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School hosted NTAC seminar

Event focused on research about targeted violence

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Law enforcement officials, school staff and others spent Thursday morning learning from the Secret Service.

Jay School Corporation hosted the United States Secret Service National **Threat Assessment Center** for the seminar "Threat Assessment: A behaviorbased approach to preventing targeted violence" with school resource officers and other staff invited from across the state.

"I think prevention of school violence is one of the most important parts of school safety," said Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley prior to Thursday's event. "The work the Secret Service does in analyzing threats and preventing violence is a real asset."

He said he was previously unaware that helping schools with safety initiatives was mission of the Secret Service but that the connection came through staff from the office of U.S. Rep. Jim Banks (R-Indiana).

Thursday's seminar focused on two schoolbased research reports completed by the National **Threat Assessment Center** in the last few years and its three-step model:

•Identifying individuals of concern

•Assessing whether they pose a risk

Back to tradition Jay varsity cheerleaders are returning to the state fair competition for first time since 2016

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review The 2016 state fair competition was called

off because of rain. The varsity Patriots haven't been back since.

That will change Saturday. County High Jay

School's cheerleading squad will compete Saturday at the Indiana State Fair, joining the junior high squad on the mat for the first time in seven years.

The spark to make that return came from the squad.

'The girls wanted to go back to state fair," said JCHS coach Lindsey Peterson, noting the seven freshmen who competed there last year as part of the junior high squad. "So we said, 'OK.

"I'm really excited. ... I'm excited to bring back the tradition, because I think in previous years cheerleading was such a big thing in Jay County," said senior Cash Hollowell during practice Tuesday. "And I feel like it kinda went down for a little bit."

The Patriots were on a streak of 11 consecutive top three finishes at the Indiana State Fair when they arrived ready to compete in 2016. That included state fair championships in 2007, 2010 and 2012. They were coming off a runner-up effort in 2015.

Rain delayed the start of the competition. After a single squad competed, lightning forced the grandstand to be cleared.



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Jay County High School senior Erin Ring (foreground) and sophomore Faith Faulkner (background) cheer Tuesday during practice at East Jay Elementary School. The Patriots are

•If there is a risk, how to manage it See **Seminar** page 2

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returning to the Indiana State Fair competition Saturday for the first time since 2016.

Rebel toss

Rebel Fox, an 8year-old Geneva resident, rears back toss an to axe Saturday during Swiss Days in Berne. Busted Haft Throwing of the Bluffton had attraction set up at the festival.

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Wednesday. The low was 61.

The forecast calls for a low in the mid 60s tonight. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday with a high in the mid 80s. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms Saturday night with a low in the upper 60s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Critical of Trump

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Speaking at an Indianapolis campaign stop Wednesday, former Vice President Mike Pence further distanced himself from his previous boss, Donald Trump, as tensions continue to flare on the nomination trail.

Pence came to town to talk about the economy but Trump's latest legal crisis pulled focus from that.

The former president was indicted on felony charges Tuesday for working to overturn the results of the 2020 election, just before the violent riot by his supporters at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Pence, a 2024 presidential hopeful, issued a condemning statement in response to the federal conspiracy charges late Tuesday, saying Trump "should not be president of the United States."

He built on those comments after speaking before a small crowd at the Indiana State Fair Wednesday.

In review

Indiana 211 has been activated for Jay County residents. Those who had damage during Saturday's storm should report it by calling 211 or visiting in211.org. Jay County Emergency Management Agency will be at Portland Fire Department from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday to assist those with the assessment.

Pence distances himself from former president, refers to 'crackpot lawyers'

"I had hoped it wouldn't on that day, President come to this. I had hoped this issue and the judgment of the president's actions that day would be left to the American people. Now it's been brought in a criminal indict-ment," Pence told reporters. "Sadly, the president was surrounded by a group of crackpot lawyers that kept telling him what his itching ears wanted to hear."

Pence additionally maintained that he had done his "duty" ahead of the Capitol riot, despite Trump's "reckless asser-tion" that he could overturn election results.

"Irrespective of the indictment, I want the American people to know that I had no right to overturn the election, and that

Trump asked me to put him over the Constitu-tion," Pence continued. "But I chose the Constitution, and always will."

Trump's latest indictments — the third crimi-nal case against the former president — outlines frantic efforts by him and his allies to block the peaceful transfer of presidential power.

The indictment says Trump and his associates first tried to persuade state lawmakers to reject certification of Democrat Joe Biden's win before then focusing on Jan. 6 and seeking "to enlist the Vice President to use his ceremonial role at the certification to fraudulently alter the election results.'

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Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday's Indiana State Fair cheerleading competition.



Local/Indiana

Seminar

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The Averting Target School mit suicide as part of the attack, Violence report published in 2021 - it is available on the Secret Service website at secretservice.gov — indicates that there are almost always interbehavior escalates to violence. That report and the Protecting America's Schools report both included students who had a ing sure that there is some sort

used drugs or alcohol, or had been impacted by adverse childhood experiences.

The study's key findings indicate that school violence can be vention points before a student's prevented when communities identify warning signs and intervene.

"We talk a lot about just makhistory of school discipline and of reporting mechanism and contact with law enforcement, that people know what should experienced bullying or metal they be reporting, where do they phone

Carlock, a supervisory social safe school climate where everysonal stake in keeping the community stake."

For Jay Schools, that reporting mechanism is Say Something. It is available via a smart-

health issues, intended to com- report it to, what happens to sandyhookpromise.org or by Gulley told those in attendance that information," said Arna calling (844) 5-SayNow, which translates to (844) 572-9669. sciences research specialist who There is also a link to a reporthas been with the Secret Service ing form on the right side of the for about five years. "And all Jay School Corporation website that works together to create a at jayschoolcorp.org. Tips, which can be reported anonybody feels like they have a per- mously, are forwarded immediately to local law enforcement and school officials while also being evaluated by counselors at Say Something's crisis center.

"It has been a game-changer app, for how we protect our kids,"

before introducing Carlock and Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center domestic security strategist Robert Grooms.

Thirty-four school resource officers from across the state, about 20 school administrators, local law enforcement, mental health professionals, State Rep. Matt Lehman (R-Berne) and others were among the more than 100 who took part in the seminar.

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Saturday 8/5	Sunday 8/6	Monday 8/7	Tuesday 8/8	Wednesday 8/9						
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85/67 Mostly cloudy skies on Saturday with a high of 85 degrees.	thunderstorms	has a 60% chance of thunder-	79/60 Tuesday's weather looks to be mostly sunny, with a high in the upper 70s.	82/63 Sunny skies are expected Wednesday, when the high will be 81 degrees.						

Lotteries

Powerball

23-24-33-51-64 Power Ball: 5 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$124 million

Mega Millions

Estimated	jackpot:
\$1.25 billion	

Hoosier

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 0-9-7 Daily Four: 9-7-0-0 Quick Draw: 4-5-6-9-11-13-15-18-19-33-34-41-42-48-50-52-56-59-67-72 Evening Daily Three: 7-5-5

Markets

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Daily Four: 5-7-0-8 Quick Draw: 5-8-16-17-18-27-28-29-30-31-35-36-37-38-48-51-53-64-68-80 Cash 5: 8-11-28-35-40 Estimated jackpot: \$166,500

Ohio

Wednesday

Pick 3: 2-7-9

Pick 3: 4-9-6

Estimated

\$120,000

Pick 4: 5-4-9-5

Pick 5: 5-6-8-8-5

Rolling Cash: 1-6-26-30-

jackpot:

Pick 4: 4-9-7-8

Pick 5: 6-6-8-0-0

Midday

Evening

Tradition

About 2.5 hours later, rain again foiled an attempt at a re-start.

Then, with no back-up plan for another venue or another date, the competition was canceled.

Jay County didn't go back in 2017 and has not been back since. For the three seniors — Karci Hopkins, Erin Ring and Hollowell — their only state fair experience heading into Saturday came in junior high.

fair," said Hopkins. "It was really fun going. ...

'State fair, it's just such a tradition for Jay County.'

Ring agreed that she's day's event in Indianapolis than the sideline and game day divisions the squad has competed in during the fall over the last few years. middle school. It's nice to

again." has not been at the state fair, the county's junior high squads remained regulars. They finished third a year ago and were second

avirus pandemic canceled the event in 2020.

group of eighth graders last summer, Brea Burcham's squad has just five this year in the group of 15 this year. With so many new cheerleaders, the squad is just focusing on

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"I just miss going to state

more excited for Satur-"We're used to it," she said. "We did it all through come back and do it

While the varsity squad

in 2021 after the coron-

After having a massive being as clean as possible.

"Our goal is to go out and have a solid routine,"

practice routine during the summer — three or four days a week as opposed to one last year has helped build camaraderie. Peterson wants to keep that positivity going.

"My goal for them is just that they feel good about how they've done at state fair with their performance and that it is truly the best that they can do," said the 2003 JCHS graduate. "I know some of them are nervous, just with the newness and not knowing what to expect. So I want their spirits to stay high ...'

Saturday's competition begins at 9:30 a.m., with Jay County's junior high squad scheduled to compete at 9:51 a.m. The sixteam field includes defending champion Fall Creek, Tri-West, Daleville. Mount Vernon and Cascade.

JCHS will compete in the large varsity no music division against North Central, DeKalb and Decatur. The Patriots are slated to take the mat at 10:58 a.m.

Awards are slated for 1:30 p.m.

The key to success Saturday?

"I think it's just confidence," Hollwell said. "We have it all here. We have the abilities. Everyone's good in their own ways. Everyone has their own things. I think it's just knowing we can do good and just not being intimidated."

Of course, they'd like to win, but, "I think our goal is just to have fun and leaders and coaches alike make it a good experience have an idol to look up to, I agreed that the regular for everybody," she added.

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As the varsity Patriots

put together a routine

with three different build-

ing sections, some long

tumbling and jump combinations. Their perform-ance will start with a toe-

touch jump into a back

In addition to working

on the skills, the cheer-

handspring.

Lexi Schoenlein of the Jay County Junior High School cheerleading squad cheers Tuesday during practice at East Jay Elementary School. The junior high Patriots will compete at 9:51 a.m. Saturday at the Indiana State Fair.

said Burcham. "I hope that think it'll be exciting for we can just go out and the girls.' have fun and they can actually hit a good roumake their return, they've tine."

She added that she feels having the varsity squad back at the state fair with the younger girls will be a positive moving forward.

"I think it's exciting," Burcham said. "It was exciting for me when I cheered to see the high school ... To be able to

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Today in history

In 1704, Britain took considered one of the control of Gibraltar, which became a British colony, during the War of Spanish Succession.

In 1753, George Washington became a Master Mason in Fredericksburg, Virginia, his hometown.

In 1790, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton established the Revenue Marine Service. It would later become the U.S. Coast Guard.

In 1821, a Russian Antarctic Expedition, led by Fabian Gottlieb Bellingshausen, von returned after becoming the first to circumnavigate Antarctica.

In 1901, musician Louis Armstrong was Barrett. born in New Orleans. A resigned in July. trumpet player, he is

most influential artists in the history of jazz.

In 1972, Ludwig's Supermarket on West Votaw Street in Portland was robbed. A lone gunman pulled a pistol on a cashier and stole an estimated \$100 shortly before midnight.

In 2007, the U.S. space probe Phoenix was launched. It landed on Mars a year later and discovered the existence of ice beneath the planet's surface.

In 2021, Republican precinct committeemen elected Harold Towell to fill the Jay County Council seat vacated by the resignation of Amy She had -The CR

Today

11 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Monday

City Council, council Portland. chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

Recovery Village Coun- Meridian St., Portland.

Citizen's calendar

cil, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Tuesday

3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, court-5:30 p.m. - Portland house, 120 N. Court St., 5:30 p.m. — Portland of Zoning Board Appeals, Community 7:30 p.m. — Fort Resource Center, 118 S.

Capsule Reports

Recycling available

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon today.

ping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Red-

key Post Office and the parking lot Indiana 67 when he started to turn south of Salamonia Fire Station.

Lost control

A Portland man's truck and They will be located in the shop-trailer went off county road 75 South about noon Wednesday.

Chad C. Fifer, 39, was driving on \$10,000 and \$25,000.

his 2003 Ford F-550 east onto county road 75 South. He later told police he believed his trailer's brakes had gone out because he lost control and went into the ditch.

Damage is estimated between

Critica

Continued from page 1 That included an effort to persuade Pence to accept slates of fake electors in battleground states won by Biden to falsely claim that Trump had actually won them, or to reject states' electoral votes and send them back to state legislatures for further review. the indictment says.

The indictment also outlines how Trump worked to falsely convince his supporters that Pence had the power to overturn the results. Federal prosecutors allege that prompted hundreds of Trump's supporters to break through

SERVICES

Today

lliff, Chad: 11 a.m., First Church of the Nazarene, 920 S. Shank St., Portland.

Saturday

Wood, James: 10:30 a.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery.

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barricades and battle with police before breaking into the U.S. Capitol building.

Earlier Wednesday, while stumping from a barn in the Indiana State Fair's Pioneer Village, Pence kept his remarks focused on the economy. He made no mention of Trump during the speech, however.

The former Indiana governor doubled down on "the impact inflation has had on American fami-lies.".

"I'm the first nominee to lay out a plan for inflation and get back to fiscal responsibility," Pence said. "The economic policies of the Biden administration have literally turned the American dream into a pipe dream."



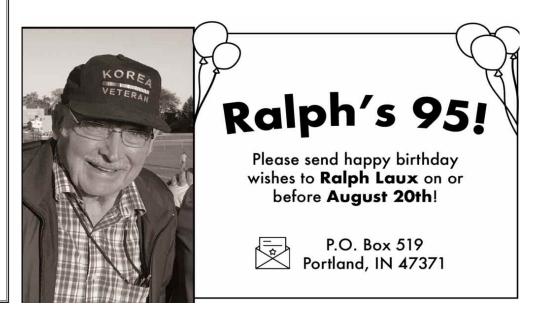
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Family

Mother misses children

DEAR ABBY: Five months ago. my relationship of 10 years ended. I discovered my boyfriend had been unfaithful on more than one occasion. He didn't want to fix the relationship, and I could no longer take more of his mental and emotional abuse.

My biggest hurdle is our children, who are 3 and 6. I have done everything for them since they were born. My ex and I verbally agreed on a 50-50 schedule, so I have gone from being with them my son if I could live with him. He every day to half that time, and I hate it. I miss them terribly when they aren't with me. My anxiety and worry have skyrocketed.

I want to do what's best for my kids, and I struggle daily with worrying if what I am doing is best. Is it best for them to be with their dad half the time when he hasn't been around much these past two years? I have talked to a lawyer, who said it's up to me since we were never married. Friends and family have told me to give Dad only every other weekend, but is that truly what's best for them?

I don't know what to do and feel so lost. It would be easier for me if their dad had only every other weekend. However, this decision isn't about me. How do I know if what I'm doing is best for my kids? — MOMMY OF TWO IN IN FLORIDA MINNESOTA

DEAR MOMMY: The answer to your question depends on how involved with the children their father is when they are with him. Does he talk to them, read to them, make sure they are clean, dressed, properly fed and getting enough exercise? Is his home clean and smoke-free? If the answer to any of these questions is no, the children need to be with the parent who will give them not only the best of care, but love them and let them know it every day.

To his credit, your ex appears to be stepping up to the plate. And you are right this isn't just about you and your own needs. I applaud you for recognizing it.

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DEAR ABBY: A year ago, my

Dear Abby

landlord asked me to move out of an apartment that I loved. I could no longer afford the rent, so I asked agreed without hesitation. Two weeks later, I packed up and moved.

At first, it was comfortable, but things started to change when I had emergency open-heart sur-My granddaughter gery. announced that she was moving in as well. Then here she comes with her boyfriend, expecting him to live there, too. My son refused at first but changed his mind. That's when the constant

Her boyfriend has a bad attitude. He bullies me when nobody is at home. Neither one works.

DEAR TRAPPED: Because the stress is becoming too much for you, explain to your son what is going on when he is absent. Then start looking for an alternative living situation you will be able to manage within your budget. If it means renting a room somewhere rather than an apartment, be prepared to do it. Your health must come first.

DEAR ABBY: About 10 years and who I thought was a friend, started teasing me. I can take a

I was really angry at him, but ventured, nothing gained.

because I didn't want to involve my friend, I sent him an email. I told him I thought his teasing went too far and to please not do it again. He never replied. Now when I visit my friend, her husband is never there. He stays away. I haven't seen him in years. My friend makes silly excuses

why he isn't at home when I visit. In fact, the last time I went I saw him driving away when I drove up! I don't hold a grudge against the guy. I think it's sad that he has to run away. Should I say something? — PERPLEXED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PERPLEXED: No. You dealt with your friend's husband appropriately without involving his wife. Enjoy your visits with her, and do not drag her into this. I see no reason to raise the subject. Your problem is solved.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a gentleman who would like to date more than I do. I want to ask a woman in my church choir out for coffee or lunch on a Sunday afternoon. But I get so nervous I get knots in my stomach. I know dating is one of the things I need to leave in God's hands and have His help in getting over the nerves.

I like my friend in the choir a lot. I think she's a wonderful and caring person. I want to get to know her better because, even though we've said "Hi" and "Bye" and exchanged glances during choir practice on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, I don't know her heart and what makes her tick. Can you offer some advice? -PAINFULLY SHY IN MISSOURI

DEAR PAINFULLY SHY: Start treating the woman as you would a friend rather than a love interest. Asking a fellow choir member to join you for coffee afterward or for a lunch could be a healthy, nonthreatening beginning of a relationship. (Notice I didn't use the word "romance.") Because you want to get to know her better, summon your courage and let her get to know YOU better. Nothing

Applications open for Lilly

The 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application is now **Taking** available in Jay County.

Administered statewide by Independent Colleges of Indiana and locally through The Portland Foundation, the program is open to Jay County residents who are graduating high school in 2024, pursuing a full-time bachelor's course at an Indiana institution in fall 2024 and have a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Sept. 1. The recipient will be notified in the winter.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSP) will provide nearly 150 scholarships in 2024. Created in 1997, the program has been supported annually with grants totaling more than \$486 million.

To apply, visit portlandfoundation.org. For more information. contact Jessica Cook at (260) 726-4260.

Deadline approaching

The deadline for a Ball Foundation Brothers award is coming up.

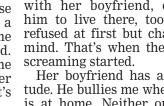
The John W. and Janice B. Fisher Governance nance-award.

Note

Award "highlights the important role board members play in strategic planning and financial oversight to achieve the organization's mission, secure financial stability, and ensure general effectiveness of the organization," according to a press release from the Ball Brothers Foundation. Delaware County nonprofit organizations have until 4 p.m. Aug. 15 to nominate a board member for the award, which allots a \$10,000 grant to the recipient's organization.

The award will be presented at the annual Greater Muncie Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner in October. To learn more about eligibility requirements and to submit a nomination, visit ballfdn.org/fisher- gover-





They live on my son's income. I'm running low on patience and strength. I'm 77. All I would like is to get better and have some peace and quiet. What do I do? Can you advise me? — TRAPPED

ago, I visited my oldest and dearest friend, who I see a few times a year. The last time, her husband, who I've also known for years joke, but the teasing got mean. Eventually he stopped, and I continued my visit.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in *mit an item, email* mony Cafe in Portland.

CINCINNATUS

DUNKIRK HISTORI-Community Calendar as LEAGUE — Will meet at CAL SOCIETY — Is open CENTER — Free pregnanspace is available. To sub- noon Friday, Aug. 4, at Har- from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on cy testing with ongoing the first and third Satur- support during and after day of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk. MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

PREGNANCY CARE pregnancy. The contor is

Friday

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-DUNKIRK HISTORI- MOUS — Will meet at 10 CAL SOCIETY — Is open a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000. ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 SOFT SHOULDERS — A a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

Sudoku								
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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio. JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALI-TION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259

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.

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 — 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.

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.



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Opinion

Judge nixes silly Arizona statute

Las Vegas Review-Journal Tribune News Service

If you physically try to stop a police officer from doing his or her job, you're likely to be arrested. You could be preventing officers from stopping a serious crime or even saving a life.

But simply filming the police as they perform their duties is an entirely different matter.

Last year, Arizona Republicans passed legislation making it a crime for bystanders to film "law enforcement activity" while too close to police. "Too close" was defined as 8 feet away. Those who refused to comply after receiving a verbal warning faced misdemeanor charges. There were exceptions, includ-

Guest **Editorial**

ing for passengers in a car or someone in a private residence.

The proposal was met with immediate backlash from media organizations and civil rights groups. First Amendment, anyone? The arbitrary 8-foot stan-dard was just that — plucked out of the blue in an effort to intimidate bystanders from pulling out their cameras to catch the cops in action.

lican who represents a north-Phoenix-area district, admitted in a newspaper op-ed that he offered the proposal at the behest of Tucson police officers who were upset that a group of would-be Francis Ford were Coppolas following around local officers in an effort to document police misconduct.

A federal judge last year temporarily blocked implementation of the legislation. Last week, he tossed the law altogether. "The law prohibits or chills a substantial amount of First Amendment protected activity and is unnecessary to

Even the bill's sponsor, state prevent interference with Sen. John Kavanaugh, a Repub-police officers given other Arizona laws in effect," wrote U.S. District Judge John J. Tuchi.

It's worth noting that Arizona barely bothered to defend the statute — which raises the question of why lawmakers passed this inane proposal in the first place. Mr. Kavanaugh, who just happens to be a former law enforcement officer, said he was unable to find an outside group to fight for the legislation.

Whether the police like it or not, filming in a public area is a constitutionally protected activity. As the judge pointed out, laws already exist to prosecute those who prevent police officers from doing their jobs.

The law was especially ridiculous given that many police agencies now equip their officers with body cameras that docu-ment confrontations and the footage is often available to the public. And don't forget that filming works both ways. While the camera may reveal law enforcement wrongdoing, it can also protect officers from unfounded allegations leveled by wrongdoers.

The Arizona bill was unconstitutional on its face. If law enforcement officers are afraid of being filmed, they should adjust their conduct accordingly rather than try to conceal it. Judge Tuchi hit this softball out of the park.

Begin effort by banning chemicals

By KRISTINA MARUSIC Progressive Perspectives

Tribune News Service The next phase of the Cancer Moonshot, initiated by President Joe Biden in 2022, aims to cut the cancer death rate in half within 25 years.

There's a lot worth celebrating in this new plan, including the fact that it is more committed to cancer prevention than previous versions that overemphasized early detection. Those tests are important, but they are tools for treating people who already have cancer, not a way of keeping them from getting cancer in the first place.

The new plan also supports the use of vaccines that can help prevent cancer and recognizes the role of environmental risk factors. This shift deserves to be applauded – it demonstrates an important acknowledgment of untapped potential to stop cancer before it begins.

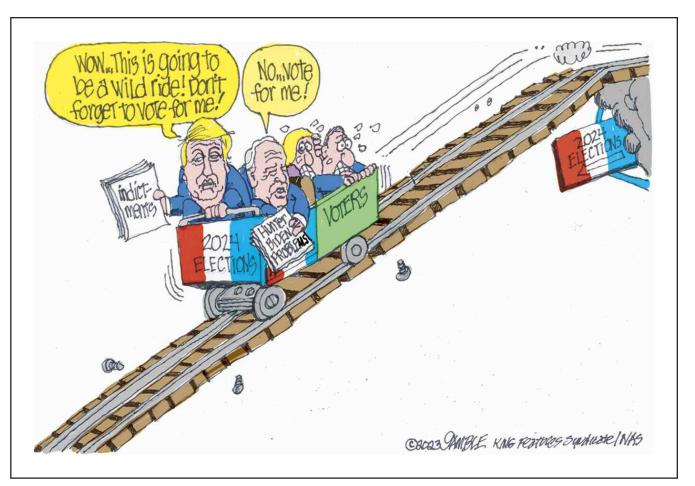
But there's a clear path to cancer prevention that the plan hardly menreducing tions: the amount of cancer-causing chemicals that are present in nearly every facet of our everyday lives.

Dozens of unregulated cinogens in tap water,



Many people assume the chemicals in our consumer products are strictly regulated, but the truth is that less than 1% have been tested for safety.

to be harmful are generally still on our shelves: More than 100 manufactured chemicals have been found to cause cancer in humans, but in the or under-regulated car- last 50 years, only five chemicals have been



Eliminate partisan primaries

By RICHARD BARTON

The Fulcrum Tribune News Service

There is growing mainstream consensus that partisan primaries are one of the main causes of government dysfunction. They disenfranchise voters, promote division, and gridlock legislatures. Recognizing this primary problem, Alaska, Cali-fornia, Louisiana and Washington have eliminated partisan primaries. While each state's system is slightly different, the evidence so far suggests nonnartisan primaries are decreas hexavalent removed from U.S. mar- ing polarization and improving gov-But given how partisan and ideologically extreme most politicians still are, are nonpartisan primaries really enough to save American democracy? While we're already seeing improvements in the states that have them, the tide won't fully change until a critical mass of politicians are freed from partisan primaries at the state and national level. The reality is that even though politicians from four states are already liberated from partisan primaries, their behavior is still affected by the vast majority of lawmakers who aren't. Recent developments in Washington, D.C., on the debt ceiling and in Nebraska on hot-button social issues help demonstrate this dynamic. First, consider the debt ceiling debate in Washington. On the surface, it appears that Speaker Kevin McCarthy, along with other Republicans from nonpartisan primary states, were equally as guilty as any for bringing the nation to the brink of default and economic calamity. If nonpartisan primaries are such a force for moderation and good governance, you'd think McCarthy and other Republicans from these states would have been less combative in the negotiations. Again, back to reality. Republicans from nonpartisan primary states still have to govern with colleagues elected through a partisan primary, and McCarthy is tasked with leading them. Because he needed to appease



the far-right Freedom Caucus — all of whom are from states that use partisan primaries — he was less compromising than he might have otherbeen. Ultimately, McCarthy and lesserknown Louisiana Republican Rep. Garret Graves marshaled enough GOP support for the deal. In the final vote, 95 percent of Republicans from the nonpartisan primary states voted for the bill, in contrast to 65 percent from partisan primary states. Despite this clear statistical difference, representatives from nonpartisan primaries acted more ideological and partisan than they might have otherwise, in an effort to maintain solidarity (and win over) more partisan colleagues elected under the traditional primary system. For the second example, consider the rightward lurch of Nebraska Republicans and the resulting dysfunction in the state legislature over hot button issues. Nebraska instituted nonpartisan primaries in 1934 when it began holding elections for its unicameral state senate without party labels. From 1996 to 2020, Nebraska was the fourth least polarized state government in the nation. So up until recently, Nebraska's unicameral Senate was held up as a model of civil deliberation and good governance. However, in recent years, the Nebraska Senate has become as partisan as other states. The same measures that show Nebraska was generally less polarized in recent decades also show that Nebraska has nonetheless been the most rapidly polarizing state over the last decade. This rapid polarization crescendoed earlier this year when Democrats filibustered Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Republican legislation restricting abortion and treatment for trans youth, grinding the government to a halt for several weeks.

Similar to the congressional debt ceiling example, outside forces were at play in Nebraska. While the state legislature has nonpartisan primaries, the gubernatorial primaries are partisan. In 2014, now-Gov. Pete Ricketts won a very competitive Republican primary for governor with just 26.6 percent of the vote. He then defeated his Democratic opponent in an uncompetitive general election. Ricketts Unsurprisingly, Gov. behaved like a politician who had to worry much more about being outflanked on the right in a primary than about losing to a Democrat in November. When moderate Republicans in the state senate opposed his far-right agenda, Gov. Ricketts — who is a multimillionaire - recruited and funded conservative challengers. Despite the Nebraska Legislature's nonpartisan primary system, the wealth and involvement of the state's most powerful politician was enough to sweep these conservative insurgents into These Rickets-supported office. Republicans introduced the conservative legislation we saw in 2023, including the abortion ban at six weeks. On their own, nonpartisan primaries appear to enhance meaningful participation, reduce polarization and improve governance. But in the United States' complex tapestry of election systems, nonpartisan primaries do not operate in a vacuum. In the debt ceiling and Nebraska cases, conservative Republicans who took office through a partisan primary created incentives for more moderate Republicans to act more partisan and extreme. This indicates that as more states do away with partisan primaries, the benefits of such reforms should become larger and more evident.

including by Erin Brockovich), nitrate and chloroform estimated cause an 100,000 lifetime cancer cases nationwide. Carcinogens in our food include glyphosate, PFAS, titanium dioxide and many additives that are banned in other parts of the world, but are still allowed in products sold in the United States.

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We don't have to reinvent the wheel here. Safer alternatives to these chemicals exist, and numerous nonprofits have spent decades advocating around this issue and have put forth comprehensive policy briefs.

Our existing chemical regulations — or lack thereof — represent a vast, untapped potential for cancer prevention, and Biden could effectively mobilize the numerous federal agencies needed to address the scale of this crisis.

Biden's plan will be a powerful tool when it comes to treating Americans who already have the disease. But it will only be truly revolutionary if it also includes specific, concrete plans to protect us from the chemicals giving us cancer in the first place.

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Local



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Pictured above are the grand champion exhibitors from the Jay County 4-H poultry show that was held July 9 at the Jay County Fair. From left are Austin Dirksen, who showed the grand champion meat bird, Anna Brewer, who had the grand champion for overall commercial egg production, and Jenna Bricker, who showed the grand champion exhibition bird.

Bricker, Dirksen, Brewer showed top birds Skirvin

Jenna Bricker, Austin Dirksen and Anna Brewer topped the list of exhibitors July 9 in the 4-H poultry show at the Jay County Fair.

Bricker showed the grand champion exhibition bird while Dirksen's turkey was the grand **C** champion meat bird and Brewer won grand champion overall commercial egg production.

Madi Paxson won both senior and advanced showmanship. Brothers Finn and Tuck Hemmelgarn took the top spot in junior and beginner showmanship, respectively, with Finn also finishing as runner-up to Paxson in the senior division.

champions Reserve were Jacob Monroe for meat bird, Joseph Kunk for exhibition bird and Finn Hemmelgarn for commercial egg production.

Other awards were as follows:

Meat production

- Turkey Tom
- 1. Austin Dirksen
- 2. Duston Muhlenkamp
- Meat hen
- 1. Duston Muhlenkamp
- 2. Kinze Homan

Champion: Austin Dirksen Reserve

Duston Muhlenkamp

1. Lilly Lothridge 2. Brianna Faller	
Champion: Lothridge	Lilly
Reserve champion: anna Faller	Bri-
Commercial eggs White shell 1. Ty Paxson 2. Madi Paxson	

Drake

Brown shell 1. Ty Paxson 2. Madi Paxson

Colored 1. Madi Paxson 2. Ty Paxson

Champion: Ty Paxson Reserve champion: Madi Paxson

Commercial egg produc-

tion White laying pullets 1. Madi Paxson 2. Audrey Hambrock

White laying hens 1. Ty Paxson 2. Claire Skirvin

Champion: Ty Paxson Reserve champion: Madi Paxson

Brown laying pullets 1. Ty Paxson 2. Tuck Hemmelgarn

Brown laying hens

1. Anna Brewer 2. Madi Paxson champion:

Champion: Anna Brewer

American cockerel 1. Jenna Bricker

American cock 1. Joseph Kunk 2. Kinley Brunson

American large fowl Champion: Joseph Kunk Reserve champion: Madi Paxson

Asiatic pullet 1. Ty Paxson 2. Claire Skirvin

Asiatic cock 1. Ty Paxson

Asiatic large fowl Champion: Ty Paxson Reserve champion: **Claire Skirvin**

Continental pullet 1. Madi Paxson 2. Madi Paxson

Continental hen 1. Jenn Bricker

Continental cockerel 1. Madi Paxson

Continental cock 1. Jenna Bricker 2. Kinley Brunson

Continental large fowl Champion: Madi Paxson

Reserve champion: Jenna Bricker

English pullet 1. Audrey Hambrock Mediterranean hen 1. Joseph Kunk Mediterranean cocker-

el 1. Claire Skirvin

Mediterranean large foul

Champion: Joseph Kunk

Reserve champion: **Claire Skirving**

All other standard breeds Cock

Champion: Claire Skirvin Reserve champion: Keisha Adair

Large fowl Champion: Claire

Skirvin Reserve champion: Keisha Adair

All other non-standard breeds Champion: Keisha

Adair

Large fowl breeding pen

1. Audrey Hambrock 2. Ty Paxson

Overall large fowl exhibition

champion: Grand Joseph Kunk

Reserve grand champion: Ty Paxson Exhibition wildlife

Turkey - Tom 1. Ty Paxson 2. Claire Skirvin Turkey - hen

Jenna Bricker Exhibition waterfowl Duck 1. Corbin Lothridge 2. Brianna Faller

Drake 1. Claire Skirvin

2. Kinley Brunson

Gander 1. Lilly Lothridge

Goose 1. Lilly Lothridge

exhibition Overall waterfowl Champion: Corbin

Lothridge Reserve champion: Brianna Faller

Bantam Modern game hen

1. Claire Skirvin Modern game bantam Champion: Claire

Skirvin Old English game hen 1. Corbin Lothridge 2. Claire Skirvin

Old English game cockerel

1. Jenna Bricker Old English game cock

1. Jenna Bricker 2. Madi Paxson

Old English game bantam

Champion: Jenna Bricker

Reserve champion: Madi Paxson

Reserve champion: **Claire Skirvin**

Rose comb clean-legged hen 1. Joseph Kunk

Rose comb clean-legged cockerel

1. Claire Skirvin

Rose comb clean-legged cock

1. Kinley Brunson

Rose comb clean-legged bantam Champion: Joseph Kunk Reserve champion: **Claire Skirvin**

> Feather-legged pullet 1. Keisha Adair

Feather-legged hen 1. Ayva Pitman 2. Ayva Pitman

Feather-legged cock 1. Claire Skirvin 2. Aven Hambrock

Feather-legged bantam Champion: Claire Skirvin

Reserve champion: Ayva Pitman

All other combs clean hen

1. Claire Skirvin

Reserve

All other combs clean cock 1. Joseph Kunk

All other combs clean bantam Champion: Joseph Kunk

Bantam breeding pen

1. Jenna Bricker

2. Ty Paxson

champion:

Commercial chicken Broiler 1. Jacob Monroe 2. Joshua Monroe

Roaster 1. Joshua Monroe 2. Jacob Monroe

Champion: Jacob Monroe Reserve champion: Joshua Monroe

Production waterfowl Duck 1. Megan Faller

Reserve champion: Madi Paxson Colored laying pullets Champion: Finn Hem-

melgarn champion: Reserve Sawyer Hemmelgarn

Exhibition

Large fowl American pullet 1. Madi Paxson 2. Brianna Faller

American Hen 1. Anna Brewer 2. Ty Paxson

English hen 1. Keisha Adair 2. Audrey Hambrock

English cockerel 1. Audrey Hambrock 2. Claire Skirvin

English Cock 1. Keisha Adair 2. Madi Paxson

Keisha Champion: Adair Reserve champion: Audrey Hambrock

Pigeon 1. Jenna Bricker 2. Keisha Adair

1. Keisha Adair

Guinea 1. Ty Paxson 2. Levi Garringer

Quail 1. Jenna Bricker

Overall Champion: Ty Paxson Reserve champion:

Single comb clean legged **Claire Skirvin** hen

1. Joseph Kunk 2. Keisha Adair

Single comb clean legged cockerel 1. Claire Skirvin

Single cleancomb legged cock 1. Claire Skirvin 2. Aven Hambrock

comb Single cleanlegged bantam Champion: Claire

tion Grand champion: Jenna Bricker Reserve champion: Joseph Kunk

Overall bantam exhibi-

Overall exhibition bird Grand champion: Jenna Bricker Reserve grand champi-

Haffner takes home top dog title for fifth time

Katie Haffner is back on top.

Haffner closed out her Jay County 4-H dog show career July 8 by showing the top dog for the fifth time at the Jay County Fair.

In addition to her top dog win — Allison Tipton had won the crown last vear - Haffner also won master showmanship and went on to take the small animal supreme showmanship title. She also won for intermediate agility, obedience in Class 1B and the trick competition.

Riley Clifton had the reserve grand champion top dog.

Other awards at the dog show were as follows:

Agility

Intermediate Reserve champion: Allison Tipton

Beginner C Champion: Alexis Tipton Reserve champion: Ramzey Huftel

Beginner A Khloe Champion: Homan Reserve champion: Alexa Jones

Sportsmanship award Jackie Tipton

Showmanship

Beginner Champion: Grant Clifton Kunk Reserve champion: Alexa Jones

Intermediate Champion: Freddie Lingo champion: Reserve Grant Clifton

Senior Champion: Lina Lingo Reserve champion: Maisey Keller

Master Reserve champion: Joseph Kunk

Obedience

Class 3A Champion: Lina Lingo

Class 1A Champion: Kenzie Homan champion: ton Reserve Khloe Homan

Class 1B Reserve champion: Riley Clifton Class 2A

Champion: Grant Clifton Katie Haffner

Class 2B Champion: Joseph Reserve champion: Maisey Keller

Champion: Deb Haffner

Most improved Champion:

Kenzie Homan

Knowledge test

Junior Champion: Scarlett Fosnaugh Reserve champion: Ramzey Huftel

Intermediate Champion: Alexis Tip-Reserve champion Keisha Adair

Senior Champion: Allison Tipton Reserve champion:



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Katie Haffner showed the top dog July 8 during the 4-H dog show at the Jay County Fair. Over her 10-year 4-H career, Haffner earned the top dog banner five times with three different dogs.

Reserve champion:

Jackie Tipton

Costume Champion: Ezra Alt

Heel and sit

Scarlett Fosnaugh Reserve champion:

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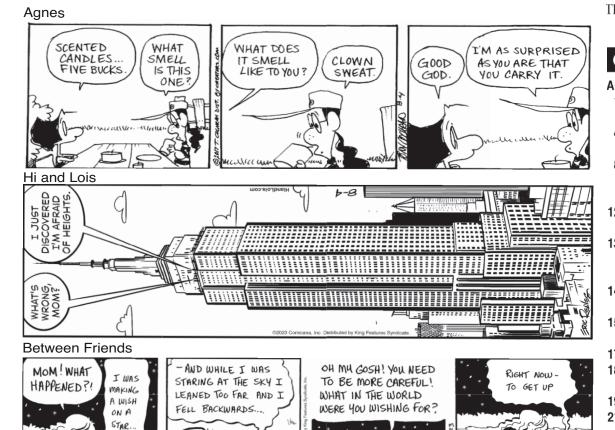


THE FAMILY CIRCUS **By Bil Keane** 11---1 8-4 GANE

"He's being a doggy, Mommy. If you want him you have to say, 'HERE, BOY!'"







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Bidding quiz

2. Two spades. Bearing in mind that partner's response might be

based on nothing more than four small spades, you should still feel

reasonably safe in bidding for eight tricks. Counting the distribution

and trump fit, your hand is worth about 18 points, which warrants a single raise — but no more. The raise invites partner to go on to game with maximum values for his orawious bid

3. Three spades. A raise to three

promises greater values than a raise to two, and usually shows about 20

points. It invites partner to bid again with a smattering of values and allows him to pass with a worthless hand.

4. Two hearts. That's all you can

safely bid — even though you might feel like bidding more. It's

true that you have a bit more than

the double and the two-heart bid indicate, but your prospects for game will require a voluntary move

forward by partner. By doubling and then bidding

two hearts, you have already indi-cated that your hand was too strong

for a mere one-heart overcall. You

should let partner do the rest. He is

presumably just as eager to bid

game as you are.

previous bid.

You are South, both sides vulner- stronger hand. able. The bidding has been: East South West North 1 🔶 Dble Pass 1 🛦 Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠ K97 ♥ Q8653 ♦ 10 ♣ AKJ4 2. ♠ AQ874 ♥ K962 ♦ K5 ♣ K8 3. \bigstar KJ98 \forall AK10 \bigstar 83 \bigstar AKJ7 4. \bigstar Q6 \forall AQJ94 \bigstar K9 \bigstar AQJ3

1. Pass. A player who doubles for takeout is not obligated to bid again if partner makes no more than a minimum response. The doubler must remember that part-ner's forced reply does not promise any strength whatsoever and, in fact, will often be based on a weak hand (usually 0-8 points). Conse-quently, if the doubler lacks extra values beyond those already guar-anteed by the double, he is expected to pass a minimum response. In this instance, there is no good

reason to bid again over one spade. Game is not possible, considering partner's failure to indicate a promising hand by making a jump-response or cuebidding the opponents' suit. A raise to two spades would indicate greater values than you have, and a bid of two hearts would imply a better suit and a

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Plan

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"It was interesting, putting all these different ideas on the table," said Caedon Kottinger, a UCLA baseball pitcher who served on a competitive greatness committee, "to see how we would best succeed in the Big Ten."

As a result of the feedback, a pilot program was unveiled in the spring to serve lunch every day to dozens of athletes on a cross-section of teams. By the 2024-25 school year, the Bruins' first in the Big Ten, that will increase to breakfast and lunch for every team.

UCLA has committed to spending as much as \$10.32 million a year to enhance support in nutrition, mental health and academic tutoring along chartered with more flights to minimize time away from school as officials try to mitigate the travel challenges that accompany trips to the Midwest and the East Coast.

if it was committing extra financial resources to those same areas.

football Conference schedules for the 2024 and 2025 seasons — with dates to be announced later were released in June. USC will travel to Maryland. Northwestern. Penn State and Purdue, in addition to UCLA, during their first year in the Big Ten. The Bruins will take trips that season to face Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Rutgers.

Many questions remain. Will UCLA hire a second football equipment truck driver to navigate all those extra miles? Should the Trojans arrive in State Pennsylvania, College, two days before their game against Penn State to acclimate to the threehour time change?

Answers are expected to trickle in over the next year. The schools are engaging sleep specialists, nutritionists and mental health experts — among

USC declined to divulge many others — to devise best practices that will maximize performance while lowering the strain on athletes.

The travel burden is expected to be especially heavy for Olympic sports teams that take extended trips to play multiple games. UCLA and USC are working with the Big Ten design conference to schedules that create the least amount of travel, keeping athletes away from campus as little as possible.

'Of course, there's always hesitation from Olympic sports — kind of like, 'OK, where are we going to fall in this?" said Margueritte Aozasa. coach of UCLA's defending national champion women's soccer team. "And I think UCLA has been super supportive from Day 1 and very transparent about like, Hey, we're going to try as best we can to support everyone here.'

has been so-called jamborees involving multiple teams meeting in a central location to play several games. In some scheduling models, select teams could actually play fewer road conference games.

The 11 Big Ten women's gymnastics teams could compete in tri or quad meets where three or four teams convene at a site in the Midwest to lower the travel burden while ensuring that each team faces one another during the regular season.

"Meeting some of those teams more in the middle [of the country] might be a good option for that," said Janelle McDonald, the UCLA women's gymnastics coach.

Reaching their destination most efficiently could involve multiple teams from UCLA or USC traveling together to play the same school — or, the rivalry gods be damned -Bruins and Trojans taking the same chartered plane. One proposed solution The latter scenario could

easily work where one the Bruins and Trojans school was playing at Illinois and the other at Purdue, which are roughly 90 miles apart.

"Oh, I feel like that could be kind of fun,' Aozasa said with a laugh of traveling with the Trojans. "If we had to travel somewhere with [UCLA women's] volleyball, that would be a dream. And in terms of USC, that could be a little bit different, but our approach to that is that it serves us to work together."

Aozasa said a Big Ten schedule dotted with Midwest and East Coast teams could benefit the Bruins because it would better prepare them for the NCAA tournament, which tends to include more teams east of the Mississippi River. The UCLA and USC women's soccer teams will also experience extra preparation from a conference tournament, which did not exist in the Pac-12.

figures to expand, with two caveats both schools will likely continue to draw heavily from talent-rich Southern California and already go after the best prospects in every sport regardless of ZIP Code.

But one early payoff of playing games in 12 states can be found in Westwood. UCLA freshman quarterback Dante Moore, the highest-rated recruit at his position to pick the school in at least two decades, said he chose the Bruins in part because he would get to play a couple of games each season near his Detroit home.

"I still think your recruiting base is always going to be somewhere within driving distance of your campus, but there's always exceptions," Kelly said. "There's not a hard and fast rule. I think the kids from California are excited about playing at a Michigan or at a Penn The recruiting reach of State or at an Ohio State."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Fort Recovery - Football scrimmage at Antwerp – 6 p.m.

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ington Mystics (ION) 8 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Min-

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Flag football registration open

Registration for Jay Community Center'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 javcc.org.

Soccer sign-ups available now

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Please be advised that the Common Council of the City of Dunkirk, Indiana, will hold a public hearing related to the sewer rates and charges assessed by the Dunkirk Sewage Works Department on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 131 South Main Street, Dunkirk, Indiana. The rates and charges to be considered by the City of Dunkirk are as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Dunkirk, Indiana that Chapter 51.192 (A) and (B), Sewage Rates and Charges, are hereby deleted and the following paragraphs are substituted:

Effective January 1, 2024, the Sewage Rate and Charges are as follows:

(A) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. Water meters will be read once each month (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of

(1) Treatment rate (per 100 cu. ft.)	\$ 4.26
Plus,	
(2) Base rate as follows:	Monthly Minimum Charge
Meter Size	
5/8 inch meter	\$ 16.88
3/4 inch meter	\$ 22.73
1 inch meter	\$ 38.94
1 1/2 inch meter	\$ 87.67
2 inch meter	\$ 149.58
3 inch meter	\$ 341.39
4 inch meter	\$ 592.14
6 inch meter	\$1,344.45
8 inch meter	\$2,393.20
(B) For residential users of the sewage we	orks that are not metered water use
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water users or from whom accurate water readings are not available, the monthly charged based upon a 5/8" meter with a flow of 895 cu. ft. per month shall be \$55.17. Nomesidential umnetered users shall be charged a rate based upon estimated monthly usage to be determined by city officials on an individual basis

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Dunkirk, Indiana that Chapter 52.15, Rates and Charges, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph is substituted: There are established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City, the following rates and charges, based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system:

(A)Metered User Block Schedule:

Effective January 1, 2024, for use and service rendered by the waterworks system of the City, based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system:

Consumption per month Rate per 100 cu. ft.

First 133 cu. ft.	\$18.02
Next 1,533 cu. ft.	\$9.04
Over 1.666 cu. ft.	\$7.56

(B) Metered User Minimum Schedule:

Effective January 1, 2024, each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates.

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5/8 inch meter	134	\$24.08
3/4 inch meter	193	\$29.41
1 inch meter	342	\$42.88
1 1 /2 inch meter	769	\$81.50
2 inch meter	1,368	\$135.66
3 inch meter	3,079	\$269.66
4 inch meter	5,473	\$451.01
6 inch meter	12,312	\$969.09
8 inch meter	21,886	\$1694.35
C) Fire Protection		

Effective January 1, 2024, the rate charged for fire protection shall be as follows:

(1) Annual Charge Per Hydrant

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Private hydrants, per hydrant per annum \$937.44

(2)	Aut	omatic	sprinkler	connection per annum
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2 inch connection	\$104.14
4 inch connection	\$416.58
6 inch connection	\$937.17
8 inch connection	\$1666.44
10 inch connection	\$2628.84
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Patriots improve in second outing

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By ANDREW BALKO The Commercial Review

GENEVA — Marvin Buckner is looking for consistent improvement from his girls this season.

That's what he got from three golfers as the Patriots lowered their score by 23 strokes from their first match to the second.

The improvement helped Jay County High School's girls golf team to a 468 and a 10th-place finish in the South Adams Invitational at Wabash Valley Golf Course on Wednesday morning.

Norwell's score of 379 was enough to win the invitational, while Jay County avoided last place by beating Warsaw's second team (491).

The Patriots' score dropped 23 strokes from Tuesday's season opener in the Bellmont Invitational at Cross Creek Golf Club where they shot 491 to place fifth.

Meah Devoe had the biggest improvement among all of the Patriots, shaving her score of 130 on Tuesday down to 118 Wednesday.

'She seemed more relaxed and not as tense," Buckner said. "The first match of the season there are always jitters and I noticed she seemed more relaxed."

Devoe didn't have the best start to the match as it took her six strokes to reach the green on the 303-yard, par 4 sixth hole, resulting in an eight-stroke double par.

She started to hone in later, shooting bogies on holes seven, nine, 10 and 13.

Devoe's short game and longer drives carried her to the midmatch success.

"It's been great. I've had some awesome putts," Devoe said as she approached her ball on the middle of the 14th fairway.

Her drive on the 350-yard, par 4 left her about 20 yards from where the fairway curved to the right. Her second shot was short before she hit an iron into the woods, forcing a drop. She was able to come back from the mis-

take with a solid chip that left her 15 feet from the hole and sunk another great putt to make good on her word.

Jay County's No.1 golfer, Maddy Snow, also improved from the opening invitational. She cut her score by seven strokes to earn a 99 on the day, echoing similar sentiments to the day's success as what Buckner accredited for Devoe.

"I think I was just having a lot more fun right off the bat than I was yesterday," Snow said. "I was really nervous yesterday. But today is just more about focusing on having fun."

Snow's 99 was the best score for the Patriots and was the 13th-best among all golfers. Warsaw's Claire Reust was the tournament medalist with 87 while Norwell's Savannah Simerman and South Adam's Julia Arnold tied for 10th with 97, Simerman winning the tiebreaker.

Another big key to Snow's success was straightening out her drives to avoid having to lose strokes by dropping extra balls or losing ground by rebounding off of trees.

"(Wabash Valley Golf Club) has a lot of trees, and usually I'm a tree magnet, but today, I was hit-ting pretty straight," Snow said. "My drives were straight today, which is an improvement from yesterday. So I'm happy with that.

Snow parred holes five and seven while adding nine bogies on the day.

Snow saw Wednesday's match as more than just a step forward from Tuesday, but also a big change from her freshman and sophomore seasons when she shot 122s at the South Adams Invitational.

The 133-yard, 3 par 18th hole stood out to Snow as a sign of improvement. It requires golfers to tee off over water and clear it to reach the green on the other side. In both of Snow's freshman intimidating," Buckner said. the game up and improving,'

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JCHS sophomore Meah Devoe hits her iron on the 350-yard, par 4 hole No. 14 at Wabash Valley Golf Club during the South Adams Invitational on Wednesday. The shot put Devoe on the green and she proceeded to sink a 15-foot putt en route to a 118 as the Patriots placed 10th out of 11 teams.

and sophomore seasons, her first shot went into the water. She didn't have that problem Wednesday.

Snow wasn't the only Patriot to clear the water on the 18th, as Devoe, freshmen Whitney McIntire and Brooklyn Bright all joined her. McIntire and Bright were the only players from their foursomes that were able to drive across the water near the green.

"Some of those holes are very

"But overall, the girls did great." McIntire also stepped up her game from Tuesday to Wednesday. She shaved off six strokes to earn a 121 at Wabash Valley. (Tuesday's match was the first match McIntire ever competed in.)

She finished with three bogies Wednesday.

"I'm excited and overjoyed that these young girls are just picking Buckner said. "As a young coach these are new players just coming on improving from match to match is just amazing to see.

"It lets me as a coach know that they are paying attention and they are dedicated."

Bright was the final golfer to score for the Patriots, finishing with a 130.

Jamie Davis' score of 140 did not count towards the team score



UCLA and USC's plan for move to the Big 10

BV BEN BOLCH Los Angeles Times

thing we do when we get plan to maximize that there." The benefits of Big Ten membership should help in that endeavor. According to some projections, UCLA and USC stand to make between \$65 million and \$75 million per year in media rights fees — likely more than double what they would have pocketed by staying in the Pac-12 – while gaining a larger recruiting footprint and increased national exposure. "You're not going to play a game later than 8 [p.m.] o'clock on the East Coast because of the time slots the Big Ten has," UCLA football coach Chip Kelly said, "so the exposure of being shown around the country [at a more reasonable hour] is a positive." Scheduling is just one component of transition planning. At USC, that process has been complicated in recent months by the absence of an athletic director after the school parted ways with Mike Bohn. The Trojans were already taking a different approach than that of their rival by engaging the outside consulting firm Huron, though the group is largely composed of former Big Ten insiders. In addition to Barbour's ties to Penn State, consulting partner Kevin Weiberg was once a Big Ten associate commissioner and vice president of the Big Ten Network. "I knew who to go to," Barbour said. "I think it's been helpful to not have to make 20 calls to find out who we need to go to in the conference to talk about a particular thing.'

to remain elite in every- ing report, making a game information and implementing the plan for the school's kickoff in its new conference. Officials from the Big Ten and its eponymous television network have visited campus to meet Bruins athletes, coaches and administrators while also touring facilities to understand the school's infrastructure. Elliott spoke with athletic officials at other schools that had completed conference moves or were in the middle of the process, seeking suggestions to ensure UCLA didn't overlook any part of its transition. The Bruins are about to start the final phase of their plan after athletes conveyed through surveys and committees that nutrition, mental health and academic support were top priorities. "They asked what's lacking, what's different, like compare yourself to the Big Ten schools," said Lauryn Carter, an outfielder on the softball team who served on a finance committee. "We had a lot of conversations about that, like, what is this school providing that we're lacking? What is going to make us stand out in the Big Ten?' Suggestions included providing a dedicated nutritionist for each sport, standard practice among some Big Ten schools. More food offerings were requested from athletes outside of the football and basketball teams that enjoy catered meals at their practice facilities. No proposal was off limits, however impractical. There was even brief discussion about moving from the quarter system to the semester system to more closely align with most Big Ten schools.

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LOS ANGELES — As their old conference ticks its way toward a shriveled, uncertain future schools skedaddling seemingly by the day — UCLA and USC have formally commenced the countdown toward a more assured fate.

A clock unveiled by UCLA as part of a transition website counts the days, hours, minutes and seconds until the school and its cross-town rival officially become members of the Big Ten Conference on Aug. 2, 2024.

"That date is burned in our minds," said Sandy Barbour, the former Penn State athletic director who is part of USC's transition team.

The clock represents an opening salvo in the schools' final year of Pac-12 membership as they try to delicately walk the line between respecting the past and embracing the future. They have already spent more than a year adopting one mantra of Wooden, the John crossover basketball star who played for Purdue in the Big Ten before coaching at UCLA in the conference that would become the Pac-12.

If failing to prepare is preparing to fail, as Wooden liked to say, then UCLA and USC have one less worry. They've spent countless hours planning for the unprecedented change that awaits as part of life on one end of the first coast-to-coast conference.

"Our mindset right now," said Matt Elliott, the chief strategy officer for the UCLA athletic department who is also the point person for its transition team, "is to make sure that we are ready for everything that comes when we join the Big Ten. We want what Elliott called a scout-

Across town, the transition has been divided into three phases that come with their own sports analogies — gathering information to create

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