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Get on the way

Pre-K program has not been utilized by Jay residents

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

More families have the opportunity to send their 4-year-old children to preschool this year.

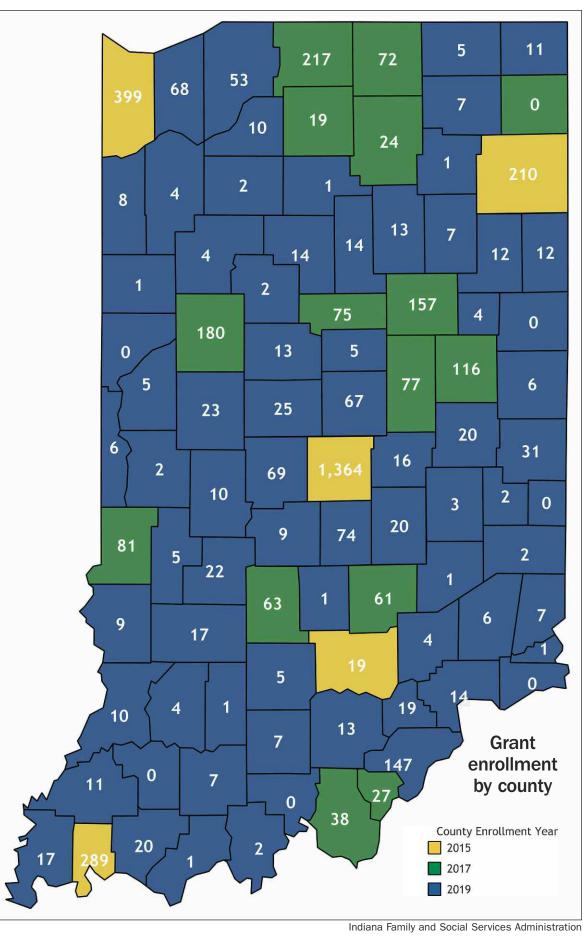
On My Way Pre-K, a program offered by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, offers an opportunity for 4-year-old children from low income families to receive a grant to attend preschool. The statewide program's eligibility expanded July 1, increasing the income limit for applying families to \$45,000 from the previous \$34,000 for a family of four.

Marni Lemons, deputy communications director with Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, explained On My Way Pre-K started as a pilot program in 2015 before launching statewide four years later. Since 2019, the program has enrolled more than 17,000 students in pre-kindergarten education, according to enrollment figures from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's website.

The program is a continuation of efforts to "provide highquality early learning programs" to Indiana children, according to the On My Way Pre-K provider website. Administered through the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, On My Way Pre-K is "built around the needs of families" and has fullday or partial-day programs, as well as an optional summer program. (The Early Education Matching Grant program, a similar initiative. was administered from 2014 through 2016.)

'It provides all the benefits of child care for families who are concerned about getting to work while also providing a good pre-kindergarten education that we know works," said Lemons.

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The above map shows how many children have been enrolled in On My Way Pre-K in each county as of June 30. Jay County was one of just seven statewide that had zero enrollments. For information on enrolling a child in the program, visit onmywayprek.org.

Ukraine pushes effort in south

By PETER MARTIN and DARYNA KRASNOLUTSKA

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Ukraine kicked off a long-awaited thrust in its counteroffensive with an armored assault on Russian fortifications in the south that may be part of a push to cut Moscow's land link to its strongholds in occupied Crimea.

The assault coincided with new Russian missile attacks against infrastructure in Ukraine's Odesa region which killed one person and damaged a grain cargo. Wheat prices rose, continuing a climb that began last week when Black Ukraine's export deal collapsed.

A U.S. official who asked not to be identified discussing details of military operations said Ukrainian troops were making a significant push in the southeastern Zaporizhzhia region. Russian officials also reported a major Ukrainian assault more than seven weeks after Kyiv launched attacks against invading forces across the frontline.

"Glory to all who defend Ukraine! By the way, our boys at the front had very good results today," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said in his evening address on Wednesday, without elaborating. "Well done! Details later.'

Analysts with the Institute for the Study of War said overnight that "a significant mechanized counteroffensive operation" appeared "to have broken through certain pre-prepared Russian defensive positions." A wide range of diverging claims from Russian military bloggers on the scale of the attack and Ukrainian losses had made the situation unclear, they added.

The thrust comes as President Russian Vladimir Putin hosts a summit of African leaders in St. Petersburg.

See **Ukraine** page 2

FITT to invest \$20 million

BV KEN DE LA BASTIDE The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Tribune News Service

ANDERSON — A new company that will manufacture garden hoses, tubing and pipes from material being furnished by Sirmax is locating in Ander-

The Anderson Plan Commission on Tuesday unanimously approved a primary plat for FITT USA to locate on the former Guide Division parking lot on Raible Avenue.

The property contains about 30 acres and is zoned for industrial use.

Mayor Thomas Broderick Jr. announced the company has agreed to invest \$20 million in the 150,000-square-foot building in the 3100 block of Raible Avenue.

FITT's website states it is a leading global company started in 1969 in Italy and is a pioneer in the production and development solutions for the transfer of fluids.

"The city along with our economic team has been working bring the company to Anderon this project for nearly 18 son.

Company will manufacture hoses and pipes in Anderson

months," Broderick said. "This newest company who has chosen Anderson will create over 100 new good paying jobs with a total annual payroll of \$4.4 million.'

FITT USA purchased the property from the RACER Trust in December for \$200,000. The Racer Trust was formed to sell the former General Motors property in Anderson on the brownfield sites.

Construction is expected to start this fall.

worked with The city the Madison County Corporation for Economic Development and the Indiana Economic Development Department to

"As an incentive the city will be asking the Anderson Redevelopment Commission approve the issuance of \$2 million in bonds with the approval of the Anderson City Council," Greg Winkler, executive director of the Anderson Economic

Development Department, said. That request will be made in August.

Matt Franklin with Levin Porter Associates, said the company has taken steps to make sure the new facility doesn't look like a "big box."

Franklin said the company will do whatever is required by the city when asked about the construction of sidewalks on the site by Plan Commission member Jennifer Culp.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Spencer Platt

Crane collapsed

Debris from a crane collapse sit in the road as police, firefighters and emergency personnel gather at the scene in midtown Manhattan on Wednesday in New York City. The morning accident at a high rise tower under construction occurred after a fire broke out on the crane which stood nearly 45 stories high. Numerous people including a firefighter suffered injuries and traffic in parts of midtown was shut down for hours.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Wednesday. The low was 68.

Rain is expected tonight with a low in the mid 70s. More showers are likely Saturday with a high in the upper 80s and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended out-

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Photo coverage of the Anderson Tartan Tournament of Bands.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Jay School Board meeting.



Way

Continued from page 1 applications from Jay County families have been submitted so

far for the upcoming school year. "One of our less subscribed counties is Jay County," said Lemons. "We're reaching out to folks ... (to) make sure people all over the state of Indiana know about On My Way Pre-K, which is a great way to provide a free Pre-K education for families with some limited income ... to help get their kids ready for kindergarten and to succeed in school.

The Indiana General Assem- Learning As of Tuesday, fewer than five bly extended the program's eligibility as of this month, paving the way for approximately 11,000 children in Indiana to potentially benefit from the pro-

> Results from a multi-year study conducted by Purdue University indicated children who participated in the On My Way Pre-K program outperformed other students with similar family backgrounds in reading, math and language arts in third and fourth grade. They also scored higher on Indiana's learn once they get into school. tion in there. So, I would encour-

Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN) tests. A kindergarten readiness assessment measured by the University of Chicago in 2022 also found that on average, more than half of the students who participated in the program scored at or above target levels for language, literacy and math skills.

"For kids, it's just like play, they don't even realize that they're learning," said Lemons. "They learn all the things to help them be ready to really

and Things like, you know, how to stand in line, how to raise your hand and ask a question, how to ask for what you need."

Approximately \$37.2 million was appropriated this year in direct services to families for the program. A cut-off date for applying has not been set, but Lemons said one likely will be

"We want to continue filling slots until they're all full," she added. "Also, it's a huge priority for these children to get a full school year's worth of educa-

age (families) to sign up quickly."

Jay County has two On My Way Pre-K providers: Freckles and Smiles of Portland and A Place To Grow: Childcare and Early Education Services of Pennville.

To learn more about the program or fill out an application, visit onmywayprek.org.

"I just think, you know, it's just a great opportunity for families,' said Lemons. "Apply quickly to help your kid succeed. Because we all know that parents want their children to succeed."

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Lotteries

Powerball

3-16-40-48-60 Power Ball: 14 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$60 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$910 million

Hoosier

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 3-4-0 Daily Four: 5-5-2-7 Quick Draw: 1-2-6-21-23-25-26-31-39-40-43-46-51-59-60-63-68-77-78-80

Evening Daily Three: 2-1-6

Daily Four: 1-3-4-9 Quick Draw: 1-5-6-13-14-27-32-39-40-42-53-55-56-59-63-64-70-74-75-79

Cash 5: 6-15-21-39-45 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000

Ohio

Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 3-1-4 Pick 4: 1-1-9-7 Pick 5: 7-4-4-7 **Evening** Pick 3: 5-3-0 Pick 4: 9-7-2-5 Pick 5: 4-5-5-9-0 Rolling Cash: 8-16-26-28-36

Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

Biden deal put on hold

By JEREMY ROEBUCK and **JULIA TERRUSO**

The Philadelphia Inquirer Tribune News Service

WILMINGTON, Del. — Flanked by attorneys, Hunter Biden strode into the U.S. courthouse in Wilmington on Wednesday quickly expecting to resolve federal charges that have become a distraction for his father's reelection campaign.

But it soon became clear things weren't going according to plan.

During a contentious, three-hour proceeding, disagreements emerged that prompted both sides to threaten to withdraw from a deal for Biden to plead guilty to misdemeanor tax charges and a related agreement that would have spared him prosecution in an illegal gun possession case.

And once prosecutors Biden's

resolved those differences and agreed to move forward with the expected plea, the judge overseeing suddenly the case expressed doubts of her own and refused — for now to accept it.

"You just want a rubber stamp agreement. ... I'm not in a position where I can accept or deny a plea," District Judge Maryellen Noreika said, questioning whether some aspects of the complicated

deal were constitutional. In the end, Biden emerged from the J. Caleb Boggs federal building named after a former political opponent of his father's, in the city where President Joe Biden has based his reelection campaign back where he started, still charged with federal crimes.

Noreika's decision to defer any ruling for at least lawyers two weeks delivered the lat-

est surprise in a case that plea she's uncomfortable has been tied up for years in accusations of political bias. The White House maintains that the case is a personal matter that has nothing to do with the president. But Wednesday's hearing seemed to energize Republicans, who have sought to tie President Biden to his son's misdeeds and who've accused the Justice Department of going easy on Hunter Biden because of his father's posi-

The judge "is appropriately pushing back on this,' said Julianne E. Murray, chair of the Delaware Republican Party and an attorney who represents the right-leaning think tank the Heritage Foundation said after Wednesday's hearing. "She's figured out there is a lot more to this than what is being presented to her. Under no circumwith." House

Republicans sought to block the plea agreement this week when the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee filed a brief in federal court arguing the case had been tainted by political interference. On Tuesday, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy indicated House Republicans may launch an impeachment inquiry into the president regarding his son's financial dealings, featuring whistleblower testimony alleging political interference in Hunter

Biden's case. In response, David Weiss, the U.S. Attorney for Delaware whose office cemented the plea deal, said he'd testify before Congress about the probe. Both Weiss and Noreiki, the judge overseeing the case, were appointed by former stances should she take a President Donald Trump.

Greece is fighting wildfires

By EAMON AKIL FARHAT and PAUL TUGWELL

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service Greece is fighting almost 200 wild-

fires as strengthening winds present an additional challenge, even as the heat wave across the Mediterranean eases.

More villages in mainland Greece were evacuated on Thursday as blazes threatened, while two people died in Velestino. A woman was found inside her charred caravan, and a farmer was killed after trying to rescue livestock in a forest. A fire in the northern Athens suburb of Kifisia was quickly contained, but those on the island of Rhodes are burning for a 10th day.

Strong winds are hampering efforts to contain wildfires burning across the Mediterranean from Algeria to Turkey, after record heat this month followed the world's hottest of such events set to increase.

June. In Spain, the risk of fires increased overnight, with many parts of Madrid and surrounding areas now under the highest alert. More heat will build over the Iberian peninsula toward the end of next

Scientists say the extreme heat seen across the Northern Hemisphere from the U.S. to China this month would have been "virtually impossible" without climate change. As rapidly warming seas and retreating Antarctic ice signal the risk of an approaching climatic tipping point, many leaders are still dragging their feet on curbing the use of fossil fuels that generate greenhouse gases.

In Asia, the World Meteorological Organization found that \$36 billion was lost in economic damages because of extreme weather last year, with the severity and intensity

Fires across Greece have led to the evacuation of thousands of tourists since Saturday, threatening the livelihoods of locals who depend on summer visitors.

Greece's Tourism Minister Olga Kefalogianni told state-run ERT that most of island of Rhodes is operating normally. A large number of tourists that were evacuated last weekend have even returned to their hotels, especially in the Lindos area, she said.

At the same time, coastguard vessels and standing by off Rhodes, Corfu and central Greece to evacuate people from beaches should nearby wildfires flare.

Cooler weather is dominating over northern Europe, with temperatures in Germany, France and Nordic countries below seasonal averages. Berlin will dip as low as 53.6F today, according to forecaster Maxar Technologies Inc.

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Today in history

In 1750. King Henry VIII of England married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard. He ordered her execution two years later.

In 1794, Maximilien Robespierre, a Jacobin leader of the French Revolution, was killed via guillotine on the Place de la Révolution in Paris.

In 1928, the Summer Olympics opened in Amsterdam.

In 1954, the movie "On the Waterfront" starring Marlon Brando was released in the United States.

In 1991, cyclist Miguel Indurain won his first Tour de France title. It was the start of five held the job for just over straight victories for the a year. Spaniard.

In 2007, Kenny Byrge, a Dunkirk native, won the feature runs during a United Midget Racing Association event at Mount Lawn Speedway in New Castle.

In 2014, Jay County Board Drainage approved combining the W.H. Caster Watershed with the Salamonie Watershed while also increasing the tax rate for the Beatle Watershed.

In 2022, The Commercial Review confirmed the resignation, to be effective Aug. 12, 2022, of Jay County Community Development director Christy Shauver. She had

—The CR

Continued from page 1 Intended to demonstrate Moscow's growing influence in the Global South, the conference instead highlighted the Kremlin's diminishing power because of the war. Only 17 heads of state were scheduled to attend, compared with 43 in 2019.

Ukrainian officials have admitted in recent weeks that the counteroffensive has been more difficult than expected as their forces make slow progress fighting through Russian minefields, tank barriers and other defenses without being able to provide air support.

At the same time, Kyiv and western military officials have pointed to a strategy of wearing down undermanned Russian units across the 932-mile front.

The approach includes holding back the main assault force — including units trained by NATO member states and equipped with top-shelf weapons from the

alliance — so that it can exploit weak spots and break through Russian

SERVICES

Friday

Miller, Anna: II a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Hudson, James: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Brown, Debra: 10 a.m., Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

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

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Citizen's calendar

Today

8 a.m. Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S.

Meridian St., Portland. 9 a.m. – Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

5 p.m. — Jay School General Corporation, Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

Tuesday

4 p.m. – Jay County Development Corpora-Community tion, Resource Center, 118 S.

Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

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Woman isn't responsible

DEAR ABBY: My 40-year-old daughter has never grown up. Until recently, she relied on her grandmother to make ends meet. Her grandmother passed away, and now I'm all she has. After she was fired from her civil-service job and evicted from her apartment, she broke her leg in a hiking accident. I got her into an apartment and have been supporting her for a few months now.

Once her leg has healed, she has an entry-level job to return to, however long that lasts. I don't think it pays enough for her to live on. I offered to pay for training in ANYTHING she's interested in, but she shows no interest in a part-time job to help with bills. I can't believe what she tells me because she never learned responsibility, accountability or honesty.

She has now quit texting me because I called her out on her continual excuses, lies and halftruths. I'm committed to paying her rent until her leg is fully healed, but then what? Do I let her go to the street in hopes she'll learn responsibility? I know what can, and probably will, happen. To say she's ill-prepared is an understatement. — FED-UP DAD IN CALIFORNIA

daughter learns there are How can I make this process consequences for her irresponsibility, lack of accountability and lying, she will become increasingly dependent on your generosity. That she no longer answers your texts may be a plus.

you have with her until her leg has healed and then, finally, let her live with the consequences. It's the only way she friends and relatives and ask 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



is going to learn. The alternative is to keep supporting her as if she were a child for the rest of your life.

DEAR ABBY: I'm an attractive, fit and emotionally intelligent 43-year-old woman who has been divorced for almost eight years. I have dated during that time, and even had a five-year relationship with someone I thought would be my future spouse, but who turned out to be a waste of time. I ended the relationship three months ago, and I'm ready to date again.

My problem is I have an aversion to online dating. Most of my relationships have been with men I've met via other means, but I feel I may need to use this tool to meet people since I'm so busy with work and being a single mother of two (ages 15 and 11). Joining a group or a club can be difficult, and I don't have $\begin{tabular}{lll} \bf DEAR & \bf DAD: & \bf Until & \bf your & many friends who can fix me up. \\ \end{tabular}$ more enjoyable? — LOOKING FOR LOVE IN NEW JERSEY

dating is enjoyable for some people and abhorrent to others. If the dating pool in your city has shrunk, you may Continue the arrangement have little choice other than Jeanne Phillips, and was foundto sign up for some dating ed by her mother, Pauline apps.

for some pointers. More than a few successful matches have been made online, but understand that it is a sifting process, and you have to be prepared to cope with disappointment if what you want doesn't happen right away. Keep at it, don't personalize it ("if at first you don't succeed ...") and recognize that every failure heightens the odds of success down the line.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a shareholder in a small firm. The other shareholders do not like me. It's not due to performance or personality issues. It's because they are a cliquey bunch and I don't live in their city. I will be retiring soon. The tradition is to have a retirement dinner complete with speeches. Any speeches from them would be phony.

As for me, a speech about the positives of being with the firm would be very, very short. I would prefer not to have a retirement dinner. What should I do? SHAREHOLDER IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SHAREHOLDER: Tell the other shareholders (nicely) that you know when a shareholder leaves the firm traditionally there's farewell dinner, but you'd prefer not to have one and simply plan to leave at the DEAR LOOKING: Online end of your final day of employment. Period.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at Talk to some of your www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box

Register for arts classes

are available to local residents.

The Creative Arts Council in Bluffton has opened registration for its fall semester, which begins the week of Aug. 21 at the Create Arts facility, 428 S. Oak St. Classes are open to any-

The Creative Arts Dance Academy offers ballet and modern classes for students ages 3 through adults. The Creative Arts School of Music offers private guitar and voice lessons, as well as the Create Arts Children's Choir. Visit the website, wellscocreativearts.com, or call (260) 824-5222 for more information.

Community Day

Jay Community Day is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The free event at Jay County Fairgrounds will offer free school supplies and haircuts, games, snacks, a bounce house, Batman and

Taking Note

the Batmobile from Heroes 4 Higher and the Jay County Public Library Bookmobile. Jay County Health Department will also be available to give vaccines.

Minnetrista event

Minnetrista's Faeries, Sprites and Lights event is ongoing.

Children are encouraged to dress up as a magical faerie and play in the faerie wonderland at the cultural center in Muncie. There will be games, crafts, a theater show, music, dancing and a bubble garden.

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Hours are from 5 to 9 p.m. today and Saturday, as well as 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Marriage licenses

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land, and Jaylynn D. Wells, 18, Redkey

Howard E. Minnick, 51, Redkey, Cynthia R. Robinson, 54, Redkey

Donavon M. Bentz, 33, Portland, and Jennifer R. Bentz, 36, Portland

W. Williams, 41, Pen-

John E.M. Coblentz, 24, Tori L. Knipp, 18, Port- Portland, and Mary H. Schwartz, 22, Bryant Zachary G. Pryor, 26,

Portland, and Danielle R. Newell, 35, Portland Casey L. McCoy, 33,

Dunkirk, and Zachary T. Powers, 28, Dunkirk

Broden A. Auker, 21, Jamie E. Osterholt, 34, Portland, and Sara L. Pennville, and Zachary Hemmelgarn, 21, Portland

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in space is available. To suban item, news@thecr.com.

Saturday

MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. 51-3336 or (260) 729-

Sunday

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

Monday

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

each Monday at Jay Comemail munity Center.

EUCHRE played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay ALCOHOLICS ANONY- Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will High St., Portland. For meet for weigh-in at 4:30 more information, call p.m., with the meeting at 5 Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

CARE **PREGNANCY** 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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and

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PING PONG — Will be third Monday of each Community Calendar as played from 9 a.m. to noon month at Richards Restaurant.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYp.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

SINGLES AND SEPA-RATES SUPPORT GROUP For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more informa-MOUS — Will meet at 6:30 tion, call Sarah Conrad at

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



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Thursday's Solution

Portland alums offer their thanks

The Portland High School Alumni Association wishes to thank everyone for their help in preparing the 132nd annual Portland High School Alumni Banquet.

The 2023 banquet was the first for the current committee and its success was due to the support of many.

The committee especially wants to thank Judy and Neil Medler for their dedication in overseeing the banquet for many years and for their invaluable input as the new committee assumed leadership.

The committee also thanks the Jay School Corporation for the use of the JCHS commons, where wonderful food.

Additionally, the com-Carl Ronald and The Commercial Review for their help in finding lost classmates and for printing invitations and programs, Alumni Association

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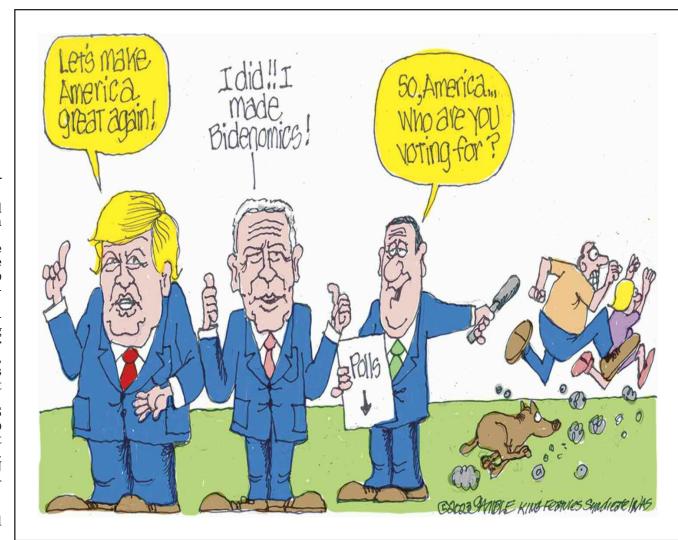
and also Rob Weaver and WPGW for their help in finding alumni.

Finally, the committee wants to recognize the youth from Fellowship Baptist Church who assisted alumni at the banquet.

The committee is looking forward to continuing the traditional banquet for two more years. After that, the committee anticipates a less formal annual event open to all alumni.

If you attended PHS Carla's Catering served its and would like to help plan these events, contact the committee at P. O. mittee wishes to thank Box 218, Portland, IN 47371 or portlandhsalumni.in@gmail.com.

Cindy Wolverton Portland High School



Defend our country

By BRIAN GREENSPUN

Las Vegas Sun Tribune News Service

It could be over by now — or

I am referring to a potential indictment of former President Donald Trump for inciting insurrection, defrauding the United States and the people who live here, lying not only to Congress but to everyone else, covering up all manner of crimes and a host of other reported criminal activity that may or may not be applicable to the man who was and would be president again.

After all, the tell-tale "target letter" that special counsel Jack Smith sent our dear leader early last week portends something ominous for the once and future president: criminal indictment No. 3 — with a fourth, perhaps, vet to come.

For a man who loves to brag about all the records he has shattered in his career, the number of criminal prosecutions for a former president is right up there among the worst, I should somehow is meant to excuse

Frankly, I don't care about what happens to Donald Trump, which makes me more of an anomaly in today's politically charged world. There are people who want to "lock him up" and there are others who want to deify him. And they are all passionate about their beliefs.

When I say I don't care about him, though, it is only partially true because I do care about something far more important next one, but the concept of two which, by implication, involves

suspect the overwhelming majority of Americans deep down really care about is this democracy of ours. You know, this fragile idea that the people — American citizens — are capable of governing themselves through majority rule and the tions yet to come.

And to do that, we may have to the Constitution.

That's why it pains as well as one accountable. befuddles me to hear from the MAGA crowd — without even an no one is above the law, then how indictment issued from which can it be that no less than the and owner of the Sun.

Brian Greenspun



we can ascertain what prosecutors believe they can prove that everything happening is some nefarious government plot to keep Trump from office and them from making America great. Again.

Assuming it hasn't happened by the time this column is published, few Americans know what is in the charging document (assuming there actually will be an indictment since that isn't a given, either). And yet, people in elected leadership positions are already opining on the treachery that had to take place to indict Trump but not a host of other actors who have come and gone along the political trail.

This "whataboutism" that what Trump probably did because someone else may have done something wrong — is what I do care about. And what I believe that's what most clearthinking Americans should consider when forming conclusions about what may or may not happen to Trump.

Perhaps people have grown up differently since the Greatest Generation raised my generation and we, in turn, raised the wrongs never making a right has been tried, true and immutable What I care about and what I ever since morality and justice entered the civilized world.

And yet, that concept is being turned on its head as people who owe fealty to Trump or to his voting bloc do their level best to twist and turn themselves into amoral nitwits, trying to justify what could be leading an insurprotection of minority rights, all rection against the United States with the goal of pursuing a of America because someone "more perfect union" for genera- else made money off a famous name — or some such blather.

Don't get me wrong, the law is indict and possibly convict a the law and people should law-breaker-in-chief when he respect it and obey it. But that purposely runs afoul of our most also means that people who sacred laws and his most solemn know better should be honest oath — to protect and defend with themselves and their peers when it comes to holding every-

If it is true that in our country

I merely ask these questions because while I don't care about Trump ... I do care about the rule of law and the rules of civilized living in this great country of ours.

speaker of the House of Representatives can justify defending a man who may have broken the most fundamental laws of our country — pertaining to the peaceful transfer of power from one elected official to another by asking what about some other person who may have also done something wrong? Perhaps a speeding violation or a parking violation or something worse took place, but nothing like an insurrection!

And if a confused and contorted Kevin McCarthy can be seen for his moral and legal ambivalence in the face of what could be clear and convincing evidence — yes, yet to be seen and proved — why is it OK for ordinary Americans to excuse such behavior when they would never condone it in their own families?

I merely ask these questions because while I don't care about Trump — he has a lifelong experience of managing his way around and beyond the clutches of the laws that ensnare the average citizen — I do care about the rule of law and the rules of civilized living in this great country of ours.

Once we start excusing anyone from the kind of behavior that imperils our democracy, it cannot be long that our democracy crumbles and anarchy takes

That's what I care about. And, if I may be so bold at a time when boldness is in short supply, that's what we should all care

Besides this excessive heat, of

Greenspun is editor, publisher

Bennett pushed for arts education New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

New Yorker Tony Bennett was many things: a great singer, a painter, a child of immigrants from Southern Italy (his mother, a seamstress in a factory, would give Tony 20 cents to go into Manhattan for the day to find work; he'd return a dime to her), a man of class, character and charisma. In his later years, he had become an activist and fundraiser in fighting the devilish disease known Alzheimer's. mourn his loss, as does the city that made him.

We have inadequate space here today to engage in a full appreciation of all those pieces of his legacy.

Instead, we focus on one place he left his mark, where New York City can do much better by its families: arts education.

Talent and drive and love of music surely mattered mightily to Bennett, but a significant part of the reason the singing bug bit him was that he had a music teacher who cared.

When Tony was a 10year-old public school student in Queens, that teacher arranged for him alongside sing Fiorello Mayor Guardia at the 1936 opening of the Triborough Bridge. Bennett would drop out of high school at age 16 — but he had a path and the confidence to walk it.

That helps explain why and Bennett his wife Susan Benedetto committed to create a world-class high school dedicated to the performing arts, the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in his old stomping grounds of Astoria. It speaks to Bennett's humility that an old friend and betterknown singer, a man he might have considered a rival.

It didn't end there. A nonprofit Bennett and his wife founded, Exploring the Arts, has seeded arts programming in 56 schools in the five bor- in song.

Guest **Editorial**

oughs and Los Angeles, reaching more 25,000 students.

Arts education is no indulgence.

It makes kids want to go to school every day, engages them in ways other subjects can't, and teaches concrete skills to boot.

Research

Houston year established that students with deeper arts education experiences saw boosts in their writing achievement, empathy, school engagement and their aspirations to go on to college, and fewer disciplinary problems to boot.

places — home of the nation's best art muse ums, its liveliest classical, jazz and rock scenes, its best dance troupes, Broadway and so much more, all significant pieces of the nation's \$1 trillion arts and culture industry - schools that don't have time or personnel to teach the arts are failing their students.

In New York City of all

Regrettably, as of 2021, just 64% of the city's public schools serving K-5 students offered dance education; 79%, music; 56%, theater; and 89%, visual arts.

By middle school, those numbers shrink to 41%, 73%, 43% and 90% respectively. By high school, they fall further to 16%, 55%, 30% and 91%.

Certified arts teachers are a rarity in many disciplines and at many grade levels.

In Tony Bennett's he named the school after memory, and in the name of reaching and inspiring every child, New York City must recommit to giving all its youngsters a deeper education in music, theater, visual art, dance and all other forms of creative expression.

Our kids will thank us

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Preserving agrarian past

Machinery club was founded by farmers

By ETHAN EHRENHAFT

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Farming runs deep in the blood of Ellicott City resident John

Frank, who turns 70 on Aug. 16, still runs the same auto and farm equipment repair shop his father opened in 1942 on Triadelphia Road. Growing up, he helped milk cows, bale hay and raise hogs on his extended family's farms, some of which had been in Howard County since the early

"I got exposure to all different kinds of levels of farming plus Garage throughout Howard County and even into Montgomery and Carroll and Frederick County,'

The largely pastoral, rural county Frank knew as a child has been transformed into a largely suburban one with the founding of Columbia, the growth of Interstate 95 and addition of nearly 300,000 residents since 1960. But farming still persists and Frank now serves as president of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the county's agrarian past.

"Everything in the world does stem from its roots," he said. "We've evolved from that [farming] legacy and it's really important for us to continue to recognize it, continue to support it and continue to grasp it to help us evolve in a reasonable, responsi-

farmers in 1995, the farm machinnow operates



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A train sits on the property of The Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum in West Friendship. The museum opened in 2005 and offers a variety of exhibits and displays chronicling agricultural life in the region from the 1600s through the 1960s. Visitors can explore a one-room schoolhouse, general store and sawmill or try their hand at digging potatoes and shucking corn. Volunteers from the Howard Antique Farm Machinery Club manage the museum and give free tours to visitors.

Friendship next door to the Howard County Fairgrounds. Opened in 2005 on 400 acres of land leased from the county, the museum has grown to include more than 20 buildings, various crops and farming equipment dating from the 1600s through the

At the museum, visitors can step inside recreations of a general store, one-room schoolhouse and sawmill, among other structures, to get a glimpse at life in Howard before the introduction of electricity. The grounds also offer a variety of hands-on activities, from shucking corn to taking lessons in the blacksmith's shop.

Over the years farmers have donated "truckloads of artifacts," according to Frank, who said the museum doesn't have a perma-Founded by a collection of local nent staff and instead relies on club volunteers. The club also rents out the grounds to local the Howard County Living Farm groups, hosts field trips and Heritage Museum in West maintains more than 6 miles of land in the county.

nature trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

"Our philosophy is community based, community built and community supported," Frank said.

While Howard's farming community has shrunk in size, Frank said it remains tight-knit and continues to find ways to innovate. Farming and agriculture is Maryland's fifth largest economic driver and there are still 335 farms located throughout the county, according to the Howard County Economic Development Authority.

"I have a lot of optimism that agriculture Howard County can survive," said James Zoller, the agricultural coordinator with the county's Office of Community Sustainability. "It's going to change just like it has. Farmers are really great at adapting; they do it every day."

Zoller said the biggest challenge encountered by contemporary farmers is the rising cost of

"If you don't have a farm in vour family being passed down generation to generation, it's pretty tough right now to get into farming in Howard County," he said.

Since the 1970s, the county has taken various approaches to help encourage new farmers and protect existing ones. Thanks to state and local purchasing easements and the dedication of agricultural preservation parcels, the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Program now holds approximately 23,000 acres of preserved farmland, largely in the county's rural west.

Along with preserving land, the county also has sought to farming innovation through several different grants and tax credits in recent years. Farms in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program also can apply to have commercial solar panel facilities installed on their income and transition the county towards renewable energy.

Zoller said Howard maintains a number of horse farms that are particularly important for local agriculture since they generate a market for hay. Crop farming for corn and soybeans also remains

The real advantage we have is we are right between Washington and Baltimore," he said. "We have a very affluent population that really on a whole is very supportive of agriculture and our customers live right next door."

In addition to his work with the county, Zoller is now raising lamb and sheep on his 75-acre Ellicott City farm, which was purchased by his grandfather in 1936. He said the only time he's left was to attend college at Virginia Tech.

"I like working with animals, I like with my hands, I like being outside, but I do that really parttime," he said. "The real reason I like doing what I do for the counland to help diversify their ty with agriculture is the people."

State set cover record

Indiana farmers set a record this year as they planted an estimated 1.6 million acres of overwinter living covers, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture announced this week.

The data comes from a conservation survey conducted between March and May 2023 by members of the Indiana Conservation Partnership, including the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Purdue Extension, as well as volunteers.

The crops — cover crops, small grains and winter wheat — help increase organic matter in the soil and improve overimprove water infiltration and others act as natural fertilizers.

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An estimated 1.6 million acres were planted this year

cover crop acreage is a testament to that," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch in a press release. "Through the implementation of cover crops and other conservation efforts, farmers are ensuring our land and water resources remain healthy and productive."

Indiana State Department of Agriculture that cover crops are planted on more acres than every commodity with exception of corn and soybeans.

Estimates indicate that all soil health. Some 1.7 million tons of sediment was prevented from entering the state's waterways since 2021 thanks to "Protecting our most the planting of cover

of phosphorus out of waterways as well.

The survey indicated that about 68% of farmed acres were not tilled.

"Conserving our natural resources is not a oneagency job. Indiana conservation succeeds through its partnerships, working closely with individual farmers and landowners, local, state and federal government agencies, private industries, nonprofits, and many other people and groups," said Curtis Curtis Knueven, acting state conservationist for Indiana's Natural Resources Conservation Service, in the release. "These partnerships share their unique areas of expertise and allow us to expand the

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Attack shows risk to route

By AINE QUINN, KATERYNA COURSINA and DARYNA KRASNOLUTSKA

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Wheat and corn prices surged after Russia attacked one of Ukraine's biggest Danube river ports, ramping up the risks facing Kyiv's last major grain export route and global food trade.

A drone attack overnight hit the Danube port of Reni, according to people familiar with the matter, who asked not to be named discussing sensitive infor-

Ukraine's southern operational military command earlier said on Facebook that a grain hangar at a Danube port had been ruined, without specifying which one or giving details.

Wheat futures for September delivery surged as much as 8.6% in Chicago on Monday, extending gains of more than 5% last week. Corn contracts for December rose as much as 5.6% to the highest level in nearly a month.

Reni, along with Izmail, is one of Ukraine's biggest river ports for grain and is located on the Danube at the border with Romania. Local traders had repulsed an attack on Izmail.

been expanding capacity there in response to Russia's sea blockade.

The attack was the latest in a series of moves by Russia to stifle Ukrainian exports, which have historically made an important contribution to global food supply. The collapse of the Black Sea grain deal last week — blocking Ukraine's maritime corridor — and Russia's subsequent attacks on Odesa port spurred expectations that Kyiv will have to double down on alternative routes, the most obvious being the Danube.

While it's unclear how far the attacks will impact exports from Reni, the strikes increase operational risks. Seven people were injured by an Russian overnight drone attack on port infrastructure in Odesa region, Governor Oleh Kiper said on Telegram. Five of them were hospitalized. Reni is located in that region.

A spokesperson for A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S, which has some assets at Reni, said that a small number of containers at the yard had suffered minor damage, but that operations had resumed.

Romania said a grain silo, a fuel depot and cranes were damaged by the Russian drone attack on Reni, while air defenses

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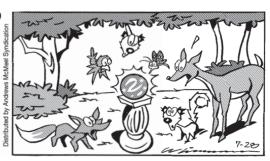








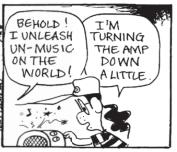


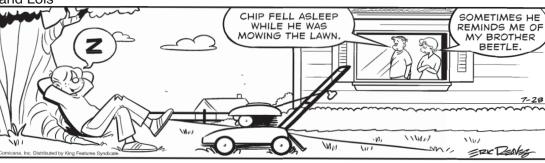


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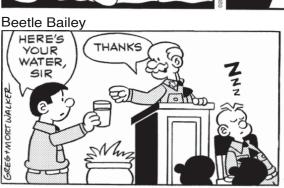
















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1. Ten tricks are easy if the missing trumps are divided 3-2 or either opponent has the singleton jack. The only real threat to the contract is that one of the opponents was dealt the J-x-x-x of trump, so you should take steps to deal with that possibility. Accordingly, you win the club

lead with the ace and ruff the three of clubs at trick two. You then cash the A-K of trump to find out where you stand in the trump suit. If everyone follows twice, you're home free, so let's say North was dealt

Tomorrow: Lay that pistol down

3-2, 4-1 or 5-0.

By Steve Becker

this hand: ★ 76 ♥ J862 ♦ J5 ★ KQ1052. In that case, he'll wind

up taking second money because of your foresight in trumping a

club at trick two.

After next cashing the queen of

hearts and A-K of spades, you ruff another club, then play a diamond

to the ace followed by a third club ruff. That brings you to 10 tricks,

which was your goal from the start. Note that the same line of play also

North wins the trick with the jack, you have nine sure tricks consisting

of five clubs, a spade, two hearts

and a diamond.

If the ten of clubs wins the trick,

you are equally certain of the con-tract, whether North follows suit or

not. You next lead a low club to dummy's queen and continue with

the ace and another spade, estab-

lishing a spade entry to your hand

to cash at least two more club

This method of play guarantees

at least four club tricks, two spades, two hearts and a diamond. The

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eonard makes emotional return

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

WESTFIELD — Shaquille Leonard roared onto the practice field Wednesday morning at Grand Park Sports Campus and basked in the adulation of two nearly packed grandstands.

After two years filled with training camp absences, surgeries and rehabilitation, the Indianapolis Colts linebacker admits the opening practice of the summer was emotional for him.

"It's been a long journey, man," Leonard said. "It's been a long journey, and you see a lot of

was just sitting out just to sit out still has not been cleared for full underwent surgery to correct gery and shut down for the and not understanding that I was fighting my tail off to get back and being the best version of myself for this team.

"And then to come out here and just hearing the crowd excitement just for me getting back on the field, that was just reassurance that fans are still with me and I'm doing something right. And hopefully I can continue to make them proud."

three-time All-Pro worked in all facets of practice, from 11-on-11 drills to individual sessions, and took roughly 90% of the available first-team reps.

General manager Chris Bal-

contact and will be eased back into full practice.

"It's awesome to have him back, the energy he brings,' Colts head coach Shane Steichen said. "I know he's been grinding and taking care of his body to get back out there. We're slowly progressing him back in and just really thankful and thrilled for him to be back out there with his teammates.

It was a major step forward for Leonard, who made just three appearances and played a total of 74 snaps last season.

After playing through painful ankle injury for the bad things. People thought that I lard said Tuesday that Leonard entire 2021 season, Leonard mately underwent another sur-

the issue. By the spring of 2022, the ankle had not made significant progress and the source of the pain was traced to a nerve issue in his back.

A second surgery to correct that issue sidelined the linebacker for all of training camp. He tried to return for a Week 4 matchup against the Tennessee Titans in October but played just 16 snaps and left with a concussion.

Leonard returned for back-toback games against the Washington Commanders and New England Patriots in late October and early November, but ultiremainder of the season.

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He believes now he came back too soon and re-injured himself, making the final surgery neces-

With all that in the rearview mirror, Leonard admits he had some butterflies in his stomach the night before his practice return.

"I care so much about football, and I love what I do," he said. 'And football is the only thing in my life that makes it all stop. All the bad things that's going on in my life, all the stress that's going on, when I step between the white lines, that's the only time where all that comes to a pause.

Soaring ...

Continued from page 8 Freestyle and Greco-Roman are different styles of wrestling that reward points more for explosiveness and risk as opposed to high school's folkstyle wrestling point system that is based on control.

doing you're freestyle and Greco in the offseason, I mean, you're very committed to the sport," McClurg said.

Right away, Wood had the opportunity to compete against some top-level talent, being matched up against the New York State Champion, Jordan Joslyn, who he took down 10-6 in the round of 128.

Wood rattled off two more wins against Ty Saulter of Minnesota (11-1) and Smokey McClure of

Washington (4-3) to make it to the round of 16.

'I really didn't realize how good I was doing until I actually got in the round of 16," Wood said. "It's just kind of mind blowing like sometimes I don't give myself enough credit and then I got like around the nation top 13 you know competing with nationally ranked kids. I think it's gonna help me with confidence while I was here."

Wood participated in his most memorable match from the two tournaments in the round of 16, as he took on Florida state champion and ninthranked Elvis Solis. The match sticks out to Wood because of the opportunity it had provided him and

win but just didn't quite to make weight for the pull it out in a 3-1 defeat.

"I felt like I was controlling most of the match, but he just ended up scoring off on my offense," Wood said. "I lost that one but it was still like, I wrestled really well, against a highly, nationally ranked guy.'

The loss moved Wood to the consolation bracket where he beat North Dakota state champion Koye Grebel 13-11 to guarantee a top-16 finish.

In the following round, Wood lost to Georgia state champion Drew Gorman 13-2, and fell just short of becoming a national medalist and All-American honors but earned a tie for 13th place.

Wood had little time to how he was in position to turn around and refocus

next tournament and prepare to win his matches there as well.

In the Greco-Roman tournament, Wood won his first match 4-0 before an 8-0 loss bumped him to the consolation bracket. He rattled off three wins (8-0, 9-4 and 5-0) before falling in the round of 16 to Wisconsin's Gunner Hamre 9-0 to end his tournament run. The performance earned him a tie for 25th in the tournament.

Wood competed in the freestyle tournament the previous two years as well, both times finishing 1-2. This time around, his overall record improved to 8-4 while he knocked on the door of national hon-

What caused this sudden jump in success for Wood? His confident mindset and relentless training.

"Another confidence thing was believing in what I was doing," Wood said. "So, like that round is 64 I really started to feel good when I was wrestling and I just was moving so right for so right my wrestling was just going great."

McClurg echoed that sentiment as a key part to Wood's development.

"He's gained confidence, and that's really everything," McClurg said. One thing we talk about in our club all the time is the relentless pursuit and for self improvement, and that's what we're after. I

just really think he's bought into that philosophy.

Through competing in these tournaments and facing top-level talent, Wood has taken away the importance of having a mindset that he can beat anyone. Rather than second guessing whether he should beat someone, he approaches the match with the confidence that he has the ability to beat anyone at any level.

"This tournament has really helped me this Wood said. "It's helped me view myself as a better wrestler. So I know I can compete with anybody I step on the mat with so I think that was the biggest value that I had to take away from this one.'

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Portland Rockets vs. Detroit Aces in National Amateur Baseball Federation regional at Carrington Field (Fort Wayne) - 11 a.m.

Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Blues in National Amateur Baseball Federation regional at Carrington Field (Fort Wayne) - 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today

4:30 a.m. - Women's World Cup: Denmark vs. England (FS1) 7 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Haiti vs. China

7:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix

4 p.m. — Boxing: Caribe Royale Boxing

(CBSSN) NASCAR Xfinity Series: Henry 180, 5 p.m. Qualifying (USA)

5 p.m. - NASCAR Xfinity Series (USA) 10 p.m. - MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Ange les Dodgers (Bally Indiana)

3:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Italy vs. Sweden (FS1)

6 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Brazil vs. France (FOX)

Panama (FOX)

2:30 p.m. -- PGA Tour: 3M Open (CBS)

(NBC)

4 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Miami Marlins

(FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series:

Worldwide Express 250 (FS1) 8 p.m. — UFC: 291: Poirier - Gaethje 2 (ABC)

9 p.m. - MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Dodgers (Bally Indiana)

Local notes

Hunt applications open The Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Swiss Days race set

Registration is open for the 50th annual Swiss

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.

participants.

To register, search for "Swiss Days Race" at

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,

Registration is \$30 for those who sign up by

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. 450 South, Portland.

Registration is \$60 for those who sign up by

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Jay County high school season. Tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from

provide admission to all high school and junior high events will be available. They cost \$105 and \$60 respectively.

adult super tickets cost \$80, junior high super tickets come out to \$60 and senior super tickets

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90 SALE CLENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, August 5, 2023 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 9660 W 300

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located at 333 Blaine Pike (former DAV Building), Portland, IN Friday Afternoon JULY 28, 2023 AT 5:00

HOUSEHOLD GOODS -OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - TOOLS Leather reclining sofa

with matching chair, less

P.M.

than 1 year old; Celebrity Pride mobility cart; Go-Go mobility cart; refrigerator/freezer; Maytag washer; GE dryer; Whirlpool refrigerator; 90+ LONGABERGER BASKETS; Pfaltzkraft dishes; pottery pieces; Black & amp; Decker jig saw; aluminum step ladder; metal Biohazard bins; yard tools; metal cabinets; Craftsman soldering gun; glue gun;

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saws; hammers; and

many other items not

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Farmers Build-

ing/Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw Street, Portland Saturday Morning

JULY 29, 2023 9:30 A.M. OLD & amp; COLLEC-TORS ITEMS -

HOUSEHOLD GOODS Pony surry with both wheels and sleigh rails; steamer trunk; marble top dresser with mirror; Fenton; Pink Depression; Honey Bee dishes; oil lamps; Redkey souvenir glasses; 2 metal swings; patio tables; cement lawn jockey; cement donkey; and many other items not

listed. TRUCK - GOLF CART - MOBILITY CART -TOOLS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Located in the Womens Building at the Jay County

Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw Street, Portland Indiana on Thursday Afternoon

AUGUST 3, 2023

5:00 P.M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - TOOLS

Kenmore washer & dryer; Ridgeway grandfather clock; leather loveseat; full size box springs and mattress; roll top desk with chair; twin size box spring and mattress with Hollywood frame; kneehole desk; lamps; kitchen table with chairs on rollers; Zenith stereo with speakers; computer desk; floor lamps; parlor lamp; (2) Kirby sweepers; with attachments; Boyds Bear collection; Imperial china 8 place setting; glass powder boxes; exercise bike; Beam decanters; Ezra Brooks decanters; large lot of jewelry; toys; pictures; cameras; VCR player; bedding; mail box; bird feeders; luggage; Christmas decorations; games; vintage wagon; toysp; Portland Forge anvils; bookcase; Singer sewing machine with cabinet; fold up rocker; record albums; entertainment center; hall tree; Corning; Pyrex; gold Thumbprint pitcher and glasses; Tupperware; juice extractor; deep fryer; electric frying pan; wood airplane, wheelbarrow, truck and wagon; wood bench; license plates; wood trunk; Roy Rogers bow with box; Agri Fab lawn sweeper; antennae tower; air tan; aluminum step ladder; lawn chairs; metal Wizard gas can; creeper; kerosene heaters; plastic gas cans; Craftsman socket/ratchet set; 12 x 12 canopy; electric motor; motorcycle helmets; and many other items not listed.

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90 SALE CLENDAR 2003 Ford F150 XLT Triton Extended Cab truck with V8, cloth seats and 128,715 miles; Club Car gas golf cart with wind-

shield and top, Campbell Hausfeld 1900 PSI electric power washer. **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** Larry recently passed away and he was an avid auction attendee and collector. This is the second auction of

Larry's collection. Please note that this is only a partial list of the many items to be sold. LARRY MOORE, **DECEASED**

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Loy Auction

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw Street, Portland

AU11200112

Thursday Afternoon AUGUST 3, 2023 5:30 P.M.. HOUSEHOLD GOODS-**OLD & COLLECTORS** ITEMS -TOOLS Kenmore washer & amp; dryer; Ridgeway grand-

father clock; leather loveseat: (2) Kirby sweepers; with attachments; Boyds Bear collection; bike; Beam decanters; Ezra Brooks decanters; large lot of jewelry; Craftsman socket/ratchet set; 12 x 12 canopy; electric motor; motorcycle hel-

mets; and many other items not listed. MICHAEL AND SHARON FOWLER Lov Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers

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Wood gets Tony coached by Wade McClurg of Warrior RTC during the U.S. Marine Corps Junior National freestyle tournament last week in Fargo, North Dakota. Wood finished with tied for 13th in the tournament after going 4-2 in his matches between July 17 and 18.

Special to The Commercial Review/Sarah Tellechea

Confidence is soaring Wood flying high after experience in Fargo

By ANDREW BALKO The Commercial Review

FARGO, N.D. — Tony Wood had a successful high school season in 2023 when he finished seventh in the state tournament during his junior campaign.

aged athletes.

What's the biggest effect of this success? Wood's confidence is shooting through the roof.

Last week, Wood competed in the 2023 U.S. Marine Corps Jun-He found some similar suc- ior National freestyle and cess at one of the highest stages Greco-Roman tournaments, fin-

of wrestling for high school- ishing in a tie for 13th in the for- the world for his age group," mer and a tie for 25th in the lat-

> There were 135 athletes who weight class for the freestyle tournament and 96 in the Greco-Roman tournament.

"It's the largest tournament in for his age."

the world for his age group," To qualify for the freestyle said Wade McClurg, Wood's club tournament, Wood needed to coach from Warrior RTC in Fort place in the top three in the Indi-Wayne. "I mean, there's no Tourwrestled in the 138-pound nament that's bigger than that Freestyle State Finals. He fintournament, in terms of numbers. And it's the toughest tour- to clinch his spot in the national nament that you can compete in tournament.

ana State Wrestling Association ished third in the event in May

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