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Offering grooming



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Rock Creek Ranch and Equine & Canine Services will open for appointments April 3. The business will offer dog grooming and a variety of equine services.

Rock Creek facility will open on April 3

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A pet grooming service is opening in Jay County.

It will also offer massages and therapy for horses.

Rock Creek Ranch Equine & Canine Services will be open for appointments starting April 3. It celebrates with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon Thursday.

Owner Heather McAbee of rural Portland plans to offer dog grooming and breeding as well as a variety of equine massages and therapies. She and her husband, Darren, are also certified to raise beef.

Rock Creek Ranch will offer the typical baths, tidy ups — trims on the “feet, face and fanny” with a bath and toenail clipping — or full grooms for dogs. (McAbee already has a few appointments booked for her first day.) Unique to the pet serv-

ice business in rural Portland is its services for horses.

Heather McAbee’s daughter, 9-year-old Ivy Alt, is involved in 4-H and shows beef, dogs and horses. Participation in horse shows is what inspired her to get certified in equine massages and therapies.

“Your equine massage is really good for really anything,” she said. “My main focus ... we are trying to be big horse showers. I wanted to just be able to maintain my own, because it does get expensive when needing massaged.”

“Horses are obviously such big creatures that muscles can get strained easily,” she continued. “You can start seeing a lot of compensation, so one side of the horse might start looking kind of out of whack ... massage also promotes the circulation of the blood and oxygen

which can help heal anything going on.”

Massages can bring abscesses to the surface, help sore muscles and promote homeostasis, she explained. She’s learned rehabilitation therapy and raindrop therapy, a technique that can act as a preventative medicine for horses. She’s also a Level 2 Reiki practitioner, a light-touch massage technique for animals that promotes healing within the body.

“My main focus with all of this is to be able to offer more of a holistic approach to therapies instead of modern medicine therapies,” McAbee explained. “I have just never been one to push medication. The body has again and again proved that it can heal itself. And I just think natural’s always best — obviously I do not dismiss modern medicine, because it is a miracle

what we can do today. I just think that we should try something a little more natural before you move into invasive.”

She referenced shock therapy for horses, which she explained can be harmful if done incorrectly. Her light touch or deep tissue massages are hands-on techniques and don’t require machines.

McAbee has always loved animals. The New Weston, Ohio, native originally hoped to go into the veterinary field when she graduated from high school, but she ultimately decided to go into nursing. A licensed practical nurse, she received her license from Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua, Ohio. She started as a dialysis nurse at DaVita in Greenville, Ohio, and later at the Lima Memorial Hospital.

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House passes school oversight measure

By DANIELA ALTIMARI

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON

House Republicans on Friday passed a bill that would mandate local school systems give parents greater oversight over education, making good on a 2022 campaign pledge by Speaker Kevin McCarthy and providing fodder for a 2024 campaign battle over public schools.

The measure, which passed by a vote of 213-208, is unlikely to be considered in the Democrat-controlled Senate. It would affirm a parent’s right to address the local school board and would require education officials to provide parents with lists of books and other curriculum materials, online budgetary information and alerts about incidents of violence at their child’s school. Schools also would have to notify parents if their child uses a different name or pronoun at school.

“This bill aims to bring more transparency and accountability to education, allowing parents to be informed,” Rep. Julia Letlow, R-La., said during Thursday’s debate on the proposal, which Republicans have named the “Parents Bill of Rights.”

“Over the past two years, we’ve seen too many instances where, rather than opening their doors to welcome parents in as partners, some schools instead slammed them shut and said that government bureaucrats know what’s best for our children,” Letlow said. “Parents across this country have overwhelmingly spoken out that they have had enough.”

Democrats dismissed the proposal as a gimmick and dubbed it the “Politics Over Parents Act.” They say parents already have many of the rights stipulated by the bill.

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Retrospect

JRDS was celebrating 40th anniversary

Twenty-five years ago this week, a local organization was preparing to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The March 28, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review included a story about plans to celebrate the anniversary of Jay-Randolph Developmental Services.

In 1958, a group of local parents got together in an effort to help children with developmental disabilities. They set up an area in the basement at Portland’s First Presbyterian Church and encouraged other parents to join them. As the program grew, it was moved to a new location and the Jay County Association for Retarded Citizens — the named was

later changed to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services — was formed. Continued expansion saw it move again in 1966 and begin offering services to Randolph County residents.

As part of a celebration of 40 years of service, Jay-Randolph hosted Chris Burke, who played Corky Thatcher on the ABC TV series “Life Goes On” and music collaborators Joe and John DeMasi for the musical presentation “Everyone Can Be A ... Singer With The Band,” with one performance each at Jay County High School and Winchester Community High School.

“I’ve always wanted to be an entertainer just like Michael Jackson,”

Burke said in a press release. “To be able to have a music career with my two best friends, the guys who taught me all about music, is a dream come true.”

Burke’s run playing a teenager with Down syndrome on “Life Goes On” was credited with helping to transform America’s image of those with disabilities.

During his visit to Jay County, Burke planned to visit JRDS facilities and meet with clients and families. At that time, the organization operated three group homes in Portland and one in Winchester. It was also in the process of developing a home near New Castle State Developmental Center.

Chris Burke, who played Corky Thatcher on the ABC TV series “Life Goes On” was featured along with music collaborators Joe and John DeMasi during an event celebrating the 40th anniversary of Jay-Randolph Developmental Services.



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Deaths

John Ickes, 85, Fort Recovery
Darry Rowles, 62, rural Portland
Barbara Gast, 92, Greenwood
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Weather

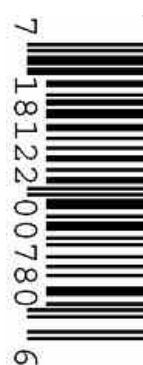
Jay County had a high temperature of 45 degrees Friday. There was about 0.35 inches of rain.
Today’s forecast calls for a 50% chance of showers with a high in the lower 50s and winds gusting to 50 miles per hour.
For an extended forecast, see page 2.

In review

A Jay County Ag Week breakfast of coffee, donuts and juice will be held from 6 to 9 a.m. Thursday in Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds. The event is open to the public.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday’s Dunkirk City Council meeting.
Thursday — A look at how local athletes are faring at the collegiate level.



Obituaries

John Ickes

John Ickes, 85, Fort Recovery, died Thursday in Greenville, Ohio. Arrangements are pending at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home in Fort Recovery.

Darry Rowles

July 30, 1960-March 23, 2023
Darry Rowles, age 62, of rural Portland passed away on March 23, 2023, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. He was born in Portland on July 30, 1960, the son of George and Janet "Jeanette" (Valentine) Rowles. He was married on June 25, 1983, to Cheryl Upp and she preceded him in death on April 16, 2017. Darry had worked at Joyce Dayton and was co-owner with his brother of Craftsman Furni-

ture in Pennville. He was a 1978 Jay County High School graduate and earned an associate's degree at Wright State University. He was a 4-H volunteer and enjoyed woodworking, shooting sports, riding Harley Davidson motorcycles and spending time with family. Surviving are two sons, Dane Rowles (wife: Dia) of Indianapolis and Will Rowles of Cincinnati, Ohio; one daughter, Lydia Rowles of Albany; and one sister, Donna Hudson of Portland. He was preceded in death by his wife Cheryl and brother Danny Rowles. Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 10



Rowles

a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Center Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. and prior to the services Wednesday. Memorials can be made to 4-H Shooting Sports and the German Club. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Barbara Gast

Aug. 16, 1930-March 21, 2023
Barbara Sue Gast, 92, of Greenwood passed away on March 21, 2023. She was born on Aug. 16, 1930, in Bryant, Indiana, to the late Frederick and Elma "Fay" (Davis) Fritzing and was a 1948 graduate of Governor I. P. Gray High School. She married Richard L. Gast on Oct. 18, 1953,

and he passed away on March 22, 2016. Barb retired from Heartland Bank (now Horizon Bank) in 2012 after a long career at several banks in Greenwood, Portland and Redkey, Indiana. Barb enjoyed sewing, reading and dining out. She was a member of Gracepoint Church in Whiteland. She is survived by her son, Jeff Gast, Terre Haute. In addition to her parents and husband, Barb was preceded in death by her stepfather Fred Tawney; sister Betty Strickler; and niece Cheryl Svec. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at G. H. Her-



Gast

rman Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. Indiana 135. Funeral service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2023. She will be laid to rest at Mount Pleasant Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Gracepoint Church in Whiteland. Please share memories, photographs and condolences with the family at ghhermann.com.

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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 3/26	Monday 3/27	Tuesday 3/28	Wednesday 3/29	Thursday 3/30
53/37	48/33	47/28	51/36	55/46
Mostly sunny, with a high near 53 degrees on Sunday.	There's a 40% chance of rain on Monday before 2 p.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Another 30% chance of showers, with a high near 47 degrees.	Wednesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies and a slight chance of rain.	There's a 40% chance of showers under partly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-8-7 Daily Four: 9-3-7-8 Quick Draw: 3-4-9-11-13-14-15-17-28-30-32-44-48-50-52-53-60-65-69-79	Pick 4: 3-6-2-4 Pick 5: 6-3-3-9-1
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-5-1	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$112 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$302 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.35 April corn.....6.35 Wheat.....6.51	Wheat.....6.29 July wheat.....6.75
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.59 April corn.....6.61 May corn.....6.63	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.41 May corn.....6.41 Beans.....14.24 April beans.....14.26 Wheat.....6.75
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.43 April corn.....6.43 Beans.....14.18 April beans.....14.18	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.23 April corn.....6.23 Beans.....14.08 April beans.....14.08 Wheat.....6.33

Today in history

In 1533, Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich, near London. She reigned during a period when England became a major power player in Europe. It is often referred to as the Elizabethan Age.

In 1603, King James VI of Scotland took the throne in England, becoming James I, following the death of Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1634, the first settlers landed in what is now southern Maryland. King Charles I of England chartered the land to Cecil Calvert, the second Lord of Baltimore. The event is commemorated each year as Maryland Day.

In 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City burned as a fire started on the factory floor located at the top of the 10-story Asch Building. Textile workers were trapped inside with more than 100 killed.

In 1972, gubernatorial candidate Matthew Welsh spoke to about 250 people at the Jay County Democratic Unity Dinner.

In 1976, Peyton Manning was born in New Orleans. Manning became a star quarterback at the University of Tennessee and won Super Bowls leading the Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos.

In 1989, the oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Alaska, spilling about 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. At that time, it was the largest oil spill in U.S. history.

In 2020, Jay School Corporation rolled out its rural food lunch delivery during the coronavirus pandemic. With school canceled because of the pandemic, food was delivered in bulk — five breakfasts and five lunches in a package — to rural families.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee, Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St.	6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
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Oversight ...

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"This legislation has nothing to do with parental involvement, parental engagement [or] parental empowerment," Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-New York, said Thursday. "It has everything to do with jamming the extreme Republican MAGA ideology down the throats of the children and the parents of the United States of America."

Rep. Richard E. Neal, D-Massachusetts, said the bill would empower small groups of conservative activists to ban books they deem objectionable.

"This bill is going to be weaponized by far-right groups and used to threaten schools with legal action if they don't pull books off the shelves," Neal said. "It's going to force teachers to decide between staying silent and teaching something that certain politicians ... don't like. It's already happening, for God's sake. Ask the teacher in Iowa who was told that they could not teach that slavery was wrong. Ask the teacher in Texas who was told that they have to teach both ... perspectives on the Holocaust."

Rep. Virginia Foxx, a Republican from North Carolina who chairs the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, rejected assertions that the bill would lead to book bans. "Here's the truth about this bill:

This bill will not ban any books," Foxx said.

Parental rights have become a key rallying point for the GOP in response to COVID-19 school closures and mask mandates. In Virginia, Republican Glenn Youngkin's emphasis on parents' battles with school systems was widely credited with helping him win the governor's race in 2021, a year after President Joe Biden carried the state by 10 percentage points. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who is considering a run for the Republican presidential nomination, signed his own version of the bill of rights last year, and other states have enacted similar provisions.

"This has all been really motivated by the COVID restrictions," said Michael Barth Berkman, a political science professor at Penn State University. "Then the issue sort of morphed away from COVID to other issues like critical race theory, attacks on LGBTQ rights and book bannings."

Some Republicans acknowledged conflicted feelings about the bill, which would expand the oversight responsibilities of the Department of Education, an agency conservatives have been pushing to eliminate for years.

"I don't love going down this road," Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, a member of the House Freedom Caucus, said Fri-

day. Roy said education policy ought to be left to the states, "but as long as we're going to have the federal government inserting itself ... at a bare minimum, shouldn't we ensure that parents have the ability to see what's in the curriculum?"

The House-passed bill also has several provisions that address transgender students, including an amendment offered Thursday by Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colorado, that would mandate that schools alert parents if a transgender girl participates in girls sports.

The White House issued a statement saying the administration does not support the bill because it "does not actually help parents support their children," but did not explicitly say Biden would veto it if it passed both chambers of Congress. That's unlikely to happen, however, because Democrats control the Senate, where Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-New York, on Thursday called the bill an example of "MAGA extremism" that would "nationalize school policy" and endanger funding for school nutrition programs.

A Department of Education spokesman said the measure does nothing to address gun violence in schools, the mental health needs of children or a host of other education-related issues.

Grooming ...

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In 2019, she moved to Portland and transferred to the Fresenius Kidney Care clinic in Winchester.

She married Darren McAbee on Oct. 16, 2021, and they've been building their own farm on county road 650 South ever since. Darren McAbee, supervisor at Geneva Production weld shop, has been raising a small amount of beef for the last 10 years. The couple has recently expanded their barn to make room for more animals.

Rock Creek Ranch also raises Boston Terriers, which are registered through the American Kennel Club. McAbee noted that her business is a small kennel with four dogs and that she raises her animals indoors with family.

"We just really try to be involved and keep it family oriented. We are not a big breeder," she said. "We don't plan on having litter

after litter. We really value quality of life versus quantity of life that we're putting out there."

Heather McAbee noted she wanted to start her own business from home so she could be readily available for her six children. The McAbees' services will be available starting April 3 at 328 W. 650 South by appointment only — Heather McAbee noted that may change depending on the public's needs — at (260) 251-8496 or by visiting their Facebook page. She pointed out the business will offer discounts for 4-H members.

"We're just trying to be a little homestead farm and make it with our six kids," she said.

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SERVICES

Saturday
Ahlers, Viola: 10:30 a.m., St. Peter Catholic Church, 3512 St. Peter Road, Fort Recovery.

Tuesday
Gast, Barbara: 11:30 a.m., G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. Indiana 135.

Wednesday
Rowles, Darry: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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.



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Character Counts

Jay County Junior-Senior High School students were recently honored for their excellence in character during the third, nine week grading period this year. Pictured, front row, from left, are Johnathon Piercy, Marisa Gallegos-Vargas, Kaylin Hudson, Destiny McManus, Evelyn Carter, Danielle Wright and Amanda Jones. In the back row are Brooke Stauffer, Krishna Flores-Banuelos, Madison Hambrock, Jordan Foy, Alexander Miller, Nicholas Snow, Jordan Chapman, Owen Muhlenkamp, Carson Westgerdes and Corbin Lothridge.

Marriage licenses

Barbra J. Burgo, 41, Portland, and Bryan J. Pickett, 40, Portland
Andrew H. Scott, 35, Portland, and Ashley R. Tackett, 35, Portland
Megan Melman, 41, Redkey, and James Young, 45, Redkey
Ashton E. Destouet, 31, Portland, and Tyler J. Jarvis, 28, Portland
Jordan M. Eversole, 27, Lima, Ohio, and Jaeden M. Kinstle, 23, Lima, Ohio
Myriah R. Boice, 29, Portland, and Michael A. LeMaster, 40, Portland
Kiaya A.M. Crouch, 32, Redkey, and Joseph A. Winget, 32, Redkey
Stephany M. Fontanini, 29, Portland, and Ernest Martinez, 29, Portland
Christy D. Shauver, 46, Portland, and Matthew W. Shauver, 45, Portland
Austin D. Huth, 31, Portland, and Melinda S. Moore, 40, Portland

Woman cheats on husband, moves on

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Maddie," 34, just left what I thought was a great marriage. After only five years, she cheated on her husband, "Glenn." Their 6-year-old son is crushed. I know there are two sides to every story, but our entire family loves Glenn. He's a hard worker, but quiet and kind of a homebody.

I think poor communication and lack of excitement were her issues with him.

Ever since high school, Maddie had a long string of boyfriends. Most of them seemed to be nice guys, but when Maddie's dad and I got to know them and became fond of them, she'd dump them.

I think Maddie is upset with

Dear Abby



photos of them together, and I rarely "like" the photos because I DON'T like them.

I hate what she's done. It really hurts me. How can I get past this, and how should I handle what I feel is pressure from her to accept this new guy? — STANDING BY IN GEORGIA

DEAR STANDING BY: Your first priority should be to create as stable an environment for your grandchild as possible. There may have been problems in Maddie and Glenn's marriage that you weren't privy to. Be cordial to the new man in your daughter's life, and in the future stop allowing yourself to

become as emotionally invested with the men she dates.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 58-year-old man. I have a 33-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old granddaughter. My relationship with my granddaughter is non-existent. My only relevance to her is in the role of benefactor. She promises to spend time, visit, call or write, but never follows through. On the other hand, she has no problem reaching out via cash app or any other platform for money.

Every year, in the months before Christmas, I start receiving calls or texts from her. Once the holidays are over, it's busi-

ness as usual. Going forward I plan to ignore her inquiries. Conversations with her and my daughter aren't working. What do you suggest? — MORE THAN MONEY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MORE: Because conversations with your daughter haven't worked, have another one with your granddaughter. Keep in mind that at 14, she may be somewhat self-centered, but she should be told how being ignored for long periods makes you FEEL. Explain that you are no longer willing to give gifts of money to a person you aren't interacting with. Then see if she follows through.

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 - BRANNA'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 BREAKFAST 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 Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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 appoint-

ment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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.

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.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E.

Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

ALANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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For Jay County Schools March 27-31

Monday: Main Entrees: Buttermilk pancakes, turkey sausage link, syrup **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish, yogurt fun lunch, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Tater tots

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish, yogurt fun lunch, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned zucchini

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish, yogurt fun lunch, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Smile potatoes

Thursday: Main Entrees: Beef nachos **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish, yogurt fun lunch, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Mexican style refried beans

Friday: Main Entrees: Crispy popcorn shrimp **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish, yogurt fun lunch, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas and carrots

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The new U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report makes very clear what we stand to lose in the next decade without a significant course correction: a chance at a “livable and sustainable future for all.” Our home, the Earth, is on fire and we need to act.

The arguments against contending with the impending impacts of man-made climate change were never great, but they seem downright self-destructive now. We understand

Guest Editorial

that data can have different interpretations and no predictive models are perfect, but at some point you have to trust that there is an observable reality that we can measure. It is getting hotter and sea levels are rising.

The consensus of scientists and researchers from different countries and backgrounds working together is about as close to the absolute truth as we're going to get, and that truth is looking dire. We can wait and see if they were right, at which point it will be too late to actually do anything about it, or we can act now and stave off events that will almost certainly cause global devastation, kill millions of people worldwide, and become exponentially harder to reverse.

In fact, we don't have to wait anymore.

Claims that these are natural climate fluctuations that we shouldn't worry about ring hollow to Californians whose homes have gone up in flames, Puerto Ricans dealing with Hurricane Maria's devastation for years, or Buffalonians whose loved ones froze to death in December's blizzard.

Extreme weather is becoming routine, and it will only get more routine if governments around the world don't commit to aggressive intervention,

including a massive reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Fortunately, the report lays out a clear road map for getting where we need to be.

Unfortunately, that road map will have to be implemented by political leaders often more concerned about short-term electoral cycles.

It was 16 years ago that the IPCC and Al Gore won a Nobel Peace Prize for efforts to highlight the dangers of climate change.

The clock keeps ticking towards catastrophe.

So much has changed

By ALICIA MORGAN
Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)
HSPA Infonet

Milestones are hard on parents, especially — and I'm going out on a limb here — for moms.

The pressure is felt right away.

Everything is measured.

How much milk are they drinking? How long do they sleep in between waking to be fed?

When do they sit up, roll over, take their first step?

Their first day of kindergarten is frightening. How will someone else know how to take care of my baby all day, and keep him (“him” because I'm a proud boy mom) safe, we ask ourselves. We worry until his school day ends. We find out he had the “best time” and loved every minute of school.

In the end, it's bitter-sweet.

It all is, really.

My eldest has nearly made it all the way through middle school, which was nerve-racking (to me, not him) at first.

He's already being welcomed to high school. Last month we attended a school resource fair and parent meeting to learn about all the offerings. We had to fill out a schedule by the middle of February. And on top of all that, he started weight training for football.

It seems it's all coming at me at once. Yes, me. Not him.

He's good. Not sweating it.

“Settle down, Mom,” he says (multiple times), while looking at me, bewildered.

It's not like I am a newbie when it comes to stress. I'm swimming in it. But this? This is another level. The amount of anxiety I feel is extraordinary. There are just so many choices. The week before I began high school, we attended a quick orientation where we received our schedules and then we were on our way.

Not in 2023. Not even close. There are multiple ways to graduate and choices even in the basics: algebra, math, English, some with or without lab, some advanced; three different Core 40 diplomas; service or work project requirements; career and technical education (CTE) classes; Pathways; and tons of electives (in high school?!?). These days students can even earn col-

Alicia Morgan



lege credit while still in high school! I know that's not news to a lot of Millennials, but to this Gen X mom, it's crazy cool.

What does it all mean? How will we know we're on the right track and stay on that track? And does there really have to be a track?

I went looking for answers and stumbled upon a 108-page curriculum guide. I shouldn't need to tell you my blood pressure went through the roof at that point.

Luckily I was able to get in touch with the counselor assigned to him. (There are lots of counselors, also something very different than this small-town Illinois girl experienced where there was one, for the whole school.)

She was amazing, knowledgeable, explained things while somehow comforting me and also — and this is important — admitted she too has an incoming freshman and understands how overwhelming it is.

But, it's also exciting. I have to admit my experience as a student had a lot to do with living in a small town. While that's not always a bad thing, it was particularly bad for me. I have been looking forward to my child's high school career knowing it will be vastly different from mine. The opportunities are extensive. The options seem limitless.

The size of the Terre Haute South class of 2027? Well, let's just say it's astronomical if you compare it to my class of 1997.

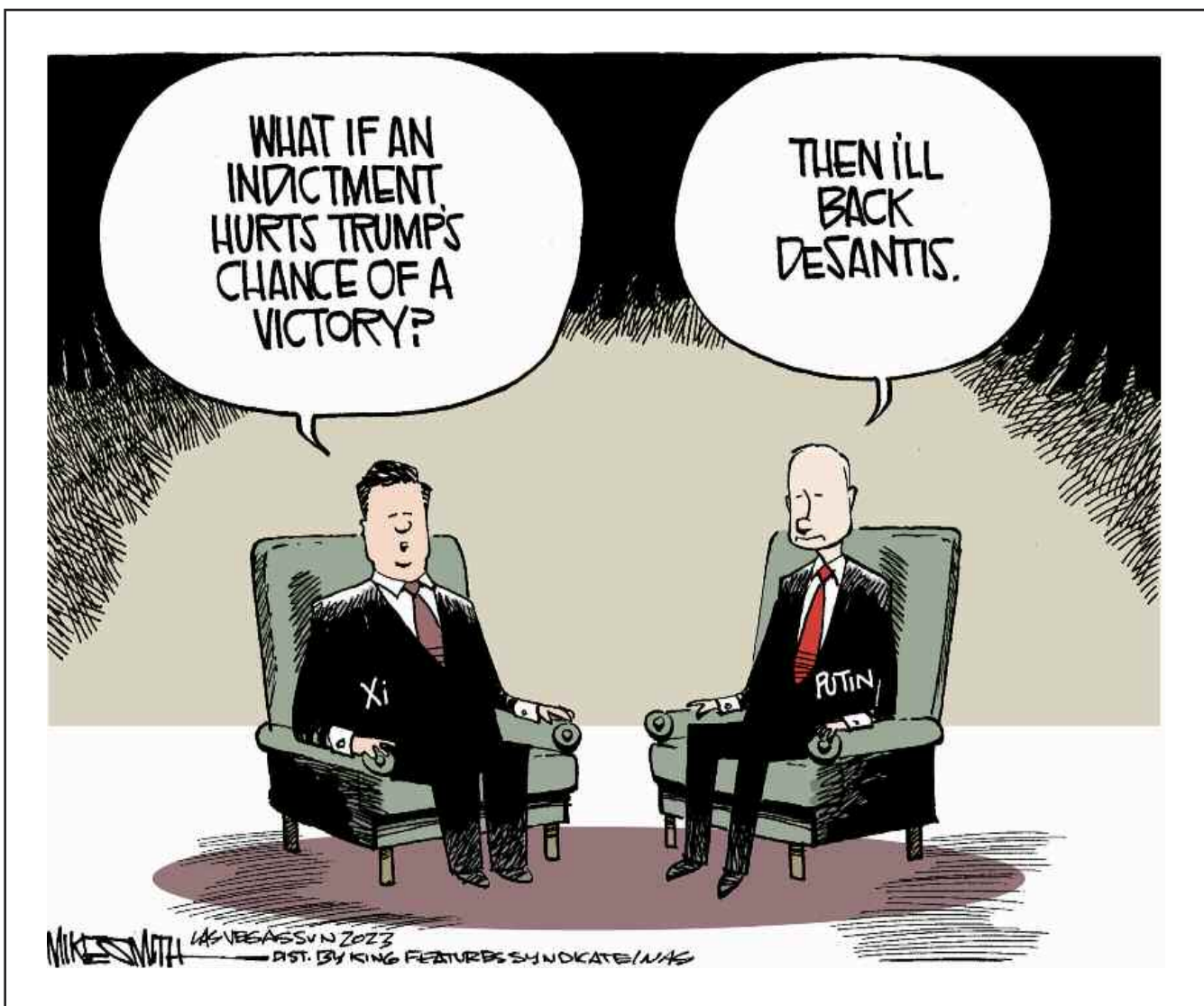
The best part is I get to see where these opportunities take him, and he has four years until we get to the next milestone. Four years until he grows from a 14-year-old finding his way to a man heading off to college.

Four years is a lot of time. And then it isn't.

Like I said, it's always bittersweet.

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AI will transform childhood

By TYLER COWEN
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With the introduction of GPT-4 and Claude, AI has taken another big step forward. GPT-4 is human-level or better at many hard tasks, a huge improvement over GPT-3.5, which was released only a few months ago. Yet amid the debate over these advances, there has been very little discussion of one of the most profound effects of AI large language models: how they will reshape childhood.

In the future, every middle-class kid will grow up with a personalized AI assistant — so long as the parents are OK with that.

As for the children, most of them will be willing if not downright eager. When I was 4 years old, I had an imaginary friend who lived under the refrigerator, called (ironically) Bing Bing. I would talk to him and report his opinions to my parents and sister.

In the near future, such friends will be quite real, albeit automated, and they will talk back to our children as directly as we wish. Having an AI service for your child will be as normal as having a pet, except the AI service will never bite. It will be carried around in something like a tablet, though with a design that is oriented toward the AI.

Recent developments suggest that AI models can be both commoditized and customized more easily and cheaply than expected. So parents will be able to choose what kind of companion they want their kids to have — in contrast to the free-for-all of the internet. The available services likely will include education and tutoring, text or vocalizations of what the family pet might be thinking, dancing cartoon avatars, and much more. Companies will com-

pete to offer products that parents think will be good for their kids. Some of the AIs might even read bedtime stories (in fact, I've already heard some of them).

Many parents may be reluctant to let their kids become attached to an AI. But I predict that most families will welcome it. For one, parents will be able to turn off the connection whenever they wish. Simply clicking a button is easier than yanking an iPad out of a kid's grasp.

Most of all, letting your kid have an AI companion will bring big advantages. Your child will learn to read and write much faster and better, and will do better in school. Or maybe you want your kid to master Spanish or Chinese, but you can't afford an expensive tutor who comes only twice a week. Do you want your child to learn how to read music? The AI services will be as limited or as expansive as you want them to be.

It is an open question how quickly schools will embrace these new methods of learning. At some point, however, they will become part of the curriculum. Competitive pressures will make parents reluctant to withhold AI from their kids. Even if the AIs are not present in the classroom, some kids will use them to help do their homework, gaining a big advantage, and the practice will likely spread.

Of course children will use these AIs for purposes far beyond what their parents intend. They

will become playthings, companions, entertainers and much more. When I was a kid, with no internet and mediocre TV, I created imaginary worlds in the dirt, or with simple household items, and my parents often had no clue. The AI services will become part of this model of spontaneous play, even if parents try to make them purely educational.

What about teenagers? Well, many parents may allow their kids to speak with AI therapists. It might be better than nothing, and perhaps better than many human therapists.

It is easy enough to imagine the problems. Socially conservative parents won't be able to stop their kids from visiting friends whose AIs teach about sex education. Many kids may manage to “jail-break” their AIs, getting them talking about sex and violence, even in an educational context (try Roman history). And while the rise of AI won't necessarily increase inequality, it's hard to argue that it won't confer even more advantages on wealthy and middle-class kids.

But the biggest drawback might simply be that the AI services work too well, and kids become very attached to them, neglecting friends and family. They might be such good babysitters that parents won't always pull the plug when they should. They might, in short, be the 21st century version of television.

What will it be like to grow up with such companions? Nobody really knows. But an entire generation is about to find out.

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State debates 'right to repair'

By **CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK**
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From his tractor dealership in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, Kyle Smith, owner of Midway Farm Equipment, dispatches his mechanics miles away to fix farmers' tractors — repairs requiring much more than a wrench.

"It's not as easy as your tractor from 1978, when something doesn't work you go out and follow linkage to a cable and a cable to a valve," said Smith. "Nowadays, it's all electronic and it's on a wiring sensor somewhere."

He understands why do-it-yourself-minded operators are increasingly frustrated by their inability to fix equipment themselves. Instead of running solely on basic mechanics, tractors — like automobiles — increasingly rely on computer technology.

A movement within the industry known as "right-to-repair" — which aims to help that farmer or a local, independent mechanic fix the tractor on their own — has reached the Minnesota Legislature. A pair of bills are moving through the Capitol that could mandate farm equipment manufacturers share proprietary information — usually held by authorized dealers — so independent mechanics, or even farmers, could fix their own machinery.

But Smith doesn't like the term.

"I think the right-to-repair is almost worded wrongly from the fact that nothing is preventing the farmer from fixing his tractor," Smith said. "It's just anything software is proprietary from the manufacturer because they don't want unskilled people to go in there and mess it up."

Therein lies the conflict between a company's intellectual property and a farmer's independence.

Supporters view this as part of a larger push to break up monopolies in the farming industry. But some lawmakers say the highly technical nature of today's repairs are best left to the specialists.

Veterans program set at BSU

An event for entrepreneurial veterans is scheduled for next month.

Boots to Business Reboot is scheduled for April 6 at Ball State Alumni Center in Muncie.

Boots to Business Reboot is a two-step training program for veterans that provides an overview on business ownership, details about creating a business plan and information about resources available in the public and private sectors. The first step is the in-person course led by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The second involves an online course.

The program is open to all veterans, including members of the National Guard and Reserve, and their spouses.

To register for the in-person course, visit sbavets.force.com. For more information, con-

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tact mark@vetbizcentral.org.

Training set

John Jay Center for Learning will host ServSafe training sessions.

Training is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24. For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

Amber's launching

Amber's Beauty School of Muncie has announced that it is launching a new esthetics program in June.

The program will offer training in skin care and makeup techniques. Its courses will include curriculum regarding prod-

uct and ingredients, body treatments and waxing.

Buss appointed

Ball State University president Geoffrey S. Mearns announced recently that James Buss will become the new dean of its Honors College.

Buss, who is currently the dean of the Honors College and interim associate provost at Northern Kentucky University, will take over the role on June 19. He will follow John Emert, who is retiring May 31.

"After a competitive national search, I am excited to welcome Dr. Buss as Ball State University's new Honors College dean," Mearns said in a press release. "Throughout the hiring process, the search committee was impressed by Dr. Buss' significant experience in building and shaping successful honors college programming; but, more importantly, he clearly shares Ball State's val-

ues — excellence, innovation, courage, integrity, inclusiveness, social responsibility and gratitude."

Journal Review cuts

The Journal Review of Crawfordsville announced that beginning next week it will reduce to publishing five days a week — Tuesday through Saturday — from the previous six.

The newspaper is making the change as it shifts from being printed in Terre Haute to the AIM Media Indiana facility in Greenfield.

Lilly partnering

Eli Lilly and Roche this week announced a partnership to develop a blood test for Alzheimer's disease.

Indianapolis-based Lilly and the Swiss pharmaceuticals firm are working together on the test — Elecsys Amyloid Plasma Panel — to measure levels of a protein in the blood that

has been connected with the onset of the disease, Forbes reported Wednesday. The firms hope to file clinical data in the United States in 2025.

The test "has the potential to streamline a person's journey to diagnosis," Roche Diagnostics chief executive Matt Sause told Forbes.

Deals closed

Two firms with plans for local projects recently closed deals for renewable energy facilities.

Invenenergy, which is planning Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County, announced that it has been awarded a contract for a 350 megawatt wind energy project in Quebec, Canada. Leeward Energy, which is planning Rose Gold Solar north of Dunkirk, announced it has closed about \$75 million in financing for its Horizon solar facility in Frio County, Texas.



PCC gets donation

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$1,000 to Pregnancy Care Center. Pictured with the donation check is Pregnancy Care Center director Lisa Peterson.

Photo provided

Bill would force tech firms to pay for news

By **JAIMIE DINGS**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

In the latest attempt by legislators to rein in Silicon Valley, a measure has been introduced in California that would force tech companies such as Facebook and Google to pay publishers for news content from which their platforms profit.

The California Journalism Competition and Preservation Act, announced by Assembly member Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) on Monday, if approved, would direct digital advertising giants to pay news outlets a "journalism usage fee" when they sell advertising alongside news con-

tent. Additionally, the bill would require publishers to invest 70% of the profits from that fee in journalism jobs.

The bill has strong support from news advocacy groups including the California News Publishers Association and the News/Media Alliance. (The Los Angeles Times is a member of both organizations and supports the proposed legislation.)

"Big Tech has become the de facto gatekeeper of journalism and is using its dominance to set rules for how news content is displayed, prioritized and monetized," said CNPA Chairperson Emily Charrier.



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE ROYAL RULER HAS SO MANY SERVANTS THAT HE MAY HAVE TO CREATE AN INTERNAL RETINUE SERVICE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals G

Trivial Review
(Answers are printed below, upside down.)
Final Jeopardy! adjacent
1) What was the highest grossing James Bond film when adjusted for inflation?
2) Who preached the sermon that is considered to have sparked The Crusades?
Answers: 1) Skyfall 2) Pope Urban II

3-27 CRYPTOQUIP
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: FILM ABOUT A BAKER MAKING TRUCKLOADS OF LOAVES FOR A BIG NEVADA CITY: "LEAVENING LAS VEGAS."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals G

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to umbrellas.
Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = I)
A. 25 15 3 12 18 8 12
Clue: Keep from being damaged
B. 15 6 16 23 13
Clue: Falling water
C. 16 23 19 18 23 12 16 3 23
Clue: Newly introduced product
D. 17 7 16 18 9 4
Clue: Protective structure

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to umbrellas.
CDUOL
Answer: Cloud

Guess Who?
I am an actress born in Louisiana on March 22, 1976. I became a fashion model for a TV advertisement at the age of 7. My various screen roles have kept me busy. One movie in particular helped me earn several awards.
Answer: Reese Witherspoon

kids' corner
SCIENCE FACT:
PRECIPITATION MAKES THIS DEVICE USEFUL.
ANSWER: UMBRELLA

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Rain
SPANISH: Lluvia
ITALIAN: Pioggia
FRENCH: Pluie
GERMAN: Regen

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
Answers: 1. Two plants on table 2. Bird in sky 3. Extra light on wall 4. Missing planter

THIS DAY IN...
23 HISTORY
1956: PAKISTAN BECOMES THE FIRST ISLAMIC REPUBLIC IN THE WORLD.
1983: PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN MAKES HIS INITIAL PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY TO INTERCEPT ENEMY MISSILES.
2021: A CONTAINER SHIP RUNS AGROUND AND BLOCKS THE SUEZ CANAL FOR SIX DAYS.

New word
PROTECT
to keep safe from harm or injury

RAINY WEATHER WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS
CLOUDY DAMP DEW POINT DRIZZLE GALOSHES GUSTS HUMIDITY INDOORS JACKET OVERCAST PROTECTION PUDDLES RAINFALL SLIPPERY SLUGGISH SOGGY UMBRELLA VISIBILITY WET WINDY

Did you know?
UMBRELLA COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD "UMBRŌS," WHICH MEANS SHADE OR SHADOW.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: UMBRELLA

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 Tours 1 Last season write-up 5 Extended lunches? 9 Method "I did it!" 13 Fir or yew 14 Year in Spain 15 Mountain goat 16 Morales of "Ozark" 17 Blue 18 Swedish auto 19 Dyeing vessel 20 Links org. 21 Marseilles monarch 23 Yale grad 25 Llama's cousin 28 Just say no 32 Flinch, say 33 Bas-relief medium 34 Fed the furnace 36 1997 Demi Moore film
DOWN 20 Boater's safety item 22 Quartet doubled 24 On the up and up 25 "— Poetica" 26 Rent out 27 Kung — chicken 29 Olympics chant 30 Nine-digit ID 31 Fair hirer, in ads 35 Round-about path 36 "Scram!" 39 Streetcar 40 Had on 41 "Rhyme Pays" rapper 43 Gumbo veggie 45 Sharpen 46 Early Peruvian 47 Mama — Elliot 49 Old CIA foe
Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 3-25
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A matter of self-preservation
South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠K 5, ♥10 7 6, ♦K 10 3 2, ♣K Q 10 5
WEST: ♠9 8 4 2, ♥K Q 9 5 4, ♦A 7, ♣8 2
EAST: ♠6 3, ♥A J 8 2, ♦8 6 5, ♣9 7 6 4
SOUTH: ♠A Q J 10 7, ♥3, ♦Q J 9 4, ♣A J 3
The bidding: South 1♣, West Pass, North 2♦, East Pass, South 3♣, West Pass, North 4♦, East Pass. Opening lead — king of hearts.
The most common form of defense against a suit contract is to force declarer to ruff at every opportunity. One advantage of this procedure is that it keeps the defenders from breaking new suits, but the primary purpose is to completely deplete declarer's trumps, after which the defenders will be in position to cash whatever cards remain in their long suits.
When declarer has a plentiful supply of trumps, he can usually withstand this attack on his trump suit. But when he has only seven trumps divided 5-2 or 4-3, his situation often becomes precarious. Consider this deal where South reaches four spades as shown. West leads a heart, and hearts are continued. Declarer ruffs, and if he now draws all the opposing trumps, exhausting his own trumps in the process, he goes down one, finishing with only nine tricks — five spades and four clubs. When he leads a diamond at trick 11, the defenders score the ace of diamonds and two more heart tricks. This result should not come as any great surprise to South. The 4-2 division in the trump suit is more likely than any other occurring nearly half the time. To defuse this potential threat to the contract, declarer should adopt a more cautious approach. After trumping the heart at trick two, he should lead the jack of diamonds. If the jack holds the trick, he can then draw trump and rump home with 10 tricks. If the jack of diamonds is taken by the ace and a heart is returned, South must be careful not to ruff, which would reduce him to three trumps and leave him prey to a 4-2 trump split. Instead, he discards a club or a diamond, leaving his trump holding intact. A heart continuation, if made, can then be ruffed in dummy, after which he has the rest of the tricks and his contract.

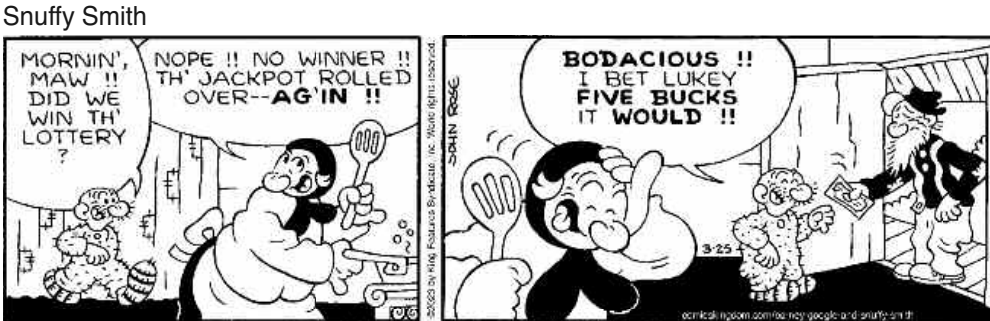
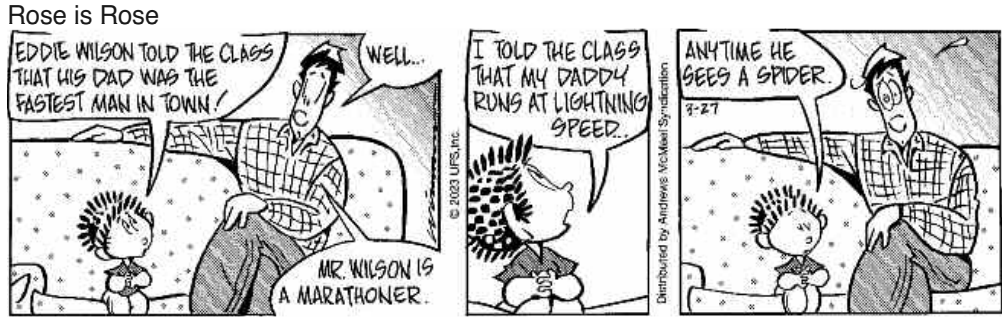
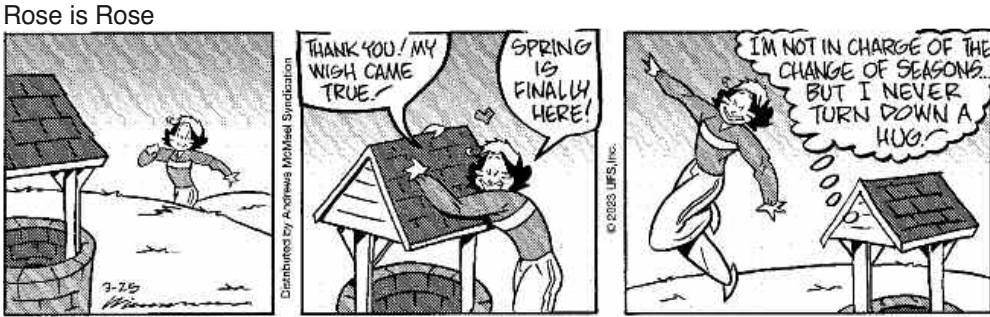
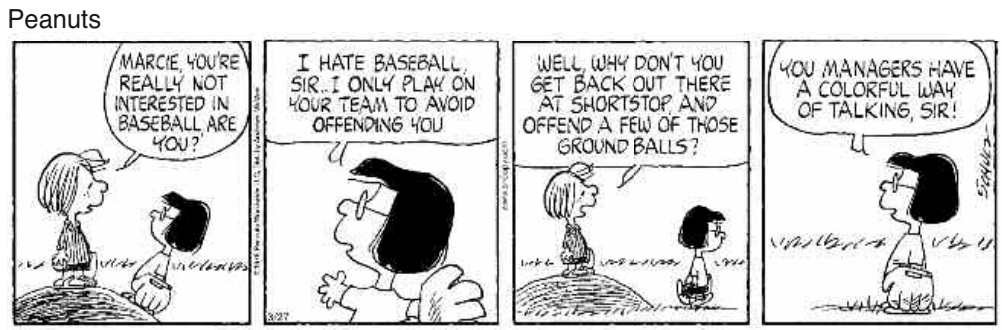
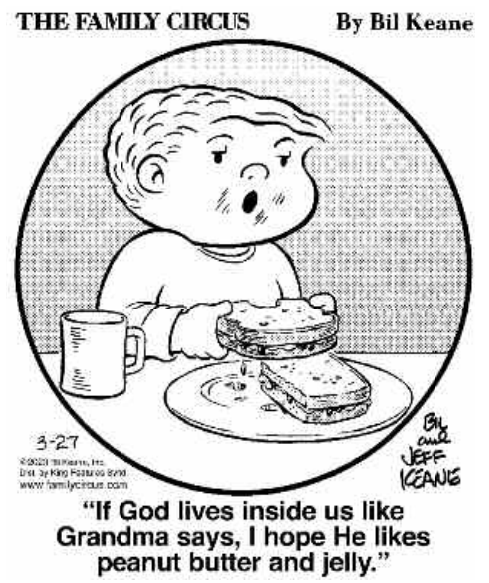
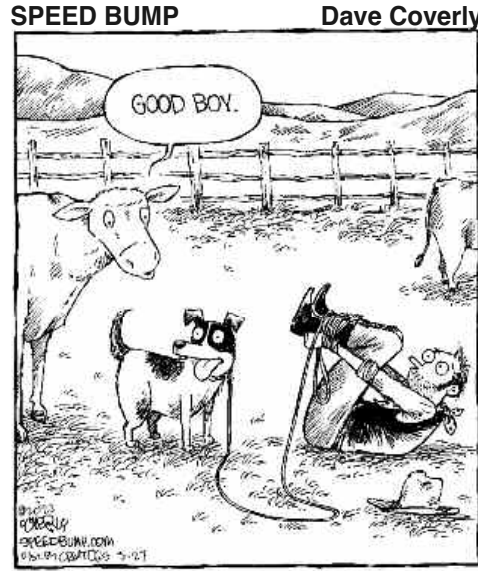
Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. East-West vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠K Q 10 7 4, ♥10 6 5 3, ♦K Q J 2
WEST: ♠9 5, ♥8 4 2, ♦8 5 4 2, ♣A 9 7 3
EAST: ♠A 8 3 2, ♥9, ♦10 9 7 3, ♣10 6 5 4
SOUTH: ♠J 6, ♥A K Q J 7, ♦A K Q J 6, ♣8
The bidding: South 1♣, West Pass, North 3♥, East Pass, South 4♥, West Pass, North 5♥, East Pass. Opening lead — ace of clubs.
When two teams sit down to play for the world championship, anything at all can be expected to happen. And it did, in this astonishing hand from a match between Sweden and the United States in 1953. It was Deal No. 3 before the players even had a chance to warm up in the 256-board match won by an American team composed of John Crawford, Theodore Lightner, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman and B. Jay Becker. When Nils-Olof Lilliehook and Gunnar Andulf were North-South for Sweden, they arrived at six hearts as shown. The American West led the club ace and wisely shifted to a spade, and the slam went down one. It was a remarkable deal in many ways. North's K-Q-J of clubs and diamond void proved to be virtually worthless, and South's magnificent diamonds were practically useless. When an American pair held the North-South cards at the other table with Schenken South and Stayman North, the bidding went: South 1♣, West Pass, North 2♣, East Pass, South 3♥, West Pass, North 4♥, East Pass, South 5♥, West Pass, North 6♥. A trump was led, and Schenken drew three rounds of trump and cashed the A-K-Q-J of diamonds, discarding all four clubs from dummy. He then conceded the ace of spades and so made the slam, giving the U.S. a net gain of 1,030 points on the deal. It is very odd that two top-notch pairs could both bid a slam missing two cashable aces on a deal where, if it were dealt in the average home game, the likelihood is that the players would use Blackwood and thus avoid the slam. It would seem to provide further justification of the age-old expression, "Simplest is best."

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ACROSS 37 Poise 40 "Kapow!" 41 Gaming tyro 42 Test type 47 Director Kazan 48 Handel's "Messiah," e.g. 49 Travel 50 "The Hang-over" actor Jeong 51 Puppy's cry 52 British nobles 53 Ski lift type 54 Differently 55 Picnic containers 56 N.J. summer hrs. 57 Beckett's no-show 58 Have bills 59 Forecast 60 Shadow 61 Erstwhile acorns 62 Dessert wines
DOWN 4 Cow-boy's seat 5 New Mexico resort 6 "I love," in Latin 7 Comical compilation 8 Prior to work on proofs 9 Queue 10 Cask sediment 11 Wall St. deals 12 Beer ingredient 13 Shoe width 14 Designer Gucci 15 Ultimate 16 "Caught ya!" 17 X, at times
22 Alpha-betic sequence 23 Fusses 24 Ina Garten best-seller 25 Lion's greeting 26 Loretta of "M*A*S*H" 27 Glitzy rock genre 28 Golfer Ernie 29 "What a shame" 30 Hoyden 31 Huff and puff 32 From the start 33 Fishing rod 34 Pork cut 35 Opposite of "post-" 36 Tram load 37 Corn product 38 Key-stone lawman
Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 3-27
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Ready ...

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When the time came, the Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters went through design firm Garmann Miller of Minster to draw up plans for the complex.

The first major hurdle for the project came as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, with the start of construction delayed in 2020. Ultimately, B&D Contracting took on the majority of the work for the project.

The field and other facilities were the first phase of the project. In the future, the school district plans to eventually install canopies and lights for the fields.

Fort Recovery Athletics Boosters secretary Jonah Foote said the boosters received help from volunteers to finish pieces of the project such as setting up the stadium seating, putting up netting and picking rocks out of the dirt and warning track.

"It takes a village to make things like this happen," Gann said, "It's this network of people that truly will serve others. That servant leadership that we see from the boosters and some of the other community organizations is what allows cool stuff like this to happen."

The area between the two fields includes a concession stand, restrooms, a press box for both fields and extra storage for field equipment.

"Sometimes when we build



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

The right field fence that starts near the scoreboard at the new Fort Recovery High School baseball field features wood fencing with each post spiked at the top to resemble the wall of a fort.

these complexes, we forget about all of the other moving pieces besides the actual game itself," Gann said.

There are also features about the field that set it apart as uniquely Fort Recovery. Between the dugouts and running behind home plate there is bright purple turf on both fields. There is stadium-style seating as opposed to typical bleachers. There is an observation mound beyond center field for both diamonds where

fans can drive their golf carts and park to watch the game. The baseball field also has wood fencing in right field that is squared off in the corner and each post is spiked at the top to resemble the wall of a fort.

"Fort Recovery has a pretty rich history with the two battles that took place here," said Foote, referencing the 1791 Battle of the Wabash and the 1794 Battle of Fort Recovery. "So we wanted to honor the fort with our right field

'It takes a village to make things like this happen.'

—Holly Gann,
FRHS athletics director

wall on the baseball field, a feature that draws your eye to it."

The project cost upward of \$1.6 million. The Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters took out a \$1 million loan when the high school initially leased the property to the boosters for the project. The boosters have been able to fund the field without the use of any taxpayer dollars. All of the funds for the project have come from sponsors, donations and the Win on the Wabash super raffle.

Friday's opening celebration will include a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m., first pitches at 4:45 p.m. and flag-raising ceremonies led by Fort Recovery VFW and Fort Recovery American Legion at 4:50 p.m. First pitch on both fields is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Former coaches Jerry Kaup and Marie Osterholt will throw out the first pitches. Kaup coached the baseball team for 11 seasons, including state berths in

2015 and '16. Osterholt is the longest-tenured coach in the history of the school's softball program, having led the Indians from 2000 through 2014.

Ultimately, the goal of improving the athletic facilities is to get more involvement with the sports. Gann hopes the new complex will excite student-athletes to the point where they want to get involved, whether it be playing for the teams, serving in a different role or coming to games to support the teams. There is also hope that with the fields side-by-side, fans will have the opportunity to support both the baseball and softball teams simultaneously.

"The more fans you have cheering you on I feel like you play better," senior baseball player Cale Rammel said. "All of that energy feeds onto the field so that will be good. It's going to be fun to play at."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Gabi Bilibrey in Hoosier State Relays at Indiana University — 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball at Houston — 1 p.m.; JV baseball at St. Henry — noon; Freshman baseball doubleheader at Versailles — noon

Monday
Fort Recovery — Softball at Ansonia — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Celina — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.; Middle school track at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Track vs. Coldwater and Marion Local — 4:30 p.m.; JV softball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
10:30 a.m. — High school boys basketball: IHSAA Class 1A championship —

Southwood vs. Indianapolis Lutheran (Bally Indiana)

Noon — Golf: PGA Tour — Dell Technologies Matchplay (NBC)
Noon — College baseball: Texas A&M at Tennessee (ESPN2)

12:30 p.m. — High school boys basketball: IHSAA Class 2A championship — Blackhawk Christian vs. Linton-Stockton (Bally Indiana)

1 p.m. — Auto racing: Formula E — Sao Paulo E-Prix (CBS)
1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series — XPEL 225 (FS1)

1:30 p.m. — XFL football: Seattle Sea Dragons at Orlando Guardians (ABC)
4 p.m. — Mixed martial arts — UFC Fight Night (ESPN)
4:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles Galaxy at Portland Timbers (FOX)

5 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks (Bally Indiana)
5 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Pit Boss 250 (FS1)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

NCAA Tournament Kansas State vs Florida Atlantic (TBS)

6 p.m. — High school boys basketball: IHSAA Class 3A championship — NorthWood vs. Guerin Catholic (Bally Indiana)

8 p.m. — High school boys basketball: IHSAA Class 4A championship — Kokomo vs. Ben Davis (Bally Indiana)

8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament Connecticut vs Gonzaga (TBS)
10 p.m. — Boxing: Jose Ramirez vs. Richard Commey (ESPN)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Soccer: Euro qualification — Denmark vs. Kazakhstan (FS1)
1 p.m. — College baseball: Arkansas at LSU (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Dell Technologies Matchplay (NBC)
3 p.m. — XFL football: San Antonio Brahmas at Arlington Renegades (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR

Cup Series — EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix (FOX)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TBS)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TBS)

10:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Los Angeles Kings (Bally Indiana)

Monday
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Euro qualification — France vs. Republic of Ireland (FS1)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — XFL football: Houston Roughnecks at D.C. Defenders (ESPN2)

Tuesday
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Euro qualification — Croatia vs. Turkey (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — High school basketball: McDonald's All American girls game (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Miami

Heat at Toronto Raptors (TNT)

8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Vancouver Canucks at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)

9 p.m. — High school basketball: McDonald's All American boys game (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

Local notes

Wrestling club hosting event
Jay County Wrestling Club will host Delaware County Championship Wrestling for a professional wrestling event April 8.

The DCCW show scheduled for 7 p.m. April 8 at Jay Community Center will feature an appearance by Olympic gold medalist and WWE Hall of Famer Kurt Angle. The card also features an appearance by WWE Hall of Famer Rikishi. Tickets start at \$20 for general admission. To purchase tickets, call James Myers at (260) 726-5088 or Andy Frasher at (260) 251-2842, or visit

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Ready for battle

FR will celebrate new baseball/softball complex on Friday

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

After six years in the making, the fort-style fence is up, stadium seats are installed and purple turf is in place.

The Indians are finally ready to start playing baseball and softball side by side.

The LeFevre Family Baseball and Softball Complex was completed earlier this year, with an opening celebration planned Friday as the Fort Recovery High School baseball and softball teams host games against the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks.

"Everyone's excited because it's a brand new facility, a beautiful new field to play on," FRHS baseball coach Kevin Eyink said. "I'd say it's top of the line and everyone is excited ... we just can't wait for that first game there."

The project, which includes a new baseball field, a "face-lift" for the softball field and permanent restroom, concession and media facilities between them, started in 2017 when a group of baseball dads then known as Fort Recovery Diamond Club proposed the idea.

Opening ceremonies
Friday, March 31

4:30 p.m.
Ribbon cutting

4:45 p.m.
First pitches

4:50 p.m.
Flag-raising

5 p.m.
Opening pitches

Costs to maintain the old baseball field — it was located on the western edge of the village at the end of Caldwell Street — were piling up because of drainage, years of wear and tear and difficulties getting maintenance equipment to the location. It also lacked adequate parking, a concession stand and permanent restroom facilities.

The new complex is located on the southeast side of the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School property,



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School will celebrate the new LeFevre Family Baseball and Softball Complex with opening ceremonies Friday ahead of side-by-side games against the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks. The project to add a baseball field along with a concession stand, restrooms, a press box and storage next to the existing softball field on the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School property was completed earlier this year.

ty, with the baseball field added to the south of where the softball field was constructed about two decades earlier. Having the fields next to each other will

streamline the maintenance process, allowing for all of the equipment to be in one location. It is also better for drainage thanks to better infrastructure in

the area — water can drain 10 feet deep into the ground according to athletics director Holly Gann.

When Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle

School was originally designed, the plans included space for the baseball field to eventually be built on the property.

See **Ready** page 9

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