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Cancer Cruise

Tisha Gierhart speaks with Glen and Carey Colpaert Saturday during Jay County Cancer Society's Cancer Cruise through Jay County Fairgrounds. Glen Colpaert returned Monday to Fort Wayne for more cancer treatment.

Butcher hired to head county highway

Department superintendent will start new role on Oct. 3

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A new leader will take over the highway department next month.

Jay County Commissioners hired Eric Butcher as Jay County Highway Department superintendent at a meeting Monday. Butcher, a Portland resident, will begin his new duties Oct. 3.

Also Monday, commissioners learned about a marketing opportunity, updated the truck ordinance and agreed to fund a mental health response team.

Butcher's assignment comes just under four months after the death of former highway superintendent Donnie Corn. Road foreman Bob Howell filled in as superintendent in the interim. Howell will return to his former position following Butcher's start date. His temporary replacement, Terry Howell, will also return to the position of heavy equipment operator.

Commissioner Chad Aker noted he and fellow commissioners Brian McGalliard and Rex Journay interviewed applicants for the position Sept. 8 and selected Butcher.

Bob Howell publicly thanked Terry Howell, no relation, for assuming his duties during the transition. Aker and McGalliard recognized both men for their work Monday.

"I also want to thank not just Terry, but (Bob) also for stepping up in the situation we've had and filling those shoes," Aker said. "You guys have done a great job."

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Dunkirk awarded \$600,000

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — State funding has been approved for a local flood mitigation project.

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins told city council Monday that Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has awarded the city a \$600,000 grant to help create detention basins on the southeast side of the city.

City council in June approved applying for the OCRA grant in June to help pay for the estimated \$1 million project. They agreed to commit \$400,000 from the city's federal coronavirus relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act to cover the required match for the grant.

The project calls for creating detention basins east of Broad Street near Moore Avenue and west of 3rd Street near the southern city limits. They will remain dry most of the time and will be used to detain water during

State grant will help pay for flood mitigation project

heavy rain events. That water will then be released at a controlled rate in order to take pressure off of the city's storm sewers. Also included are some upgrades to current storm sewer infrastructure.

The work is intended to reduce flooding and lower labor and maintenance costs.

"This is a major first step," said Robbins, noting that future steps include water lines on Hickory and Elm streets as well as Blackford Avenue and a new water tower. "We've just (got) to stay on this stuff and keep digging at it. ...

"That's not going to solve all of it, but it'll do real good on that end of town. ... It's going to help."

Council also approved its 2023 salary ordinance, which calls for a 7% raise for the mayor and city employees, except the police department's office/clerical position, and a 3% raise, as requested, for clerk-treasurer Tina Elliott. Council members will not get raises.

The same proposal had failed to reach the three-vote threshold needed for approval at the Aug. 23 meeting, with Kevin Hamilton

and Tom Johnson in favor, Christy Curts against, Bryan Jessup abstaining and Jesse Bivens absent. (Jessup had abstained out of frustration about a constant back-and-forth with city employees on the ordinance.)

On Monday, Bivens said he would like to keep the package as it had been proposed and Jessup agreed to vote on the proposal. It passed 4-1 with Curts still voting against. (She had said previously that she felt the 7% raise was too large.)

Council members also briefly discussed the budget, which is estimated for 2023 at \$2.05 million. That's up about 7% from the current year's \$1.91 million.

The budget calls for \$1.48 million in the general fund, \$303,122 in the motor vehicle highway fund, \$110,500 in public safety local option income tax and \$78,000 in the economic development income tax (EDIT) fund.

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Ukraine pushing back

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Tribune News Service

KIEV — Ukrainian fighters have recaptured more than 20 towns and villages in eastern Ukraine in the past 24 hours alone as their rapid counteroffensive continues, Kiev said on Monday.

"The liberation of localities under Russian occupation in the Kharkiv and Donetsk regions continues," the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces said in a situation report, adding that the towns of Velykyi Burluk and Dvorichna in the north of the Kharkiv region were the latest to have been abandoned by Russian troops.

Under pressure from the Ukrainian counteroffensives, Russia's Defence Ministry announced the withdrawal of its troops from the Kharkiv region at the weekend, claiming it was part of a strategic

Fights have recaptured more than 20 towns and villages

"regrouping." Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had previously announced the recapture of the strategically important city of Izyum, with videos later emerging of Ukrainian soldiers raising the national flag there. According to the general staff, Russian troops have also been withdrawn from the town of Svatove in the Luhansk region, although separatist-aligned militias remain in action in the area.

"In the face of Ukrainian advances, Russia has likely ordered the withdrawal of its troops from the entirety of occupied Kharkiv Oblast

west of the Oskil River," British intelligence said in an update. "Isolated pockets of resistance remain in this sector, but since Wednesday, Ukraine has recaptured territory at least twice the size of Greater London," it continued.

Despite the apparent success of the Ukrainian counteroffensive, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov appeared to double down on Moscow's position on Monday, stressing that Russia would continue its "special military operation" until its goals were met, according to the Interfax news agency.



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Beatrice at benefit

John Beatrice performs with his band Saturday at The 615 in Portland during the annual No One Fights Alone benefit. This year, the benefit raised funds for Jayland Partners, an organization that promotes social connections for people with disabilities.

Deaths

Wanetta Shreeve, 94, Berne
Max Leavell, 91, Redkey
Arnold Clevenger Sr., 84, Albany
Monica Husmann, 60, Muncie
Bonnie Owens, 94, Greenville, Ohio
Hurley Bookout, 86, Warren
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Weather

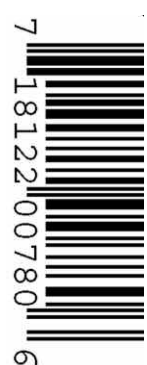
Jay County's high temperature hovered around 60 degrees Monday, with a high of 63 and a low of 58.
Tonight's low will be 52. Skies will be sunny Wednesday with a high of 79.
See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

The Dunkirk Neighborhood Crime Watch Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt that was scheduled for the weekend was postponed because of rain.
It will instead be held at 2 p.m. Sunday. (Registration will be at 1 p.m., with a rules overview at 1:30 p.m. and an opportunity to strategize for 20 minutes prior to the start time.)

Coming up

Wednesday — Dunkirk church is celebrating 100 years.
Friday — Results from Thursday's JCHS girls soccer game against No. 9 Belmont.



CR almanac

Wednesday 9/14	Thursday 9/15	Friday 9/16	Saturday 9/17	Sunday 9/18
79/53	81/57	83/59	85/62	85/63
Sunny skies are on the horizon for Wednesday with a high in the upper 70s.	More sun is in the forecast for Thursday. The high may reach the low 80s, with mostly clear skies at night.	Another day of sunny skies is expected Friday. The temperature should reach 83.	Saturday's weather looks to be mostly sunny, with a high of 85 degrees. Mostly clear late.	The remainder of the weekend should be sunny with warm temperatures.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 6-14-16-34-66 Powerball: 25 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$206 million	14-16-17-21-26-34-37-39-45-47-54-55-57-65-68-69 Cash 5: 1-4-14-25-40 Estimated jackpot: \$75,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$231 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 3-1-1 Pick 4: 3-6-2-0 Pick 5: 4-1-3-5-1 Evening Pick 3: 9-6-4 Pick 4: 5-4-3-4 Pick 5: 1-7-0-1-5 Rolling Cash 5: 6-18-21-29-36 Estimated jackpot: \$162,000 Classic Lotto: 19-24-26-28-32-48 Kicker: 5-7-8-5-4-1 Jackpot: \$35.8 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-9-3 Daily Four: 6-9-8-8 Quick Draw: 1-6-7-9-10-11-13-16-21-27-32-34-37-41-44-48-51-63-71-77 Evening Daily Three: 7-6-4 Daily Four: 1-0-2-1 Quick Draw: 3-4-5-13-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.16 Sept. corn6.96 Wheat7.07	Wheat 8.10 Nov. wheat 8.80
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.64 Late Sept. corn7.44 Oct. corn7.04	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.19 Late Sept. corn6.84 Beans15.40 Late Sept. beans14.67 Wheat8.58
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.14 Late Sept. corn6.99 Beans15.19 Sept. beans14.64	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.99 Oct. corn6.59 Beans15.15 Late Sept. beans14.80 Wheat8.28

Today in history

In 1598, Phillip III was crowned king of Spain and Portugal. He was known for his extravagant spending that made Spain's economic problems worse.

In 1759, British forces defeated the French in the Battle of Quebec.

In 1814, lawyer Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry from a ship in Baltimore Harbor after previously being detained by the British navy. The incident inspired him to write "The Star Spangled Banner," which became the U.S. national anthem.

In 1848, American railroad foreman Phineas Gage survived an accident in which an iron rod shot through his skull and destroyed most of the left frontal lobe of his brain.

In 1857, Milton Snavely Hershey, founder of Hershey Chocolate Corporation, was born near Hockersville, Pennsylvania. The town near which he was born is located less than 3 miles from Hershey, Pennsylvania, the home of his chocolate company.

In 1916, British author Roald Dahl was born in Oxford, England. He was famed for his children's books including "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "James and the Giant Peach."

In 1971, a revolt at Attica Correctional Facility in New York came to an end. It resulted in 29 inmates and 10 hostages being killed.

In 1972, Jay County Hospital Board voted to apply for a room rate increase through the Blue Cross agency. If approved, the rate would go up by about 6%.

In 1990, the TV series "Law & Order" — "In the criminal justice system, the people are represented by two separate yet equally important groups: The police, who investigate crime, and the district attorneys, who prosecute the offenders. These are their stories." — debuted on NBC. Starring Jerry Orbach and Chris Noth, it became one of the longest-running TV dramas.

In 2008, the third most-costly hurricane in U.S. history made landfall in Texas. Hurricane Ike had already wreaked havoc on Cuba.

In 2021, Jay County Commissioners agreed to hold on to at least 30% of the county's federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to serve as matching funds for the state's Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP). The county, which was chosen to be one of the first HELP participants, could be awarded as much as \$1 million from Indiana Office and Community and Rural Affairs.

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, 224 W Water St, Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.
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Obituaries

Wanetta Shreeve

Nov. 4, 1927-Sept. 11, 2022
L. Wanetta Shreeve, age 94, of Berne and formerly of Portland passed away Sunday Sept. 11, 2022, in Swiss Village in Berne.

She was born in Portland on Nov. 4, 1927, the daughter of Floyd and Lola (Pogue) Franklin. She was married on Aug. 25, 1948, to Virgil R. Shreeve and he passed away on Nov. 8, 2018.



Shreeve

Wanetta had worked in the Public administrative office in Lakeland, Florida, and also had worked for Marsh and Kroger. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and was a Sunday School teacher.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Walker (husband: Carl) of Pennville and Debra Jones (husband: Kerry) of Berne; one sister, Ruth Howard of Guntersville, Alabama; two grandchildren, Jeni Binegar of Denton, Montana, and Josh Walker of Pennville; and four great-grandchildren, Zach Binegar (wife: Olivia) of Bluffton, Trent Binegar of Montpelier, Hayden Walker of Pennville and Hannah Walker of Pennville.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in the Salomon Cemetery.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Max Leavell

Nov. 30, 1930-Sept. 9, 2022
Max Edwin "Ed" Leavell, 91, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 peacefully while in the company of family at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.

Ed was born in Redkey, Indiana, on Nov. 30, 1930, the son of the late Osta M Johnston and John Curtis (Curt) Leavell. He was a 1948 graduate of Redkey High School and proudly served in the United States Navy from 1948 to 1952.

Ed was formerly employed at Warner Gear and Jay Complete Electric, and retired from IBEW Electricians Union Local #855. He was a member of the Dunkirk American Legion and enjoyed working crossword puzzles and time with family. He was especially fond of his dog "Nibbs."



Max Leavell



Ed is survived by his wife Lois A (Helm) Leavell of Redkey; grandsons Chad Leavell of Redkey, Mark Leavell (wife: Shelli) of Portland, and Matthew Leavell (wife: Lisa) of Lititz, Pennsylvania; two great-grandsons, Alex Leavell and Reece Leavell; great-granddaughter Riley Leavell; and former daughter-in-law Nancy Yates (husband: Bill).

He was preceded in death by his beloved sons James E Leavell (1977) and John A Leavell (1999); his parents; and sisters Agnes Leavell, Gaynell Bromagem and Kathryn Eppelheimer.

Friends are invited to call Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, from noon to 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuary, Redkey Chapel. Funeral Services will follow at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey, with the Dunkirk American Legion and VFW Post performing military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 448, Redkey, IN 47373.

Arnold Clevenger Sr.

July 5, 1938-Sept. 8, 2022
Arnold E. Clevenger Sr., 84, Albany, passed away peacefully in the early morning of Sept. 8, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie with family by his side.



Clevenger

Arnie was born in Cowan, Indiana, on July 5, 1938, the second youngest of five children, to John and Lucille (Fry) Clevenger. He grew up in Eaton and attended Eaton High School, where he graduated with the Class of 1958.

As an Eaton Norseman, Arnie lettered in basketball, participated in FFA and theatre, and was very active in 4-H; he also met the love of his life. On Sept. 27, 1958, he married Shirley Thurman, his wife of 64 years. Together they raised four children and four grandchildren, and traveled to all 50 states.

Arnie worked for Ball State University for 33 years. He was a member of Bethel Chapel, Western Film Club and the Crown City Squares.

Additionally, he was a 60-plus year Master Mason with Anthony Lodge No. 171, and took great pride in joining the Scottish Rite at the same time as his three sons. His other interests included square dancing, fishing, travel and collecting John Wayne memorabilia— he maintained a museum of his collection, and enjoyed sharing it with visitors.

Arnie had many adventures with his family, and his ornery sense of humor always brought a smile to those who knew him. He was hard-working and generous, consistently lending a hand to those in need. He will be remembered as a loving husband and father, devoted to his children and grandchildren.

Arnie is survived by his wife Shirley Clevenger of Albany, Indiana; and their children, Arnold Jr. (Leisha), Patricia Sharp (Steve), John (Jody) and Nicholas. His grandchildren include Wesley (Robin), Benjamin (Sarah), August (Robert) and Cameron. He is also survived by his older brother Donald (Sandra) of Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and surrogate grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings John "Jack" Jr., Dolores Shank Arbogast and Dean.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, at Meacham Funeral Service with burial following at Black Cemetery.

Visiting hours are Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, from 4 until 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Masonic rites will be given Monday at 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Anthony Lodge No. 171, F. & A. M., P.O. Box 25, Albany, IN 47320.

Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be given at MeachamFuneralService.com.

Monica Husmann

Feb. 20, 1962-Sept. 10, 2022
Monica M. Husmann, age 60, of Muncie and a former Portland resident passed away Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

She was born in Decatur on Feb. 20, 1962, the daughter of Henry and Anne (Vogeler) Husmann. She was a homemaker and a devoted caregiver of her daughter Andrea.



Husmann

SERVICES

Tuesday Owens , Bonnie: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 N. Walnut St., Ridgeville.	Wednesday Leonhard , Mark: 9 a.m., Oakland Cemetery, 4025 Avenue O, Fort Madison, Iowa. Leavell , Max: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.
Thursday Evers , Marion: 10:30 a.m., Wendelin Catholic Church, 2997 Fort Recovery-Minster Road, St. Henry, Ohio. Husmann , Monica: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.	Friday Bookout , Hurley: 2 p.m., Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

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Awarded ...

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(On top of the regular budget, city paperwork also shows \$500,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.)

The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for council's Sept. 26 meeting. With no meeting set for Oct. 10 as city offices are closed for Columbus Day, council tentatively scheduled a special meeting for Oct. 11 in case of a need to discuss the budget further. Budget adoption is on the schedule for Oct. 24.

Also Monday, council approved spending \$22,927.54 to repair or replace "Welcome to Dunkirk" signs at the north and south ends of the city as well as three Dunkirk City Park signs. Council decided to use American Rescue Plan Act funds for that purpose.

In other business, council:

•Discussed some confusion about water rates in

the city regarding 2% increases that were approved in March — they were set to go into effect June 1 — and the elimination of the 1.46% utility receipts and utility services use taxes, which were repealed by the state. City officials agreed to look into the issue to make sure the proper amounts are being collected.

•Heard from water department superintendent Dace Mumbower that there was an issue with a fire hydrant just east of West Jay Elementary School. It will require future work, with Culy Contracting of Winchester preparing an estimate for the cost.

•Learned the former News and Sun building is being sold. Rock Fuqua had purchased the building from The Graphic Printing Company and renovated it. Elliott said the new owner plans to open a clothing boutique.

•Approved the following: payment of \$26,156 to Peerless Midwest for replacement of a pump at the water treatment plant; a \$550 donation to Secret Families Christmas Charity; a \$300 donation to the Dunkirk Park Celebration Committee for its fall festival scheduled for Oct. 29; a water leak adjustment of \$179.13.

•Paid claims totaling \$580,701.39.

Public hearing on budget is scheduled for Sept. 26

18th Annual Jay County Heritage Festival

Celebrating Jay County Fair- 150 years

Saturday, Sept. 24 & Sunday, Sept. 25 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free Admission!

Jay County Historical Museum
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Crafters, Vendors, Free Activities - Historic Displays & Demonstrations

FOOD

SATURDAY
Kettle-cooked Ham & Beans w/cornbread

SUNDAY
Kettle-cooked Chili

BOTH DAYS
Foot-long hot dogs w/wo Spanish Sauce
Ice Cream, Homemade Pie
Caramel Corn, Cotton Candy

Entertainment

SATURDAY
12:00 Jordan Wickey, opening Jeff Hardin
1:15 Andy Franz & Jarod Stillwell
2:30 George Lopez & Butch Smith

SUNDAY
12:00 Ken Bantz
1:15 Kaitlyn Schmit
2:30 Cross Country Connection

September proves to be eventful month

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Never forget Sept. 11, 2001. It was the day that Americans realized that we are not immune to being attacked on our own soil. We learned that not everybody likes us. All of our lives we are taught that everybody wants to come here to the land of the free and the home of the brave. We are shocked to learn that this is not true.

Like many Americans, I watched the footage of the planes crashing into the World Trade Center on 9/11.

On that day, my daughter was in the hospital getting her shoulder operated on. She had damaged

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it while she was riding her bike. My focus at that time was on her.

She was still groggy when I finally got to talk to her. Her first words were asking about the attacks. I tried to reassure her that she was going to be all right and that everybody was doing everything they could to help the survivors of the attacks.

That fateful day was also when my mom was

going through a bunch of tests to see if she had breast cancer. It was the beginning of many trips back and forth to various doctors to help her decide how she wanted them to treat the disease. She opted for a full mastectomy.

Her surgery went well and she was told that the cancer was gone. We added it to the many other health problems she had.

Many years later, I was the one going through various tests only to hear the same words my mom did. She urged me to have the same kind of surgery she had. I did not agree. I opted for a lumpectomy. A lumpectomy is not

what you do to gravy to rid it of the gobs of flour and whatever. It is where the surgeon removes the cancer and leaves the rest.

Twice I have received the dreaded news that I have breast cancer. I am of the generation that equates the word cancer with certain death. The two experiences were like night and day. As of now, I am cancer free, or that is what they have told me.

In our bathroom, the tub sits across from the vanity and the mirror. Everyday I look in that mirror and every day it reminds me that I am not only mortal, but will never, ever find a bra that actually fits.

This year I am thankful that nobody I know is currently battling cancer. Nobody has fallen off their bicycle and did enough damage that they required surgery. I don't know of anyone who is planning mass destruction. I do have a friend who is caring for her husband after he had a stroke. As far as I know, he is getting better every day. I keep them in my prayers. I hope that helps.

Then came the news that Queen Elizabeth II had died. She was not my queen. It seems to me that we fought a war to win our independence from her country. Yet, I saw her as one of the few political figures who was a symbol

of respect and graciousness.

In all the hullabaloo about her grandsons, William and Harry, she rose above the controversy as much as she could.

Taking all this in consideration, I have come to the conclusion that September is a treacherous month. It is also a beautiful month. The leaves show their true colors and the gardens give up the last of their fruits and vegetables. The smell of late summer and early fall is one of the best smells there is.

Even so, September can be as hazardous as it is beautiful. Here's hoping the rest of the month proves me wrong.

Teenager fears siblings are bullying her

DEAR ABBY: I am a teenage girl who has recently discovered I am bisexual. I told a few close friends, and I'm happy to say they have accepted me. Nothing has changed. I have not told any of my family yet. I know my parents will support me, but the problem is two of my four siblings. They constantly tease and taunt me, call me names and pick on me.

I have been raised to stand up to bullies, and I am mostly confident with myself. I have brought up their bullying to my parents a couple of times, but after discipline from my parents they keep doing it. They are clearly homophobic, and I know they will tease and pick on me even more if I come out to them.

I want to tell my parents, but I'm afraid it will inevitably lead to my siblings knowing. I don't think if my younger siblings knew they would care, but they might be confused or weirded out since the concept is foreign to them.

Should I try to convince my parents not to say anything to my siblings until later? I don't want to hide, but I don't want to

Dear Abby



You may want to consider joining a LGBTQ-friendly youth group for additional support. Your parents can find ways to help you by contacting an organization called PFLAG (pflag.org). It's the first and largest organization for LGBTQ people, their parents, families and allies. You are an intelligent teen who is in the process of discovering who you are, and for that I applaud you.

DEAR ABBY: Over the last year and a half, I've been in a relationship with someone I have known for a lifetime. He's married but working on getting a divorce. He has promised we will do things together once everything is settled. There have been several recent deaths in his family, including a grandchild who was killed by a drunk driver.

Until a week ago we talked daily, when he told me he needed some time to think and get everything straight. I offered to return the things of his that I have. He said not to, and repeated that he just needed some

time. His family has leaned on him for years. I'm sure he is overwhelmed. Should I wait and see what's next or mend my heart and move on? — STANDING BY IN THE EAST

DEAR STANDING BY: As you are probably aware, I have printed many letters from women who were strung along far longer than two years. Back off. Give him six months to get his head and his life straight and to get that divorce filed. If nothing has changed by then, you will have devoted only two years of your life to the affair, and you should move on.

DEAR ABBY: I work at a corporate office, where I'm treated very well. My boss is nothing but polite to me and even takes the time to joke around with me. Although she is kind to me, she's curt and rude to other staff members. Two of them have quit their positions and expressed that one of the main reasons was how she treated them. Besides being rude, she

also went out of her way to criticize their work.

She is now bullying a third staff member, who confided that they, too, aren't sure they want to stick around. To complicate this further, the head of HR is a close friend of my boss, so no one feels comfortable reporting her. How can I let her know she's creating a tense atmosphere when I haven't experienced her behavior myself? — FRETTING IN PHILLY

DEAR FRETTING: Although you like your boss and are loyal to the company, I think it would be unwise to do what you have in mind. From your description of what has been happening, your boss may be behaving this way with certain employees so they will quit and she won't be required to give them unemployment benefits.

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 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
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.

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 — BRANNA'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.

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 — BRANNA'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.

Sudoku

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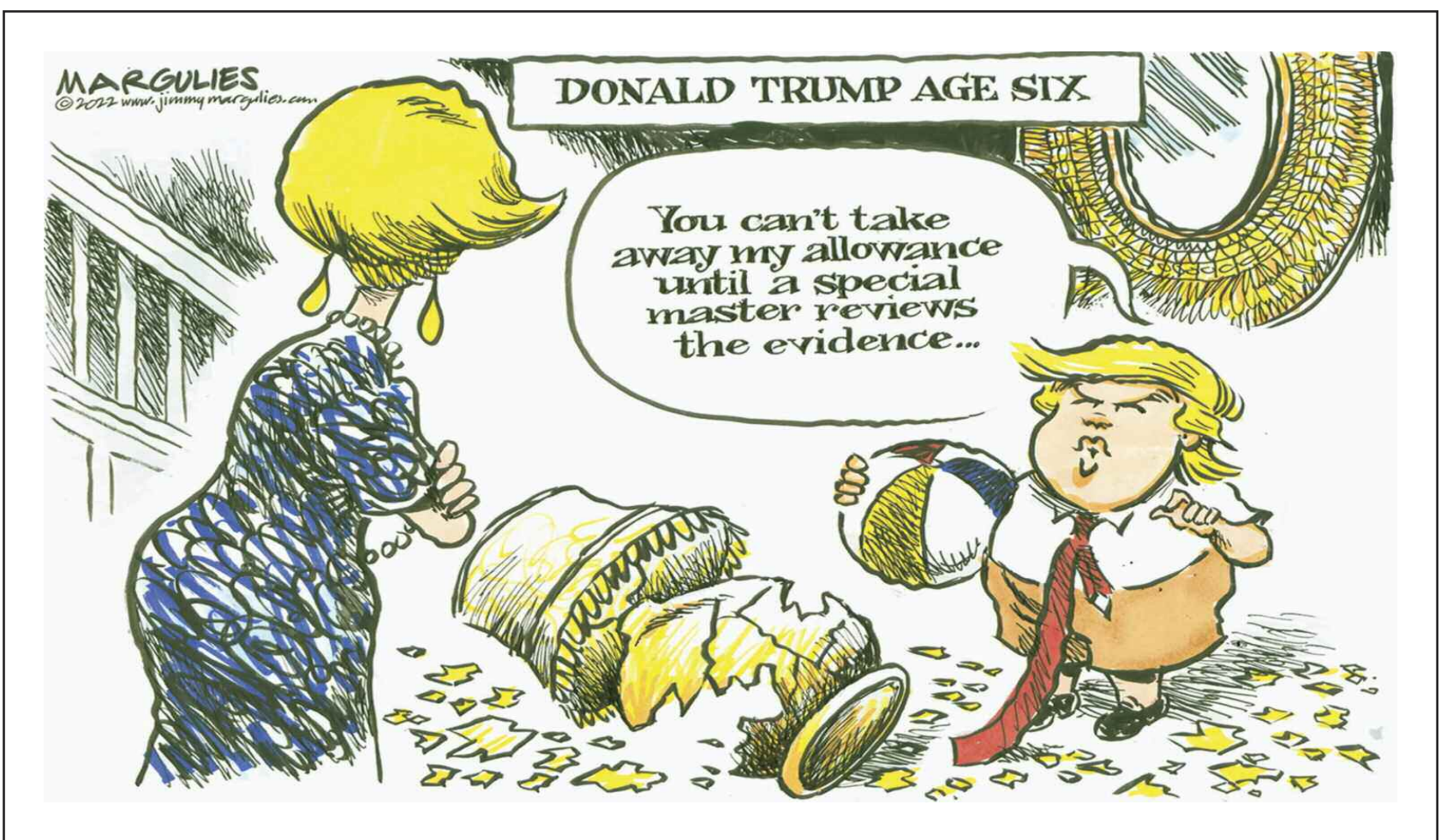
Dunkirk Lions offer thanks

To the editor:
The Dunkirk Lions Club 9595 would like to thank The Portland Foundation for its generous grant.

It will help to put a new roof/metal and heating and air conditioning system in the

Letters to the Editor

Dunkirk scout cabin. We have been needing these upgrades for a long time. Thanks to The Portland Foundation, this is all possible and we will be able to use the scout cabin for years to come.
Ray Jones
Dunkirk Lions Club president



Which history is repeating?

By **CARL P. LEUBSDORF**
The Dallas Morning News
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To many supporters, Joe Biden is a modern-day Harry Truman, the unexpected president initially overwhelmed by an array of unanticipated problems whose resilience resulted in a historic victory and an honored place in presidential history.

To many critics, he is the return of Jimmy Carter, another unexpected president who lost the White House after one term because of his inability to cope with unanticipated overseas turmoil that resulted in raging inflation.

Indeed, our current chief executive has shown attributes of both.

His efforts to mobilize allied support for Ukraine against its brutal invasion by Russia may one day be seen as a modern-day equivalent of the way Truman created the post-World War II Western alliance with such historic steps as the Marshall Plan and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

But his difficulty in coping with inflation, partly stemming from the size of his own COVID relief legislation and partly from the impact of the Ukraine war, recalls Carter's struggles with inflation and the 1979 oil shortage after the Islamic ouster of Iran's shah.

Like Carter, Biden faces the possibility of a politically dangerous recession from the Federal Reserve's efforts to curb inflation.

Each of the three struggled with a presidential requirement that only arose with the onset in the 20th century of mass media: being the chief public communicator of national policies.

An often flat and uninspiring speaker, Truman suffered by comparison with the predecessor who was the presidency's first modern communicator, Franklin D. Roosevelt. But at crucial times, he conveyed a sense of belief and determination, most notably in the famed whistle-stop speeches that energized his 1948 campaign.

The Georgia-born Carter's Southern accent was a handicap in some parts of the country, and he sometimes suffered from his tangled verbal constructions. Like Biden, he was far more effective in small groups than on the platforms that presidents must master.

Biden, once considered something of an orator, suffers from a tendency to misspeak that may stem from his childhood stutter and from the lack of energy in many of his speeches. Along with the fact that he looks his age (79), he conveys the perception that he is less in command than he is.

Truman sought to overcome his political problems with fighting words and a fervent belief in his rectitude. Because he served

Carl P. Leubsdorf



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before the television era, the tone of his remarks was more important than his uninspiring appearance.

Lately, Biden has embraced a more aggressive tone that some have called Truman-like.

Carter preferred the town meeting format to formal speeches, and his detailed knowledge made him good at it. But he suffered from a problem that has also bedeviled Biden, making news unnecessarily by saying things out loud that required aides to walk back or explain his comments.

Biden sometimes does that when taking questions after his formal comments or in unscripted encounters with reporters. It's presumably one reason his aides have limited his unscripted encounters with reporters.

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Like most recent presidents, Biden is knowledgeable on both national and international issues. While his advisers seem to fear that his occasional misstatements offset that, every president sometimes misspeaks.

Often, after a news conference by President Ronald Reagan, his press secretary had to go to the White House briefing room to explain what he really meant. We regularly wrote stories about that — without much impact.

Reagan's job approval rating, like Biden's, went down during much of his first three years as president, more from an economic recession than from his occasional misstatements or his age. When economic conditions improved, so did his job approval.

Likewise, recent legislative successes — and falling gas prices — have helped Biden's ratings rebound from their lows.

Their ultimate political fates may have been shaped primarily by the very different political contexts in which they served.

In Truman's first midterm election as president, his Democrats suffered massive House and Senate defeats in 1946, losing majorities they had held since the early 1930s. It was a reaction against the post-war economic readjustment — and the accompanying strikes and unemployment.

But in 1948, he was elected over three opponents — the Republican, New York Gov. Thomas Dewey, and candidates from both his party's left and right wings. While his energetic campaigning was crucial, it was still a Democratic era.

Carter suffered only modest midterm losses; his problems mostly came later, after turmoil in Iran sent oil prices soaring and led to militants seizing and holding more than 50 American diplomats as hostages for more than a year.

But he served in a Republican era, the only Democrat elected between 1968 and 1992. He narrowly defeated the nation's only unelected president, Republican Gerald Ford, in 1976.

Biden, by contrast, serves in a highly partisan era in which the parties are closely divided. Though Democrats won the popular vote in seven of the last eight presidential elections, the Electoral College produced five Democratic and three Republican victories. Three elections were very close.

Though Biden plans extensive fall campaigning, he's unlikely to match Truman's whistle-stop energy. Though more politically skilled than Carter, his serious lack of energy threatens a political fate like the Georgian's loss to Reagan.

On the other hand, Biden may be able to count on this: Donald Trump is no Ronald Reagan.

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Let's wish Truss success

Bloomberg Opinion
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Liz Truss could hardly pick worse circumstances under which to become Britain's new prime minister, even leaving aside the rain that delayed her inaugural speech. She won a smaller share of her party's votes than her predecessors, enjoys little public enthusiasm, and inherits potentially the worst economic crisis in a generation. Whether Truss exceeds expectations will depend on her willingness to abandon campaign slogans for pragmatic solutions.

During the contest to replace outgoing prime minister Boris Johnson as Tory party leader, Truss burnished her credentials as a traditional conservative in the mold of Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher. She ruled out "handouts" to tackle the soaring cost of living (before ruling them back in), pledged sweeping tax cuts, and promised to unleash growth with supply-side reforms. She also vowed to increase defense spending, while skirting any serious discussion of how to reform the dangerously overextended National Health Service.

To govern is to choose, though, and as prime minister Truss will need to speak honestly about trade-offs and demonstrate an ability to compromise — especially on the two major issues where she'll have to make early decisions.

One is the cost of living crisis. Truss is right to want to bring down the highest tax burden since the 1940s and to be skeptical of indiscriminate government intervention. But cutting taxes alone isn't enough. Energy prices are set to rise 80% in October, with the prospect of more jumps in the first half of next year. Truss' early statements have shown she's alive to economic and social damage that would result in failing to respond to the widespread hardship. The question is how to go about it.

Simply freezing prices and hiding the inflation in long-dated loans to energy suppliers is the simplest

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and most politically appealing approach, but untargeted relief would be enormously costly and the government needs to set out how it will be paid for. It also creates a disincentive for people to cut their energy use, further hampering the government's decarbonization goals (which Truss has largely avoided mentioning).

Truss' second defining choice is whether to pursue the path of confrontation or cooperation with Europe. UK-EU relations are at a low point, which is saying a lot. But it's Britain's actions that have set up a collision course with worrying consequences.

Truss-supporting Conservatives want to rip up the Northern Ireland Protocol, the part of the Brexit divorce deal that governs trade in Northern Ireland. There is a piece of legislation aiming to do just that — unilaterally. The result, if no compromise is found, could be a serious deterioration in relations that threatens everything from science cooperation to wider UK-EU trade and stability in Northern Ireland itself. The EU should help facilitate a compromise, but first the UK should remove the loaded gun from the table.

Considerably more headaches await the prime minister, including a series of public-sector strikes, faltering social care for the elderly and chronically ill, and sustaining military support for Ukraine. In her first act as head of government, Truss appointed a senior leadership team that's already the most diverse in history. Truss' task now is to restore confidence in the government's ability to manage crises at home while providing steady, stable leadership on the world stage. Not just Britons should wish her success.

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Obituaries

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She was a 1980 graduate of Jay County High School where she was a diver on the swim team. She enjoyed playing golf and softball, and doing interior decorating.
Surviving are three daughters, Abra Justice (husband: Cole) of New Braunfels, Texas, Andrea Taylor of Richmond and Alisha Shoemaker (husband: Zach) of Indianapolis; her companion Sam Gray of Muncie; her mother Anne Husmann of Portland; one brother, Heiner Husmann of Fort Myers, Florida; two sisters, Cecelia Johnston (husband: Gary) of Portland and Elizabeth Grote (husband: Dale) of Decatur; one granddaughter, Emerson Justice; and another grandchild due in December.
Funeral services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Horsman presiding. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.
Memorials can be made to Abilities Richmond.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Bonnie Owens

Feb. 4, 1928-Sept. 9, 2022
Bonnie Alma Owens, 94, of Greenville, Ohio, formerly of Randolph County north of Saratoga, Indiana, passed away peacefully early Friday morning, Sept. 9, 2022, at The Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville, Ohio.
Bonnie was born in Winchester, Indiana, on Feb. 4, 1928, the daughter of the late Ethel Inez (Smith) and Harold W. Fields. She was a 1946 graduate of Saratoga High School and a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.
Bonnie was a member of the Church of God and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, tending to her home, gardening, canning, playing the piano, cards and BINGO.
She is survived by three sons, Jerry Brown (Jo-Ann), Larry



Owens

Brown (Suzanne) and James Owens (Lori); stepson Dennis Owens; daughter-in-law Deborah Brown; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.
Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lewis (Whitey) Owens; son Terry Brown; and brother Ken Fields.
Friends are invited to call Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, from noon to 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Ridgeville Chapel (109 N. Walnut St., Ridgeville, IN 47380). Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. Burial will be held in Weimer Cemetery in Saratoga, Indiana.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital Ascension St. Vincent's.
Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Ridgeville Chapel.

Hurley Bookout

Nov. 7, 1935-Sept. 11, 2022
Hurley G. Bookout, age 86, of Warren, Indiana, passed away



Bookout

on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, in Heritage Pointe of Warren.
He was born in Pennville on Nov. 7, 1935, the son of Cleo and Kathleen (LeFavour) Bookout. He was married on Dec. 18, 1987, to Karen Ramsey who survives. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict as a crypto operator. He was a member of the American Legion, a 1954 Portland High School graduate and an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan. He was retired from Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne.
Surviving are one son Craig Bookout (wife: Tammy) of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Julie Moore (husband: Gary) of Dardene Prairie, Missouri; three stepsons, Ken Thompson of Florida, Keith Hobbs of Elwood and Kyle Hobbs of Elwood; one brother, Darl Bookout (wife: Donna) of Muncie; one sister, Vecil Heniser of Dunkirk; and three grandchildren, Michaela

Limur, Colin Bookout and Taylor Bookout; and two step-grandchildren, Samantha Thompson and Phillip Thompson.
He was preceded in death by a son, Clint Bookout; and stepson, Kevin Thompson.
Graveside services will be Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, at 2 p.m. in Green Park Cemetery with military graveside services. Visitation will be Friday from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.
Memorials can be made to Jay County Cancer Society or Korean War Memorial.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
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Highway ...

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“(I’ve) heard nothing but praises about you guys.”
Commissioners also heard about an offer through MakeMyMove, a recruiting website based out of Indianapolis. The technology company has a database of more than 80 million, about 40% of whom work remotely.
Bryan Alexander and Travis Richards, Jay County Development Corporation executive director, explained hopes for the company to recruit new residents by targeting remote workers willing to relocate. The program offers a financial incentive, with the cost for each move estimated at \$11,000. Indiana Economic Development Corporation would provide a 50% match for the program.
“We’ve put a lot of time and effort into marketing the county over the last six, eight months,” said Richards. “This is the next logical step, I think, because it introduces us to a much broader market than we can reach on our own.”
Indiana Economic Development Corporation’s matching funds are limited and are being offered to other communities, Richards noted. He added that if commissioners choose to move forward with the process, it would run through JCDC, unless officials decide otherwise.
McGalliard suggested commissioners review the materials and table the matter until the next meeting.
Commissioners also amended the truck ordinance to accommodate local farmers.
The new designated truck route follows county road 400 South between U.S. 27 and Indiana 1. County road 500 North between 650 West and 750 West, county road 250 West between 800 South and 900 South and county road 200 West between Mt. Pleasant Road and 400 South were removed from the list of rural roads where trucks are not allowed. County road 50 North between county roads 300 West and 200 West has been added to the restricted section of roads.
The ordinance does not apply to school buses and state- or county-owned vehicles, delivery vehicles making stops along the

restricted portions of road or vehicles owned or operated by property owners or renters in those locations.
Also, commissioners agreed to contribute \$5,000 toward Jay County Critical Incident Stress Management team, a planned nonprofit organization aimed at providing mental health services for emergency personnel. Jay Emergency Medical Service director John McFarland, who is leading the cause with Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel, noted the contribution for the group’s budget would be a one-time request.
Commissioners also asked county attorney Bill Hinkle to review a proposal from Mindbase, an application designed to care for first responder mental and emotional wellness. (Contessa Stilts of Jay County Sheriff’s Office proposed the idea, noting it would tie into Jay County Critical Incident Stress Management team efforts.)
In other business, commissioners:
•Agreed to forward a just under \$40,000 request from Dunkirk Public Library to Jay County Economic Development Income Tax

advisory committee. The library is raising funds for a renovation project.
•Heard from Bill Walters of East Central Indiana Economic Development, who listed various opportunities available to commissioners through his organization, including networking and grant opportunities. “I see this as another way ... to help our economic development,” said McGalliard. Walters noted the annual membership costs 30 cents per capita. (That comes out to roughly \$6,000 for Jay County.)
•OK’d spending \$15,400 for repairs to a bridge on Blaine Pike north of county road 200 South and a bridge along county road 200 South between U.S. 27 and Boundary Pike.
•Learned about Yodel Community Connections. Richards suggested the county work with the company to compile a dynamic community calendar on jayregion.com.
•Were reminded about the fuel budgeting program through Indiana Bond Bank, which closes applications Sept. 30.
•Designated a path along portions of county roads 700 South, 1000 West and

800 South as an unofficial detour during construction in 2023 along Indiana 1 just south of Redkey per a request from Indiana Department of Transportation. The work is slated to begin Aug. 4 and it is expected to take about a month to complete.
•Adopted a resolution allowing for the formation of a request for pre-qualification committee to “explore the development, construction, financing, operation and transfer of any future public project as it deems necessary.” The process could be used if the county decides to utilize build-operate-transfer method for construction on projects such as a proposed building for Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner’s Office.
•Accepted a contract with Community Fiber Solutions for internet service at Jay County Country Living.
•OK’d county clerk Jon Eads to pay \$3,923 to Cleaver Cabling and Consulting for a new server for his office and Jay County Prosecutor’s Office and to purchase seven internet connection cables for poll

pads — he noted they are separate devices from the polling machines — at \$3,745
•Decided to move forward with placing stop signs on county road 325 West at its intersection with county road 700 South. (Currently the intersection has a two-way stop on county road 700 South. Plans are to swap the signs, instead making a two-way stop on county road 325 West.)
•Heard from Hinkle that although he is retiring from his role as county attorney, he plans to continue work at his law practice, Hinkle, Racster and Schemenaur.
•Gave permission to Jay County Sheriff’s Office personnel to attend a conference Nov. 8 to Nov. 10 in Schaumburg, Illinois.
•OK’d Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodehamel’s application for a county credit card.
•OK’d excavation work under the road at 2195 S. Boundary Pike.
•Paid claims, including \$2,884 for arsenic removal equipment at Jay County Country Living and \$135,969.50 for preparing roads for conversions.

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Senior Rosealynne Smith posted the No. 2 score for the Patriots with a 122, which placed her 25th out of 35 golfers. Ellie Klarer shot 132 and Meah Devoe added a 138.
Stacy Fomina’s 142 did not factor in the team score.
Spikers 1-3 in tourney
NOBLESVILLE — Jay County’s volleyball team went 1-2 in pool play before losing 25-21, 25-17 to Lawrence North in the third-place match Saturday in the Noblesville Invitational.
The Patriots defeated Shelbyville 25-20, 25-23 for their only win of the day in pool play. They lost 25-10, 23-25, 17-15 to the host Millers and 25-22, 25-17 to Western.
Bella Denton had a team high of 17 kills on the day. Abbie Fields followed with 15 to go along with 5.5 blocks.

Brenna Haines finished with 39 digs, Sophie Saxman recorded 28 assists and Madison Brunswick notched six aces.
Solis places 17th
LYNN — Sebastian Solis led the Jay County cross country teams Saturday as he placed 11th in the boys race at the Randolph Southern Invitational.
The Patriot boys were sixth out of nine teams with 173, beating Liberty Christian on the sixth-runner tiebreaker. Muncie Central won with 40 points.
Jay County’s girls did not have enough runners for a team score.
Solis, a senior, set the pace for the Patriots as he finished in 19 minutes, 9 seconds. Freshman Max Klopfenstein was next for JCHS in 39th in 20:43, followed by Owen Ransom (51st - 21:40), Wyatt Kunkler (56th - 21:56) and Darren Fisher (59th - 22:02).

Alexis Sibray had the top finish for the Patriot girls with a time of 23:52 for 28th place. Joining her were Willow Hardy (38th - 25:10), Paityn Wendel (46th - 26:27) and Courtney Harris (69th - 30:18).
JCHH spikers sweep
Jay County’s junior high volleyball teams went north Saturday and played at home Monday, coming away with a pair of sweeps.
The Patriot eighth graders cruised past Muncie Southside 25-7, 25-10 Monday after topping Woodlan 25-10, 25-21 Saturday. The seventh grade team needed three sets in both matches, defeating Muncie Southside 25-11, 22-25, 15-4 following Saturday’s 22-25, 25-14, 17-15 win over Woodlan.
On Monday, Ella Rigby and Lydia Johnson each recorded double-digit points for the Jay

County eighth grade team, finishing with 11 and 10, respectively. Trinity Glassford had two kills and Chloe Muhlenkamp had one assist.
On Saturday, Brenna Schmiesing served nine points while adding three assists and two kills. Isabel Vasquez scored six points, Carley Trinidad recorded three digs and Glassford had two kills.
Emalyn Homan led the Patriot seventh graders Monday with 15 points, including a dozen aces, and three assists. Brenna Ruble had three kills and Makayla Bishop totaled four assists.
Raylin Hummer totaled four aces en route to 11 points Saturday against Woodlan. Bishop had seven points and Amelia Heath finished with three kills.
Runners top rivals
MONROE — The Jay County junior high cross country teams


each won Thursday in a four-team meet at Adams Central.
The girls team scored 32 points to easily defeat runner-up Bluffton (56), the host Jets (64) and Woodlan (75). The Patriot boys totaled 40 points to beat Bluffton by 10 while Adams Central (66) placed third and Woodlan (77) was fourth.
Brooklyn Byrum’s runner-up finish in 12 minutes, 55 seconds, led the Jay County girls team. Following her were Abby Fifer (fourth - 13:41), Jessie Homan (fifth - 13:42), Maria Laux (10th - 14:52) and Kaitlyn Fisher (11th - 15:02).
Raif Beiswanger was the top runner for the Patriot boys with a second-place time of 11:29. Joining him in the team’s top five were Becket Brandenburg (sixth - 12:18), Caleb Garringer (seventh - 12:19), Rockland Beiswanger (12th - 12:41) and Samuel Wiggins (13th - 12:45).

Split ...

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“They play very well together. They complement each other.”
Abraham Dirksen lost his first game to Nicholas Ewing of Wabash at No. 1 singles but quickly got back on track. He gave up just two games the rest of the way, finishing the match with a winner down the right line.
He continued his strong day against Elwood’s Owen Hinchman, rolling to a 6-1, 6-3 victory.
“I felt pretty good,” said Dirksen, who bounced back from a tough three-set loss Thursday to Bluffton’s Keegan Schwartz. “I felt like I was hitting the ball pretty good. ... My first serves were going in.”
Against the Panthers, Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp converted the third victory JCHS needed to take the team win. They dropped the first game of both sets,

but still cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 win over Will Seibal and Jayden Reese.
Eli Dirksen needed just a few more minutes to give the Patriots a fourth point as he defeated Zane Henrylz 6-0, 6-2.
His brother Simon Dirksen lost 6-1, 6-1 to Beau Brandon at No. 2 singles.
The Patriots’ opener against Wabash came down to the No. 2 spots, where both Simon Dirksen and the duo of Isaac Miller and Austin Dirksen had won their first sets. The seconds sets didn’t go as well, as they found themselves in simultaneous, side-by-side tiebreakers.
JCHS needed to take just one out of four tiebreakers — either of the second-set tiebreakers, or if they lost those, either of the super-tiebreakers that take the place of a third set in a tournament format.
It lost all four.
In the second-set tiebreakers:
•Miller and Austin Dirksen won

the first point but dropped the next five and lost on a volley slam from Wabash.
•Simon Dirksen lost the first two points, rallied to tie the score at 4-4 and 5-5 and then dropped the next two.
In the super-tiebreakers:
•The Patriot No. 2 doubles pair rallied from deficits of 6-1 and 9-6 to even the score twice only to fall 11-9.
•Simon Dirksen had an early 4-2 lead, gave up the next four points, pulled even at 6-6 and 7-7 and then lost three in a row with the match ending on a drop shot by Elwood’s Eli Malterm.
Gillespie said he felt confidence was the key factor.
“Tennis is 90% between the ears. The other 10% is your talent,” he said. “I’ll take responsibility for it. I’ve got to get them to believe in themselves to get them over the top.”

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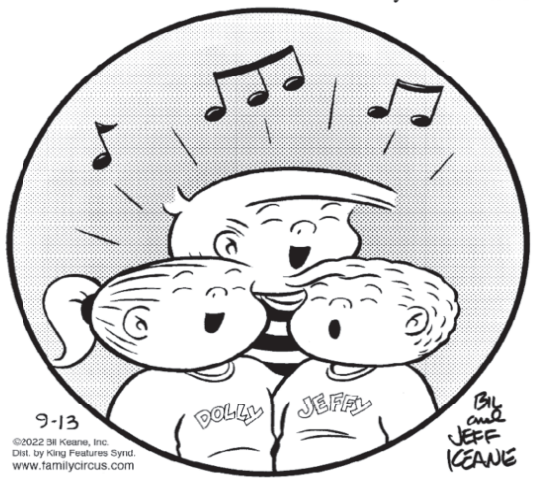
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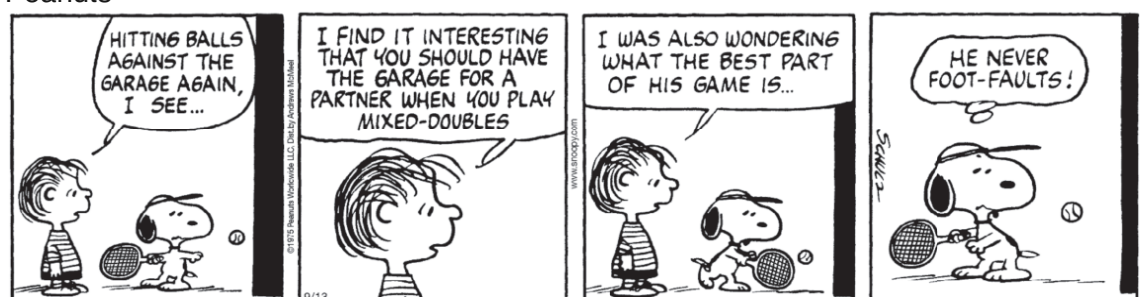
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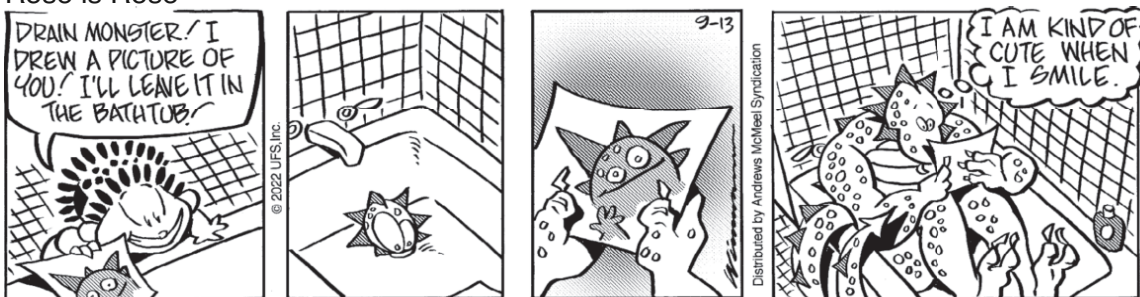
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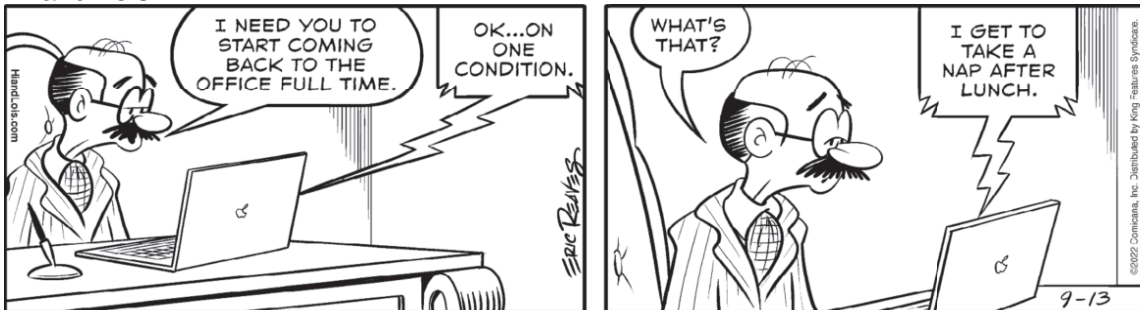
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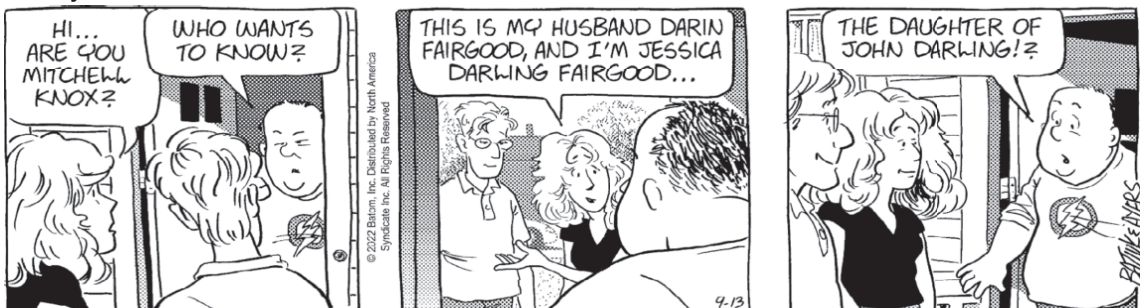
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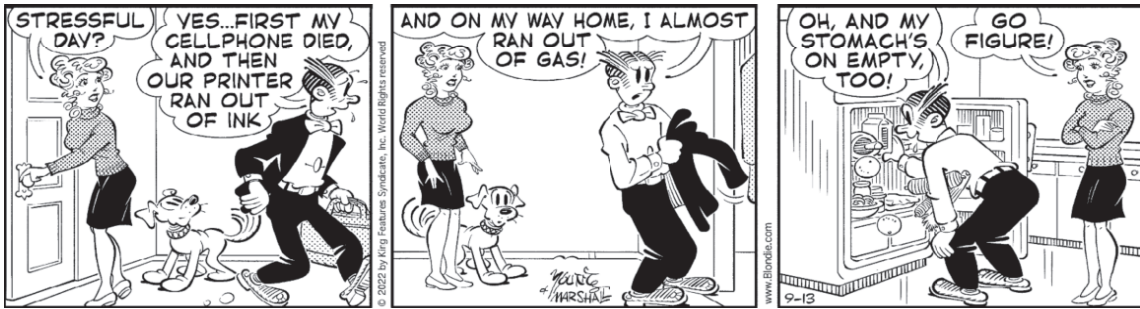
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Snow 4th in ACAC tourney

CELINA, Ohio — It's been a tough year for the Patriots as a team.

But from the beginning, even before he had a full squad, coach Marvin Buckner talked to his players about the opportunity for individual accomplishment.

Maddy Snow took advantage of that opportunity Saturday.

Snow, a Jay County High School sophomore, shot 99 Saturday in the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Celina Lynx Golf Club to easily secure a spot on the girls golf all-conference team.

The Patriots posted a 491 to finish last in the seven-team tournament. Heritage was sixth at 466 while Southern Wells won by 16 strokes over South Adams with a 413.

Snow came up big on the back nine, playing the par 3s even. She added a third par on the 305-yard, par-4 11th hole as she shot 47 on the back nine.

Her 99 — it was 24 strokes better than she shot on the same course last season — put her one stroke ahead of third-place finisher Lily King of Bluffton. Grace Meeks (90) of Southern Wells won the ACAC title by six strokes over Heritage's Raelyn Mullins. (The top seven are named first team All-ACAC while the next seven are on the section team.)

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Jay Co. roundup



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School No. 1 singles player Abraham Dirksen connects on a forehand during his victory over Nicholas Ewing of Wabash during Saturday's Jay County Invitational. Dirksen also topped Owen Hinchman of Elwood.

Split results

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The Patriots were hoping to climb above .500 for the first time this season.

In both matches, their No. 1s rolled to victories to give them a chance.

They were only able to finish one of them.

Jay County High School's boys tennis team bounced back to defeat the Elwood Panthers 4-1 in their second match Saturday after letting the first slip away with a 3-2 loss to Wabash as it hosted the Jay County Invitational.

"I think as a team they've come together," said JCHS

Struggles in tiebreakers keep JC from sweep of invitational

coach Donald Gillespie, whose team has won five of its last seven matches after a 1-5 start. "We've just got to work on a few things. ...

"They have some winnable matches coming up, and that's going to be important for their confidence heading into sectional. And that's what I need."

The Patriots were slated to visit Blackford on Monday but that match was called off because of rain.


On Saturday, Gage Sims and Sam Myers continued their hot streak at No. 1 doubles, winning their first seven games against Cooper Long and Derek Reed of Wabash. They finished off the

first set on a couple of Wabash shots that went into the net, rolled out to a 5-1 lead in the second set and gave up a couple of games. Then they emphatically put the match away with Myers sandwiching a couple of aces around two Sims volley winners.


They went back-and-forth with Xavier Davenport and Anthony Pan of Elwood in the early going, but then won nine of the next dozen games for a 6-3, 6-2 victory.

"No. 1 doubles, they continue to just improve," said Gillespie. "They've hit a groove right now that they're very successful. They don't think they can get beat. It's confidence. ...

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