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Veteran remembered

Wilber Breseman at VFW Post 4054 in Marcellus. "The museum was his life," says Andy Conklin, his close friend and member of the Post.

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Local Vietnam combat veteran remembered

By William Allen Baltz Special to the Commercial-News

MARCELLUS TOWNSHIP — "Play the Game" is the motto of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry, which served with distinction in Vietnam during the war that ended there more than 40 years ago.

One of the more intriguing mottos of a United States military unit, it stems from a line in a poem written in 1892 by British author Henry Newbolt that describes how a school boy and future soldier learns the virtues of selfless commitment to duty.

Marcellus Township resident Wilber D. Breseman, who died unexpectedly last July, embodied that spirit of service to the nation, his community and the world.

Life as a Grunt

From August 1968 to May 1969, he served in the 1st Platoon, B Company, with the 1/50th attached to the 173rd Brigade at Camp Radcliff in Vietnam's Central Highlands, a rugged terrain featuring dense jungles and towering mountains.

During an interview with this writer two years ago, Breseman described his life as an infantry "grunt" in a hostile land fighting both seasoned North Vietnamese Army troops and Viet Cong guerrillas, two deadly foes united in their efforts to overthrow America's ally, the Republic of South Vietnam. "People think that grunt is a derogatory term. It isn't and I'm proud to have been one."

He summarized his tour of duty in this way: "When a civilian asks me what it was like in Vietnam you can never really explain the things you went through, but you were extremely tired all the time. You got very little sleep and you were extremely scared," he related. "It was almost like you

were in an auto accident and you saw your life flash before you and your adrenaline is going and you are shaking. That's about what it was like every day in Vietnam."

The 1/50th was charged with protecting a particularly dangerous stretch of Highway 19, one of South Vietnam's most critical supply routes, where enemy ambushes threatened U.S. convoys—hauling everything from napalm and ammo to beer and steaks—to strategically located landing zones and artillery bases on their way to Pleiku, site of a large U.S. air base.

"The mission to safeguard Highway 19 was no small task," says Jim Sheppard, historian for the 1st Battalion 50th Infantry Association, of which Breseman was a life member. "The 4th Infantry Division was to our west to block communist forces attempts to divide South Vietnam at this crucial North-South midway point, and the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry secured the ground along the highway to insure resupply from the port city of Qui Nhon on the eastern coast."

Breseman related that, in addition to his job helping protect bridges and convoys on Highway 19, he led missions into the field to find and destroy enemy troops infiltrating South Vietnam from Cambodia.

A typical mission would start by flying in a Huey helicopter and dropping off within artillery range of a forward base camp. Patrolling in the field humping an 80-pound rucksack for 20 to 30 days might entail scrambling up and down mountains in 110-degree heat or trail blazing with machetes through dense vegetation. "In the jungle you couldn't see more than 10 feet in any direction. There were booby traps everywhere," he said.

Every third night, Breseman and his men would set up an

ambush hoping to surprise enemy troops. "A night ambush was one of the most terrifying experiences of my life. When you fire at night, with the first round you're completely blind because you get the flash off the muzzle," he recalled, stressing that this type of intense combat occurred at extremely close range.

"One of our everyday jobs was inserting and picking troops up from the field," says Fred Lohr, who flew numerous combat missions as a Huey helicopter pilot in the area where Breseman served during the same time period. "Pilots, door gunners and grunts had the same thoughts as they approached the landing zone. Is this where it all ends? The well camouflaged enemy was always invisible, even from 20 feet away and could be anywhere. While pilots could breathe a sigh of relief as their role was over when they took off, courageous grunts like Breseman were just starting their dangerous work. We admired their bravery."

Jack Noble, a sergeant in A Company during the same time period, provides additional insight into what Breseman faced in Vietnam: "It seemed like everyone got injured at some time. I had stitches in my head, sprained ankle, stitches in my chest, heat exhaustion twice when I first arrived, and lost my hearing for a day when I blew a Claymore mine that was 30 feet away."

Back Home

To help cope with his memories of Vietnam, Breseman worked long hours as a farmer and sought comradeship at VFW Post 4054 whose members welcomed him "with open arms." Grateful for their support, he devoted considerable time and resources over the years to developing and curating a

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Walther Farms pack a big impact

By Samantha May Staff Writer

THREE RIVERS — Walther Farms heads into their ninth year with the Paw Pack Program.

The program is designed to supply students with food over the weekend, in order to prevent them from coming to school hungry on Monday.

"(Students) are given breakfast and lunch in school during the week, but on the weekends, they don't have that support," Walther Farms Accounting Assistant Nancy Poynter said.

Every week, Poynter said the program feeds 600-plus students from kindergarten through high school in the Three Rivers and White Pigeon school districts.

Students receive a Walther Farms potato bag packed with two lunches, two breakfasts, two drinks, and seven snacks, such

as Jell-O, pudding and fruit.

Poynter said Walther Farms Community Foundation provides the funding for the meals. Members of the foundation collect the money and buy truckloads of food, around 18-20 gallons at a time, from Spartan Foods at the local Harding's in Three Rivers.

"It is a local program, and the food comes from a local store," Poynter said. "There's a value for it, that's for sure."

Poynter said she realized the program could solve multiple problems at once when she first brought up the idea to the school board.

"When I first presented this to the school board, what our plan was, the young lady that presented before me was an intern in a reading program, and she said she could not do it on Mondays because the kids were

coming to school hungry," Poynter said. "Our program feeds them for that weekend, so it was totally right inline with what we were planning on doing, (it) was solving a problem for her and for the school system. The problem is they are not supported."

The Paw Pack Program runs all year long. In addition to providing weekend meals during the school year, the Paw Pack Program gives out potato bags at farmers markets in the summer.

The Paw Pack Program and the Walther Farms Foundation are successful in large part because of the help it gets from volunteers and donations. If interested, contact Walther Farms at (269) 278-2383 for more information.

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GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017



Centreville High School

Centreville High School held its 2017 graduation ceremony on Friday, May 26 in the CHS gymnasium. The class of 2017 included 55 graduates, 14 of which graduated with High Honors. For a complete list of graduates, please see the Three Rivers Commercial-News Graduation Keepsake supplement found inside today's edition.

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Constantine High School

Constantine High School held its 2017 graduation ceremony on Friday, May 26 in the CHS auditorium. The class of 2017 included 89 graduates. Upon the arrival of their diplomas, graduate Roopa Singh sang "How Far I'll Go" from the movie "Moana," while graduate Joel Remmo played the guitar. For a complete list of graduates, please see the Three Rivers Commercial-News Graduation Keepsake supplement found inside today's edition.

Commercial-News/Samantha May



White Pigeon High School

White Pigeon High School held its 2017 graduation ceremony on Friday, May 26 in the WPHS auditorium. The class of 2017 included 44 graduates, with two graduating as top scholars, Jordan Olsen and Zane Shoppell. For a complete list of graduates, please see the Three Rivers Commercial-News Graduation Keepsake supplement found inside today's edition.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 28

•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., George Washington Carver Center, 436 Jefferson St., Three Rivers.

Monday, May 29

•There will be no paper today due to the holiday. Happy Memorial Day ... remember to be grateful to those who died to make us free.
•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m., Congregational Church, 360 S. Washington, Constantine.

Tuesday, May 30

•Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA), 8:30 a.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 321 N. Main St., Three Rivers.
•Three Rivers Food Site open, 9 a.m. — noon, 18 Railroad Drive.
•Three Rivers Community Kitchen, 4-5:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 321 N. Main St., Three Rivers.
•Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Board, 5 p.m., CMHSAS building, 677A E. Main St., Centreville.
•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., George Washington Carver Center, 436 Jefferson St., Three Rivers.
•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., St. Clare's Catholic Church, 229 N. Dean St., Centreville.

Wednesday, May 31

•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. Main St., Three Rivers.
•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., West Mendon United Methodist Church, 52952 S. Portage Lake Road.

Thursday, June 1

•Three Rivers Food Site open, 9 a.m. — noon, 18 Railroad Drive.
•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 10:30 a.m., George Washington Carver Center, 436 Jefferson St., Three Rivers.
•Three Rivers Community Kitchen, 4-5:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 321 N. Main St., Three Rivers.
•Mendon's 4:4 Food and More community kitchen, 4:30-6 p.m., Mendon United Methodist Church, 320 W. Main St.
•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., St. Clare's Catholic Church, 229 N. Dean St., Centreville.



Veteran welcomed to the capital

Sen. John Proos, R-St. Joseph, welcomed U.S. Army Capt. Jon Hall of St. Joseph to the state Capitol on Thursday as his guest for the Michigan Senate's 23rd Annual Memorial Day Service, which honored Michigan's fallen soldiers. Hall is an Iraq War veteran and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He is currently a manager at Whirlpool and a member of U.S. Rep. Fred Upton's Military Academy Advisory Committee.

Photo provided

Methodist Heritage Sunday celebrated in Constantine

By Angie Birdsall

The Constantine United Methodist Church celebrated Methodist Heritage Sunday with a sermon on May 21 by Pastor Ed McCutchan.

Heritage Sunday is observed on Aldersgate Day (May 24) or the Sunday preceding that date. Aldersgate Day commemorates the day in 1738 when Anglican priest John Wesley attended a group meeting in Aldersgate, London and experienced an assurance of his salvation, a pivotal event in Wesley's life that ultimately led to the development of the Methodist movement in Britain and America.

Heritage Sunday calls upon the church to remember the past by committing itself to the continuing call of God. This year's approach is new. Instead of focusing on a denomination-wide historic person or event, the Methodist Church's General Commission on Archives and History urges congregations to discover and celebrate their local church history.

Methodism came to the Constantine area in 1829 when Rev. Erastus Felton, a circuit rider was sent here from the Ohio Conference. His field of labor was called the St. Joseph Mission and

embraced St. Joseph, Cass and Berrien Counties, and part of Kalamazoo County.

The first society was organized in Newville about two miles east of White Pigeon in the fall of 1829. Constantine was made a regular appointment in 1831, and the first camp meeting in Western Michigan was held on the north side of Prairie Road in 1834.

Later in the year the Florence Society was organized. A brick church was built at a cost of \$6,000 including grounds, sheds and a fence. In 1840, a class was established north of Constantine and a log chapel was erected. Brick Chapel was built on the same spot in 1849 at a cost of \$1,200.

The appointment on Broad Street was taken up and the Brick Chapel was sold to the school district for \$100 in 1911. A Methodist Episcopal Church (later called the United Methodist Church) of wood and stone was built, date unknown, on the southeast corner of Second Street and White Pigeon Street. It was later sold to the Kittell Marble Works.

The current Methodist Church located on the northeast corner of Third and White Pigeon Streets was dedicated on Dec. 1, 1878. A lot with a house that the



Continuing the call of God

The Constantine United Methodist Church celebrated Methodist Heritage Sunday with a sermon on May 21 by Pastor Ed McCutchan (pictured). Heritage Sunday calls upon the church to remember the past by committing itself to the continuing call of God. This year's approach is new. Instead of focusing on a denomination-wide historic person or event, the Methodist Church's General Commission on Archives and History urges congregations to discover and celebrate their local church history.

Photo provided by Angie Birdsall

present church stands was purchased in 1878 for \$1,200. The house was sold for \$100. During the winter, stone for the foundation was hauled in, along with cords of wood and bricks. The basement was excavated in 1942.

Angie Birdsall is a freelance writer who primarily covers Constantine.

Change: A Matter of the Heart

By Derl G. Keefer

Change is never easy. There are times that it comes subtly, but other times it happens dramatically.

There is a wonderful story that Pastor Stephen Rummage, senior pastor of Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Brandon, Fla. writes about in the March/April issue of Preaching Magazine that encompasses many of those key words from this passage.

He writes that Bill Wohl was waiting for a heart transplant

because if he didn't get one he would soon die. Bill was a Type-A, overweight, money hungry businessman who didn't really care who he stepped on to get the job done. He jetted from one place to the other, but when he became ill all of that stopped.

Rummage tells on the other end of the spectrum was a stuntman for Universal Studios, Brady. He specialized in skydiving and one day in Benson, Ariz. he was preparing to parachute onto the top of a moving train. As he climbed to the top of

one of those train cars to check his rigging, he fell accidentally, hitting his head and died instantly. Brady's body was rushed to the University Medical Center in Tuscon, where his heart was removed and placed in Wohl's body.

Six months later Wohl got a letter from Brady's family with a picture of Brady enclosed. Stunned, Bill discovered that Brady was only 36-years-old and an athletic, fit person. It struck his mind that he needed to change.

Pastor Rummage wrote that the

old Bill Wohl change dramatically. The once overweight, unhealthy, unfit guy was transformed. Today he works part-time, spends most of his newfound energy winning speed and performance medals in three areas; swimming, cycling and track.

When Wohl was interviewed by a reporter in Scottsdale, Ariz. he told the reporter, "Every day, all day, I thank God for Michael Brady. When I ride, when I work out...the biggest thing is to honor him."

A new heart changed him.

What are some of the changes

that you need to work on in your life?

Rummage pointed asked his readers about the biggest change, "Is the heart of Jesus Christ beating in you? When His heart beats in your chest, the biggest thing in your life will be to honor Him, and you'll have the same passion for the gospel that He has."*

* (Permission given by Duduit, Editor of Preaching Magazine).

Derl G. Keefer is the Administrative Pastor of Center Park United Methodist Church, Three Rivers.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 215 N. Main St., Three Rivers. Pastor Jim Stillwell - Service at 9:30 a.m.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH: 645 S. Douglas. 273-8953. Fr. Antony Rajesh. Masses: Monday & Wednesday 8 a.m., Tuesday & Friday 6:30 p.m., Saturday vigil 4 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.

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TOMMEE HUGHES

Tomme Hughes, age 98, of Leonidas died Friday May 26, 2017. Arrangements will be announced by the Eickhoff Funeral Home of Mendon.

OBITUARY

BERT LEE FOSDICK



Bert Lee Fosdick, age 82, of White Cloud died Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at his home. Bert was born on Feb. 12, 1935, in Three Rivers, to Milford Theodore and Dale Louise (Comadoll) Fosdick, and was a truck driver for many years.

Bert served his country in the Marines, was a member of Amvets, and member of the Bitley Boys. He enjoyed taking his Mustang to auto shows, hunting in the western states, and fishing in the Upper Peninsula.

Bert is survived by his children, Julie L. Dickinson of Fremont, Marvin E. Fosdick of Ludington, Becky Holm of White Cloud, William J. Fosdick of White Cloud, and John L. Fosdick of Bridgeton; five grandchildren, many great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Jones of Three Rivers; brother-in-law, Mick Milhollin; sister-in-law, Joyce Fosdick; many nieces and nephews; and his dogs, Missy and Peanut. Bert was preceded in death by his brothers and sister, Larry "Fuzzy" Fosdick, Peg Milhollin, and Roger "Red" Fosdick.

Services are pending at this time. For a more lasting memorial, friends are asked to consider the Bitley Boys for the Veteran's Home Fund in care of Crandell Funeral Home. Friends may share memories and condolences online at www.crandellfh.com.

The family will receive family & friends June 4 at the Three Rivers Elks Club from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

US growth in Jan.-March upgraded to still-slow 1.2 pct. rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy began 2017 with a whimper — though not quite as weak a whimper as the government had first estimated.

The gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of the economy — expanded in the January-March quarter at a 1.2 percent annual rate, the government said Friday. That was better than its initial estimate of a 0.7 percent rate but far below President Donald Trump's growth targets, which most economists consider unrealistic.

The government's upgraded estimate of first-quarter growth reflected newfound strength in consumer spending, business investment and state and local government spending.

Many analysts have estimated that growth in the current April-June quarter is rebounding to an annual rate above 3 percent. They envision stronger consumer spending fueled by solid hiring, with unemployment at a decade low of 4.4 percent, and increased consumer spending. They note that growth in the first quarter

was held down by some unusual temporary factors, including unseasonably warm weather, which limited spending on utilities.

Friday's upgraded estimate of first-quarter growth "doesn't alter the fact that it was another disappointing start to the year," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics. But Ashworth and other analysts said they still envision more robust expansion in the current quarter.

"Growth is bouncing back in the second quarter," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC. "Consumer spending continues to expand with job and wage gains, and business investment is picking up, especially for energy-related industries."

After the expected rebound this spring, though, analysts generally foresee growth falling back to an annual rate of 2 percent to 2.5 percent in the second half of the year — the same modest pace that has prevailed for nearly all the eight years of this economic recovery,

the slowest expansion in the post-World War II period.

During the campaign, Trump bemoaned the economy's weak growth and blamed what he called the Obama administration's failed policies. He had vowed that his program of tax cuts, deregulation and tougher enforcement of trade agreements would double growth to 4 percent or better.

The 2018 budget plan that the Trump administration proposed this week projects a lesser but still questionable rate of expansion: It assumes that a mix of sharp spending and tax cuts can both shrink the deficit and fuel growth of 3 percent a year, a pace it hasn't reached on a sustained basis in more than two decades.

Many experts have dismissed the notion that the economy can achieve a consistent annual growth rate of at least 3 percent at a time of sluggish worker productivity, an aging workforce and slower spending by consumers — on top of Trump's proposed spending cuts to education, research and social

programs.

The economy grew 1.6 percent for all of last year, the poorest showing in five years. With Trump's legislative program meeting resistance in Congress, forecasters have been paring their growth estimates for the second half of this year.

Friday's upward revision for the first quarter — the government's second of three estimates — reflected a boost in consumer spending to an annual rate of 0.6 percent. That was still the slowest in seven years but was up from an initial estimate of 0.3 percent. Analysts generally say consumer spending is likely expanding in the current quarter at a much faster rate, lifted by modest income gains and by the tendency of consumers to spend more at a time of rising stock prices and home values.

The government's upgraded estimate was also driven by lower declines in spending by state and local governments than initially thought and stronger investment by businesses in structures and intellectual property.

GOP Montana win may be blip in Democrats' anti-Trump hopes

Gianforte apologizes for attacking reporter

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A Montana Republican businessman won the state's U.S. House seat after being charged with assaulting a reporter on the eve of the election, a victory that may temper Democrats' hopes for a massive anti-Trump wave next year.

Greg Gianforte apologized late Thursday for attacking a reporter who had asked about the GOP health care bill.

"Last night, I made a mistake. I took an action I can't take back and I am not proud of what happened," he said.

Yet Gianforte's 6 percentage point win paled to President Donald Trump's 20 percentage point romp in Montana in November, a sign that Republicans will have to work hard to defend some of their most secure seats to maintain control of Congress.

The race ultimately turned on the weaknesses of both Gianforte and his opponent, folk singer and Democrat Rob Quist, making it tough to use as a barometer for the

nation's political mood. Gianforte got 50 percent of the vote, Quist received 44 percent and Libertarian candidate Mark Wicks received 6 percent.

Gianforte was cited for misdemeanor assault Wednesday night after witnesses said he slammed to the ground a reporter who was asking him questions about the Republican health care bill. A technology entrepreneur who was widely regarded among even Republican strategists as an imperfect candidate, Gianforte could be heard on an audio tape yelling at the reporter, Ben Jacobs of The Guardian.

By the time sheriff's deputies arrived, more than half of voters had already cast their ballots in the race due to the state's mail-in voting law. It was difficult to determine on election night to what extent voters who cast a ballot Thursday were influenced by the altercation.

Gianforte had aligned himself with Trump. And the president, in Italy for a G-7 summit, said to journalists after Gianforte's victory: "Great win in Montana."

After the altercation Wednesday, Gianforte's campaign issued a statement blaming the reporter. The Republican candidate canceled television interviews and stayed out of sight while the polls were open Thursday.

But after he was declared the winner, Gianforte apologized for the attack.

"When you make a mistake, you have to own up to it. That's the Montana way," he said. "Last night, I made a mistake. I took an action I can't take back and I am not proud of what happened."

The chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, Rep. Steve Stivers, issued a statement hailing Gianforte's win, as well as his apology. "Now he needs to resolve his legal issue so that he can start off on the right foot serving his constituents," Stivers said.

Gianforte must appear in court by June 7 on the misdemeanor charge, which carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Stivers' Democratic counterpart, Rep. Ben Lujan of the Democratic

Campaign Committee, contended in a statement that the election was "tainted" by the assault. "There's no question in my mind that Gianforte should not be sworn into office," Lujan said. "Regardless of what happens next, we will be competing hard for this seat in 2018."

The assault allegation didn't seem to faze voters. Shaun Scott, a computer science professor at Carroll College in Helena, voted for Gianforte despite the assault charge because he felt Gianforte would do a better job helping create high technology jobs in Montana.

Gianforte had unsuccessfully challenged the state's Democratic governor in November, losing that race even as Trump won the state easily. Gianforte had held his party's nominee at an arm's length but during the special election, he embraced the president, welcoming Vice President Mike Pence and Donald Trump Jr. for campaign visits and using the president's "Drain the swamp" catchphrase.

VIETNAM VETERAN

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Breseman traveled extensively around the world with Alliance for Smiles, an organization providing reconstructive surgeries in developing countries for children suffering from cleft lip and palate deformities. Serving on more than 20 missions, he assisted medical staff by sterilizing surgical instruments and equipment in the field.

"Wilber was a credit to the nation, Marcellus, and the world community," says Andy Conklin, a Vietnam veteran, member of VFW Post 4054 and close friend of Breseman. "He once told me that every day after Vietnam was a gift. But I'm not sure he was able to completely dispel the demons of Vietnam and find peace."

One thing, however, is certain: Wilber Breseman understood and lived the true meaning of "Play the Game."

In uniform

"One of the first things my mother tells me is to take my uniform off; it's too offensive to too many people," Breseman wrote about his difficult return from Vietnam in a 2010 article for the 1/50th association newsletter. Photo provided by William Allen Baltz

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VIEWPOINT

An abiding confidence in American ingenuity

From the Chicago Tribune (AP)

Tesla, the electric vehicle startup, did something remarkable last month: It surpassed Ford and GM to become the country's most valuable car company based on market capitalization. Want to acquire Tesla? It would cost a cool \$50 billion. GM's worth a tad less. Ford's value is about \$45 billion.

Not coincidentally, Ford ousted its CEO, frustrated with the company's mediocre progress at reinvention in the high-tech era.

Times change. Henry Ford revolutionized car ownership in 1908 with the mass-market Model T. But what has the company done this century? Not enough to convince investors that Ford understands what kinds of vehicles people want today or how they'll get around in a decade or two.

Will the showroom of the future mainly offer electric cars? Driverless cars? Will there even be showrooms, or will the concept of vehicle ownership change? Technology zooms forward. Companies are in a race to divine what's next while competing to win Wall Street's favor. At the moment Tesla has momentum. The company, run by billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, occupies a small niche, but investors believe in his vision. So Tesla stock trades above \$300 a share, while Ford's languishes at around \$11.

That's a stunning rebuke of Detroit's legacy — and rightly so. Tradition is wonderful, but in the marketplace it's barely worth a bucket of old spark plugs.

Ford Chairman William Ford Jr., great-grandson of Henry, pushed out CEO Mark Fields for not moving quickly enough or taking enough bold action to reinvent the company. Fields' biggest failure may have been the inability to convince Wall Street of his vision. Admittedly, communication skills sound less important for a Detroit CEO than building great transmissions, but modern commerce demands both. Wall Street provides much of the capital Ford requires to reinvent itself. To show urgency, Ford replaced Fields, naming company executive Jim Hackett to the job.

The economy today faces upheaval as perhaps never before. Think, for example, about how Amazon and other e-commerce companies are challenging bricks-and-mortar retail. Think about how some people watch Netflix on a phone instead of watching a TV network on a big living room screen. Or think, as we do, about how readers can get news from Facebook instead of a paperboy.

Now contemplate Ford's challenge: Perhaps within a generation or two, Driverless cars will replace most forms of traditional vehicles. Maybe individual ownership will be replaced by subscription services because there would be no need to possess a car that sits idle 95 percent of the time: Just hail a passing robot vehicle. As for who will build those vehicles, it could be Ford and GM or Tesla and Google, among others.

This puts an entire industry and way of life in jeopardy. Ford has a big assembly line in Chicago. What happens to it? To its workers? What about all the bus and truck drivers? Like we said, we don't know.

But we do have an abiding confidence in American ingenuity. We saw an example in Sunday's Tribune: a rave review of the 2017 Chevy Bolt EV, an electric vehicle. If you are skeptical that GM can compete with Elon Musk, the Bolt is a revelation. It costs less than the Tesla Model 3 and has a range of 238 miles. "The Bolt is fun to drive," Robert Duffer wrote. "It is also the most significant car on the market right now."

If GM can compete against Tesla, so can Ford. There's an open road ahead. Let the best companies win.

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VIEWPOINT

Recreational drone use endangers US airways

From the Los Angeles Times (AP)

What is a drone? Is it just a new version of the model aircraft that decades of schoolchildren have flown in their backyards and parks with little harm to people or property? Or is it a far more dangerous, often much more substantial, piece of machinery that can fly thousands of feet in the air, requires little or no training to get off the ground and can cause serious damage?

For regulatory purposes, it's the former. And that's a problem because, as a federal appeals court noted last week, the Federal Aviation Administration doesn't have the authority to regulate model aircraft. This means the FAA must drop its 18-month-old requirement that owners of large recreational drones (defined as between 0.55 pound and 55

pounds) register with a federal database before they take to the air and possibly blunder into the path of a commercial jet. (Presumably, people can still register voluntarily, and they should.)

Congress must fix this, and quickly. Everyone using the federal airspace, whether they are doing so for work or just for fun, should be accountable for how they fly.

The FAA rushed to design and build a drone registry in late 2015 after an alarming number of recreational drone incursions into restricted areas — for example, when drones flying over wildfires in California forced firefighters to temporarily halt water drops. The registry seemed like a reasonable response. Commercial aircraft, manned or not, must register if

operating in federal airspace, so why not hobbyists' drones? Registration could be done online at a cost of only \$5. That way, the FAA could convey safe flying information to people who might not otherwise get it, including tips like "Don't fly your drone over a crowded stadium," as someone did at a San Diego Padres game on Sunday, crashing into the stands and just missing a person nearby. It's unclear whether the pilot had registered his now-trashed drone with the FAA.

But the registration process was too onerous for John A. Taylor of the Washington, D.C., area, who filed the complaint. He challenged the requirement based on a 2012 federal law barring the FAA from regulating model aircraft, which it defined broadly as recreational unmanned aircraft

capable of sustained flight and flown within sight of the operator. That's it — nothing about their weight, their capabilities or their technology.

Though the court's ruling may be legally correct, it's functionally flawed because it assumes that all unmanned aircraft are toys with limited range and little power to interfere with commercial air traffic. While some are, many are as sophisticated as commercial aircraft.

And now there are hundreds of thousands, if not more, of professional-grade recreational drones sold every year, making it all the more imperative that we know who is flying what in the nation's airspace. Surely Congress — and drone operators — can understand that the old rules must be updated for this new technology.

Yesterday

10 Years Ago May 27, 2007

THREE RIVERS — The Memorial Day services at Riverside Cemetery doesn't happen without advance preparations. According to cemetery sexton Ray Galovich, "We had a lot of damage from the storm at Riverside, but the regular clean up and preparations for the ceremony was minimal due to the conscientious support of the community that cleaned up their family sites this year." During the ceremony Katherine Langworthy placed a wreath from the DAR and Geoff Clark played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. The firing squad performed and Gavin Gambill played Taps as Chris Rice echoed in the background. Jim Salisbury, Chaplain of the American Legion #170 gave a stirring oration.

THREE RIVERS — The Three Rivers' varsity girls' softball team compiled a mark of 1-1 with a 13-3 five-inning victory over Climax-Scotts in the Niles Brandywine

Tournament. Kayla Henegar keyed Three Rivers' attack with two hits, including a home run and she scored four runs and had one RBI.

25 Years Ago May 27, 1992

THREE RIVERS — Jim Endres was ready to pull his restaurant out of Three Rivers. "I was going to move Subs-N-More to Kalamazoo," said the energetic entrepreneur. Then he was presented with the opportunity to relocate the 7-year-old business into the former powerhouse over the Rocky River on West Michigan Ave., where the Rocky River Ice Cream Company set up shop two years ago. The newly restored, solid two story brick building made all the difference for Endres. "It's gone pretty good," he said. "Our customers have followed us."

THREE RIVERS — Officials from the Three Rivers Summer Recreation program were pictured as they looked over the flyer that was mailed to residents informing them

of the upcoming courses and activities offered for children and adults this season. Pictured were Dan Ryan, tennis instructor; Tom Hoy, summer recreation director and Mary Miholer, swimming teacher. The program is offered through Three Rivers Community Education. The summer recreation program is a recipient of funds from the Western St. Joseph County Community Chest.

50 Years Ago May 27, 1967

THREE RIVERS — The Armstrong Machine Works bowling team was presented with the first place trophy for the city league tournament at the bowling association dinner, which was held at the Immaculate Conception Church. Joe Fornaresio of the area bowling association presented the team with the trophy. Team members are Kenny Handy, Robert Scoggin, L.D. Briggs and Robert Schneider, Bill Drumm and substitutes Dale Coney and Bill Hartman.



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'Dear Annie' Annie Lane

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Dear Annie: I am a widow with many children and stepchildren, who all are adults. Most of us get along and spend time with one another on a monthly basis.

There is one stepson, "Joe," who has decided to "disown" the family, feeling that he isn't kept in the loop and that others don't talk to him. This is the second time he's announced a disowning. The first time, my late husband was able to talk him out of it. Joe also disowned his mother, and neither he nor any of his immediate family attended her funeral. Since her funeral, he has disowned a sister who voiced her displeasure at this. He announced the most recent disowning just prior to a Christmas gathering I was hosting, so he, his wife and his two sons didn't attend (although his daughter did).

Frankly, not having Joe at family gatherings will decrease the stress and tension, as we won't have to be so careful about what we say or do. Usually, he and his wife would

remove themselves from the group and sit in a different room or area, I believe as a test to see who would come to talk to them. This did not happen when his father, my late husband, was alive. There is lots of baggage from my husband's nasty divorce, which was before my time. Joe sided and lived with his father. Outside of the family arena, he and his wife are pleasant and lovely people.

The problem I am having is in deciding whether to attend a wedding celebration for Joe's son. None of his siblings or other family members is invited; I'm the only one. I feel I should attend and be a gracious stepmom. I do not condone this behavior but do not want to act in the same way and cut off the relationship. I feel it is his way of being in control, but it is hurtful and puts me in the middle. Do I go and kick up my heels or decline and send a check?

-- Torn

Dear Torn: This is a time to kick

your heels up and put on your dancing shoes. Children don't choose their parents. I'm sure that being the son of a difficult man has been tough, so you should not further punish Joe's son by not going to his wedding just because his dad is a prima donna. "Disown" the drama and enjoy the wedding.

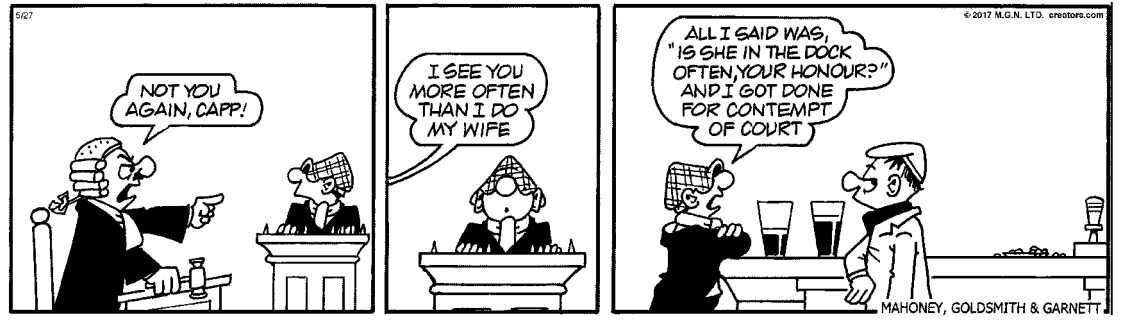
Dear Annie: My parents gave me a name that is spelled funny, and I'm being shamed for it everywhere I go, especially in the community I live in. It's too late for me to change it, as it would mess up all my legal business. How do I deal with -- or what do I say to -- these nasty, spiteful people who seem to enjoy harassing me? I'm angry enough to really tell them off, but the consequences of that might not be worth it. What do you suggest?

-- Sick and Tired of Spiteful People

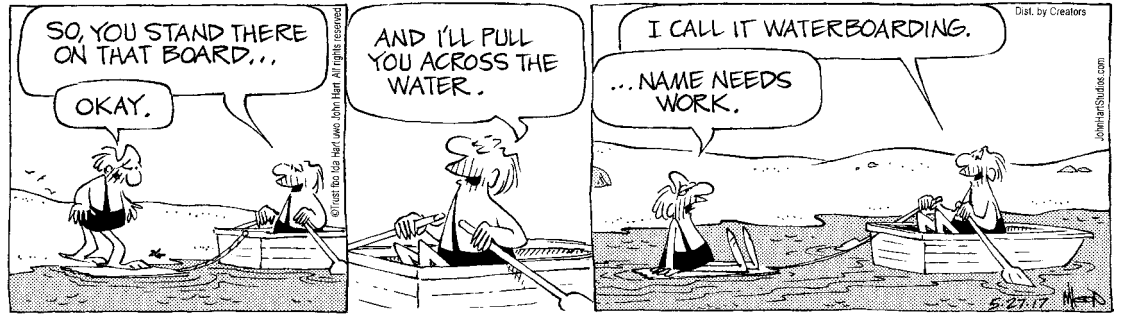
Dear Sick: People who would judge or ridicule you in any way for the spelling of your name are the punchline of their own joke. So in a way, your name does you the favor of screening those people out. Pay no mind to the herdlike mentality. Be brave; be yourself. A wolf doesn't lose sleep over the opinion of sheep.

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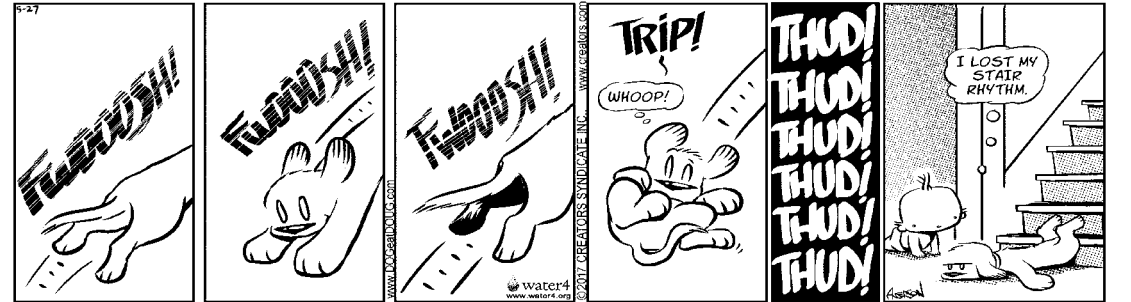
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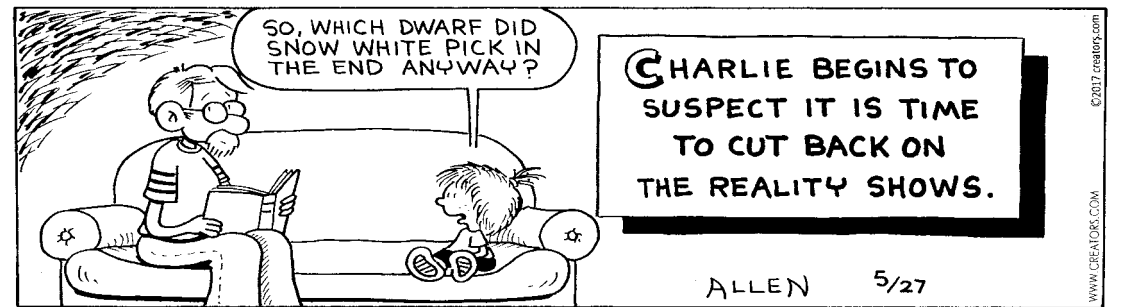
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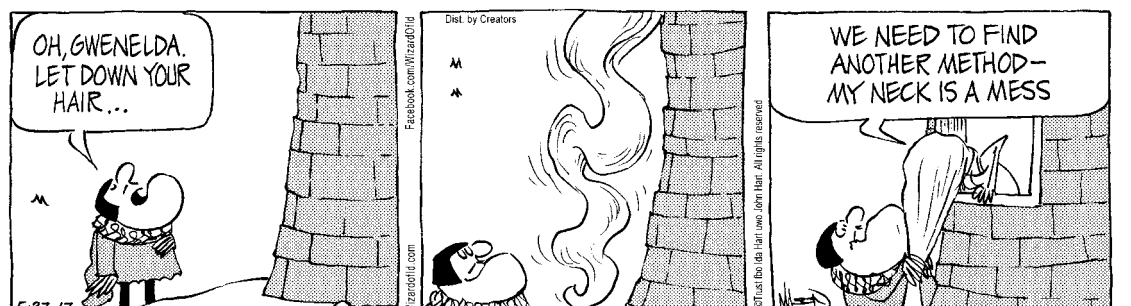
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"YIKES."



'Horoscopes by Holiday' Holiday Mathis

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). To grasp the obvious is not the mark of a dull mind -- quite the opposite, in fact! It can be surprisingly difficult to get a grip on ubiquitous things. You're accepting something without question that really ought to be questioned now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What matters is action. When making requests today, don't cloud the picture with a lot of background information and interesting but nonactionable items. Figure out the next action then command it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Humans have three brains in one: the reptile brain for survival, the limbic brain for feeling and the intellectual brain for reason. Today reason will be outnumbered by the other two, which are in cahoots over a shared desire.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Open-ended questions will work wonders to get to the bottom of a mystery, solve a problem or just get to know the situation a whole lot better. Try this opener: "Tell me about..."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe

you're in your own little world today, but you're there by choice. This is the place where you can see possibilities that others don't and live in the land of what may be instead of in the land of what is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not your concern for others that improves the world; it's what you do about it. From the care you give to your nearest and dearest to the more general efforts of goodwill, your positive impact will ripple outward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will read between the lines, as well as above and below them, and your comprehension is off the charts. But what will you do with this knowledge? Maybe nothing for a while. Let it settle in. This is wise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know who suggests that people are the sole architects of their own luck? Lucky people. Anyway, there's little time to speculate on fortune's role, as your journey currently requires extreme focus and effort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Make no assumptions. You never really know how another person lives until you are living as another person. Also, those who claim normalcy may have a definition of "normal" that's very different from yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A minor reworking of the way you tell your story or express yourself in general will be the difference between getting people on your team and going it alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are certain items -- such as shoes, for instance -- that are both functional and symbolic to you. A new pair of shoes makes you feel like you're really going somewhere good.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not fair to say that the world is hostile, friendly or even indifferent. There are so many different kinds of environments in the world. You'll benefit from exploring the tone of new places. Go in with an open mind.

Answer to previous puzzle

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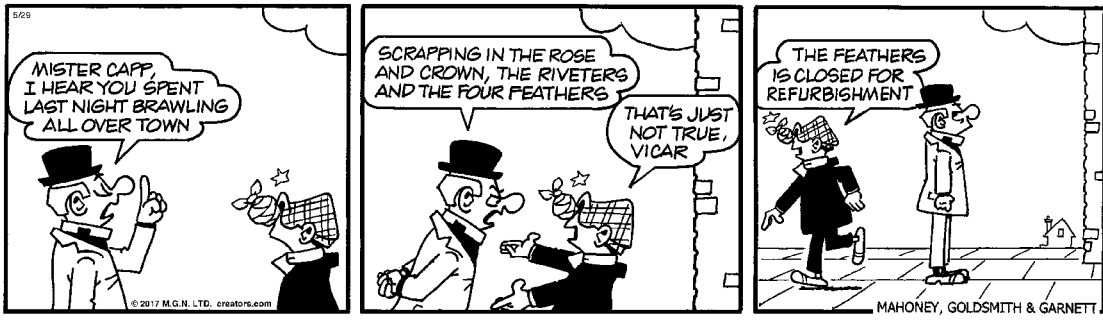
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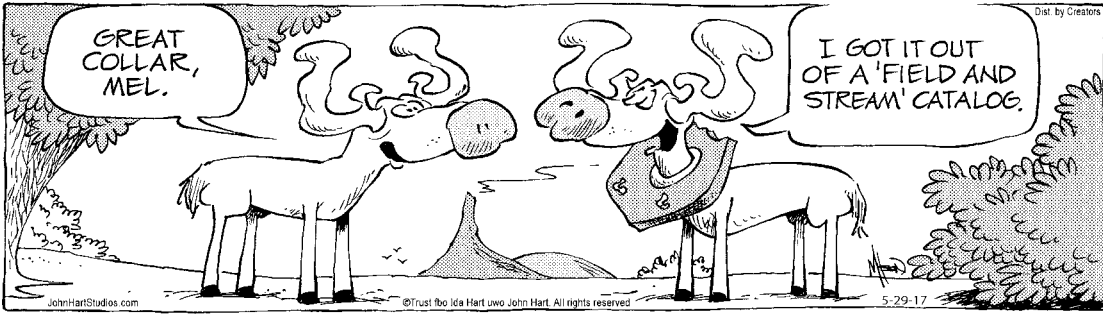
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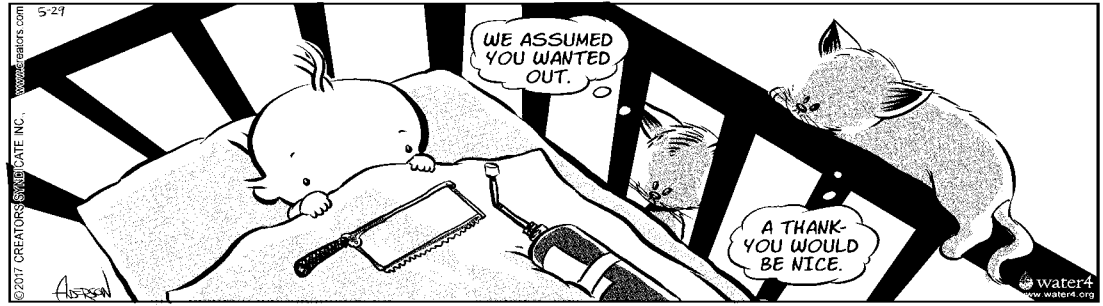
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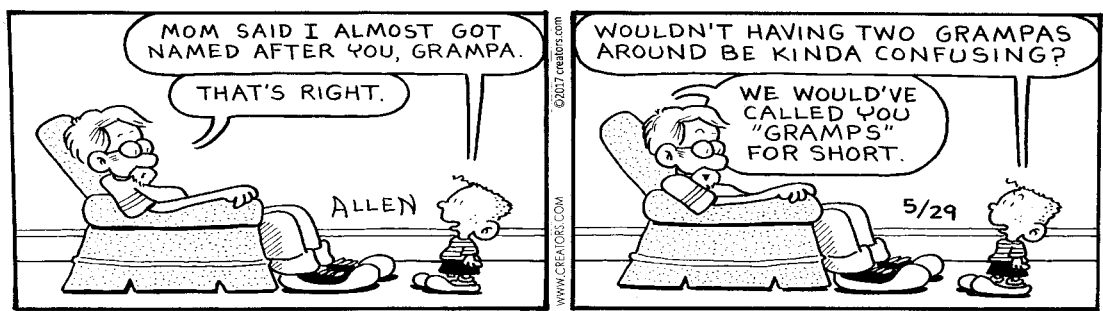
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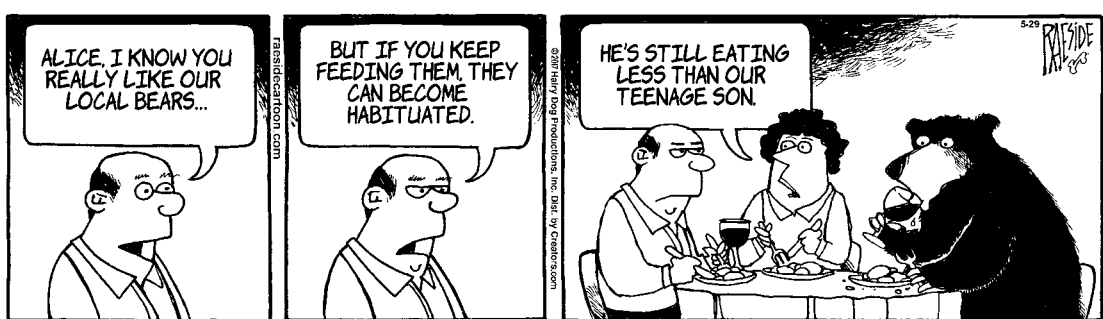
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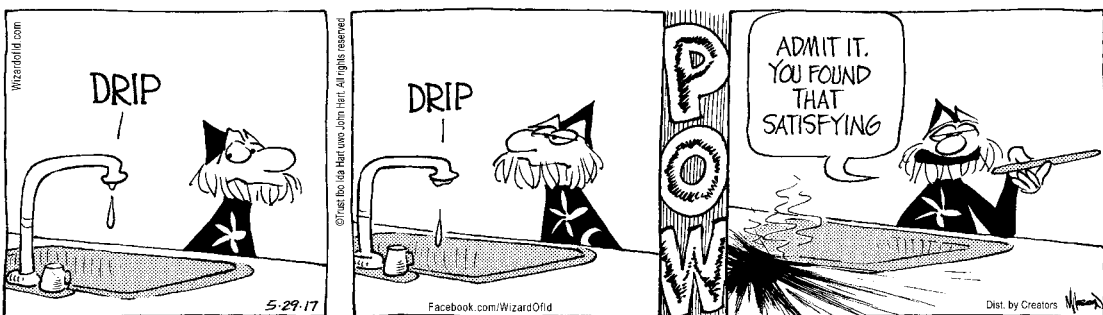
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'Dear Annie' Annie Lane

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Dear Annie: Despite the passage of considerable time, sadly this topic is still one worthy of second thought and action.

Fourteen years ago, my husband was killed in a senseless, tragic motor vehicle accident.

A girl talking on her cellphone while driving lost control of her vehicle and was witnessed weaving across narrow highway lanes, forcing my husband over the guardrail. His car fell approximately 60 feet.

He was taken to a local hospital with a brain bleed and numerous fractures of the cervical and thoracic spine. After 26 days in a coma, my beloved husband and my daughter's best friend passed away.

At the hearing, when the judge asked her whether she had been talking on her cellphone, she lied and said no. Her cellphone records proved otherwise. Prior to the hearing, the state's attorney informed me that she would serve no prison time. She had graduated as class valedictorian and was attending a prestigious university. She had her whole life ahead of her. She was given 100 hours

of community service at a rehab facility. Such a travesty of justice! What about my husband's life?

It would take too many words to express the depth of the pain of loss our daughter, my husband's sisters and I have felt every day for 14 years and will continue to feel. At my husband's calling hours, so many of those present -- bosses and co-workers alike -- commented to me about what a professional gentleman he was. To all his family and friends, he was a gentle, caring human being who will be forever missed.

All of you who use your cellphone while driving, please, please stop. This was my husband's pet peeve.

-- Forever Heartbroken

Dear Forever Heartbroken: I am so sorry for your loss.

Readers, if you text while driving, it's not a matter of "if" you get into an accident but "when." If you have trouble resisting the urge to look at your phone, consider installing an app such as Live2Txt, which blocks all incoming texts and calls while you're driving. For parents, there's Cellcontrol, a device that

can be installed in the dashboard of a car and paired with an app that prevents your teen from texting while driving.

Thank you for raising this important issue. If your letter causes even one person to think twice before texting while driving, it just might save a life.

Dear Annie: My granddaughter is turning 7 soon and wants to have a small birthday party. She has five friends she wants to invite. Her mom (my daughter) is close to another mother who has a child in the same group, but my granddaughter does not want to invite that child.

In previous years, this child was invited, but during this past year, the kids have grown apart, although all the mothers have stayed in contact frequently.

So the problem is: Should this child be invited in order to keep the peace, or should my granddaughter invite only the friends she wants? We're not sure of the best way to handle this. Her birthday is coming up soon, so we need your help.

-- Nana

Dear Nana: I'm never one for leaving children out, especially when they are as young as 7. Invite her. Who knows? By next week, they may be best friends. Kids change their minds all the time. They're much more open than we grown-ups are.

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'Horoscopes by Holiday' Holiday Mathis

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HARIES (March 21-April 19). Taking care of small details will bring disproportionately substantial satisfaction. Tonight: More good things happen when you just say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are a lot of things about your life that you cannot instantly change. That's why it's so satisfying today to change what you can. This will have to do with something in your environment, or on your person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There may be a clash between what is said and the attitude with which it is said. Believe the strongest indicator. Sometimes it will be words; sometimes it will be deeds. Which seems more prevalent?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When wishful thinking is dashed, this sets off a minor mourning process. Face it; feel it, and the pain will quickly resolve itself. Mourning is natural; it's just healing at a different tempo. This won't take long, and you'll be stronger for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Think back on past pain and even your best recollection will be a distortion, courtesy of your mental defenses. Don't let this illusion trick you into going in for another round of what you know isn't good for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A line will be drawn. Is it a path to follow -- or a barrier that is not to be crossed? You'll be answering such questions and making decisions about the path that's best for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You sometimes feel like a child pretending to be a professional instead of the pro you are. Rest assured: This is common. Most of your colleagues have felt the same way at one time or another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Quiet confidence will be your hallmark today. You're the sign of mystery, privacy and intrigue. With stoic solidity you will command a full and serious quality of attention today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Who is your audience? Target

your market. Know what impact you want to create and on whom. Once you figure this out, there are many choices that will become very easy for you to make.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Listen to what people say when they tell you about themselves. On a related note, there are many secrets that will hide in plain view today. You're awake, and so you'll learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll level in the attention of a person who really gets you. Try to take this connection in a creative direction. It will be fun to make things with someone who has a similar aesthetic or at least appreciates yours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll keep a cool head while you put out one fire after another. You don't want to continue spending your days like this, and that's why you need to figure out who the " arsonist " is.

Answer to previous puzzle

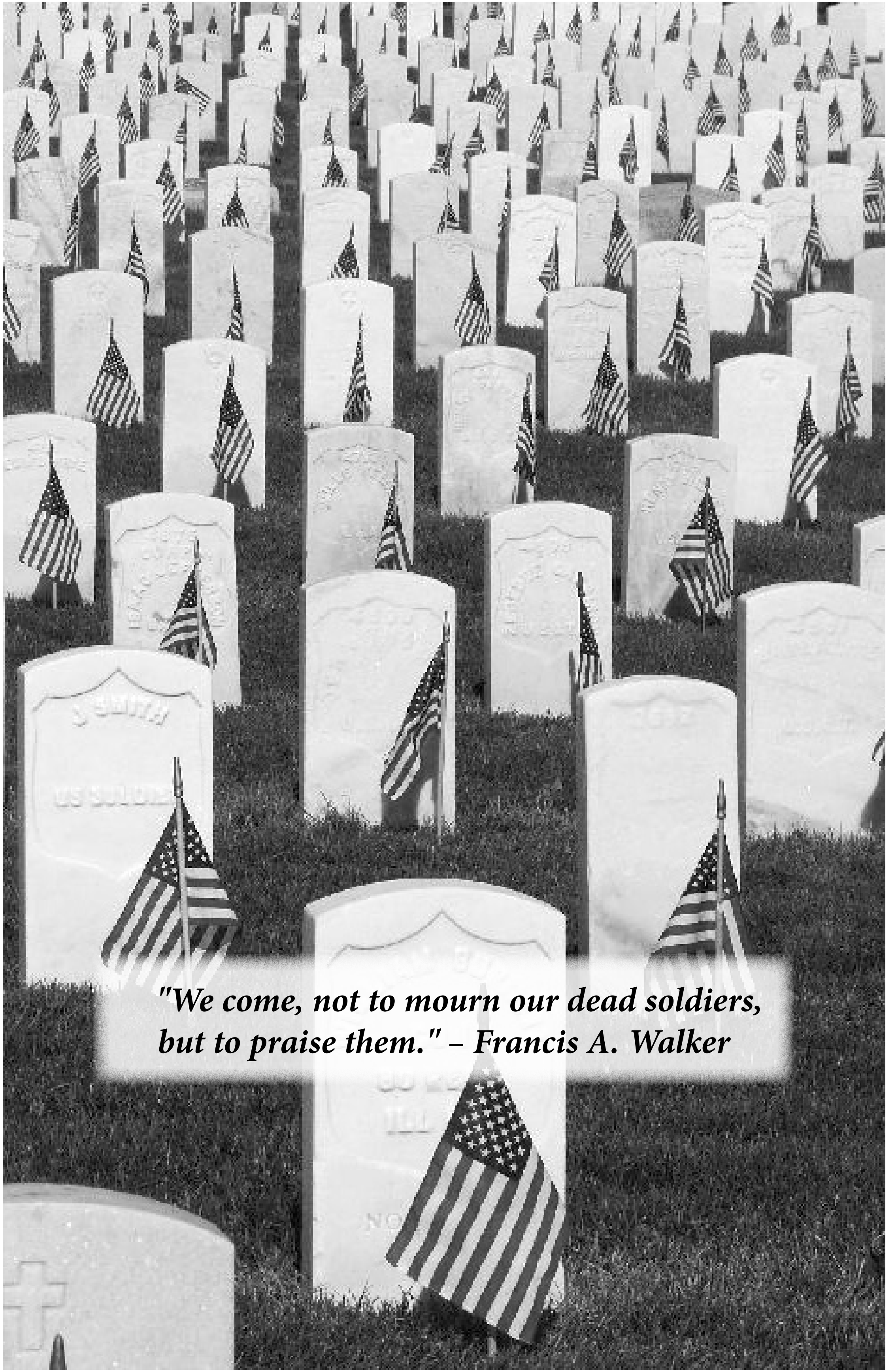
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Newsday Crossword

ANSWER THE DOORBELL by Sandy Fein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Galahad and Lancelot
 - 5 Portion (out)
 - 9 Imperfection
 - 13 American buffalo
 - 14 Aroma
 - 15 Shoe's string
 - 16 Traditional Arctic dome home
 - 17 Lima's country
 - 18 At any time
 - 19 "Ding Dong!" response
 - 22 Healthful resort
 - 23 Incoming flight guess: Abbr.
 - 24 Diner sandwich initials
 - 27 "O beautiful for spacious ___"
 - 30 Hatchlings' homes
 - 35 Evergreen trees
 - 37 Historical period
 - 38 Last part of many plays
 - 39 "Ding Dong!" response
 - 42 In dreamland
 - 43 End of big co. names
 - 44 Extremely large
 - 45 Puppies' cries
 - 46 Walk inside
 - 48 Crossed (out)
 - 49 Unhappy
 - 51 Tennis court divider
 - 53 "Ding Dong!" response
 - 62 Portal
 - 63 Norway's capital
 - 64 Angry
 - 65 Woodwind instrument
- DOWN**
- 1 Give an autograph
 - 2 Castaway's home
 - 3 Kitchens and dens
 - 4 Is nosy
 - 5 Sulk
 - 6 Adam and Eve's home
 - 7 Rich cakes
 - 8 Spew 10 Down
 - 9 Run away
 - 10 Volcano outflow
 - 11 Top poker cards
 - 12 Used to be
 - 13 Life story, for short
 - 20 Mascara, lipstick, etc.
 - 21 Jousting weapon
 - 24 Less-traveled road
 - 25 Tenant's document
 - 26 Suit fabric
 - 28 Tax collecting agcy.
 - 29 Dine at home
 - 31 Engrave with acid
 - 32 Dakota tribe
 - 33 Hint of color
 - 34 Agreed (with)
 - 36 Staircase part
 - 38 Uphill climb
 - 40 Old West outlaw
 - 41 Industrious insect
 - 46 Light-bulb inventor
 - 47 Eye part
 - 50 Cropped up
 - 52 Toss of the dice
 - 53 Reversed one
 - 54 Tip of an ear
 - 55 Lake bird
 - 56 Raised, as racehorses
 - 57 Feeling happy
 - 58 Moves like a bunny
 - 59 Roof overhang
 - 60 Highways: Abbr.
 - 61 Snakelike fish

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SPORTS

DISTRICT BASEBALL PREVIEW

Wildcat seniors looking to finish careers with a district title

By Scott Hassinger
Sports Editor

THREE RIVERS — Not since the late 1990s has Three Rivers hosted a district tournament in baseball.

But Kim Losik's Wildcats will hold the home-field advantage next week when they host the Division 2 districts at Armstrong Field.

Action in the postseason gets underway with a pre-district contest at 5 p.m. Tuesday between host Three Rivers and Sturgis.

The winner of Tuesday's contest advances to Saturday's 10 a.m. game against Vicksburg, a state semifinalist last season. The other semifinal on Saturday at noon pits Plainwell against Otsego at approximately noon. The district champion advances to the Edwardsburg Regional on Saturday, June 10.

There are 10 seniors on Three Rivers' roster that would like to finish off their careers with a district championship.

Three Rivers' last district crown came in 2010 under former coach Scott Muffley.

Current Three Rivers head coach Kim Losik and his team bring an overall record of 17-13.

Three Rivers and Sturgis split a doubleheader during the Wolverine Conference season on the Trojans' home field.

Losik expects a good battle once again from Drew Rutenbar's Sturgis ball club.

"It's nice to have districts at home because it's a home field advantage. We've played almost everybody that's in the district during the conference season," Losik said.

"I feel we didn't play as well as we are capable last time we faced them. We committed a lot of errors in those two games. Our kids played hard and much better since then, and have learned from our miscues and we have been working on a lot of different things."

If his team can get past Sturgis, a team Losik is confident that his ball club can beat; Three Rivers' coach is looking forward to the challenge Vicksburg presents.

"Vicksburg has a great pitcher in Brendan Lovel who is their No. 1 pitcher. They have another guy that throws extremely well also. But last time we played them was near the early part of the season and as of late they have struggled that we split with or beat," Losik said.

"District Tournaments are



Score one for the 'Cats

Justin Ochsenrider (14) of Three Rivers races home to score a run for the Wildcats against Mendon in a recent St. Joseph County Tournament game.

brand new seasons. We're looking forward to it because the games are at our house. The good thing is our kids are all healthy. Our seniors have worked really hard. I couldn't be more proud of them. After last season they all decided they were going to have a successful season."

Three Rivers improved from ninth in the Wolverine Conference last season to fifth this season with a 9-9 mark.

Senior Alex Minger will be the likely starter on the mound for the 'Cats against the Trojans.

Minger is 4-3 on the season with 50 strikeouts and he's surrendered 26 walks and 32 hits.

Senior Ryan Levandoski, who's headed to play at Bluffton College, is 1-1 with 24 strikeouts.

Senior Carson Charvat sports a 3-1 mark for Three Rivers. Charvat has struck out 18, surrendered 36 hits.

Senior J.T. Hack is 2-1 and junior Zach Ludwick is 1-1 on the season.

"I'm comfortable knowing that whoever I have on the mound throwing is going to make us competitive, and that we're going to be ready to go," Losik said.

Three Rivers has had little trouble producing offense and scoring runs, especially as of late.

Senior second baseman Justin Ochsenrider is batting .410 with 34 hits, including 26 singles, with 15 RBI and 24 stolen bases.

Four players are hitting .400 or above including senior Sam Hawkins (ss) at .416, Hack (.410), Carson Charvat (.410) and Minger (.414).

Charvat has the only two home runs on the team this season and he leads his ball club with 24 RBI.

Sophomore (if, of) Jalen Hevilin has belted 13 doubles on the season and sports a batting average of .283.

"I think we're hitting the ball as well as anytime this season," Losik said.

Webster hopes less is just as good for Bulldogs

CENTREVILLE — After playing a total of 63 games the last two seasons, which included back-to-back appearances in the Division 4 state Final Four, Centreville enters the 2017 postseason with just 18 games under its belt.

"I think if we have good practices and stay focused we'll be okay. It would affect any ball club. We can't get lazy. It's been a wacky season with all the rainouts and bad weather. But our record shows we're a pretty

solid team," Webster said.

Centreville brings a record of 16-2 into today's St. Joseph County Tournament at home.

The Bulldogs' two losses came to Constantine (2-1) and Bronson (6-2), the latter of whom the Bulldogs shared the BCS League title with.

Centreville was ranked among the Top 10 teams all season, including ranking of No. 5 in the final Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association state poll.

"We're hitting the ball better than we've ever hit the ball in the past with two kids in the .400s," Webster said.

"Within three games last week we scored over 60 runs. We're definitely putting the bat on the ball very well. Our pitching has been strong as well."

Senior Colletin Gascho (.476) and Collin Kirby (.500) are the top Bulldog hitters.

Freshman Seth Chiddister is Centreville's top pitcher with a 0.75 ERA.

Three other Bulldogs are hitting over .400. They include Brady Reynolds (.463), Andrew Stevens (.421) and Chandler Hostetler (.406).

Four other Centreville players are hitting over .300 or better.

DISTRICT PAIRINGS

Division 2 (at Three Rivers) <i>Baseball</i> Tuesday, May 30 Sturgis vs. Three Rivers, 5 p.m.	G-A/Comstock winner vs. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Central Prep, noon Championship, 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 3 Sturgis/Three Rivers winner vs. Vicksburg, 10 a.m. Plainwell vs. Otsego, noon Championship, 2 p.m.	Division 4 (at Centreville) <i>Baseball</i> Saturday, June 3 Marcellus vs. White Pigeon, 10 a.m. Centreville vs. Howardsville Christian, noon Championship, 2 p.m.
Division 3 (at Galesburg-Augusta) <i>Baseball</i> Tuesday, May 30 G-A vs. Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.	<i>Softball</i> Marcellus vs. White Pigeon, noon Championship Centreville vs. Marcellus/White Pigeon winner, 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 3 Constantine vs. G-A/Schoolcraft winner, 10 a.m. Comstock vs. Parchment, noon Championship, 2 p.m.	Division 4 (at Colon) <i>Baseball</i> Friday, June 2 Mendon vs. Athens, 9 a.m. Burr Oak vs. Colon, 11:30 a.m. Championship, 2 p.m.
<i>Softball</i> Tuesday, May 30 G-A vs. Comstock, 4 p.m. Constantine vs. Parchment, 6 p.m.	<i>Softball</i> Colon vs. Burr Oak, 9 a.m. Athens vs. Mendon, 11 a.m. Championship, 1 p.m.

DISTRICT SOCCER PAIRINGS

(at Three Rivers unless otherwise noted) Tuesday, May 30 Vicksburg at Stevensville-Lakeshore, 5 p.m. Edwardsburg at Sturgis, 5 p.m. St. Joseph at Niles, 5 p.m.	Thursday, June 1 Semifinals (at Three Rivers) Lakeshore/Vicksburg winner vs. Sturgis/Edwardsburg winner, 5 p.m. Plainwell vs. Three Rivers, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 3 Championship, 10 a.m.	

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Baseball <i>Championship bracket</i> Sturgis vs. Centreville, 9 a.m. Colon vs. Three Rivers at Glen Oaks, 9 a.m. Title game, 11 a.m. <i>Consolation bracket</i> Constantine vs. Burr Oak, East Fairgrounds Field, 9 a.m. White Pigeon vs. Mendon, East fairgrounds field, 11:30 a.m.
Softball <i>Winner's bracket</i> Constantine vs. Centreville, Field 1, 12:30 p.m. Colon vs. Three Rivers, Field 2, 12:30 p.m. <i>Consolation Bracket</i> Sturgis vs. Burr Oak, Field 1, 9 a.m. White Pigeon vs. Mendon, Field 2, 9 a.m. <i>Consolation Finals</i> Sturgis/Burr Oak winner vs. White Pigeon/Mendon winner, Field 1, 10:30 a.m.

Today's Schedule

<i>Track and Field</i> Centreville girls at MITCA Team State Finals, Manton, 9:30 a.m.
<i>Baseball</i> St. Joseph County Tournament, Centreville, 9 a.m.
<i>Softball</i> St. Joseph County Tournament, Centreville, 9 a.m.

All eyes on Alonso in a wide-open Indianapolis 500 field

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — One of IndyCar's all-time greats will lead the field to green at the Indianapolis 500.

All eyes, though, will be one row behind Scott Dixon as Fernando Alonso makes his debut in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Alonso has never raced on an oval before, never raced an Indy car and hasn't done a rolling start in 20 years — and that was in a go-kart.

So, yeah, Alonso lingered long after all the other competitors in the final driver meeting before Sunday's race. The two-time Formula One champion peppered race director Brian Barnhart with questions for a solid 15 minutes before riding off through Gasoline Alley on his skateboard.

He's as ready as he can possibly be,

and ranked fifth — the fastest rookie — on the speed chart during the final day of practice. Alonso has enjoyed every minute at Indy, but he's not letting the hype around his quest to win racing's version of the Triple Crown — he's already won at Monaco in F1 and would like to someday run Le Mans — distract him from his mission.

"There is still no emotion. Until Monday, there are no emotions allowed to enter your mind," Alonso said. "The mind is so focused on the race. There is no space for the emotions right now."

That's the intensity it will take to win the 101st running of the Indy 500. Still, it is Dixon who should be the favorite to win.

The New Zealander had the fastest

qualifying effort in 21 years to win the pole, and he'd like to drink the victor's milk for the second time in his career. Dixon won this race in 2008, he's a four-time series champion and ranks fourth on the all-time win list behind only A.J. Foyt, Mario and Michael Andretti.

"In my generation, he's the best," said Tony Kanaan, the 2013 winner of the Indy 500 and Dixon's teammate.

It doesn't hurt that Dixon this year is in a Honda, which has dominated the buildup to Sunday over rival Chevrolet. The Chevy camp — particularly Team Penske — has been dramatically overshadowed so far but finally showed better speed Friday. Three-time Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves, veteran of the

Penske camp, was fastest on Carb Day.

"We keep working, digging, obviously finding a way," Castroneves said. "We're going to fight extremely hard out there and showing a little bit of speed certainly. We're going for the big one on Sunday."

Team Penske has four of the top five drivers in the IndyCar standings, has won the last three races of the season, and added two-time 500 winner Juan Pablo Montoya to its lineup for Sunday.

Still, a win by a Chevy driver might be considered an upset based on how strong Honda has been. Although reliability on the Honda engines has been spotty — James Hinchcliffe had a failure during Friday's practice — the speed is there

and Honda won last year with Alexander Rossi, a rookie who coasted across the finish line on fumes.

Rossi is part of the massive effort from Andretti Autosport, which expanded to six cars when it took on Alonso last month. Most teams might have flinched at taking on such a heavy workload for the biggest race of the year, but the Andretti camp did not back down.

"It has to make sense from a business standpoint," said Marco Andretti, son of the team owner and a driver eager to win his first Indy 500. "At first I was like, 'Man, six cars?' Then I found out who it was, and I was like, 'Well, we have to do that.' It's a lot for the team. But it's all good things, man. It's good for the

sport." There has certainly been a buzz around the Brickyard for Alonso, and worldwide television ratings should get a significant boost Sunday. IndyCar drivers are smart enough to understand that Alonso is good for all of them right now.

With no clear favorite, questions about Honda's reliability, Penske's power and Alonso's lack of experience in this race, there could be a surprise winner in a race Roger Penske believes could be even more exciting than last year's historic 100th running.

Kanaan, a driver who had his heart broken repeatedly at Indy before his breakthrough victory four years ago, can't predict what might happen.

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 DONALD L. FROST, individually, and CATHY R. FROST, individually, and as Trustee of the CATHY R. FROST DECLARATION OF TRUST, Plaintiffs, v. THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE PIGEON, a municipal corporation, STEVEN J. SCHNEIDER, individually and as Trustee of the SCHNEIDER LIVING TRUST, KRISTEN E. SCHNEIDER, individually and as Trustee of the SCHNEIDER LIVING TRUST, EDWARD L. BENHAM, or his unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees, MARY ELIZABETH KERSHNER, or her unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees, ELLEN MIYAGAWA, or her unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees, GEORGE MIYAGAWA, or his unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees and RAYMOND W. PRICE, or his unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees, Defendants.
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Johnathon Sholl, (ST), 22.54; Seite Kiser, (TR), 23.80; Michael Scheske (ST), 23.83; Hunter Rummeler, (WP), 24.84; Dane Wilson, (CO), 23.89; Traven Vanoss, (TR), 24.04; Clayton Wolf, (CO), 24.21; Dylan Schrock (CV), 24.31; AJ Voordie, (ME), 24.54

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Anthony Evilsizor, (CN), 50.66; Michael Scheske, (ST), 51.53; Johnathon Sholl, (ST), 51.77; Andrew Johnson, (TR), 52.37; Ross Hunter, (CV), 53.21; Clayton Wolf, (CO), 53.84; Dawson Kiess, (CN), 54.76; Corbin Weinberg, (ME), 55.24; Dan Foura (TR), 55.24

800 Meters

Anthony Evilsizor, (CN), 1:58.19; Alex Heckman, (ME), 2:01.50; Jared Rank, (CV), 2:05.28; Matthew Tom, (ST), 2:08.31; Keaton Crotser, (ME), 2:08.50; Evan Griffioen, (TR), 2:10.64; Pedro Guzman, (ST), 2:10.77; Quinten Prieur, (CN), 2:12.63; Logan Borst, (TR), 2:13.02

1600 Meters

Alex Heckmanm (ME), 4:38.80; Quinten Prieur, (CN), 4:44.89; Justus Chupp, (CV), 4:49.20; Jonathan West, (CO), 4:51.62; Jon Scare, (TR), 4:56.35; Tim Kinney, (CN), 4:57.10; Connor Henckel, (ME), 4:59.40; Darrion Thornburgh (ST), 5:01.50; Hunter Bacheller, (CN), 5:05.40;

3200 Meters

Quinten Prieur, (CN), 10:21.81; Tim Kinney (CN), 10:36.02; Justus Chupp, (CV), 10:38.19; Alex Heckmanm (ME), 10:41.70; Brendan Sprowls, (ST), 10:57.11; Jacob Hagenbuch, (ME), 11:03.80; Sam Warren, (CN), 11:06.30; Darrion Thornburgh, (ST), 11:09.07; Cole Appoloni (TR), 11:12.46

110-Meter Hurdles

Gavin Kopf, (WP), 16.25; Arjun Vorster, (ME), 16.91; Paul Kelly, (ST), 17.18; Michael McNamara, (CN), 17.44; Jason Stone, (CN), 18.54; Bryce Kennedy, (TR), 19.28; Connor Clemens (CO), 19.34; Dewayne Johnson, (TR), 19.90; Joe Kuhbender, (CV), 20.04;

300-Meter Hurdles

Gavin Kopf, (WP), 42.14; Arjun Vorster, (ME), 43.04; Paul Kelly, (ST), 44.01; Jahk Mullendore, (CN), 44.06; Connor Clemens, (CO), 44.94; Roy Solis, (CN), 46.16; Noah Franks, (ST), 46.41; Bryce Kennedy, (TR), 47.08; Michael McNamara, (CN), 48.34

400-Meter Relay

Team: Mendon, 45.26; Three Rivers, 45.55; Sturgis, 45.78; White Pigeon, 45.95; Colon, 46.11; Constantine, 46.34; Centreville, 49.14

800-Meter Relay

Team: Sturgis, 1:32.71; Three Rivers, 1:34.40; Mendon, 1:34.93; White Pigeon, 1:35.51; Constantine, 1:36.00; Colon, 1:36.03; Centreville,

1:36.42

1600-Meter Relay

Team: Constantine, 3:34.19; Mendon, 3:35.35; Three Rivers, 3:36.66; Centreville, 3:38.10; Sturgis, 3:39.22; White Pigeon, 3:40.94; Colon, 3:54.22

3200-Meter Relay

Team: Mendon, 8:33.23; Centreville, 8:36.60; Constantine, 8:37.90; Three Rivers, 8:49.72; Sturgis, 9:07.71; White Pigeon, 9:15.80; Colon, 9:17.39

High Jump

Hunter Lovell, (ME), 6'0"; Brendon Schragg, (CN), 6'0"; AJ Voordie, (ME), 5'08"; Jacob Carpenter, (ST), 5'08"; Michael Coffey, (T), 5'07.01"; Solomon Walker, (CN), 5'06"; Jahk Mullendore, (CN), 5'06"; Christi Rooyakkers, (ST), 5'04"; Tyler Chapman, (TR), 5'03"

Pole Vault

Noah Kinsey, (ST), 13'7"; Gavin Kopf, (WP), 12'06"; Noah Franks, (ST), 12'06"; Vlad Schrader, (CV), 11'06"; Wyatt Alwine, (CN), 10'06"; Cole Shafer, (WP), 10'06"; Chris Rios, (ME), 9'06"; Hunter Boals, (C), 9'06"; Bryce Kennedy (TR), 9'06"

Long Jump

Brandon Wetzal, (ST), 21'04"; Michael Coffey (TR), 20'05.75"; Chase Tomlinson, (CO), 20'01.50"; Deion Deans, (TR), 19'11"; Sam Cleveland, (ME), 19'09"; Andrew Smolarz, (CO), 19'08"; Keegan Smith, (ST), 19'03"; Carlos Castro, (WP), 19'0.50"; AJ Voordie (ME), 18'11.5"

Shot Put

Tirrell Hausmanis, (TR), 45'11.5"; Zachary Greenwald, (CO), 43'02.75"; Anthony Ruth, (CN), 43'02"; Jacob Carpenter (ST), 40'09"; Brenden Shelton, (CO), 40'08.50"; Marquise Wykle, (CN), 40'08.5"; Josh Yoder, (ME), 39'06.5"; Trenton Kindig, (CV), 39'5"; Reece Ream (ST), 39'04"

Discus

Anthony Ruth, (CN), 146'7";

Zachary Greenwald, (CO), 133'03"; Jose Munoz, (ST), 120'10"; Trenton Stears, (CN), 118'11"; Marquise Wykle, (CN), 118'10"; Lukas Crotser, (ME), 118'06"; Arjun Vorster, (ME), 117'11"; John Sicord, (ST), 116'10"; Jacob Carpenter, (ST), 116'06"

Girls

100 Meters

Arionne Fowlkes, (TR), 12.53; Katie Bedard, (WP), 13.21; Cassie McNamara, (CN), 13.44; Hannah Marchand, (CV), 13.44; Abby Saxman, (CO), 13.84; Brittany Morris, (CV), 13.94; Kalee Schrock (CV), 14.04; Katelynn Kleckner, (CN), 14.05; Alexis Dull (CN), 14.05

200 Meters

Cassie McNamara, (CN), 27.44; Clayce West (WP), 27.54; Katie Bedard, (WP), 27.83; Arionne Fowlkes (TR), 28.02; Mary Leighton, (ME), 28.04; Kayla Jepsen (CV), 28.29; Alexis Dull, (CN), 28.60; Desiree Sussdorf (TR), 28.88; Hannah Marchand, (CV), 29.04

400 Meters

Claycee West, (WP), 1:00.92; Stephanie McLochlin, (TR), 1:04.17; Hadley Miller (TR), 1:04.99; Shelby Krawczak, (TR), 1:05.52; Kayla Jepsen, (CV), 1:05.95; Cayla Ferrier, (CV), 1:06.28; Alexis Leighton, (CV), 1:07.44; Keagon Bower, (CO), 1:07.87; Jami Myers, (ST), 1:07.89

800 Meters

Claycee West, (WP), 2:40.83; Christin Hicks (CO), 2:42.30; Kaitlin Ritchie, (TR), 2:42.68; Asia Pratel, (CV), 2:43.20; Carissa Kelley, (TR), 2:44.15; Stephanie McLochlin, (TR), 2:46.28; Taylor Heitkamp (ME), 2:46.90; Malorie Hulse, (CN), 2:47.61; Andrea Bell, (CV), 2:48.00

1600 Meters

Carissa Kelley, (TR), 5:40.60; Malorie Hulse, (CN), 6:05.56; Asia Pratel (CV), 6:08.28; Hannah Terayama, (CV), 6:13.81; Carlee Odom, (CV), 6:24.70; Tatum Harris, (ST), 6:30.10; Zoey Labarre,

(CV), 6:33.20; Andrea Hernandez, (ST), 6:36.55; Mari Clark, (ME), 6:37.30

3200 Meters

Carissa Kelley, (TR), 12:43.75; Carlee Odom, (CV), 13:36.36; Asia Pratel, (CV), 13:37.80; Andrea Hernandez, (ST), 13:39.99; Hannah Terayama, (CV), 14:10.20; Malorie Hulse, (CN), 14:27.27; Madison Moen (CN), 14:37.96; Audrey Baker, (WP), 14:44.53; Alysaa Kramer, (ME), 15:14.24

100-Meter Hurdles

Mary Leighton, (ME), 15.74; Cassie McNamara, (CN), 16.60; Grace Schwartz, (CV), 17.70; Mackenzi Dobosiewicz, (CN), 17.74; Hannah Orzol, (TR), 17.88; Cara Smith (TR), 18.15; Campbell Haradine, (TR), 18.60; Masey Schrock, (CV), 18.65; Gracie Cornett, (CO), 18.96

300-Meter Hurdles

Mary Leighton, (ME), 47.16; Cassie McNamara, (CN), 48.44; Christin Hicks, (CO), 52.30; Samara Schlabach, (CV), 53.12; Grace Schwartz, (CV), 53.72; Janelle Sussdorf, (TR), 54.36; Cara Smith, (TR), 54.74; Masey Schrock, (CV), 55.74; Kiara Kunz, (CN), 57.07

400-Meter Relay

Team: Three Rivers, 52.24; Centreville, 52.94; Constantine, 54.30; Sturgis, 54.35; Colon, 55.17; White Pigeon, 56.90; Mendon, 1:00.74

800-Meter Relay

Team: Constantine, 1:52.23; Three Rivers, 1:52.64; Centreville, 1:55.46; Colon, 1:55.78; Sturgis, 1:57.65; White Pigeon, 1:59.70; Mendon, 2:09.50

1600-Meter Relay

Team: Three Rivers, 4:16.56; Constantine, 4:25.75; Centreville, 4:29.80; Colon, 4:34.72; Mendon, 4:36.6; Sturgis, 4:52.33

3200-Meter Relay

Team: Three Rivers, 10:37.29; Centreville, 11:05.82; Colon, 11:22.87; Sturgis, 11:31.90; Mendon, 11:48.90; Constantine, 12:18.74



Distance standout

Malorie Hulse from Constantine competes in the girls' 1600-meter relay in Tuesday's Southwestern Athletic Conference meet at Sweetland Stadium. Commercial-News/Scott Hassinger

High Jump

Mackenzie Dobosiewicz, (CN), 5'0"; Hannah Marchand, (CV), 5'0"; Samara Schlabach, (CV), 5'0"; Hadley Miller, (TR), 4'11"; Mikayla Kernagis, (CV), 4'10"; Julie Sutter, (ME), 4'10"; Paulina Diaz, (CN), 4'09"; Cara Smith (TR), 4'06"; Skylar Gottschalk, (ST), 4'06"

Pole Vault

Brittany Lalone, (ST), 8'06"; Alexis Pueschel, (ST), 8'06"; Mackenzi Dobosiewicz, (CO) 8'06"; Katelyne Leitch, (CO), 8'0"; Mackenzi Oswalt, (ME), 8'0"; Campbell Haradine, (TR), 8'0"; Samara Schlabach, (CV), 8'0"; Alexandria Deel, (TR), 7'06"; Samantha Chaplin (CV), 7'06"

Long Jump

Shelby Krawczak, (TR), 15'08"; Andrea Bell, (CV), 15'02"; Cassie McNamara, (CN), 14'10.75"; Kalee Schrock (CV), 14'06.50"; Katelynn

Kleckner, (CN), 14'06"; Carly Todd, (CV), 14'05.50"; Nayomie Allen, (CO), 13'11.50"; Sydney Tomlinson (CO), 13'07.50"; Althea Kiser (TR), 13'07.50"

Shot Put

Isabella Taylor, (TR), 37'05"; Brittany Morris, (CV), 33'10.50"; DeAshia Sanders, (ST), 33'04.50"; Janelle Garcia, (ST), 33'04.50"; Rebekah Scofield, (CO), 31'05.75"; Emma Sandy, (WP), 30'00"; Sydney Coler, (ME), 29'305"; Madison Schrader, (CV), 29'04.50"; Jimena Garcia Carmona (ST), 29'03"

Discus

Izabella Taylor, (TR), 103'05"; Janelle Garcia, (ST), 100'0"; Sydney Coler, (ME), 94'04"; Rebekah Scofield, (CO), 88'01"; Emma Sandy, (WP), 87'07"; Amaya Hamilton, (TR), 86'2"; Autumn Demas (CN), 84'02"; Baylee Bacheller, (CN), 83'0"; DeAshia Sanders, (ST), 82'11"



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