They just have this really playful coyness about them through that and it's one of my favorite parts of the show because they're doing a really great job of communicating.”

It's a favorite moment

for those color guard performers as well.

“I can smile and I can stick my tongue out,” said Madi Schweigel. “I can be myself right there.”

And there's some interaction with the crowd.

“I can see all of them smiling and they're just

Band day at a glance

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots will compete Friday at the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition. JCHS finished fourth last year after placing third at each of the previous four state fair competitions. Below is a look at when the top competitors are scheduled to perform Friday.

Kokomo	3 p.m.	Anderson	9:18 a.m.
Jay County	2:27 p.m.	Winchester	1:24 p.m.
Centerville	2:36 p.m.	Muncie Central	1:33 p.m.

Awards from the preliminaries are scheduled for 4:45 p.m. The finals will begin at 8 p.m.

As of this morning, the Indianapolis weather forecast for Friday calls for a 50% chance of precipitation with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

In case of inclement weather, the state fair band day policy is as follows: All attempts will be made to hold the contest. After completion of the preliminary session, the weather and performance area will be evaluated, and a decision will be made by the band day coordinator and Indiana State Fair officials to determine whether finals can be held. If full performances can't be allowed for finals, a decision will be made whether the bands can give stand-still performances. If a stand-still performance is given for finals performance, each band will be judged on music execution and music general effect. The preliminary visual execution and visual general effect scores will be included to determine the band's final score. If a stand-still performance cannot be given for finals performance, preliminary scores will determine a band's final placement.

Director ...

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Their new director was quick to see the qualities that have made the Marching Patriots regulars in the Sweet 16 at Indiana State Fair Band Day for decades.

“The kids have a really, really deep sense of pride in their program,” said Roesch, a Florida native who moved to Indiana after meeting his wife, Erin, when they were both in college at Stetson University. “They've just been genuine since day one.”

The fact that there were differences was evident from that first day of practice in early June. Much of it was spent focused on marching technique, positioning of feet, posture, etc.

Roesch talked a lot about “setting your V” — the Marching Patriots putting their feet at a 90-degree angle — something he said makes it easier to clean forma-

tions while marching on the field or track. In general, it was a focus on fundamentals.

And, of course, there was learning the personality of a new director. (Roesch describes his sense of humor as dry.)

“At the very beginning it was different,” said senior drum major Thomas Charles. “But I feel like the whole band has clicked with Mr. Roesch.”

In addition to the pride they displayed for their program, Roesch said he's also been impressed with the group's work ethic. The few times it's slipped this summer and he's called out the Marching Patriots, he said they've bounced right back and responded with some of their best practices.

In terms of results, Jay County has picked up right where it left off. A top four band at each of the last five Indiana State fair con-

tests, they've finished fourth or higher in all of their four contests this year, including runner-up efforts at Centerville and their home contest.

And while there are changes in method and philosophy, when Roesch talks about what success would look like Friday he sounds very much like his predecessor.

“They need to give a performance that they can honestly look every single person that's on the staff and every other member of the group straight in the eye and be able to say, ‘I gave my 100% best effort out there for you today,’” he said before practice Wednesday. “I don't preach trophies. ... The biggest enemy we have is that number 100 because that's what a perfect score is. So that competition is against ourselves and that standard of 100 and how close can we get to 100.”

Died ...

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“She had a heart of gold, and I will miss her dearly. Please join Amanda and I in praying for Jackie's loved ones and the friends and family of her two staff members who also lost their lives in this tragic accident.”

Under Indiana law, Gov. Eric Holcomb must call a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Walorski's term.

Walorski moved to Romania in 2000, where she engaged in Christian missionary work and founded Impact International, a foundation providing medical supplies to low-income children.

By 2004, Walorski was back stateside, and running for a seat in Indiana's House of Representatives. She won three

two-year terms in a row, serving District 2 from 2005-2010. During that time, she made headlines for sponsoring the contentious voter identification law that the U.S. Supreme Court upheld in 2008, and that helped other states implement similar laws.

Walorski ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010 before snagging the seat in 2012. At the time of her death, she was the ranking member on the Ethics Committee and the Ways and Means Committee's Worker and Family Support subcommittee. She also held an assignment to the Oversight subcommittee.

reporter at South Bend's WSBT-TV. She went on to lead the St. Joseph County Humane Society before taking on a trio of jobs at Ancilla College in Donaldson, Indiana; the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce and Indiana University South Bend throughout the 1990s.

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SERVICES

Friday

Grady, Jack: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Ames, Kenneth: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday

Wyrick, Eva: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Breastfeeding has benefits

By ASHLEY CORWIN

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated in 120 countries during the week of Aug. 1 through Aug. 7 each year.

World Breastfeeding Week's goal is to provide education on the benefits of breastfeeding by focusing on the impacts of good nutrition, poverty reduction and food security on infant and maternal health. World breastfeeding week has the dual goal of improving the health of babies by promoting, protecting and supporting the rights of women to breastfeed anywhere and at any time.

How long is it recommended to for a mother to breastfeed?

It is no secret that there is currently a formula shortage in the United States. Breastfeeding provides food security. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends mothers breastfeed solely until six months of age with the introduction of solid foods at that milestone. It is then encouraged, with proven benefits for both the mother and infant, for breastfeeding to con-

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tinue until the second year of life.

What are the benefits of breastfeeding?

Human milk comprises hundreds to thousands of distinct bioactive molecules that protect against infection and inflammation and contribute to healthy immune systems and organ development. In addition to reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), extensive research confirms breastfeeding has numerous benefits for infant health by decreasing the following acute and chronic conditions:

- Otitis media (ear infections)
- Acute diarrheal disease
- Lower respiratory illnesses
- Inflammatory bowel disease

- Childhood leukemia
- Diabetes mellitus
- Obesity
- Asthma
- Atopic dermatitis

Mothers who breastfeed have a decreased risk of postpartum depression and experience a lower risk of:

- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Breast, ovarian, endometrial cancer
- Hypertension

What can be done to help prepare for breastfeeding?

Breastfeeding can be challenging and may require additional support to achieve the mothers' breastfeeding goals. Breastfeeding education should begin in the prenatal period to help prepare a mother for her upcoming breastfeeding journey. A lactation consultant can be contacted for breastfeeding questions and support at IU Health Jay Healthy Beginnings at (260) 726-1919.

Corwin is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant at IU Health Jay Healthy Beginnings.

New lifestyle is big change

DEAR ABBY: My elderly mother spent her entire adult life spending her men's money, and now she has morphed into an entitled, self-absorbed and vapid woman. She blew through her inheritance years ago with no regard for future needs. I have now moved her into senior housing near me. She wants to make friends, but the problem is that she thinks she's better than everyone. She criticizes people's dress and perceived social status. Although she looks like a frail old lady, she's in denial. She also has bouts of crying and irrational concerns and demands.

Abby, my mother has a roof over her head she can afford, food, access to health care and family nearby. She's just used to the constant go-go-go of her former country club life (which she never paid for). I'm recently retired, and her manipulations and the effect she could have on my marriage have me stressed-out. Please advise. — STUCK IN THE MUCK

DEAR STUCK: You are a caring, if frustrated, son. You mentioned that your mother has spent her entire adult life indulging herself and living the "country club life." Change at any age can be difficult, but as people age, they can become less resilient, which is more of a challenge. I can understand why your mother might sometimes shed tears over her changed status and even be in denial about it. You didn't mention how much freedom she has now, but she may have too much idle time on her hands. If she can't find things in common with her neighbors, perhaps she could make

Dear Abby



friends volunteering for some of the charities or activities in the community. You would be doing her a favor to suggest it. However, if her crying spells increase, she might benefit from being screened for depression by a medical professional.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a mostly online relationship with a man for years. He is a musician, and we met after one of his shows. We live a thousand miles apart and, since COVID shut the world down, we have seen each other only twice. We love each other very much and have developed our relationship via texting constantly. My problem is I'm not a wealthy woman, but I have been sending him more than \$1,000 a month all this time so he can post his music on various websites. I'm not entirely comfortable with this. I have a strong aversion to being used, which is what it sometimes feels like. What do you think I should do? — OUT OF TUNE IN DELAWARE

DEAR OUT OF TUNE: Listen to your intuition. Tell the musician you love him very much, but you will have to stop sending him money because you can no longer afford it. It happens to be the truth. How he behaves in the months that follow your announcement will show if he is on the level or if you have been used.

Muncie festival begins Saturday

MUNCIE — A free festival is taking over the streets downtown this weekend.

"Fire Up DWNTWN: A Summer Streetfest," going on from 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday in downtown Muncie.

Pre-festivities kick off with entertainment, food and drinks at The Clubhouse at Accutech, 115 S. Walnut St., at 7 p.m. Friday. Family friendly attractions, food, hot rods and live music will take over Walnut Street between Main Street and Canan Commons starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Attendees may also ride hot air balloons over Canan Commons from 7 to 10 p.m. for \$20.

At dusk, the hot air balloons will perform a 90-minute illumination show, followed by fireworks, according to a press release from

Taking Note

Muncie Downtown Development Partnership.

For more information, visit Downtown Muncie's Facebook page or website, downtownmuncie.org.

Senior learning series

Get ready to learn how to recognize scams.

Tracy Carpenter from First Bank of Berne will be speaking about banking scams during the senior learning series at John Jay Center

for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland, at noon Sept. 1. Reservations for lunch, which will begin at 11:30 a.m. prior to the presentation, must be paid in advance.

Adult education

Free adult education classes are available.

John Jay Center for Learning is offering free classes for adults to receive a High School Equivalency diploma. The state has also supplied funding to help students pay for their final High School Equivalency Test in 2022.

Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at

The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be

served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Aug. 2, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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

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MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

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

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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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Include public in decision-making

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The Indiana Department of Transportation reports Indiana “has more at-grade public rail-highway crossings than all but four other states.”

Safety and efficiency at these crossings and in the areas around them extremely important. Lives are of primary importance.

However, local emergencies, the time of travelers, the air quality impact of idling motors and the damage to vehicles, are also of consequence.

An inventory of Indiana at-grade rail crossings lists 16,464. Some are active and some inactive. But all are important if we drive across them and they are not properly maintained.

Lake County may be the winner with 968 such crossings, 279

Eye on the Pie



in Gary. Allen County has 405 with 201 in Fort Wayne; Vigo County 345 with 262 in Terre Haute; Bartholomew County 141 with 94 in Columbus.

The Federal Railway Administration (FRA) presses for closures and money is available to areas where closures take place. But it is not right to close every crossing. There are local considerations deserving attention by local governments.

Two Indiana examples are worth examining:

On May 26, the Norfolk Southern Railroad called the Starke County Highway superintendent about closing a rail crossing. The railroad then sent a letter — a petition — to the county commissioners, who were advised by the county attorney to hold a public meeting which took place on July 5. The overwhelming response from Starke County citizens was against closure. Ten days, the commissioners denied the petition. Matter closed, not the crossing.

Compare that with a similar situation in Brown County. The Indiana Railroad Company petitioned on May 20, 2019, the county commissioners to close the crossing at Indian Hill Road near Trevlac.

The commissioners approved the petition on May 6, 2020, despite the fact the law requires a public hearing. Without that public hearing, the commissioners did not know their decision cut the popular Tecumseh Trail in two.

This trail is an important part of the Governor’s Trail Initiative, a significant element in his Indiana Destination Development program. The latter effort is a long-delayed recognition of Indiana’s natural attractions (think of our Dunes National Park) as critical components in a comprehensive economic development package.

On July 20, a local attorney presented an amendment to the resolution passed 26 months earlier. All that was needed was

a clarification that closing the crossing to vehicular traffic did not mean closing off pedestrians.

State Rep. Matt Pierce supported the amendment and an unaffiliated Brown County resident spoke favorably of hiking with his son on the trail. The commissioners present acknowledged their previous lack of information and expressed support for restoring pedestrian access.

We don’t know yet, for certain, what will happen in Brown County, but again we have learned the power of following the law and including the public in decision making.

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New budget deal would be big win

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

Rather unexpectedly, the 117th Congress is shaping up to be one of the most productive in recent memory.

A new compromise reached by Sen. Joe Manchin and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer could prove to be its most significant achievement yet.

After months of often-acrimonious debate over President Joe Biden’s “Build Back Better” plan, Democrats have apparently ditched the sobriquet in favor of the substance. The new deal, intended to be passed along party lines in accordance with the Senate’s budget reconciliation rules, would accomplish nearly all of the most important goals of Biden’s initial proposal without its most controversial baggage. It would offer some \$433 billion in new spending, bring in \$739 billion in revenue and reduce deficits by \$300 billion over a decade.

Promisingly, the proposed spending is well focused. A summary of the deal Democrats put out on Wednesday says it would offer fully \$369 billion for climate and energy proposals, the most urgent parts of Biden’s original \$3.5 trillion proposal. That should turbocharge the administration’s plans to reduce carbon emissions and lay the groundwork for a clean energy economy, while avoiding some of its less defensible outlays. The new bargain would also put \$64 billion toward extending COVID-era subsidies for Obamacare health insurance, thus helping millions of Americans avoid significant premium increases.

More or less true to its grandiose name — the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 — the proposal also takes budgetary restraint more seriously than its predecessors in this Congress. To raise revenue, it would establish a 15% corporate minimum tax for large companies, allot \$124 billion to the IRS for enhanced tax enforcement, and close the so-called carried interest loophole, which allows investment fund managers to pay income taxes at a preferential rate. Realistically,

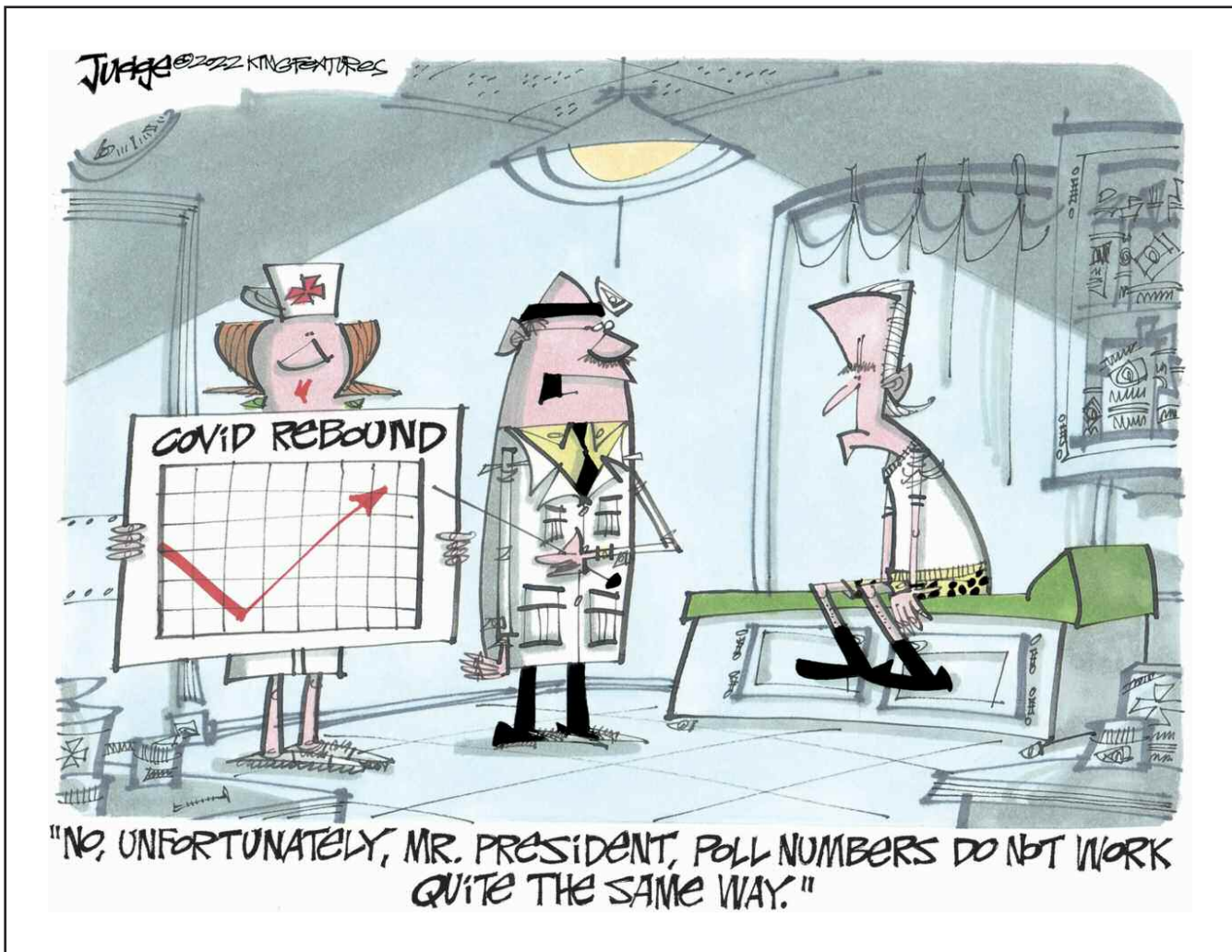
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Perhaps more consequentially, the plan would remove a legal prohibition that has long prevented Medicare from bargaining with pharmaceutical companies on behalf of the 49 million Americans in its drug insurance program. This barrier has kept U.S. drug prices the highest in the world — \$1,300 per person per year, on average. A previous proposal along these lines was expected to save taxpayers almost \$290 billion through 2031, with greater savings in subsequent years as more drugs become eligible for negotiation. Advancing this reform alone would’ve been a momentous achievement.

Plenty of details remain to be ironed out, of course, and serious pitfalls still lie ahead. But all told, this compromise would be big win for Democrats, for the White House and — not least — for the U.S. taxpayer. As America’s loquacious president once said in another context, it’s a big effing deal.



The heat is on to act now

By TIM MALONEY
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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The Economist reported this week that the temperature in Britain — for the first time in recorded history — reached 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit). Closer to home, a dozen cities in the American South have experienced record-breaking heat this month. Across the U.S., wildfires now burn twice the average annual acreage compared to the acreage burned in the 1990’s.

This latest data is part of the compelling and growing body of evidence that climate change is a clear and present danger to our health and well-being. Yet the urgency is lost on many. Consider the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that will impede the U.S. EPA’s ability to regulate greenhouse gases. The Court in West Virginia v. EPA said the Clean Air Act did not authorize EPA to limit power plants’ CO2 emissions in the comprehensive, yet flexible manner proposed in the Clean Power Plan. The Court ruled on this question despite the fact that the Clean Power Plan is not in effect now and EPA has no plans to reinstate it.

This is a surprising, deeply disappointing ruling on many levels, and time will tell how sweeping a ruling it really is. In this case, the Court embraced an emerging legal doctrine called the “major questions” doctrine, which says that any agency action with great “economic and political significance” requires an explicit Congressional authorization. It’s hard to find a federal law with more explicit direction than the Clean Air Act. Section 111 of the Clean Air Act requires EPA to regulate stationary sources of any substance that “causes, or contributes significantly to, air pollution” and that “may reasonably be anticipated

to endanger public health or welfare.”

One of the court’s criticisms of the Clean Power Plan was its approach to include generation shifting in the strategies to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, and that this approach would have dramatic economic impacts. But in finding this, the Court ignored evidence that this “generation shift” from coal-fired electricity to renewables and natural gas was already well underway — encouraged by many factors apart from air pollution regulations.

Despite the Court’s limitation on EPA powers, it did not prohibit the agency from regulating greenhouse gases in a more conventional, but less flexible fashion — such as requiring costly CO2 capture and sequestration technology at individual power plants. Interestingly, the Edison Electric Institute, an advocate for the electric power industry, supported the EPA’s position in the Supreme Court case.

While this regulatory debate goes forward, other actions must, and will, be taken to continue reducing global and U.S. carbon emissions if we are to limit the impacts of climate change. The Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment tells us that the number of extremely hot days will increase across Indiana, with a dramatic increase in southern Indiana — from 7 extremely hot days a year in the past to 38 to 51 such days each year by 2050. The Assessment also

reports that “Average annual precipitation has increased 5.6 inches since 1895, and more rain is falling in heavy downpours.”

Climate change is the environmental challenge of our lifetime, but the right solutions will bring many benefits. Conservation practices can increase the carbon sequestered in farm soils (nearly 12 million acres — more than half of Indiana’s land area — is planted in field crops). Protecting and expanding our roughly 5 million acres of forestland puts to work the most effective carbon capture technology available — our native trees — which in our cities and towns also reduce the urban heat island effect. Expanding deployment of renewable energy will increase the nearly 11,000 jobs already in place in Indiana’s renewable energy economy. A new report from the group WorkingNation — “Green Jobs Now: Indiana” — forecasts that the demand for green jobs in Indiana will increase nearly 30% over the next five years.

In contrast to the growth in renewable energy, coal’s share of electricity generation is predicted to drop from 66% of the state’s energy mix in 2020 to 35% in 2030. Cutting our reliance on coal as a power source provides so many more benefits than just reducing CO2 emissions. It will mean fewer rural Indiana lands and communities will be targeted for strip-mining, and fewer tons of toxic coal ash dumped on top of the millions of tons of ash now sitting in leaking lagoons and polluting our groundwater.

The heat is on to redouble our collective and individual efforts to reduce carbon emissions now.

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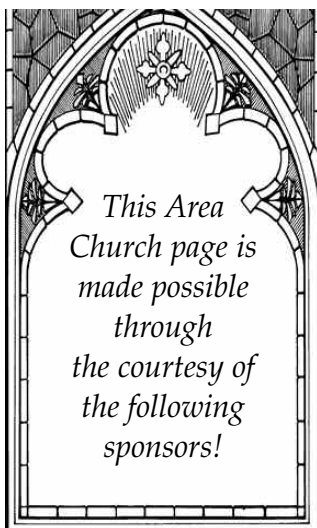
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(260) 726-8464
Services: 9:30 a.m.
asburyministries.org

Banner Christian Assembly of God

1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Michael Burk
(260) 726-4282
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefontain United Methodist

440 S. 600 East
Gordon Jackson
Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist

Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends

80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul

Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Bryant Wesleyan

209 S. Hendricks St.
Paul VanCise
(260) 997-6231
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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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Susan Durovey-Antrim
(765) 499-0368
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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

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christchapelfr.com

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Services: 10:20 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

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8472 S. 800 East, Union City
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God

South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene

450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist

211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Dunkirk Nazarene

226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fetter
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist

930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County

2875 E. 200 South
Gordon Jackson
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community

9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center

200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
Dan Coffman
(765) 768-7157
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First Church of Christ

1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
David J. Nicholson
(419) 375-2860
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fccfcrecovery.org

First Community Baptist

341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian

402 N. Ship St., Portland
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
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Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

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401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist

309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. David Porath
(419) 678-2071
Services: 9 a.m.

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468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist

100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene

225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church

County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
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Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
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435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
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7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
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churchofthemostholyltrinity.com

Hopewell of Life Ministries

County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
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(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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(260) 726-7055
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4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
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403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Ned Brown
(419) 375-4153
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Mount Tabor United Methodist

216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
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nbholiness.com

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Chuck Myers
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Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
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1964 N. 800 East
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(765) 760-9085
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9945 N. 800 East, Union City
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920 S. Shank St., Portland
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Services: 10:45 a.m.

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(260) 202-9732
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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Rev. Josh Canfield
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Services: 9 a.m.

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RedkeyFaith.org

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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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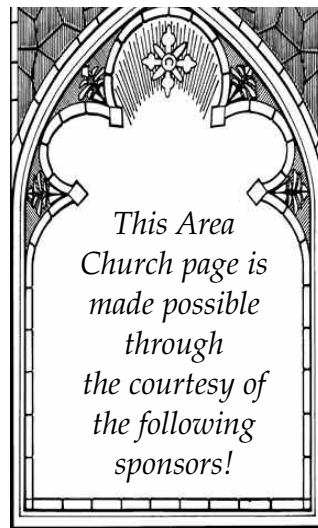
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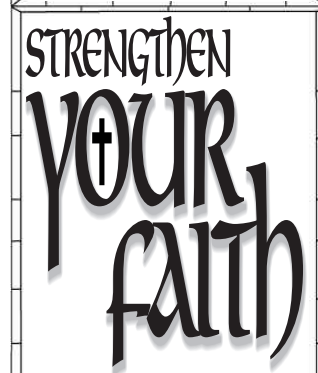
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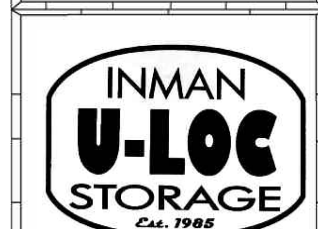
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♦ 9 4
♣ A K

EAST
♠ K 5
♥ K 8 4
♦ A K J 8 2
♣ 10 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 8 7 4
♥ Q 9 7
♦ Q 5
♣ Q J 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♥ 3♦
3♥ Pass 4♠

Opening lead—three of diamonds.

One of the prerequisites of good defensive play is the ability to put yourself in declarer's seat and try to predict how he is likely to play the hand. East did that in today's deal and wound up defeating what seemed to be an ironclad contract.

East won the first two diamond tricks but was not optimistic about his side's prospects of taking two more tricks. Though he could count on eventually scoring a trick with the king of hearts, the king of spades appeared likely to fall prey to a finesse. East concluded that his only chance lay in trying to talk

declarer out of the winning line of play. So at trick three, he shifted to the eight of hearts!

This extraordinary play had the desired effect on declarer. The heart return had all the earmarks of a singleton. This made the spade finesse a risky proposition, since West might win with the king and give East a heart ruff. By the same token, with the king of hearts "marked" in West's hand (and thus subject to a subsequent finesse), there was no reason to risk the spade finesse.

So, after winning the heart with the queen, declarer played the ace and another spade. East won and led a club to dummy's king. South then crossed to his hand with a trump to take the heart finesse and was flabbergasted when East produced the king to set the contract.

Of course, had East adopted a more normal line of defense, declarer undoubtedly would have tried both the spade and heart finesses and finished with 10 tricks.

Perhaps South should have smelled a rat anyway. The method of play he chose was designed to guard against West's holding both the king of hearts and king of spades, which was highly unlikely on the bidding. But if East had not planted the fear of a heart ruff in declarer's mind, South could not have gone astray.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Seventy-nine projects advance to state fair

Seventy-nine projects from the Jay County Fair qualified to advance to the state fair level.

Results from Jay County 4-H projects, which were on display in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall, during the fair, are as follows:

Gift wrapping

Beginner
Champion: Gabi Miller

Advanced
Champion: Jordyn Hutzler

Grand champion: Jordyn Hutzler
Reserve grand champion: Gabi Miller

Health
Blue ribbon: Alison McGraw

Herbs
Basil
Red ribbon: Keisha Adair

Mint
Champion: Adrianna Aker

Lavender
Champion: Erin Aker

Chives
Champion: Claire Skirvin (state fair)

Rosemary
Champion: Rachel Skirvin (state fair)

Grand champion: Claire Skirvin

Home environment
Blue ribbon: Keisha Adair

Horse and pony poster
Beginner
Champion: Alexa Jones

Intermediate
Champion: Keisha Adair
Reserve champion: McKayla Jones

Lego
Beginner
Champion: Skye Kennedy
Reserve champion: Ryan Grile
Blue ribbon: Jayme Harker, Carter May, Folton Parr

Intermediate
Champion: Ava May
Reserve champion: Keisha Adair

Advanced
Champion: Ty Paxson

Grand champion: Ava May
Reserve grand champion: Keisha Adair

Llama-alpaca craft
Intermediate
Red ribbon: Ava May

Advanced
Red ribbon: Rachel Skirvin

Model craft
Grand champion: Madeline Hudson (state fair)

Needle craft
Grand champion: Malory Hudson (state fair)
Red ribbon: Keisha Adair

Photography
Beginner
Color prints
Champion: Ayva Pitman (state fair)
Red ribbon: Ryan Grile

Black and white prints
Champion: Leah Steed (state fair)

Intermediate
Color salon print
Champion: Alison McGraw (state fair)
Reserve champion: Lillian Johnson
Blue ribbon: Keisha Adair, Karyssa Denney, Madi Paxson

Black and white prints
Red ribbon: Keisha Adair, Dominic Steveson

Black and white salon print
Champion: Madi Paxson (state fair)
Red ribbon: Mavrick Reier

Creative-experimental digital salon print
Red ribbon: Keisha Adair

Color prints
Champion: Adria Roessner (state fair)
Blue ribbon: Elise Mercer
Red ribbon: Keisha Adair, Dominic Steveson

Advanced
Color prints
Champion: Joselyn Haggard
Reserve champion: Makinsey Murphy
Blue ribbon: Raven Dale
Red ribbon: Lindy Mercer, Rachel Skirvin

Black and white salon print
Champion: Laci McGinnis (state fair)
Reserve champion: Jocelyn Haggard
Blue ribbon: Raven Dale, Makinsey Murphy, Madison Reier, Breanne Siegrist

Color salon print
Champion: Laci McGinnis (state fair)
Reserve champion: Raven Dale (state fair)
Blue ribbon: Makinsey Murphy, Madison Reier, Breanne Siegrist

Creative-experimental digital salon print
Blue: Rachel Heitkamp

Grand champions: Laci McGinnis (2), Ayva Pitman, Leah Steed
Reserve grand champions: Jocelyn Haggard, Alison McGraw, Madi Paxson

Poultry poster
Beginner
Champion: Claire Skirvin (state fair)

Intermediate
Champion: Keisha Adair (state fair)

Grand champion: Keisha Adair
Reserve grand champion: Claire Skirvin

Rabbit poster
Beginner
Champion: Jayme Harker (state fair)

Intermediate
Champion: Keisha Adair (state fair)
Blue ribbon: Milee Rickard

Grand champion: Keisha Adair
Reserve grand champion: Jayme Harker

Reading
Blue Ribbon: Nixon Haque

Recycling our environment
Division 2
Blue ribbon: Keisha Adair

Division 3
Blue ribbon: Kenzie Clayton, George Weesner

Scrapbooking
Beginner
Blue ribbon: Alexis Tipton, Jackie Tipton

Intermediate
Blue ribbon: Keisha Adair, Allison Tipton, Allie Westfall

Advanced
Champion: Abby Johnson

Grand champion: Abby Johnson

Sewing construction
Non-wearable
Grand champion: Evelyn Carter (state fair)

Wearable
Grade 4
Champion: Aubrie Weitzel (state fair)
Reserve champion: Ayva Pitman

Grade 6
Champion: Natalie May (state fair)

Grade 7
Red ribbon: Keisha Adair

Grade 7
Champion: Allison Tipton (state fair)

Dress up
Champion: Courtney Harris
Blue ribbon: Allison Hawbaker (state fair), Rachel Heitkamp (state fair)

Informal or casual wear
Champion: Danielle May (state fair)

Grand champions: Rachel Heitkamp, Natalie May
Reserve grand champions: Courtney Harris, Aubrie Weitzel

Shooting sports
Beginner
Champion: Claire Skirvin (state fair)

Reserve champion: Nicholas Somers
Blue ribbon: Urijah Carpenter, Danielle Somers

Intermediate
Champion: Madi Paxson (state fair)
Reserve champion: Camden Buckland
Blue ribbon: McKayla Jones

Advanced
Champion: Cayden Buckland (state fair)
Reserve champion: Ty Paxson

Single vegetable
Beans
Champion: Keisha Adair (state fair)

Cauliflower
Blue ribbon: Keisha Adair

Reserve grand champion: Keisha Adair

Small animal
Grand champion: Keisha Adair

Soil and water science
Intermediate
Champion: Alexis Sibray (state fair)
Reserve champion: Caleb Sibray
Blue ribbon: Cody Jacobs

Advanced
Champion: Laci McGinnis (state fair)
Reserve champion: Joseph Kunk (state fair)

Grand champion: Alexis Sibray
Reserve grand champion: Laci McGinnis

Sportfishing
Intermediate
Champion: Natalie May (state fair)

Advanced
Champion: Danielle May (state fair)
Reserve champion: Courtney Harris

Grand champion: Danielle May
Reserve grand champion: Natalie May

Sports
Beginner
Blue ribbon: Roman Clamme

Tomato plate
Champion: Keisha Adair (state fair)

Veterinary Science
Intermediate
Champion: Erin Aker (state fair)

Advanced
Blue ribbon: Adrianna Aker

Weather and climate science
Grand champion: Alison McGraw (state fair)

Welding
Junior
Champion: Porter Clamme
Blue ribbon: Benton Langenkamp

Senior
Champion: Isaac Roessner
Blue ribbon: Keisha Adair

Wildlife
Beginner
Champion: Nicholas Somers (state fair)
Reserve champion: Skye Kennedy

Intermediate
Champion: Keisha Adair (state fair)

Woodworking
Level A
Champion: Logan Fifer (state fair)
Reserve champion: Tyler Armstrong
Blue ribbon: Grant Clifton, Ethan Fifer, Bailey Muhlenkamp

Level B
Champion: Hunter Scholle (state fair)
Reserve champion: Camden Buckland

Level C
Champion: William Hawbaker (state fair)
Reserve champion: Keisha Adair

Level D
Champion: Allison Hawbaker (state fair)

Grand champion: Logan Fifer
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Sports

Smith paces JC at invite

GENEVA — First-year coach Marvin Buckner acknowledged the competition for his team's No. 1 spot was close.

On the first day, Maddy Snow led the team.

In the second tournament Wednesday, it was Rosealynne Smith.

Smith shot a team-best 115 at Wabash Valley Golf Club to pace the Jay County High School girls golf team at the South Adams Invitational.

Norwell cruised to victory by 18 strokes in the tournament. Belmont was second and Bluffton finished third at 434. (Jay County did not have enough golfers to post a team score.)

Smith's best stretch of the day was at the start of the back nine as she recorded bogeys on three out of four holes. She also had a bogey on the 415-yard, par-5 17th as she posted a 53 on the back nine. Her total score was 12 strokes better than she shot in the same tournament last season.

Bluffton's Lily King shot 90 to win the individual tournament championship.

Snow, who shot 112 to lead the Patriots on Tuesday in the Belmont Invitational, recorded a par on the 132-yard, par-3 third hole. She also had a bogey on the par-3 12th en route to a 122.

Ellie Klarer, a junior, had one bogey as she finished with a 130.



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Swinging away

Austin Dirksen of the Jay County High School boys tennis team connects on a forehand during Wednesday evening's practice. The Patriots are a little over a week away from opening their season Aug. 13 at New Castle.

Gilmore brings intriguing presence

By **GEORGE BREMER**
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

WESTFIELD — There is no more intriguing player in training camp at Grand Park this summer than Stephon Gilmore.

The veteran cornerback was the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year three years ago, but he's struggled with injuries since. Despite making the Pro Bowl in each of the past two seasons, Gilmore has missed a combined 14 games.

It's probably too much to expect the 31-year-old to return to his elite form. But the Indianapolis Colts believe Gilmore's experience will be a valuable asset for a

rising young defense, and the team is confident he still has enough left in the tank to be competent on the field.

"The guy knows how to play. He knows how to cover," assistant general manager Ed Dodds said. "I mean, we have to keep watching him. Father Time is undefeated. So is he going to look like he looked three years ago? I don't know that. But we saw enough of him (last year) in Carolina."

"They had a group of guys, and they were taking care of him. He had the knee that they scoped. There was more going on with it than I think anyone knew last year. So he's in a much better place. He didn't play bad for them.

He just didn't play a lot, and I think that was just the health stuff going on. I mean, the biggest thing is — we've had success with those guys, like Xavier (Rhodes). It's just knowing how to play. It sounds simple enough, but those guys have been doing it a long time. It makes a difference."

Gilmore has the size and length (6-foot, 190 pounds) new defensive coordinator Gus Bradley looks for at cornerback. And he said he's finally feeling like himself after a couple of tough years from a health standpoint.

After 11 years in the NFL, he's enjoying the experience in Indianapolis as a whole. He visited the Indianapolis Farm Bureau Foot-

ball Center and got to know many people in the franchise long before signing his contract.

He also did a little extra research, checking in with cornerback Kenny Moore II — a former teammate with the New England Patriots — to get a player's view of the operation.

Everything he's seen so far makes him believe the ingredients are in place for success.

"I like the vibe here," Gilmore said. "I like the guys. I like the coaches. Everybody here does everything to help the team win. That's one thing I've noticed. The training staff, the weight room, is collective as a whole. That's one thing I'm excited about."

NFL appeals suspension

By **PAT LEONARD**
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell appealed Deshaun Watson's six-game ban on Wednesday and is seeking a suspension of at least one year, a source told the New York Daily News.

Legal experts also believe Goodell, or an appointee, could levy a stiff fine on top of that.

Judge Sue L. Robinson's six-game Monday ruling fell way short of the "unprecedented" punishment the league was seeking for a "pattern of conduct ... more egregious than any before reviewed by the NFL," as Robinson described Watson's rampant alleged sexual assaults.

The league notified the NFL players' association of its appeal and filed its brief on Wednesday afternoon. The NFLPA has two days to file a written response to the appeal.

Then Goodell, or a person appointed by him, will process the appeal "on an expedited basis," as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.

The new ruling will "constitute full, final and complete disposition of the dispute and will be binding upon the player, club," league and union, per terms of the CBA.

The league had recommended to Robinson prior to her decision that Watson be suspended for "at least the entire 2022 NFL season and postseason."

Robinson was jointly appointed and paid by the league and players' union to review the case.

She handed Watson a reduced suspension in part because she characterized Watson's assaults as "non-violent" and hid behind the league's precedent of punishments for similarly characterized assaults.

Sports on tap

TV sports

Today
6 a.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (USA)
Noon — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (USA)
7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Connecticut Sun (ESPN2)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay Rays at Detroit Tigers (FS1)
7:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — NFL football preseason: Hall of Fame Game — Jacksonville Jaguars at Las Vegas Raiders (NBC)

Friday

1 p.m. — Tennis: Citi Open and Silicon Valley Classic (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at Crystal Palace (USA)
6 p.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (USA)
7 p.m. — Professional Fighting League: Playoffs (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

Local notes

Tryouts scheduled
Jay County Baseball Club will hold try-

out sessions Aug. 13 at Jay County High School's Don E. Selvey Memorial Field.

The baseball club will offer teams for players 12 and younger with a six-tournament guarantee. Tryout times are as follows:

10 a.m. — 8-and-younger
Noon — 9 and 10 year olds
2 p.m. — 11 and 12 year olds
For more information, visit the Jay County Baseball Club Facebook page.

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 Wednesday. 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.

Tickets available

Jay County Junior-Senior High School super and season tickets for the 2022-23 sports season are on sale.

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

Tickets are available during regular office hours — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

5K circuit continues July 16

The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will wrap up its 2022 schedule on Saturday.

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

To register, or for more information, visit runjaycounty.com.

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