

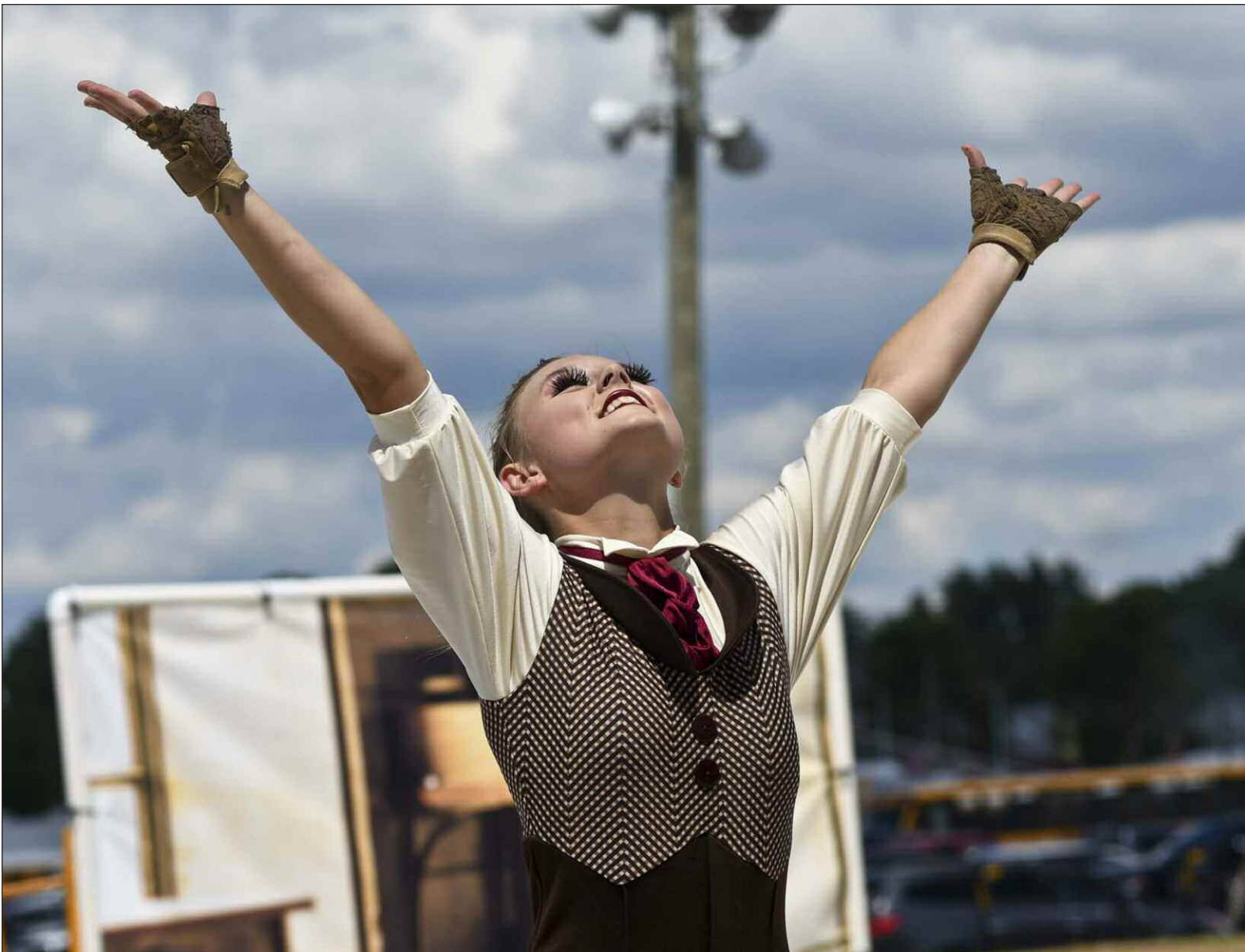
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Seventh at state



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Ellie Wendel of the Jay County High School color guard throws her hands toward the sky during the Marching Patriots' afternoon performance Friday at the Indiana State Fair. JCHS advanced to the Sweet 16 and was the second-to-last band to perform in Saturday night's finals, taking the track at 10:40 p.m. They finished in seventh place with a score of 90.625.

Marching Patriots trail Centerville, Lebanon in tight race for final spot in top five at the fair

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The Marching Patriots were hoping for a sixth consecutive top-five finish.

They were in the mix, but came up just a bit short.

Jay County High School's marching band placed seventh Friday night with a score of 90.625 at the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition.

They were just two tenths of a point behind fifth-place Centerville and 0.163 behind sixth-place Lebanon.

"I could not be more happy

and pleased with the performance that our kids gave because they absolutely threw it down and gave the show that we'd been hoping and working for all year long," said first-year Jay County band director Chuck Roesch. "Tonight they took it up another degree. Getting a five-point bump from the day show to the night show, that's a pretty impressive thing for any group."

Kokomo put a cap on a summer it has dominated by finishing more than two points clear of the field to win their first

Indiana State Fair Band Day title. The Wildkats, who had won the Spirit of Sound contest at Muncie Central, Anderson Tartan Tournament of Bands and Drums at Winchester, scored 96.3 points to easily outpace runner-up Winchester (93.95). Anderson was fourth with 91.7.

There was a wide gap between the top seven and the rest of the field as Yorktown was more than seven points behind Jay County in eighth place.

"Earlier in the day show that

gap from seventh to fifth was like a point," said Roesch. "And we closed it down to two tenths tonight. ..."

"We don't have any qualms about the finishes. Hats off to the groups that scored higher than us. Two tenths of a point, that's a really great competition."

As they typically do, the Marching Patriots added a final touch to their show — "A Bright Idea," based on the innovations and inventions of Thomas Edison — at the state fair.

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Murder trial moved to '23

Crossland is accused of killing her 5-year-old

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The trial for a Portland woman charged with neglecting and murdering her 5-year-old son and molesting her 9-year-old daughter has been moved to next year.

Chelsea L. Crossland, 27, was charged in Jay Circuit Court on March 30 with murder and a Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death and a Level 1 felony for child molestation. Her trial, originally slated for Sept. 26 through Sept. 30, was rescheduled during a Friday hearing to begin Feb. 27.

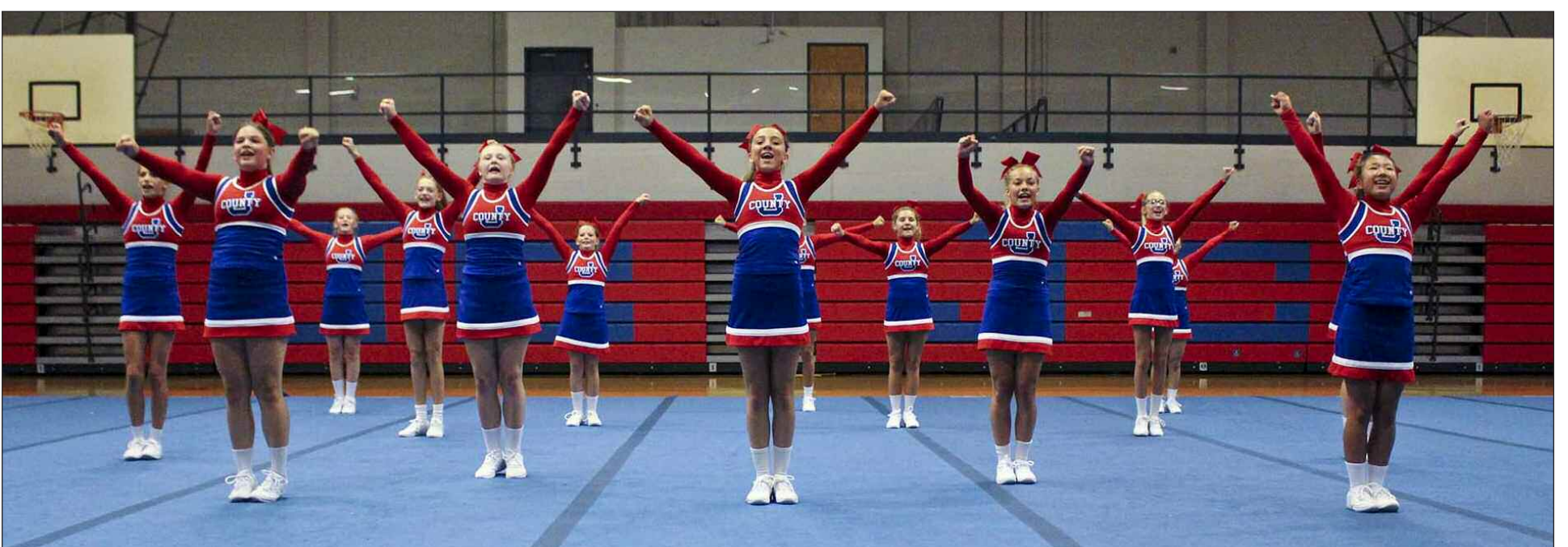
Five-year-old Christian Crossland was found dead March 24 in his home at 689 S. Western Ave., Portland. His mother, Chelsea Crossland, told police her son fell and became unresponsive.

Christian was "severely malnourished, had numerous bruises and contusions on his body and had abrasions and injuries to his face," according to the probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case. He was found only wearing a diaper, and the condition of their home was "unkept and filthy," according to the affidavit.

An autopsy indicated Christian suffered blunt force trauma to the head and mouth. It also found evidence he "failed to thrive," meaning he was malnourished and dehydrated.

Chelsea Crossland's 9-year-old daughter told police during an interview March 26 that her mother beat, spanked and choked Christian with her hands and other objects, according to affidavit.

See **Trial** page 2



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Jumping for Jay

Jay County Junior High School cheerleaders perform their preview show in front of an audience for the first time Friday at East Jay Elementary School. The squad is participating in the Indiana State Fair cheer competition, which starts at 9:30 a.m. today.

Deaths

Ruth Prouty, 91, Portland
Robert Cooper, 27, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 85 degrees Friday. Skies will be partly sunny today with a high of 86. There is a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Tonight's low will be 71 and Sunday's high will be in the upper 80s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Dunkirk's water department reported Friday that the city's boil order for its water has been lifted.

Coming up

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

Wednesday — Geneva preparing to celebrate its sesquicentennial.



Retrospect

Medal of Honor marker was dedicated

Twenty-five years ago this week, the community was recognizing the heroism of one of its own.

The Aug. 4, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of a ceremony during which a Medal of Honor grave marker was dedicated to Louis J. Bruner.

A. Herb Bennett accepted a flag and spoke softly to Sonny Wells of the Medal of Honor Society. He was joined by three more of Bruner's grandchildren — Donald Bruner, Dorothy Padgett and Mary Elizabeth Bolding.

"I never knew my grandfather, but I was always proud of him from what my mother

told me," he said. "I'm more proud today than ever."

Bruner was originally awarded the Medal of Honor on March 9, 1896. But his heroism had been unknown locally.

On Dec. 2, 1863, at Walker's Ford, Tennessee, Bruner — then a 20-year-old private — volunteered to ride through enemy fire to reach Major M.H. Soper to warn him that he and his contingent of 600 Union troops were trapped behind Confederate lines. Saying that Bruner's actions were pivotal in that campaign, Wells added, "A lot of lives were saved in addition to the 600 on that hill."

He taught for several years after the Civil

War and then came to Jay County as a partner in a grocery business. He was also a pension agent, helping veterans to get government assistance.

But he apparently never shared his act of bravery — it was well-reported in some areas after the war and known as "Bruner's Ride" — when he lived in Portland.

About 200 gathered for the 1997 ceremony, which attracted Civil War historians, Bruner's descendants and scores of veterans.

"This medal represents valor at its highest esteem," said Wells, who called Bruner "a great hero that his country didn't really recognize."



The Commercial Review/Jack Ronald

Civil War re-enactors honor the gravesite of Medal of Honor recipient Louis J. Bruner at Green Park Cemetery in Portland on Aug. 3, 1997. A replica Medal of Honor gravestone was used in a dedication ceremony with the actual stone to be installed at a later date.

CR almanac

Sunday 8/7	Monday 8/8	Tuesday 8/9	Wednesday 8/10	Thursday 8/11
87/71	84/67	78/64	80/61	81/59
Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Sunday, with a 30% chance of rain.	There's a 70% chance of thunderstorms Monday. Up to a quarter of an inch of rain is expected.	Rain may continue into Tuesday with a 50% chance of thunderstorms. Cool at night, around 64.	Wednesday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with a chance of showers.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday. Mostly clear at night, with a low around 59.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 6-7-1
Daily Four: 5-3-7-0
Quick Draw: 7-8-14-16-17-21-23-25-28-33-37-42-46-47-56-61-68-74-75-80

Pick 4: 4-7-3-2
Pick 5: 2-9-4-2-7
Rolling Cash 5: 8-14-17-25-28
Estimated jackpot: \$236,000

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 3-9-3
Pick 4: 9-9-1-1
Pick 5: 2-0-1-1-3
Evening
Pick 3: 5-3-4

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$36 billion

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....6.75
Sept. corn6.70
Wheat6.26

Wheat 7.35
Sept. wheat..... 7.35

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....6.95
Sept. corn6.25
Oct. corn5.95

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....6.75
Late Aug. corn6.65
Beans14.74
Late Aug. beans14.74
Wheat7.46

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn.....6.75
Sept. corn5.80
Beans14.69
Sept. beans13.79

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....6.60
Oct. corn5.75
Beans14.68
Oct. beans13.55
Wheat7.35

Today in history

In 1661, Portugal purchased New Holland (Brazil) from the Dutch Republic as part of The Treaty of the Hague.
In 1806, the Holy Roman Empire officially came to an end.
In 1825, Bolivia

declared its independence from Spain.
In 1972, Jerry Landess of Portland drove Good Luck Girl to victory, winning the \$1,500 filly pace stake for 2-year-olds at the Shelby County Fair.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room courthouse, 12 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship 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.

Tuesday
1 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council work session, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

Obituaries

Ruth Prouty

Jan. 4, 1931-Aug. 3, 2022
Ruth Prouty, age 91, a former resident of Pennville, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022, at Crowne Pointe Assisted Living in Portland. Ruth and her husband, Harold, operated a small farm in Penn Township for many years where Ruth was a homemaker and also provided daycare for many children in the Pennville area. She was known as "Grandma Prouty" by all.



Prouty

Ruth was born on Jan. 4, 1931, in Greenfield, Indiana, to John and Laura Merchant. She was a graduate of Montpelier High School and, on March 1, 1959, she married Harold Prouty.

She is survived by two daughters, LaVetha Loucks (husband: Ramon), Portland, and Mary Lou Hammond, Redkey; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Prouty; daughter Roxann Doll; and granddaughter Somer Doll.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Union Chapel Church, 6200 N. 375 West, Bryant, Indiana. Services will follow

at 11 a.m. at the church. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. at the Gardens of Memory in Muncie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Jay County Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements are entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Robert D. Cooper

March 3, 1995-Aug. 2, 2022
Robert D. Cooper, age 27, a resident of Portland, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, from injuries sustained in an auto accident on July 25, 2022, in Darke County, Ohio.



Cooper

Robert was born on March 3, 1995, the son of Robert and Sharon (Smith) Cooper. He graduated from Jay County High School in 2013 and was an avid Cincinnati Reds and Indianapolis Colts fan.

Survivors include: His father — Robert Cooper of Portland, Indiana
One son — Reece Allen Cooper of Greenville, Ohio

Two sisters — Tina Murchland of Decatur, Indiana, and Linsley Midkiff of Hartford City, Indiana

Grandparents — Maxine Geesaman of Dunkirk, Indiana, and Clifford and Sandy Smith of Geneva, Indiana

His girlfriend — Shelley Locker of Greenville, Ohio
Bonus children — Ella, Aubree and Ianna

One niece and three nephews
He was preceded in death by his mom, Sharon Cooper; and his grandfather, David Keiffer.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Robert's life will follow at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Pastor Steve Arnold will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery in Dunkirk, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed to the Jay County High School wrestling team.

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.

Capsule Reports

Drove into tree

A Liberty Center woman and a Richmond man were taken to the hospital after crashing her vehicle into a tree along Indiana 1 about 5:24 p.m. Friday.

Taylor A. Phillips, 18, was driving north on Indiana 1 just north of county road 350 North when she

looked away from the road. Her 2001 Ford Focus went off the road and struck a tree.

Phillips complained of neck pain, and her passenger, 18-year-old Zechariah A. Kinney II of Richmond, complained of head pain, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. They were transported to

IU Health Ball Memorial in Muncie.

Phillips' vehicle was towed, with damage between \$5,000 and \$10,000.



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

Tuesday

Cooper, Robert: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday

Prouty, Ruth: 11 a.m., Union Chapel Church, 6200 N. 375 West, Bryant.

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Trial ...

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She said her mother didn't immediately call for emergency services and talked about disposing of Christian's body.

Chelsea Crossland would punish Christian by withholding food from him for days at a time, her daughter said in the interview. Nicholas Riddle, the boy's father, also told police during an interview

that Chelsea Crossland had told him before she wished Christian were dead.

Her daughter also told police Chelsea Crossland sexually abused her for two years, according to the affidavit.

Chelsea Crossland was arrested March 28 after a Department of Child Services court hearing at Jay County Courthouse.

Felony arrests

Unlawful possession

A Portland man was arrested Friday for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Travis J. Guntle, 22, 310

E. Elder St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

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

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Graffiti artist brings life to Miami

By ANACAONA RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ

Miami Herald
Tribune News Service
MIAMI — In the vibrant neighborhood of Wynwood, known worldwide for its colorful murals, are four graffiti portraits of baseball players who contributed to the culture and diversity of American sports: Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, Mickey Mantle and José Fernández.

Next to La Casa de los Trucos on Calle Ocho stands a mural of Gloria and Emilio Estefan with the same colors and vivid style.

These portraits and others scattered throughout Miami look like oil paintings on brick and concrete walls in neighborhoods where their depictions carry great meaning. Behind each one is a Hispanic artist whose love for traditional art is reflected in Miami's urban street art. His artistic name is Disem.

A graffiti artist from a Panamanian, Colombian and Italian family, and raised in Kendall, Disem leaves a piece of Miami



Daniel A. Varela/Miami Herald/Tribune News Service

Graffiti artist Disem in front of a mural he created of former Miami Marlins player José Fernández. He painted it as part of a series commissioned by former Major League Baseball player Yunel Escobar.

wherever he goes. He grew up in a family of artists and art played a major role in his education and style. His parents met at an art school, so it could be said his love for art existed before he was born.

As for the name he chose to work under, he was inspired by his childhood nickname that he received when playing basketball.

"When I was younger, I had a little afro, and I used to play basketball. So the kids at the park started calling me 'Disco,'" he said, refusing to reveal his real name and age.

However, he soon learned that there was another graffiti artist in the Washington, D.C., area who also called himself "Disco" or "Cool Disco

Dan". Disem, in studying his work, admired his style, but did not want to use the same name out of respect.

Portraits of famous baseball players

Yunel Escobar, former shortstop for the Atlanta Braves, Tampa Bay Rays and more, commissioned Disem to do some portraits of baseball players in Wyn-

wood. For his project, he wanted to display the diversity in baseball, but also wanted to honor the neighborhood and community in Wynwood.

"We wanted to do something for the community. I interviewed many artists, but since he is from here, speaks Spanish and is recognized globally, we hired him," Escobar said.

They made the decision together for the four players they would add; Jackie Robinson, for leading the way for players of color in the 1940s during segregation; Roberto Clemente, the first Latino baseball player to collect 3,000 hits, and to honor the historically Puerto Rican community in Wynwood; Mickey Mantle, an iconic Yankee; and José Fernández, a Cuban-American and beloved Marlins pitcher who tragically passed away in 2016.

Latino Heritage
On Calle Ocho, Disem worked with Kcull, a non-profit organization that works to preserve Latin American heritage through art.

Walter Santiago, the founder of Kcull, wanted a portrait of Gloria Estefan,

an emblematic Cuban-American artist who has been a symbol of self-improvement and success in Miami. After contacting Disem, they decided that they would also include her husband, the famous musician and producer Emilio Estefan.

"To me, that piece was about somebody who was raised in Miami, who had the same opportunities as everybody else, and just hustled through blood, sweat, and tears," Disem said, "That's why there's blood on that portrait. There's tears on that portrait to represent the struggle and what you could achieve if you overcome and you're committed."

Gloria Estefan went to Instagram after seeing it for herself, calling it an "honor."

Santiago said he will be working with Disem again for another project in Little Havana that will hopefully be unveiled by the end of the year. The mural will be in collaboration with both Disem and Puerto Rican graffiti artist Don Rimx.

Lack of support in career hurts family member

DEAR ABBY: I graduated from college with a degree in a niche field. In my graduating class of nearly 7,000, there were only four of us with this specific degree. I now have a career in the field I majored in. I love what I do and take pride in it. The problem is my family. For whatever reason, my parents and siblings don't seem to want to remember what I do. When people back home ask what I'm up to, they come up with vague or dismissive

Dear Abby



answers. When they tell me about it later, they seem to think it's funny.

The first few times I could laugh about it too, but this has

been going on for years. Their one-sided running gag has grown old. I don't care that they're not interested in what I do, but I feel humiliated and hurt when they act so dismissive of it to other people. It happened again a few days ago, while I was out with my family at an event. A family member intentionally messed up the name of my workplace multiple times (even after I had corrected him) while talking to a volunteer. Although I managed

to step in, it's still weighing on me. I have tried explaining what I do numerous times. It's not confusing. I have even suggested they use broader alternatives (if they would say I'm an ecologist, I would be thrilled). Nothing has changed. I'm left wondering if this runs deeper than a joke and they don't actually take me seriously. Do I need to be more blunt? Should I tell them this has crossed the line from funny to hurtful? Or am I blowing this

out of proportion? — HURT IN THE WEST

DEAR HURT: You may be putting more energy into this than it deserves. You know the importance of the work you do. Your relative(s) may be jealous of your accomplishments or so intellectually limited that they can't remember the word "ecologist." If you are present when this happens, feel free to correct the mistake as you did, but do it with humor.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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.

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

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

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

JAY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION — Will meet at 1 p.m. at Jay County Public Library, 315 N.

Ship St., Portland. Cliff Moser of Jay County Veterans Services Office will be speaking about his experience on the USS Cole. All retired teachers are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30

p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

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

REDISCOVERING JOY — A group for widows and widowers will hold their next meeting on Monday, Aug. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group meets on the second Monday of every month at the R & R Fabrications meeting room located at 601 E. Washington St. in St. Henry, Ohio. In August, the group will be touring the Eldora Speedway. For more information, contact Judy at (419) 733-5629 or Mary at (419) 678-8830. Reach them by email at rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

2	1	9	3	4	7	6	8	5
5	6	7	2	8	1	9	3	4
3	8	4	5	6	9	7	1	2
9	5	6	7	3	2	8	4	1
7	4	3	8	1	6	5	2	9
8	2	1	9	5	4	3	7	6
4	3	8	6	2	5	1	9	7
1	9	5	4	7	3	2	6	8
6	7	2	1	9	8	4	5	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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
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August 8-12

Monday: No School

Tuesday: No School

Wednesday: No school

Thursday: Main Entrees: Beef nachos **Alternate Entrees:** Pancakes, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Mexican Style refried beans

Friday: Main Entrees: Crispy popcorn shrimp, tartar sauce **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, Goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned potato wedges

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Monkeypox failures resemble COVID

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

This time, the virus with a curve that must be bent is caught not by breathing in shared air, but via skin-to-skin contact. This time, a visible rash and lesions make it easier to identify potential carriers. This time, doctors have decades of experience tending to patients and containing spread and a vaccine from day one.

Despite all these ingrained advantages, leaders' failure to interrupt the rapid rise of

Guest Editorial

monkeypox in America and in New York, the early epicenter once more, has felt achingly familiar to early struggles with COVID-19. As the city and state now declare a public health emergency, we risk remaining a disastrous step behind the

virus for the foreseeable future.

The root of the problem once again was federal bureaucratic sluggishness, outrageous more than two years after COVID. Over a critical period, hundreds of thousands of doses of vaccine (proven to be at least 85% effective in preventing the disease) languished in Denmark despite the production facility having been inspected and certified by European Union regulators. Instead, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration took precious, painful time

by insisting on conducting its own inspection of the plant originally planned for the fall. So too have tests and antiviral drugs taken far too long to obtain and resolve.

The local response hasn't helped. Health officials here, overly worried about feeding a stigma, failed to urge men to change their sexual behavior while the disease spreads. That's just sane public-health advice to the population among whom the virus is now almost exclusively spreading.

And when the city Health

Department's website offered vaccination appointments, glitches made it devilishly difficult for people to sign up. Hopefully, those failures will prove to be mere hiccups as thousands of vaccine doses, finally in hand, now enter more arms.

What began as an isolatable outbreak now counts among its victims 1,200 New Yorkers, a quarter of the nation's cases — with nationwide cases about a quarter of the global total. Snuff it out now before it becomes a permanent feature of American life.

We should raise minimum wage

By TERRI GERSTEIN
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

Inflation is a big problem these days.

Prices are rising for everything from bacon to rent to hotel rooms. And while the Federal Reserve announced aggressive measures to curb costs last week, not all economists believe this is the best approach for helping working people.

One thing is clear: Raising wages aren't responsible for recent inflation. In fact, wage growth has actually lagged behind inflation rates, dampening upward pressure on prices. We are also currently on the heels of decades in which worker productivity has increased while pay has failed to keep up.

Corporate policies, meanwhile, have played a far greater role than wages in causing today's inflation: Companies' profits have soared, raising questions about where profits end and price gouging begins.

Amid this troubling economic scenario, there's one thing that hasn't gone up: the federal minimum wage. In terms of what it can buy, it's actually deflated. The last increase was on July 24, 2009, to the paltry rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Democrats have tried, year after year, to raise the wage, but Republicans have repeatedly blocked change. Fortunately, that's not the case everywhere: 30 states and almost 50 localities have set their own wages higher than the federal minimum, with several set to reach \$15 an hour in coming years. But some conservative states have refused to raise state-level wages while also blocking cities from taking local action.

As a result, for millions of workers, the federal rate of \$7.25 is all they've got. As Economic Policy Institute researchers recently observed, the real "value" of the federal minimum wage is at its lowest point in 66 years, and "a worker paid the current \$7.25 federal minimum wage earns 27.4% less in inflation-adjusted terms than what their counterpart was paid in July 2009."

The bottom line: \$7.25 just won't buy what it used to.

Want to buy a house? The average sales price of U.S. houses was \$274,100 in the third quarter of 2009, compared to \$507,800 earlier this year.

Terri Gerstein



How about renting? According to data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, monthly fair market rents have risen sharply over the past 13 years. For example, rent for a two-bedroom apartment has grown from \$787 to \$1,372 in Charleston County, South Carolina, during that time, and from \$866 to \$1,208 in Harris County, Texas, where Houston is located. One study found that housing is unaffordable at the federal minimum wage everywhere in the nation.

What about food? A nifty function on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website lets you compare prices over a given time period.

For breakfast, the average price for a dozen eggs was \$1.50 in July 2009 and \$2.71 last month. Prices also increased for a pound of bacon (from \$3.64 to \$7.43), a pound of coffee (\$3.86 to \$5.79), milk (\$2.99 to \$4.15), and strawberries (\$1.64 to \$2.32).

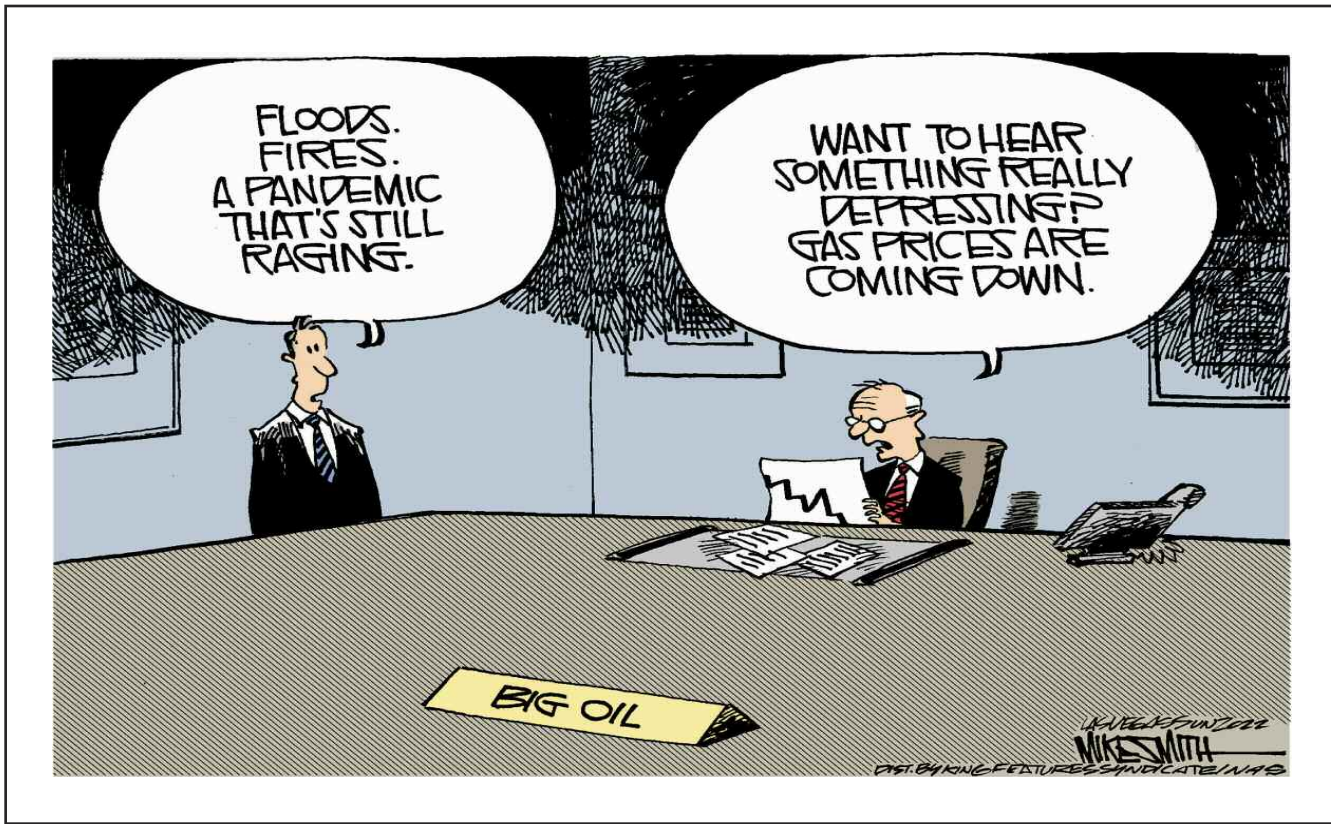
But if life gives you lemons, make lemonade, right?

Not so fast: The price of lemons has also shot up. The lingering low federal minimum wage drags down communities where it's the only pay standard, while in contrast, raising the wage generally has a positive ripple effect, even on workers making more than the minimum rate.

The inflation rate matters, but it isn't the only factor in whether people can cover the basics. Raising the minimum wage would help people with something essential: affording their lives, to borrow words from Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison. But there are unexpected, seemingly unrelated benefits, too, like significantly reduced suicide rates.

Thirteen years is long enough. It's far past time to raise the federal minimum wage.

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It's time for some reflection

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

The start of Indiana's special legislative session has caused a number of folks to ask me about the economic impact of restrictive abortion rules. The plain answer is that I don't know, and cannot really know with the type of certainty I feel comfortable with. The nation has been under one reasonably common set of rules for half a century. Thus, we are just beginning the type of natural policy experiment an economist might use to estimate impacts.

That does not mean we cannot use other policies that might influence the migration of people and jobs as a proxy for how changes to what abortion laws might influence our state's economy. But, before evaluating the issue, it is important to acknowledge that there are a wide variety of truly principled positions on abortion. One valuable duty of citizenship in our Republic is to respect principled positions and those who hold them.

That does not mean all positions are principled or that many folks will fail to consider competing views in ways that are consistent with the U.S. Constitution. The plain fact is that we've been through a half century of cheap rhetoric about abortion. The bill is now due, and I expect it is going to be very steep.

The best study I've seen that might inform us about the effects of restrictive abortion laws comes from two economists at Kent State and the University of Akron. Curtis Lockwood Reynolds and Amanda Weinstein estimated gender differences in quality of life preferences in U.S. cities. They used individual data for single, childless adults. They found, that for the most part, men and women like the same things.

Where men and women differed was in their interest in the quality of local government, primarily schools and crime. Men also like some types of recreation more than women. The authors were surprised by one outlier city that men liked and women did not. This small town in Alabama was where Lilly Ledbetter (of the "Fair Pay Act") lived and worked and was discriminated against.

Their careful data analysis led the authors to study the effect of gender norms on the location decisions of men and women. This is where the study went from "great" to "ground-breaking." They used all sorts of

measures of gender norms, such as the male/female employment ratio, the year of election of the first woman legislator and survey data on gender roles.

Across these measures, both men and women preferred places where gender roles were more equal. But women really, really preferred these places. This is relevant to the economic effects of abortion because, for the past few decades, the places women prefer have grown much faster than the places men prefer. As a happily married man, I fully understand this dynamic. However, this study was on the preferences of single people.

The study offered solid evidence that places with more equal gender norms grew faster than places that were less equal. The growth gap was about 25% over two decades, which is an enormous difference. Their findings also make sense because there is a large body of related research that finds places with less racial or ethnic discrimination grow more quickly.

That fact also challenges any good analysis of the effect of abortion restrictions on a state economy. The reason for this is that the states that are most likely to impose severe abortion restrictions are already significantly underperforming the rest of the nation.

As of this writing, there are 21 states that preemptively banned abortion in case Roe v. Wade was overturned. Three of these states have bans that go into effect after a short waiting period; the remaining 18 were immediate. Four of these states have bans that are currently blocked by courts. It is useful to compare the economic conditions in the states where bans were passed before Roe v. Wade was overturned with those who did not. The results are pretty stark.

In terms of current economic conditions, places with abortion bans in place have a poverty rate of 14% compared to 11.2% in non-ban states. Household income in the abortion ban states averages \$75,892 per year,

while it is \$90,828 in the non-ban states. Both household and per capita incomes in the abortion ban states are 19.6% lower than in the states without a ban.

Future economic prospects in those states with an abortion ban are even worse than current conditions. The high school graduation rate is almost two percentage points lower in the ban, than the non-ban states. That is a meaningful difference, but not insurmountable. However, the share of adults with a college degree is a whopping 6.6% lower in the states with a pre-emptive ban than those without. That is a multi-generational gap.

The states with pre-emptive abortion bans spend 31% less per student in their K-12 system, and 20% less per college student. Finally, population growth in the states with preemptive abortion bans is 26% lower than in states without a ban.

Obviously, preemptive abortion restrictions didn't cause longstanding differences in economic outcomes between states. Some other factor is limiting economic growth and prosperity in these states. Teasing out the incremental effect of an abortion ban will be nearly impossible given that the states who imposed abortion bans are already underperforming the rest of the nation on nearly every facet of economic vibrancy.

There are many potential hypotheses about the cause of these economic differences. Some of it is random. Wisconsin's law dates to the 1840s, and was probably known to few residents before last month. In other places, dominant religious groups clearly play a role. Maybe it will take a few years and a couple of election cycles to reveal the real pattern of state abortion laws. What we see right now is vastly different from what we'll see in a few years.

Whatever happens with this legislation, we are clearly in a time that calls for reflection. The role of government in abortion marks only one part of our need to do some deep thinking about the state's future.

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2022 Indiana State Fair Band Day

Saxophone player Audrey Muhlenkamp of the Jay County High School Marching Patriots leans back while playing near the end of their performance of "A Bright Idea" during the preliminaries of the Indiana State Fair Band Day contest Friday afternoon.



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Lizzie Shutz, above, of the Marching Patriots reaches out her clarinet as she poses on the track in front of the grandstand. At right, Matt Shauver screws in the light bulb prior to JCHS taking the track.



Seventh ...

Continued from page 1
Having already incorporated a light bulb, phonograph recording and movie cameras, the show closed Friday night with a small light attached to each band member's hat turning on.

"Those moments tonight were just pretty neat and the crowd responded with great enthusiasm," said Roesch. "That's the thing we love this activity for."

While temperatures were still in the upper 70s when the Marching Patriots took to the track for their Sweet 16 performance Friday night, conditions were not nearly as sweltering as when they performed earlier in the day.

For their 2:27 p.m. preliminary performance, clouds

were absent over the grandstand track and humidity was high, with band members dripping in sweat before they even began. (Prior to releasing his students for a short break between the performance and the preliminary awards, the band's cheer was "Dang it's hot!") It didn't seem to have much effect.

"The afternoon performance was really, really solid," said Roesch. "From where we were, there was a really great excitement and energy in the kids. Their feet were energetic. ..."

"That's what you want on the day of state fair band day. You want them to peak now."

His Marching Patriots agreed with that assessment.

With the sun beating down, they kept the energy up.

"I think it went really good," said flute player Alexis Durham. "I feel very confident about it."

"I feel like everybody put their 110% in and that they had energy in their feet. I think they went on and they were like, 'We have to do this. We have to show them what we've worked on. And we cannot let anybody down.'"

After winning the Class 3A caption award for percussion in back-to-back state fair competitions in 2019 and '21 — the 2020 contest was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic — the Marching Patriots were shut out of the captions Friday.

In some foreshadowing of

their win later in the evening, Kokomo took Class 3A captions for music, visuals and general effect. Winchester's color guard, led by Jay County native Ric VanSkyock, won the caption in its category while Richmond took the percussion caption.

Centerville won four out of five Class 2A captions, with Northeastern taking the color guard award.

Randolph County nearly swept Class A, with Monroe Central winning for music, visuals and general effect and Randolph Southern taking the honor for color guard. Hagerstown took the caption award for percussion.

Centerville and Monroe Central won the Class 2A and Class A competitions, respectively.

The top 10

Below are the results from the top 10 bands in Friday's Indiana State Fair Band Day competition.

1. Kokomo	96.3
2. Winchester	93.95
3. Muncie Central	92.575
4. Anderson	91.7
5. Centerville	90.825
6. Lebanon	90.788
7. Jay County	90.625
8. Yorktown	83.113
9. Northeastern	81.375
10. Decatur Co.	78.075

Jay County High School band director Chuck Roesch points and gives instructions to the Marching Patriots as they finish getting into uniform Friday afternoon prior to their preliminary performance at the Indiana State Fair Band Day contest. The group finished seventh in the preliminary round and continued on to a seventh-place finish after the finals Friday night.



8-6 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT DECLARATION COULD YOU MAKE AFTER SOMEBODY WAKES UP FROM A NAP? "THE REST IS HISTORY."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals I

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(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Marching along

1) John Phillip Sousa directed what musical group from 1880 through 1892?

2) What school holds the record for Indiana State Fair Band Day championships?

(1) United States Marine Band (2) Anderson (seven)

8-8 CRYPTOQUIP

EGSC NHSRV-SLO-EGUCQ OUXULJ FQSNUMO ESF FSXQO OKMULJ S YBMCP-OSP NUNHURSH YHBBO? LBSG'F SKV.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: A NEWLYWED COUPLE HAD DONE SO MUCH KISSING ON THEIR HONEYMOON THAT THEY WERE ALL PUCKERED OUT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals B

CRYPTO FUN. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ. Solve the code to discover words related to kindergarten. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = O)

WORD SCRAMBLE. Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to kindergarten. UTYHO

Guess Who? I am an athlete born in California on August 3, 1977. My love for football began at age 4 when I saw the NFC Championship game. I am the all-time leader in Super Bowl appearances and I've set numerous NFL records.

kids' corner. Includes images of a laptop, calculator, and books.

PEOPLE FACT! THIS TYPE OF SCHOOLING REFERS TO OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 3.

How they SAY that in... ENGLISH: Desk SPANISH: Pupitre ITALIAN: Banco FRENCH: Pupitre GERMAN: Platz

Math Blocks. Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY. 1862: THE BATTLE OF BATON ROUGE TAKES PLACE DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.

New word ENROLL. officially register as a student on a course

KINDERGARTEN WORD SEARCH. Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS. ART CHILDREN CIRCLE TIME CLASSMATES CUBBY CURRICULUM DESKS FIRST FLASHCARDS FRIENDS INTRODUCTION KINDERGARTEN MANIPULATE NERVOUS PLAY READING RECESS SCHOOLING SIGHT STUDENT SUPPLIES TABLES TEACHER VOCABULARY

Get Scrambled. Unscramble the words to determine the phrase. KBCA OT CLOSOH

Did you know? THE AVERAGE FAMILY SPENDS \$700 ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES EACH YEAR. THIS CAN INCLUDE BACKPACKS, TECHNOLOGY, CLOTHING, AND BOOKS.

GET THE PICTURE? Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Wash thoroughly, 6 Black Sea port, 12 Saudi neighbor, 13 Reacts to a pun, 14 Baseball's Roberto, 15 Attack verbally, 16 -pedi, 17 Barrel bottom bit, 19 - tree, 20 Use a stun gun, 22 California's Big -, 24 Director Brooks, 27 Campbell of "Scream", 29 Eve's guy, 32 Citrusy flavoring used in baking, 35 Pedestal part, 36 Actress de Matteo, 37 Pro vote.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

It's magic. South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: A K Q 8, Q 10 9, K 5 2, A 9 6. WEST: 9 5 3 2, A 4, 10, Q J 10 7 3 2. SOUTH: J 10 7, K J 5, A Q 8 3, K 8 5. The bidding: South 1, West Pass, North 1, East Pass. Opening lead: queen of clubs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Pt. of a sentence, 5 Skirt edge, 8 Some Gls, 12 Nest setting, 13 Commotion, 14 Inter-, 15 Admin. aide, 16 Prepared fireplace fixture, 20 Baker Street sleuth, 21 Competent, 23 Roman 151, 24 Started Wintour, 31 Prior night, 32 Wrap up by, 34 Martini ingredient, 35 Painter Chagall, 37 Coexisted, 39 Chinese chairman.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-57.

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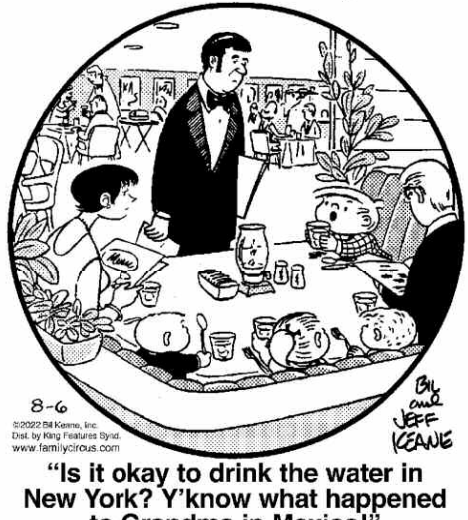
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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-57.

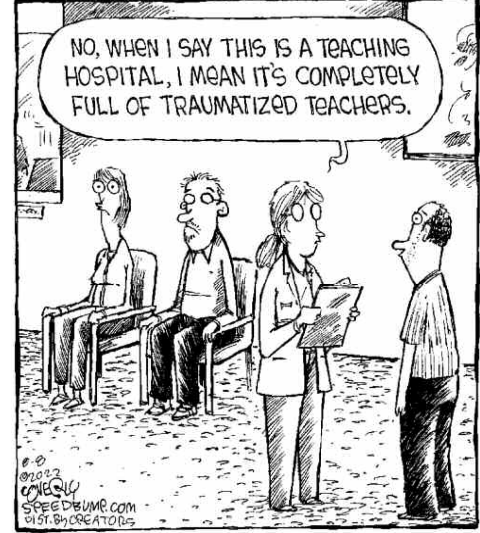
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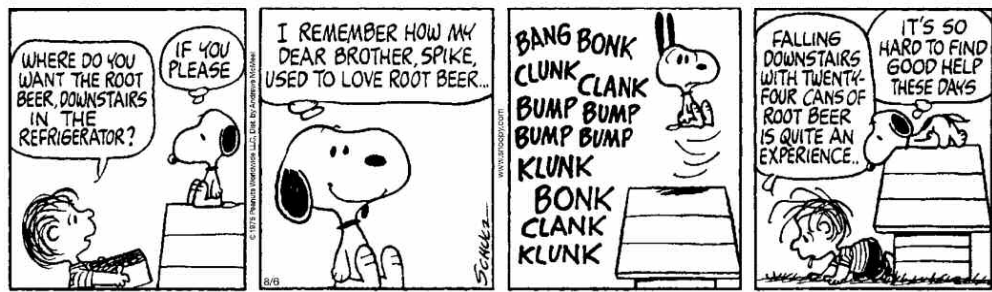
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Rose is Rose



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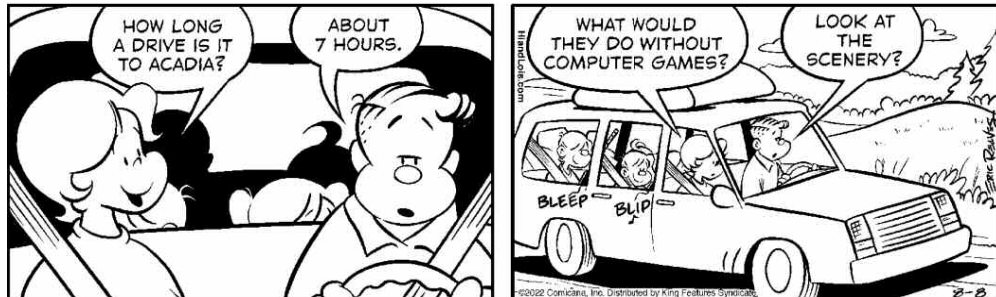
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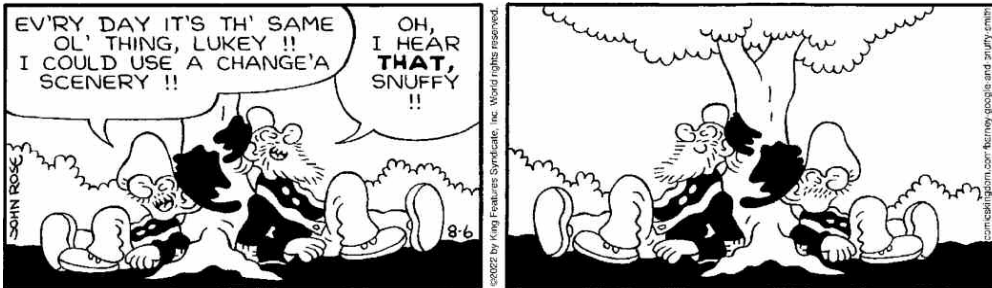
Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



We Deliver

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

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Cubs ...

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Nick Madrigal led off the inning with a single to right field to put the game-tying run on the basepaths.

That one swing spoiled Cabrera's return.

Cabrera's eight strikeouts were one shy of his single-game career-high. Cubs hitters swung at 34 of Cabrera's 78 pitches — and missed on 17 of those swings.

Cabrera ran into trouble with his command in the first inning. He issued a pair of walks to put runners on first and second base with one out before slipping out of the jam when he got Ian Happ to hit a soft line drive to shortstop Miguel Rojas, who stepped on

second base to complete an unassisted inning-ending double play. He threw 22 pitches in the inning.

After that? Cabrera cruised.

A perfect second inning, including two strikeouts, on 14 pitches.

A perfect third inning, with another two strikeouts, on 13 pitches.

An 18-pitch fourth inning with two more strikeouts while working around a two-out walk to Happ.

And another perfect inning in the fifth with

another two strikeouts on just 11 pitches.

It was a pleasant sight for the Marlins after Cabrera's long injured list stint.

Cabrera had been on the IL since June 13 with right elbow tendinitis and spent more than a month side-

lined before beginning a rehab assignment on July 16. In his final rehab start prior to rejoining the Marlins on Friday, Cabrera threw just 61 pitches.

Marlins manager Don Mattingly said pregame Friday that the team planned to be cautious

with Cabrera during his first start. He stayed true to that plan, taking Cabrera out of the game after 78 pitches despite not allowing a hit and the game being tied 0-0 at that point and went to the bullpen.

Huascar Brazoban and Steven Okert worked around a two-on, no-out jam in the sixth with three strikeouts. Anthony Bender worked around a one-out walk with a groundout and popout in the seventh. But the Cubs (42-63) pulled ahead for good in the eighth.

Joey Wendle hit an RBI single in the seventh for Miami's lone run of the game. It scored Luke Williams, who pinch-ran for Charles Leblanc.

With one swing of the bat Friday night, Chicago slugger ruined Cabrera's return with two-run home run in eighth inning

Harvick ...

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For five-time MIS winner Harvick, who currently sits 17th in the playoff standings and 96 points from the regular season cutline, Michigan is definitely a good chance for him and his Stewart-Haas Racing team to make another

familiar trip to the MIS Victory Circle.

As an added incentive, the prestigious annual Michigan Heritage Trophy is awarded to the auto maker whose race car claims victory in Sunday's Firekeepers Casino 400. This coveted Manufacturer's Trophy and the

"bragging rights" that go with it is much desired by the three competing major auto makers whose headquarters are located in the nearby Detroit area.

America's Ford Motor Company and their race teams have dominated the recent competition at MIS, and are looking to

extend their winning streak to eight straight, keeping the Michigan Heritage Trophy in Dearborn, Michigan another year.

So, heading into Michigan for the annual Firekeepers Casino 400, the popular Bakersfield, California, NASCAR veteran has much to gain. If Harvick can win

for the sixth time Sunday on fast 2.0-mile speedway that has afforded him so much recent success, he would be in 2022 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, win the Michigan Heritage Trophy for his Ford Motor Company manufacturer, and snap that 65-race winless streak.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Monday
Jay County — Girls golf four-team match at Heritage — 4:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
8 a.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (USA)
Noon — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (NBC)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea vs. Everton (USA)
2 p.m. — Tennis: Citi Open (Bally Indiana)
2:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami Marlins at Chicago Cubs (FS1)
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Wyndham Championship (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — New Holland 250 (USA)
4 p.m. — Baseball: Senior League championship (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Toronto Argonauts at Hamilton Tiger-Cats (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (FOX)

Sunday
Noon — Auto Racing: SportsCar Championship — IMSA SportsCar Weekend (USA)
Noon — Golf: LPGA Tour — Women's British Open (NBC)
2:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — FireKeepers Casino 400 (USA)
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Wyndham Championship (CBS)
3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series — Warner Robins Regional (ESPN)
3 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Las Vegas Aces at Seattle Storm (ABC)
5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series — Waco Regional (ESPN)
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)

Monday
12:30 a.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)
9 a.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
11 a.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
1 p.m. — Tennis: Canadian Open (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)

Tuesday
1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)

1 p.m. — Tennis: Canadian Open (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Seattle Storm at Chicago Sky (FOX)
8:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: All-Star Skills Challenge (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)

Local notes

Tickets to go on sale
Fort Recovery Local Schools season tickets will go on sale Tuesday. Tickets will be on sale from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the high school office.
All sports tickets for junior high and high school are \$50 for students and \$150 for adults. Junior high passes

are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults, and football season tickets are \$15 for students and \$25 for adults.
Senior passes, which are for Fort Recovery residents 65 and older, are \$30.

Tryouts scheduled
Jay County Baseball Club will hold tryout 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 are on sale
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.



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Sports

Harvick eyeing win at Michigan

By **AARON KIRCHOFF**
Greensburg Daily News
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With only four races remaining before the start of the 2022 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, several drivers have circled the Michigan International Speedway as the race track where they can earn that much needed win.

Certainly, veteran Kevin Harvick has his eyes focused on Sunday's annual Firekeepers Casino 400 as his best opportunity to not only end his 65-race winless streak, but more importantly, punch his ticket into the 2022 NASCAR Cup Playoffs.

The driver of the No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford Mustang GT has struggled this season to get the right combination of speed and handling from his new Next Generation race car. Harvick, with his recent record of success at Michigan, could put some fire into a disappointing 2022 season with a victory in Sunday's 400-miler on the challenging and fast Michigan 2.0-mile high banks.

Harvick's Michigan record is easily the best among current drivers. In his 41 MIS race starts, he has earned five wins (2010, 2018, 2019, and a sweep of two wins in 2020), seven second-place finishes, 15 top 5s, 21 top 10s and had led 699 laps, all series bests.

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Willson Contreras (40) of the Chicago Cubs reacts in the dugout with Christopher Morel #5 of the Chicago Cubs following a two-run home run during the eighth inning of a game against the Miami Marlins at Wrigley Field on August 05, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois. The Cubs defeated the Marlins 2-1.

Contreras lifts Cubs

By **JORDAN MCPHERSON**
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CHICAGO — How to describe Edward Cabrera's first MLB start after a nearly two-month injury hiatus?

In a word: Dominant.

The Miami Marlins' 24-year-old right-handed pitcher threw five no-hit innings on Friday against the Chicago Cubs, striking out eight and allowing just three hits.

But the outing went to waste.

Willson Contreras hit a go-ahead, two-run home run in the eighth inning against Dylan Floro as the Cubs beat the Marlins, 2-1, at Wrigley

Field to begin a three-game series.

Contreras' game-winning home run came on an 0-1 change-up below the strike zone that he lifted to left-center field.

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