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County now set to buy property

Land is intended for housing, other projects

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

It's official. The county will be buying real estate.

Jay County Commissioners signed a purchase agreement Friday for about 68 acres of property along the western edge of Portland city limits Friday. County officials plan to use the space for a future housing project and to potentially add other facilities — ideas range from a multi-faceted public safety building to a recycling center.

Commissioners and Jay County Council adopted a resolution Feb. 8 to move forward with buying the land located along the north side of Indiana 67 just west of the future home of Jay County Humane Society. Council approved an ordinance allowing the purchase Wednesday on a 4-3 vote. (Three dissenting council members expressed concern with commissioners owning the title, which is standard for nearly all county purchases. Tensions between commissioners and Jay County Development Corporation have caused unease for some members of council and the public.)

The purchase agreement comes at a cost of \$1.16 million, which will be paid for using American Rescue Plan Act funds. (Jay County has about \$3.9 million, with the possibility of an additional \$1 million tacked on for being a part of the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) through Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.)

The agreement also stipulates that current owners Christopher and Tracy Muhlenkamp will be allowed to farm the ground this year at no cost.

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Spinning away

Denise Curtis spins wool from her own sheep Friday afternoon during the Jay County Fiber Arts Festival at Jay Community Center. Curtis, a Morgantown resident, owns and operates Denise's Fleeces. The event hosted by Jay County Chamber of Commerce continues from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

House votes to declassify

By JESSIE HELLMANN
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — A little more than a week after the Senate passed it by unanimous consent, the House Friday sent to the president legislation that would declassify information related to the origin of COVID-19.

The bill, which passed the House 419-0, would require the director of national intelligence to declassify any information relating to potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China and the origin of the virus, which has killed millions of people across the world.

The Wuhan Institute of Virology has been at the center of a theory that the virus originated from a lab leak, with some members of the intelligence community finding that theory possible, while others insist the likeliest culprit is animal-to-human transmission.

"The American public deserves answers to every aspect of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how this virus was created and specifically, whether it was a natural occurrence or was the result of a lab related event," said Republican Rep. Michael R. Turner, R-Ohio, chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The bill would require Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines to declassify the information within 90 days of passage, including any information related to activities at the institute performed with or on behalf of the Chinese military, information about coronavirus-related research at the facility before the pandemic and researchers who became ill in the fall of 2019.

Democrats also supported the bill, with Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn., the ranking member of the intelligence panel, highlighting the divisions in the intelligence community on the origins of the virus.

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—Rep. Michael Turner, R-Ohio

In late February, the Wall Street Journal reported that the Department of Energy found with "low confidence" that evidence favors the theory that the virus escaped from the Wuhan lab.

But others in the community have said with low confidence the virus was most likely caused by natural exposure to an infected animal.

"The intelligence community remains focused on this question, and I hope that we will have a breakthrough that will allow us to answer these questions once and for all," Himes said. "But today, we're not there yet. I believe that the IC [intelligence community] should make as much public as they can, consistent with the overriding need to protect sources and methods."

Retrospect

Diesel spill forced evacuation of Miller's

Thirty years ago this week, a local nursing home was evacuated.

The March 8, 1993, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the evacuation of Miller's Merry Manor in Dunkirk following a diesel fuel spill.

Mark Gephart, administrator at the facility, ordered the evacuation at 12:10 p.m. the previous day after fumes spread throughout the building and made an employee ill. He reported that a laundry department worker became ill after breathing the fumes. She was treated at Jay County Hospital and later released.

The leak came from an above-ground storage tank, said Ted Beer of Warsaw's

Carmet, which at that time owned the facility. About 200 gallons had spilled out of the tank that was used to power a back-up generator for the nursing home. He said he believed the leak came from a hole in the bottom of a tank sometime the previous night and that fumes entered the building through an open window on the south side of the building.

"These tanks are supposed to have a life of 15 to 20 years," Beers said, noting that the tanks had been installed about three years earlier.

More than 10 area emergency and law enforcement agencies assisted with the evacuation, which took near-

ly two hours, with about two dozen Redkey and Dunkirk firefighters assisting medical crews with getting 10 residents into ambulances from Jay County, Randolph County, Wells County and Delaware County. The residents were taken to Miller's Merry Manor in Hartford City. Vans were used to transport the other 40 residents to West Jay Junior High School, where they were temporarily sheltered.

Portland Fire Chief Doug Blankenbaker said the diesel fuel spill was contained by the use of absorbent chemicals on the ground and absorbent bags in Thong Run, a waterway located about 500 feet south of the nursing home.



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A Miller's Merry Manor resident is placed in a van to be evacuated from the nursing home near Dunkirk after a diesel spill there forced residents out of the building on March 7, 1993.

Deaths

Leo Hart, 90, Fort Recovery
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 37 degrees Friday. The forecast calls for a high temperature of 39 degrees today under partly sunny skies. Tonight's low will be 29 with a 50% chance of snow. There is a chance of additional snow Sunday. For an extended outlook, see page 2.

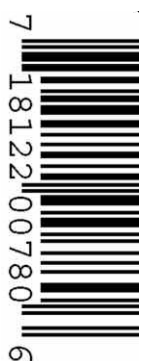
In review

Jay County Public Library will host a raised bed and container gardening seminar at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Those interested in attending should sign up at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from Monday's Jay County junior high swim meet.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



Yellen, GOP spar over increases, limit

By LAURA WEISS

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — House Republicans slammed the Biden administration's tax proposals in a hearing with Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen on Friday, giving the president's latest budget request an icy reception.

GOP Ways and Means Committee members rejected proposals to again boost IRS funding and raise taxes on companies and households making over \$400,000 per year, including expanding a tax on pass-through

business income, scrapping tax benefits for oil and gas, and increasing taxes on companies' foreign earnings.

Republicans seized the chance to press Yellen on the Treasury-led negotiations for setting a global minimum tax on multinational companies' earnings.

More than 130 countries agreed to a 15% minimum tax, but changes to conform with the deal and raise the tax rate on U.S. companies' foreign earnings couldn't get through a Democrat-controlled Congress the past two

years. Rep. Kevin Hern, R-Okla., told Yellen there's "no way in the world" that Republicans will go along with those efforts.

Yellen told lawmakers that any concern about the U.S. raising taxes first and other countries failing to follow suit is now moot because some countries are advancing measures to align with the deal. She said China would not be allowed to evade charging taxes under the deal given its enforcement mechanism.

Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith, R-Mo.,

sought several commitments from Yellen, including that Treasury detail tax proposals in legislative text within 30 days and publicize a whistleblower tool for IRS employees to report concerns to the committee.

Smith also asked Yellen when lawmakers can expect to see a public plan from the IRS for how it will spend the nearly \$80 billion budget infusion from Democrats' August budget reconciliation law, objecting to the administration's budget request to extend that mandatory funding for another two years.

Obituaries

Leo Joseph Hart, Fort Recovery, died Friday. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Wendelin Catholic Church.

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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

Sunday 3/12	Monday 3/13	Tuesday 3/14	Wednesday 3/15	Thursday 3/16
39/27	37/24	34/21	44/31	53/37
There's a 40% chance of snow Sunday. Skies will be cloudy with a high of 39.	Monday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies throughout the day with a low of 24 late.	Mostly sunny, with highs in the mid 30s and lows in the lower 20s.	Wednesday looks to be sunny with a chance of showers at night.	There's a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low in the mid to high 30s.

Deadly storm is pelting California

By MELISSA GOMEZ, JESSICA GARRISON, IAN JAMES, SUSANNE RUST and HAYLEY SMITH
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

FRESNO, Calif. — California's deadly storm season turned even deadlier Friday as the first of two atmospheric river storms descended on the state, prompting widespread evacuation orders as it flooded creeks and rivers and dropped warm, heavy rain atop the state's near-record snowpack.

One person, who has not been identified, was killed when a portion of a roof collapsed at a coffee distribution warehouse in Oakland,

authorities said. He was a worker at the facility, where at least one other employee was injured in the collapse.

The fatality comes after a series of nine back-to-back atmospheric river storms in January contributed to nearly two dozen deaths, including people killed by falling trees and surging stormwater. Heavy snowpack in recent weeks contributed to at least 13 deaths in the San Bernardino Mountains, where many residents were trapped for days behind walls of snow.

At least two recent deaths have been confirmed as storm-related, according to Nancy Ward, director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The extreme weather has resulted in "15 shelters open in nine counties, more than 9,400 people under evacuation orders, approximately 54,000-plus people without power, and unfortunately two deaths that have so far been confirmed by the coroner's office to be storm-related thus far," Ward said Friday.

The Office of Emergency Services has readied high-water vehicles, search-and-rescue teams, fire resources and other emergency operations to respond to areas most vulnerable to flooding and overtopped rivers, Ward said.

President Joe Biden approved an emergency declaration request from Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 6-6-3
Daily Four: 0-9-7-8
Quick Draw: 10-12-24-25-28-29-30-33-34-44-48-50-58-62-63-66-67-68-70-80

Pick 4: 1-0-1-2
Pick 5: 7-8-1-2-3

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$45 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$203 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....6.29
April corn6.30
Wheat6.55

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....6.15
Late March corn.....6.15
Beans15.03
Late March beans..15.03
Wheat6.65

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....6.29
April corn6.35
May corn6.37

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....5.92
April corn5.92
Beans14.84
April beans14.84
Wheat6.24

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn.....6.17
April corn6.17
Beans14.97
April beans14.97

Today in history

In 1972, demolition of the 100-year-old grandstand at Jay County Fairgrounds began. The structure was to be demolished and replaced with bleachers in the same area along the half-mile track.

In 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed Konstantin U. Chernenko as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

In 1997, rock star Paul McCartney was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 2002, two columns of light soared skyward from Ground Zero in New York as a temporary memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks six months earlier.

In 2011, nuclear melt-

downs from Fukushima Daiichi struck Japan following a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and a tsunami.

In 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. Former Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was sentenced in New York to 23 years in prison for rape and sexual abuse.

In 2022, Jay County's junior high swim teams finished as runners-up to Bluffton as they hosted the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. Sophia Hoewel was the lone double winner for the Patriots, taking first place in the girls 100-yard individual medley and 100 freestyle. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, community room, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, executive session, community room, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Tuesday
5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, municipal airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Property ...

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If the county hasn't moved forward with a project or housing developer before next year, it may accept bids for farmers to utilize the fields in 2024.

A water and wastewater analysis on the property is currently being conducted by engineering consultant RQAW of Fishers. Officials don't anticipate issues with utilities for a potential housing project, which would be completed by a housing developer some time in the future. (Council president Jeanne Houchins confirmed Wednesday a developer is interested in the space.) County officials have also discussed placing

buildings for county offices on portions of the land, such as a new multi-faceted facility for Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office.

"We've got endless possibilities for development here," said commissioner Chad Aker. "I think it's a golden opportunity because this farm ground never comes open, it's rare that it ever comes open that we can develop something. I think this is going to be huge for Jay County."

Aker noted past discussions at council and commissioner meetings with RQAW and OCRA.

"They want to see gateways to

communities — I think this is a perfect opportunity to have a gateway into our community," he said.

Commissioner Brian McCalliard referenced the 2020 Vision plan put together by The Portland Foundation in 2010, which included the goal of creating shovel-ready building sites.

"This idea has been around for a couple decades, and we have, thank goodness, now the opportunity's arose. We can capitalize on that," he said. "Not often do you have a piece of farm ground actually within city limits that has city sewer, city water and (internet) cable availability ... in my opinion, it was a no-brainer."

Pair is uninjured after water rescue

By SUE LOUGHLIN
The Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)
Tribune News Service

A man and woman had to be rescued after they drove their vehicle into high water in northwest Vigo County on Friday.

The call came in about 12:30 p.m., according to Terry Meadlo, New Goshen fire chief.

The two individuals were driving on Pottsville Street and the vehicle stalled after it entered about 3 1/2 feet of water; the road is located along the Wabash River.

The couple called Vigo County Dispatch, and emergency responders initially had some difficulty locating them. Dispatch pinged the couple's cell

phone and found the location on a map, Meadlo said.

Sugar Creek Rescue, which had watercraft on scene, rescued the man and woman, who were not injured, Meadlo said. The two declined medical treatment.

"It all came out good," he said.

He advises drivers that if they see water on a road, "Don't drive through it."

The Wabash River is up in that area. "When the river comes up, that road floods," he said.

Also responding were the Vigo County Sheriff's Office and Trans-Care.

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SERVICES

Sunday
Juillerat, Jon: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
Freemyer, Robert: 11 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Wayne St., Fort Recovery.
Dunmoyer, Rachel: noon, Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, 415 E. Washington St., Muncie.
Gors, Anthony: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday
Hart, Leo: 10:30 a.m., St. Wendelin Catholic Church, 2997 Fort Recovery-Minster Road, St. Henry, Ohio.

May 13
Warrick, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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Jay County FFA Parent - Member BANQUET

6:30 p.m.
Friday,
March 31

in the Jay County Junior-Senior High School auxiliary gym

A pork chop or cod dinner will be provided. Awards and a live auction will follow the dinner.

Forestry education available to teachers

Indiana educators have a free opportunity to learn more about forestry. Teachers are encouraged to apply for the 2023 Natural Resources Teacher Institute (NRTI), which will be held June 19 to 23 at the Forestry Training Center at Morgan-Monroe State Forest.

The week-long immersive professional development program will provide educators with the knowledge, skills, and tools to effectively teach their students about forest ecology, research, and management in Indiana. Hosted by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Purdue University Forestry and Natural Resources, the program comes at no cost to participants and includes meals and housing for the week. Daily activities include visiting forest sites, touring forest industry facilities and exploring forestry research.

To apply or receive more information, contact Donna Rogler, NRTI coordinator, by email at treeladyin@gmail.com or (317) 402-2624.

Artwork on display

Blackford County Arts Center is featuring students' artwork this month.

Students from Blackford Junior-Senior High School and Southern Wells Junior-Senior High School will have work on display at the center, 107 W. Washington St., Hartford City, from Monday through April 20.

An opening reception is slated for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, with Blackford High School Jazz Ensemble set to perform starting at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend the free event and celebrate young artists.

For more information, contact Lylanne Musselman, (765) 348-4154 or bcac@myartsplace.org.

AARP grant

A national organization is still taking applications for its grant program.

AARP Indiana's Community Challenge grant program is available

Taking Note

through 5 p.m. March 15. The program, now in its seventh year, funds "quick-action projects that help communities become more livable in the long-term," according to a press release from the organization. A part of AARP's Livable Communities initiative, it contributes toward projects that improve public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, diversity and include and other areas of life for people age 50 or older.

Nonprofit organizations and government entities are eligible for the program. To apply, visit AARP.org/CommunityChallenge. All projects must be finished by Nov. 30.

Open house set

The Area 18 machine trades program hosted at South Adams High School will hold an open house from 2 to 7 p.m. March 20.

The machine trades program serves students from Jay, Adams and Wells counties. It is located on the south side of the SAHS property at 1235 W. 700 South, Berne.

Juried show

Minnetrista's Annual Juried Art Show is on display in Muncie.

This year's showcase of Indiana's artists was selected by juror Shaun Thomas Dingwerth, executive director at Richmond Art Museum.

Featured annually are a variety of mediums, including painting, print-making, digital media, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, photography and textiles. The show runs through April 16.

For more information, visit the website at minnetrista.net.

Friend uses gifts to fund lifestyle

DEAR ABBY: My friend's house was severely damaged in a hurricane and she lost a lot of the contents. Mind you, she was one of the lucky ones. Others in her community lost everything. One of her friends started a GoFundMe account to help with repair costs, and it is now up to thousands of dollars.

My problem with this is: She's now on her third trip to Europe this year. She constantly spends money, has thousands of dollars in credit card debt and tells me she's broke. Granted, two of the trips were partly funded by her partner. Normally, she would post details about her trips on social media, but this time she's not. Instead, she's posting pictures of her house construction and implying that she's there.

I've considered outing her on social media, but I decided against doing that. I just can't get beyond what she's doing and don't think I can continue my friendship. Am I justified? — FULL DISCLOSURE IN FLORIDA

DEAR FULL DISCLOSURE: Yes, you are justified. What you have described is fraud. Go online to your friend's GoFundMe page (gofundme.com) and you will find a "Report" button. Because you have reason to believe she is misusing the funds that have been contributed for the repair of her

Dear Abby



house, use that "Report" button to alert the GoFundMe team about this potential issue, and they will investigate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old freshman who had an abortion last year. I'm not sure who the father is, and I don't want to go through that again. I want to get birth control, but I'm afraid my parents or my older brother will find out. They would kill me. I already have a bad reputation, and I don't want a worse one by having someone find out I was pregnant (or could be again if I don't get birth control).

What would be the safest way for someone my age to get birth control? I know you'll probably say "no sex" is the best, but I enjoy it too much now. It's like a habit. Please help. — GROWN-UP GIRL IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR GIRL: I have never heard of a girl in this country being killed just because she had sex, so your fears about your parents doing that may be overblown. Your mom may not be thrilled with the news, but she

won't kill you. You need her AND HER GUIDANCE.

If you continue on the path you're on, having sex with multiple boys, you may have more to worry about than becoming pregnant again. Some of the sexually transmitted diseases around today could cause you to become sterile at a time when you may want a child.

An organization called Planned Parenthood (plannedparenthood.org) can provide you with birth control. It can also inform you about STDs and how to avoid them. Because you feel you cannot stop yourself from having sex, contact Planned Parenthood as soon as possible, preferably before the next time you indulge your habit.

DEAR READERS: This is my annual reminder for all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. I look forward to it each year because it signals longer, brighter days and warmer weather. The extra light is a mood elevator and an energizer. May good things bloom for all of us this spring. — LOVE, ABBY

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-

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

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

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5

p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers

meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

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Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools March 13-17

Monday: Main Entrees: Chicken alfredo sauce, rotini pasta Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Steamed broccoli florets
Tuesday: Main Entrees: Soft beef whole grain tacos, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese, salsa Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Seasoned black beans
Wednesday: Main Entrees: Crispy chicken & rice casserole Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Seasoned peas
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Immigrants keeping NYC vibrant

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Despite the tired melting pot analogy, New York City has long really resembled more of a buffet, with a variety of people from all kinds of ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds coexisting in enclaves little and big of their own around the city, a sign of the city's powerful draw and the opportunities it provided.

Now it seems like we had the right idea the first time around, as New York's old-country neighborhoods are melting together and growing

Guest Editorial

as new ethnic and racial communities rise up around the long-dominant groups. That's according to a detailed report on so-called communities of interest prepared by CUNY researchers for the NYC Districting Commission using 2020 census data.

The researchers detailed all number of fascinating trends, like a growing Asian population bolstered not only by the historically large population of Chinese New Yorkers, but a rising populace of South Asians including from India and Bangladesh, or a changing Black community that saw sharply a decreasing African-American population somewhat evened out by significant increases in African and Afro Latino arrivals.

The through line though, is that despite years of overheated rhetoric, Donald Trump's

heavy-handed enforcement, and plenty of concern and hand-wringing over the arrival of migrants over the last several months, New York remains truly a city of immigrants, continuously transforming and rejuvenated by their arrival. The report's authors noted that immigration has counteracted other population losses and kept the city from shrinking.

This highlights the forever symbiotic relationship between the city's residents of old and the immigrant newcomers, who will take their

own place as New Yorkers and keep our culture and economy churning and expanding, contrary to myths about immigrants using up resources and taking opportunities away from other New Yorkers. Having these communities be increasingly diffuse and with less rigid lines between them can be a challenge for political representation and organization, but it can also ease divisions and create common cause. Here's to the immigrant past and immigrant future of New York, whatever it may bring.

Inequality costs Social Security

By LINDA BENESCH
OtherWords

Is your salary less than \$160,200?

If so, you're among the 94 percent of American workers who pay into Social Security all year long. Thanks to a loophole that exclusively benefits the affluent, income above that amount simply isn't taxed for Social Security.

That means someone like Tucker Carlson, who makes a reported \$8 million a year, stopped contributing to Social Security on January 8. Joe Rogan, who reportedly makes \$4 million a month, stopped contributing on January 2.

That's how quickly these high rollers cleared that \$160,200 benchmark. But this isn't even the worst of it.

Many billionaires receive all of their money in the form of bonuses and stock options. Elon Musk is the highest paid CEO in the world, but because none of it is "wage income," he doesn't pay a single penny into Social Security.

Right-wing politicians and cable news pundits frequently say that we "can't afford" Social Security. Their solution? Cut benefits for working people who've paid into the program for our entire lives.

They never suggest that we simply require the wealthiest people in America to pay into Social Security all year long, just like the rest of us. If we taxed them like we tax everyone else, we could afford not just to protect our benefits, but expand them.

The Social Security Expansion Act would do just that. This bill would require the wealthy to contribute into Social Security on all their income over \$250,000 — including investment income. And it would use the additional revenue to increase Social Security benefits and keep the program strong.

Another piece of legislation, Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust, would also lift the cap on Social Security contributions and use the revenue to expand benefits. It had the support of about 90 percent of House Democrats in the last Congress.

The movement to finally require the wealthy to pay into Social Security all year long isn't limited to Congress. President Joe Biden campaigned on lifting the cap and using

Linda Benesch



the revenue for targeted benefit expansions.

Polling shows that the idea has widespread support among the public, including 76 percent of all voters and 65 percent of Republican voters. Unfortunately, Republican politicians are not listening to their voters.

The Republican Study Committee, a group that counts 156 House Republicans as members, released a budget last year that would make massive cuts to Social Security benefits, including raising the full retirement age to 70. It doesn't raise one dime of additional revenue from the wealthy.

These politicians are focused on protecting their wealthy donors, who pay less into Social Security than ever. The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) recently found that as inequality increases, a record share of all earnings are above the \$160,200 cap on Social Security contributions.

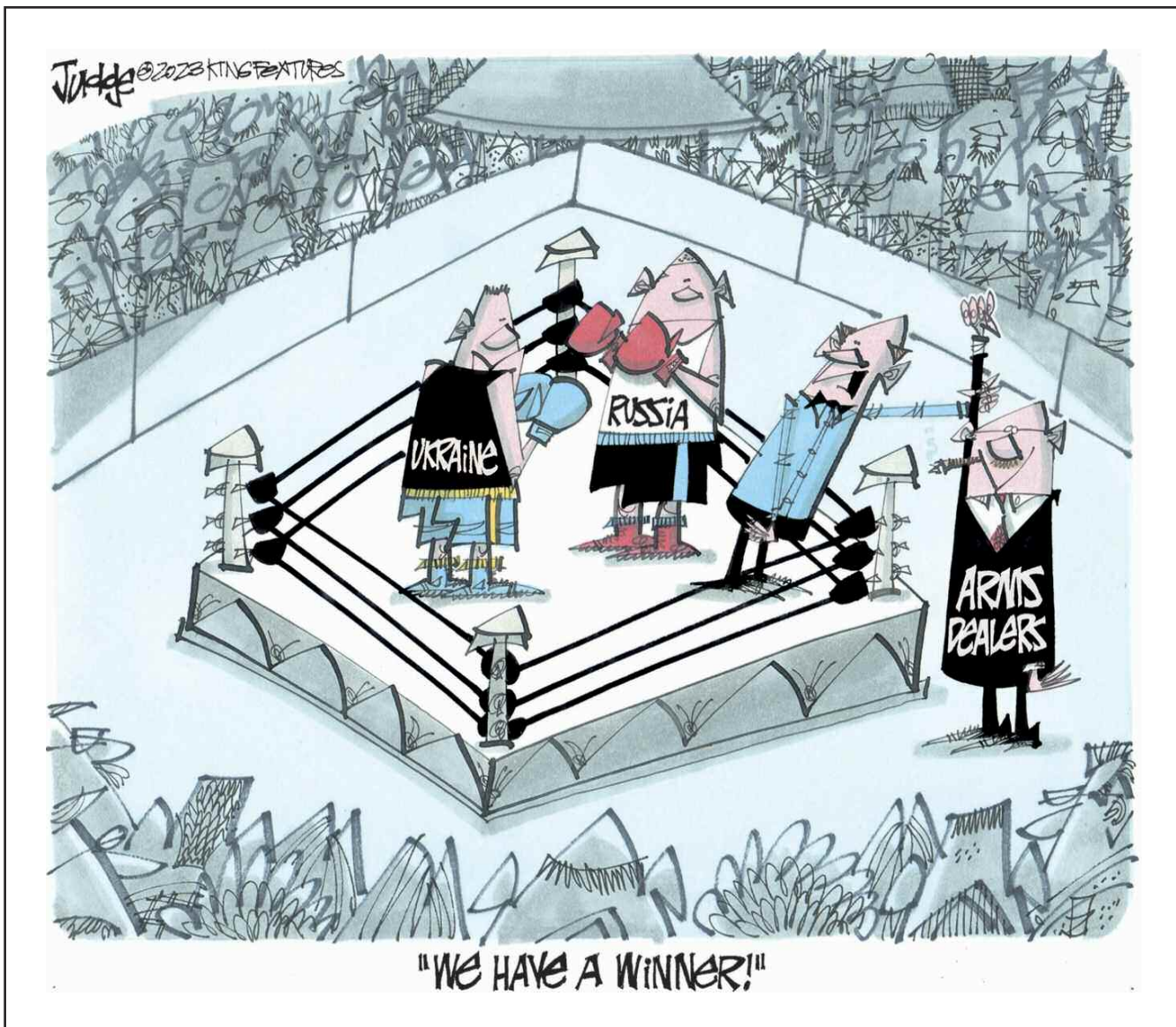
In 1983, the last time Congress made major reforms to Social Security, they set the cap at a level that covered 90 percent of all wage income, leaving only 10 percent above the cap. By 2021, the percentage of income above that cap had nearly doubled. And that doesn't even include investment income which, as in Musk's case, accounts for the bulk of the income of the wealthiest.

EPI estimates that rising inequality has cost the Social Security Trust Fund \$1.4 trillion. That's a massive windfall for the wealthy — and a massive loss for our Social Security system and the millions of Americans who rely on it.

Congress has the power to end this injustice. All it would take is Republican politicians listening to their voters and joining with Democrats to require the wealthy to pay into Social Security on all of their income, just like the rest of us do.

Benesch is the communications director at Social Security Works.

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Republicans used to like books

By JOHN KRULL
The Statehouse File

My grandfather devoured books. The eldest child of a farm family in the hills of Southern Indiana, he burned to learn. He became the first member of his — and my — family to attend and then graduate from college. He did it by taking classes for a semester, then taking a semester off to work so he could pay for the next semester's classes.

He built his life around learning and teaching. He became a schoolteacher, a principal and a Boy Scout leader.

He never lost his hunger for books. At his funeral calling, one of his former students, a man then in his 50s, said he and his classmates would go to the library and made a game of going through the stacks to see which books Grandpa had taken out and read.

"There were a lot of them," the man said. "He was a smart man."

When I was a boy and developed an interest in reading, Grandpa told me that learning leveled the playing field for people from modest backgrounds such as ours — and that books were the tools that did the leveling. He said a person's mind was the one thing no one could take away — the greatest asset any person had.

"Read everything you can get your hands on, if you want to get anywhere," he told me.

Grandpa was a Republican. He was nearly a foot shorter than his idol, Abraham Lincoln, but he shared the Great Emancipator's belief that learning was a ladder — the means by which poor boys could elevate their lives' expectations.

For that reason, like Lincoln, he would walk miles to find a book he hadn't read.

John Krull



Later, I encountered one of those great teachers who take a spark of curiosity and build it to a bonfire of comprehension and understanding. She, too, believed in the power of books. She told me that reading was a discipline.

"Serious people take a book with them everywhere they go and read whenever they have a minute to fill," she said.

That began a lifelong habit for me of toting books with me all the time — when I was out with friends, on dates or running errands.

It earned me much teasing.

More than one friend asked, "Plan to be bored?" if I showed up at, say, a movie or for dinner with a book.

I would shrug, smile and say it was just a habit.

Then, when they went to the restroom or the concession stand, I would read a page or two.

The teacher who told me to carry a book with me everywhere also was a Republican. She was a conservative, she explained, because she believed the preservation of knowledge was the foundation for civilization, the force that kept chaos at bay.

She became a teacher, she said, because she thought a civilized society the only kind capable of both justice and basic humanity. Education and unfettered access to books and learning were the pathways to those goals.

I've thought about my grandfather and that fine teacher a lot these days.

I've wondered what they would have thought about the fact that the political party to which they were so faithful now devotes so much time, energy and money to making it harder for young people to read certain kinds of books.

That their beloved Republican Party would assert that government at any level should say it has the right and the authority to determine what anyone reads or learns would distress them. They both believed, as my grandfather counseled me decades ago, that a person's mind is the one thing no one could take away.

The social conservatives advocating for book bans say they're doing it for good reasons. They want to keep the minds of young people from being corrupted, they say.

Censors always say such things.

Whenever they seek to deny us the right to speak as we wish, think as we would or read what we want, they always contend that they're doing it for our own good.

What they're really doing is substituting their judgment for ours.

They're denying us the right to make up our own minds about whether something is good or bad, whether we agree with it or disagree with it.

My grandfather and that fine teacher wouldn't have liked that — because they were Republicans.

But that was back when Republicans still believed in freedom.

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Partnership seeks to retain grads

Two organizations will work together in an effort to keep college graduates in Indiana.

Business roundup

Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) on Friday announced a partnership with Independent Colleges of Indiana to provide \$3 million to increase efforts to recruit and retain engineering and nursing graduates.

The grant funding will be provided to nursing and engineering programs for scholarships and grants. They will be offered to students whose permanent residence is outside of Indiana but who accept employment in Indiana following graduation.

"Indiana, like all states, is facing a critical shortage of skilled labor — including engineers and nurses," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers in a press release. "The entire health profession experienced enormous stress on

their workforce during COVID, and since we have some of the best programs for both engineering and health care in the nation, we want to increase the number of graduates who choose to stay in Indiana after graduation. This program aims to do just that by supporting these young professionals and letting them know that the state has incredible opportunities for them right here."

For more information, visit iedc.in.gov.

Ribbon-cutting set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday for Bryant Truck Repair.

The event will be held at

11:30 a.m. Friday at 302 N. Hendricks St., Bryant.

McDonnell joins

Lis McDonnell will become the newest member of the Ivy Tech Muncie-Henry County Campus board.

McDonnell, a New Castle resident, is taking over the board seat from Eugene Whitehead. She represents the agricultural community for Delaware and Henry counties. Her focus is on providing rural students the opportunity to continue their education locally while continuing to live and work on the family farm.

"We are excited to have Lis join the Campus Board of Trustees," said Ivy Tech chancellor Jeffrey D. Scott in a press release. "We believe it very valuable for us to have an additional Henry County presence and viewpoint. Her knowledge, experience and passion for education and

community will help provide insightful guidance as we build strategies to achieve our mission and purpose."

Chamber searching

Indiana Chamber of Commerce has started looking for its next president and CEO.

The chamber announced Friday that it has started its search for its next leader. Medallion Partners of Carmel will lead the search and present a slate of candidates to a committee.

Kevin Brinegar, the current president and CEO, is retiring in January after 21 years at the helm.

"Finding an individual to replace someone of Kevin's caliber and intellect is somewhat like trying to find a unicorn, but I — along with the rest of our board of directors — am confident that our collaboration with Medallion Partners will find exactly the right person to lead the Indiana Chamber into

the next phase of its remarkable journey," said chamber chair Paul Perkins.

Airport awarded

Indianapolis International Airport was named Best Airport in North America by Airports Council International-North America.

The award is part of the airports council's Airport Service Quality Awards, which recognize the best airports worldwide. The best airport designation is based on passenger surveys.

"The Indy airport is more than just a place where aircraft take off and land — it's very much like a city within a city," said Indianapolis Airport Authority executive director Mario Rodriguez in a press release. "It takes a breadth of dedicated employees from across a broad spectrum of professional backgrounds — even beyond that of aviation — to deliver a world-

class customer experience."

IU opens

Indiana University on Thursday opened the Irsay Institute.

It was established following a \$3 million gift in 2021 from the Irsay family. Its goal is "a leading national center for addressing the stigma surrounding mental illness and other health issues such as HIV, epilepsy, cancer, dementia and addiction."

"The transformative research taking place at the Irsay Institute will allow IU to strengthen interdisciplinary research addressing stigma and other key health issues, while bringing several impactful campus-wide efforts under one umbrella," said IU president Pamela Whitten said in a press release. "We are thankful to the Irsay family for their generous donation and commitment to equipping IU researchers to confront these pressing issues."

Noncompete rule puts doctors, hospitals at odds

By JESSIE HELLMANN

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Hospitals and physicians are squaring off over a proposed Biden administration rule that would ban non-compete agreements — contractual clauses common in the health care industry that prevent workers from working for a competitor for a certain amount of time after leaving a company.

Lobbying giants like the American Hospital Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce argue that a ban on noncompete clauses would make it difficult for employers to retain workers and protect their investments in recruiting and training.

But physicians say the clauses are so common that they have no option but to sign them, limiting their career growth, contributing

to burnout and forcing them to leave their communities for other jobs.

The rule proposed by the Federal Trade Commission in January would prohibit employers from using noncompetes in contracts with employees, require they void existing clauses and inform workers they are no longer in effect. The FTC estimated the proposed rule could reduce health care spending by \$148 billion annually, arguing that noncompete clauses increase costs and consolidation in the industry.

Hundreds of physicians have filed comments with the FTC supporting the rule, detailing stories of being locked into jobs they didn't want to be at anymore because they were restricted from working at "competitors" within the same city, county or

even state for a certain amount of time after their departure.

Others said they missed out on opportunities that would have made them feel more fulfilled or had to move their families to accept a job outside of the non-compete zone.

"It actually traps an unhappy workforce, and it negatively impacts patients," said Erik Smith, a clinical assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine.

"There's an extraordinary amount of burnout, fear and dissatisfaction with the way that health care workers are being treated. Part of that is because of noncompete agreements," said Smith, who was under a noncompete agreement while working in Maryland.

But groups like the AHA and

the Federation of American Hospitals — which represents for-profit health systems and hospitals — want the FTC to back off the rule entirely, arguing Congress didn't give them the authority to issue it.

At the very least, the FTC should carve out an exemption for hospitals in the final rule, the organizations say.

"We really did try to take this seriously and be reasonable in our approach in carving out highly skilled, highly compensated workers," said Chad Golder, AHA's deputy general counsel, referring to physicians.

Because of their "power and training," physicians are "differently situated" from "hair stylists, restaurant workers and retail workers" who might face noncompetes, Golder said,

adding that doctors can negotiate their contracts.

AHA also cited a study in its comment letter claiming physicians under noncompetes make more money than doctors not under those agreements.

There is limited data showing how many physicians are in noncompetes. But a 2018 study found about 45% of primary care doctors in group practices were under such agreements.

In 2016, New Hampshire enacted a law prohibiting noncompetes in contracts with physicians, allowing Duxbury to take a job with a health system in the same city training new family medicine doctors. Delaware, Massachusetts and Rhode Island are among the states that forbid physician noncompetes. Other states, like California, ban noncompetes more broadly.

GM offering program

By KALEA HALL

The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

DETROIT — To achieve \$2 billion in cost savings, General Motors Co. is offering a voluntary separation program to its employees, the automaker confirmed Thursday.

The majority of the U.S. salaried workforce is eligible for the program. GM employs about 58,000. Eligible employees must sign up by March 24.

"As part of our plan to accelerate attrition and achieve \$2 billion in cost savings by the end of 2024, General Motors is announcing a Voluntary Separation Program for all U.S. salaried employees with at least five years of service and all global executives with at

least two years of service," spokesperson David Barnas said in a statement. "This voluntary program offers eligible employees an opportunity to make a career change or retire earlier. We are offering three packages based on level

and service to the company. Employees are strongly encouraged to consider the program. By permanently bringing down structured costs, we can improve vehicle profitability and remain nimble in an increasingly competitive market."

3-11 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: POPULAR BUNNY OF CHILDREN'S STORIES WHO COULD EASILY WIN ANY SNOWBALL FIGHT: PELTER RABBIT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer! Solve the code to discover words related to crochet. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = T)

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to crochet. LRSCOO

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How they SAY that in... ENGLISH: Dance SPANISH: Bailar ITALIAN: Ballare FRENCH: Danser GERMAN: Tanzen

3-13 CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals P

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes solution time: 26 mins.

Grid for Yesterday's answer 3-11

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Tug of war. West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: 10 8 6 3, A Q 5, A J 10 9, 8 5. WEST: K 7 2, 9, K 8 6 4, A K 10 7 3. EAST: 5, J 10 8 7 3 2, 7 3 2, Q J 6. SOUTH: A Q J 9 4, K 6 4, Q 5, 9 4 2.

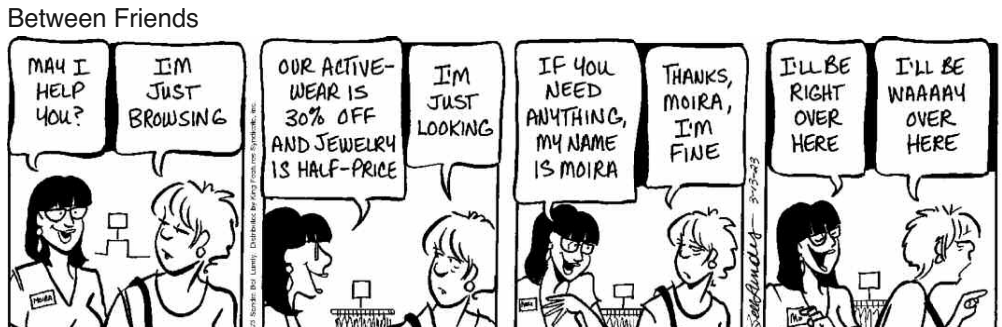
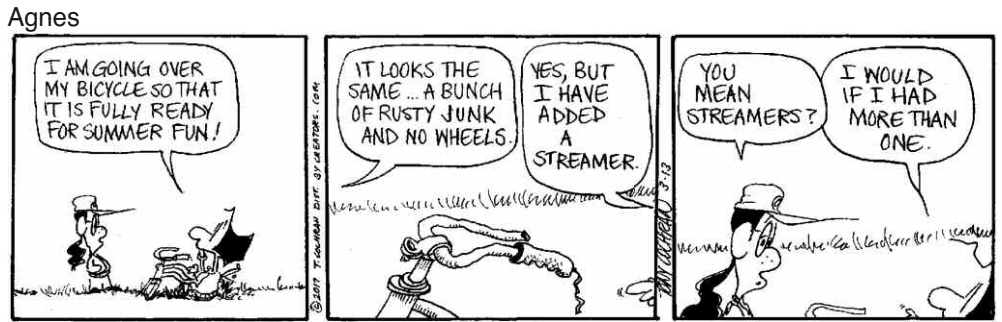
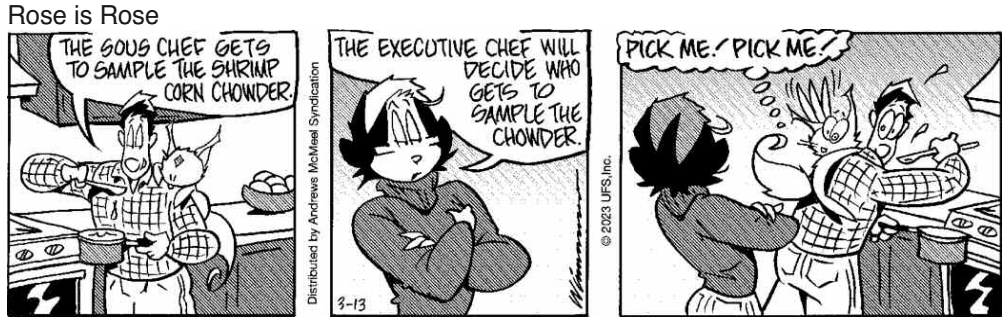
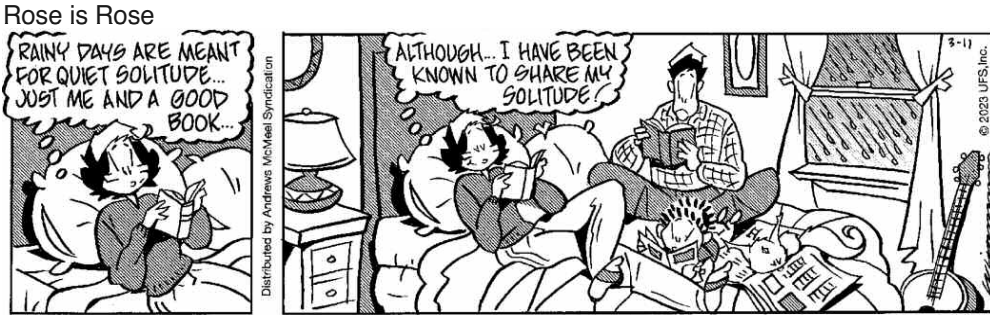
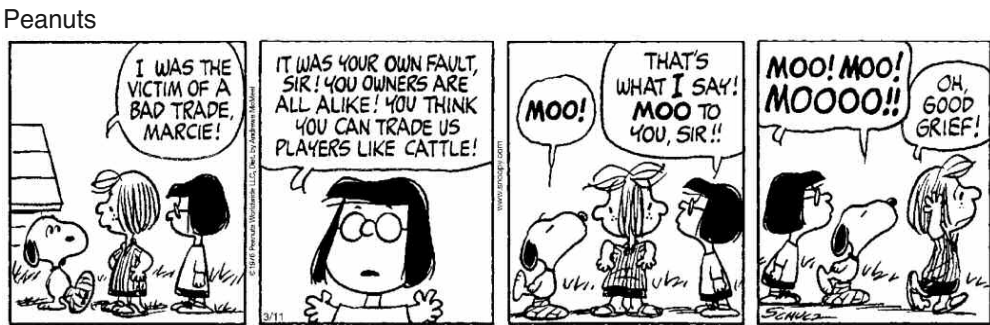
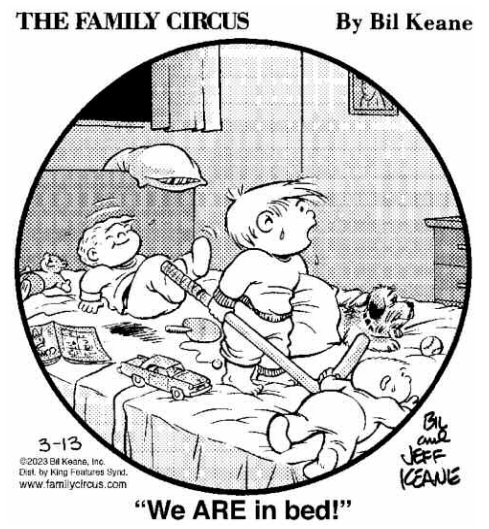
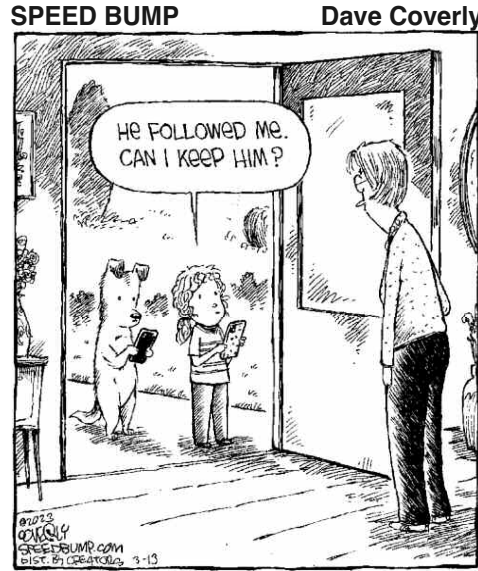
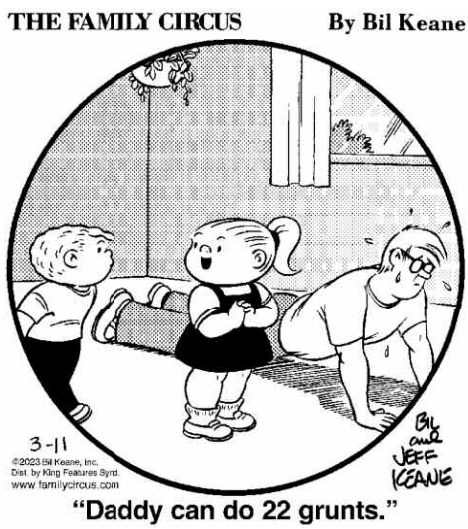
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Grid for Saturday's answer 3-13



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01	Township General Fund	\$38,085.63	\$65,908.15	\$63,650.75	\$40,343.03
11	Firefighting Fund	\$82,046.21	\$75,109.66	\$65,000.00	\$92,155.87
61	Rainy Day Fund	\$829.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$829.47
81	Township Assistance Fund	\$37,990.42	\$72,576.58	\$68,414.96	\$42,152.04
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SS: Jay County
I, James E. Brewster, Trustee of WAYNE TOWNSHIP, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is true correct; that the amounts, with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.
I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.
James E. Brewster, Wayne Township Trustee
Telephone: 260-726-4607
Date this report was to be published March 11, 2023
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Wayne Township at its annual meeting this 7th day of March, 2023
M. Steven Rines, Township Board Chairman
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 7th day of March, 2023.
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Jay County's Kaitlyn Fisher swims to a runner-up finish in the 100-yard individual medley Friday during the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships.

Breakers ...

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Laux was also the ACAC champion in the 50 freestyle, posting a time of 27.63 to beat Summersett by more than a second.
Raif and Rockland Beiswanger each added two individual conference titles for the Patriot boys. The former won the 100 individual medley in 1:09.79 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:20.07 while the latter had winning times of 1:03.28 in the 100 freestyle and

1:13.87 in the 100 backstroke.

The only other individual win for the girls team came from Brooklyn Byrum, who finished first in the 100 backstroke in 1:15.72.

Glentzer and the Beiswangers teamed with Carson Westgerdes to earn victories in the 200 medley relay in 2:09.38 and the 300 freestyle relay in 2:59.92.

Kaitlyn Fisher, Elly Byrum, Brooklynn Byrum and Laux

reached the wall in 1:56.04 to take the top spot in the 200 freestyle relay.

Westgerdes was second in the 50 freestyle and 50 butterfly for the boys team.

Recording runner-up finishes for the girls team were Elly Byrum in the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, Brooklyn Byrum in the 50 butterfly, Kali Wendel in diving and Fisher in the 100 individual medley.

Bears deal No. 1

By DAN WIEDERER and COLLEEN KANE

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — Chicago Bears general manager Ryan Poles finally found the deal he was looking for.

The No. 1 pick the Bears collected for finishing last season with a 3-14 record now belongs to the Carolina Panthers. In a headline-grabbing trade Friday, Poles sent the top selection in April's draft to GM Scott Fitterer in exchange for the No. 9 pick, the No. 61 pick, a first-round pick in 2024, a second-round pick in 2025 and wide receiver DJ Moore, a

source confirmed. ESPN and NFL Network first reported the news.

Moore gives the Bears an established wide receiver who has had three seasons of more than 1,100 yards receiving. Moore, 25, was a first-round draft pick in 2018 and had 364 catches for 5,201 yards and 21 touchdowns over his first five seasons in the league.

Before last season, Moore signed a three-year, \$61.9 million extension with the Panthers that has him under contract through 2025. He joins a Bears team with only one 1,000-yard receiver — Darnell Mooney, who is recovering from an ankle injury.

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The Scarlet Knights built a 12-point lead within six-and-a-half minutes, hitting six of their first nine shots while forcing Purdue to miss six of its first eight while committing four turnovers in its first seven possessions.

But as Rutgers cooled off — it missed 19 of its final 25 first-half field-goal attempts — the Boilermakers slowly trimmed the lead. They would outscore Rutgers 24-11 in the final 13:31 of the first

half, taking a 29-28 advantage into the break after Mason Gillis hit a three-pointer as time expired.

After Rutgers led for 15 consecutive minutes in the first half, the teams would trade the lead 12 times in the following 10 minutes. After missing eight of its first nine attempts from deep, Purdue would knock down six of its next nine three-pointers, building a 50-46 lead with 9:03 to play. The Boilermakers would lead from there.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Track in Golden Eagle Invitational at Anderson University — 1 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high swimming vs. Blackford — 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage vs. Covington — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
5 a.m. — World Baseball Classic: Czech Republic vs. Japan (FS1)
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Liverpool at AFC Bournemouth (USA)
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Leicester City (USA)
11 a.m. — Men's college basketball: America East Tournament — UMass Lowell vs. Vermont (ESPN2)
Noon — Major League Soccer (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester City at Crystal Palace (USA)

1 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN, CBS, ESPN2)
1 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — The Players Championship (NBC)
1 p.m. — NHL hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins (ABC)
2:30 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Colombia vs. Mexico (FOX)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN, ESPN2)
3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Philadelphia Flyers at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)
4:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — United Rentals 200 (FS1)

5:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball (CBS, ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball (FOX)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Detroit Pistons (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Dominican Republic vs. Venezuela (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN2)

8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors (ABC)
9 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Great Britain vs. United States (FOX)
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Czech Republic vs. South Korea (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN)
11:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN2)

Sunday
6 a.m. — World Baseball Classic: Japan vs. Australia (FS1)
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Aston Villa at West Ham United (USA)
Noon — Men's college basketball (ESPN2)
Noon — Auto racing: NHRA — AMALIE Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Wolverhampton Wanderers at Newcastle United (USA)
1 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN, CBS)

1 p.m. — Golf: The Players Championship — Final round (NBC)
1:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins at Detroit Red Wings (TNT)
3 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Great Britain vs. Canada (FS1)
3:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball (CBS)
4 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins (TNT)
4 p.m. — XFL football: Arlington Renegades at St. Louis Battlehawks (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Vegas Golden Knights at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico (FS1)
7 p.m. — XFL football: Vegas Vipers at D.C. Defenders (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)
10 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Mexico vs. United States (FS1)

Monday
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Detroit Pistons (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Israel vs. Puerto Rico (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)
10 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Canada vs. United States (FS1)

Tuesday
7 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Israel vs. Dominican Republic (FS1)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Washington Capitals at New York Rangers (ESPN)

Wednesday
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Cleveland Cavaliers (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Minnesota Wild at St. Louis Blues (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)

Local notes

PJL registration set
Portland Junior League baseball and softball leagues are now open for registration.
Portland Junior League is hosting

registration sessions from 9 a.m. to noon today at Jay Community Center. There will also be a sign-up session from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at JCC.
Online registration is also available via the Portland Junior League page on Facebook.
Leagues are open to players ages 5 through 15.

Soccer/football sign-ups open
Registration is open for Jay Community Center's Boomer spring soccer and flag football leagues.
Soccer is open to players ages 3 through 14 while flag football is open to ages 3 through 12. The registration fee is \$60 for each.
The deadline is Monday.
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Cooper Glentzer of host Jay County Junior High School swims to a school and conference record Friday evening in the 200-yard freestyle during the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. Glentzer went on to post another ACAC-record time in the 400 freestyle while Maria Laux added an ACAC record in the 100 freestyle for the girls team.

Purdue survives against Rutgers

By BRIAN FONSECA
nj.com
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — Rutgers made its case to the selection committee. It couldn't get past the Boilermakers.

Top-seeded Purdue was in danger of falling out of the Big Ten Tournament in Friday's quarterfinal. But Rutgers could not capitalize on a flying start, falling to the Boilermakers in a 70-65 loss at the United Center.

Behind a second consecutive start from freshman guard Derek Simpson (18 points on 5-of-16 shooting, one steal, one assist, three turnovers) and a bounce-back game from point guard Paul Mulcahy (10 points on 4-of-6 shooting, five assists, two steals, zero turnovers), the Scarlet Knights were solid on the offensive end. But Purdue was better.

Big Ten Player of the Year Zach Edey finished with 16 points on 6-of-11 shooting, 12 rebounds and just one turnover. He received help from teammate Mason Gillis, who had 20 points on 7-of-8 shooting, including a 2-of-3 clip on three-pointers. The Boilermakers scored at 1.23 PPP, including a scorching 1.57 PPP on 52.4% shooting in the second half.

In a reversal from its second round win over Michigan on Thursday, Rutgers got off to a strong start against the Boilermakers.

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Record breakers

Glentzer and Laux set new ACAC standards

Cooper Glentzer didn't just break records.

He pulverized them. And Maria Laux joined in the fun.

Glentzer obliterated two Allen County Athletic Conference records and Laux knocked down one as well Friday night as the host Jay County Junior High School swim teams finished as runners-up at the conference championships.

The Patriot boys won eight of 12 events for 400 points but still couldn't quite match champion

Bluffton, which scored 453 points. Adams Central (100) and South Adams (60) rounded out the four-team field.

Jay County had 380 points in the girls competition, in which it also finished second to the Tigers. Adams Central had 142 and South Adams' solo competitor finished with 11.

After anchoring a Patriot victory in the meet-opening 200-yard medley relay, Glentzer was right back in the pool for the 200 freestyle. If he was tired, he didn't show it.

He was more than four seconds ahead of the field after the first 100 yards and just kept pulling away, winning in 2 minutes, 7.82 seconds. He was more than 16 seconds faster than runner-up Graham Linderwell of Bluffton.

Glentzer's time broke the ACAC record of 2:14.65 second in 2018. It also surpassed the Jay County middle school record of 2:10.13 set by James Keen, who was an eighth grader in 2011.

In his second individual race, Glentzer was just as impressive. He blew away the field by 55 sec-

onds in the 400 freestyle as he finished in 4:32.82. The effort again blew away the previous record of 4:50.68 set in 2018.

The record-breaking result from Laux came in between Glentzer's spectacular swims as she dominated her way to the ACAC title in the 100 freestyle. She beat runner-up GenaMarie Summersett of South Adams by nearly five seconds in 1:01.77. That surpassed the previous record of 1:03.92 that was set by Isabel VonGunten of the Starfires in 2016.

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