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Redkey to try for more grant funding

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review REDKEY — The town is

applying for another grant to pave more streets. **Redkey** Town Council

approved a list of streets to apply for in a Community Crossings grant from Indiana Department of Transportation this year.

Hopes are to pave Union Street between Main and Lake streets as well as High between and Mitchell, Mitchell Street between Union Street and Meridian Avenue, Oak Street between Main and Railroad streets, Delaware Avenue between Meridian and Washington Streets Washington Street and between Delaware Street and Bell Avenue.

The total cost of the project would be \$218,249, with Redkey's match at \$54,562.25.

Council also learned Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne is expected to start paving streets Aug. 15. Streets on the schedule include Boyce Street between Sycamore and Meridian streets, Bell Avenue between Meridian and Washington streets, Sycamore Street between Indiana 67 and Main Street and all of Morgan Drive through Redkey Morgan Park.

The bulk of the cost is covered by a Community Crossings grant secured in 2022, and the cost to pave the park's drive was donated by Redkey Economic Development Corporation. The project came in at \$158,131, well under initial estimates.

"We're getting close to a million dollars in paving By BAILEY CLINE (over) the last five years, noted town employee "Redkey Randy Young. wouldn't do that in 55, 100 years without the grants." Dottie Quakenbush, resident and former council member, voiced some concerns with Redkey Police Department. She asked when police officer Zach Moser — he started working for Redkey in June -would be switched to a later shift.





The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Starting second

Sousaphone players Trenton Hamilton and Chance Sturgill lead a group of Jay County High School Marching Patriots across the track near the end of their performance Friday during the Jay County Lions Band Contest at the grandstand at Jay County Fairgrounds. The Marching Patriots were runners-up in their first contest of the season, scoring 67.175 points to trail only champion Muncie Central. Richmond was third with 67.075 with Centerville (64.525) fourth and Anderson (64.075) fifth. Hayden Richman of the Marching Patriots keeps his eyes on drum major Mackenzie Brown during Friday night's performance.

Council considers amending rule

process had been a frequent

See **Redkey** page 2

The Commercial Review County officials may be amending legislation relating to its hiring freeze.

Jay County Council president Jeanne Houchins suggested council amend its ordinance that enacted a hiring freeze in December for all county offices.

The legislation required county department heads to alert the county's personnel committee — it's made up of the commissioners Personnel committee has been meeting frequently to address open positions

president and council president and vice president as soon as they are notified of a full-time employee's departure. The committee would review the position ment head to fill the posi-

within five business days, meet with the department head and alert council about the position. If council did not OK the depart-

tion, the money allocated for it would be removed from the budget 60 days after the date of termination.

Houchins explained the

occurrence, specifically with positions at Jay County Jail.

"With the jail being kind of like a revolving door, it's been quite a bit," she said. "They kind of have to have the people (immediately)."

Speaking on behalf of the personnel committee. she said they would like to only apply the procedure if department heads create a new position.

See Amending page 2

Retrospect

Storm resulted in damage across county



The Commercial Review/Laurie Chen

A series of severe thunderstorms swept through Jay County and the surrounding area on July 19, 1998, bringing heavy rain and damaging winds. This large tree limb fell on top of a home at 912 W. Arch St. in Portland.

week, a storm slammed Jay County

The July 20, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of a severe thunderstorm that left trees and power lines down.

The biggest impact from the storm came along county road 200 West between county roads 100 North and 200 North.

At the time of publication on July 20, that area of county road 200 West remained closed. It was expected to stay closed for another 24 hours or more as crews from Jay County REMC and American Boundary Pike, and county Electric Power worked to road 500 West between Indi-

Twenty-five years ago this repair nine downed utility ana 26 and county road 200 poles.

> Beyond that area, Jay County Sheriff's Department received more than 20 reports of storm damage that mostly came in the form of downed trees and power lines. Those included a tree limb that fell on a mobile home owned by April Garringer in Oakwood Mobile Home Park that caused heavy damage.

> Downed trees had also forced road closures on county road 650 West south of county road 400 North, county road 200 East between county road 650 South and

North.

In all, about 600 Jay County REMC customers and 200 American Electric Power customers lost power.

Portland Fire Department responded to three calls regarding fires from downed power lines. Two were out by the time firefighters arrived, and then extinguished a third at 12:25 a.m. July 20 in the alley between Arch and High Streets near Harrison Street.

The storm also knocked out Americable services.

It was just the first in a run of severe weather, as areas of Jay County experienced flooding later in the week.

Deaths

Schwartz,

chester

City

Emma

Adams County

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high tem-

perature of 75 degrees Friday. William Loper, 58, Win-The forecast calls for mostly sunny skies today with a high in the low 80s. Skies will 74, be mostly sunny and there is David Rogers, 83, Hartford a chance of showers. Lows this weekend will be in the

> See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District is now offering a cardboard recycling program. Clean, dry cardboard can be brought to the district officer for recycling by appointment. Those interested in making an appointment can do so by calling (260) 729-5071.

Coming up

Tuesday — Photos from the Spirit of Sound band contest at Muncie Central.

Wednesday — Coverage of the week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



Obituaries

William Loper

Oct. 4, 1964-July 19, 2023 William R. Loper, age 58, of Winchester, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at his residence.

He was born in Portland on Oct. 4, 1964, the son of Robert and Hedwig (Schumacher) Loper. He his wife Sherry; was married to Sherry Farber who survives.

Bill worked for Gold Shield in Decatur, was a member of Portland Eagles Lodge and graduated (wife: Shannon) of Springville,



Loper

mother Hedy Loper of Portland; daughter Martha Loper of Portland; brothers Don Loper (wife: Patti) of Portland, Gary Loper Indiana, and Jason Loper (wife: Toni) of Ridgeville; sister Amy Blackburn (husband: Trent) of Bluffton; several nieces and nephews.

Local

He was preceded in death by a sister, Cynthia Dull.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, July 25, at noon in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Fr. Marty Sandhage presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon.

Amending

Continued from page 1 Council member Matt Minnich

asked if employees were filling out

exit interview forms the county

started implementing in the last

eight months. For the most part,

Houchins said, they are completing

them. She noted that the forms are

saved in personnel records. (Exit

forms were implemented to learn

about reasons why employees were

leaving, such as if it had to do with

County attorney Wes Schemenaur

Also Wednesday, Jay County

Health Department environmental-

ist and administrator Heath Butz

shared information about enhanced

state funding for county health

If Jay County Commissioners

departments in 2024 and 2025.

will prepare an amendment to the

ordinance for council to review and

expenses.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Emma G. Schwartz, Adams County, a relative of area residents, Sept. 27, 1948-July 20, 2023. A funeral service will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at her home, 2185 E.

David Lee Rogers, Hartford City,

Baird-Freeman towards funeral be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City.

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

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

\$5,000 for burial of soldiers; \$1,000

for postage for Jay Circuit Court;

\$15,477.83 of drug-free community

funding to Jay County organiza-

tions; \$10,000 for jurors at Jay Cir-

cuit Court (attorney Wes Schemenaur noted pay for jurors increased

July 1 to \$30 plus mileage for those called and \$80 a day if selected);

\$2,000 from donations for resident

activities at Jay County Country

Living; and \$250 for pauper counsel.

dents about surveyors checking out

land near Pike Township for a solar

lative capital development fund for

repairing stained glass panels at Jay

County Courthouse; \$10,000 from the

general fund to the jury fees fund;

\$2,000 from the gas, lube and oil fund

to the miscellaneous expenses fund

at Jay County Country Living; \$286

project.

•Heard from two Jay County resi-

•Transferred \$17,850 in the cumu-

Sunday 7/23	Monday 7/24	Tuesday 7/25	Wednesday 7/26	Thursday 7/27
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There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the after- noon. The high will be in the low 80s.	be mostly sunny with a high of 85 and a chance of showers and	a slight chance of showers and storms. The	into the upper 80s	There's a 30% chance of showers Thursday under mostly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier

Ohio

Midday

Midday Daily Three: 9-7-4 Daily Four: 2-6-7-7 Quick Draw: 2-3-5-10-12-28-30-33-38-40-41-42-48-55-64-66-68-71-79-80

Pick 3: 3-8-1 Pick 4: 7-4-2-1 Pick 5: 4-9-6-9-5

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$720 million

Markets

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low pay.)

vote on next month.

Continued from page 1 Marshal Kyle Denney noted he has been training Moser, but he should be switching shifts in a few weeks.

She also said officers have been taking home vehicles and said she thought the town's ordinance does not allow it. Clerk-treasurer Mary Eley said officers are allowed to take vehicles home while they're on call and confirmed the marshal is allowed to take a vehicle home. Denney asked for the most recent version of the town's ordinance, with council president Erik Hammers saying he should have the latest version.

Moser or Denney to cite a March if the town could JCDC noted she's still

Department donated two radios to Denney to use at Redkey Police Department

•Were reminded Gas Boom Days is set for Aug. 12 and Aug 13. Eley pointed out a need for volunteers.

•Approved 2024 contracts for Redkey Volunteer Fire Department to service the town of Redkey (\$24,808), Richland Township (\$6,242), Jefferson Township (\$4,172), Knox Township (\$1,844) and Greene Township (\$242). Eley noted contract costs increased by 3%

•Heard from "Water-mellon" Jim Phillips, Quakenbush also asked who had asked council

•Heard Portland Police tures. Council members and visitors explained to him how to get to the INDOT office in Albany to request permission to name the bridge located on Indiana 67 in Redkey.

•Signed a contract for grant administration with Jay County Development Corporation. JCDC recently helped Redkey secure a \$81,000 grant from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a master utility study, with Redkey contributing \$9,000 of its own funds. Choice One Engineering will inspect Redkey's water, wastewater and stormwater utilities and put together a plan for tackling utility issues Jodi Hayes of

SERVICES

Saturday

Koenig, Ruth: 10:30 a.m., the Church of the Most Holy Trinity 7321 Indiana 67, Bryant.

Pinkerton, Beth: | p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. Stultz, Treva: 2 p.m., Corner-

stone Church of Pennville, 109 W. Main St., Pennville.

Monday Schwartz, Emma: 9 a.m., 2185 E. 1100 South, Geneva.

Tuesday

Roosa, Christina: II a.m., Tribute Funeral Homes, Greenville Campus, 1000 N. Broadway St., Greenville, Ohio. Loper, William: noon, Baird-

Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. Rogers, David: 5 p.m.,

Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

Aug. 4 Steveson, Mark: II a.m., Highland Cemetery, Great Falls,

Montana

decide to opt in to the enhanced County Jail inmates medical fees; for county plat book. Redkey

110 South, Geneva.

a member of the Vintage Motor Bike Club of Portland, June 28. Memorials can be made to 1490-July 20, 2023. Services will

funding, the county will receive at

least \$222,698 next year and a mini-

mum of \$445,396 in 2025. (The fund-

ing requires a local match, which in

2024 is calculated by the average of

county tax levy related funds dis-

effectively double the health depart-

ment's budget by 2025. He suggested

hiring a new position, such as a full-

time school health liaison or a

bers Dave Haines, Cindy Bracy, Matt Minnich, Faron Parr, Randy May,

Harold Towell and Houchins:

deputies on call at night.

In other business, council mem-

•Heard from Janet and Richard

Emery of rural Portland, who

expressed concerns about the need

for more Jay County Sheriff's Office

appropriations: \$75,000 for Jay

•Made the following additional

health educator.

Butz pointed out the funding will

tributed in the last three years.)

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Today in history

In commissioned by Gen. Cleaveland Moses arrived at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River, the location that would become Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1894, the first competitive automobile race - The Paris-Rouen, Le Petit Journal Competition for Horseless Carriages — was held in France.

In 1923, Walter Johnson became the first Major League Baseball player to record 3,000 strikeouts.

In 1933, American aviator Wiley Post became the first to fly solo around the world when he landed at Floyd Bennett Field in New York.

In 1943, Allied forces led by U.S. Gen. George Patton took Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1977, Deng Xiaoping was reinstated as leader of the Chinese Communist Party. He had fallen out of favor during the Cultural Revolution of the previous decade.

In 1983, Dick Smith of

1796, surveyors Australia completed the first solo helicopter flight around the world.

In 1992, Colombian drug cartel leader Pablo Escobar escaped from police custody. He was killed in a shootout with law enforcement officers in December 1993.

Kirk, 63, Fort Wayne, died after the Mercedes Benz ML3 he was driving struck two horses that were loose on Ohio 49 northeast of Jav County. Kirk was thrown from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene, and two horses

In 2019, Dunkirk City Council approved spending \$21,200 to repair the north wall of the Weaver Building in preparation for a new mural. The "Glass Capital of Indiana" mural was complet-

In 2022, the Jay County High School Marching Patriots finished second behind Centerville in the Jay County Lions Band Contest at Jay County Fairgrounds. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, courthouse auditorium, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

6 p.m. – Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.

In 2012. Noland R. were also killed.

ed in October 2020.

resident violating the trash ordinance and noted residents who own chickens — they are not allowed in Redkey — on and Oak Sycamore streets.

In other business, council members Randy May, Floyd Life and Hammers, absent Chance Retter and John Pierce:

Capsule Reports

Pursuit crash

A police pursuit caused vehicles to crash in a field near county road 250 West about 9:22 p.m. Sunday.

Craig A. Jarvis, 34, a Pennville resident working for Portland Police Department, was driving a 2021 Dodge Durango police vehi-cle southwest in a wheat field in pursuit of 50-yearold Shannon R. Newton of Anderson, who allegedly had stolen a vehicle.

The car Jarvis was driving hit the vehicle Newton was driving, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office held on a \$3,000 bond.

Redkey veterans killed in ment from OCRA, which action. (At the time, council gave him the OK to move forward with creating signs for the bridges.) Council told Phillips on Thursday they thought he meant plaques, with Phillips saying he meant he planned to put up pic- in claims.

report, and went into a

The vehicle Newton was

driving went through a

fence and yard owned by

Carol Limbert of rural

Portland. Jarvis also went

off county road 700 South

and into a corn field, taking

Damage is estimated

between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Newton was arrested for

resisting law enforcement,

a Level 6 felony. He's charged in Jay Circuit

Court with auto theft, a

Level 5 felony. He is being

down five rows of corn.

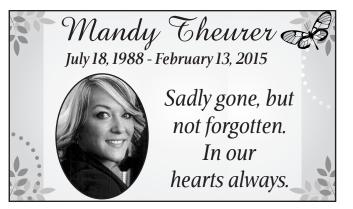
ditch.

name bridges in honor of waiting on a grant agreewill be required before moving forward with the study.

•OK'd Denney to pay Emerald Business Solutions \$475 to connect police vehicles and computers on a server

•Approved \$234,764.71

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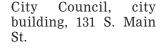


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Tuesday

7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.

Wednesday

6 p.m. – Dunkirk Park Board, city build-7 p.m. — Dunkirk ing, 131 S. Main St.



Family



Photo provided

Back a 4-Her

Portland Rotary Club donated \$250 to Youth Service Bureau for their Born to Learn Program. Pictured are Rotary member Tracy Carpenter and 4-H members Abbie Rowles, Ivy Alt, Evelyn Carter and Abby Fifer.

Gray whales showing hope

BY AMANDA ZHOU

The Seattle Times Tribune News Service

The gray whale population along the West Coast showed another year of declines, according to the latest estimates, but scientists say there are some positive signs for the formerly endangered whales.

The population of the eastern north Pacific Gray whale has been sliding downward since reaching a peak in 2016 with an estimated 26,960 whales. This year, scientists put the estimate at 14,526 whales. The estimate is based on counts of migrating whales off the Central California coast and statistical analyses.

In 2019, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration declared a population dieoff as an "unusual mortality event." While the cause isn't clear, researchers theorized the decline is partially related to changes to food sources in the Arctic, where the whales spend the summer.

along found shores last month showed want to pick up on any signs or small numbers.

ing to the Cascadia Research Collective.

There are signs of hope for the intrepid species, which migrates nearly 10,000 miles between the Arctic and Mexico. In winter, when the whales spend their time in lagoons, scientists counted more mothers with calves in 2023 than any of the past five years.

Researchers also observed that the conditions of their bodies have improved and that fewer dead gray whales have washed ashore in Mexico and along the West Coast since 2019.

All these signs lead researchers to believe "the gray whale mortality event said may be slowing," Autonomous University of Baja California Sur professor Jorge Urbán Ramírez, who studies the species.

NOAA's Marine Mammal and Turtle Division director David Weller said the adminis-Three dead gray whales tration will continue to keep a

signs of malnutrition, accord- signals of a positive change in the concerning trend the population has undergone recently.'

The eastern north Pacific gray whale is considered a conservation success storv because their population has grown consistently after they were protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act in 1972. They neared extinction in the 1950s due to commercial hunting. In 1964, the species numbered 13,426.

Researchers say a small group of gray whales that stops in Puget Sound on their annual migration, known as "the Sounders," have been known to teach themselves how to feed on ghost shrimp burrowed in mud flats, often in shallow near-shore waters.

The eastern north Pacific gray whale was removed from the endangered species list in 1994. Since then, similarly large fluctuations in this whale population has occurred before and the species has Washington close eye on the whales. "We recovered from a similarly

Romance for couple is gone

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with "Blake" for almost 10 years. Before we met, I was with "Kaden," the father of my kids. It was a loveless relationship. Kaden was mean and cold and often had angry outbursts.

My relationship with Blake started off as everything I ever wanted. He made me feel loved and appreciated. Ten years later, he, too, is cold. He no longer touches me (he watches porn instead) and makes no effort to show me love or appreciation. He's a good provider financially, but he thinks he doesn't have to do anything more than that.

I feel lost and hurt. I feel like Blake deceived me in the beginning, and now that he thinks I'm not going anywhere, he doesn't have to try. My selfesteem has suffered greatly. I have suggested counseling, but he refuses. Any advice will be appreciated. — UNLOVED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UNLOVED: Because Blake refuses counseling doesn't mean that YOU couldn't benefit from it. If you go, your therapist can help you to understand why you have tolerated the treatment you have been receiving for 10 years and help you rebuild your sagging selfesteem. Counseling is the surest way to understand and break the pattern of your partner's behavior, learn what your strengths are and turn your unhappy life around. You deserve to be happy, so start working on it now.

DEAR ABBY: When I prepare for family to visit, I know I'll have to spend time with one relative who will repeat the same stories/facts/opinions ad nauseam. In the past, I have tried saying, "Oh yes, I remember you telling me that," but he just continues. He acknowledges me when I say that I've heard this one before, and then he keeps right on with the story. He does this with just founded by her mother, Pauline about everyone, not only with Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at me.

Must I participate in these 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



conversations? It seems odd pretending I haven't heard the story, and telling him I've heard it doesn't stop him. He's been the same for the 30 years I've known him, so I don't think there are any cognitive issues. I'm not sure why he does this, or how important that is. My gut is telling me that he's awkward socially, inflexible and not interested in what others have to say. Any advice? — TALK, TALK, TALK IN MICHIGAN

Dear

Abby

DEAR TALK, TALK, TALK: When your egotistical relative starts one of his talking jags, wait for him to take a breath, remind him vou have heard the story many times and leave the room. If it's something you haven't heard before, be grateful.

DEAR ABBY: I recently met this guy at a private event. We got to talking, and he gave me his social media information. We have been messaging each other ever since. He has been acting increasingly obsessed, and it's making me uncomfortable. He acts like we've known each other for years. I don't know how to tell him I don't want to talk to him anymore. What are your thoughts? — RESERVED GUY IN MASSA-CHUSETTS

DEAR RESERVED GUY: My thought is that because his messages are making you uncomfortable, you should respond to them slowly, briefly and then not at all. It would be kinder than ghosting him.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box

community Calendar

Notices will appear in ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-Community Calendar as based recovery group for space is available. To suban item, mit email news@thecr.com.

Saturday

MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

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each Monday at Jay Community Center. all kinds of addictions, will

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 COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL come.

— Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland.

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

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

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

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



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Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early ALCOHOLICS ANONY- for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006. Monday

meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

each Sunday at The Rock

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

PING PONG — Will be A BETTER LIFE – BRI- played from 9 a.m. to noon

Opinion

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Privacy shouldn't be handed away

The Free Press (Mankato, Minn.)

Tribune News Service

Once again Big Tech appears to have made big gains of the backs off American consumers by grabbing their sensitive tax return information to develop marketing algorithms.

Facebook and Google got access to customer information through online tax services including H&R Block, TaxSlaver and TaxAct as taxpayers used Democratic those services to do their taxes. All manner of information was available including amount of taxes owed, marriage and mission last week and asked for

Guest **Editorial**

dependent information, income and even what keys taxpayers used filling out their forms.

A group of congressional lawmakers revealed the breaches in a letter to the justice department, the IRS and Federal Trade ComH&R Block and TaxAct said they were working to stop the breach from happening again while TaxSlayer called the report false and misleading.

For its part, Meta said it tells its business customers not to include sensitive information on its customers using its business tools, basically blaming the tiny print we never read the tax companies for the breach. The incident is another example of the pervasive reach of Big Tech and its ability to invade privacy through purpose or mistake.

money for ex-President Donald Trump, had worked with a Facebook app developer to access private information of some 87 million Facebook users. The company ended up paying a \$5 billion federal fine.

We all know we've agreed to in Facebook user agreements and for other sites. So some blame lies with consumers. But in a digital world overwhelming consumers with necessary tools of the web required for In a 2018 case, Cambridge life and employment, there privacy.

an immediate investigation. Analytica, a group that raised should be more protection from the crimes of not reading tiny print.

Big Tech should readily disclosed in prominent notices the risk of using any of its platforms. Companies using the web for commerce should do the same. And the government agencies urged to start an investigation into this case should do so immediately.

Consumers bargain a lot when they sign up to use the high tech tools necessary in today's world, but they shouldn't have to bargain away their

Finance records can tell us a lot

By NIKI KELLY Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

When campaign finance deadlines hit, journalists dig into the reports for the key numbers: who raised the most and how much do they have left in their coffers? But there are tons of interesting smaller details to be found as well.

Did you know the Hoosier PAC affiliated with — and giving hundreds of thousands to U.S. Sen. Mike Braun's gubernatorial campaign — is located in Wisconsin? Or that Secretary of State Diego Morales has spent more than \$2,800 at the J.W. Marriott downtown?

The governor's race has raised more than \$5.3 million this year — and \$12.6 million overall. That includes totals for 2021 and 2022, as candidates have entered the race at different times.

And we have more than a year to go.

The vast majority of that money is coming on the Republican side as at least five candidates are vying for the nomination.

Could it be the most expensive Indiana gover-nor's race ever? When counting the primary, possibly. But I'm not sure it will eclipse the \$33 million that Republican Mitch Daniels and Democrat Joe Kernan spent in 2004.

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Hoosiers have to look past just the total dollars raised and spent.

travel packages: "Epic Adventures. Luxury Accommodations. Unforgettable Experiences." Think skiing, hiking and flyfishing.

•Morales spent about \$1,000 in registration fees and insurance on a campaign vehicle that has caused controversy. Importantville's Adam Wren noted the expenditures on Twitter, recalling that Morales had promised to sell the \$43,000 Toyota RAV4 that he bought during his 2022 campaign.

•The three GOP governor frontrunners are Spaulding consulting and event planning firm," according to LinkedIn. Braun also paid Mark It Red about \$65,000 for polling and consulting. Similarly, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch has spent around \$240,000 on consulting this year and Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden about \$194,000 — spread across various companies. Campaign finance filings are based on the promise of transparency. But to truly be transparent, Hoosiers have to look past just the total dollars raised and spent. You can learn a lot about candidates and their fiscal responsibility, for instance. Will they spend your tax dollars the same way they spend campaign donations? So take a few minutes, or hours, and comb through reports for state races that interest you the most. And shoot me a tip if you find something good.



Give Pence another look

By LYNN SCHMIDT

The Fulcrum

Tribune News Service If you care about liberal democspending a lot on consult- racy here and abroad, while maining. Braun gave Daniels taining civility, it might be time to Consulting give Vice President Mike Pence a LLC \$194,000 so far this second look in the Republican priyear. The company is a mary election. Pence may be ideo-"full-service fundraising, logically more conservative than many in the electorate, but he is a good and honorable man and the White House, the country, and the world's stage would be in capable hands with him behind the Resolute desk. Americans should already know that the former vice president upheld his oath to the Constitution on Jan. 6, 2021, despite immense pressure and threats to his life. What many may not know is that Pence continues to call out former President Trump, telling an Iowa voter recently "President Trump was wrong about my authority that day. And he's still wrong." During a recent campaign event in Sioux City, Iowa, Pence was confronted by a voter who was unhappy with his actions on Jan. 6. "If it wasn't for your vote, we wouldn't have Joe Biden in the White House. Joe Biden shouldn't be there." She went on to ask, "Do you ever second guess yourself?" adding "That was a Constitutional right that you had to send those votes back to the states.' Pence responded with "I know by God's grace I did exactly what the Constitution of the United States required me to do that day. He went on to explain to her in a very respectful manner "The Constitution says you open and count the votes: no more, no less. The Constitution affords no authority

Lynn Schmidt



dose of decorum. During his CNN town hall meeting, moderator Dana Bash asked Pence, "What would you say to a transgender kid and their family who say this is how I feel comfortable, and I don't feel comfortable another way and they feel that you are targeting them." Pence answered without skipping a beat. "I would tell them that I love everybody. I would put my arm around them and their parents. But before they had a chemical or surgical procedure, I would say wait. Just wait. I mean there's some people, maybe there's exceptions but most people before you are 18 years of age. There's a reason we got that cut off for all kinds of categories in our society. You just don't know what you want in life. You don't know who you really are. It takes time to become an adult and figure that out. And I would just put my arm around them and tell them I love them but just wait. Just wait. And that's how we put the interests of our kids first.' Much of the focus of the town hall was on Pence's reaction to Trump's indictments or on January 6 but this exchange showed Pence's humanity and love for all Americans. If America is going to again be a beacon of hope atop "the shining city on a hill," we will need to relight the flame of our democratic values. Whether you vote for a Democrat or Republican, we all should vote for someone of character and integrity. On the Republican side, I think that person is Mike Pence.

key takeaways from the reports:

•Eric Holcomb raised only a few dollars. After all, he is term-limited and isn't running for anything else. But he definitely spent some money: about \$321,000, with \$1 million left in the bank. Interestingly, he did some polling in June. Yep, just last month he paid nearly \$40,000 to survey Hoosiers about something. And he also paid \$42,000 to Colbert Consulting for some consulting work. Perhaps he is trying to figure out who to endorse in the race to replace him?

•Attorney General Todd Rokita raised \$374,000 for his 2024 re-election bid. But if you look close, the majority of that — at least \$250,000 — comes from out-of-state donors. For instance, Jerald Block and Robert Salim, two attorneys in Louisiana, each gave \$25,000. He is also spending a lot of money: \$173,000 so far this vear. Included in that spending was almost \$20,000 for "event expenses" in Utah with Avventure Collective. The company's website says it pro- Its website is indianacapivides luxury adventure talchronicle.com.

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Indiana Capital Chronicle is an independent, nonprofit news organization. else to reject votes or return votes to the states." The woman remained disgruntled by Pence's answer, and he told her "I'm sorry, ma'am, but that's actually what the Constitution says.³

Not only is he committed to the rule of law here in the U.S., but Pence is also dedicated to advancing freedom abroad. He has been vocal of his support of Ukraine and has pushed back on those in the Republican Party who want to abandon Ukraine and the West saying, "The war in Ukraine is not our war but freedom is our fight." He called America the arsenal of democracy and espoused believing in the Reagan doctrine. He has expressed that the war in Ukraine 'is not America's war, but if Putin is not stopped and the sovereign nation of Ukraine is not restored quickly, he will continue to move toward our NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) allies, and America would then be called upon to send our own."

Mike Pence became the first Republican presidential candidate to visit Ukraine. On June 29, he and Franklin Graham, who heads the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse, traveled to Kyiv and met with Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy during the visit.

Pence has also broken from his fellow GOP primary candidates in *nist and editorial board member* for the vice president or anyone bringing with him a refreshing with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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Entertainment

Crooner Bennett dies at age 96

By CLAUDIA LUTHER Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

Tony Bennett, the enduring New York City crooner who famously left his heart in San Francisco and melted hearts all over the world during his more than seven decades on the music scene, died Friday. He was 96, just two weeks short of his birthdav.

Publicist Sylvia Weiner confirmed Bennett's death to The Associated Press, saying he died in his hometown of New York. There was no specific cause, but Bennett had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2016.

Adored by fans and held in the highest regard by musicians from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga, Bennett was a consummate performer who had a remarkable ability to endear himself to new generations of listeners, even as his contemporaries faded away. Sinatra once called him, "for my money the best singer in the business, the best exponent of a song.³

In all, Bennett made dozens of albums and sold millions of records in a career that seemed to stretch seamlessly though the decades and changing musical landscape. For much of his career he was perpetually on the road, sometimes performing 200 shows a year. And though he had occasional periods when his career ebbed as his repertoire went out of style, he repeatedly found new fans who flocked to his concerts and snapped up his records.

In 2014, Bennett became the oldest living artist to reach No. 1 on the Billboard charts when he teamed up with Lady Gaga on the standards-only recording "Cheek to Cheek." It broke the record he had set only three years earlier when he reached No. 1 with his album "Duets II," featuring pairings with Amy Winehouse, Mariah Carey, Carrie Underwood, Faith Hill and other far-younger singers. In 2022, he became the second-oldest Grammy winner with "Love for Sale," a collection of Cole Porter standards recorded with Gaga.

Starting in the clubs of Manhattan in the 1940s, Bennett rose



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Recording Artists Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga perform onstage during The 57th Annual GRAMMY Awards at the STAPLES Center on Feb. 8, 2015, in Los Angeles.

of rock 'n' roll and, though pressured by his record label to become a rocker, he took the advice of his friend, Count Basie, who said, "Why change an apple?"

With the help of "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" — the song that won him his first Grammy and became his signature song from the time it was released in 1962 — Bennett kept performing, doing it his way.

In the 1990s, in a miracle of savvy marketing masterminded by his son and manager, Danny, Bennett became the elder darling of the MTV set. He appeared as an animated special guest on "The Simpsons" and — though

made a much-heralded appearance on "MTV Unplugged." The resulting album earned him a Grammy for album of the year in 1994.

Two decades later, his career reached full boil again when he hit the road with Lady Gaga and sailed off with a Grammy for "Cheek to Cheek." He won his 19th the following year with "The Silver Lining: The Songs of Jerome Kern.'

"There's nothing hipper than being talented at something you love, in having passion, and that is classic, and that is timeless,' Lady Gaga said in 2015.

to popularity before the advent he never actually had been over younger audiences in "The of rock 'n' roll and, though pres-" "plugged" in the first place — he Good Life," the 1998 autobiography he wrote with Will Friedwald. "You can't imagine how rewarding this is, and how much it affirms what I fought so long and hard for."

Bennett enjoyed immense popularity through his 70s, 80s and into his 90s. And he had the deep respect of his peers, from Bob Hope, who helped discover him and gave him his stage name of Tony Bennett, to Basie, Judy Garland, Pearl Bailey — and, especially his idol, Sinatra.

"He excites me when I watch him — he moves me," Sinatra said in a 1965 Life magazine article. "He's the singer who gets Bennett touched on winning across what the composer has in jazz pianist Bill Evans.

mind, and probably a little more. There's a feeling in back of it."

"That quote changed my whole life," Bennett wrote in "The Good Life." "It was probably the most generous act that one artist has ever done for another."

In 1992, Bennett paid a special tribute to his idol with his 55th album for Columbia Records, "Perfectly Frank," which includ-ed such Sinatra hits as "One for My Baby" and "Night and Day." Except for a 14-year period from the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s, when Bennett recorded for other labels, the singer spent his entire career at Columbia. On his own label, Improv, he recorded with

Authors rebuke Al By EMILY ST. MARTIN

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service More than 9.000 authors are calling out the tech companies behind genera-

They say companies



tive AI in an open letter that states there is an inherent injustice in exploiting copyright-protected works to train chatbots without consent, credit or compensation.

If users prompt GPT-4 to summarize works by Roxane Gay or Margaret Atwood, it can do so in detail, chapter by chapter. If users want ChatGPT to write a story in the style of an acclaimed author such as Maya Angelou, they can ask it to "write a personal essay in the style of Maya Angelou, exploring the theme of self-discovery and personal growth." And voila.

The generative AI is powered by two software programs known as large language models, which forgo a traditional programming method and instead extract massive amounts of text in order to produce natural and lifelike responses to user prompts.

In Tuesday's open letter, Authors the Guild writes that "Generative AI technologies built on large language models owe their existence to our writings. These technologies mimic and regurgitate our language, stories, style, and ideas. Millions of copyrighted books, articles, essays, and poetry provide the 'food' for AI systems, endless meals for which there has been no bill."

The letter further states that tech companies including OpenAI, Alphabet, Meta, Stability AI, IBM and Microsoft have spent billions to develop AI technology and that compensating the authors for using their works would be the fair move, because without those books, "AI would be banal fair use." and extremely limited.'

Jonathan Franzen com- ens writers' professions els, however, are largely mended the effort, stating, by "flooding the market under copyright."

exploited books as 'food' for chatbots

"The Authors Guild is taking an important step to advance the rights of all Americans whose data and words and images are being exploited, for immense profit, without their consent — in other words, pretty much all Americans over the age of six."

Dan Brown, James Patterson, Margaret Atwood, Roxane Gay, Celeste Ng, Viet Thanh Nguyen, George Saunders and Rebecca Makkai are among the thousands of authors who are taking AI industry leaders to task, asking that their concerns be addressed and specific actions taken:

-Obtain permission for the use of copyrighted material in generative AI programs.

-Fairly compensate writers for both past and ongoing use of their works in generative AI programs.

-Fairly compensate includes writers for the use of their works in AI output, regardless of whether the outputs infringe upon current laws.

We understand that many of the books used to develop AI systems originated from notorious pira-cy websites," the letter continues. "Not only does the recent Supreme Court decision in Warhol v. Goldsmith make clear that the high commerciality of your use argues against fair use, but no court would excuse copying illegally sourced works as

Authors Guild The Novelist and essayist says generative AI threat-

with mediocre, machinewritten books, stories, and journalism based on our work." And that for at least the last decade, authors have experienced a 40% decline in income, with many full-time writers in 2022 barely surpassing the federal poverty level.

The letter comes just weeks after bestselling novelists Mona Awad and Paul Tremblay filed a suit against OpenAI in a San Francisco federal court, claiming that Chat-GPT was trained in part by "ingesting" their novels without their consent.

When prompted, ChatG- \mathbf{PT} emitted extremely detailed summaries of Tremblay's "The Cabin at the End of the World" and Awad's "Bunny" and "13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl." Both authors claim this is proof that their novels were used to train the chatbot, and the filing ChatGPT's responses to prompts regarding their novels.

In June 2018, OpenAI revealed that it trained GPT-1 using BookCorpus, which the suit described "controversial as а dataset" assembled by artificial intelligence researchers in 2015, with a collection of "over 7,000 unique unpublished books from a variety of genres including Adventure, Fantasy, and Romance.

"They copied the books from a website called Smashwords.com that hosts unpublished novels that are available to readers at no cost. Those nov-

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tables, but the outcome was alto-gether different.

At the first table, where Giorgio Belladonna was declarer for Italy, West led the ten of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's queen, led the queen of diamonds, which held, then the jack of diamonds, losing

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The bidding:

Opening lead

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signaled with the seven a fatal mistake. Belladonna won with the king and ran his clubs and diamonds to finish with 10 tricks and a score of 430 points. Had East taken the ten of spades with the ace and returned a heart, Belladonna would have gone down two. East should have realized from

declarer's approach to the play — attacking diamonds instead of clubs that South almost surely had the A-K-x of clubs.

At the second table, after the same bidding, West led the nine of hearts against three notrump. The Tai-wanese declarer promptly let the cat out of the bag when, after the heart queen held in dummy, he next cashed five club tricks before finess-

cashed live club tricks before liness-ing the queen of diamonds. **This series of** plays enabled East to signal possession of the ace of spades and, at the same time, allowed West to discard two low spades and a low diamond, thereby emphasizing that his sole interest was in a heart return.

Accordingly, upon winning the diamond queen with the king, the Italian West led the ten of spades to his partners ace and got a heart return, and the Taiwanese declarer went down two for a team loss of 530 points.

has no good reason to think he can beat the contract on the basis of

the bidding he has heard. Second, the double warns declarer that the trumps are stacked against him and gives him a chance to shape his play

West led a club and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed with dummy's

eight, led a low heart and successfully finessed the ten. He next cashed the A-J of diamonds and

A-K of hearts, scrupulously avoiding any trump leads because he knew East had all the trumps. South then cashed dummy's king of diamonds, discarding a club, and continued with the queen.

East, now down to four trumps and the queen of hearts, ruffed with the ten and exited with the queen of hearts, ruffed by declarer with dummy's nine. The nine-of-diamonds lead then compelled East to ruff with the

jack and return a spade from the K-3 into dummy's A-Q. As a result, South made four spades doubled. Without the double, declarer would almost curble buyer lad as

would almost surely have led a trump early in the play and gone down one. The outcome thus exem-

plifies the importance of the mis-

take factor in bridge. Here, East

made a critical one when he dou-

bled, and South, with a faultless performance, made him pay for it.

Tomorrow: Declarer avoids a booby trap. 02023 King Features Syndicate Inc

By Steve Becker

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away and Mary is downsizing. This auction offers a wide variety of items. We will be running 2 auction rings so please plan accordingly. RICHARD NEWTON, Deceased and MARY NEWTON Lov Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 **PUBLIC AUCTION** SATURDAY, August 5, 2023 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 9660 W 300

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Sports

Battle

The 26-year-old Chicago native got one late-season start a year ago and played a total of 174 defensive 4.36 seconds in the 40-yard snaps. That almost qualifies him as a veteran in this extremely young group.

At 6-1. Flowers posted strong testing numbers including a 4.4-second 40yard dash during the runup to last year's draft. He also boasts a bold confidence that could help him stand out in a tight race.

Fifth-round rookie Darius Rush is another wildcard.

He missed the majority of spring workouts with a les, three interceptions hamstring injury, but —

Split

Continued from page 10 Catcher Patrick Bailey caught two runners stealing, including rookie phenom Elly De La Cruz for the second time this series, while Wilmer Flores made a diving stop in the first inning and a heads-up play to erase the lead runner attempting to score in the fourth. Bailey's second victim, Joey Votto, helped Jakob Junis strand both the runners he inherited from Cobb in the fifth, thrown out attempting to advance on Junis' second straight pitch in the dirt.

Continued from page 10 like Brents and Flowers he has the size and athleticism to fit the scheme. At 6-2, Rush was clocked at dash at the Combine.

> In four seasons at South Carolina — the last two as a starter — the 23-year-old racked up 75 tackles, three interceptions and 15 pass break-ups.

> A third rookie, seventhround pick Jaylon Jones, also could enter the conversation.

A highly touted high school prospect, the 6-2 Jones had three productive seasons at Texas A&M — finishing with 98 tackand 12 pass break-ups. But

he didn't have a pick last year as a junior, and just two pass break-ups came in his final college season. Jones ran a 4.57-second 40-yard dash and posted an impressive 38-inch vertical leap at the Combine.

Darrell Baker Jr. also made a push to join the conversation this spring.

The 25-year-old made three appearances for the Colts as an undrafted rookie out of Georgia Southern last year, though all 31 of his snaps came on special teams.

At 6-1, he received some reps with the first team defense this spring and could be one to watch in Westfield

With four career starts and 49 regular-season appearances — including 16 last season for Indianapolis — Brown is among the most experienced players in this group. But he appears best suited as Moore's primary back-up in the slot, and 303 of his 312 snaps last year came on special teams.

Kevin Toliver II has two starts and 29 appearances over the last three seasons with the Chicago Bears and Denver Broncos. He has 327 career snaps on defense and 210 on special teams.

The remaining player in the competition is Cole Coleman, a 5-9 undrafted rookie out of Elon.

Media

Continued from page 10 The East will be a three-team race among Michigan, Ohio State and Penn State, but the West is arguably as wide open as it has been since the conference scrapped Legends and Leaders and went the geographic route starting in 2014.

Illinois and Nebraska currently have the fourthbest odds to emerge out of the West for a return trip to Indianapolis for the Big Ten title game on Dec 2.

If it happens, it would be the first division title for the Illini in program history.

Cannons firing

Somebody in the Big Ten office must have heard the grittiest rivalry in the conference doesn't run through Columbus, Ohio, and Ann Arbor, Michigan, anymore. "The Game" is so 2022.

It's all about "The Cannon" in 2023. Which must be why the Big Ten scheduled Illinois and Purdue to appear on separate days in Indianapolis next week, with Illinois on Wednesday and Purdue on Thursday.

Can't have the new rivalry, spurred on by former Illini defensive coordinator Ryan Walters leaving Bret Bielema's staff to lead the Boilermakers, overwhelming the rest of the league before the two teams meet Sept. 30 in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Expansion inevitable

New Big Ten commissioner Tony Petitti will pick up right where Kevin Warren left off in 2022.

That's when the Big Ten announced it was embracing its own version of manifest destiny, going west and cherry picking the two highest profile Pac-12 programs. It would be silly to think the Big Ten will stop at 16 teams once USC and UCLA join in 2024.

Conference expansion isn't finished, and after the Los Angeles answer to the SEC poaching the Red River Rivalry from the Big 12, the Big Ten will probably pluck more programs from the Pac-12.

Count on Petitti fielding questions on who and when.

Plaving their second game on this trip that started before 10 a.m. PT, the Giants' bats never woke up.

Despite Abbott walking two and being forced to throw 106 pitches to complete eight innings, Matos' double was the only ball that found grass. After Maile's 423-foot home run, the next seven longest-hit balls of the game were off Giants' bats, but all except two landed in leather.

A hobbled Flores was thrown out at home trying to score from first on Matos' double after reaching on a

walk, ending the Giants' best scoring chance of the game. Shaken up after hurrying back to the bag on a lineout to right, Flores got the green light from third base coach Mark Hallberg but was thrown out by multiple strides on a relay throw from De La Cruz that was clocked at 99.8 mph.

Flores' home run averted the Giant's ninth shutout of the season, though it will nonetheless go down as one of their most meager offensive efforts.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Sunday Portland Rockets vs. Battle Creek Merchants – 1 p.m. Portland Rockets vs. Battle Creek Merchants - 3:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today 3 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Japan vs. Zambia (FS1)

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Monday

Women's World Cup: 2 a.m. Argentina vs. Italy (FS1) 4:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Morocco vs. Germany (FS1)

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Atlanta Dream (ESPN) 7 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Chicago Sky (FOX)

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Local notes

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Hunters will be selected through a ran dom drawing.

To apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The deadline is Aug. 6.

Swiss Days race set

Registration is open for the 50th annual Swiss Days Race. The event is scheduled for July 29

with a 5K at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile race for children 11 and younger at 9:15 a.m. Awards will be presented to the top

450 South, Portland. 10 in each age group and there will be Registration is \$60 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, refreshments for all participants To register, search for "Swiss Days Race" at runsignup.com visit jaycc.org

Flag football registration open

Registration for Jay Community Cen ter's Boomer Fall Flag Football is now open.

The league is for children ages 3 through 12. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W.

450 South, Portland. Registration is \$30 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, visit jaycc.org

Soccer sign-ups available now

Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Soccer league is now open.

The league is for children ages 3 through 14. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W.

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Reds split with Giants **By EVAN WEBECK**

Bay Area News Group Tribune News Service

CINCINNATI, Ohio -One out was all Cincinnati needed. A Giant's double and a solo home run prevented Reds from earning the third no-hitter this season on Tuesday.

Luis Matos' line-drive double, skirting inches over the glove of Reds left fielder Will Benson, amounted to the Giant's only hit before Wilmer Flores went deep in the ninth, hardly saving face in a 5-1 loss to the Reds. After exploding for 19 runs to win the first two games of this series, San Francisco managed only three over the final two games and had to settle for a split in Cincinnati.

The Giants (54-43) had hoped to make Wednesday's loss that snapped their seven-game winning streak a blip with Alex Cobb on the mound in the series finale, but they lost for only the second time in the last 12 games the 35-year-old All-Star has started. The 12th-year veteran was opposed by a left-hander making his ninth career start, Andrew Abbott, who held San Francisco scoreless for eight innings.

The game so happened to be a confluence of Cobb's worst splits. He has been much better at Oracle Park (1.24 ERA) than away from it (4.63 after Thursday) and so despises early work that he has adjusted his throwing routine to avoid it. His ERA in day games rose to 5.04,

Reds narrowly dominate series finale against San Francisco

compared to 1.83 in evening starts.

Cobb navigated traffic on the base paths in all but one of his 4 1/3 innings while issuing four walks, allowing nine hits and not recording a single strikeout. The 13 runners allowed to reach base were a season-high, while the five who came around to score marked his secondmost runs allowed in a start this year.

The Reds got a home run from their No. 9 hitter for the second straight game as Luke Maile started the scoring with a two-run shot in the third inning, the damage doubled by walking the previous batter, Will Benson (who provided Wednesday's decisive homer). Christian Encarnacion-Strand drove in one of the Reds' three runs in a fourth-inning rally that opened a 5-0 advantage.

It could have been worse if not for some stellar defensive play.

See Split page 9



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Getting set

Paisley Fugiett sets a ball during the Jay County High School volleyball team's scrimmage against Winchester on Thursday. The Patriots have a home scrimmage on Aug. 10 before opening their season Aug. 14 at Madison-Grant.



Conversation drivers for B1G media day By SCOTT RICHEY

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Colts CBs will battle for time

By GEORGE BREMER The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — No position group holds as much intrigue for the Indianapolis Colts this summer as the cornerbacks.

Yes, the quarterback competition will dominate the headlines throughout training camp and potentially for the entire season. But — as critical as that role is — there are only two viable answers to the question of who will start under center: rookie Anthony Richardson and veteran Gardner Minshew.

The possibilities at cornerback appear endless.

Several factors brought the Colts to this point.

The position lost its leader in March when Stephon Gilmore requested a trade and was dealt to the Dallas Cowboys for a fifth-round pick.

Though it had far from the same seismic impact, Brandon Facyson left a short time later to re-sign as a free agent with the Las Vegas Raiders.

Those two moves opened up the competition for the two outside spots significantly. Then Isaiah Rodgers Sr. was busted for violations of the NFL's gambling policy in June, received an indefinite suspension of at least one year and was subsequently released.

Gilmore, Facyson and Rodgers combined for 168 career starts and 265 regular-season appearances.

The nine corners remaining on Indianapolis' roster have combined for 78 starts and 154 appearances. Remove nickelback Kenny Moore II — the one sure-fire starter in the bunch from the equation, and the other eight players have five career starts and 67 regular-season appear-

That's a recipe for

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Big Ten football media days run July 26-27 in Indianapolis, and there will be plenty to discuss with coaches, players and media from across the 14team league at Lucas Oil Stadium. Illini beat writer Scott Richey spotlights five likely topics of conversation:

(Not so) happy to be here

Count on any Northwestern representative having the worst time in Indianapolis. The confirmed allegations of hazing within the program and longtime coach Pat Fitzgerald's subsequent firing are still pretty fresh. There's not much else about the Wildcats, who are coming off a 1-11 season in 2022 with zero wins in the United States, that's worth discussing. Count on other coaches getting questions about how they've broached hazing within their own programs, too, in the aftermath of what has

All 14 coaches will

spend time at the main podium during the course of the two-day event with their roughly 10-minute session broadcast live on Big Ten Network. Some coaches don't see the need for an opening statement — or only a brief one and get right to questions. Don't be surprised if Northwestern interim coach David Braun filibusters his way through his entire allotted time. Maybe runs through every player on his roster in numerical order. Anything to limit as many "car wash," "running" and "Shrek clap" mentions as possible on live TV.

End of an era

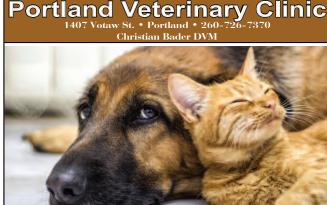
It's fitting the Big Ten will dissolve divisions after the 2023 season before it expands its footprint to the West Coast and adds Southern California and UCLA.

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with the team. Brents underwent wrist surgery shortly after the NFL Scouting Combine and sat out all of spring workouts while recovering

At 6-foot-3, the 23-yearold has the length preferred in defensive coordinator Gus Bradley's scheme. He also ran a 4.53second 40-yard dash at the Combine and has routinely shown the physicality to excel in press coverage.

Brents finished with 94 tackles and five interceptions at Kansas State, including four picks as a senior defensive leader for a team that finished 10-4 and won the Big 12 championship game last year.

Dallis Flowers, who burst onto the scene last year as a kickoff returner after signing as an undrafted free agent out of Pittsburg State, made a push this spring to be considered the other starting favorite.

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