

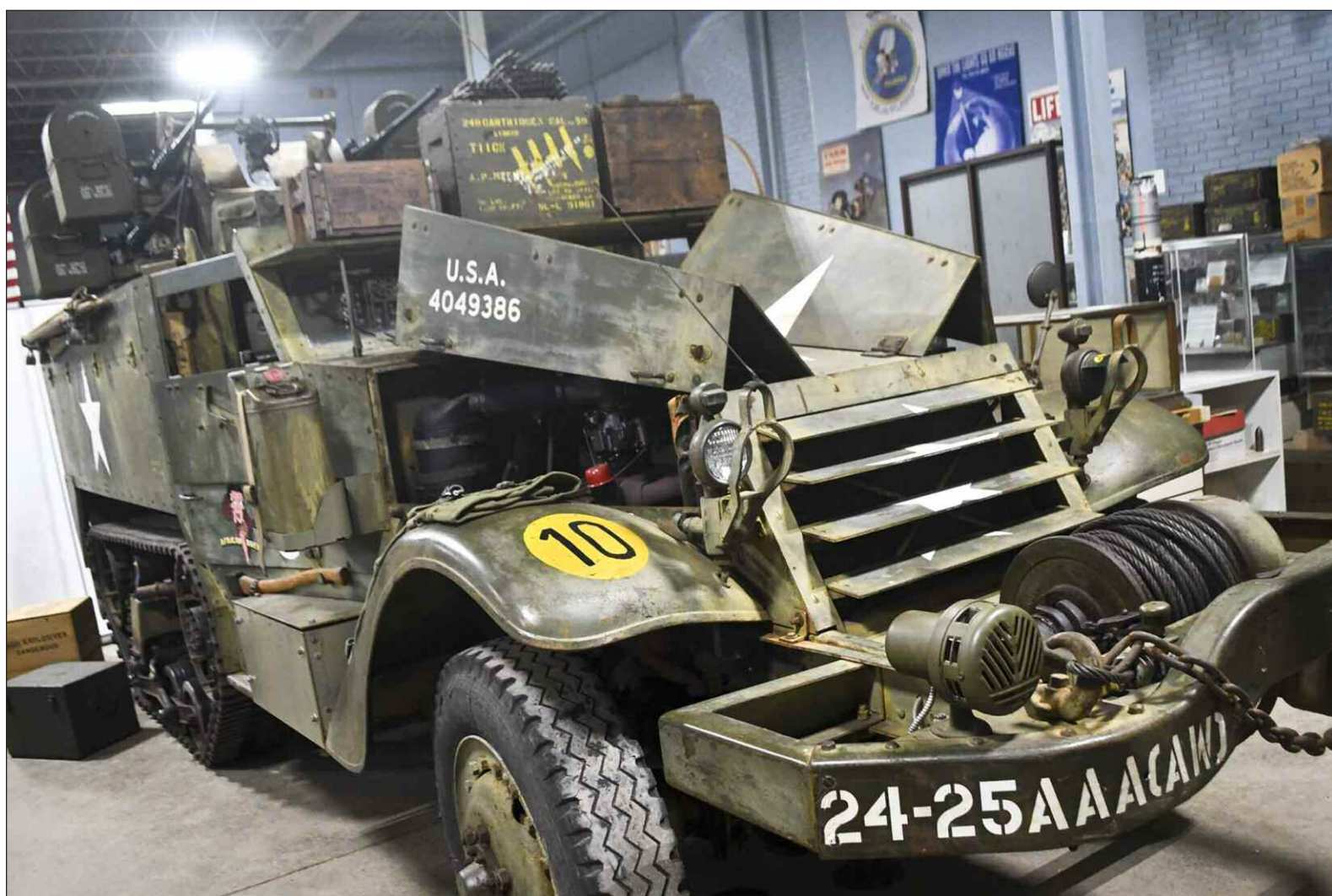
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## Home for half-track



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Mark Koloc stumbled upon this 1943 White M16A2 half-track while deployed to Djibouti in 2005. Now fully restored, it is on display at Museum of the Soldier in Portland.

### Museum of the Soldier is storing vehicle rescued from East African desert while owner is deployed

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

A World War II era military vehicle once left to nature in East Africa has been restored and now calls Jay County its temporary home.

Museum of the Soldier is housing a 1943 White M16A2 half-track that was found in Djibouti, purchased, shipped back to the United States and restored.

"It's still in original paint condition," said Jim Waechter of Museum of the Soldier. "Outside of the mechanical restoration, he didn't do anything else to it. ... It's just a very rare, awesome piece."

Waechter and fellow Museum of the Soldier volunteer Brian Williamson were at the Findlay (Ohio) Military Show in May and ended up chatting

**Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association Rally and Swap Meet**

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds**

A half-track will offer free rides to visitors.

Rides in a Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) helicopter will be available for a fee.

A military vehicle parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday. It will make a loop beginning and ending at the fairgrounds following Votaw, Wayne, Main and Meridian streets.

Admission is free.

with Mark Koloc. They were aware of Koloc's piece — the half-track had just completed an 18-month display at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio —

but had never met him before. That didn't stop the local military history buffs from volunteering the museum's space. "He said he was going over-

seas and needed a place to put it for a while," said Waechter. "And I said, 'Well, I've got room.' So he brought it up here." See **Half-track** page 2

## Council pushes back budget schedule

*No decisions finalized on raises for county employees*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

The county budget is still up in the air.

Raises are still on the table.

Jay County Council reviewed more cuts to the 2023 budget in front of a packed auditorium Wednesday.

They also selected Wes Schemenaur as the new county attorney.

Council president Jeanne Houchins pointed out the county has been reviewing raises for several months. The total additional cost to next year's budget for raises initially discussed would total about \$1.2 million, meaning the county would need to make cuts to its budget in order to avoid pulling from its cash reserves. (That included 6% across-the-board raises as well as larger raises for several employees, including those at Jay County Sheriff's Office and Jay County Highway Department, who are currently paid less in Jay County than surrounding counties.)

"I think our end goal is to give everybody a raise of some sort," she said. "So, I just want everybody to rest assured, we're trying to give you as much as we can."

County auditor Emily Franks previously noted the county could afford to use some of its savings for the raises next year but that it would not be able to sustain the raises in coming years. Council made several cuts to its budget Sept. 7, amounting to roughly \$450,000. Prior to the cuts, the budget amounted to just over \$22.1 million. (By comparison, its certified budget for 2022 was \$20.18 million.) See **Pushes** page 2

## Abortion law goes into effect

By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's near-total ban on abortions officially takes effect today.

The state is the first in the nation to approve abortion-restricting legislation since the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade.

Indiana's Republican-dominated Legislature approved the ban in August during a special legislative session that saw nearly two weeks of long days and heated debate in both chambers of the General Assembly.

The West Virginia Legislature on Tuesday passed a similar bill prohibiting nearly all abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy, except to save a pregnant person's life and in certain cases that involve rape or incest.

Here's what you need to know as the new law takes effect:

The ban outlaws all abortions except in the case of a fatal fetal anomaly and cases of serious health risk to the mother. One part of the law says these exceptions are up to 20 weeks post-fertilization, but another part says they can be used anytime. Lawmakers will likely revise that language in the 2023 session, which begins in January. They suggested during the special session that their intent was to permit abortions at any point in a pregnancy when the long-term health and life of the mother are at risk.

A lethal fetal anomaly is defined in state law as a condition "diagnosed before birth that, if the pregnancy results in a live birth, will with reasonable certainty result in the death of the child not more than three months after the child's birth."

See **Law** page 2



Tribune News Service/Dallas Morning News/Juan Figueroa

### Welcome to Dallas

Tiffany Lewis (left) poses with wife Brenda Scott and their dog Zoe Scott during the unveiling of the Nancy Best Fountain and its first nightly water and light show on Wednesday at Klyde Warren Park in Dallas. The couple who moved to Dallas four days ago from Ohio said it was a nice welcome.

#### Deaths

Joann Wendel, 89, Portland  
Larry Stults, 77, Bryant  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Wednesday. The low was 55. The forecast calls for a low of 56 tonight. There will be patchy fog Friday morning followed by a high of 84. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

The Dunkirk Neighborhood Crime Watch Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for 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

**Friday** — Coverage of tonight's Redkey Town Council meeting.

**Tuesday** — Results from the JCHS girls golf team in the sectional tournament.





# Shows slated for Friday

Family weekend is here. Ball State University's College of Fine Arts will offer several programs and performances Friday through Sunday as part of the university's family friendly weekend activities.

The School of Music is presenting its annual showcase concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Sursa Performance Hall, featuring sampling of the school's large ensembles, chamber groups and soloists. Proceeds will be used for student scholarships.

The Department of Theatre and Dance will also be performing "Our Town" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at University Theatre. The play is a drama based on life in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire.

For more information, visit the college's box office at Sursa Hall, call (765) 285-8749 or visit the website at [bsu.tix.com](http://bsu.tix.com).

## Art exhibit

Blackford County Arts Center has a new art exhibit on display.

"Legacy Bequeathed," an exhibit showcasing work by artists Barbara Stump, David Newman-Stump and Tyler Newman-Stump, is being displayed now through Nov. 3 at the arts center, 107 W. Washington St., Hartford City. There's

## Taking Note

also a reception scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

The mother-son trio have created pieces in different mediums, including acrylic and oil paintings, tattoos and digital art. Their artwork is available to view from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, email Lylanne Musselman, [bcac@myartspace.org](mailto:bcac@myartspace.org).

## Finding purpose

Swiss Village is hosting a program for widows and widowers.

The retirement community in Berne will be presenting "Finding Purpose after Losing a Spouse," hosted by John Huddleston from Fort Wayne, in the auditorium from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Masks are required.

For more information, call Swiss Village chaplain Mike Wertenberger at (260) 589-3173.

# Wedding plans put on hold

DEAR ABBY: After three years together, my fiance and I plan to be married next year. While we have the usual couples' things going on, one concern is making me consider postponing the wedding or ending the engagement. My fiance has a son whose mental illness led him to withdraw from high school at 16. He has done nothing since. He doesn't work, and his father hasn't gotten him treatment for his issues.

I made it clear at the beginning of our relationship that I have no desire for us to be lifelong caretakers to someone who refuses to help himself. He doesn't want to tell his son to leave. Nobody wants to take him in, and he constantly flips between wanting treatment and not wanting treatment. I told my fiance he has until later this year to figure out what to do about this, or we will have to postpone the wedding. He said if we postpone now, what's to stop me from postponing again in the future?

He mentioned that we should work through this as a couple and get married with this unresolved, if necessary. I told him this is an important issue that needs to be resolved before the wedding. I applaud him for being a single father and raising his son from such a young age. Please

Dear Abby



let me know your thoughts on the situation. — BIG DILEMMA IN INDIANA

DEAR DILEMMA: When a person marries into a family, they marry into its problems. (No family is without them.) If you don't want to share the responsibility of his mentally ill son, you should not marry this man. Rather than make him choose between the two of you, assume the responsibility for making the decision.

If your fiance doesn't already know about The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), he should look into it. NAMI comprises families with the same problems he is facing, and it might help him to know what has worked for them. Its website is [nami.org](http://nami.org). Should you decide to go through with the marriage, you should consider joining as well.

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DEAR ABBY: At what age

do you stop holding hands when going for walks? I say never, but my boyfriend thinks we're too old to be holding hands because it's a teenager thing. I'm 61 and he is 60. I have just started dating again, and I love the feeling of holding his hand. I never had that during my two marriages.

I am white, and he is Black. He says it's just something Black folks don't do. I'm not sure about that because I have seen a lot of couples of many ages and races holding hands. How do I get him to understand that holding hands gives me comfort and a good feeling? — AFFECTIONATE IN NEW YORK

DEAR AFFECTIONATE: If you have told your boyfriend you need this and he responds by making excuses and ignoring you, then face it — he isn't receptive. Is he also unwilling to hold hands in private? Holding hands is not uncommon in Black culture. Many African American couples of every age hold hands and enjoy doing it. From where I sit, your boyfriend is either not affectionate or is reluctant to display affection in public because you're an interracial couple and he is concerned about unwanted attention.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

## Wednesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

## Today

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Ran-

dolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

## Friday

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Sept. 16, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

## Saturday

JAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY — Will gather at 9 a.m. in the democrat party headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10

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

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

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

## Monday

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

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

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

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# Pray for our spiritual awakening

To the editor:  
I'm writing this to ask people who believe in the power of prayer to start praying for a spiritual awakening — in our homes, churches, schools, city government, state government, federal government, all across America and around the world.

Our country is morally decaying. No one seems to want to work today. Every business is needing help.

People want everything free today.

This isn't God's plan. In Genesis 4:23, God put Adam and Eve out of the Gar-

## Letters to the Editor

den of Eden because of their disobedience and said they had to work for a living.

Nothing is actually free. People need to work and pay into Social Security so it continues for those who actually need it.

The taxpayers are paying for those who refuse to work. Then they are telling kids

they can be a boy or girl, whichever they choose to be. This is perverted thinking.

When I was young, they told us we could become whatever we wanted to be, meaning a doctor, lawyer, nurse, welder, etc., not a sex change.

Romans 1:1-32 says women will change natural into unnatural, some with men. God's word says he will give them over to a reprobate mind (sin).

Read the scripture for yourself and see what God says will happen to those who practice this.

Our Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. One of the

Ten Commandments says "Thou shalt not kill." Now the Indiana chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is causing problems for our state government.

God's will be done there. We have drug problems. People are killing others. Illegal immigrants coming in.

I realize they want a better life, but let them do it the legal way.

Climate change — some things may have altered our weather patterns, but Scripture says in the last days things will happen in diverse

places (in places not heard of before). Matthew 24:7

Ultimately, God controls the weather, not us.

Question: Do you want God to bless our country again?

If so, please pray for a spiritual awakening. Please.

II Chronicles 7:14 says: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land."

Thank you.  
Dreama Nichols  
Portland

## State government will ignore numbers

By MORTON J. MARCUS

An economist at Indiana University was often heard to say, "He who has a number is ahead of he who does not."

George Wilson then would apply pencil to any available piece of paper and rapidly produce a number. Most often they were remarkably consistent with the best estimates available.

But, when George performed this magic, he did not always share that number. He knew the power of numbers. He understood how a weak number could be used to shape a weak policy.

Today, let's take two numbers and see what mischief can evolve. The first number is the change in the number of jobs in Indiana between 2007 and 2019 (both years before major downturns). The second number is the change in the number of residents of the state employed between the same years.

The first number is 251,568 jobs compared to 226,215 employed residents. The difference is 25,353. What can we make of that?

We could say it suggests an increase in the number of part-time jobs. With fewer people to fill jobs, companies make it worthwhile for people to take part-time employment.

Or we could say, many Hoosiers don't make enough at one job and have to take a second one to keep food on the table and a roof overhead.

If we think more broadly, we might conclude that Indiana has to import commuting workers from neighboring states to fill the jobs created by a bustling economy.

However, it could be argued Hoosiers with the necessary skills to fill all the job growth are leaving our Hoosier Holyland. Hence, we have to pay a premium to get out-of-state workers to keep our economy advancing.

Ah, what wondrous policies might be advanced with any of the four scenarios invented here to respond to this disparity. The existence of a disparity is always reason enough for policy to remove disparity.

If we come down to the county level, what marvelous times we could have attempting to erase disparities. Thirty-seven of Indiana's 92 counties had a "surplus" of added jobs. Hendricks County was No. 1 in the state

### Eye on the Pie



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with an increase of 15,740 in the number of jobs over the number of residents employed.

Of the 55 counties with a "deficit" of added jobs, Lake, Elkhart and St. Joseph counties each had increases in employed residents greater than the changes in the number of jobs.

Naturally, Indiana's government is not going to pay any attention to these numbers. To do so would violate three fundamental Hoosier legislative principles:

1. Counties are not of consequence; the state is supreme.
2. Whatever disparities exist are the result of market forces, already adjusted to a satisfactory equilibrium.
3. If people seem to need help, you should seem to give them help.

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## We need bold action now

By DAVID HELVARG  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

Two years ago the sky above my San Francisco Bay Area home was a dark pumpkin orange from wildfire smoke. The air smelled of wood fire, and gray ash covered my car. Today the bay's waters are dark brown from a harmful algal bloom and the air smells of decay and dead fish.

Both incidents, like the heat dome California's been suffering under since last week, have links to climate change. It used to be that climate emergencies happened somewhere else. But now they're coming to a neighborhood near you. We could have prevented it, but we failed to do what was required.

With the Inflation Reduction Act in August, President Joe Biden signed the first major climate bill in U.S. history. We need to view its provisions and incentives less as putting an end to heat waves, wildfires and algal blooms and more as triage — doing what we can while we can to salvage what we might.

I remember reporting from the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro when the U.S. delegation promised to reduce America's carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000 (then-Sen. Al Gore called that pitiful).

Five years later, while trying to save another climate agreement in Kyoto, Japan, then-Vice President Gore pledged to reduce U.S. emissions to 1990 levels by 2010.

The Inflation Reduction Act could potentially produce a 40% reduction of greenhouse gases by 2030, based on 2005 emissions (16% higher than 1990's). But the 10 hottest years in recorded history all occurred since 2005, and the heat already built into the system makes it unlikely that we will limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the difference between dangerous and catastrophic impacts. This summer has given us a hint of what cata-

### David Helvarg



strophic climate conditions look like.

In the past several months, wildfires, "thousand-year" floods, megadroughts and heat waves have raged in northern China and North America, in Europe, India, Pakistan and Africa. Thousands of people have died of heatstroke or drowned in massive floods. Hundreds of thousands are facing imminent starvation or migration.

In August, a new study showed that wildfires are now consuming twice as much global tree cover as they did in 2001, converting forests from carbon sinks into carbon emitters, marking a "fire-climate feedback loop," one of the warming accelerants that scientists have long warned about.

As major climate effects move from risk to inevitability, our challenge is to do all we can to not only reduce emissions, but also to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere by every means at our disposal.

The global average atmospheric level of carbon dioxide (a major greenhouse gas) set a new high in 2022: 421 parts per million versus the 280 parts per million before coal- and oil-fired industrialization began scaling up in the 1800s.

Among the options for resetting those figures: planting more urban and wild forests, including marine mangrove, seaweed and kelp forests, and transitioning to "regenerative agriculture" by building healthy soils, rich in earthworms, bugs and bacteria, that can absorb vast amounts of carbon dioxide.

The hope is that if we commit the remainder of this century to a new

human enterprise of green transition and restoration, there might still be 10% of today's tropical reefs and redwoods left at the end of the century along with remnant populations of wildlife, plus sufficient foodstuffs for a human population that increases by about 1% yearly and has more than doubled since the first Earth Day in 1970.

Some of today's economic trends and social movements, including the movement to divest from fossil fuel companies and direct capital to renewables instead, offer a modicum of hope that "too little" and "too late" can still translate into "do more" and "never say never."

The market for clean energy, for example, has exploded in the last five years so that now new solar and wind energy is overall cheaper (and more job intensive) than fossil fuels. Plus the demand for green infrastructure and production that the new Inflation Reduction Act is likely to supercharge, along with state-level actions such as California's ban on the sale of new gasoline cars after 2035, could create a new wave of green innovation and action — a positive climate feedback loop.

It might be too late to turn the tide against global disaster and extinction, but we don't know because it's not that easy to read the future. The first 1990 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, for example, badly underestimated what we'd likely be seeing by the 2020s. Perhaps the crises we're living through today make it hard to see what triage could still salvage.

We know we all lose if we don't capitalize on — and move well beyond — the climate incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act. We have little choice. It will take an all-out effort to defend our home planet and ourselves, come what may.

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**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Long live the king**

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 7 4  
♥ 4  
♦ A 7 6 5 2  
♣ J 9 6 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ 3  
♥ 10 7 6 2  
♦ Q J 9 8  
♣ K 10 7 4

**EAST**  
♠ A Q J 10 8 6  
♥ 8 5  
♦ 10 3  
♣ Q 8 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 9 5 2  
♥ A K Q J 9 3  
♦ K 4  
♣ A

one-trick defeat. He loses two spade tricks right away and two more spades later on.

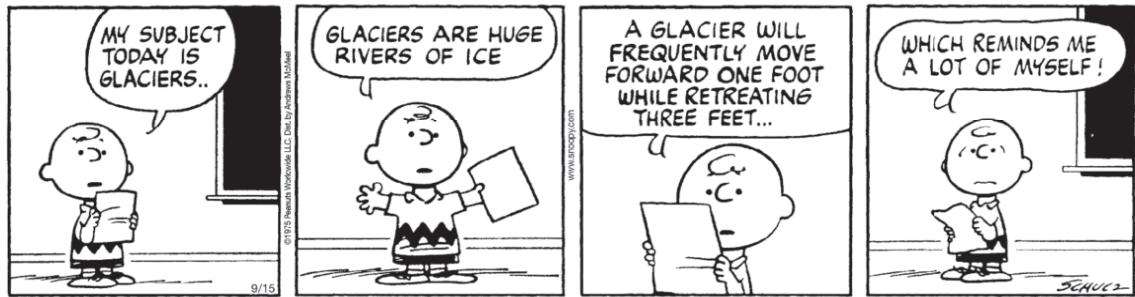
But if declarer recognizes the danger facing him at trick two and obeys the normal instinct to survive, he makes the contract very easily. Given the bidding, it is not difficult to diagnose West's lead as a singleton, so South should anticipate the consequences that are likely to ensue if he covers the queen with the king. He knows the king will be ruffed and that he will almost certainly lose two more spades later on.

To safeguard the king, South should duck the queen at trick two and allow East to win the trick. He should also duck when East next continues with the jack. West ruffs the third spade with the six in front of dummy's four, but that is the end of the line for the defense.

Declarer can arrive at the correct play by viewing the problem from an entirely different perspective. He has 10 winners — six hearts, two diamonds, a club and the king of spades — once the ace of spades is played at trick one, and all he has to do to preserve those 10 tricks is to make sure that the king of spades does not get ruffed.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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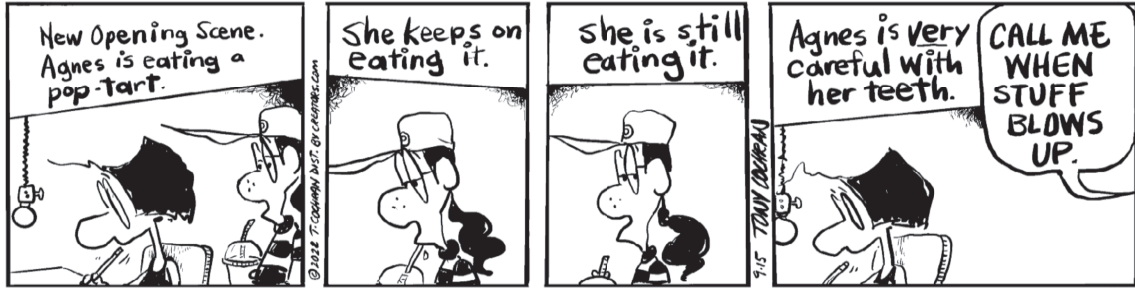
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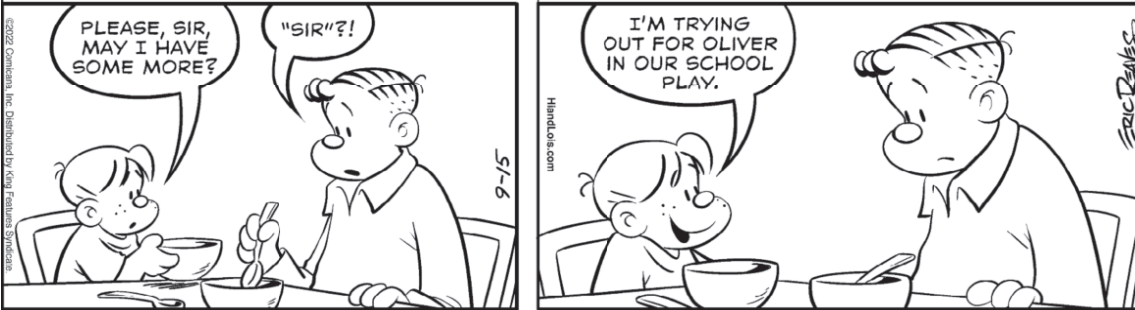
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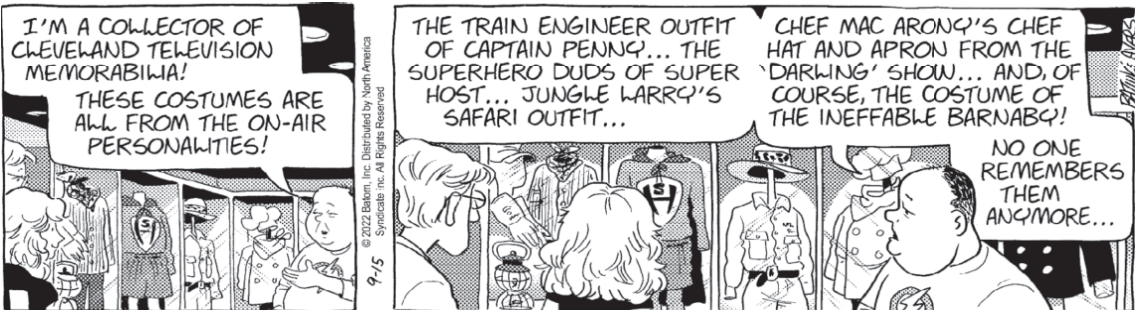
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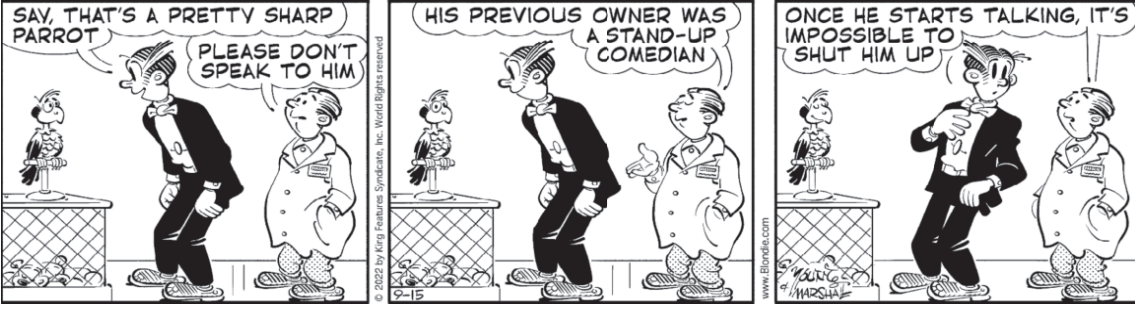
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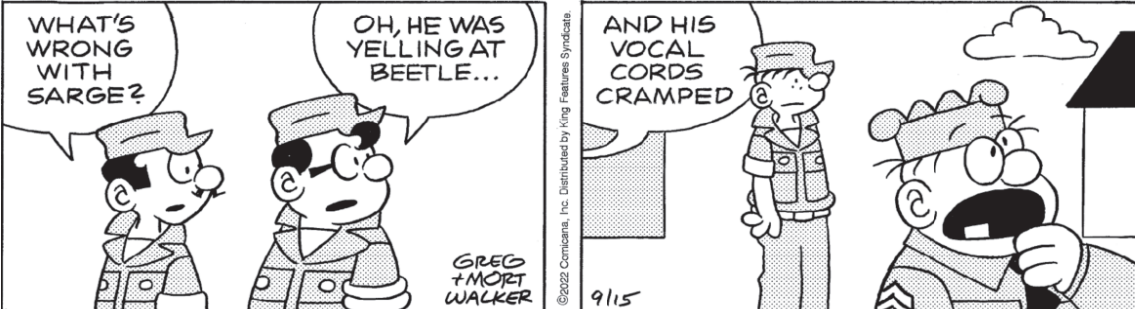
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**9-15 CRYPTOQUIP**

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FZRF S ZRQMA'F MQMA FKOC  
DN CMRJM XF YROX. SF'X AK  
LVCCN'X LVXSAMXX.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals P

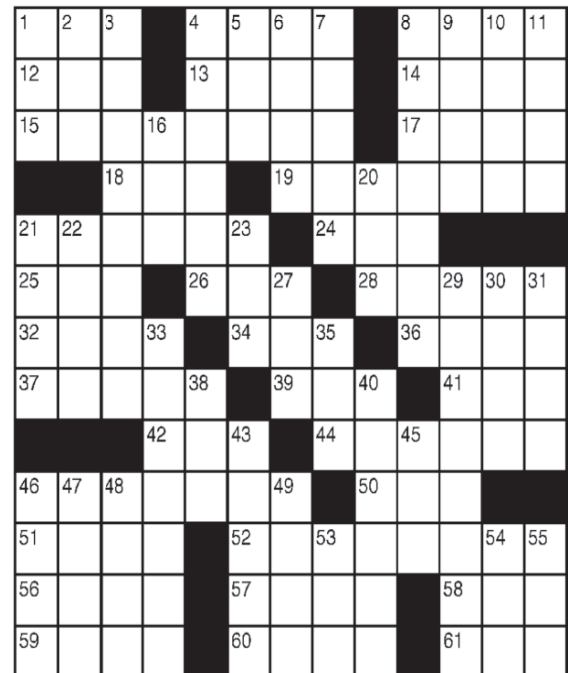
**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 "Lion" star Patel	1 Mil. giant
4 Obi-wan Kenobi	2 Before and oysters, e.g.
8 Ban-shee's cry	3 Traces of "The Doors"
12 Hot temper	4 Buy at a discount
13 Nick and Nora's pet	5 "Do — say!"
14 Conceal store	6 Poker variety
15 Pompeii volcano	7 Tears into
17 Altar vows	8 Tea kettle
18 Three, in Rome	9 Staffer
19 Fairy tale maidens	10 Pop star
21 Protein-rich grain	11 Minus
24 Nanny's charge	16 Ornate vase
25 Boot brand	20 Extinct bird
26 Egg quaff	
28 "Tiny Alice" playwright	
32 Mr. Guinness	
34 Online guffaw	
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Yesterday's answer 9-15



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# Sports



## Review preview

Friday - 7 p.m.

### Jay County Patriots

Portland, 2-2 (1-1 ACAC)  
**Coach:** Grant Zgunda, second year (25th overall)  
**Conference:** Allen County



**Last week at Adams Central:** Jay County gave up two touchdowns in the first 78 seconds to the Class 1A No. 2 Jets in a 48-7 defeat. Quarterback Sean Bailey completed 16-of-28 passes for 178 yards, including a 57-yard TD pass to Patrick Hemmelgam.

**Season leaders:** Passing — Sean Bailey — 43-of-62 for 618 yards and five TDs. Rushing — Kadin Ridenour — 56 carries for 334 yards and four TDs. Receiving — Patrick Hemmelgam — 13 receptions for 278 yards and four TDs. Defense — Bryce Wenk — 25 tackles.

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### Bluffton Tigers

Bluffton, 2-2 (1-1 ACAC)  
**Coach:** Brent Kunkle, sixth year  
**Conference:** Allen County



**Last week vs. Woodlan:** Anthony Cruz carried for 177 of Bluffton's 303 rushing yards and the Tigers scored two defensive touchdowns in the fourth quarter of a 27-6 win over the Warriors. Bluffton led 7-0 at halftime.

**Season leaders:** Passing — Braxton Betancourt — 22-of-53 for 356 yards and four TDs. Rushing — Anthony Cruz — 72 carries for 463 yards and two TDs. Receiving — Aaron Streveler — 12 receptions for 235 yards and two TDs. Defense — Kayden King — 19 tackles, Fletcher Wenger — 19 tackles.

**Last meeting:** Gabe Faulkner made a defensive stop on fourth down and then ran for a 3-yard touchdown — his fifth of the game — as Jay County defeated Bluffton last season, 40-27. Faulkner racked up 253 rushing yards on 28 carries.

**Game notes:** JCHS has 628 passing yards thus far in 2022 after finishing the '21 season with 439 yards ... After getting shut out in its opener, the Tigers have put up at least 27 points in each of their last three games ... The Patriots hold a 6-4 edge all-time against Bluffton ... Calpreps.com has Bluffton as a seven-point favorite.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Set vs. Jets

Jay County High School's Joske Herndon sets the ball up for Madison Brunswick during the Patriots' loss Tuesday to Adams Central. The team will return to action Monday when it visits Blackford.

## FRHS grad powers Cougars

Paige Fortkamp has been the unquestioned focal point of the University of St. Francis offense.

That was true as much as ever Wednesday night.

Fortkamp, a 2021 Fort Recovery High School graduate, blasted a **Collegiate Check-up** team-high 14 kills to

lead the Cougar volleyball team to a 25-21, 25-18, 25-12 victory over host Goshen.

USF fed Fortkamp the ball 29 times Wednesday as she recorded twice as many kills as anyone else on the squad. (Her season high was 16 in a four-set win over Indiana University - South Bend.) She also had a season-high nine digs and two blocks, and finished off the first set with an ace.

The sophomore has 141 kills for the Cougars (7-7) this season, tied for sixth in the Crossroads League. She also has 56 digs, 21 blocks, nine aces and seven assists.

### Anhely Montes Jay County - 2020

Got in the scorebook again for the Anderson University women's soccer team Wednesday in its 5-0 victory over visiting Asbury.

Montes, who scored the game-winning goal in the Ravens' Labor Day win over Webster, helped them extend their lead against Asbury.

See Collegiate page 7

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**DÉCOR:** Wood flower stands; chandeliers; wood secretary desk; wood baby cradles; 4 glass display cases, 3 Bair Pharmacy, 1 New Bremen High School; Victorian chair; ash tray stands; wood back couch; copper lined humidor/smoke stand; Victrola; player piano; piano rolls; RCA Victor box radio; copper wash boiler; wood end table; pump organ, Prescott Organ Co.; drop leaf serving cart; glass-top coffee table; 2-chair/table combo piece; lamps; piano-wine & whiskey display racks; decorative 3-footed marble top round table lamp; footed round end table; vinyl captain's chair; wood rocker; animal mounts; lamps; Edison Victrola with records; book shelves; church kneeler; Dutch Masters Indian - composite; upholstered love seat and chair; and more!

**OTHER ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLES:** Buffet; 6 globe chandelier; stop light; single and double wood pulleys; small drop leaf tables; wood hi-chair; round wood table; captains chairs, upholstered love seat, tot stroller, crocks and crock jugs, hay slings, John Wagner and Sons wood box, Towle silver plated tea set, Capodimonte stand and stein; Capodimonte lamps & urns; figurines, spit tune; Philco box floor radio; wood confessional from New Bremen church; wood game table and chairs; coffee grinder; treadle sewing machines; sewing stand; 1 & 2 man crosscut saws; corn jobber; hand scythe; oil lamps; buck saw; hay cradle; haw saw; wooden wheel chair; Precious Moments collection, Denim Days by Homco figurines; wood rockers; RCA Victor box radio; chicken lamps; metal signs; church pew; slate bottom pool table w/balls and cues; cast iron wheel dolley cart; glider rocker; cast iron skillet; punch bowl sets; hobby horse; wood benches; DeLaval milk pale; metal tea set; cabinet stereo's; round, square, and octagon dinettes; Royal manual type writer; vinyl albums; 10' formica top table; many wood tables and chairs from Bearcreek Farms; kitchen cabinets; "Central" 3 door rolling cooler; and more!

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## White Sox drop duel

By PATRICK SAUNDERS

The Denver Post  
 Tribune News Service

Kyle Freeland upstaged ace Dylan Cease and the Rockies pocketed one of their most satisfying wins of the season.

Freeland pitched 6 2/3 scoreless innings and Alan Trejo, Yonathan Daza and C.J. Cron delivered in the clutch as the Rockies blanked the White Sox, 3-0, Wednesday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Freeland scattered seven hits and struck out five. He did walk three, but the lefty induced six ground-ball outs and cut short potential Chicago rallies with double plays in the first and second innings.

Cease, a leading candidate for the American League Cy Young Award. But the Rockies scored all three of their runs against him and forced the right-hander to throw 107 pitches in just five innings.

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