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Third at fair



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New EMA leader hired

Rhodehamel will move into full-time director role

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Jay County Emergency Management has cycled through directors in the last few years.

Officials are now promoting the department's deputy to the role.

Commissioners agreed Monday to offer the director position to current part-time deputy director Samantha Rhodehamel.

She accepted the role Monday and will start leading the department Aug. 22.

Rhodehamel graduated from Ball State in May 2015 with her bachelor's degree, with a major in natural resource and environmental management and a minor in homeland security and emergency management.

Born and raised in rural Portland, Rhodehamel started as an intern at the emergency management office in 2013. She volunteered intermittently for the next several years leading up to March 2021, when she took on the part-time deputy director position. She was previously director of Jay County Solid Waste Management District.

Commissioner Chad Aker pointed out Rhodehamel worked alongside former director Ralph Frazee, who retired in 2019 after serving the community for 15 years. She's been at the office throughout the change of leadership from former directors Jessica Ooten, Amy Blakely and John Hankins.

"She knows pretty much the ins and outs of EMA," noted Aker.

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The Jay County Junior High School cheerleading squad hits a stunt during Saturday's competition at the Indiana State Fair. Pictured in the air, from left, are Paycie McCoy, Allie Westfall and Dakota Blalock. The Patriots finished in third place in the junior high division.

Jay Co. trails Fall Creek, Tri-West

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — After a year off because of the coronavirus pandemic last season, the competition was slim at the state fair.

With more squads back this year, the Patriots continued to prove they belong among the best.

The Jay County Junior High School cheerleading squad posted a third-place finish Saturday in the Indiana State Fair competition.

"We had a lot of smiles and we were confident," said eighth grader Brenna Schmiesing. "We just went out there and did our routine the best we could."

Jay County finished behind perennial powerhouses Fall Creek (197.5) and Tri-West (186), with the former dominating to repeat as champion. The Patriots scored 181.5 to edge Cascade (180) for third place in the seven-team field.

"They did a good job," said Jay County coach

Brea Burcham. "Even with the things that came down today, they pulled it together and everything else hit very solid. So I was very proud of what they did."

Last season, Jay County finished as the runner-up with only three squads competing at the junior high level. (It was the first year of having a single junior high squad after the merger of East Jay and West Jay middle school students at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.)

The Patriots — Allie Westfall, Macey Stephen, Brenna Schmiesing, Moa Sakamoto, Hina Ohba, Kelsey Muhlenkamp, Paycie McCoy, Lucy Mace, Trinity Glassford, Tessa Frazee, Peyton Carpenter, Brooklyn Bright, Dakota Blalock and Emmarie Barton — were fairly consistent across the board, scoring between 22 and 24 possible points out of a possible 30 in each category. Their best marks came for crowd appeal/creativity/vocal cheer in which

they earned 24 points, with one judge commenting that they had "good enthusiasm." They totaled 23.5 points for motions, transitions, stunts and degree of difficulty.

"The stunts that stayed in the air were solid and didn't move, so I was super proud of those stunts," said Burcham. "They were pretty satisfied. They slowed everything down compared to (Friday's preview performance)."

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Dunkirk council settles on 7%

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — City employees are now expected to get a little bit more than had been previously discussed.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday came to an agreement on 7% raises for most employees for 2023.

Council will vote on the salary ordinance at its Aug. 22 meeting.

A 6% raise for all employees except those in the police department, as previously proposed by council member Bryan Jessup, was the starting point for Monday's discussion about pay increases.

Council president Jesse Bivens, as he had previously, expressed his opinion that the police department should not be denied the raises. He referenced dangerous situations, including an officer-involved incident this year that resulted in the death of a Dunkirk resident and two officers being injured.

Vote on increases slated for Aug. 22 meeting

As the conversation continued, it became clear that the main sticking point for Jessup and others was that raises given to police department employees earlier this year — they were achieved by eliminating several dispatch positions — had pushed the department's office/clerical position ahead of the city's department heads in terms of hourly wage.

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Phillips fills

Ten-year-old Blake Phillips fills a container with sand during Portland's National Night Out in the Walmart parking lot Wednesday. Local responders offered free food and activities, as well as tours of emergency vehicles, to the community for about two hours through the annual event.



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Weather

Rain came pouring down Monday evening, with about 1.5 inches falling in Jay County. The high temperature was 90 degrees and the low was 66.

Tonight's low will be 64 and patchy fog is expected Wednesday morning. Wednesday's high will be 81. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Town of Pennville will be flushing fire hydrants for the next 10 days. Residents may experience rusty water during that time and are asked to use caution when doing laundry.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of tonight's Portland City Council work session.

Friday — Results from the JCHS girls golf team against Muncie Central.



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Jay County Personnel Committee has suggested Jay County Council increase the director's pay to \$45,000 for the rest of 2022 and tack on a 6% raise starting in January. (The suggestion lines up with the raise given to Jay County Country Living director Melissa Blankley.) Council meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday and will likely review the suggestion at that time.

Rhodehamel, 29, mentioned her involvement in 4-H and her experience as an archery coach, explaining she enjoys helping her community.

"I have knowledge of the community, I've lived here all my life," she said. "And I hope that being involved in different things throughout the community, I have the understanding and I have the relationships that are

necessary to do well in the emergency management office."

Also during the meeting Monday, commissioner Rex Journey brought up the county's allotment of a \$507 million settlement for Hoosiers impacted by the opioid epidemic.

According to a press release from Indiana attorney general Todd Rokita's office, Indiana is a party to two settlements, one with Johnson & Johnson and one with Cardinal Health, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen. Indiana's allotment is part of a \$26 billion agreement to settle allegations from 46 states against the four companies, the press release states.

Jay County will be receiving an estimated \$550,515.50 in restricted payments and \$172,015.35 in unrestricted payments over the course of 18

years. (Allotments for 2021 and 2022 will be received sometime this year.) County attorney Bill Hinkle noted he has not yet seen state regulations specifying how the funds may be spent. According to Rokita's press release, funds will be used to "support local law enforcement efforts, drug task forces, regional treatment hubs, and early intervention and crisis support, among other important programs."

Commissioners decided not to allow private chip and seal work on county roads after hearing a request brought to Bob Howell, interim superintendent of Jay County Highway Department. They pointed to potential issues with snow plows if a portion of the road was raised.

In related news, Howell noted there has been 57 miles of chip and seal work completed so far

this year. He pointed out operational issues with K-Tech of Fishers, which is providing asphalt emulsion to the county, and suggested opting to use Asphalt Materials of Indianapolis. (Commissioners awarded two bids for asphalt emulsion in April, with priority to K-Tech.)

He mentioned the county received \$28,525 after selling unused highway equipment through Purple Wave Auction of Manhattan, Kansas. Aker noted the auction's success, suggesting the county may continue to use the website for auctions in the future.

Also Monday, commissioners Brian McGilliard, Aker and Journey:

- Accepted a memorandum of understanding with Jay School Corporation for its school resource officer. Revisions to the

document, which was originally accepted by commissioners in Sept. 2021, include clarification that the officer is employed through Jay County Sheriff's Office and that his operational procedure will be determined by the sheriff with input from the school superintendent. The document also allows for expected increases in salary and benefits next year.

- Paid several claims, including: \$116,635 to Harrell-Fish Incorporated of Bloomington for new boilers at the sheriff's office; \$8,250 to Jay County Humane Society for animal control (the amount includes an overlooked portion owed from the previous quarter); and \$5,388 to Core Facilities of Valparaiso for overseeing installation of a new camera system at the sheriff's office.

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Wednesday 8/10	Thursday 8/11	Friday 8/12	Saturday 8/13	Sunday 8/14
81/60	79/55	77/53	78/59	77/61
Fog is expected in the early morning, clearing to partly sunny skies by day.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday, with a high in the upper 70s. Mostly clear at night.	Friday's weather looks like another day of sunny skies. The high should be in the upper 70s.	There's another day of sun expected Saturday. The high will be 78 degrees.	Sunday has a slight chance of showers throughout the day. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 32-45-51-57-58 Powerball: 12 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$35 million	20-27-31-32-36-37-40-44-49-53-59-63-66-67-70-71-78 Cash 5: 8-11-17-38-41 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$52 million	
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-9-6 Daily Four: 7-2-1-7 Quick Draw: 4-6-7-12-15-18-19-25-27-34-36-37-45-59-62-66-70-73-75-80 Evening Daily Three: 4-8-0 Daily Four: 7-8-3-9 Quick Draw: 8-16-18-	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 4-7-4 Pick 4: 8-0-9-4 Pick 5: 4-4-5-4-0 Evening Pick 3: 1-3-0 Pick 4: 5-9-2-2 Pick 5: 5-3-5-0-2 Rolling Cash 5: 13-18-19-24-29 Estimated jackpot: \$372,000 Classic Lotto: 4-6-8-30-32-44 Kicker: 4-8-7-8-8-2 Jackpot: \$33.4 million

Markets

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Today in history

In 48 BCE, troops led by Julius Caesar defeated Pompey's army in the Battle of Pharsalus during the Roman Civil War.

In 1173, construction started on the tower that is now known as the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

In 1972, Nancy Collins sold her grand champion steer for 80 cents a pound

to Don Kelly of the Jay County Farm Bureau Co-op during the annual Jay County 4-H livestock auction.

In 2021, Jay School Board approved advertising a 2022 budget of \$35.5 million, which was down more than \$900,000 from the previous year.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 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.	Commission, Wells County Public Library, 200 W. Washington St., Bluffton. 3 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Wednesday 8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin	Aug. 15 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

Felony arrests

Perjury
A Richmond woman was arrested Saturday for perjury.
Joyce A. Grubbs, 57, 4705 National Road, has been charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for making a false, material statement under oath or affirmation.
She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

Confinement
A Portland woman was arrested Sunday for confinement.
Danielle L. Ingram, 19, 628 E. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a

Level 6 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery. She was arrested Aug. 4 for maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.
Ingram is being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Probation violation
A Redkey man was arrested Friday for violating his probation.
Randy E. Workman, 39, 413 E. Logan St., pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court in Jan. 2021 to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. He

was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 58 days of his sentence suspended and given 58 days credit for time served. He was placed on probation for 307 days.
Workman's sentence was to be served following another case in which he pleaded guilty to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony. (In that case, he was ordered to serve a year in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served.)
He was released on a \$550 bond from Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Lost control
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after the van a Pennington man was driving veered into a ditch and hit two trees along county road 650 North about 5:22 p.m. Monday.
Carl A. Wentz, 58, was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Express west on the road near the intersection with

county road 500 West. He drove over a hill and the vehicle went off the south side of the road, entering a ditch and hitting two trees and a creek embankment, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.
The vehicle Wentz was driving is registered to Miller Construction and Fence of Converse. It was towed.

Dunkirk ...

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With that detail clear, council member Kevin Hamilton suggested 7% raises with only the police office/clerical position excluded in order to get department head wages back in balance. Bivens then suggested council members leave themselves out of the raises but give a bump to Mayor Jack Robbins.

Ultimately, council agreed to move forward with the following:

- 7% raises for city employees except for the police department's office/clerical position
- A 7% raise for the mayor
- A 3% raise, as requested, for clerk-treasurer Tina Elliott
- No increase for city council members

On city attorney Wes Schemenaur's suggestion, those details will be written up in ordinance form to be voted on at council's next meeting.

In other business, council:

- Approved the following: Moving forward with fire protection contracts for Richland, Jackson and Knox townships in

Jay County and Niles Township in Delaware County with a 3% increase from this year's fees; the installation of a new bed for a water department truck by PTR of Fort Wayne at a cost of \$19,793.93; and payment of \$5,595 to Culy Construction for work at the city's wastewater treatment plant;

- OK'd vacating an alley at 368 E. High St. Al Curts of the city's zoning board noted that the alley currently goes through a garage.
- Heard from Robbins that the city's American Legion post has expressed interest in its out-of-service fire department tanker truck. Schemenaur said he would look into the legalities of donating it to the legion. (No other fire departments have expressed interest in the truck.)
- Approved the payment of claims totaling \$380,518.24.



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Boats led to learning experience

By DIANA DOLECKI

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A few days ago my daughter, Beth, sent me a video. The caption said, "So the neighbor kids showed up with this 'boat.'" The word boat was in quotes. The so-called boat consisted of four blue, plastic, 55-gallon drums and some boards. It was held together with ropes. I have no idea where they got the drums, boards or rope.

It took some doing and at least six children to get the thing into their pool. They figured out pretty quickly that it wasn't easy to stand up on the contraption but they had fun trying.

A day or so later there

As I
See It



was another video featuring the "boat." This time they had some kind of wagon to haul it. The new caption was, "The 'boat' has evolved." It looks more like a raft than a traditional boat.

They have big plans for their creation. Tests are completed in the backyard pool. I don't think the creek they usually play in is wide enough for it. Apparently there is a pond somewhere close

that I have never seen and that is where they intend to sail it.

At any given time there were a half dozen or more kids in the backyard. They were different ages and abilities. They were all involved in the creation and testing of the watercraft. I didn't recognize most of them. When they got tired of dealing with the boat they decided to play ball.

I'm not sure what game they were playing other than to say it was some kind of baseball. It looked like the rules were vastly different than those of the traditional game.

The reason I am telling you this is not only that I am proud of their

endeavors, but that I firmly believe that kids need unstructured time. My grandchildren all have sports or other organized activities. But it is in their down time that they really learn.

The boat project teaches so much more than just how not to build a boat. They are learning to work together, and they learn that they all have something to contribute. I imagine a little math gets thrown in along with research and other subjects that they don't realize they are learning.

Schools seem to have shorter and shorter summer breaks. Teachers are being asked to teach so

much more than in the days when school was a matter of sticking to reading and writing and 'rithmetic.

Children need down time — so do teachers. It takes time for children to put to use what is being taught in school. It takes time to realize which house is safe to go to and which to avoid. It takes time to figure out where the snacks are stored in a neighbor's kitchen. It takes time to build a boat and to know that the neighbors have a pool where they can see if it will float.

A long time ago, when summer lasted forever, my two brothers decided to make a raft. They cob-

bled some wood together and floated it in Twin Creek. They made it to Ithaca before it fell apart. They had to walk the 5 or 6 miles back home.

I don't think that the grandchildren and their friends will get that far from home. My point is that they need time for unstructured play. Would either my brothers' raft or my grandkids' boat have been built if their downtime had been scheduled down to the minute? Probably not.

I am eagerly awaiting the next picture of the boat. Will it be abandoned or will it be topped by happy kids who built it themselves? Only time will tell.

Teens' breakup puts parents in awkward spot

DEAR ABBY: A couple of weeks ago, my 17-year-old daughter broke up with "Matt," her boyfriend of a year and seven months. My husband and I are sad because Matt had become a part of our family. We included him in vacations and holidays with us. We also became friends with his parents and shared a couple of holidays with them.

I have not communicated with them since the breakup, and I feel horrible. I'm not sure what's proper etiquette in this situation. Should I reach out to Matt's mom or just leave it alone? I don't have hard feelings toward them, but then again, my daughter broke up with Matt and not vice versa. Let me know what you think. — BROKEN UP OVER BREAKUP

DEAR BROKEN UP: Young love doesn't always last forever, which can be a good thing. I see no harm in wait-

Dear
Abby



ing a few more weeks until things cool down and then reaching out to Matt's mother. Tell her you are sorry about the breakup and hope it doesn't spell the end of your relationship with her, which you have very much enjoyed. Her response will tell you if she feels the same.

DEAR ABBY: We are a couple, married for 46 years. Of course, one of us will be passing on in the future. If my husband goes first, I'm unsure about how to handle any servic-

es for him. He has narcissistic personality disorder and, over the course of our marriage, he has made my life a living hell. I have grown to despise him.

I need to be respectful of his children and friends. Only a few close women friends know the situation. I want to have a proper remembrance for them that won't involve too much of my presence. He will be cremated per his request. Can you suggest how I should handle this? — CAREFUL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CAREFUL: Discuss this with the person who will officiate at the memorial service when the time comes. Be as active a participant as you would like. Leaving the eulogizing to the people who loved him — his friends and children — is your privilege.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single

mother of a 2-year-old girl whose father has been absent for most of her life. He comes and goes. He's in a much better place financially now than he was before, and he wants to be a part of her life. He was verbally abusive and, on one occasion, physically abused me.

My siblings and I grew up without a father, and it upsets me that my daughter must experience the same. My ex says he's grown up a lot being away from her and says he's willing to make it work for her sake. I'm unsure since he's broken so many promises, but I want my daughter to grow up with her dad in the picture.

My family, who I live with, knows the hell I went through when I was with him. They are against him being around, so now I feel like I have to sneak around when he wants to see her. Deep down I want him in her life but, on the other hand,

my family's opinion matters to me since they stepped up when he chose to step down. Advice? — TORN MOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MOM: That your ex has matured enough that he now wants to be a part of his daughter's life is laudable. But allow it only if he's willing to get counseling for his anger problem. If he does that, it will then be time for you to find the courage to quit sneaking around, inform your family you want your daughter to know her father and proceed from there, hoping he won't flake out again.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the

Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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

Wednesday

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

PING PONG — Will be

played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in room 205 on the second floor of John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of

alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

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

Thursday

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.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Pizza Hut in Portland.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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4th of July committee says thanks

To the editor:
The Jay County 4th of July Committee would like to thank the Jay County community for making the 2022 4th of July Celebration another successful event.

We wish to convey our sincere gratitude to the local businesses, organizations and individuals that contributed financially to the 2022 July 4th Celebration. Because of your generosity we were able to offer activities free of charge to the community.

We also want to extend a huge thank you to all who vol-

Letters to the Editor

unteered their time and services to make this year's event possible.

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The Jay County 4th of July Committee is seeking additional volunteers to join our committee to prepare for the 2023 celebration.

If you would like to volunteer for the 2023 July 4th Celebration, please contact George Patterson at (260) 729-1013 or any committee member.

Diana Swingley
For the Jay County 4th of July Committee

Legislature fails Hoosiers yet again

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Too often we must admit to being ashamed to be Hoosiers.

Most of those times are related to the behavior of our legislature and our governor.

This is one of those times.

The behavior of our political "leaders" with regard to the abortion issue is despicable. Is there another word for it?

A woman (or a man) has the right to control the use of her/his (not their!) body. To deny that right, even in the case of suicide, is contrary to the dignity of each individual.

If you believe God made us in His image, then we are each distinct persons capable of and responsible for our behavior.

We do have responsibilities with regard to others, but we also must be granted freedom from the dictates of others when our actions do not abridge those of others.

Cells lodged in the body of a woman, with or without her consent, are hers to keep or discard as she chooses until they become viable human beings.

And what right does the man have who helped form those cells? None, if he failed to take precautions to prevent impregnation. And only a very limited claim, if the pregnancy was mutually desired, but later rejected by the woman.

Women bear children. It is not the place of the general assembly or the governor to mandate that a woman who becomes pregnant must accept her condition, which has life-long implications for her and ultimately for society.

Just as it was wrong for China to limit women to one child, so too it is wrong for Indiana to interfere with the choices women make about child-bearing.

Far more important than restricting abortion is providing every child with a secure path to adulthood. That path needs to include good health care, a broad education, and a means of contributing to their own and society's well-being.

Does the Indiana General Assembly do that? In the 31 years of this column, we have found that body delinquent in meeting its responsibilities to Hoosiers.

They pander to local and out-of-state corporations. They fail to sup-

Morton J. Marcus



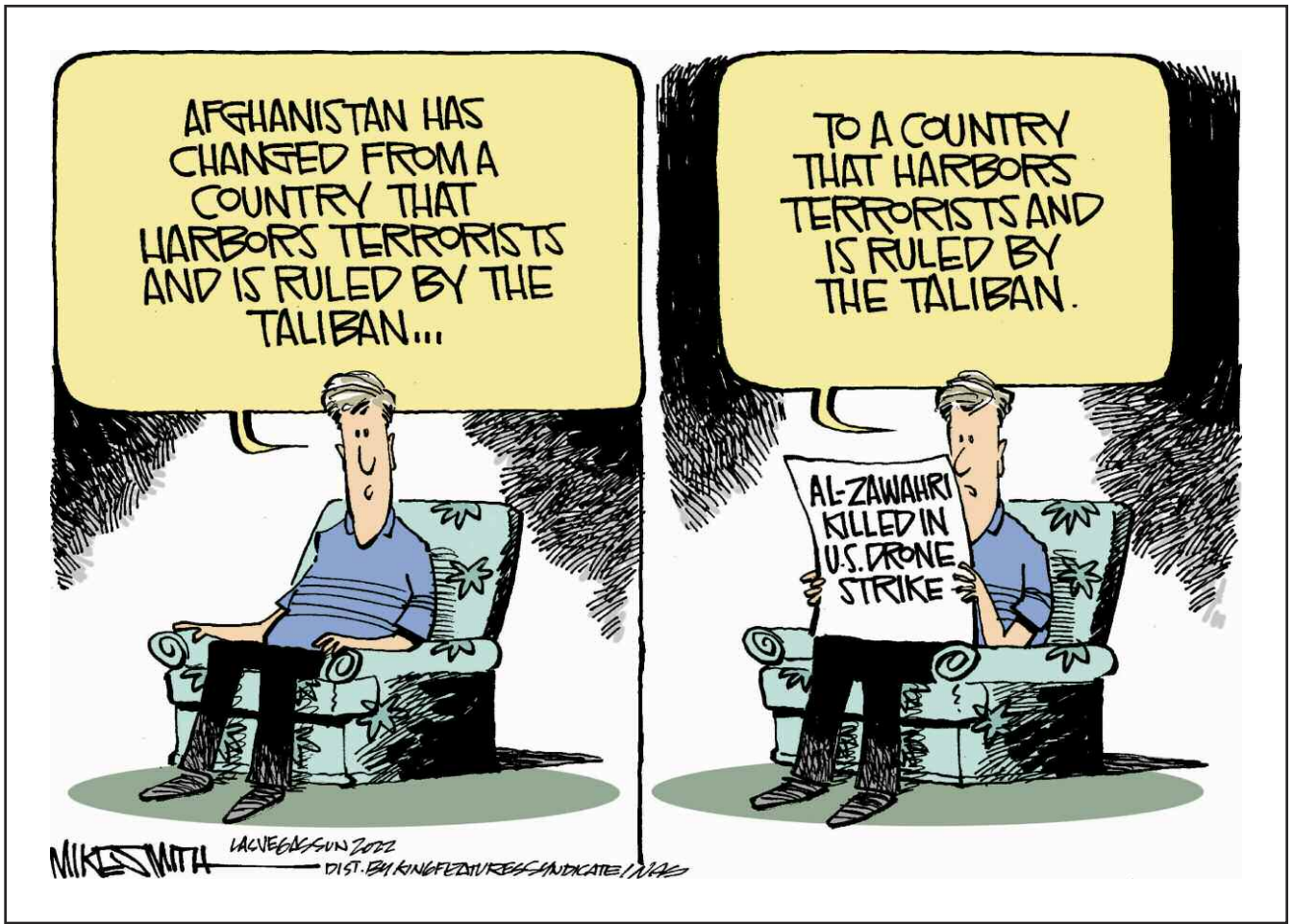
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port public health. They enable environmental degradation. They degrade public education. They disregard the needs of the poor. They ignore the consequences of their own bigotry.

Those conditions will not change with the elections of 2022. Both parties have put forward their candidates. Democrats struggle to find good candidates willing to make the effort to win. Republicans, by and large, choose those with little conscience and less knowledge.

Our efforts must turn to making the 2024 election one between qualified Hoosier candidates so we can be proud of our state. So that we can stop thinking: "Well, we got what we deserve and it's good enough for us Hoosiers."

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Marcus is an economist. This column is separate from his regular "Eye on the Pie" commentary, which will run Thursday as usual. Email him at mortonjmarcus@yahoo.com.



Prioritize school attendance

By JERALD MCNAIR

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

When I was young, my friends and I did chores at home such as cutting grass, raking leaves and shoveling snow. It wasn't a big deal because that was the expectation. My brother and I were fortunate enough to have parents who paid an allowance, but that didn't mean we had a choice to not do what was required of us. Our parents wanted to teach us the value of a dollar and the payoff that comes from hard work.

Nowadays, I often see parents doing yard work and other chores instead of their children. I often wonder: Why aren't they making their children do it? How will their children learn to value hard work? And what impact will that have on those children as they get older?

Our youths are impressionable. What they value, believe in and do daily is often based on what they see, hear and are allowed to do. When I have asked parents and neighbors why they don't have their children do the chores, the response often is, "My child is lazy." It's the same discussion I have had with parents and others about school attendance. The response is often the same: "My child is lazy."

There used to be a time when we wouldn't dare miss school unless it was an emergency. Attending it was a priority. We relished having perfect attendance, for which we would receive accolades and other rewards. In some regards, achieving perfect attendance ranked just as high as receiving outstanding academic marks because it exemplified dedication.

For far too many, that is no longer the case. Student absenteeism is a major problem, according to the findings of the U.S. Department of Education's Civil Rights Data Collection. During the 2015-16 school year, several years before the pandemic, more than 7 million students missed 15 or more

days of school. That is about 16% of the student population. About 800 school districts across the country reported that 30% of their students missed at least three weeks of school.

COVID-19 exacerbated the problem, which is understandable to a degree. The last couple years — the uncertainty, fear and need to prevent transmission of the virus — have been very difficult for families. However, as the data shows, even before the pandemic, it was clear that far too many students were missing days of school that they should not have been.

The implications are far-reaching. According to the U.S. Department of Education, students with chronic absenteeism are more likely to drop out of school and have poor grades.

The problem gets worse as the students grow older. Chronic absenteeism is more pronounced in high school, affecting about 1 in 5 students. When they leave high school, these same students are more likely to live in poverty, have poor health and become involved in the criminal justice system.

Student attendance should be prioritized once again. School districts across the country have strict guidelines to follow with regards to student attendance. The Every Student Succeeds Act signed by President Barack Obama in 2015 requires school districts to report five indicators of school performance, including one nonacademic indicator: Many schools chose chronic absenteeism.

However, the problem is not something only schools can solve.

Jerald McNair



While schools can incentivize student attendance, put together committees to study and address it, and have officials visit the homes of students, parents are the ones who set the stage for instilling the value of hard work. And attending school every day is evidence of it.

It's not enough to simply say, "My child is lazy." What we require our children to do, such as cutting grass and raking leaves, may affect how they value other things in life — such as going to school or working.

America's labor force needs a citizenry that believes in hard work. In 1990, labor force participation rates were near 65% for individuals age 16 to 24, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Since 2002, those numbers have continued to decrease, save for a few years when there was a slight increase.

It's time to expect more from our youths. Having them come to school every day, unless they are sick, can affect the quality of their life when they get older. It's essential that authority figures such as parents have conversations with youths about the broad implications of each decision that youths make as it relates to building resiliency and establishing good habits for the future.

Development of a strong work ethic in our youths is essential to improving their lives and America's labor force. After all, "a dream does not become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work," as former Secretary of State Colin Powell once said. We want our youths to dream big and be whatever they want to in life. If we emphasize the value of hard work, it makes achieving those dreams more possible.

So, this school year, parents, let's make attending school a priority.

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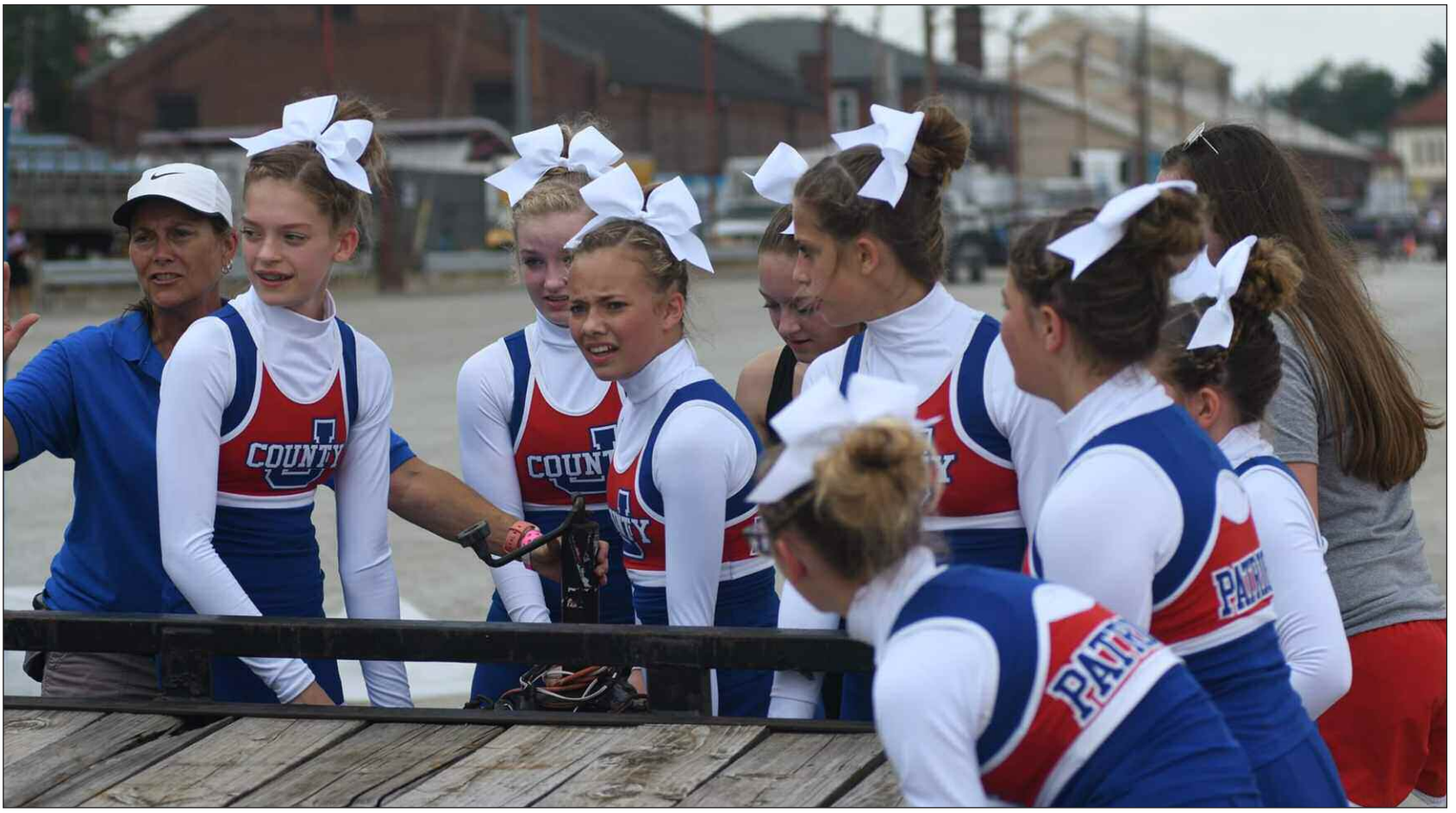
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Jay County Junior High School cheerleaders, including Brenna Schmieseing, Tessa Frazee, Dakota Blalock and Macee Stephen, pull a trailer into place on the track in front of the grandstand Saturday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. No truck was available to move the trailer in order to load mats after the competition, so the JCHS group used a little Patriot power to get it where it needed to be.

Third ...

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Following the competition, Jay County's girls helped take apart and roll up the warm-up mat. Then they did the same for the competition mat. Then the announcer noted that the mat sections would need to be carried down to a

trailer at the end of the grandstand track. There was no truck available to move the trailer into a more convenient position. When Jay County's girls asked if they could just pull the trailer into place, the announcer said he didn't think that would be possible.

The Patriots didn't accept that answer. "Bet," said eighth grader Tessa Frazee later, adding that she and her fellow cheerleaders wanted to prove him wrong. The entire squad headed down the track, positioned themselves around the trailer

and proceeded to pull it down the track and into place. "That was fun," said Frazee. It drew the biggest cheer of the day when the announcer called out "Let's hear it for the Patriots!" So, as happy as she was with the cheerleading effort, Bur-

cham was perhaps even more proud of the way her squad stepped up to help at the competition. "We are very proactive in getting things accomplished," she said. "So we like to be helpful when we can. We try to have good sportsmanship."

Felony court news

False informing

A Dunkirk man's Level 6 felony charge of intimidation was dismissed in Jay Superior Court after he pleaded guilty in the same case to false informing, a Class B misdemeanor. Alden H. Glessner, 54, 458 E. Center St., was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days of his sentence suspended and given two days credit for time served. Glessner was assessed \$185

in court costs and placed on probation for 180 days.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement was dismissed.

Counterfeit

A Redkey woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to counterfeiting, a Level 6 felony. Angela C. Dixon, 49, 11613 W. Indiana 28, was

sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days suspended and given 18 days credit for time served. She was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 275 days.

As part of her plea agreement, two counts of counterfeiting, both Level 6 felonies, were dismissed.

Marijuana

A Portland man's Level 6 felony charge of maintain-

ing a common nuisance was dismissed in Jay Superior Court after he pleaded guilty in the same case to possession of marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor.

Dylan M. McKibben, 27, 818 E. Main St., was sentenced to 120 days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for time served. McKibben was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecu-

tion, interdiction and correction fee.

Common nuisance

A Michigan man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony. Juan A. Roman-Molina, 46, 4448 Jefferson Ave., Kentwood, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180

days in Jay County Jail, given 180 days credit for time served and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for dealing marijuana was dismissed.

Methamphetamine

Three Jay County residents were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. See page 7

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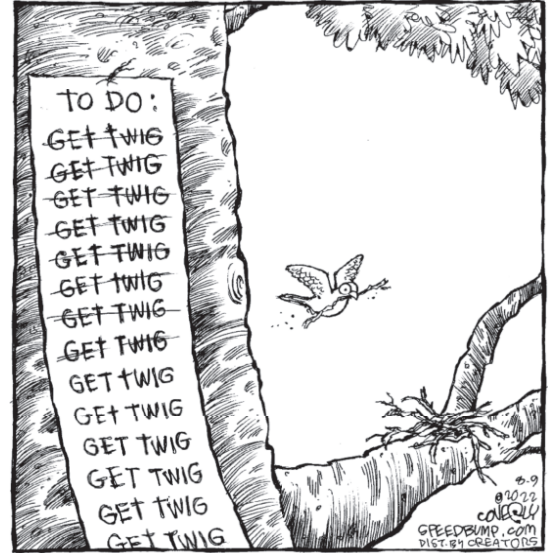
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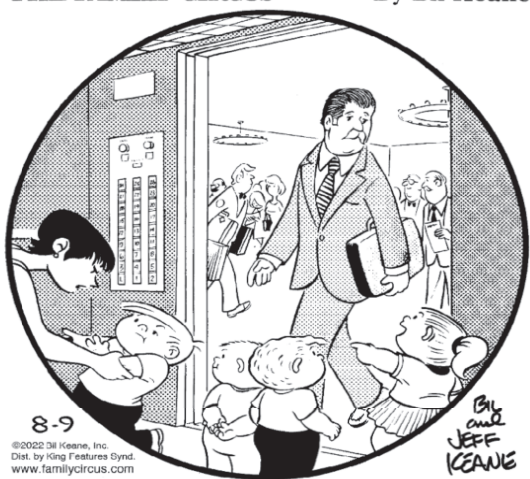
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Don't worry 'bout pushin' your floor, Mister, 'cause my brother pushed ALL the buttons."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The lead's the thing

North dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: K J 7 6 4, 9 8 2, K Q J 5 4

WEST: 10 9 5, A K 5, K 6 5 2, 10 9 3. EAST: A Q 8, 7, A Q J 4 3, 8 7 6 2

SOUTH: 3 2, Q J 10 6 4 3, 10 9 8 7, A

The bidding: North 1♠, East 1♥, South 2♦, West 2♠. Opening lead - two of diamonds.

After ruffing a spade, declarer trumped a third diamond in dummy, then discarded his last diamond on the jack of clubs.

The deal illustrates the devastating effectiveness of a crossruff. South made 10 tricks even though he and dummy together had only 17 high-card points to the opponents' 23!

At the second table, where four hearts doubled was reached on similar bidding, West decided to lead the king of hearts in order to take a look at the dummy.

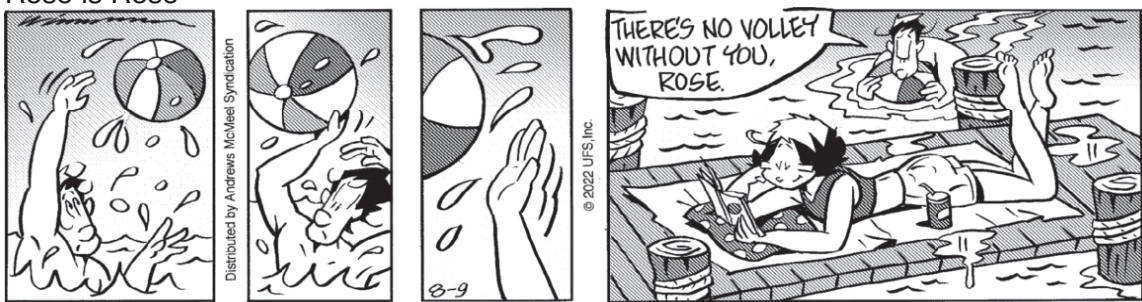
This left South in very bad shape. He could not ruff any of his diamond losers in dummy, nor did he have any way to reach dummy's clubs.

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Peanuts



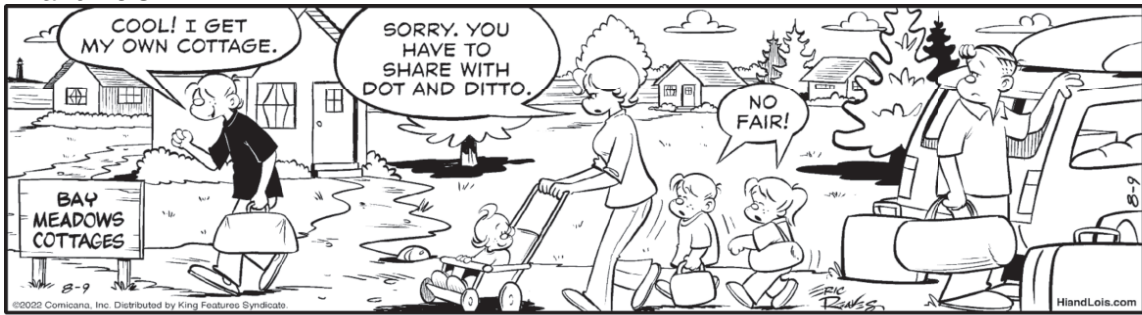
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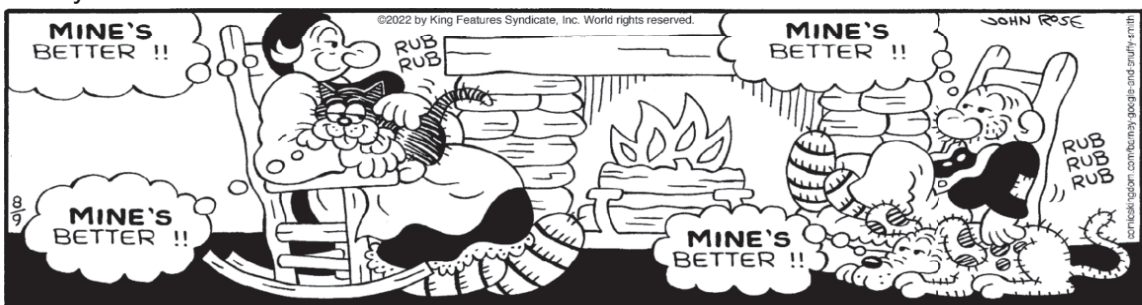
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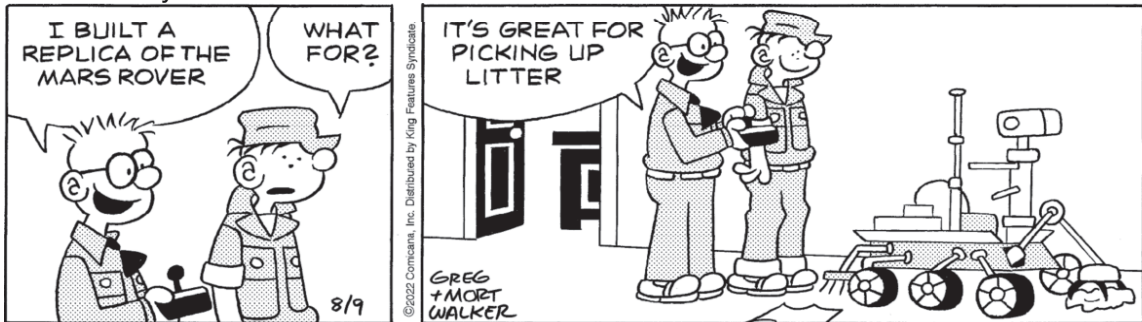
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Picking partners

Mara Christos from Flint helps her daughter Georgia Christos pick blueberries Saturday during Blueberry Daze Weekend at Montrose Orchards in Montrose, Michigan.

Slain Elwood officer mourned

Shahnavaz was buried Sunday in Indianapolis

By REBECCA BIBBS

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — It's been 38 years since Theresa Berghoff lived in Elwood.

But on Saturday, she joined a random group of about a dozen people outside the Meridian Street United Methodist Church in Indianapolis to await the procession escorting slain Elwood Police Officer Noah Shahnavaz to Crown Hill Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

"It's devastating because Officer Shahnavaz didn't stand a chance," she said.

Berghoff's group was one of many that waited along the route, first on the roads leading to ITOWN Church and in the parking lots of the nearby shopping centers and later along U.S. 31 starting at 146th Street. Fire trucks and other first responders unfurled American flags from overpasses.

Crown Hill Cemetery, where Shahnavaz will be buried in the Heroes of Public Safety Section, was the final stop on a 77-mile trek through three Central Indiana counties. The historic cemetery is the final resting place of many luminaries, including Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Booth Tarkington, Los Angeles Raiders football player Stacy Toran and John Woodruff, the first African-American gold medalist at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

The burial ceremony was steeped in law enforcement tradition, including an escort of the hearse carrying Shahnavaz by bagpipers, the

folding and presentation of the flag that has draped his casket for days and the laying on the casket of the white carnations the hundreds of law enforcement officers representing departments from Lawrenceburg to Fort Wayne wore upside down under their badges.

The various events, including the funeral and burial, were attended by representatives from each of Madison County's law enforcement agencies.

The hearse, which arrived at the cemetery about 5:30 p.m., was followed by a new Elwood police cruiser that Shahnavaz had helped pick up a few weeks ago and that had his name and date of death decaled onto the back window.

The ceremony took place in an area that could accommodate the hundreds of law enforcement officers and dozens of families, rather than at Shahnavaz's actual grave.

Members of the public also appeared from among the graves to witness the ceremony.

Berghoff is a volunteer for Gun Sense Action Network, an organization that is trying to persuade lawmakers to put reasonable firearms restrictions in place while respecting individuals' Second Amendment rights.

"I was very concerned about the permitless carry in this case," she said.

Shahnavaz suffered a fatal gunshot wound during a traffic stop early Sunday morning.

Carrying a sign that simply said "Noah," Carmel residents Mary and Gabe Thomas were part of the group awaiting the procession at the church beginning at about 1:30 p.m. Mary Thomas said several passersby stopped and asked what was going on and when the procession was expected.

"It could be your son," she said. "He was anything you could want in a son."

Companies come out against law

By CASEY SMITH

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Major Indiana companies that previously declined to publicly comment on a near-total abortion ban are now speaking out against the newly-enacted restrictions, saying the move could inhibit business growth and make it harder to retain skilled workers.

One of Indiana's largest employers and oldest companies, Eli Lilly and Company, was the first to step out, saying it will begin looking for expansion opportunities outside of the Hoosier State in the wake of new abortion restrictions.

The Indianapolis-based company remained silent while the abortion bill was debated for two weeks by Indiana lawmakers. Officials said in a statement Saturday — hours after the governor signed the measure into law — that the abortion ban could hurt the company's ability to bring in "diverse scientific, engineering and business talent" to Indiana.

"As a global company headquartered in Indianapolis for more than 145 years, we work hard to retain and

attract thousands of people who are important drivers of our state's economy," Lilly officials said in a statement.

"Lilly recognizes that abortion is a divisive and deeply personal issue with no clear consensus among the citizens of Indiana," the statement continued. "Despite this lack of agreement, Indiana has opted to quickly adopt one of the most restrictive anti-abortion laws in the United States."

The new law outlaws all abortions except in the case of a fatal fetal anomaly and cases of serious health risk to the mother — up to 20 weeks post-fertilization. Rape and incest survivors can get an abortion up to 10 weeks post-fertilization.

Indiana is the first state in the nation to approve such legislation since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in late June. The ban takes effect on Sept. 15.

A Lilly spokeswoman said the company plans to honor all current Indiana commitments.

In May, the drug manufacturing company announced plans to invest \$2.1 billion in two new manufacturing sites in Boone County. The new

facilities are intended to expand the company's manufacturing network for active ingredients and new therapeutic drugs, creating hundreds of new jobs in the Hoosier state.

It's unclear if or how the new development might be affected by Lilly's opposition to the abortion ban.

Cummins Inc., an engine manufacturing company that employs some 10,000 people across Indiana, said the abortion restrictions could impact the company's ability to attract and retain employees and will affect future decisions on growth.

Cummins is the largest employer in Bartholomew County, with about 8,000 employees in the Columbus area. Its global headquarters are in Columbus.

"Cummins believes that women should have the right to make reproductive healthcare decisions as a matter of gender equity, ensuring that women have the same opportunity as others to participate fully in the workforce and that our workforce is diverse," Jon Mills, a company spokesman, said in a statement Saturday. "This law is contrary to this goal and we oppose it."

Felony court news

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Rebecca L. Keener, 47, 712 N. Main St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor, in Jay Superior Court. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with 184 days credit for time served. Keener was ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee and assessed \$185.50 in court costs. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend her license for 30 days retroac-

tive to Jan. 11, 2021. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 felony, possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and driving with a suspended license, a Class A infraction.

Keesha C. Taylor, 28, 346 E. Center St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but eight days suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Taylor

was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was placed on probation for 537 days.

In a separate court case, Taylor also pleaded guilty to another count of methamphetamine possession, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with her sentence to be served consecutively to the previous case sentence. All of her sentence with the exception of eight days was suspended, and she was given eight days credit for time

served. Taylor was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was placed on probation for 537 days.

Jesse D. Modesitt, 44, 925 N. Franklin St., Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given four days credit for time served. Modesitt was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Forgery

A Portland woman was sentenced to just over four years in prison after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to forgery, a Level 6 felony.

Amanda N. Meyer, 32, 212 E. Main St., Portland, is a habitual offender. She was sentenced to 1,825 days in Indiana Department of Correction. (Her sentence was enhanced by 1,095 days because of her habitual offender status.) She was given 338 days credit for time served and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Domestic battery

A Portland resident was

sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony.

Kyrstin P. Stults, 27, 209 W. Seventh St., was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 120 days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Stults was assessed \$185 in court costs, ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee and placed on probation for 245 days.

Stults is serving her sentence on house arrest.

Cases dismissed

Jesse D. Modesitt, Level 6 felony

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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that LAVETHA M. LOUCKS was, on the 12 day of July, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of HAROLD R. PROUTY, deceased, who died on June 14, 2022, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 12 day of July, 2022.
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
Timothy K. Babcock
Attorney No. 21526-90
DALE, HUFFMAN & BUFFOCK
30 Premier Avenue
Bluffton, Indiana 46714
Attorney for Estate
CR 8-9,16-2022 HSPAXLP

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
2022 TERM
No. 38C01-2208-EU-00030
In the Matter of the
Unsupervised
Administration of the Estate
of
GEORGE N. MINNICH, Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Dale Minnich was, on the 4th day of August, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of George N. Minnich, deceased, who died on March 3rd, 2020. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 5th day of August, 2022.
HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR
121 W. High Street
Portland, IN 47371
Attorney
Jon Eads
Clerk of the Circuit Court,
For Jay County, Indiana
CR 8-9,16-2022 HSPAXLP

Lennartz leads FRHS in opener

The Indians hope to be competitive throughout their schedule.

If they can play with the consistency they did in their opener, that should be an achievable goal.

Fort Recovery High School's top four boys golfers all played bogey golf or better, avoiding big numbers en route to a 171-188 victory over the Tri-Village Patriots at Portland Golf Club.

Eli Lennartz paced the Indians with a round of 42, including pars on the 335-yard, par-4 first and 385-yard, par-4 third holes. He added a third par on the 358-yard par-4 seventh and then finished with back-to-back bogeys.

The top score from Tri-Village was a 44 from Trey Homan.

Keegan Muhlenkamp sank long par putts on the first and fourth holes en route to his 43, and Alex Dues had pars on No. 1 and No. 9 as he also shot 43. Isaac LeFevre, the team's lone senior, bounced back from a slow start to par three of the final six holes for a 44.

Reece Evers and Matthew Romer shot 56 and 59, respectively, though their totals did not factor into the team score.

Patriots fourth

FORT WAYNE — Jay County's girls golf team finished last Monday in a four-team Allen County Athletic Conference match hosted by Heritage at McMillen Park Golf Course.

The Patriots, who had just four players available Monday but have added a fifth who will be eligible to play next week, posted a 239. South Adams won the event with a 190, followed by Woodlan (217) and Heritage (225).

Sophomore Maddy Snow led JCHS as she opened with

Local roundup

bogeys on the 110-yard, par-3 10th hole and the 302-yard, par-4 11th. She went on to post a 54 on the par-32 course.

Julia Arnold and Hailey Wendel of South Adams shared match medalist honors as they each shot 44. Woodlan got a 51 from Taylor Kline while Raelyn Mullins also shot 51 to lead Heritage.

Senior Rosealynne Smith was next on the Patriot squad with a 60, including a bogey on the 133-yard, par-3 16th hole. Junior Ellie Klarer followed with a 62 and Stacy Fomina shot 63 in her varsity debut.

FR girls fall

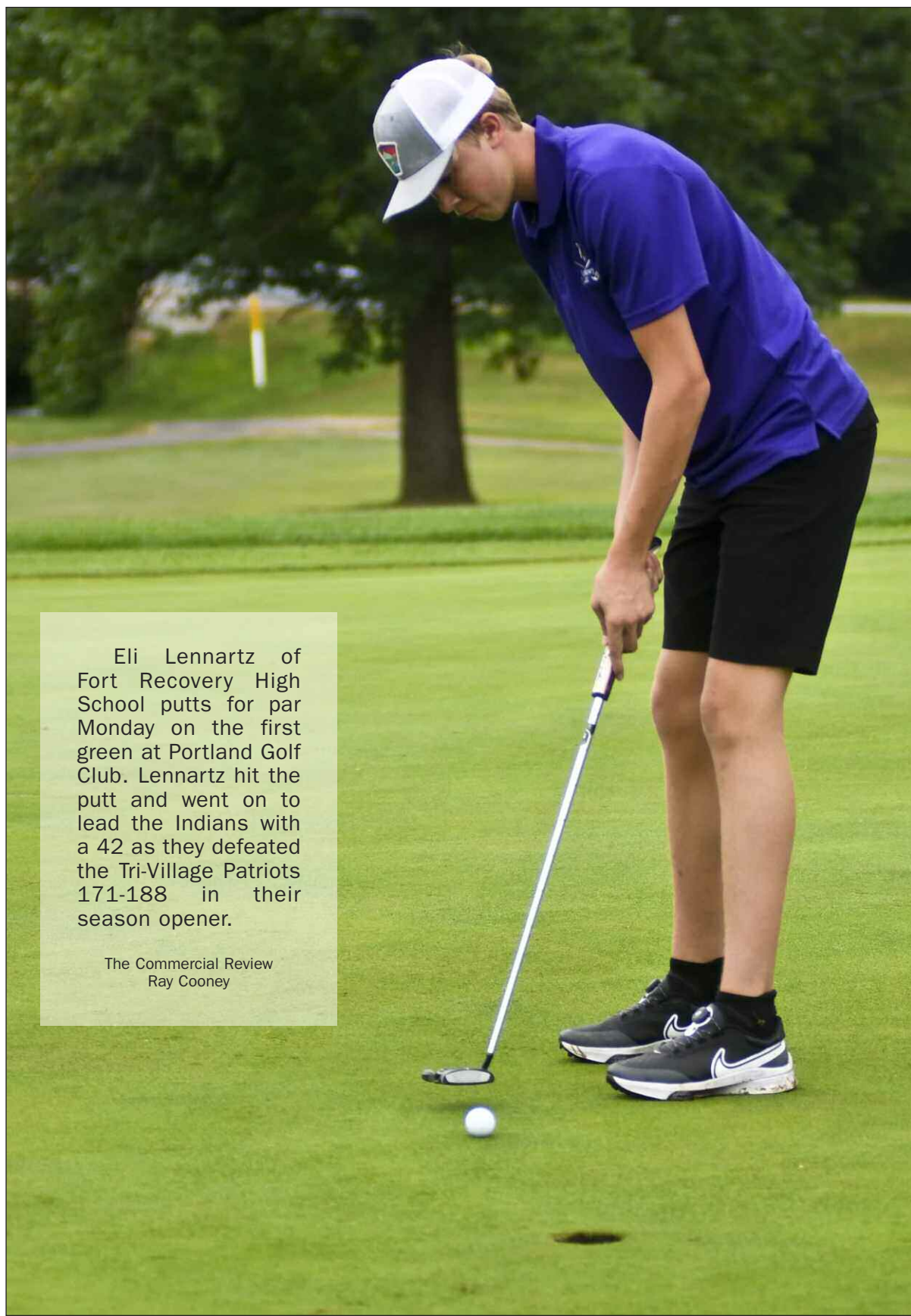
ARCANUM, Ohio — The opening match of the season was a struggle for the Fort Recovery girls golf team as it lost 189-237 to the host Tri-Village Patriots at Beechwood Golf Course.

Ella Westgerdes was the only Indian to break 60, finishing with a 51. Playing on the Lakeview nine, she bogeyed each of the first three holes en route to her team-best score.

Tri-Village's Regan Brewer was the match medalist with a 5-over-par 41.

Ella Schoen recorded one bogey in her round of 60 for Fort Recovery, and Eva Kahlig had two bogeys as she shot 62. Emma Will rounded out the FRHS team score with a 65.

Brynn Stammen (66) and Georgia Wenning (67) also played for the Indians.



Eli Lennartz of Fort Recovery High School putts for par Monday on the first green at Portland Golf Club. Lennartz hit the putt and went on to lead the Indians with a 42 as they defeated the Tri-Village Patriots 171-188 in their season opener.

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Thwaits on scoreless streak

FORT WAYNE — A former Indian has found his groove with the TinCaps.

Nick Thwaits, a 2018 Fort Recovery High School graduate, turned in another stellar outing Friday to help Fort Wayne's Class A baseball team to a 6-5 comeback victory over the South Bend Cubs as his ERA continues to plummet.

Thwaits has gone six straight appearances without allowing a run, dropping his ERA from 5.04 in mid-June to 3.56 as of Monday. He last gave up a run since July 7 against the Lake County Captains.

Fort Wayne trailed 4-0 Friday when Thwaits entered the game in the fifth

inning in relief of starter Ryan Bergert. He proceeded to turn in three scoreless innings, striking out three batters while allowing just two hits.

The TinCaps (42-57) closed the gap to 4-3 with three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning before Thwaits departed and eventually earned a walk-off victory when two runs scored on a Jarryd Dale triple with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

In 24 appearances, all from the bullpen, he is 3-3 with 41 strikeouts in 42 innings and a 3.56 ERA. He had a 1.04 ERA in five July outings, allowing just one run on five hits while striking out eight.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
 Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Mercer County Tournament — 9 a.m.; Girls golf at South Adams — 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday
 Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Gary Broering Invitational — 8:30 a.m.

TV sports

Today
 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)

Wednesday
 11 a.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
 1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
 1:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)
 3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
 4:30 p.m. — Tennis: Canadian Open (Bally Indiana)
 5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
 7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)
 8:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Kansas City Royals (FS1)
 8:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)

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

Local notes

Tickets on sale
 Fort Recovery Local Schools season tickets are on sale.

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 try-out sessions Saturday 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.

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

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

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

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

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