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Board OKs contract, MOUs

Agreement creates new salary scale for teachers

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A new contract with teachers has been approved. Corresponding pay changes for support staff, administrators and substitutes are in place as well.

Jay School Board on Monday approved a new contract with Jay Classroom Teachers Association (JCTA), OK'd memorandums of understanding for administrators and support staff and passed rate increases for most support staff.

The contract with teachers, which had already been approved by the teachers association and discussed by the board last week, reinstates a salary scale. The scale places entry-level teachers with a bachelor's degree at \$40,003 and with a master's degree at \$41,500. Wages increased by \$800 annually for those with a bachelor's degree and \$1,000 annually for those with a master's degree on a 30-year scale to maximums of \$64,003 and \$71,500, respectively.

Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley noted last week that raises vary from zero to 16.7% with an average raise of 5.5%. (Teachers who received less than a 3% base raise via the salary scale are eligible for a \$1,000 stipend this year.)

The contract also adds girls wrestling to the extracurricular list, removes the Character Counts position, sets \$30 per hour as the pay for athletic supervision coordinators, a 3% increase in extracurricular pay and stipends for blended classrooms, dual credit or AP and department chairs.

"It was a lot of work done on both sides," said board member Phil Ford, a former JCTA president and former Jay County High School principal. "It's a pleasure to work with people who are professional."

Board president Ron Laux noted that promises were made in the previous two years to address teacher salaries.

"And each side kept their promise," said Laux. "I think we accomplished our task."

The board also approved raises of 4.5% for most administrators — the exceptions are two that were hired in August and will remain at their current rate and three that were slated for larger raises — and for the football, boys basketball and girls basketball coaching positions. The increases push the superintendent's salary to \$136,427.36, the junior-senior high principal to \$113,048.1 and elementary school principals to \$85,978.

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Signing up

A worker from The Sign Guy of Fort Wayne puts up a sign Monday on the east side of the new Scooter's Coffee Drive-Thru at the southwest corner of Meridian and Lincoln streets in Portland.

CB requests EDIT funding

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

County officials have been discussing creating more infrastructure for housing for more than a year.

An opportunity to be involved in one local project appeared at a commissioner's meeting Monday.

Jay County Commissioners agreed to forward a funding request from Glen Coblenz of CB Development to Jay County Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) advisory committee. The company is planning a condominium development off of county road 75 South near Jay County Junior-Senior High School, with plans to install 35 to 43 units.

The funds would be used to help pay for the installation of a water well for each unit.

Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards explained the

Money would be used to install wells for condominium project

City of Portland's water pressure isn't strong enough to reach the site, meaning CB Development will need to install wells.

The wells cost about \$8,300 each. Richards said Coblenz requested help with paying for the wells. Jay County Housing Task Force, he continued, has expressed support in reimbursing the company about \$6,800 per well.

The estimated county tax revenue from the project over the course of 20 years amounts to about \$370,000.

"This is the first larger housing project we've had in Jay County for, how long? A decade?" asked commissioner Brian McGalliard.

Richards estimated the last large-scale project in Portland happened in the late 1990s.

"Housing has been identified a number of times by this group, by the council ... as a big need and a top priority," added Richards. "This might be a good use of EDIT funds."

Commissioner Rex Journay asked if Portland would be contributing funds for the wells.

JCDC attorney Josh Atkinson said the company plans to ask Portland for another contribution in order to install a lift station, which is now required. (Previous plans to tie into a nearby lift station are not feasible.)

Commissioners agreed to forward the request to Jay County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee.

JCDC has also signed a contract with MakeMyMove, an Indianapolis-based recruitment company. Plans are to recruit new residents by targeting remote workers willing to relocate through the website. The county will contribute about \$50,000 toward the project. Richards noted Monday another organization has offered an additional \$50,000, making Indiana Economic Development Corporation's matching funds increase to \$100,000.

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Honor ride

Motorcycles head south on Industrial Park Drive on Sunday afternoon after departing from Walmart in Portland on a ride in honor of Austin Bussell of Maineville, Ohio. Bussell, 22, died in a motorcycle accident Oct. 15 on Ohio 119 between State Line Road and Gravel Pit Road in rural Fort Recovery.

Dunkirk makes rate adjustment, OKs increases

Water, sewer will go up 4% in 2023

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Water rates in the city ordinance now match what has been being collected.

Water and sewer rates will both go up Jan. 1.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday took action to address confusion about the city's water rates that

had been set to go up June 1 and approved planned water and sewer rate increases to go into effect in 2023.

The city's water rates needed to be addressed because of issues regarding a previously approved rate increase that was never put into effect and the elimination of a state tax that was discussed but never formally addressed by council.

Council in March approved a 2% water rate increase to begin June 1, but it never went into effect. Then, after the state legislature repealed the 1.46% utility receipts and utility services use taxes, council never voted on an ordinance to acknowledge that change.

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Deaths

Robert Fellers, 71, rural Portland
Jack Inman, 80, Dunkirk
Caroline Jones, 80, rural Bryant
Clare Strausburg, 77, rural Portland
Dawn Coleman, 55, Wells County
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 76 degrees Monday. The low was 57.
Tonight's low will be 53 with up to a half-inch of rain expected. More showers are likely Wednesday morning. The high will be 59.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Wednesday — A look at candidates running for Jay County Sheriff.

Friday — Preview of the FRHS runners at the regional cross country meet.



CR almanac

Wednesday 10/26	Thursday 10/27	Friday 10/28	Saturday 10/29	Sunday 10/30
59/36 There's a 60% chance of showers in the morning Wednesday with winds as high as 30 mph.	56/38 Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday with a low in the upper 30s.	62/40 Partly sunny skies are expected for Friday, with the high temperature staying in the low 60s.	64/45 Saturday's weather will be mostly sunny. The temperature will drop to 45 at night.	62/48 There's a 30% chance of rain Sunday under partly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 18-23-35-45-54 Powerball: 16 Power Play: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$700 million	15-23-25-26-29-30-32-35-46-52-54-56-60-65-66-72 Cash 5: 2-7-13-14-39 Estimated jackpot: \$238,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$45 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 4-2-3 Pick 4: 5-1-0-5 Pick 5: 0-4-4-2-7 Evening Pick 3: 5-3-9 Pick 4: 6-0-4-5 Pick 5: 8-3-8-0-0 Rolling Cash 5: 1-2-4-6-33 Estimated jackpot: \$160,000 Classic Lotto: 3-5-23-24-27-32 Kicker: 7-0-1-9-4-1 Jackpot: \$38.6 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 5-2-3 Daily Four: 2-7-4-4 Quick Draw: 1-7-12-14-18-19-20-22-32-35-37-41-45-53-56-59-60-67-68-77 Evening Daily Three: 7-4-7 Daily Four: 1-0-0-7 Quick Draw: 5-8-10-12-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.77 Dec. corn.....6.88 Wheat6.83	Wheat 7.72 Nov. wheat 8.42
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.73 Dec. corn.....6.93 Jan. corn.....6.88	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.71 Nov. corn.....6.73 Beans.....13.61 Nov. beans.....13.61 July wheat.....8.35
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.68 Dec. corn.....6.69 Beans.....13.12 Dec. beans.....13.75	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.48 Dec. corn.....6.53 Beans.....13.36 Nov. beans.....13.41 Wheat7.93

Today in history

In 1415, King Henry V led the English army to victory over French forces at the Battle of Agincourt during the Hundred Years' War.

In 1741, Georg Wilhelm Steller was aboard the ship that discovered Kiska Island in the Aleutian Islands chain of Alaska. His written account of the provided details of the final voyage of explorer Captain-Commander Vitus Jonassen Bering.

In 1764, Abigail Smith married lawyer John Adams. They were married for 54 years, with Abigail Adams serving as the second First Lady of the United States. She and her husband were the first presidential couple to live in the White House and their son John Quincy Adams would also be elected president.

In 1881, artist Pablo Picasso was born in Malaga, Spain. He became one of the most influential artists in the 20th century and was one of the creators of Cubism. Among his most famous works are "Absinth Glass" and "Blind Man's Meal."

In 1940, basketball coach Bob Knight was born in Massillon, Ohio. He coached Indiana University to national championships in 1976, 1981 and 1987 and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1991.

In 1955, the first microwaves went on sale to the public.

In 1964, the Rolling Stones made their first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show.

In 1975, Ridgeville's annual Halloween Festival featured races and rides following a parade. William Bellis, commander of the Ridgeville American Legion, served as the festival's chairman.

In 1983, the U.S. military invaded Grenada on the orders of President Ronald Reagan. The invasion followed a military coup, overthrowing coup leaders and returning power to governor-general Sir Paul Scoon.

In 2021, Dunkirk City Council approved the use of \$84,647.30 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase and install a new liner, lifeguard stations and grates for the city pool. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.	Tuesday, Nov. 1 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, school-house community center.
Friday 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission,	

Obituaries

Robert Fellers

July 30, 1951-Oct. 22, 2022
Robert "Bobby" Fellers, age 71, of rural Portland passed away Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Celina, Ohio, on July 30, 1951, the son of Shirrell and Rosella (Meinerding) Fellers. He was married to Judy Montjoy who survives. Bobby was retired in 2011 from Norfolk Southern Railroad, served in the U.S. Army and was a Portland High School graduate.

Surviving are his wife Judy; stepson Gary Brewster; stepdaughter Mona Brewster; one brother, Shirrell Fellers; and two sisters, Virginia Myers and Shirley Caupp; four grandsons; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by three brothers Henry, LeRoy and Mike Fellers.

There will be no funeral services. Memorials may be given to charity of donor's choice.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Jack Inman

Sept. 8, 1942-Oct. 21, 2022
Jack Wayne Inman, 80, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away early Friday morning, Oct. 21, 2022, at Albany Health and Rehabilitation of Albany, Indiana.



Inman

He was born Sep. 8, 1942, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Robert and Mazie B. (Gothrup) Inman. He was a 1960 graduate of Dunkirk High School, being awarded the Arion Award and Scholarship for Music. He played trombone in the high school marching band and lettered in basketball as a Speedcat.

Jack honorably served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1960 to 1962 on the USS Ashland LSD and the USS Spiegel Grove.

Jack, retired, most recently worked as a courier with LabCorp. He previously worked at Stewart

Bros. Furniture while in high school. After his tour with the navy, he worked at Albany Wire, Indiana Glass, Anderson Grain Terminal, Ludwig's Grocery, Westinghouse/ABB (33 years) and Pen-ville Custom Cabinets.

He was a member of the Dunkirk American Legion #227, IUE Local 917 and National Pontiac Club. He was a past member of the Elks Lodge and Jaycees, and past tee-ball coach. He served as city councilman from 1972 to 1976. He enjoyed spending his leisure time camping, traveling and attending car shows.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 58 years, Kathleen; a son, Aaron Inman (fiancé: Tiffany Vincent) of Dunkirk, Indiana; two daughters, Angie Burress of Dunkirk, Indiana, and Lisa Geda (husband: Don) of Etters, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren, Kaylee Inman (fiancé: Daniel Costello), Justin Burress, Charles Burress (wife: Amber), Stan Geda (wife: Lauren), Henry Geda and Jack Geda; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Robert Inman Jr.

A service to celebrate Jack's life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at Wilson Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, of Dunkirk, Indiana. Burial will follow in Dunkirk I.O.O.F. Cemetery of Dunkirk, Indiana. Family and friends may gather to share and remember from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dunkirk American Legion, 118 W. Commerce St., Dunkirk, IN 47336.

Condolences may be expressed at wilsonshookfh.com.

Caroline Jones

March 19, 1942-Oct. 22, 2022
Caroline M. Jones, age 80, of rural Bryant passed away on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, at her residence.

She was born in Adams County on March 19, 1942, the daughter of Burley and Hulda (Kessler) Hough. She was married on April 30, 1965,

to Homer Jones and he passed away on Nov. 29, 2007.

Caroline was a homemaker and had worked at Pier-Mac Plastics. She was a member and pastor of Riverside Mission Church.

Surviving are one son, Isaac Daniel Jones (wife: Tammy) of Bryant; two daughters, Esther South (husband: Skip) of Bryant and Matilda Garner of Bryant; two brothers, Tom Hough (wife: Marilyn) of Geneva and Lonnie Hough of Carmel; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jeff and Anthony; brothers Bob Hough, John Hough, Jack Hough and Joe Hough; and two sisters, Berniece Teeple and Carolyn "Toot" Wittwer.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. Visitation will be Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and prior to the services on Thursday.

Memorials can be made to Jay Randolph Developmental Services.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Clarel Strausburg, rural Portland, June 27-1945-Oct. 24, 2022. Services will be at 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Dawn Coleman, Nottingham Township, Wells County, who was married in Portland, Sept. 17, 1967-Oct. 20, 2022. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

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Board member Chris Snow expressed concern that all administrators were receiving a 4.5% raise across the board while some teachers were given only a stipend this year. He noted that the raises for teachers were based on comparisons to the pay rates at neighboring districts. He said he felt it would be fairer if administrators whose pay is already above the average of those neighboring districts also received a stipend this year.

Several fellow board members responded, noting that there are various differences between districts, including how much is contributed toward health insurance, the number of contract days and the duties of the positions being discussed. Ultimately, the board voted 6-1 in favor of the administrator salary increases with Snow dissenting.

The board had already addressed support staff wages in August, increasing the minimum wage to

\$13 per hour from the previous \$11 for aides and custodians and \$14 from the previous \$12 for secretaries. In addition to those bumps, all support staff received a \$1 per hour raise.

Additional updates to the memorandum of understanding made Monday call for a \$2 per hour premium for elementary school lead custodians, some clarification in language regarding vacation days and elimination of food service positions that are now contracted through Chartwells.

Also approved Monday were raises to \$105 from

the current \$103 per day for certified substitute teachers and to \$90 from the current \$85 for non-certified substitute teachers. Most other substitute positions were raised to \$12 per hour.

The board also approved continued participation in Indiana Bond Bank's fuel budgeting program, which is designed to protect government entities from market volatility in fuel prices. In documentation to the board, business manager Shannon Current noted that the program has saved the school corporation \$48,277.52 thus far this year.

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Coleman, Dawn: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Thursday

Jones, Caroline: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday

Inman, Jack: 11 a.m., Wilson-Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk.

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

Nov. 1

Strausburg, Clarel: 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Open to residents of Jay, Randolph, Adams, Delaware, Blackford and Wells counties in Indiana, also Mercer and Darke counties in Ohio. Former area residents who are subscribers to The Commercial Review may also enter.

Selected entries will be published in The CR's annual Christmas Greetings special section. The first-place entry will also receive \$250.

Original short stories with a Christmas theme or setting should be emailed to news@thecr.com by Dec. 9. Each entry should bear the writer's name, complete address and telephone number.

Entry Deadline is Dec. 9, 2022.

The 2021 winner

"Gifts of Love

for Angie"

By Mary T. Hemmelgarn



Photo provided

Elks donation

Dunkirk Elks Lodge donated \$400 Oct. 11 to Jay County Humane Society. Pictured accepting the check is Dawn Keller, director of Jay County Humane Society. Awarding the check, from left, are Bob Ford, Nate Conatser, Joe Somers and Barry Barger.

Broken promises lead to years-long grudge

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My aunt is a money-hungry, coniving thief. From the time I was a baby, she always bought me gifts. But when her parents (my grandparents) died, she literally stole more than \$200,000 from them. She claims my grandfather willed it all to her, which is not true because he detested her. She promised my mom \$5,000 when she retired. Well, it has been 10 years since Mom retired, and my aunt claims she doesn't remember promising her. Then she claimed she invested and lost it. Do I have a right to be angry at her? — MAD IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MAD: I think so, and your mother has the right to be even angrier. My question for you is how much

time do you want to waste nursing the grudge? It doesn't hurt your aunt, but it takes up space in your head that could be devoted to positive endeavors. This is not to say you must maintain a relationship with this woman. Quite the contrary.

DEAR ABBY: I like this guy at work. I think he's cute, but I don't know if he's interested. I also don't know if there's a chance he would ask me

out. I'm scared I might be considered a "cougar." I am older than he is by five (or more) years. Please advise. — ANXIOUS IN MARYLAND

DEAR ANXIOUS: Are there any rules at work that discourage employees from dating each other? Some businesses have them. Does this guy spend time talking with you during breaks? If he does, it's a hopeful sign. Has he mentioned what he does outside of work and whether he's seeing anyone? If he does flirt with you, you could always ask if he'd be interested in meeting for a drink after work, going to a sporting event, etc. But be prepared that he may want you only for a friend.

Halloween trick-or-treating begins soon

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

October is almost over. This past weekend was wonderful. It was warm and sunny. Three of my houseplants have a new home. That still leaves a whole bunch of them that need to find a place to spend the winter.

We took advantage of the great weather to replace one of our windows. It went better than expected. We have a couple more windows to go before we can consider that project done. I think we have all of the preparation work finished so that the last windows will go in as easily as they can. We are hoping that they will keep out some of the cold better than the old ones did. It would be great nice if the

As I See It



nice weather would hold on until after Halloween. It seems that no matter how warm it is on the days leading up to the day designated for trick or treat, it will be chilly on the actual day.

We haven't passed out candy for years. I miss seeing all the costumes that the kids wear but not enough to go to all the trouble of getting candy to give away. Maybe I could give away plants instead.

Granddaughter Emma has created a clown costume for Halloween. I remember when clowns were funny. These days clowns are the equivalent of ax murderers. There is nothing funny about them. While I accept that is the way things are, I wonder why we prefer the macabre instead of humor.

Perhaps the world is full of so much evil that Halloween has become a safe way to take a poke at all the bad things in our lives. It could be that I am remembering the past as it never was. It seems that many of the holidays we celebrate today have a history that was much more violent than what we have become used to.

There are far more things to be afraid of than scary costumes for

children demanding candy. While I am talking about candy, please do not give out apples or homemade treats. Save those for parties where you know everyone. As usual, don't forget to go through any bags of treats that your kids come home with. Sadly there are still people who will think it is appropriate to try to hurt innocent beggars.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. I haven't seen as many stories about the importance of mammograms as usual. I can vouch that the dreaded procedure can and does catch the disease early enough for the surgeons to remove the affected area before it becomes deadly. So, ladies, please make sure you don't skip the annual ritual. It is

better to have an ugly scar or two than sacrificing your life because you are afraid of a few minutes of pain. Who knows? Every once in a while the mammograms are merely uncomfortable instead of painful. I have found if I begin counting when the tech says to hold my breath I can get through it easier.

Halloween is more than a costume and candy day. It is also the first in a series of holidays. Election day, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it. If you choose to pass out treats, be sure to save a couple of your favorites for yourself. And if by chance the weather is wonderful, take full advantage of it by taking care of any outdoor projects while you can.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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.

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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

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

Thursday

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

Sudoku

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4		2		1	7			5
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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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

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Mortality rates should be a priority

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New data shows that Indiana's maternal mortality rate, already a serious problem, is getting worse.

Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box testified this month about the severity of the issue. She told the state legislature's Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health and Human Services Summer Study Committee that lack of standardized care and mixed information were among the factors leading to more women dying during pregnancies.

Box's testimony included information from Indiana's Maternal Mortality Review Committee, which reported 92 pregnancy-associated

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ed deaths in 2020, up from 60 in the state in 2019.

When asked about solutions, Box said "improving the education around mental health stigma, especially for our persons of color, so that people will reach out and get help for this, and we remove that stigma from providers for substance use disorder, and people will feel comfortable getting that help," according to a Statehouse File story.

While there have been debates about the accuracy of the statistics and how they're recorded, the

death of any woman due to pregnancy complications is a tragedy. In 2022, with the medical and technological advances we have at our disposal, we must do more to protect mothers and pregnant women.

And with a near total abortion ban approved by the state legislature pending outcomes of court challenges to the law, the health of pregnant women should be a top priority. Valuing the life of a baby while not protecting the mother is hypocritical.

From postpartum depression to substance abuse, there are several issues contributing to maternal mortality.

More mental health services are needed, especially in lower income communities, that cater to mothers. With state coffers so full that refunds have been sent out to taxpayers, we should

expect more funding to be allocated for such services.

But the availability of mental health resources isn't just a state issue — local communities should also dedicate more funds for those services and ensure they're accomplishing direct and specific goals.

The same is true for substance abuse. It's a problem that's plaguing people in all walks of life, including mothers and pregnant women, and there must be more resources available to treat drug addiction.

There's also the issue of contraception. Box referred to contraception during her testimony, and the need for its wider availability was a part of the abortion discussion by state lawmakers.

Studies have shown many women who have abortions already have children at home,

indicating better access to birth control would cut down on such procedures without laws limiting abortion. But the Republican supermajority has largely blocked efforts to expand access to contraception.

Obviously, the mother's health directly affects the child's well-being. Even if the outcome isn't death, drug abuse, mental health problems and lack of quality care for mothers and pregnant women can have major effects on children.

When Indiana legislators convene in January, they should prioritize lowering maternal mortality rates. It's a matter of life and death.

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Reform steals from the poor

By KAREN DOLAN
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Tribune News Service

In reverse Robin Hood stories across the nation, the rich are stealing from the poor. In the process, they're revealing a social safety net that's been cut to shreds by "welfare reform."

About one-third of Americans are struggling to get by. When hardworking families find that their bootstraps just aren't there to pull up, they reach for their frayed shoestrings — and a little help.

Operation Shoestring has helped struggling families in Jackson, Mississippi, for decades. The social service organization holds regular summer camps so that children from low-income households can get health care, enrichment and STEM training. And when the local water became too toxic to drink this August, Operation Shoestring gave families filters.

Recently, Operation Shoestring made its annual application for some of the state's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or TANF, funds. But this time, the money wasn't there for Operation Shoestring — or Mississippi's poorest families.

In the poorest state in the nation, where one in five people live below the official poverty line, only 1% of all eligible families get the help designed for them.

So where has the money gone? To those who need it least.

Welfare payments used to go directly to the families who needed them. But since the "welfare reform" of the 1990s, federal TANF assistance has been routed through state block grants. As a result, it's effectively become a slush fund for state officials to practically spend as they wish.

In Mississippi, that's led to the worst embezzlement scandal in state history.

Hall of Fame quarterback and Mississippi native Brett Favre is a central figure in that scandal. According to recently released texts, starting in 2017 Favre lobbied the state heavily to fund a new volleyball facility at the University of Southern Mississippi, where Favre's daughter played the sport. To pay for it, state officials diverted at least \$5 million from the welfare system.

This money alone could have provided a year's worth of child care to nearly 1,000 Mississippians.

Karen Dolan



Favre allegedly also urged the state to divert welfare funds to Prevacus, a drug company in which he was the largest individual investor. And he's named in a civil suit for taking \$1.1 million in welfare funds to give speeches he didn't even show up for.

Similarly, Mississippi gave retired wrestler Ted DiBiase Jr. more than \$3.1 million in welfare money for his Christian self-help business. That money could have paid more than 220,000 electricity bills for struggling households.

All told, at least \$94 million of Mississippi's welfare funds have gone toward questionable enterprises like these. But the diversion of TANF money away from the families who need it is a national problem.

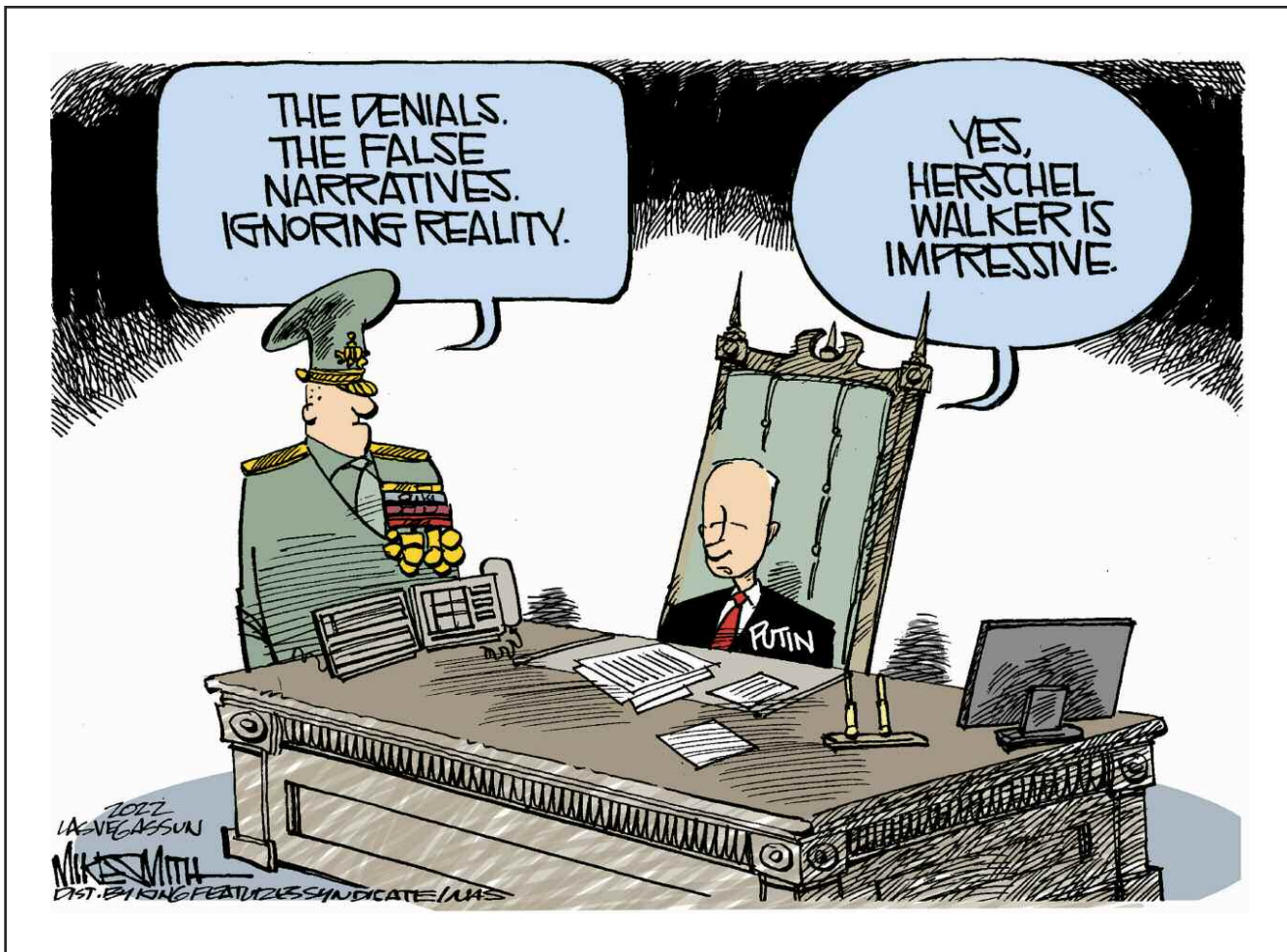
According to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, 14 states have paid less than 10% of their TANF funds on basic assistance for poor and low-income people. Nationally, states spent only 21%.

"Welfare reform" was based on the cruel assumption that poor people couldn't be trusted to collect welfare honestly. Instead, it's proving the opposite — that politicians and the wealthy misuse this money.

There's a better way. Before they expired, pandemic relief programs like the enhanced monthly Child Tax Credit put a huge dent in poverty by simply giving money directly to families — no paperwork, no middlemen. But with these programs lapsing, child poverty and other hardships are again on the rise, even with more Americans working full-time than ever.

The real "welfare queens" cheating our public assistance programs are the wealthy and powerful. And as a nation that cares about children and families, we must reject the disastrous legacy of "welfare reform" and provide struggling families with the help they deserve.

Dolan directs the criminalization of race and poverty project at the Institute for Policy Studies.



Angelenos can come together again

By ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA
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On April 30, 1992, I was new to public service as a member of the Southern California Rapid Transit District board. I will never forget the images of that day: the flames, the smoke, the faces of fear and rage. Those images have remained with me, vivid reminders of the anger and frustration felt by people suffering daily humiliations inflicted by public institutions that were rife with bigotry.

I was heartbroken then and heartbroken again today, a full 30 years since the terrible events of that spring, as the people of Los Angeles again face the demoralizing reality that some in city government not only do not have their best interests at heart, but actively conspire against them, in the vilest terms.

The fact that the people caught on an audio recording engaging in this disgusting conversation are Latinos and longtime friends has filled me with a sense of anger that is difficult to articulate.

Tremendous pain has been inflicted on our community and the cause is racism, exposed in both the institutions of this city and the hearts of too many who claim to love it.

I have known the people involved for many years and have seen some of them do great things for our community. But somewhere along the line they veered off course.

The words they used revealed that casual bigotry has been normalized in our civic discourse. These people have failed the test of public service and must accept responsibility, in both words and actions. Nury Martinez, the council president, has resigned from

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the council. Ron Herrera, the top labor leader in the county, has resigned from the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. Councilmembers Gil Cedillo and Kevin de León must resign now too.

The responsibility for healing this city isn't only theirs, however. It is imperative that the roots of racism and the broken city structure are not swept under the rug with the next news cycle.

The days that followed the civic unrest of 1992 were filled with the same kind of pain that I know many Angelenos are feeling today. In the wake of that uprising, the city and community leaders started many encouraging projects and reforms, though too many never quite fulfilled their promise. But we will never forget the strong motivation so many of us all had then to start the hard work of making this city a better place.

I will never forget the sense of unity we had as we joined Edward James Olmos when he led a crowd that began sweeping the streets of South Los Angeles the morning after the uprising. Yes, it was a symbolic act. Eddie didn't single-handedly clean up the debris left by three days of turmoil. And he didn't do what he did because he was Latino. He did it because he was a concerned citizen and an Angeleno. Thousands of city residents joined him as I did in that spontaneous cleanup.

We need to harness a similar spirit of unity and resolve now.

The four Latinos caught on the audio recording are responsible for their actions. They don't speak for the Latino community.

The plain fact is they were trying to act as a bloc within the council to protect their own districts at the expense of other communities of color. While the reason for this conversation was ostensibly "redistricting," let's be honest: This was an attempt to hold on to power, regardless of how it affected their constituents. It was the very definition of the worst forms of gerrymandering, something we decry when it happens on a statewide or congressional level, and we cannot tolerate it in this city.

It is true that L.A.'s internal conflicts are rooted in events of the past, and much of the pain and anger from those conflicts remains. But we must guard against repeating the sins of our fathers. We need now to have uncomfortable yet deeply necessary conversations about racism in this city.

I do not believe Latinos bear general responsibility for what those City Council members said. Many who have called for their resignations and protested at City Hall are Latinos disgusted with the words on that audio recording. It is precisely because those words do not represent our values that we must not shy away from doing what we did in 1992 — pick up a broom, sweep out the bigotry and do whatever we need to make the values of equality and justice an essential part of the Angeleno social compact.

Villaraigosa was mayor of Los Angeles from 2005 to 2013.

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With the additional revenue, the company will now plan to move 18 workers — that's twice as many as previously planned — into the community. (Commissioners paid a \$50,000 claim from the company Monday.)

Yodel, a technology firm, has started work on a community event calendar for Jay County. The searchable, online calendar which will congregate events countywide in one place is expected to launch in early January.

Also Monday, commissioners approved an ordinance adjusting the fees for services and supplies provided by Jay Emergency Medical Service. The new prices for local residents start at \$800 for basic care and increase accordingly. There's a \$200 fee for treatment without transport. (Those who do not live in Jay County have higher rates, with basic care starting at \$1,000 and a \$250 fee for treatment without transport.)

The ordinance will take effect once it is published in full in the newspaper, according to county attorney Bill Hinkle.

Also, commissioners reviewed insurance plan options for 2023 with Jessica Clayton of One Digital.

Clayton, who serves as a senior benefit consultant,

explained the national average annual increase sits between 10% to 12%. Jay County's average increase for the last 10 years has been 3.8%.

If the county chooses to renew with Physicians Health Plan, its offer comes in at a 12% increase, or a total cost of just over \$1.298 million. That includes a 40% refund agreement with the county, as well as a "wellness" credit of \$56,788.95 — it takes off about 3% of the total increase — on January's invoice.

She also shared a proposal from Anthem Blue Cross, which offered a 3% cost increase for coverage compared to this year's rates. Clayton noted the company has a history of offering low rates the first year with those figures increasing dramatically upon renewal time.

Clayton suggested adjusting the county's insurance plans, proposing two options. One includes changing deductibles on both plans and allowing for health savings accounts, which would give users the option to set aside funds on a pre-tax basis for medical expenses.

Commissioners agreed to review the figures before making a decision.

In other business, commissioners:

- Agreed to allot \$30,870 in

Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) dollars to West Jay Community Center for the purchase and installation of three new furnaces. Commissioners noted their contribution comes with the request that the community center develop a plan in order to afford replacing the other six furnaces — they're at least 18 years old — in coming years.

- Agreed, subject to a contract, to seek help from consulting firm Baker Tilly with balancing funds for Jay County Treasurer's Office.

- Selected a bid from Co-Alliance Propane at \$1.659 per gallon of propane to be used at the highway department. The agreement runs through March 31 for up to 6,000 gallons.

- Hired Jay County Health Department administrator and environmentalist Heath Butz to become the water testing operator at Jay County Country Living. The position requires training from Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

- Heard from Gary Thompson of East Central Indiana Regional Planning, who shared an overview of internet access in Jay County and suggested options and grants moving forward. Looking at figures from a 2019 study, he said, about 22%

of Jay County residents do not have internet access.

- Paid claims, including \$13,750 for animal control services to Jay County Humane Society, \$25,094.35 for Motorola radio services for Jay County Sheriff's Office and \$47,249 for Jay County Surveyor's Office to purchase a 2022 Ford. (The funds for the vehicle were budgeted for previously, although county surveyor Brad Daniels pointed out a change in vendor and model due to availability.)

- OK'd Daniels to accept bids for his department's current truck, a vehicle from 2008 that has issues with its transmission and has traveled more than 150,000 miles.

- Heard from Lowell Kable about flooding issues near his home along Boundary Pike. He asked for an update on plans to fix the situation, with highway superintendent Eric Butcher explaining his department has not been able to get ahold of the property owner yet.

- Paid \$4,700 and \$960 invoices from Harrell-Fish Incorporated of Bloomington for the purchase and installation of two new boilers at Jay County Sheriff's Office. Core Facilities president Matt Stechly reviewed the project, noting the change orders were valid.

- Accepted a \$2,000 donation from POET Biorefining.

Sunak named new PM

By SAM BLEWETT

PA Media/dpa
Tribune News Service

LONDON — New British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak warned the nation is facing a "profound economic crisis" as he pledged to fix the "mistakes" of his predecessor Liz Truss, who resigned after her economic policies triggered turmoil in the financial markets.

The freshly-appointed Conservative leader braced the nation for "difficult decisions to come" as he made his first speech after meeting King Charles III.

Sunak, 42, became the UK's first Hindu PM, the first of Asian heritage and the youngest for more than 200 years.

He was appointed prime minister after Charles accepted the resignation of Truss after just 49 days in office, making her the shortest-serving leader in history.

In his speech from Downing Street, Sunak said it was "only right to explain why I'm standing here as your new prime minister," saying: "Right now our country is facing a profound economic crisis."

Dunkirk ...

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The result was that residents have continued to pay the previous water rates. (Overall, the errors worked in property owners' favor, as the approved increase was larger than the tax elimination.)

After consulting with accounting firm Baker Tilly regarding how to best address the issue to avoid potential future problems with state audits, council on Monday passed an ordinance to match the city's water rate with what has been collected.

(The result is an acknowledgement of the elimination of the tax and a repeal of the previously approved rate increase.)

Addressing future rates, council members Jesse Bivens, Bryan Jessup, Tom Johnson, Kevin Hamilton and Christy Curts approved increases to go into effect Jan. 1.

Water and sewer rates for city users will each go up by 4%. That reflects 2% increases that were intended to go into effect this year and 2% increases that were set for 2023 as part of the city's master utility plan.

Practically, the water rate increase going into effect Jan. 1 amounts to a jump of 90 cents — to \$23.38 from the previous \$22.48 — for the monthly minimum charge.

For sewage, it results in an increase to the minimum charge of 64 cents per month — to \$16.39 from the previous \$15.76 — for users with a 5/8-inch meter. (In both cases, charges are determined by the amount of water that is used.)

The adjustment for 2022 water rates and the increases to water and sewer rates for 2023 were approved unanimously.

Council members also approved a \$146,000 contract with engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff to move forward with design for the city's planned flood mitigation project.

Plans fall for the creation of detention basins east of Broad Street near Moore Avenue and west of 3rd Street near the southern city limits as well as some upgrades to current storm sewer infrastructure. The environmental study required for the project is expected to be done by the end of November, with bidding in March and construction to be complete no later than March 2024.

The project is being funded via a \$600,000 grant from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and \$400,000 in federal coronavirus relief

Engineering firm OK'd to move forward with flood project

funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

In other business:
• The mayor and council signed and officially adopted the 2023 budget at \$2.05 million, up from the current year's allotment of \$1.91 million. (On top of the regular budget, city paperwork also shows \$500,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.)

• Robbins brought council a request from Darrin and Eleathia Harding for a \$25,000 downtown revitalization loan for their planned new business Healthy Twist, a frozen yogurt shop, at 127 N. Main St. He noted that the couple, which also owns Sculpt Fitness, has already put more than \$100,000 into the building and plans to invest more. He said he would return to council with a loan contract for it to consider.

• Jessup commented about his feeling the city needs to find additional ways to better communicate with the public. Clerk-treasurer Tina Elliott noted that a new city website is under construction and that a new digital sign has been installed adjacent to the downtown mural for that purpose.

• Robbins noted that officer Aaron Wilson will be leaving the city's police department. Because he did not stay a full three years, his contract requires him to repay some of the cost the city handled for him to attend Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

• Curts encouraged residents to vote in the Nov. 8 general election. Early voting is available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays through Nov. 4 at Jay County Courthouse. It will also be available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays Oct. 29 and Nov. 5. The final chance to vote early will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 7. Election day voting hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 8.

• Elliott offered a reminder that the city building will be closed Dec. 1 for staff to attend a training session.

• Council approved two water bill adjustments.
• Council paid claims totaling \$682,516.41.



Potential warning signs for breast cancer

Breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women across the globe. According to the World Cancer Research Fund International, there more than 2.26 million new cases of breast cancer in women in 2020. Such figures are sobering, but it's important to recognize that breast cancer survival rates have improved dramatically in recent decades, providing hope to the millions of women who may be diagnosed with the disease in the years to come.

Various factors have helped to improve breast cancer survival rates, and education about the disease is certainly among them. Women are their own greatest allies against breast cancer, and learning to spot its signs and symptoms is a great first step in the fight against this potentially deadly, yet treatable disease.

Knowing your body

The American Cancer Society urges women to take note of how their breasts normally look and feel. That knowledge is vital because it helps women recognize when something does not look or feel good to the touch with



Women are urged to report any abnormalities in their breasts to a physician immediately.

their breasts. Screening alone may not be sufficient, as the ACS notes that mammograms do not find every breast cancer.

Signs and symptoms

When women are well acquainted with how their breasts look and feel, they're in better position to recognize any abnormalities, which may or may not be indicative of breast cancer. The ACS reports that the following are some potential warning signs

of breast cancer.
• A new lump or mass: The ACS indicates that this is the most common symptom of breast cancer. A lump or mass that is cancerous is often painless, but hard and has irregular edges. However, lumps caused by breast cancer also can be soft, round and tender. Some even cause pain.

• Swelling: Some women experience swelling of all or part of a breast even if they don't detect a lump.

• Dimpling: The skin on the breast may dimple. When this occurs, the skin on the breast sometimes mimics the look of an orange peel.

• Pain: Pain on the breast or nipple could indicate breast cancer.

• Retraction: Some women with breast cancer experience retraction, which occurs when the nipple turns inward.

• Skin abnormalities: Breast cancer may cause the skin on the breast to redden, dry out, flake, or thicken.

• Swollen lymph nodes: Some women with breast cancer experience swelling of the lymph nodes under the arm or near the collarbone.

The presence of any of these symptoms merits a trip to the doctor. Women with these symptoms should not immediately assume they have breast cancer, as the ACS notes that various symptoms of breast cancer also are indicative of non-cancerous conditions that affect the breasts. Only a physician can diagnose breast cancer, which underscores the importance of reporting symptoms to a doctor immediately.

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"But you're still quite NEW, aren't you, Grandma?"

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

You can win, but you can't lose

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 10 3
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ 8 6 2
 ♣ 10 9 5 4

WEST
 ♠ Q 9 7 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ A K 10 5
 ♣ J 8 6 2

EAST
 ♠ 18 6 4
 ♥ J 10 8 5
 ♦ Q 9 4
 ♣ 7 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A 5
 ♥ A Q 9 6 4 3
 ♦ J 7 3
 ♣ A K

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Dble 2♥ Pass
 4♥

Playing lead — king of diamonds. A particular play will sometime be only slightly superior to another play, but even so, a conscientious declarer always tries to select the better of the two.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of diamonds, East signaling with the nine. West continues with the ace and another diamond, won by East with the queen. East returns a club, taken with the ace, and, whether South knows it or not, he is at the critical point of the play.

Let's suppose South now cashes the ace of trump, as many declarers would do. After West shows out, South would have to lose a trump trick and go down one.

Now let's suppose that South initiates the trumps by leading low to dummy's king. In that case, he makes the contract by continuing with a trump from dummy. After East plays the ten and South the queen, declarer returns to dummy with a spade and leads another trump. East's J-8 succumb to South's A-9, and declarer has the rest of the tricks.

It may be argued that East will hold all four missing trumps only once in 20 deals, and it is therefore splitting hairs to contend that the ace-of-hearts play at trick five is wrong and playing a low heart to the king is right.

The counter to this is that bridge is a game where you occasionally do have to split hairs to win. Even though how you initiate the trump suit will matter only 5% of the time, the fact remains that playing the king first will never cause you to lose an extra trick, while playing the ace first sometimes might.

The argument in favor of the king play is absolutely irrefutable.

Peanuts

YOU THINK NO ONE BELIEVES IN THE "GREAT PUMPKIN," DON'T YOU?

WELL, PEPPERMINT PATTY DOES! RIGHT THIS MOMENT SHE'S SITTING IN A PUMPKIN PATCH WAITING FOR THE "GREAT PUMPKIN" TO APPEAR!

SHE'S NOT LIKE YOU! SHE DOESN'T CALL THE "GREAT PUMPKIN" A MYTH AND A LEGEND!

HOW ABOUT A LIE AND A FRAUD?

Rose is Rose

WHAT DO YOU THINK? JIMBO AND CORKY WOULD LOVE A COPY.

HIS FARM IS RIGHT UP THE ROAD. LET'S GO BEFORE THEY SELL OUT.

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO RUSH, ABBY.

PUMPKIN JED HOLLOW INSIDE MY LIFE INSIDE THE PUMPKIN PATCH. AUTOGRAPHED COPIES AVAILABLE.

Agnes

THAT DOESN'T LOOK AT ALL LIKE A LLAMA.

YES, IT DOES. IT IS A VERY REMARKABLE FACSIMILE.

IT LOOKS LIKE A BLOATED GOAT ON STILTS.

I COULD DE-BLOAT IT SOME.

AND WHAT'S WITH THE BIG BUCK TEETH AND GOOGLY EYES?

A BIT OF DISNEY LOVABILITY... I WANT A MOVIE DEAL.

Hi and Lois

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY.

FROM GIRDLINES TO SPANX.

Funky Winkerbean

SO, WHAT'S YOUR BOOK GOING TO BE ABOUT?

THIS...

THE PARK? NO, SILLY... WESTVIEW!

Blondie

I SEE YOU'RE FINALLY USING YOUR NEW WATERCOLOR SET, HONEY.

YES! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK THAT'S AN INTERESTING BOWL OF FRUIT.

INTERESTING?

I'VE NEVER SEEN A BLUE BANANA BEFORE.

MY WATERCOLOR SET, MY RULES, SWEETHEART!

Snuffy Smith

I CAME BY EARLY TO TELL YA THAT RITA'S HUSBAND LEFT HER !!

WHY EARLY ?!

SO YOU'LL HAVE TIME T'GIT READY FER HER PARTY !!

Beetle Bailey

CRACK

WHAT WAS THAT?

YOU KNOW HOW A CERTAIN SOUND CAN BREAK A GLASS?

SARGE CAN DO THAT TO A MIRROR WITH A CERTAIN LOOK

Tomorrow: A necessary assumption.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NOTABLY GIFTED GOLFER WHO HAS ALWAYS LIVED CLOSE TO A RIVER IN CENTRAL ITALY: TIBER WOODS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Stinger
 5 Take to court
 8 Wheel-chair access
 12 Utah ski resort
 13 QB's goals
 14 Old apple spray
 15 Yams or beets, e.g.
 17 Went on horse-back
 18 Church seat
 19 Scoot
 20 Bashes
 21 Pirate's grog
 22 Tampa Bay NFLer
 23 Wrinkle-reducing injection
 26 Esteemed
 30 Rocker Clapton
 31 Wee dollop
 32 — -European
 33 Alehouse vessel
 35 Grind your teeth

DOWN

1 Get bent out of shape
 2 Skin soother
 3 Pack cargo
 4 Bit of butter
 5 Play the banjo
 6 Japanese noodle
 7 Mental-ist's claim
 8 Numismatist's collection
 9 Oodles
 10 Created
 11 Corp. VIP
 16 Heart of the matter
 20 Gaiety

21 Edible sugar crystals
22 Short do
23 Wager
24 Man-mouse link
25 Can material
26 Pos-sessed
27 Genetic letters
28 Cosmo VIPs
29 Homer's cry
31 Parched
34 Remote batteries, often
35 Avocado dip, for short
37 Sheriff's star
38 Mumbai dress
39 "— a roll!"
40 Pencil filler
41 Honey bunch?
42 Garrison
43 Group of two
44 Tosses in
46 MLB stat
47 Ton fractions (Abbr.)

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Fort Recovery's boys finished one spot out of regional qualifying, scoring 131 points to place fourth by one point over Kalida. They were behind No. 6 Columbus Grove (37), Marion Local (66) and Minster (86).

Brunswick ran out to a lead of several meters in the first quarter mile but by the time the field headed into the woods for the first time she had company from Emily Gillson and Mia Amado, both of Patrick Henry, and Andrea Burgei of Kalida. As they made their way through the woods, Brunswick and Gillson pulled away. And by the time the race headed into the woods again at the 2-mile mark, Brunswick had opened about a 20-meter lead. She never let it go.

Brunswick continued to extend her advantage and was all alone as she entered Columbus Grove's Clymer Stadium, running to a 16-second win in 19 minutes, 11.8 seconds. (She was just four seconds short of the school record she set Sept. 17 at Troy Twilight.)

"Toward the halfway point I knew that I had to get ahead," said Brunswick, who has competed in track but took up cross country for the first time this year. "I was feeling pretty good so I knew that I could go a little bit faster, so I kicked it up. Hitting that last mile, I knew that I had it and just kept a good lead."

Gillson's runner-up time was 19:27.9, and only two other runners broke the 20-second mark.

Heitkamp ran a similar race en route to the boys district championship as he and Joe Parker of Upper Scioto Valley were in front from the opening gun. He trailed Parker by a half step heading toward the mile mark but was in front by a step when the runners returned from their first run through the woods.

Emerging from the woods the second time, Heitkamp had put plenty of distance between himself and his top competitor. Like



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Trevor Heitkamp, a Fort Recovery junior, runs just ahead of Upper Scioto Valley's Joe Parker about midway through Saturday's race. Heitkamp posted a time of 16:16 for the third consecutive week to win the district championship. He had finished fourth in the race last season.

Brunswick, he was alone coming down the home stretch of the track as he finished in 16:16. Parker posted a time of 16:27.1 for the runner-up spot.

"I did not expect that to happen," said Heitkamp, who was battling a cold but still matched his time from finishing four at the Coldwater Lions Invitational Oct. 8 and winning the MAC championship Oct. 15. "I definitely was not feeling good coming into the race. ...
"But I still went in with an

open mind. I didn't put winning out of the window. And within that first half-mile, quarter-mile, I realized, 'I do have a chance at winning this.' So I adjusted my race plan within my head."

While Patrick Henry packed five runners in the top 15 to take the girls district team title, the Indians weren't far behind. All seven of their competitors finished in the top 28 with their five scorers all in the top 21.

Ellie Will was around the 10th spot throughout the race, run-

ning eighth early, fading back to 12th and then climbing to a 10th-place finish in 21:06.1. Jenna Hart toughed out a 14th-place finish in 21:29.8 despite turning her ankle before reaching the halfway point. Caitlin Weitzel and Alexis Wendel completed the team score by crossing the line back-to-back in 21:47.5 for 20th and 21:59.9 for 21st.

Parker Brunswick was 18th for the Fort Recovery boys in 17:52. He was 24 seconds behind Wayne Trace's Gage Ogle, who earned

the final individual regional berth.

Ethan Evers was 38th in 19:48, his brother Evan took 40th in 19:53.5 and Caleb Rammel broke the 20-minute mark for the first time in his career in 19:58.8 for 43rd.

Also running for the Tribe girls were Joelle Kaup (23rd - 22:13.3) and Megan Diller (28th - 22:39.8), and for the Tribe boys were Aiden Heitkamp (59th - 23:17) and Christian Marchal (60th - 23:25.1).

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10:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Vegas Golden Knights at San Jose Sharks (ESPN)

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7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at New York Islanders (TNT)
7:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: American League Championship Series — New York Yankees at Houston Astros (TBS)
8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los

Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Anaheim Ducks (TNT)

Local notes

Wrestling registration open
A sign-up session is scheduled for kindergarten through sixth graders who would like to be part of Jay County Wrestling Club.

The club's Little Patriots Program is for those in kindergarten through second grade and focuses on wrestling basics. Its elementary dual team for those in grades 3 through 6 focuses on expanding those skills with the team also entering four to six dual competitions. Registration fees are \$80 and \$120, respectively.

A sign-up session for third through sixth graders will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 18. Sign ups for kindergarten through sec-

ond graders will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

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2206-001-232	Aviation – Gas	\$2,000
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District double

Fort Recovery juniors Brunswick and Heitkamp sweep individual Division III championships at Columbus Grove

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

COLUMBUS GROVE, Ohio — Natalie Brunswick and Trevor Heitkamp had some competition. But only for a while.

By the time they were getting ready to enter Clymer Stadium, the suspense was over.

The Indians were going to win. Brunswick led her team to a regional berth and Heitkamp recorded the same time for the third consecutive week as the Fort Recovery High School juniors swept the individual championships Saturday at the OHSAA Division III district cross country meet.

"It feels pretty good," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "Both of those two are just super-talented kids. And they both have very good work ethics."

"So they're easy to coach. There's not much to coach there. They do the work. And it shows."

The Tribe girls, who have qualified for the state meet in each of the last two seasons, finished second with 62 points. They trailed only Division III No. 6 Patrick Henry (33) while Midwest Athletic Conference rival St. Henry was third with 80.

The top three teams and top 12 individuals advanced to the regional meet, which will be contested Saturday at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin.

"I'm very happy with second place as a team," Diller said. "It's pack running. We were preaching that all week. They've got to pack up because it gets so spread out here, and it did. ... It was a good day."

"These girls showed up and fought today and we live to run another week."

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Fort Recovery High School junior Natalie Brunswick runs side-by-side with Mia Amador of Patrick Henry and just ahead of Columbus Grove's Sarah Kamphaus (7080) and Kalida's Andrea Burgei early in Saturday's Division III district race at Columbus Grove. Brunswick eventually ran away from the field, winning the district championship by 26 seconds as she finished in 19 minutes, 11 seconds. She and classmate Trevor Heitkamp swept the individual championships Saturday.

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FR will visit Minster

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Indians are in the playoffs for the third consecutive year.

They will open by visiting a conference foe.

Fort Recovery lined up with the Minster Wildcats when the OHSAA released its final computer ratings and official football tournament brackets Sunday afternoon. The Midwest Athletic Conference rivals will play at 7 p.m. Friday at Minster in an opening-round game in Division VII Region 28.

FRHS (3-7) played the Wildcats (6-4) during the fourth week of the regular season, falling 41-21. They were within 21-14 in the third quarter before a kickoff return for a touchdown put Minster in control for good. (Despite being MAC rivals, the teams had not met in 2020 or 2021.)

The Indians, who closed the regular season with a 22-21 loss Friday to St. Henry, finished 11th in the Division VII Region 28 computer ratings with a 7.3 average. Minster was sixth at 10.4.

The winner of the game between Fort

Indians will play MAC rival in opening round of playoffs

Recovery and Minster will advance to play the winner of an opening round game between Mechanicsburg (8-2) and Lockland (2-7).

Other opening-round games in the region are St. Henry (2-8) at No. 9 Fort Loramie (8-2), Cedarville (4-5) at No. 6 New Bremen, Riverview East Academy (3-6) at No. 5 Ansonia (9-1), Lehman Catholic (4-6) at Riverside (7-3), Cincinnati Prep (5-5) at Southeastern (6-4) and St. Bernard (6-4) at Springfield Catholic Central (6-4).

Higher-seeded teams host the opening and quarterfinal rounds. Regional semifinals and beyond will be played at neutral sites.

Nine out of 10 MAC teams made it into the tournament — the top 16

teams in each region advanced — with Parkway as the lone exception.

Joining Region 28 squads Fort Recovery, Minster, New Bremen and St. Henry will be St. John's (4-6) visiting Arlington (9-1) in Division VII Region 26; Anna (4-6) and No. 1 Marion Local (10-0) playing each other and No. 8 Versailles (7-3) hosting New Paris (6-4) in Division VI Region 24; and No. 1 Coldwater (9-1) hosting Richwood North Union (7-3) in Division V Region 18.

Playing as the No. 14 seed in the region last season, Fort Recovery scored an opening-round upset of third-seeded Arcanum before falling to Anna in the regional quarterfinal. Minster did not qualify for the 2021 playoffs.

Colts to start Ehlinger

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

INDIANAPOLIS — It's Sam Ehlinger's time.

Indianapolis Colts head coach Frank Reich announced Monday the second-year quarterback will be given the reigns of a struggling offense.

The Colts (3-3-1) entered Monday ranked 29th in scoring at 16.1 points per game and 30th in the 32-team NFL with 14 turnovers. Veteran quarterback Matt Ryan, who suffered a Grade 2 shoulder separation during Sunday's 19-10 road loss against the Tennessee Titans, was responsible for 12 of those giveaways.

Ryan, who threw two interceptions against the Titans, has thrown nine picks and lost three fumbles in seven starts for Indianapolis. He's also been sacked a league-high 24 times.

The Colts are second in the league with 297 pass attempts and seventh with 1,824

passing yards. But the team's 5.7 yards per attempt ranks 25th.

Reich said the change was made in consultation with owner Jim Irsay and general manager Chris Ballard, and Ryan's injury was not the dominant factor.

The expectation is Ehlinger will start the final 10 games of the regular season.

"It's a big step, but we think he's ready," Reich said. "This guy is special. You all know it. Everybody knows it. Talk to anybody in that locker room, and we're fortunate to have a guy — really, three quarterbacks like that. Sam — he's got that about him. He carries himself in a way, he practices in a way he'll be ready. He'll be ready."

"Is he going to have some growing pains? Of course. Is he going to make mistakes? Of course, he's going to make mistakes. But I think Sam will make plays. ... He's proven that everywhere he's been, and we believe that's what he's going to do for our offense."