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Firm hired to handle issuing bond

Funds will pay for upgrades at wastewater facility

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Officials are continuing the process toward a major construction project at the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday took the next step toward the project, approving a contract with accounting and advising firm Baker Tilly of Indianapolis for issuance of a bond for the planned project.

Board members Steve McIntosh and Mayor John Boggs, absent Jerry Leonhard, approved the contract with Baker Tilly at a cost not to exceed \$92,000.

The wastewater treatment plant upgrades are required as part of the city's agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management. They include installation of a raw pump station and equalizing basin as well as other modifications. During an August city council meeting, the work was estimated at \$10.8 million.

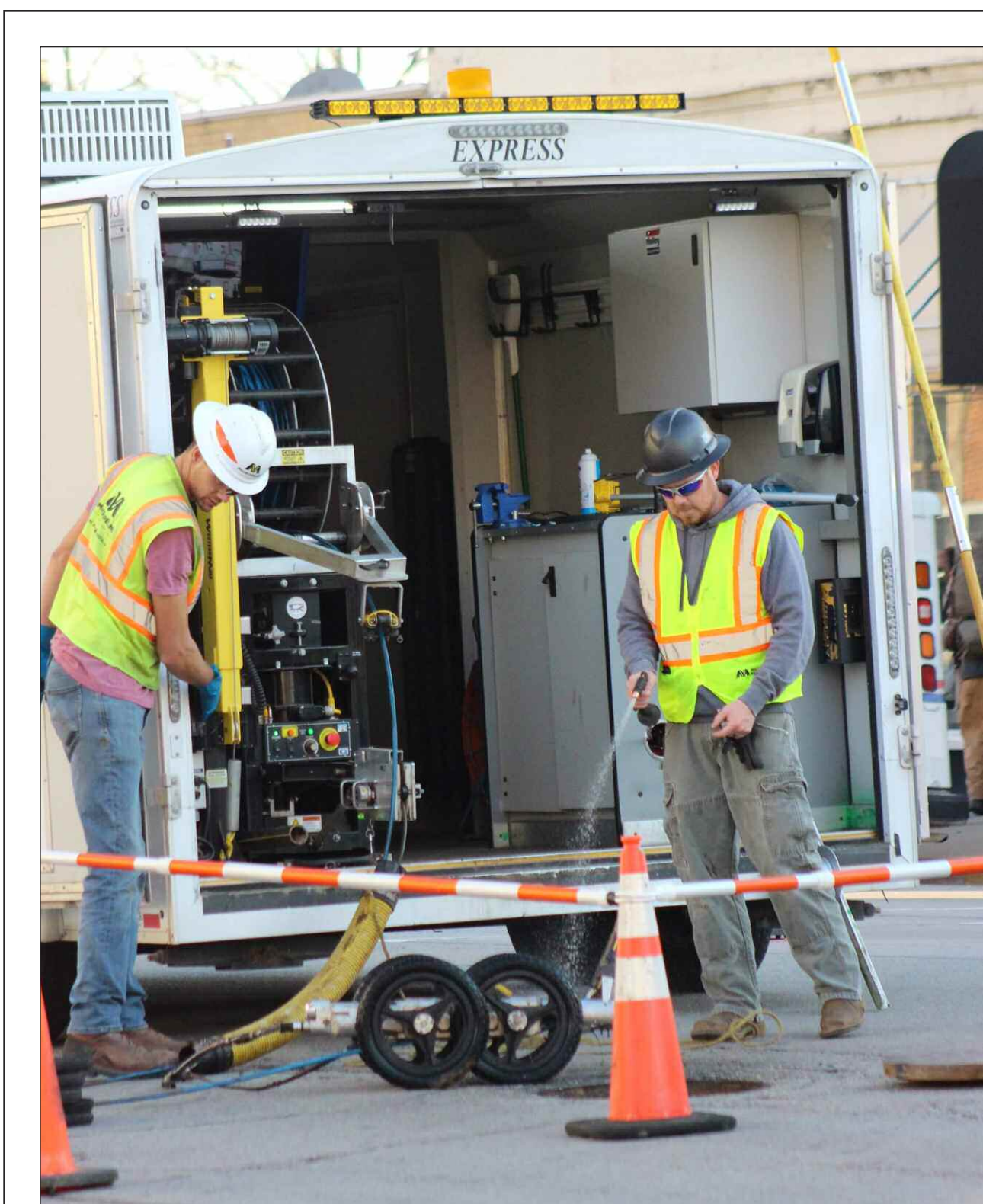
The city plans to pay for almost all of the project through a loan from the State Revolving Loan Fund. In order to repay that loan, plans are to increase monthly sewage rates by about \$15.50 by April. (City council plans to phase in that amount with one increase in January and another in April.)

Also Thursday, board members approved having about 200 feet of sewer lined by Insituform Technologies of Indianapolis at a cost of \$40,780.

Brad Clayton, wastewater treatment department superintendent, explained that there had been a problem with the Middle Street line Water Street. Upon inspecting the line, city crews found deterioration. They fixed as much as they could, but were limited as the line runs under the building at 201 S. Middle St.

The board also OK'd a contract with IWM Consulting of Fort Wayne for groundwater testing for Mercury at the former Sheller-Globe south property on Bridge Street. Mercury contamination was found outside the pump house at the site but further testing was required for the cistern that sits below it. IWM will handle that testing at a cost of \$3,640.

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Meridian manholes

Miller Pipeline workers complete maintenance on manholes Friday along Meridian Street at its intersection with High Street in Portland.

Doctors file lawsuits against attorney general

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Two Indianapolis doctors — including one at the center of a controversial abortion case over the summer — filed suit Thursday against Attorney General

Todd Rokita to block his office from continuing a “baseless investigation into physicians who provide abortion care.”

The suit claims Rokita overstepped his statutory limits when investigating Dr. Caitlin Bernard, using meritless claims

to launch an overly-broad investigation. The Attorney General's office said Thursday it would defend itself in court.

Bernard provided abortion care to a 10-year-old rape victim from Ohio after that state's strict anti-abortion laws pre-

vented her from seeking care in her home state. Rokita and the Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost accused Bernard of fabricating the story and improperly filing paperwork, both later determined to be false allegations.

During an interview with Fox TV host Jesse Watters on July 13, Rokita called Bernard an “abortion activist acting as a doctor,” saying he would gather evidence and investigate Bernard.

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Clowning around

Seven-year-old Avery Borgerding plays on the seesaw Saturday at Dunkirk City Park during the city's fall festival.

Xi opposes nuclear force

President of China also spoke of stabilizing food, energy

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Chinese President Xi Jinping told German Chancellor Olaf Scholz he opposed the use of nuclear force in Europe, in his most direct remarks yet on the need to keep Russia's war in Ukraine from escalating.

During the two leaders' first in-person talks on Friday in Beijing, Xi called on the international community to “reject the

threat of nuclear weapons” and advocate against a nuclear war to prevent a “crisis on the Eurasian continent,” according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

The Chinese leader also spoke of the joint need to ensure the stability of food and energy supply chains, which have both been disrupted by Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. Kremlin officials including former President Dmitry Medvedev have warned in recent months about the possible use of tactical nuclear weapons in Ukraine as Moscow's faltering war enters its tenth month.

Xi's comments send a clear message to Putin that nuclear threats are a red line for China, giving Beijing some common ground with Brussels on a conflict that's strained ties with the bloc.

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Deaths

Bernice Sipe, 78, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 72 degrees Thursday. The low was 48.

Tonight's low will be 59 with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Saturday will be blustery, with wind gusts as high as 50 miles per hour and showers expected.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonia Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Preview of the upcoming JCHS girls basketball season.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



Lawsuits ...

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When news reports later emerged documenting the arrest of the girl's alleged assailant and Bernard's proper filing of the required paperwork, attorneys for the doctor sent a cease-and-desist letter to Rokita. The filing advised him to stop making false and misleading statements about the doctor.

Bernard previously filed a tort claim related to a possible defamation claim against Rokita for his comments but has not filed a lawsuit on that matter.

The suit filed Thursday claims that Rokita issued subpoenas for medical records related to care provided by Bernard or her

medical partner, Dr. Amy Caldwell, violating the privacy of those patients seeking abortion care. Those patients did not file any consumer complaints.

The complaints were from individuals who have never been a patient of either doctor, who lack any personal knowledge of their work and provide no explanation of their validity, according to attorneys.

Rokita and Scott Barnhart, the chief counsel and director of the Consumer Protection Division in Rokita's office, are accused of exceeding their authority.

"Defendants will continue to unlawfully harass physicians

and patients who are engaged in completely legal conduct and even though neither the physicians nor patients have any complaints about their relationship," the suit reads.

The attorneys warn that the Attorney General's office could extend that harassment to all of Indiana's licensed professionals. The office, they say, is limited by the General Assembly in its ability to conduct investigations into complaints against licensed professionals unless the consumer complaint has merit.

According to the lawsuit, the office cannot investigate frivolous complaints, such as those where the complainant doesn't

have personal knowledge relating to the relevant care. These investigations, with limited exceptions, must be narrowly focused and kept confidential.

"The Attorney General has wholly ignored the General Assembly's fine-tuned structure for handling complaints regarding licensed professionals and has engaged in precisely the type of overbearing, harassing conduct that the General Assembly sought to prohibit," the suit reads.

Indiana Capital Chronicle is an independent, nonprofit news organization. Its website is indianacapitalchronicle.com.

Obituaries

Bernice Sipe, Portland, Nov. 16, 1943-Nov. 2, 2022. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Cemetery, 5005 E. 500 South, Berne.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

CR almanac

Saturday 11/5	Sunday 11/6	Monday 11/7	Tuesday 11/8	Wednesday 11/9
68/45	68/43	65/43	64/42	69/47
There's an 80% chance of rain with wind gusts up to 50 mph.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Sunday with 25 mph wind gusts.	Monday's forecast shows sunny skies. The high will be in the mid 60s.	Tuesday looks mostly sunny, with a high in the low to mid 60s.	More mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$1.5 billion	13-16-17-18-28-29-38-39-43-51-52-54-55-56-57-79 Cash 5: 13-20-25-28-32 Estimated jackpot: \$85,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$119 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-2-7 Pick 4: 3-3-6-0 Pick 5: 9-8-7-9-5 Evening Pick 3: 6-3-3 Pick 4: 7-5-3-0 Pick 5: 8-8-2-8-3 Rolling Cash: 6-10-25-26-34 Estimated jackpot: \$263,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-2-0 Daily Four: 9-1-4-7 Quick Draw: 1-8-9-14-15-18-27-37-43-44-45-49-50-52-65-67-72-74-76-80 Evening Daily Three: 1-3-4 Daily Four: 8-4-7-0 Quick Draw: 2-4-6-10-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.86 Dec. corn.....6.91 Wheat.....6.86	Wheat 7.76 Nov. wheat 8.42
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.80 Dec. corn.....6.92 Jan. corn.....6.86	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.71 Late Nov. corn6.71 Beans.....14.47 Late Nov. beans.....14.47 Wheat8.40
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.71 Dec. corn.....6.76 Beans.....13.93 Dec. beans14.52	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.46 Dec. corn.....6.51 Beans.....14.12 Dec. beans14.17 Wheat7.96

Today in history

In 1884, Democrat Grover Cleveland defeated Republican James G. Blaine in the U.S. presidential election. Cleveland became the first Democrat to be elected president following the Civil War.

In 1924, a woman was elected to lead a U.S. state for the first time when she won the Wyoming gubernatorial race.

In 1946, UNESCO, an agency of the United Nations, was established to promote international collaboration in education, science and culture. It now preserves more than 1,000 World Heritage sites, coordinates tsunami early warning systems and operates research laboratories.

In 1952, Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower cruised to victory in the U.S. presidential election over Democrat Adlai Stevenson. Eisenhower

was a popular general from World War II who ran with the campaign slogan "I like Ike."

In 1972, Opal Imel, owner of Imel Brothers Grocery Store of Portland, died at the age of 71.

In 1995, Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated while attending a peace rally. He had shared the Nobel Prize for Peace with Shimon Peres and Yasir Arafat a year earlier.

In 2021, Doug Inman, executive director of The Portland Foundation, presented Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners with a plan to purchase the former Judge Haynes Elementary School building to make it a child care facility. He asked that the county contribute \$975,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds toward the project.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	Main St., Fort Recovery, Ohio.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S.	Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Bond ...

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Boggs also noted that a crew is expected to be at the site next week to remove a section of contaminated soil that was found outside the building.

Board members also approved having recycling firm Nu Genesis of Mooresville remove and test drums of adhesive and other materials from one of the buildings on the property at a cost of \$4,500. (There could be up to an additional \$2,500 charge if contamination is found.)

The board voted last month to sell the property to Fifer Services.

In other business, the board:
•Opened bids for two enclosed trailers — a 2007 and a 2012 — that are being sold as they are no longer in use by the city's fire department. Doug Loy had the high bid for the 2012 trailer at \$8,000 while Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition had the high bid for the 2007 trailer at \$4,000. Board members took the bids under advisement.

•Approved the hiring of James Fry for the city's street department. Fry currently works for Jay County.

•Heard Boggs acknowledge that police chief Mitch Sutton began a 12-week leave of absence Oct. 17 because of health issues. Steve Schlechty, who had been assistant chief, has been named interim chief in his absence. Schlechty told The Commercial Review on Tuesday that Sutton plans to retire in February.

Portland City Court

Judge Donald Gillespie Paid by waiver

Muhyiedin Abdulahi, Syracuse, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Tony A. Pond, Huntsville, Ohio, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Percy D. Gault, Fort Worth, Texas, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Balam Singh, Indianapolis, Jose A. Trevino, Alton, Texas, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Christopher Peters, Columbia, Maryland, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Semir Jahjagic, Ridgeville Park, New Jersey, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Britany N. Balnd, Portland, disregarding stop sign, \$160.50; Jalen J. Harmeyer, Muncie, speeding 62 mph in a 40 mph zone, \$171; Waney Desangne, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Elizabeth A. Yost, Celina, Ohio, distracted driving, \$160.50; Edward De Avila, Union City, speeding 67 mph in a 55 mph zone,

\$147.50, and driving without a valid license, \$25; Clyde O. Shaffer, Albany, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Cristian Sontay, Newport, Kentucky, speeding 78 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Richie Elysee, North Miami, Florida, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Edward De Avila, Union City, speeding 67 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$147.50, and driving without a valid license, \$25; Cynthia L. Evers, Celina, Ohio, speeding 59 mph in a 40 mph zone, \$154.50; Oley Motinga, Orlando, Florida, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Jiayin Quian, Rowland Heights, California, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Kulver Singh, Rancho Cucamonga, California, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Malkeet Singh, South Richmond Hill, New York, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Robert D. Folsom, Port Charlotte, Florida, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385.50; Balpreet

S. Hundal, Avon, prohibit truck traffic, \$385.50; Rostislav Malimon, Rancho Cordova, California, Solo-mo Shamlin, Philadelphia, prohibit truck truck in Redkey, \$385.50; Solomon Shamlin, Philadelphia, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385.50; Darrion M. Teer, Dunkirk, speeding 39 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150; Hameedullah Merzad, Frisco, Texas, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Valuer Ndanyuzwe, Indianapolis, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Malik A. Alabdi, Holly Springs, North Carolina, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385.50; Cesar Benjamin, Farmington Hills, Michigan, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385.50; Mohamed A. Yassin, Minneapolis, Minnesota, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385.50; Poitr Sobilo, Monroe, New York, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385.50; Farhan Asghar, Sacramento, California, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50.

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Suspect will be moved

Kokomo Tribune
DELPHI — Officials say the Delphi man facing two charges of murder in connection to the deaths of teenagers Abby Williams and Libby German will be moved to an unidentified facility for "safekeeping."

According to a court order filed Thursday, 50-year-old Richard Allen's transfer is reportedly due in part to the "imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death," and the "substantial threat to the safety of others."

SERVICES

Today
Castillo, Rebecca: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Smith, Annabelle: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Sunday
Du Jardin, Thomas: 2 p.m., Portland Golf Club, 124 W. 200 South, Portland

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- ✓ 27 years in the United States Air Force Reserve
Retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel
- ✓ Iraq war veteran

-Paid for by the candidate

Announcing

The Commercial Review's 24th Annual Christmas Fiction Contest

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. Hommelgarn



Photo provided

Rockets donation

Melissa Bouland of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and David Goodman of Fort Wayne recently made \$1,000 donations to the Portland Rockets. They are pictured above with Rockets manager Randy Miller.

Shot may lower stroke risk

By **DEB BALZER**
Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

Getting a flu shot may offer an added benefit. A recent study published in Stroke, an American Heart Association journal, suggests flu vaccination might lower the chances of stroke among adults, especially people under 45.

Dr. Gyanendra Kumar, a Mayo Clinic neurologist not involved in the study,

says it's long been known that respiratory infections increase the risk of stroke in the days following infection.

Flu symptoms can come on suddenly, including cough, sore throat, fatigue and sometimes a fever.

"Respiratory infections, in the first three days after the onset of the infection, increase the risk of a stroke," Kumar said.

Civic theatre selling tickets

Tickets for two local theatre productions are now on sale.

Jay County Civic Theatre is selling tickets for its December shows, "Frosty the Snow Man" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical."

Performances — the shows will be back-to-back with an intermission in between — are scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10, and 2 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Taking Note

Advance tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. They are available at myartsplace.org, at Arts Place or by calling (260) 726-4809.

Letters aloud

A free performance is scheduled for this weekend.

Letters Aloud will present "All Our Best," a show featuring a collection of letters written by folks experiencing a variety of hardships, at 7 p.m. Saturday. The themed reading is accompanied by live music and a multi-media presentation.

To learn more about the performance, visit myartsplace.org or call (260) 726-4809.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS

LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Nov. 4, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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.

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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 museumsoldier.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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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,

Widow shifts gears

DEAR ABBY: My dear friend "Rose's" husband died five years ago, and since then she has struggled with grief and loneliness. She immersed herself in her church, friends and family. We usually talked three to five times per week and we traveled together.

Rose decided to explore online dating. She met a man and her entire life changed. She has become totally involved, dependent, isolated and controlled. He wants nothing to do with any of her family, friends or church family. Rose has ceased all communication with others. In two months' time she bought a life insurance policy, moved in with him and sold her house. No one knows her address or contact information. She has deleted her friends from Facebook and has ceased all communication with her family.

If asked, I believe she would say she's happy. Meanwhile, we are left saddened, shocked and angry. Must we simply accept her lifestyle choice and move on? — **BAFFLED IN IOWA**

DEAR BAFFLED: Your friend appears to have become involved with a man who is more than a little controlling.

Dear Abby



there, I have to see this. My parents don't say anything to her about it, and I don't know why. When I was married to him, they always told me they disliked him. So now that their other daughter associates with him, they are keeping silent?

That she would buy a life insurance policy, sell her house (!) and move in with him within the space of two months is, frankly, shocking.

That said, however, Rose is an adult and has the right to make her own decisions, although it would have been immeasurably better had she run this scenario by an attorney or other trusted adviser before jumping in to the extent she has. If it's any comfort to you, although you no longer have her contact information, I am sure she knows how to reach you and her family if she feels the need.

DEAR ABBY: I've been divorced for 18 years. My sister is also divorced. Recently, she has been going out with my ex. He picks her up at our parents' house, where she has been living. When I'm

This bothers me so much I no longer speak to her. I feel she has backstabbed me and cares only about herself. How do I make it through this? It haunts me. I need your opinion. Can you help? — **HURTING IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR HURTING: It has been nearly two decades since you and your ex-husband parted ways. Surely your family has been aware of the reasons for it. That your sister exercises such poor judgment that she would become involved with him is sad.

While I understand why you are less than thrilled by this, rest assured your sister will learn her lesson sooner or later. A way to get through this would be to spend less time at your parents' house and schedule an appointment with a therapist to help you deal with your pain.

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Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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.

27TH ANNUAL ELECTION DAY

Spaghetti Supper

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

301 N. Wayne St.
(Corner of Wayne St. & St. Rt. 49)
Fort Recovery, Ohio

Meal includes: Spaghetti, Bread Sticks, Salad, Dessert

Tuesday, Nov. 8th 4-7 P.M.
All meals \$7.00
Carry-out only OR Dine-In.
Enter alley north of church between house and gazebo
All proceeds To Friends in Need Fund

Swiss Village

JOB POSTING: DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

The Director of Facilities Management is the professional staff person responsible for supervising all aspects of the interior and exterior maintenance of the Swiss Village Main Campus and the North Campus, including the Muselman Wellness Pavilion. Responsibilities also include overseeing facility renovations and other projects, as well as managing the Maintenance staff.

This position requires a high school diploma. An Associate Degree or higher or applicable experience is preferred. Seeking candidates with previous maintenance experience and experience with Life Safety Code. 5 or more years of supervisory experience is preferred. Long-term care experience is also preferred.

If interested, please submit a Resume and Cover Letter to Taylor Lehman, Vice President of HR, by Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Apply online at www.swissvillage.org or send resume to:
Taylor Lehman, Vice President of HR
Swiss Village
1350 W. Main St.
Berne, IN 46711
Or email: careers@swissvillage.org

Continue the free lunch program

News-Sun (Kendallville)

The COVID-19 pandemic led to major disruptions for K-12 education, but it did bring about one positive — free school lunches for all students, regardless of their income.

Through a pandemic assistance program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the free and reduced-price lunch program nationally, gave schools the flexibility to offer free lunches to any and all students regardless of their household income.

Normally, and as is the case for the 2022-23 school year, only students below certain household income thresholds qualify for low-cost or free breakfast and/or lunch at school.

Prior to the pandemic, there was national attention being drawn to what was deemed “lunch shaming.” If a child has

Hoosier Editorial

no lunch money or has an account that is overdrawn past a point set by the school, that student would be denied their normal lunch and instead given a substitute, often a cold lunch meat sandwich or peanut butter and jelly.

Critics raised issue with the practice of singling out students who were either poor or had parents who had neglected their accounts in front of their peers.

With the sunset of free lunches for all, an East Noble parent recently approached the school board to express her dismay that

she’s heard stories of this practice returning at the high school and asked the school board to seek alternatives.

We agree wholeheartedly — no student should be denied a lunch at school.

Yes, we recognize that letting students run into debt is a drain on a district’s finances, but at \$2.55 per lunch, even if a student never paid for a single lunch for the full 180-day school year, a school would be in the hole just \$459.

We already know that low-income students are more likely to suffer from food insecurity and schools often play an important role in ensuring students get at least one or two square, healthy meals per day. To take away that meal for an inferior substitute due to an inability to pay is counterproductive to that supportive mission.

While schools would rather not play the role of collection agency, they have other recourse to collect those funds during or after the school year. A student in a lunch line has no such recourse when being asked to give up their lunch tray in front of their classmates.

We encourage all local school districts to immediately suspend any such meal substitutions due to overdrawn accounts.

Likewise, we strongly encourage state lawmakers to consider addressing this issue during the upcoming session in January, during which they will craft a new two-year budget plan.

Indiana is flush with cash now, so much so that the state government has been simply returning it to taxpayers as refunds.

Indiana has approximately 1.1 million K-12 students. Even if the state were to fund a school lunch

for every student for every day of school — it wouldn’t need to as some kids bring a lunch some days or every day and others are being reimbursed through the federal program — lunch would cost the state \$510 million maximum.

That may sound like a lot, but the state’s current education budget is \$9.54 billion, meaning such a program would be only around a 5% increase. Again, the actual cost would likely be far less, since not every student would eat a school-provided lunch every day.

The state can afford it. Families are pinched by inflation. Students need nutritious meals to be able to grow, develop and learn. No child should go hungry.

For all of these reasons, lawmakers should not hesitate to aid our schools and aid students and make school lunches free for all.

Nature is good for mental health

By BROSE MCVEY

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On a hunch, I pulled out of the rat race and West 38th Street traffic in the state capital the other day, and to my delight, found myself in a wonderful garden right in Indianapolis. I hope I’m the last one around to learn of the Virginia B. Fairbanks Art and Nature Park nestled in the woods beside Newfields.

What a wonderful surprise to sidestep honking commuters and discover a little bit of heaven right there along the White River. The 100 acres include walking paths; a big, gorgeous lake; forests; and areas full of flowers — not to mention a serene trail along the canal which hugs the nearby White River.

My mind immediately fixed on what a powerful asset such a natural treasure can be for our health, and especially for young people growing up in a world of noise, phones, screens, TVs and big buildings.

Our nation is in the midst of an enormous mental health crisis. Being outside in nature is associated with improvements in self-esteem, as well as decreases in depression and anxiety. Interactions with the natural environment may also promote resilience, a decrease in stress levels and overall mental health.

After questioning a couple of young staffers, I learned that yes, many schools and youth groups frequent the park. Thank goodness. Now, if we could only convince ourselves to double and redouble our efforts to make sure every young person is regularly and consistently exposed to nature. Can we get kids outdoors, get them dirty, and teach them biology and science outdoors, without them even knowing it?

As I explored under towering hardwoods and marveled at the art and flowers, I wondered what kind of changes we could make as a society in the way we raise and educate youth to increase the power of nature in their lives? How can we more fully harness the power of nature and stimulate

Brose McVey



young students to be curious, to become self-reliant and to heal?

What if we committed ourselves to create for our children a sustained, consistent, significant exposure to nature? Not an annual field trip, but an initiative which is intentional, consistent and sustained.

Such a plan would ask parents and caregivers to start exposing kids at a very young age and policies to continue the effort through their time in school. What if we strongly encouraged and supported parents, day-care operators and educators to incorporate time outdoors, around animals and in physical activity as part of academic and developmental milestones?

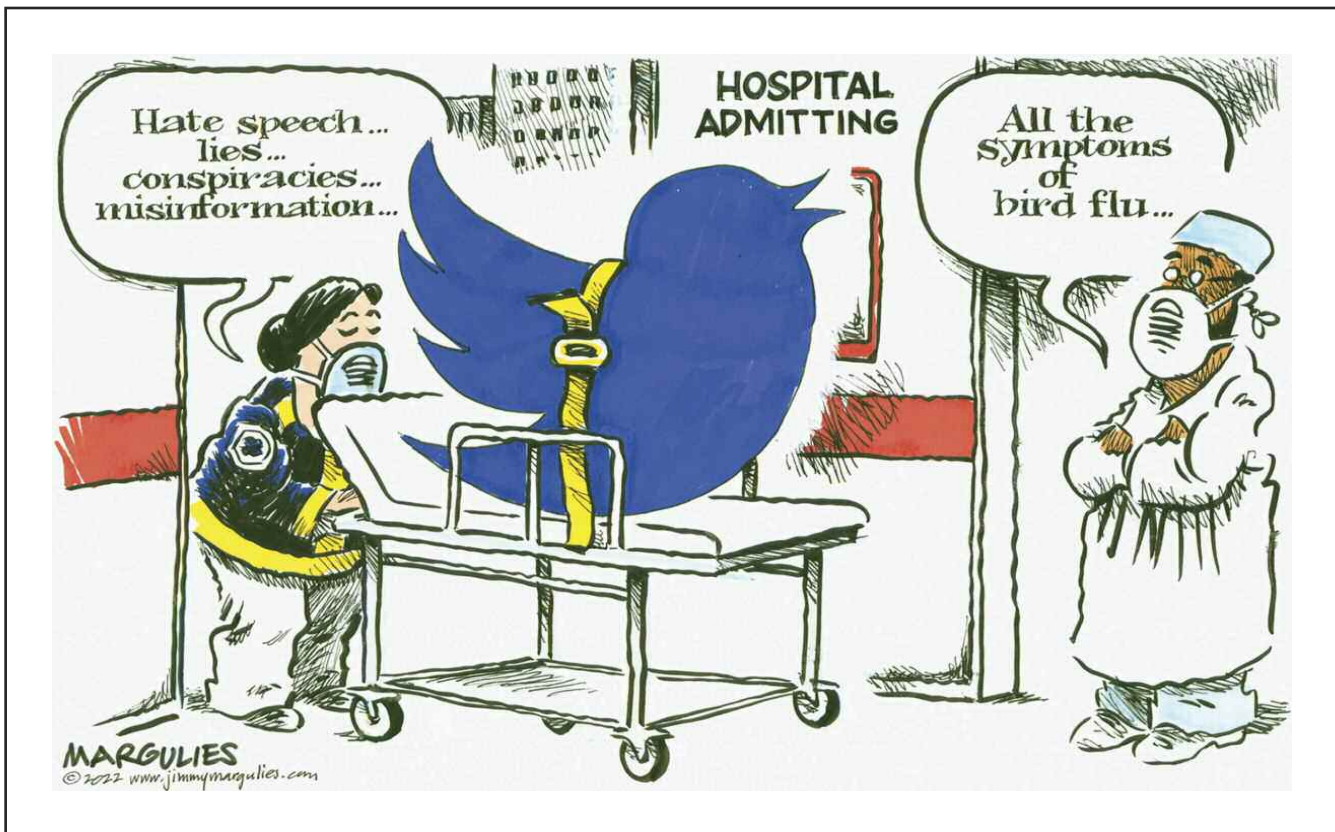
Could we incentivize and reward educators to transform the stream bed across the street in the park or a nearby farmer’s barn into laboratories? Urban gardens, humane societies, the zoo, a roadside market or lawn and garden centers can also play a role.

I would sound naïve to argue that such changes could be made without much effort or cost. But I know if we truly embrace the concept, we could change a lot of lives with a modest investment.

They have already started at 38th street and Michigan Road in Indianapolis.

McVey is the founder and board chairman of the Central Indiana Non-profit Ben’s Ranch Foundation. The organization operates and supports programs designed to connect teens who have mental health challenges to jobs on farms and in stables and equine therapy facilities. McVey founded the organization in honor of his late son, Ben, who suffered from mental illness before his unexpected death at 24-years-old.

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Sunak shows influence of talent

By TYLER COWEN

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

With Rishi Sunak as prime minister of the U.K., it is now impossible to deny what has been evident for some while: Indian talent is revolutionizing the Western world far more than had been expected 10 or 15 years ago.

You might think U.K. leadership is an exception, but consider the U.S. It is entirely possible that there will be a presidential election in 2024 or 2028 between Kamala Harris (who is half Indian-origin) and Nikki Haley, who is of Indian origin. Few people consider that the most likely matchup, but it is very much within the realm of possibility.

If the two most prominent members of the Atlantic alliance end up being led by people of Indian origin, that is a testament to the flexibility and strength of the U.K. and U.S. It is hard to imagine the same thing happening in China or in most of the rest of the world. And one striking feature of Sunak is that his ethnic origin does not dominate the political discussion.

The success of Indian-origin talent is at this point overwhelming. Significant CEOs of Indian origin include Sundar Pichai of Alphabet, Satya Nadella of Microsoft, (until just recently) Parag Agrawal of Twitter, Shantanu Narayen of Adobe, Arvind Krishna of IBM, Raj Subramaniam of FedEx, Sonia Syngal of the Gap, and (soon) Laxman Narasimhan of Starbucks. All this is happening in an America that is arguably the greatest generator of managerial talent the world has ever seen. These individuals are hardly succeeding in a weak or uncompetitive environment.

Furthermore, many of these people were born in India. Estimates vary, but India’s per capita income, according to the World Bank, still

falls short of \$7,000. You cannot credit India’s capital endowment for their success. It is their talent, even if many of them came from relatively wealthy families.

Of the different ethnic groups that have moved to the U.S., Indian-origin individuals have the highest per capita income. Ever.

Or consider my own profession, economics. Two of the three most influential academic economists of the last 20 years have been Raj Chetty, for his work on mobility, and Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee (with French-origin wife and co-author Esther Duflo, also a Nobel laureate) on economic development and randomized control trials. You can debate who else might belong in this top tier, but the Indian-origin presence is indisputable.

It’s not just about the Anglo world, either. Indian talent is spreading more broadly. In Germany, for instance, 58% of Indian-origin workers have either university degrees or specialist skills. That is about twice the rate of native Germans.

Working with Shruti Rajagopalan, I oversee a philanthropic program, Emergent Ventures India, to make grants to promising young (and sometimes older) people in India. I have met most of the winners, and they are remarkably ambitious and energetic.

I am of the view that India is by far the world’s most significant source of undiscovered and undervalued talent. It is akin to Germany and central Europe in the

late 19th and early 20th centuries, and someday will be seen as such. It is possible to believe this and still have mixed or uncertain views about India’s future as a nation, just as central Europe in that time faced plenty of turmoil.

As tech entrepreneur and author Balaji Srinivasan has suggested, the internet will rapidly become much more of an Indian playground, influencing our ideas and moods as well as how we write and speak English. The future of our intellectual spaces is to a large extent going to be India-derived.

Imagine a visitor to Great Britain in 1900, then the world’s pre-eminent power, thinking about how to shape the future of their own nation. No matter what their area of concern, they probably should have been paying a lot of attention to the U.S. Now imagine a visitor to the U.S. today, thinking about the future of their own nation: They really should be focusing on India.

The success of Indian-origin talent is about more than just the obviously high population of India. Blossomings of creative talent often have a mysterious element, but in this case some factors are evident; some proficiency in the English language, “good enough” internet connections, and an aspirational attitude that does not take prosperity for granted.

More subjectively, I would add that India has historically been skilled at absorbing and synthesizing foreign influences, including numerous conquerors. That may help make Indian talent especially good at adapting to very different foreign environments, including the U.K. and the U.S.

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Chinese President Xi Jinping welcomes German Chancellor Olaf Scholz at the Grand Hall in Beijing today. In remarks today, Xi called on the international community to “reject the threat of nuclear weapons” and advocate against a nuclear war to prevent a “crisis on the Eurasian continent.”

Opposes ...

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Xi's declaration of a “no limits” friendship with Putin before the invasion had prompted Europe to reexamine the security risks of expanding ties with Beijing.

Josef Gregory Mahoney, a professor of politics at East China Normal University in Shanghai, said Xi's comments would please those in Europe who'd hoped China would use its position as a “friend of Russia” to deter Moscow against nuclear threats.

“Xi's remarks are unambiguous here, against both the use and threats of use of nuclear weapons,” he said. “That will be interpreted by some as a very important message.”

Scholz is the first major European leader to visit China in more than two years, as Xi returns to in-person diplomacy after his long spell of self-imposed COVID isolation stifled such exchanges. The German leader, who is joined on the one-day trip by top executives from BASF SE, Volkswagen AG, Deutsche Bank AG and BioNTech SE, is also the first from the bloc to meet Xi after he clinched a precedent-defying third term in office last month.

The German leader said his trip

came at a “time of great tension,” as Russia's war in Ukraine challenged the rules-based order; and stressed the importance of face-to-face dialogue. “We can now talk concretely and directly with each other to respond to the challenges the world is facing and the bilateral relations between Europe and China,” he said in a statement.

“Destroying political trust is easy, but rebuilding it is difficult, so it requires both sides to take care of it,” Xi told Scholz, according to Xinhua, adding that China and Germany should work together for peace. Scholz also met with Premier Li Keqiang, China's No. 2 official who oversees the nation's economic policy, on Friday afternoon.

Xi has engaged in a flurry of diplomacy this week, hosting top foreign leaders from Vietnam, Pakistan and Tanzania as he begins a third term focused on increasing China's global influence. The Chinese leader didn't leave his nation for two years after COVID emerged, a period that saw Beijing's ties with the West sour over Xi's crackdown on Hong Kong, treatment of Muslims in Xinjiang and military pressure on Taiwan.

Later this month, Xi is expected to expand that outreach campaign at major summits in Thailand and Indonesia, where he could sit down with President Joe Biden for the first time since the US leader took power. That meeting could ease hostilities between the world's two largest economies, which have reached a new low during the pandemic.

Still, while Xi appeared to have eased his own virus restrictions, meeting dignitaries in person and appearing unmasked in public, China remains in the grip of his COVID zero policy that's weighed on the economy. The German delegation had to take two PCR tests before arriving in Beijing, and another on arrival. Workers wearing hazmat suits were seen rolling out a red carpet for Scholz's delegation.

Xi's efforts to solidify ties with Germany this week are part of a broader push to prevent relations with the European Union from further deteriorating. Last year, the EU halted an investment agreement with China after both sides traded sanctions over Xinjiang, where the US has accused Beijing of genocide. China denies such allegations.

Under Musk, layoffs begin

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Twitter Inc. employees around the world began getting notifications that they were locked out of their work accounts, a week after billionaire Elon Musk took over the company promising sweeping changes.

Workers will have to check two email addresses to find out if they still have a job, according to an internal memo sent to employees and seen by Bloomberg. An email to their work account means they've been retained. A letter in their personal inbox means they've been fired. Twitter has promised to notify workers by 9 a.m. San Francisco time on Friday, and has temporarily closed offices and suspended badge access “to help ensure the safety of each employee as well as Twitter systems and customer data,” the memo said.

Musk plans to eliminate half of Twitter's workforce to slash costs at the social media platform he acquired for \$44 billion,

people with knowledge of the matter have said. The company must also find ways to cope with interest costs on a massive debt pile.

“In an effort to place Twitter on a healthy path, we will go through the difficult process of reducing our global workforce on Friday,” Twitter management said in an email reviewed by Bloomberg. “We recognize that this will impact a number of individuals who have made valuable contributions to Twitter, but this action is unfortunately necessary to ensure the company's success going forward.”

The speed of the changes is having repercussions. Twitter has already been sued for not giving proper notice of the plan to eliminate about 3,700 jobs.

Some advertisers are also wary of Musk's plans to reexamine Twitter's content moderation policy. Volkswagen AG, Europe's largest carmaker, joined Pfizer Inc. and General Mills Inc. in temporarily pausing advertising on the platform.

Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

Two Dunkirk residents were arrested Thursday for possession of methamphetamine.

Rebecca L. Keener, 47, and Rusty J. Keener, 47, both of 712 N. Main St.,

were each preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

They're being held in Jay County Jail on \$4,000 bonds.

Capsule Reports

Backing accident

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500 after a Portland man backed out of a parking spot and into an oncoming vehicle at Walmart about 7:36 a.m. Tuesday.

Cameron L. Bullock, 31, was backing his 2011 Ford F-150 out of a spot at 950 W. Votaw St. when he backed into a northbound 2006 Ford F-150, driven by 23-year-old Adam C. Haffner of Bryant.

Portland City Court

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Rajiv Kumar, Hershey, Pennsylvania, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Evencio R. Reyes, Ogden, Utah, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Parwinder Singh, Manteca, California, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Lissa J. Adams, Portage, Michigan, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$149.50; Timothy D. Newton, Portland, no Class B endorsement, \$160.50; Jasvinder Singh, Shawnee Mission,

Kansas, passing violation, \$160.50; Samuel V. Calhoon, Vona, Colorado, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385.50; Larry Sargant, Portland, accumulation of rubbish, \$160.50, storage of junk, \$25, and accumulation of garbage, \$25; Balinder Singh, South Ozone Park, New York, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Tara R. Moore, Montpelier, expired plates, \$160.50; Ricardo Nava, Portland, speeding 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Jorge Perez, Union City, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Gaven Z. Hare, Port-

land, expired plates, \$160.50; Brooke T. Howard, Winchester, disregarding stop sign, \$160.50; Angel N. Lewis, Indianapolis, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385; Joseph Hudson, accumulation of rubbish, \$160.50, storage of junk, \$25, overgrown weeds, \$25, weed or grass over eight inches, \$25, and refusal to remove, \$25; Destiny R. Reum, Portland, speeding 78 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Harminder Singh, E Elmhurst, New York, prohibit truck traffic in Redkey, \$385.50; Loren G. Kelly, Portland, expired plates, \$160.50; Victor A. Jimenez,

Kenton, Ohio, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Rony Ramos Vazquez, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$161; Eugene M. Gaseb, Atlanta, Georgia, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Leroy J. Moses, Charlotte, North Carolina, restricting truck traffic Redkey ordinance violation, \$185.50; Alfredo P. Perez, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50.

Fined and sentenced

Destiny L. Butler, Pennville, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Craig A. Worley,

Richmond, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with false plates, \$160.50, and driving without insurance, \$25; Kori Caldwell, Montpelier, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Brandon C. Kauffman, Portland, speeding 96 mph in a 55 mph one, \$171; Douglas D. Lewis, Portland, driving with a suspended license, \$160.50, and driving without insurance, \$25; Haley L. McCord, Portland, animal at large (two counts), \$285 total; Haley L. McCord, harboring a non-immunized dog, \$160, and allowing dog to stray, \$25.

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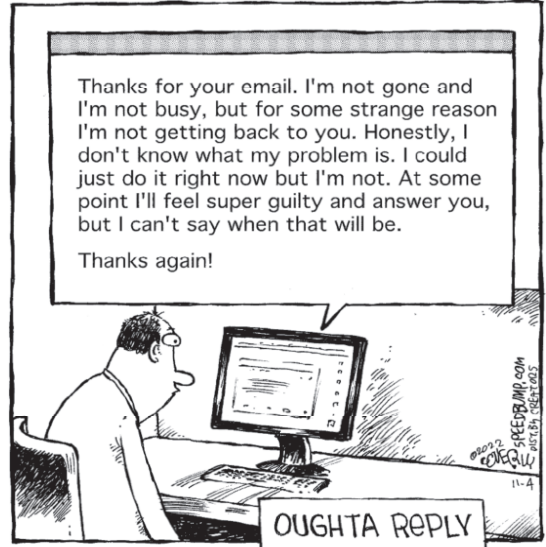
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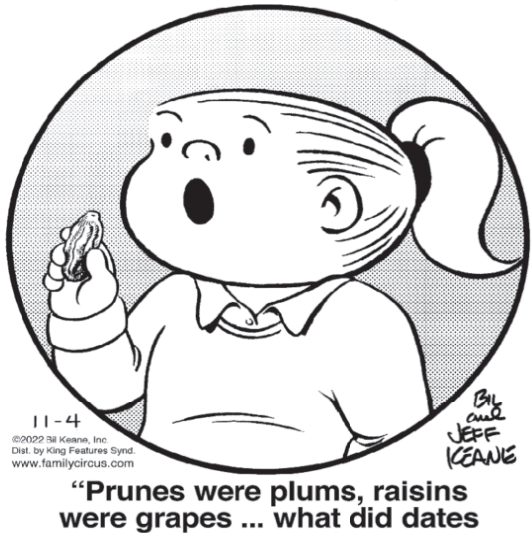
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone: West 1♣ North Dble Pass East ? South ? What would you bid with each of the following five hands? 1. ♠74♥QJ5♦KJ872♣K93 2. ♠104♥Q642♦KJ97♣875 3. ♠K185♥Q7♦1043♣AJ96 4. ♠6♥AQ96532♦J96♣42 5. ♠Q75♥9763♦AJ8♣AK5

This is because you want to encourage partner to bid again, and he's more likely to do so when there's a possibility of a 10-trick game in hearts rather than an 11-trick game in diamonds. If partner raises to three hearts, you will happily go on to four.

Two notrump. Your weakness in hearts and diamonds shouldn't deter you from bidding two notrump with 11 high-card points, as partner's double implied he has strength in both of those suits. It would be wrong to bid three clubs with a hand so admirably suited for notrump.

Four hearts. High-card points are not the sole determining factor in making a jump-response, since tricks are what really count in bridge. This hand rates to produce seven tricks, and partner, for his double, figures to provide at least three more. Note that the proper bid is four hearts, not three, which would merely invite partner to game.

Two spades. When partner doubles for takeout and you have 14 high-card points, your side has a game somewhere. But at the moment it's not clear where that game is. So, rather than jump to three notrump with your tenuous spade stopper, or to four hearts with such a weak suit, it is better to cuebid West's suit and thereby enlist partner's aid in locating the best spot. Your next bid will depend on partner's response to the cuebid.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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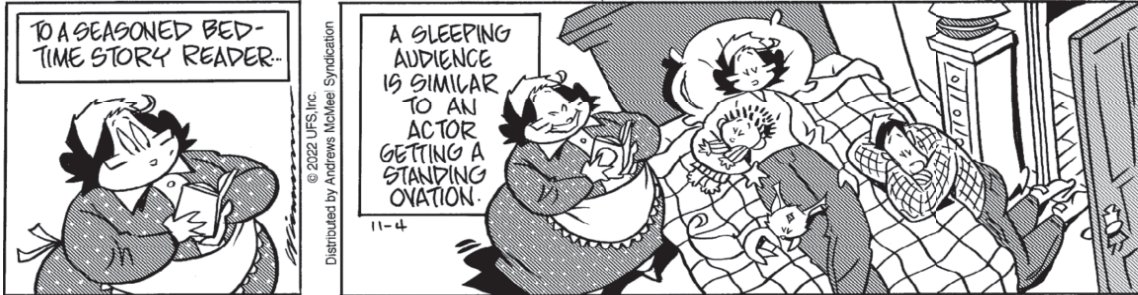
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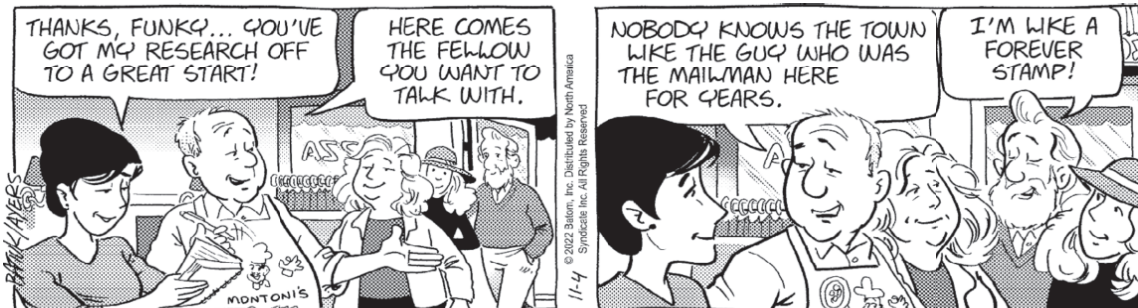
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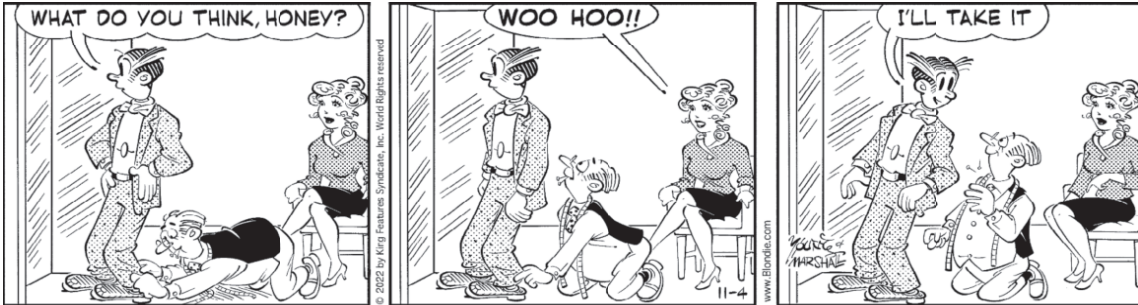
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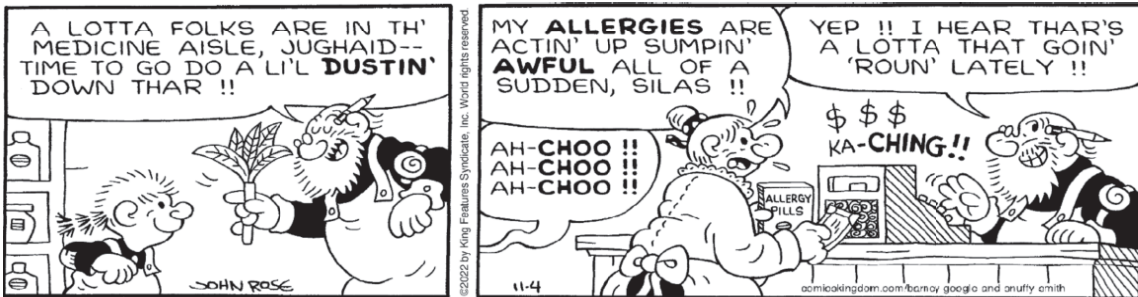
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Ellie Will of Fort Recovery runs alongside Wayne Trace's Kiara Bahena during Saturday's regional meet at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin. Will has been the Tribe's No. 1 runner in each of their last two state finals appearances. FRHS will compete at the state meet for the third year in a row Saturday at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park.

Historic ...

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Heitkamp, who finished 76th in the state as a sophomore last season, was immediately thinking about his return trip after placing ninth in the regional at Tiffin.

"I'm so excited," he said. "I'm gonna destroy that course. I'm gonna go out very aggressively, not gonna make the mistake I made last year of going out too slow. And then I'm just going to see what I can do."

Heitkamp said he feels slow starts hurt him both at last season's cross country state finals and in the 3,200-meter run at the track state finals in June.

"That was an eye-opening experience for him," said Diller. "He had a good race, it just wasn't what he was hoping for."

"So this year he comes in with more experience. He knows what to expect. And he's just overall a more confident kid based on how well his season went. He doesn't have to do anything fancy. He just has to execute his plan and he's going to do well."

He's been far faster this year

than he was in 2022, setting the school record of 15 minutes, 48.2 seconds, at the Troy Twilight Invitational. (The previous mark was 16:11 by Phil Ranly in the state championship 1996 season.) He posted times of 16:16 in three consecutive meets — including Midwest Athletic Conference and district championships — before coming in at 16:26 while battling illness at the regional.

Based on regional times, he's seeded 20th for the state finals. The favorite to win the state title is Riley Nixon of Ottawa Hills at 15:49.9.

Heitkamp's target is to surpass Ranly's former record again and finish in the top 10. (The top 20 individuals in each race will earn medals and All-Ohio honors.)

"It would feel great," said Heitkamp. "I want it very, very badly. I remember at track state just watching the girls (Whitley Rammel, Mara Pearson and Anna Roessner) ... stand on the podium. And I was very, very jealous. But they earned it. I need to earn my spot on the podium."

Diller said she believes a top-20 slot is possible for Brunswick, who enters the meet as the No. 36 seed based on regional times. She ran a 19:24 at Hedges-Boyer Park on Saturday after setting her own school record at the Troy Twilight meet in 19:07.6.

Macie Miller is the state favorite at 18:04.9.

Being the only Indian girl who will be new to the state finals, Brunswick is trying to approach the meet like all of her other races.

"Honestly just going out hard like every other meet we have been doing," she said of her strategy. "Just have fun with it since it's our last meet of the season."

Will has been the top Indian each of the last two seasons, finishing 40th as a freshman in 2020 and 70th last year. Other state places for the Indians over the last two years have been as follows: Hart (82nd – 2021, 91st – 2020), Kaup (121st – 2021), Wendel (130th – 2021, 144th – 2020), Diller (144th – 2021, 108th – 2020) and Weitzel (147th – 2021).

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Saturday
Fort Recovery — Cross country state finals at Fortress Obetz — 11 a.m.

TV sports

Today
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Miami Heat at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Duke at Boston College (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics (ESPN)

8:03 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Washington (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Minnesota Timberwolves (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Washington Huskies (ESPN2)

Saturday
11 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Fulham at Manchester (USA)
11:30 a.m. — College football: Air Force at Army (CBS)
Noon — College football: Ohio State at Northwestern (ABC); Florida at Texas

A&M (ESPN); Minnesota at Nebraska (ESPN2); Maryland at Wisconsin (BTN); Texas Tech at TCU (FOX); Iowa at Purdue (FS1)

1:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Leicester City at Everton (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Georgia (CBS); Oregon at Colorado (ESPN); Penn State at Indiana (ABC); Central Florida at Memphis (ESPN2); Michigan State at Illinois (BTN); Oklahoma State at Kansas (FS1)

4 p.m. — Major League Soccer: MLS Cup 2022 — Philadelphia Union at Los Angeles FC (FOX)

6 p.m. — Autor racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Championship Race Phoenix (USA)

7 p.m. — College football: Alabama at LSU (ESPN); Texas at Kansas State (FS1); Clemson at Notre Dame (NBC)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Clemson at Notre Dame (NBC); Auburn at Mississippi State (ESPN2); Florida State at Miami (ABC); Michigan at Rutgers (BTN)

8:03 p.m. — Major League Baseball: World Series — Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros (FOX)

9:30 p.m. — College football: UCLA at Arizona State (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — College football: California at USC (ESPN)

Local notes

Wrestling registration set

A sign-up session is scheduled for kindergarten through second 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. The registration fee is \$80.

Sign ups will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

Turkey Trot is Saturday

The Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K is scheduled for Saturday. The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cooper Farms processing facility, 1 Cooper Farm Drive, St. Henry, Ohio. Check-in begins at 9 a.m.

For more information or to register, visit speedy-feet.com and search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K."

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR

LIVE AND ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION

Located 806 E Votaw St., Portland, IN

Bubp Building at Jay Co. Fairgrounds.

Saturday November 5th, 2022

10 A.M.

Howdy Doody Marionette, Ideal Roy

Rogers Chuck Wagon, 1940's Disney Daisy Duck & Mickey lamps, Marx Lone Ranger target set, Camel Cigarette tin dealer display & collectibles, Marx Infantry Toy Soldiers, Peter Max signed Peace by the Year 2000 artwork with doodle, tin litho mechanical & wind up toys (Japan & Germany), Marx Coca-Cola 1930's steel pressed truck, 1930's Coca-Cola advertising displays, Coca-Cola collectibles, Mason's Root Beer thermometer, Squirt salt & pepper shakers, Seven Up menu board, Coca-Cola porcelain sign, U.S. postage stamp coin on machine, paper mache Planters Peanut, bicycle license plates & much more...

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Located 105 Boundary Pike

Portland, IN

Saturday morning

NOVEMBER 5, 2022

10:00 A.M.

REAL ESTATE

11AM

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1 1/2 story home built in 1939. Home has 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, a basement, and 2700 square feet of living area. House has hardwood floors, a gas forced air furnace, central air, gas water heater, and a 2 car detached garage.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

GE refrigerator; GE stack washer & dryer; Lazy Boy rocker/recliner; Oak table with 4 chairs; Mobility Plate flatware in case; Ancestral china, Wedding Band pattern; Premium cracker tin; Fostoria; Bronze statues; Brass statues; jewelry; Pennville Mill thermometer; Modern Mold stove; Coke cooler; Machinists tool boxes; and many other items not listed.

For more information or private showing contact: LOY REAL ESTATE & AUCTION 260-726-2700

90 SALE CALENDAR

or GARY LOY AUCTIONEER 260-726-5160.

Personal Property to be sold at 333 Blaine Pike (former DAV Building) beginning at 11:00 A.M. following the real estate.

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Travis Theurer AU11200131

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located 3976 W SR 28 Ridgeville IN

Sunday Afternoon

NOVEMBER 13th, 2022

12:30 P.M.

OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Sellers cabinet with bin; Pine cabinet with glass doors; wood rocker; drying rack; GE refrigerator; GE electric range; Whirlpool gas stove; Frigidaire and Amana small chest type freezers; lift chair; cast iron wagon and horse hitch; cider press; and other items not listed.

TRACTOR — MOWER - TOOLS

Farmall Super M narrow front gas tractor with loader, # L512183; Country Clipper Wrangler 22 hp — 41" zero turn mower; Viper

E43 gas hole auger; Reddy Heater 55,000 BTU; Dura Heat 80,000 BTU; Cornwell metal tool cabinet; Hobart Stick Mate LX welder; Garden cultivator; planter; live traps; wheelbarrow; portable cement mixer; and many other items not listed.

WELDON HOOVER, Deceased

By Jon Hoover and Randy Hoover

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: 214 East Arch St.

Portland IN

NOVEMBER 12, 2022

10 A.M.

REAL ESTATE

3 Bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 story home containing 1773 sq. ft. of finished living area. Privacy fence, detached 22x22 ft. garage. Open house is Sunday October 30th from 1-3pm or for private showing phone auctioneers.

ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-APPLIANCES

Childs roll top desk, antique blower, antique roller, Cuckoo clock, wall clock, kerosene lanterns, spinning wheel, crock butter churn, 6 and 4 gal crocks, Kenmore upright freezer (nice), Kenmore washer and dryer..

SHOP-GARAGE-OUTDOOR

Wen 40 gal air compressor, bench model drill press, 10" table saw, 15 psi pressure washer, Dewalt and Makita battery and power tools, rabbit cages, pet cages, tomato cages, live traps, 2x2 lumber, recurve bow.

OWNER: BRENDA GIBSON ESTATE

Shawver Auctioneering

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located at 333 Blaine Pike (former DAV Building), Portland, IN

Monday Evening

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

6:00 P.M.

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TRACT 3 — 206.43 ACRES (Tracts 1 and 2 combined).

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AUCTIONEERS Pete D. Shawver AU19700040

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Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: 4057 South 1000 West Redkey IN (just south of 400 south on 1000 west)

NOVEMBER 19, 2022

10 A.M.

REAL ESTATE

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom ranch style home containing 1,704 sq. ft. of finished living area.

24'x24' attached garage. 24'x22' attached work area. 32'x42' pole building. 28'x32' shop, above ground pool.

Open house will take place on November 6th from 1-3pm. or for private showing phone auctioneers.

TRACTOR-MOTOR HOME-CAMPERS-VAN-MOWERS

ITC model UC25HD compact tractor with hydraulic loader and back hoe attachment (53 actual hours), 1992 Ford E350 Airex motor home (low miles), 1988 Ford Econoline 150 van, 1976 Yamaha 350 motorcycle, Polaris magnum 2x4 ATV.

ANTIQUES-APPLIANCES- HOUSEHOLD

Texaco and Tonka toy trucks, Valvoline road signs, 3 coin operated candy machines, Coca-Cola cooler, Broyhill entertainment center, Kirby sweeper, luggage rack.

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: 564 West 100 North

Portland In, 47371

November 5, 2022

10 A.M.

TRACTOR-EQUIPMENT-SHOP TOOLS

Ford 5000 dsl tractor with 4687 hrs and hydraulic loader, 3 pt. 7 ft rotary mower, 3.6 chisel plow, 3 pt. post hole auger, Snap-on 2000 psi pressure washer.

ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-MISC

1,2, and 3 gal crocs and jugs, ammo boxes, metal and wood pullies, meat grinder, garden plow, 4 burner camping stove with oven, pots, pans, cooking utensils, canning jars, new wine bottles, several items not mentioned.

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Sports

Historic opportunity

FR girls seek to surpass last season's 12th-place state finish; Heitkamp is focused on chasing a spot on the medal podium

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
It's about history. The Indian girls have already etched their names in the books. They hope to make an even stronger impression.

And Trevor Heitkamp is motivated to earn his spot.

The Fort Recovery High School girls and Heitkamp will compete Saturday in the OHSAA Division III Cross Country State Finals at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park. (The boys race starts at 11 a.m. with the girls at 11:45 a.m.)

"I'm just really proud of them," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "They've had a great year. They show up every day. They're ready to work. They're a fun group of kids. It's been a good season."

Prior to 2020, the Indian girls program had just two state finals appearances in its history. When the Tribe travels to Obetz on Saturday, it will be the third consecutive trip.

Alexis Wendel, Megan Diller, Ellie Will and Jenna Hart have been a part of all three of those teams, with senior Caitlin Weitzel and sophomore Joelle Kaup both headed to state for the second time. The lone newcomer in the group is junior Natalie Brunswick, who has been the team's leader all season.

After Fort Recovery finished 13th in 2020 and matched the 1999 team for the best finish in school history at 12th last season,



Photo provided

The Fort Recovery High School cross country state qualifiers pose together Saturday after the Division III regional meet at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin. Pictured from left are Megan Diller, Ellie Will, Alexis Wendel, Joelle Kaup, Natalie Brunswick, Caitlin Weitzel, Jenna Hart and Trevor Heitkamp. The girls team will be making its third consecutive trip to Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park for the state finals with a goal of surpassing the 12th-place finish it had last season. Heitkamp said he is targeting a top-10 finish after placing 76th at the state finals last season.

the goal Saturday is to climb at least one more spot.

"We're ready," said Will. "It will take some of our best runs, but I think we can do it this year."

The Indians squeaked into the state finals with a seventh-place finish by six points over Gibsonburg on Saturday in the Tiffin

regional at Hedges-Boyer Park. (The top seven teams advance.)

Coach Diller said despite some standout races, her team as a whole was not as strong as it could have been. That leaves room for some excitement heading into the state finals.

"We feel pretty good going into this weekend,"

Diller said. "Our goal would be to finish at or better than we did the last two years. But I really think if everything lines up and we have an A-plus day, we can be top 10."

The Indians were just four points short of the top 10 last season.

Based on regional times, Fort Recovery is projected

12th in the field this year, just behind Grandview Heights and ahead of No. 8 Mogadore.

Top-ranked Minster is projected to repeat as the state champion, with No. 2 Fort Loramie, No. 3 Colonel Crawford, No. 4 West Liberty Salem, No. 5 Patrick Henry and No. 6 Liberty Center seemingly locked at

the top. Outside of that list, there's room to move.

"The first six or seven teams are pretty much the first six or seven teams," said Diller. "They're just really good. And so I think anywhere from eight to 15, it's just sort of this big jumble. It depends on who shows up on the day."

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Brooklyn suspends Irving

By DAVID MATTHEWS

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn Nets suspended guard Kyrie Irving for at least five games without pay after his antisemitic remarks.

The suspension was handed down Thursday after Irving refused to apologize for his comments after NBA commissioner Adam Silver demanded it.

"We were dismayed today, when given an opportunity in a media session, that Kyrie refused to unequivocally say he has no antisemitic beliefs, nor acknowledge specific hateful material in the film. This was not the first time he had the opportunity — but failed — to clarify," the Nets said in a statement. "Such failure to disavow antisemitism ... is deeply disturbing, is against the values of our organization, and constitutes conduct detrimental to the team."

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Houston takes a 3-2 lead

By JOSH CRISWELL
Houston Chronicle
Tribune News Service

One batter into his second World Series start of 2022, it appeared Thursday night would hold more of the same Fall Classic woes that have become oddly common for Justin Verlander throughout his storied career.

Then the Houston Astros ace pitched like the future Hall of Famer that should secure his third Cy Young Award in just a couple weeks.

Entering Game 5 in Philadelphia, Verlander's World Series track record had been nothing short of ugly—going 0-6 with a 6.07 ERA in his previous eight starts in the Fall Classic. He'd given up at least three earned runs in six of these outings, and five or more on three occasions.

A 358-foot solo shot by Kyle Schwarber on Verlander's second pitch of the night made the hearts of Astros fans sink momentarily. He managed to rally, however, helping Houston move one win away from its second World Series title in the process.

After his early mishap, Verlander went five innings, striking out six while allowing just three hits. The Astros held on to win 3-2, taking a 3-2 series lead, and giving the 39-year-old the first World Series victory of his career.



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