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## Top 10

### Jay County graduate Katelyn Harris is named one of Ball State University's best

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Katelyn Harris stays busy.

The 2019 Jay County High School graduate and Ball State University senior was recently named one of the Top 10 Students at Ball State University.

Harris had been named one of the college's top 50 seniors in February.

The top-10 award, which is new this year, acknowledges junior and senior undergraduate students who represent the "spirit of Beneficence," Ball State's icon symbolizing generosity and other values. This is Harris' second time she has been named as one of the Top 100 Students at her college.

"I know that I try my best, but when I get awards or acknowledgment, it's kind of academic shock," said Harris.

Although she's pleasantly surprised by the recognition, her jam-packed resume speaks for itself.

A Portland native, she studies pre-medical preparation and biology. Harris works as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at Bethel Pointe Health and Rehabilitation and balances three other jobs, providing supplemental instruction for a first-level biology course, tutoring at Ball State Learning Center and interning with Ball State Health Humanities Department, which offers up to a minor in its field of study.

Harris helps develop curriculum and present the health humanities program to high schools students in Muncie. When she graduates in May, she'll be the first student to receive a health humanities minor at Ball State University. (She noted that the school is hoping to bump it to a full-fledged program students can major in next academic year.)

"The health humanities is essentially the study of

being a humane person, which is very needed in any kind of health care, but also in life," she said. "You don't have to be a biology or a medical major, you can be in any major and you'll be able to investigate things that are going on culturally or socially."

She referenced organ procurement, women in health and bioethics as examples, advocating for patient holistic care.

Harris divides her time between a variety of clubs and organizations. She's a member of the pre-medical club, chemistry society, pre-health professionals, honor society, wildlife society and Student Affiliates of the American Chemistry Association. (She was also recently named this year's Outstanding Student in Biology.) Harris stays active in her dance club, Operation Blackout, and has volunteered with IU Health hospitals, Feed My Starving



Photo provided

Katelyn Harris was recently named to Ball State University's Top 10 Students list for 2023. The Portland native participates in a variety of volunteer roles, clubs and university jobs. She's a senior studying pre-medical preparation and biology. Pictured above, Harris stands with Maureen McCarthy, dean of the college of sciences and humanities at Ball State University, and parents Ken and Rebecca Hodgson.

Children, Action for Animals, American Red Cross and Read United.

She also researched maternal addictions through the Addictions

Coalition of Delaware County, interviewing women struggling with addiction while wanting to have children, being pregnant or living postpartum.

As a student who plans to go into family medicine with a specialty in pediatrics, Harris said the issue jumped out to her.

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### Cline honored

Nancy Cline, right, hugs Jay County FFA president Laci McGinnis during the annual FFA banquet Friday at Jay County High School. Cline was named the 2023 honorary chapter member for her dedication to the organization and students through the years. She is the first woman to be inducted into the Jay County FFA Agriculture Hall of Fame.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

## Trump will plead not guilty

By PATRICIA HURTADO  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Donald Trump will be arraigned in the criminal case against him Tuesday, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The former president will hear the charges brought by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg and enter a plea of not guilty at a hearing at the New York State Supreme courthouse in lower Manhattan Tuesday, said the person, who asked not to be identified discussing details that haven't yet been announced.

Law enforcement officials will meet Friday afternoon, ahead of Trump's arraignment, to discuss security measures to be taken at and around the courthouse, the person said. Expected attendees include the New York Police Department, the Secret Service, New York state court officials and court officers, who see to security inside the building, as well as representatives of Bragg's office.

The plans are currently to close down Centre Street, where the courthouse is located, and Baxter Street, which runs behind it, to all vehicles.

Trump will travel to New York from Florida the day before his arraignment to stay at his Trump Tower on Monday night.

On Thursday, Trump became the first former U.S. president to be indicted, when a Manhattan grand jury Bragg had convened in January determined there was enough evidence to proceed with a case against him.

## Howard Co. project clears hurdle

By TYLER JURANOVICH  
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Tribune News Service

KOKOMO — A proposed solar farm for eastern Howard County overcame a hurdle Tuesday that brings it one step closer to construction.

The Howard County Board of Zoning Appeals voted 3-2 to grant a special exception permit to Ranger Power to construct a commercial solar farm just east of the town of Greentown.

Board members Michael Schroeder, Russell Hopkins and Greg Tipton were the "yes" votes, while Richard Byrum and Mike Imbler voted "no."

Colin Snow, senior development manager for the Chicago-based Ranger Power, said in a statement provided to the Tribune after

### Zoning board approves a special exception for Ranger Power solar facility

the meeting the company "is grateful" for the BZA's approval.

"Our team has appreciated working with Howard County and meeting so many members of the community over the past months," Snow said in a statement. "The county's Solar Ordinance positions the county to take advantage of renewable energy generation to help meet growing energy needs in

the state while protecting the interests of neighbors and the community. We will continue to work with the County and within the requirements of the Ordinance."

Tuesday's vote is identical to the BZA's decision a month ago when it approved by the same 3-2 vote a special exception permit request from ENGIE, which is also planning to construct a commercial

solar farm, dubbed Emerald Green Solar east of Greentown.

Also identical to last month's BZA meeting regarding ENGIE was much of the public comment during the two and half hour meeting held in the large meeting room in the basement of the Howard County Administration Building, 220 N. Main St.

Approximately 20 people — with roughly half for the project and the other half against — spoke during public comment. Another 17 letters of support, including from Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore, were put into the record by Ranger Power.

Proponents of Locomotive Solar largely highlighted the project's estimated economic impact and property tax revenues and their desire for Howard County to participate in the growing renewable energy market.

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for a chance of showers with a high in the lower 50s. The county is under a wind advisory until 6 p.m. More rain is possible tonight with a low in the mid 20s

and continued high winds with gusts up to 30 miles per hour.

Temperatures will then climb, with a high in the lower 50s Sunday and in the mid 60s Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

The City of Dunkirk will host Easter festivities from noon to 4 p.m. today at Dunkirk City Park.

Asbury United Methodist Church will host an Easter egg hunt from 2 to 4 p.m. today.

#### Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS softball season opener against Blackford.

Wednesday — Jay County spring sports section looks at the 2023 season.



Retrospect

Longtime county health nurse retired

Thirty years ago this week, the community was celebrating the career of a local nurse.

The April 3, 1993, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the retirement of Janet Barrett, who had spent the previous 10 years as Jay County's health nurse.

Barrett, who had a more than 40-year career in nursing, was retiring with plans to spend her summer swimming, fishing, traveling and playing tennis.

"I have loved it," said Barrett as she looked back on her career. "I wish everyone could enjoy their work like I did."

For years after her graduation, Barrett worked part-time in order to allow her to focus on raising her three daugh-

ters. She took her first full-time job as assistant night supervisor at Jay County Hospital in 1968. She helped to create the facility's extended care unit, which later became a nursing home.

Barrett stayed at the hospital for more than a decade and eventually began getting calls from Dr. Eugene Gillum when county health nurse Irene Overton fell into ill health and was planning to leave the position. Gillum encouraged Barrett to take over the county job.

"I did, and I've loved it ever since," Barrett said.

During her time as the county health nurse, she conducted health screening programs at the courthouse, worked with schools and emergency workers and conducted

hundreds of home visits. As part of the job, she served on the Jay County Health Coalition, the hospital's Home Health Care board and the boards of Jay-Randolph Developmental Services and Wee Care Child Care.

Barrett had wanted to be a nurse through her youth because of her admiration for great uncle Dr. Jesse Nixon, who had a medical practice in Portland. And, at that time—she graduated from IU Medical School in Indianapolis in 1949—the price was right.

"I admired him greatly," she said. "My older brother's girlfriend was in training and I thought it was great.

"We didn't have any money and nurse's training only cost \$395 for a three-year diploma."

Longtime Jay County Health Nurse Janet Barrett (left) and her successor Karen Delancy post together in the county health office at Jay County Courthouse.



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Sunday 4/2	Monday 4/3	Tuesday 4/4	Wednesday 4/5	Thursday 4/6
<b>52/44</b>	<b>64/52</b>	<b>72/60</b>	<b>68/39</b>	<b>52/35</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday with a high in the low 50s.	There's a 40% chance of showers Monday afternoon. Otherwise, partly sunny.	Tuesday will be rainy with a 60% chance of showers and a possible thunderstorm.	Wednesday shows another 80% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly sunny, with a slight chance of showers under partly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 8-7-8 Daily Four: 6-1-1-6 Quick Draw: 3-5-13-16-21-22-37-40-43-44-53-58-59-60-63-66-70-72-76-77	Pick 4: 0-1-7-0 Pick 5: 3-8-6-4-3
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 2-0-8	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$147 million
	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$355 million

Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.69 May corn.....6.71 Wheat .....6.75	Wheat ..... 6.32 July wheat ..... 6.80
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.76 May corn.....6.80 June corn .....6.56	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.59 May corn.....6.63 Beans .....14.91 May beans .....14.96 Wheat .....6.80
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.66 May corn.....6.66 Beans .....14.95 May beans .....14.95	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.40 May corn.....6.40 Beans .....14.75 April beans .....14.80 Wheat .....6.42

Today in history

**On April 1, 1924,** Adolf Hitler was sentenced to five years in prison for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch in Munich. (Hitler was released in December 1924; during his time behind bars, he wrote his autobiographical screed, "Mein Kampf.")

**In 1972,** the first Major League Baseball players' strike began; it lasted 12 days. Twenty years later, the National Hockey League Players' Association went on its first-ever strike, which lasted 10 days.

**In 1972,** Pennville marshals arrested five individuals — ages 15 through 19 — for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages.

**In 1976,** Apple Computer was founded.

**In 2013,** the Fort Recovery High School baseball team dropped a nine-inning heartbreaker 2-1 to the Celina Bulldogs.

**In 2022,** Max Chenoweth was named Jay County FFA's 2022 Agriculture Hall of Fame inductee.

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Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.	tion, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corpora-	7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, school-house community center.

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

A Portland teen crashed the car she was driving into the van another Portland teen was driving on Arch Street about 4:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Melanie Cavanzon, 16, was driving a 2014 Honda Odyssey north on Ship

Street. She failed to notice a westbound 2009 Pontiac G6, driven by 17-year-old Raelyn Stone, and continued into the intersection with Arch Street. (Traffic on Arch Street does not have a stop.) Stone crashed the vehicle she was driving into the van

Cavanzon was driving, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

Dog hit

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Portland man hit a dog along coun-

ty road 300 North about 4:45 a.m. Friday.

Shawn E. Wible, 40, was driving his 2015 Hyundai Accent on the road near county road 450 East when he struck the animal. It belongs to Wible's neighbor, David Ireland of rural Portland.

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"I want to be able to help not only the child but also make sure the child's parents are in a good standing," she said.

She has visited Maine twice to work with The Root Cellar, a non-profit organization offering programs for kids and adults. She worked with refugees from all over the world, helping place them in semi-permanent homes, get jobs, learn English and understand American cultural norms.

"It can be a really big culture shock, especially to some," she explained. "For those that are coming from Africa ... our table manners to them (are) kind of insulting to their culture."

Harris has contributed to a variety of other outreach programs and events. She helped organize Day of Dance — all of Ball State University's dance clubs performing together — on March 25. A former drum major for Jay County High School Marching Patriots, she has also been a summer band instructor for her alma mater's woodwind section.

Jim Mills, assistant director of the learning center, praised Harris for her hard work in a letter nominating her for the award.

"During the time that we've worked together, Katelyn consistently demonstrates the characteristics of a dedicated and passionate professional," he said. "Katelyn has been consistently praised for her ability to put students at ease and help build a long-lasting confidence with the material ... I have no doubt that Katelyn will one day be an excellent, inclusive, and accessible professional!"

She will be honored during an awards reception at 3 p.m. Wednesday,



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Katelyn Harris directs the Jay County High School Marching Patriots during Indiana State Fair Band Day in 2018. The Ball State University senior continues to volunteer with the band each summer in addition to her four jobs and various clubs.

day, which falls on One Ball State Day, a 24-hour online fundraising event held each year in April.

Harris plans to take a gap year after graduating May 6, during which time she'll apply for medical school and study for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

While she takes some time away from school, she'll continue her internship with the Ball State Health Humanities Department and helping the high school band, as well as providing care as a CNA. She's looking forward to having

some time to herself to travel for volunteer work and family.

Harris expressed her gratitude for the award, which she said has encouraged her to continue investing in her future.

"I guess some days I don't believe it," she said. "I definitely understand that I work hard and I do a lot of things, but to get acknowledgement of that feels very nice. It's kind of like the needed pat on the back to know that I've done the right things and knowing that I'm going in the right direction."

SERVICES

Today

**Gettinger,** Harold: 11 a.m., First Church of Christ, 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery.  
**Mixon,** Lucinda: 4 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday

**Pyle,** Beverly: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.  
**Stith,** Reginald: 10 a.m., Hogan Hill Cemetery, 11038 N. Hogan Road, Aurora, Indiana.

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

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Holy Week Services



**Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Tenebrae Service

**Good Friday - April 7 - Noon**

Community Service

Pastor Joe Boggs and Pastor Rex Espiritu

**Easter Sunday - April 9 - 9:30 a.m.**

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# Donate old sneakers

Time to repurpose your old tennis shoes.

Friends of the Jay County Public Library will be partnering with a nonprofit sneaker recycling organization to help those in need of tennis shoes. Folks may donate their gently worn, used or new sneakers by bringing them to the front desk at the library in Portland. Donations will be accepted in any condition and any size. Pairs that cannot be given to others will be recycled.

Also this month, the library will be hosting an Easter celebration at 10 a.m. Friday in the community room. Stories, egg decorating, a craft and snack will be available. Children may also learn about chickens and egg production with Jay County Farm Bureau. Pre-registration is required.

Other programs coming up include:

## Taking Note

•Composting 101, a segment of the library's gardening series teaching how to create the perfect compost mixology and schedule for adding compost to gardens, at 6 p.m. Tuesday

•Essential Oils 101, a program aimed at teaching folks how to use essential oils to promote wellness, at 6 p.m. April 11

•Mother Goose, who will visit at 11:30 a.m. Fridays starting April 14 through May 12 in the community room at Jay County Public Library for stories, rhymes and movement. (If Jay School Corporation closes,

Mother Goose will not stop by the library.)

•Kindergarten Prep School (KiPS), is set this year for 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays from June 7 through July 19. The kindergarten program for children to get a jumpstart on school. Children eligible for kindergarten in 2023 to 2024 at Jay School Corporation may register for the program. Registration deadline is May 6.

## Senior learning

John Jay Center For Learning's next session in its senior learning series is slated for Thursday.

Jay County Tourism's executive director, Mary Adair, will give a presentation following the lunch, which begins at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for lunch are \$5 and must be paid in advance.



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## Optimists donate

Portland Evening Optimist Club donated \$250 to Jay County Cancer Society recently to help sponsor its upcoming dueling pianos fundraiser. Pictured, from left, are club president Pat Gibson and Andrea Poore of Jay County Cancer Society.

# Ghosted partner left reeling after heartbreak

DEAR ABBY: My first long-term girlfriend ghosted me. She died soon afterward, and I'm left with a gaping lack of closure. I'm 19. We had dated for four years and we were best friends. We didn't live together, but planned to in the coming months. I intended to marry her.

One day out of the blue, she cut me off. She had been acting depressed, but convinced me she was fine when I (gingerly) confronted her about it. She ghosted me the next day. She blocked me, changed her number and refused to speak to me when I showed up at her house. Everything to my knowledge had been fine between us.

Weeks later, she had a terrible accident at work, and died in the

## Dear Abby



hospital. I learned about it only afterward, from her mother. Her parents have denied me access to her room, to some shared personal and sentimental belongings and wouldn't let me adopt her pets, which were sent to the pound. Most painful for me, they asked that I not come to her funeral. Her family believes that because we weren't married and we hadn't been dating at the time

of her death that I had no place with her things after her death, even though we were best friends who spent almost half a decade together.

I never got to speak to her, say goodbye or receive any answers. My family isn't being kind about the situation, either. They feel the same way as her family does. I feel like a widow. I have many questions that will always be left unanswered. How do I move on from this? — MOURNING IN NORTH CAROLINA

**DEAR MOURNING: Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. It is regrettable that your family hasn't been supportive during this difficult time. A way to move forward would be through grief**

**counseling. Your doctor (or your family physician) should be able to give you a referral. However, if that's not possible, consult your religious adviser or even the funeral director who handled your girlfriend's service, because that person may have a resource for you.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 69-year-old divorced female. I dated a guy 40 years ago for about three years. I broke up with him because he wanted to be with me 24/7. I'm classic rock; he's totally country. Music is important to me. (I play piano.)

He was a great guy who was always there for me. We enjoyed a lot of vacations together. When we broke up, he said he wouldn't

call me. Three years later he called to tell me he was getting married, and asked me what had caused our breakup. I told him to give his fiancée some space.

Now he's divorced and messaging me. He says he wants me back, he has never stopped loving me and is more in love with me now than ever. I haven't responded. What should I do? — TORN UP IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR TORN UP: How do you feel about him? If you think with the passage of time you could be happy with him, agree to see him. If not, tell him you felt smothered by him when the two of you dated, and you have no interest in resuscitating a dead romance.**

# 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.

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

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

## 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 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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

## Friday's Solution

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

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

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## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools  
April 3-7

**Monday: Main Entree:** Buttermilk pancakes, chicken sausage patty, breakfast syrup **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Hash brown patty

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheeseburger in bun **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Baked crinkle fries

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Mini turkey corn dogs **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Steamed broccoli florets

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Beef, bean and cheese burrito **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Friday: No School

## Jay Community Center

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# We have to do better for our kids

By **LINDSAY OWENS**  
Washington Times Herald

I have a love-hate relationship with social media. I think a lot of us probably have that same feeling but maybe not always for the same reasons.

Social media has a way of connecting us. I love being able to see what's going on in the daily lives of my friends and family who I don't always get to see often. The ability to quickly connect with those for some of my work for the Daughter's of the American Revolution is also invaluable. We can show support for friends, neighbors, communities and more just by logging in and posting a comment. My favorite thing though

**Lindsay Owens**



may be looking back at the memories that pop up on social media. Sometimes it's something silly — maybe a photo of a plant blooming in the greenhouse. Sometimes it may be photos from a vacation several years ago.

Those are all things I think make social media great. There are a lot things I don't like

about social media right now too.

In recent weeks, the ugly side of social media has reared its head. I think some may feel they can say whatever they'd like on social media because they aren't having to actually face the person they are saying it to.

I've seen attacks on coaches when adults are not fans of decisions made on the court. There will always be differences in opinions on that and it's nothing new but this year I feel like it's been particularly bad. What bothers me even more than that is the attack that has been launched on our kids. Now, I understand that when you turn 18, you become a legal adult but

since the students called into question are still in high school, I'm going to refer to them as high school kids. As adults, we should be teaching kids (of all ages) to be respectful — in person, on the athletic field, on social media, everywhere. Apparently there's a disconnect somewhere in that practice because what's played out on social media has been cruel.

We can all like or dislike whomever we want but I think the line needs to be drawn when we start hating on kids. I saw some comments the other day that made my stomach turn. Why, especially as an adult, do you feel the need to pick on a student? Why do adults feel entitled

to run down teams that have players that have worked hard to make it as far as they have? I don't have the answers to either of those questions but I've read enough comments on social media to know that my heart breaks for the kids — no matter their age.

There's enough pressure put on kids as it is. Instead of teaching them losing is failure, we need to be teaching them that we can't always win and that's OK. It's OK to be disappointed too. It's part of life. We set the example and that example shouldn't be running others down. We should be lifting people up and celebrating even the little things. We have to do better for our kids.

## America must do more than grieve

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

Again, America grieves. Monday morning, an assailant wielding two assault-style weapons and a pistol gunned down three students, all age 9, and three adults at a small private Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee. It was the eighth mass killing at an American K-12 school since 2006, according to The Associated Press, and the 130th mass shooting in the country this year.

If Americans are growing numb to the horrific regularity of mass shootings at schools, they shouldn't. No one with any sense of humanity should allow themselves to brand shootings at schools as simply the world we live in or the sad reality today.

The attack at the Covenant School should do much more than evoke grief and empathy. It should shake Americans into action.

There's still much to learn about the shooter. Audrey Elizabeth Hale, 28 and transgender, once attended Covenant and may have, as Metropolitan Nashville police Chief John Drake told reporters, harbored "some resentment for having to go to that school." Still unknown is whether Hale had exhibited any behavior to warrant scrutiny that could have helped prevent the attack, though there are reports that Hale was under doctor care for an emotional disorder.

But one thing police say they do know: Hale legally obtained two of the firearms brought to the school. That's where everyday Americans come in.

It is past time for any citizen to countenance voting for a lawmaker, whether at the state or federal level, who refuses to support a ban on assault-style rifles. Such a ban isn't an end-all solution. But it would take off the streets a weapon that has become synonymous with America's mass shootings epidemic.

Assault-style rifles are built for mass killing. An AR-15 bullet wields three times more speed and energy than a round from a handgun. Together with high-capacity magazines, assault-style rifles serve the sole purpose of inflicting mass carnage.

We have written many times about the scripted

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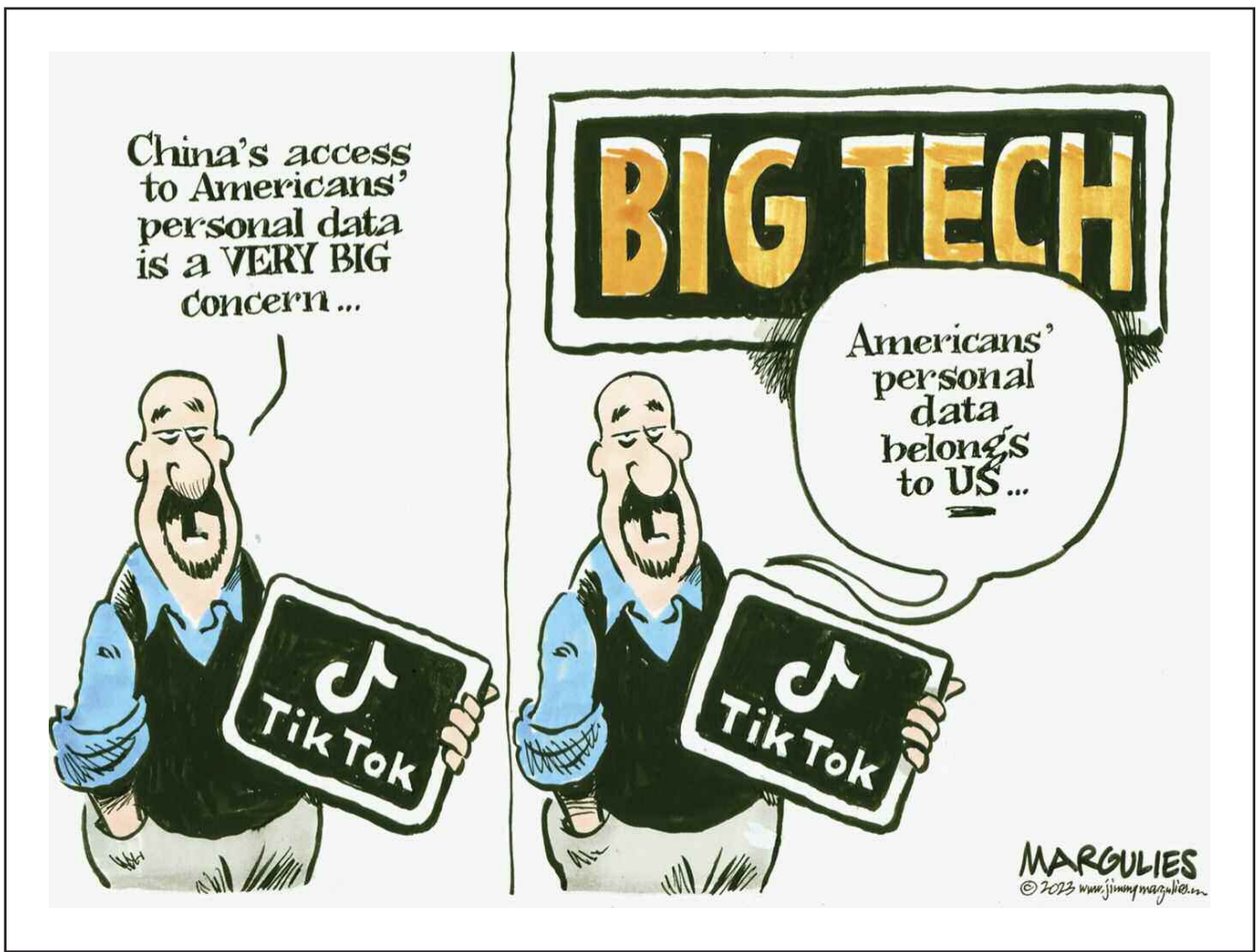
*... how many mass shootings, how much bloodshed at schools, will it take for Americans to realize this crisis should be tackled solely with a nonpartisan approach?*

Republican legislators make after every mass shooting: It's not the gun, it's all about the person brandishing it. And, yes, clearly guns do not fire themselves.

But how many mass shootings, how much bloodshed at schools, will it take for Americans to realize this crisis should be tackled solely with a nonpartisan approach? After the Sept. 11 attacks, Americans collectively rallied against the threat of terrorism. The scourge of mass shootings shouldn't be treated any differently.

We know that America has been here before, many times. The 2012 massacre of 20 students and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, horrified the nation — and Congress' response was far from robust enough. After 17 students and teachers were gunned down at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, in 2018, surviving students spoke out for stricter gun laws and inspired thousands of high school students across the country to back their cause with protests. More school shootings followed.

Will Covenant mark a tipping point? It should. But only if Americans do more than just grieve.



## Brands are exploiting loophole

By **ANTHONY CAROTHERS**

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

A few years ago, parents and teachers in Chicago were facing a new threat as e-cigarettes began showing up in classrooms and school lockers. While smoking cigarettes has thankfully become less popular among young people, fruity flavored "vapes" became the trendy new teenage accessory as they spread like wildfire throughout Illinois and the United States. Fighting back against the dangerous new epidemic of nicotine vape addiction, our elected officials banned flavored e-cigarettes, but a more dangerous product slipped through the cracks and is getting our kids hooked.

Disposable e-cigarettes made in China by companies such as Puff Bar and Elf Bar have sneaked around the law by exploiting a loophole in U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulation. They're sold in kid-friendly flavors at reasonable prices and can be found on store shelves in our community. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2.5 million middle and high school students reported using e-cigarettes last year. More than 50% of youth vapers reported using disposables, with Puff Bar owning almost 15% of the market as the top choice for teens. Some of these unscrupulous manufacturers have been caught loading their products with illegal levels of nicotine in the United Kingdom to make them even more addictive.

When you look at the cartoon character packaging and the flavors such as cherry pomegranate, kiwi passion guava and peach ice, you can see right away that manufacturers are marketing to young people. They're even marketing them in disguises to look like sippy cups or even school supplies to

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escape detection from educators. How can this happen if flavored vapes are illegal?

To start, the FDA left the door open for disposables in its enforcement guidelines. That needs to change. But more problematic is the fact that many of these products are being smuggled into our country from overseas.

Illegal vapes have been found smuggled across our southern border from Mexico. Shenzhen, China, has become known as "Vapor Valley" since it produces 90% of all the e-cigarettes in the world. The U.S. International Trade Commission estimates that more than 700 million disposable e-cigarettes were imported to the U.S. from China last year, up from 300,000 in 2017. That's an increase of more than 2,000% in five years. These products are often produced without any oversight or government standards; in many cases, they are smuggled into the country illegally, and they end up on store shelves or sold on street corners out of backpacks.

It's bad enough that our kids figure out a way to get their hands on legitimate adult products, but the danger of these disposable products from overseas can't be overstated. These products can be made with poisonous chemicals and standard manufacturing processes with dyes and materials that can make our children sick or worse. Recent news reporting throughout the country has shown that some teenagers have been overdosing in school on vapes laced with fentanyl.

As a retired Chicago police commander and a veteran law enforcement professional, I have dedicated my life to protecting our young people so that they can grow up happy and healthy. Part of that responsibility and commitment is trying to protect children from threats like drugs and alcohol that can threaten their development.

Our lawmakers and government must do more to help law enforcement in our efforts to keep dangerous illegal products out of our city. The FDA knows that disposable vapes are the face of the new teen vaping epidemic, but it hasn't done enough to get them off our shelves.

Some lawmakers have started to take action. U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin recently wrote to the attorney general and the FDA expressing his concern that the Biden administration has not acted swiftly enough to stop this scourge. In February, Florida U.S. Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick announced she is introducing new legislation to prompt urgent FDA action. Ohio U.S. Rep. Shontel Brown has also called to close the enforcement loophole. I hope that our elected leaders raise their voices too.

These days, it's harder than ever to keep children focused and on the right path. Law enforcement professionals are doing their best, but resources are thin and responsibilities continue to grow. We need to take more aggressive action to take kid-friendly, disposable vapor products off our shelves and keep dangerous illegal products out of our community so that Chicago's next generation can grow up happy and healthy.

*Carothers is a retired police commander who served 28 years with the Chicago Police Department and four years with the Cook County sheriff's office.*

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## Donated to series

The Adams County Community Foundation recently awarded a grant to the South Adams Precision Machine class for its adult education series. The series, led by instructor Jerod Dailey, is a free program for adults covering machining topics. (It was initially offered for students who take machining classes at the South Adams facility.)

# IU Health Jay nurses recognized

Jay County's hospital has been honored for the quality of its nursing staff.

IU Health Jay announced this week that it received the Pathway to Excellence designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

The Pathway to Excellence Program recognizes a health care organization's "commitment to creating a positive practice environment that empowers and engages staff." It sets standards for shared decision making, leadership, safety, quality, well-being and professional development.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work and preparation that our team has put in to preparing for the Pathway to Excellence designation," said IU Health Jay chief operating officer and chief nursing officer Christina Schemenaur in a press release. "Our nurses and everyone at IU Health Jay is committed to a culture of excellence and providing the highest quality of care. It is exciting to be recognized for

## Business roundup

the dedication to our patients and community."

### CenterPoint upgrading

CenterPoint Energy on Thursday announced plans to continue replacing natural gas mains and service lines throughout Indiana.

The list of projects includes two that have already been completed in Dunkirk. Several more are in progress in both Dunkirk and Redkey. They are part of plans to replace about 1,200 miles of steel and cast-iron pipes with industry-grade plastic.

The company is planning more than \$76 million in investments.

"Our ongoing investments in our natural gas infrastructure

remain a top priority for our company as we strive to provide our customers and communities with safe and reliable service," said Ashley Babcock, Vice President, Indiana and Ohio Gas. "These improvements will also help reduce operational emissions as we continue our journey toward a cleaner energy future."

### Railroad deal reached

A Tennessee company is planning a more than \$10 million investment in Delaware County.

Delaware County Commissioners and director of economic affairs Brad Bookout announced this week that SRM Concrete of Smyrna, Tennessee, will build a \$9.5-million facility in the industrial park near the intersection of Interstate 69 and Indiana 332. The company will also lease a railroad spur from the county for seven years at a cost of \$3.5 million.

"SRM plans to immediately begin work at the site and

anticipates up to 15 employees," said SRM chairman Mike Hollingshead in a press release. "SRM is the largest concrete company in the United States. The company donates 10 percent of profits back to the community each year."

### Dean appointed

Ball State University has appointed Cathy DuBois as the new dean of Miller College of Business.

DuBois previously served as associate dean for graduate and online programs at Kent State University. She had been at Kent State for 20 years, entering administration in 2012.

"I am excited to welcome Dr. DuBois as our next Bryan Dean of the Miller College of Business," BSU president Geoffrey S. Mearns said in a press release. "Throughout our search process, Cathy stood out with her passion, her administrative experience, and her values-based leadership. I

look forward to working with Cathy to continue to build on the strengths of our Miller College of Business and to advance our University's mission and strategic plan."

### Improvements planned

Improvements anticipated to cost nearly \$10 million are coming to the Indianapolis Regional Airport, the Daily Reporter (Greenfield) reported recently.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority last month approved an award of contract to Milestone Contractors in a not-to-exceed amount of nearly \$5.5 million plus a 10% construction reserve of nearly \$550,000, for a total of over \$6 million. With inspection and materials testing, the total anticipated project cost is over \$7 million.

An airport authority board memo notes that the east and west aprons and the adjoining taxi lane at the airport were constructed over 40 years ago and have reached the end of their useful life.

# Felony court news

## Domestic battery

A Redkey man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to domestic battery.

Daniel R. Posocco, 48, 165 S. Walnut St., Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days of his sentence suspended and given four days credit for time served. Posocco was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. He was placed on probation for 361 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for strangulation and a Class B misdemeanor for criminal mischief were dismissed.

## Drunk driving

A Salamonina man was sentenced to jail after he pleaded guilty to drunk driving.

Douglas H. Hudson, 50, 5901 E. 400 South, Salamonina, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given four days credit for time served. Hudson was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for one year retroactive to April 4, 2022. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of 0.15% or more was dismissed.

## Recklessness

A Muncie woman was sentenced to jail for criminal recklessness.

Debra J. Poor, 66, 307 W. 21st St., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to criminal reck-

lessness committed with a deadly weapon, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 80 days suspended and given 80 days credit for time served.

Poor was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. She was placed on probation for 285 days. She was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

## Confinement

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after a Jay Circuit Court jury found him guilty of confinement, a Level 6 felony.

Raider D. Newton, 26, 221 1/2 South Meridian St., was sentenced to two years in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Newton was assessed \$185 in court costs.

His charge was lessened from a Level 5 felony, and he was found not guilty of strangulation, a Level 6 felony. A habitual offender enhancement was dismissed.

## Dealing drugs

A woman was sentenced to prison after she plead guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony.

Patricia A. Ingram, 57, was sentenced to eight years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Ingram was assessed \$185 in court costs and charged a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana

and a habitual offender enhancement.

## Common nuisance

A Portland woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Lana D. Wheeler, 65, 460 W. Lafayette St., was sentenced to one year and 12 days in Jay County Jail with all but 12 days suspended and given 12 days credit for time served. Wheeler was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 4 felony for dealing methamphetamine was dismissed.

## Unlawful possession

Two Blackford residents were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court.

Cassandra L. Odom, 40, 455 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, was sentenced to 910 days in Indiana Department of Correction with all but 545 days suspended and given 14 days credit for time served. She was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling. Odom was placed on probation for one year. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Isaiah N. Runkel, 28, 106 W. Fairland Drive, Hartford City, was sentenced to 216 days in Jay County Jail and given 216 days credit for time served. He was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for public intoxication was dismissed.

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### 4-1 CRYPTOQUIP

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OCITJW QPZW PTB QKOXPNB  
XYPX NWPQYWO KC NWPFFD

YUJY: XYW XNUMFW XISWN.  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** IF YOU ASSUME PARMESAN WILL ALWAYS GET SPRINKLED ON IN SHREDS, ARE YOU TAKING IT FOR GRATED?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals T

### Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

#### Sports entertainment

- 1) What musical artist served as the manager for the British Bulldogs at WrestleMania 2?
- 2) What team did Indiana beat in the second NCAA tournament title game in 1940?

Answers: (2) Kansas (1) Ozzy Osbourne

### 4-3 CRYPTOQUIP

TJNBT XJDX XJB GDRXBUT  
TJNFKQ DKGDOT GBDU DX D  
IBUXDRW IJDRW UBTXDFUDWX:  
QBWWO'T XBWRBRT.

**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** WINE-SOAKED DESSERT OF SPONGE CAKE AND CUSTARD THAT REACHES UP REALLY HIGH: THE TRIFLE TOWER.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals H

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to spring. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 9 = O)

- 23 8 9 9 4 14**  
Clue: Flowers
- 24 8 9 1 25 5**  
Clue: Petaled part of plant
- 1 2 5 4**  
Clue: Pleasant temperature
- 5 2 21 13**  
Clue: Precipitation

Answers: A. blooms B. flower C. warm D. rain

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to spring.

**NUSYN**

Answer: Sunny

### Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Oklahoma on March 28, 1955. I was in a family singing group as a child and was discovered during a performance at a national rodeo event in college. I have had many #1 country singles in my career.

Answer: Reba McEntire

### kids' corner

### WORLD FACT

THIS MONTH IS WHEN THE SPRING EQUINOX OCCURS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

ANSWER: SEPTEMBER

### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Warm  
**SPANISH:** Tibio  
**ITALIAN:** Caldo  
**FRENCH:** Chaud  
**GERMAN:** Warm

### Maze Craze

Can you find your way through the maze?

Start Finish

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

**MAR 27**

- 1871: THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL RUGBY MATCH TAKES PLACE BETWEEN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND IN EDINBURGH.
- 1976: THE FIRST SECTION OF THE WASHINGTON METRO OPENS TO THE PUBLIC.
- 2020: NORTH MACEDONIA BECOMES THE 30TH MEMBER OF NATO.

### New word

**BULB**  
a food storage organ that produces a new flowering plant

### SPRING BREAK WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS:

- BEACH
- BEVERAGES
- BREAK
- CELEBRATE
- COLLEGE
- CONTEST
- CROWDS
- ESCAPE
- FRIENDS
- MUSIC
- NOISY
- OCEAN
- PARTY
- REFRESHMENTS
- REVELRY
- SEMESTER
- SOUTH
- SPRING
- SUNSHINE
- SWIMSUIT
- TRAFFIC
- TRAVEL
- VACATION
- WARM

### GET THE PICTURE?

THE FIRST SPRING FLOWERS ARE LILACS, IRIGES, LILIES, TULIPS, DAFFODILS, AND DANDELIONS.

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GARDEN TOOLS

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- Family docs
- Shopper's aid
- Church service
- Asian language
- "The Kite Runner" boy
- Tennis champ Arthur
- Be sick
- Leslie Caron role
- Ancient portico
- Academy for motorists
- "Evil Woman" gp.
- Notable time
- Choreographer Alvin
- Glacial
- Indian lentil dish
- Item on stage
- Camp bed

**DOWN**

- "Ditto"
- Bar bill
- "Sheesh!"
- Yeshiva leader
- Used a chair
- 
- Canes
- Bailiwick
- Prefix with
- Level
- Henry VIII's Catherine
- Rock producer
- Brian
- Rent
- High-lander
- Bit of ink
- Likely
- Lyricist Gershwin
- Arcing tennis shot
- Bit of physics
- Apply cream
- Embassy VIP
- Luu memento
- Short snoozes
- Mumbai dress
- tai
- Snappy reply
- Use the rink
- Houston player
- Float gently
- Woody's son
- Jet type
- Avocado dip, for short
- Guitarist Atkins
- Hawaiian coffee
- Leopard's feature

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

Yesterday's answer 4-1

### Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### A tough nut to crack

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 7 2  
♥ Q 8 6 5  
♦ A 9 8 6  
♣ 9 5

**WEST**  
♠ 9 8 4  
♥ 9  
♦ J 10 7 5 4 2  
♣ 8 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ 6  
♥ J 10 3 2  
♦ K Q  
♣ A Q J 10 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 10 5 3  
♥ A K 7 4  
♦ 3  
♣ K 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠  
4 NT Pass 5 ♦ Pass

Opening lead — nine of hearts.

It is not at all easy to make six spades on this deal — even if you look at all four hands. If you doubt this, try it and see how you fare. Despite this difficulty, however, the actual declarer made the slam, and did it without seeing the East-West cards!

West led the heart nine, which South immediately identified as a singleton, since a club lead would have been more normal, given the bidding. Although this gave declarer a positional advantage over East in both hearts and clubs, the actual mechanics of avoiding two losers posed a problem because of a shortage of entries to dummy.

After thoroughly contemplating the situation, South found the answer. He won the heart nine with dummy's queen, being very careful to play the seven from his hand instead of the four!

He then drew three rounds of trump, ending in dummy, and next led the eight of hearts. East was forced to cover with the ten to protect his potential heart trick, and declarer won with the king.

Now a diamond to the ace was followed by the six of hearts from dummy, placing East squarely on the horns of a dilemma. If he followed low from the J-3, the lead would remain in dummy and allow declarer to play a club to the king to wrap up the slam.

If East instead covered the six of hearts with the jack, South would win with the ace and lead the four of hearts to dummy's five, again putting him in position to lead a club toward his king.

A very delicate operation, you could justifiably say, but one that proves that concentration and determination can make all the difference in what it takes to win at bridge.

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### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- School book fair org.
- Challenged
- Congee
- Globe
- Wear down
- World Cup cheer
- Baking dishes
- Employ
- Part of NATO
- Titled peers
- Hooded snakes
- Flower part
- Kimono sash
- Observe
- Japanese seaport
- First-place medal
- Jungfrau, for one
- Poker variety
- Tennis great Monica
- Calendar abbr.
- Geological period
- Ms. Rowlands
- Warm and cozy
- Chai brewer
- City on the Danube
- Ump's call
- Scheduling alternatives
- Raw rock
- Banks of baseball
- Classic car
- Refusals
- Ravi's instrument
- Longing
- DOWN
- Soda
- Prefix with
- Prez on a penny
- River formations
- Disappearing Asian lake
- Hogwash
- Idyllic places
- Explorer Hernando
- Perfect partners
- Golf pegs
- Standard
- Porgy's love
- Gear teeth
- Basoon's kir
- Micro-soft co-founder
- Santa's aide
- Author Vonnegut
- Forever and —
- Profound
- Funnel-shaped bloom
- Naps noisily
- Less timid
- Arcade pioneer
- "I — Rock"
- Animated figure
- Franc replacer
- Bank acct. entry
- Attempt
- Shoe width
- Cain, to Eve

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

Saturday's answer 4-3

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### Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

**WEST**  
♠ J 8 7  
♥ Q J  
♦ A 10 7 6  
♣ 10 9 8 6

**EAST**  
♠ A 6 5 4 3  
♥ K 10 8 3  
♦ J 9 8 2  
♣

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 9  
♥ 9 7 5 4  
♦ K 5  
♣ A K 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 ♣ Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

This deal occurred in a match between Panama and Canada at the 1980 World Bridge Olympiad. It illustrates how, even in the highest echelons, defense often proves to be the hardest part of the game.

At the first table, the Panamanian South opened one notrump (14 to 16 points) and wound up in three notrump one round later. The Canadian West then found the most effective lead of the heart queen. When the queen held, West continued with the jack, ducked again. However, East overtook the jack with the king and returned the

eight to dummy's ace.

Given this beginning, you might well wonder how South could now make three notrump, but the fact is that he did. At trick four, he led a spade from dummy to his king, which held, and then led the five of diamonds to dummy's queen, which also held! Declarer then scampered home with six club tricks to score 400 points.

At the second table, with Canada now sitting North-South, the bidding went:

South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass Dble  
Dble Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
3 NT Pass Pass Dble  
Pass Pass Redble

Again the opening lead was the queen of hearts, but here declarer took the ace of hearts at trick one and, just as his counterpart had done, then led a spade to the king, which held, and the five of diamonds to the queen, which also held! Six club tricks later, South had scored 750 points, yielding a 350-point gain for his team.

In allowing declarer to make three notrump, the East-West pairs at both tables apparently overlooked a basic principle of defense: When declarer completely ignores dummy's most promising suit and tries instead to score a trick at a time in other suits, dummy's suit is probably already established.

Tomorrow: Self-preservation.  
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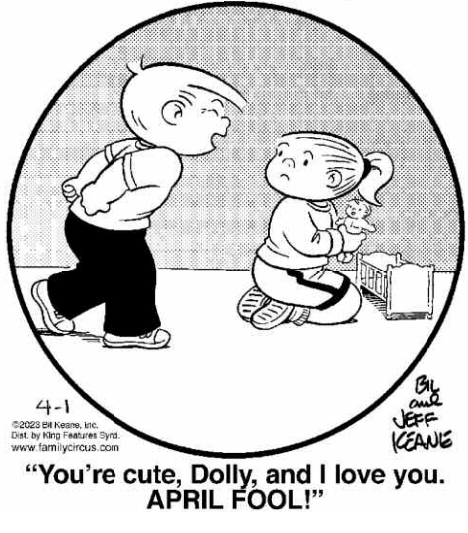
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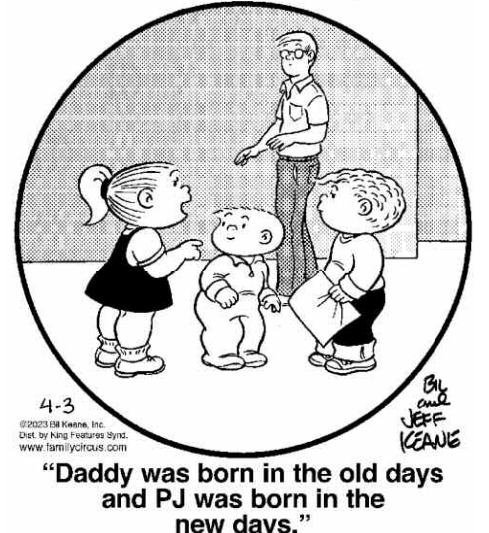
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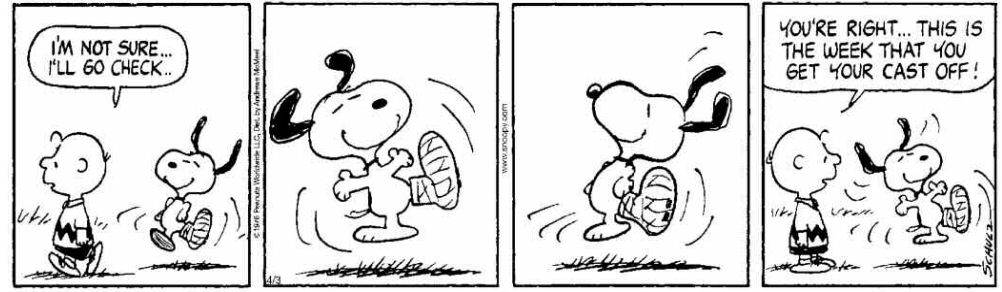
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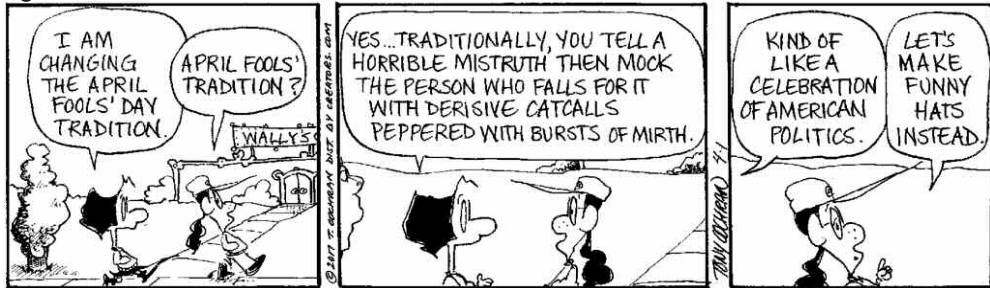
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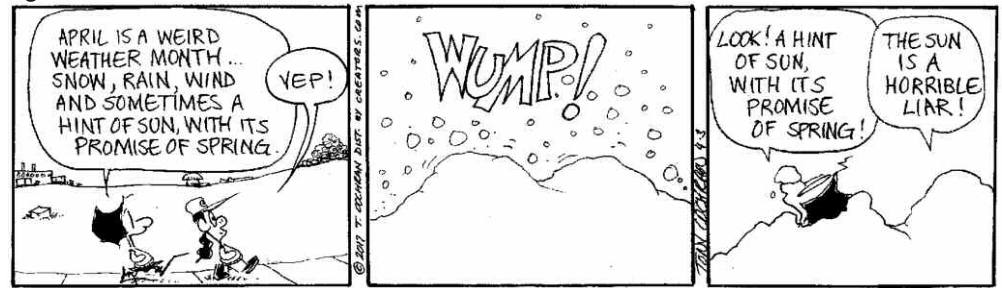
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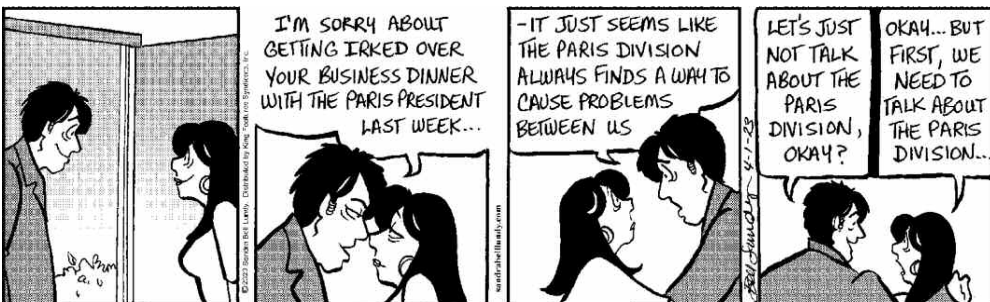
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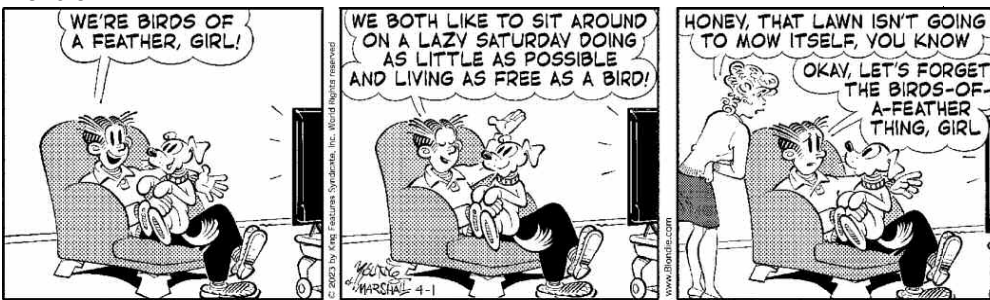
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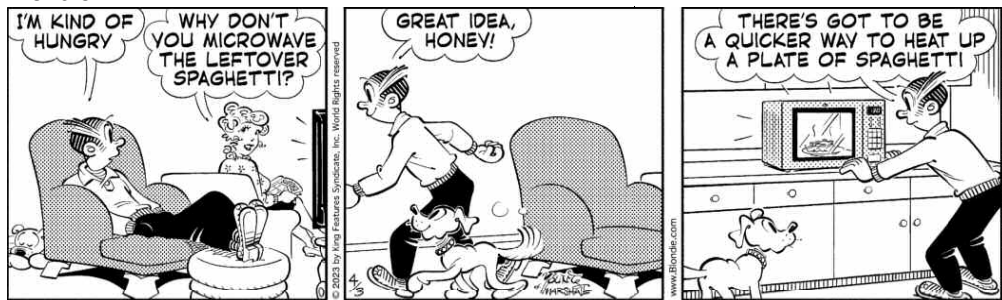
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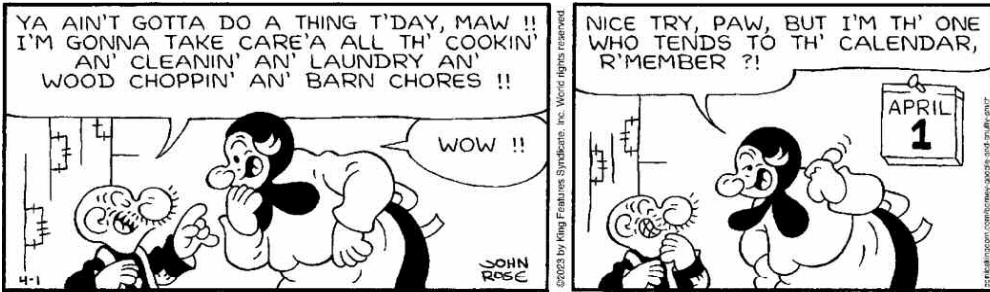
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Saturday Morning  
APRIL 8th, 2023  
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**OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS**

Victor set of scales; metal barn cupola, Dutch Boy pail; egg baskets; large assortment vintage license plates; feed sacks to include Haynes Mill, Wayne, D&H feeds to name a few; Large assortment of crocks and jugs; copper boiler; tractor seat; steel wheels; pulleys; aluminum Pepsi carrier; and many other items not listed.

**TRACTOR-EQUIPMENT**

John Deere 5410 FWA diesel tractor with John Deere 5410 loader, cab, 3pt and 3200 hours; Troy built self propelled snow blower; Honda 250 moped; White 8hp. Chipper/vacuum; Craftsman 6hp weed whip. Auctioneers Note: Auction preview to be held on Friday April 7th from 1pm to 5pm.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023  
10:00 A.M  
TRACTOR-FARM EQUIPMENT-SHOP TOOLS

1996 JD 5300 utility tractor w/ JD 520 hydraulic loader 5704 hrs., New Idea GD manure spreader, 200 small bales of hay, 100 small bales of straw, Craftsman 20gal air compressor, Craftsman 10in table saw, pressure washer, Dewalt radial arm saw.

**GUNS-KNIVES**  
Winchester model 74 22cal. tube fed, Japanese 7.7 military rifle, Smith & Wesson 22cal. 6 shot revolver w/box, holsters and barrels.

**ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-HOUSEHOLD**  
Maytag wringer washer, 4ft. buzz saw blade, (3) military trunks, Shamrock military cooler, army and military uniforms, hats, sleeping bags and canteen, Tiffany, Aladdin, and oil lamps, much more

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Located: 8909 S 1150 W  
REDKEY, IN  
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023  
10:00 A.M

**VEHICLES—UTV—TRAILER—EQUIPMENT**  
2019 Buick Envision 40,380 miles (nice), 2005 Chevy Monte Carlo Tony Stewart edition 93,640 miles (1 of 1100 made), 2020 5ft x 8ft utility trailer w/ ramp gate.

**PEDAL—TRACTORS—TOYS—ANTIQUES**  
JD 4440, JD 720, AC D17, JD 10 w/ 3 holes and engine compartment pedal tractors, Standard oil glass crown for premium fuel, 7-up cans w/advertisement from the Anderson. **COINS—FURNITURE—HOUSEHOLD**

4 troy ounce clown silver bar, JD 5 coin collection .999 silver, gold and silver jewelry, much more. **LAWN AND GARDEN—SHOP TOOLS— MISC.**  
JD X590 riding mower 54in cut 305hrs, DR 28in brush cutter self-propelled w/ 3hrs, Craftsman roll away tool boxes, Craftsman shop and hand tools.

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**GUNS-KNIVES**  
Winchester model 42 410 pump, Winchester model 74 22cal. tube fed, Colt 22cal. hex barrel, tube fed rifle, Remington Sportsmaster model 512 22cal. bolt action, Marlin 20 ga. pump, Marlin model 88 22cal. tube fed, Bridge Gun Co. 410 single shot, Japanese 7.7 military rifle, US Revolver Co 32cal. 5 shot revolver w/ holster, Smith & Wesson 22cal. 6 shot revolver w/ box, Fabrique Nohonale 32cal w/ clip, large lot of ammo, ammo boxes, holsters and barrels, knives w/ sheaths, pocket knives, clay pigeon thrower, reloading equipment.

**ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-HOUSEHOLD**  
Wilton bullet vise, Maytag wringer washer, RR & kerosene lantern, 4ft. buzz saw blade, Roadmaster boys bicycle w/ headlamp, Schwinn 2 seater bicycle, (3) military trunks, Shamrock military cooler, army and military uniforms, hats, sleeping bags and canteen, porcelain pans and lights, Unico 5gal gas can, 5gal milk can, CC saw, (2) cast iron bells, barn pulleys, egg basket, child sled, Tiffany, Aladdin, and oil lamps, marbles, Sellers cabinet, wooden rocking chair, oak library desk, sowing cabinet w/ 3 drawers, drop leaf ornate table, marble top end table, glass door display stand, 6 gun cabinet, oval dining room table w/ 6 chairs, signed paintings, train books, Herschede grandfather clock, (2) reclining lift chairs, 3 cushion sofa, rocker recliner, swivel rocker w/ footstool, glider rocker, (3) bar stools, 5 and 7 drawer kneehole desk, 2 drawer nightstand, 3 drawer filing cabinet, Amana upright freezer, Fridgidaire refrigerator, Magic Chef electric range, Samsung 55" flat screen tv, canning jars, 3 bay locker, foreign currency.

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**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** This auction a nice selection of primitives along with an assortment of old and collectors items.

Please note that this is only a partial listing of the items to be sold. Auction preview to be held on Friday April 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# Stage ...

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To that end, and after a few years of dreadful shooting, the NCAA added a Thursday practice to give teams three chances to adjust. There's a mandatory open practice Friday that fans can watch for free, plus an optional shootaround Saturday morning.

"It feels like you're outdoors at the park," Bradley said. "Even though you're in an enclosed space, it's so big that the sound doesn't really transfer like a usual indoor space. You have to alter your mind a little bit, think that you're outdoors playing. You have to start in close and work your way back, instead of start pulling 3s right away. Find the rim and get familiar with it, then work your way out."

In that regard, Bradley has an advantage. He grew up playing at Andulka Park in Riverside, as did Lamont Butler.

"Even sometimes in college," Bradley said, "if I have to get back to my roots and find myself, I'll go outside and shoot some hoops."

Micah Parrish welcomed the new surroundings, too. He struggled inside Louisville's KFC Yum! Center last week, shooting 2 of 14 (and one of those was a banked-in 3).

But he grew up shooting on a

portable outdoor hoop in Detroit that they moved into the street for impromptu games, even neighborhood tournaments. He was out there in the rain, even in the cold and snow, bringing a pump to reinflate the ball after the frigid temperatures flattened it.

"I think I like it more than the last couple gyms we were in," Parrish said of 72,000-seat NRG Stadium. "It doesn't really bother me as much."

Coach Brian Dutcher is optimistic.

"We don't shoot it well in smaller arenas sometimes," he said. "We'll see what it is. Maybe this will help us."

## Homecoming

It couldn't have worked out better for LeDee. His winding college basketball journey — Ohio State to TCU to SDSU — has led him back home to Houston. He grew up just north of the city and attended The Kinkaid School.

"I haven't been home since the summer," LeDee said. "It feels good to be home. A lot of familiarity, brings back a lot of memories."

He's the only member of the team to have been inside NRG Stadium before, attending some Houston Texans games.

"But," he cautioned, "I'm a (Dallas) Cowboys fan."

Bradley was randomly a Texans fan growing up but "organizational changes" have led him to switch allegiances. He's a Cowboys fan now, too.

## Nearly a Torero

Former University of San Diego head coach Sam Scholl and starting guard Joey Calcaterra are at the Final Four, Scholl as a special advisor for SDSU and Calcaterra as a rotation player for UConn. There's another USD connection as well: Bryan Greenlee of Florida Atlantic.

The 6-foot guard played his freshman year at Minnesota, decided "it just wasn't the right fit" and entered the transfer portal. USD called, and a long-distance recruitment was spawned because of the pandemic restrictions on campus visits.

USD liked him. He liked USD. He orally committed and began to meet his new Toreros teammates via Zoom.

Then Florida Atlantic called. Greenlee grew up in Gainesville, Fla., and knew coach Dusty May from high school. Traveling across the country during the pandemic was a daunting prospect, especially with an offer from an in-state school now.

"When I committed to San

Diego, I didn't have the FAU offer yet," Greenlee said. "I got a call. I just talked it over with my parents, and it was the right fit. It was definitely a hard choice. San Diego and FAU are both beautiful campuses, close to the beach. Good ball. But I just ended up going with my gut."

It's worked out. Greenlee has started 87 games in three seasons with the Owls, averaging 8.8 points per game while shooting just under 40% on 3s.

## Fair and square

Bradley has a message for fans who are disappointed the Final Four has three newbies and only one blue blood in Connecticut. Miami knocked off both of the state's top teams: No. 1 seed Houston in the Sweet 16 and No. 2 seed Texas in the Elite Eight.

"For somebody to make that statement," he said, "you can't be a true March Madness fan, you can't be a true basketball fan. Because at the end of the day, everybody has a chance to be here. These teams they wanted here, they're not."

"We got here fair and square. We beat some really good teams. So have the other teams in the Final Four. Everybody had a chance to participate in the Final Four. And if they didn't make it, better luck next year."

# Host ...

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The tournament has been held for the last 24 years at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, but the facility is unavailable next year because it will be hosting the NBA All-Star Game on the same weekend.

The Ford Center in downtown Evansville has a capacity of 11,000. It has hosted a wrestling semi-state tournament for 11 of the last 12 years.

The IHSAA press release indicates that the organization reached out to venues across the state that have the capacity, infrastructure and willingness to host the event and found the Ford Center to be the most compatible.

"We're extremely pleased and grateful to the city of Evansville for their willingness to host the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals — one of our premier events every year," said IHSAA Commissioner Paul Neidig. "Evansville has an impeccable reputation for hosting amateur athletic competitions and we are very confident this will be a great and memorable experience for everyone who attends."

Jay County High School has had at least one wrestler advance to the state finals every year since 2011, with two or more making it in each of the last seven seasons. Juniors Tony Wood, Cameron Clark and Cody Rowles, and sophomore Christian Wittkamp, were state qualifiers in February, with Wood going on to finish seventh at 138 pounds.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Monday**  
Jay County — Softball vs. Blackford — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Blackford — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Lehman Catholic — 5 p.m.; Softball at Celina — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.; Middle school track vs. New Bremen and Parkway — 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Track at Blackford — 5 p.m.; Baseball scrimmage vs. Bellmont — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Blackford — 5 p.m.; Softball at Bellmont — 5:30 p.m.; JV softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Track three-team meet at New Bremen — 5 p.m.

## TV sports

**Today**  
10 a.m. — High school girls basketball: GEICO High School Basketball Nationals — Championship (ESPN2)  
Noon — High school boys basketball: GEICO High School Basketball Nationals — Championship (ESPN)  
Noon — Women's amateur golf: Augusta National Women's Amateur (NBC)  
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Aston Villa at Chelsea (USA); Bundesliga — Borussia Dortmund at Bayern Munchen (ABC)  
12:50 p.m. — National Women's Soccer League — Portland Thorns at Kansas City (CBS)  
1 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — ToyotaCare 250 (FS1)

1:30 p.m. — High school boys basketball: The Throne National Championship (FOX)  
3 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)  
3 p.m. — College football: Michigan Spring Game (BTN)  
3:30 p.m. — PGA golf: Texas Open (NBC)  
4:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco Giants at New York Yankees (FOX)  
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
4:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series — Speedy-Cash.com 220 (FS1)  
6:09 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Florida Atlantic vs. San Diego State (CBS)  
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Seattle Sounders at Los Angeles Galaxy (FOX)

8 p.m. — NHL hockey: New Jersey Devils at Chicago Blackhawks (ESPN2)  
8:49 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Miami vs. Connecticut (CBS)  
9 p.m. — Professional Fighters League (ESPN)

**Sunday**  
1 a.m. — Auto racing: Formula 1 — Australian Grand Prix (ESPN, ESPN2)  
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Southampton at West Ham United (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester United at Newcastle United (USA)

**Tuesday**  
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Nottingham Forest at Leeds United (USA)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Championships (CBS)

12:10 p.m. — Auto racing: IndyCar — PPG375 (NBC)  
1 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Washington Capitals (TNT)  
2:30 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Texas Open (NBC)  
3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — Toyota Owners 400 (FS1)  
3:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins at St. Louis Blues (TNT)  
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: HBCU All-Star Game (CBS)  
7:08 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Texas Rangers (ESPN, ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (Bally Indiana)

10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: State Farm College Team Skills and 3X3U Championships (ESPN2)

**Monday**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Tottenham Hotspur at Everton (USA)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Championships (CBS)

**Tuesday**  
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Nottingham Forest at Leeds United (USA)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)

8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Vegas Golden Knights at Nashville Predators (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Champions League — Atlas at Philadelphia Union (FS1)  
10 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Champions League — Violette AC at Leon (FS1)  
10:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Los Angeles Kings (ESPN)

**Wednesday**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Newcastle United at West Ham United (USA)  
3 p.m. — Golf: The Masters (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers (TNT)  
8 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Cham-

pions League — Tigres UANL at Motagua (FS1)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Anaheim Ducks (TNT)  
10 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Champions League — Los Angeles FC at Vancouver Whitecaps (FS1)

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Registration is open for the Run Jay County 5K Circuit.  
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The opening race in the circuit is the Sprint to Spring 5K at 9 a.m. April 22. Registration is \$20. For more information, visit runjaycounty.com.

## 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

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**T-Ball/coach-pitch registration open**  
Registration is open for Jay Community Center's Boomer t-ball and coach-pitch leagues.

The leagues are open to players ages 3 through 6. The registration fee is \$60 and the deadline is May 22.

For more information, visit jaycc.org.

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

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## Evansville to host



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## Court is like giant stage

By MARK ZEIGLER  
The San Diego Union-Tribune Tribune News Service

HOUSTON — It didn't take long for San Diego State's basketball team to learn this is not an ordinary road trip.

They got off the plane Wednesday night ... and a deejay was playing music while they walked down a carpet to cheers from workers.

"It's been pretty crazy," senior Matt Bradley said. "I didn't picture my last week of college basketball being like this."

The biggest difference came Thursday morning, when they arrived at NRG Stadium for practice and stepped on the court. Or, more accurately, stepped up onto the court.

At Final Fours in domed NFL stadiums, it is raised 27 inches. "Like you're on a stage," Aztecs forward Jaedon LeDee said.

The NCAA used to push it the corner of the football field footprint to maximize sight lines from permanent seating areas. About 15 years ago, it experimented with the pedestal idea in the middle of the field, liked it and has stuck with it. Benches are in pits below the court, with the heads of players poking above the hardwood. The head coach gets a lone stool on the sideline while the assistants sit below.

The biggest adjustment is with perimeter shooting, since there is no immediate backdrop behind the baskets like in a traditional arena. It's a good 40 yards before any fixed seating areas, messing with depth perception.

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Jay County High School junior Tony Wood claps after winning his opening-round match in February during the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. With the 2024 NBA All-Star Game coming to Gainbridge Fieldhouse, the IHSAA announced Friday afternoon that the wrestling state finals will shift to the Ford Center in Evansville. It will mark the first time the city has hosted an IHSAA state championship event.

## With NBA All-Star game at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, IHSAA Wrestling State Finals will move to Ford Center

INDIANAPOLIS — The wrestling state finals are headed south.

The Indiana High School Athletic Association announced Friday that the 2024 IHSAA Wrestling State Finals will be

held Feb. 16 and 17 at the Ford Center in Evansville.

It will mark the first time Evansville has hosted an IHSAA state finals event.

"We are elated that Evansville has been selected to host the

2024 IHSAA State Wrestling tournament," said Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke in a press release. "We eagerly await the opportunity to roll out the red carpet for student athletes and spectators. The remarkable

Ford Center will serve as a dynamic host venue, and we are confident that visitors will enjoy our thriving downtown, and all the amenities and hospitality our great city has to offer."

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## Kansas freshman declares for draft

By GARY BEDORE

The Kansas City Star  
Tribune News Service

Kansas freshman guard Gradey Dick has decided to declare for the 2023 NBA draft.

The 6-foot-8 guard from Wichita, Kan., made the announcement Friday afternoon on Instagram and ESPN's NBA Today show.

"First and foremost none of this would be possible without God," Dick wrote on Instagram. "I also wouldn't be in this position

without the help from my coaches, teachers, friends and most importantly my family.

"As a kid from Kansas I have fulfilled my goal of playing at my dream college. I cannot thank Jayhawk Nation enough ... I will always have Kansas in my heart but I now have to chase the ultimate dream that I have had since I first started playing ball. So with that being said I have decided to declare for the 2023 NBA draft. Rock Chalk forever, Gradey Dick."

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