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Airport to host Aviation Indiana meeting

Event draws aviation officials from across the state

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

The organization that advocates for aviation statewide is coming to Portland.

Aviation Indiana has reached out to Portland Municipal Airport to host one of its quarterly meetings in 2024.

Hal Tavzel, Portland's airport manager, reported to Portland Board of Aviation at its final meeting of the year Wednesday that he was approached about Portland Municipal Airport hosting an Aviation Indiana quarterly meeting. It is scheduled for Aug. 15.

"It's quite the honor," said Tavzel, estimating that 50 to 75 typically attend. "There's airport managers from around the state, consultants and contractors that come over."

He noted that the meetings typically run from about 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with multiple presentations. The host airport is in charge of creating the agenda.

Tavzel said there are opportunities for members of the community to get involved and local leaders to address those in attendance.

"It's just a really good opportunity to showcase the airport to other communities around the state," he said. "So I'm looking forward to that."

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Gala performance

Karen Meiring sings "Move Me Closer" during Fort Recovery Radio's Christmas Gala broadcast Wednesday at Cooper Brothers Community Pavilion in Community Park. The broadcast brought in more than \$202,000 — more is expected to come in via mail in the coming weeks — that will be distributed to various local families and causes.

U.S., Chinese military officials connect

By **COURTNEY MCBRIDE**
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

General Charles Brown, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs, spoke with his Chinese counterpart for the first time in a call that the Biden administration billed as a further sign

that ties between the two countries' militaries may be getting back to normal.

The Defense Department said that the video call between Brown and Liu Zhenli, held Thursday morning in Washington, included discussion of working together to

avoid miscalculations and maintaining open lines of communication.

A senior U.S. military official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, credited a meeting between President Joe Biden and President Xi Jinping in Novem-

ber for opening the way to restore contacts that had been severed since then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in August.

The official said future steps include plans to hold talks on defense policy in January and a round of

maritime consultations in the spring.

This would be the first time the two sides have held the defense policy coordination talks, intended to be an annual dialog, since Beijing canceled them following Pelosi's trip.

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Kylee croons

Seventh grader Kylee Timmerman sings Tuesday evening during the Jay County Junior High School choir's production of "Lights! Camera! Christmas!" Timmerman played Student Greta in the show that featured the songs "Super Santa," "Mary, Did You Know?" and "Get Along, Little Reindeer."

There is no single solution

Editor's note: This is the final installment of a three-part story about chronic absenteeism from school in Indiana. The first and second parts ran on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

By **CASEY SMITH**
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State education officials maintain that absenteeism is a problem without a single solution. And local school administrators agree.

Even so, some members of the State Board of Education have positioned that new penalties should be put in place to compel students back into the classroom, although no specific consequences have been shared publicly yet.

Lawmakers seem to be taking a similar stance.

Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray said during a legislative conference last week that "truancy," specifically, is on the General Assembly's radar. He expects bills will be filed to address attendance issues but did not provide specifics.

"I mean, if you're talking about a second or third grader, you're primary talking about a

parenting problem," Bray said, emphasizing the need for more wraparound services and involvement from Indiana's Department of Child Services (DCS) and local courts "to work with those parents, making them understand how important it is to come to school."

"It probably might not be as much of a parent problem when they're 16 or 17 years old ... so you have juvenile delinquency, where you can get the kids into court and have the judges motivate them and work with them so that they understand the importance of finishing up school."

But Hedy Chang, founder and executive director of Attendance Works, a national nonprofit that works to advance student success by reducing chronic absence, said an emphasis on truancy tends to trigger "much more punitive responses" that aren't always in the best interest of the student.

"We have to shift to look at all absences. We want to understand their impact. We want to take prevention problem-solving approaches."

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 46 degrees Wednesday. The low was 30.

The forecast calls for a low of 40 tonight with rain expected. Skies will be cloudy Saturday

with more rain expected, mainly in the morning. The high will be in the upper 40s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

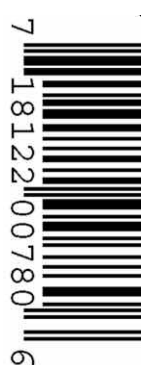
In review

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 — Coverage of this week's Redkey Town Council meeting.

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball game against Wapahani.



Host ...

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This marks the first time Portland Municipal Airport has hosted such an event.
The January quarterly meeting is scheduled for Indiana Government Center – South in Indianapolis, with the April quarterly meeting at Greensburg Municipal Airport. The annual conference will be from Oct. 15 through 17 at Terre Haute Convention Center.
Aviation Indiana was formed in 1983 and acts as a network and advocate for general aviation, support industries, aerospace educators, airports, fixed base operators, aircraft owners and operators and pilots.
Portland Board of Aviation members Faron Parr, Clyde

Bray, Caleb Lutes and John Ferguson also approved the airport's federal financial report for fiscal year 2023.
Jason Clearwaters of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, the airport's engineering firm, noted that the Federal Aviation Administration distributed \$5,821,604.14 in funding to the airport during the period covered in the report.
"In my career, this is one of the highest ones I recall for a general aviation airport," said Clearwaters.
Typically, airport projects are funded 90% by the Federal Aviation Administration, 5% by Indiana Department of Transportation and 5% by the local entity. By those standards, the \$5.8 million the air-

port received would have required a local match of about \$290,000.
However, FAA projects were fully federally funded in 2020 and '21 via coronavirus relief money. The result is that Portland Municipal Airport paid just \$3,056 in matching funds.
"It worked out very well for Portland that the two largest grants ever for the airport fell in (those years)," said Clearwaters, referencing the first and second phases of the airport's runway extension project that took it to 5,500 feet from the previous 4,000 feet.
He also reported that the 12-month wildlife hazard assessment for the airport is complete. The ensuing wildlife management plan recom-

mends that a fence be placed around the airport.
Tavzel noted that a 2021 crash in which an aircraft struck a deer at the airport prompted the FAA to push for the wildlife hazard assessment. (No injuries were reported in the crash.) He said deer and geese are the most frequent causes of problems related to wildlife at the airport.
In other business, the board:
•Learned from Tavzel that the airport sold 4,571 gallons of fuel in November for \$22,574.69. That's down from 6,006 in November 2022. Tavzel noted that the 12-month total of 86,909 is up several thousand gallons from the previous year. He said over the last decade, annual fuel sales had typically ranged between 50,000 and 75,000 gallons.

•Heard from Tavzel that the new 80-foot-by-80-foot Sunrise Aviation corporate hangar at the airport is nearly complete. It should be in use soon, he said. The board also agreed to reimburse Sunrise Aviation for \$16,000 worth of additional concrete work related to the hangar project. (Sunrise is handling about another \$24,000 in concrete work.)
•Approved FAA grant pay requests of \$11,265.38 for the competition of the apron expansion design and \$3,837.95 for the wildlife hazard assessment and the first phase of the apron expansion design.
•Heard from Clearwaters that the airport's capital improvement plan was submitted to the FAA prior to the deadline in early December.

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Saturday 12/23	Sunday 12/24	Monday 12/25	Tuesday 12/26	Wednesday 12/27
49/44	57/44	56/48	55/40	48/38
There's a 70% chance of rain Saturday under cloudy skies. Temperatures will stick in the 40s all day.	Mostly cloudy on Sunday, with a slight chance of rain late. Temperatures may reach the upper 50s.	Christmas Day looks to be rainy with a 60% chance of showers. At night, the low may hit the 40s.	Another day of rain is in the forecast for Tuesday, when the high will be 55.	More rain is on the horizon for Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies. At night, the low may dip to the 30s.

Lotteries

Powerball 27-35-41-56-60 Power Ball: 16 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$620 million	Daily Four: 1-7-4-5 Quick Draw: 2-3-20-21-24-26-32-35-37-40-43-44-49-54-57-65-66-68-70-74 Cash 5: 13-22-25-32-34 Estimated jackpot: \$245,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$57 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 4-9-9 Pick 4: 5-8-7-5 Pick 5: 0-5-1-0-6 Evening Pick 3: 6-6-2 Pick 4: 6-8-7-2 Pick 5: 2-2-8-1-0 Rolling Cash: 6-12-15-25-37 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 1-8-3 Daily Four: 8-3-2-7 Quick Draw: 6-12-14-16-18-20-28-33-41-44-45-49-51-52-58-62-65-68-72-73 Evening Daily Three: 2-4-8	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.57 Jan. corn.....4.59 Wheat.....5.33	Jan. beans.....12.86 Wheat.....5.74
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.57 Jan. corn.....4.57 Feb. corn.....4.60	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.27 Jan. corn.....4.44 Beans.....12.75 Jan. beans.....12.79 Wheat.....5.63
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.47 Jan. corn.....4.57 Beans.....12.76	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.48 Mach corn.....4.55 Beans.....12.59 Feb. beans.....12.52 Wheat.....5.24

Today in history

In 1882, Edward Johnson, vice president of Edison Electric Light Company, became the first person to decorate a Christmas tree with electric lights at his home.
In 1891, Max Wolf discovered the first asteroid using astrophotography. He named it after Catherine Wolfe Bruce, a patron of astronomy.
In 1937, Lincoln Tunnel opened, connecting New Jersey to New York City.
In 1966, the United States allocated 900,000 tons of grain to India in order to fight famine.
In 1989, Romanian president Nicolae Ceausescu was ousted from his position during the Romanian Revolution. The former Communist leader and his wife, Elena, tried to leave the country but were captured and later executed.
In 2010, President Barack Obama repealed "don't ask, don't tell" policy in United States military, a policy established in 1994. The new law allowed members of the LGBTQ community to openly serve in the military.
In 2014, Jay County Commissioners signed a formal contract with sheriff Dwane Ford, setting his salary at \$98,000. The agreement included a 2% annual raise, with Ford having the option to decline the pay increase. The annual salary for Jay County Sheriff in 2023 is set at \$108,200.
In 2017, Dollar General in Redkey opened for business along Indiana 67.
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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.
11 a.m. — Fort Recov-

ery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

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"Because we actually know that chronic absences are connected, for example, with trauma and adverse childhood experiences, and the worst thing you can do in that case is to say, 'What's wrong with you?'" Chang said. "You need to say, 'What's happening?' and ask how to cultivate family and student engagement in order to understand the issues and come up with meaningful solutions."
Chang additionally cautioned policymakers from labeling all chronically absent kids as "truant" or "unexcused."
"How we label absences — whether they're excused or unexcused — can deeply affect a child's experience. When they're unexcused, kids can be denied homework, denied the chance to make up for what happened in class, and that can actually start to shape a more negative experience with school and then lead to more legal consequences," Chang said. "And sometimes the difference between what's excused and unexcused can be a little arbitrary. If two kids were sick, but one didn't have health care and doesn't come with a note, then they're the one marked unexcused."

Teachers are also raising flags about chronic absenteeism.
Educators who spoke to the Indiana Capital Chronicle detailed how chronic absenteeism disrupts the flow of instruction in the classroom. They pointed to additional time that's needed to help absent students catch up, which can slow down the pace of classrooms overall.
Chronic absenteeism also makes it difficult to provide consistent support and personalized attention to individual students, and further hinders teachers' ability to accurately gauge whether students are understanding and mastering curriculum.
Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA) president Keith Gambill doubled down last month that addressing literacy deficiencies and student disciplinary issues in the classroom will have to include

responses to chronic absences. ISTA holds that identifying and addressing the core obstacles preventing students from getting to school should come first.
"But we can't do that when Indiana has one of the worst student-to-counselor ratios," Gambill said. "There just isn't the capacity in many of our schools to be able to identify the issues with our students, and we need to make sure that we have enough counselors and school psychologists in place to help."
As the state looks for solutions, some school officials said they're also worried that families with chronically absent students might find it easier to withdraw kids to home school.
"By doing that, they no longer have to follow a school attendance policy," Meadows said. "We believe that providing the same level of oversight to students that are homeschooled, or on virtual, that are in public school would go a long way in deterring families from leaving their public school and the added educational and social supports that come along with it."
So far, at the state level, an "Early Warning Dashboard" is in the works to direct resources to at-risk students. The system will be piloted for some schools this academic year. IDOE officials said the goal is for the dashboard to be ready for all schools by the start of the 2024-25 school year.
Included in the dashboard — which will be connected to Indiana's existing GPS dashboard — will be data on attendance, as well as information about which students are at risk. Granular data could provide details about absences at the individual classroom and teacher levels.
Multiple school officials from across the state said increased dollars to traditional public schools would help, too. The funds can help employ more attendance-focused staff, as well as teachers — meaning decreased class sizes and more one-on-one time with struggling kids.
Hanover Central administrators said they hope lawmakers will addi-

tionally provide more support to state agencies, like DCS, and local juvenile courts.
"Students who we do have issues with — there's nobody holding people accountable," said Kephshire, the high school principal. "I think statewide, if we had something that maybe gave the outside agencies more bite, that will help a lot with chronic absenteeism."
Shaw, in Clarksville, echoed calls for added resources directed at legal "partners."
"There's so much else going on in the court systems ... and then attendance sort of takes a backseat," Shaw said. "That makes it difficult to really rein in some of these rogue attendance practices."
Jenner said she doesn't have any firm policy recommendations yet but is confident that cracking down on chronic absenteeism will be paramount to upcoming policy discussions around literacy. But because 2024's reconvening is a non-budget session, lawmakers are unlikely to approve policy that requires new dollars to be dispersed.
"I feel pretty clear and confident about where we need to go with reading. Chronic absenteeism — that's a little bit trickier because there's not as much of a roadmap nationwide," Jenner said. "If children are missing over three-and-a-half weeks of school ... then educators can do everything they can, but if the child's not at school, it's hard to get them to that place of reading, proficient in math, etc."
"That's where we're really going to need the partnership with parents and families to make sure kids are at school ... we've got to turn this Titanic around," she continued. "We really need a solution found urgently because we need these students at school every day."
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It would also be the first in-person edition since before the COVID-19 pandemic.
The U.S. and China had previously accused each other of provocative or unprofessional actions during repeated encounters by military craft in and around the South China Sea. But on Monday, Admiral John Aquilino, head of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, said China has stopped "dangerous" military actions in the weeks since the Biden-Xi meeting.
Brown said December 2 that he was "standing by" for an opportunity to speak with Liu, touting the importance of maintaining communications with adversaries "to prevent miscalculation." The last time a Joint Chiefs chairman spoke with his Chinese counterpart was in July 2022, according to U.S. officials.

Felony arrests

Failed to appear
A Portland man was arrested Wednesday for failing to appear in court.
Micah N. Murphy, 42, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for strangulation and a Class A misdemeanor for battery resulting in bodily injury. He failed to appear in court Dec. 19.
Murphy's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

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Five generations

Pictured are five generations of the Ronald-Current family. Seated from left are mother McKayla Current and great-great-grandmother Martha Sue Ronald holding Benjamin Shane Current. In the back row are great-grandfather Carl Ronald and grandfather Patrick Ronald holding Anna Jane Current.

Imagination Library has new leadership

Indiana State Library and The Dollywood Foundation recently announced new leadership for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana.

Melinda Brown, the new state director, has worked in the nonprofit sector for years. She helped launch a local Imagination Library program in Franklin County in 2007 and continues to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. In her new role, Brown will manage all aspects of the statewide program, staffing, budget management and developing strategies for fostering and sustaining statewide Imagination Library efforts, according to a press release from the organization.

Katie Mullins, the new community engagement coordinator, served a decade as executive director at Eckhart Public Library. Her goal as coordinator will be to develop and maintain strong relationships with local and community partners, volunteers and supporters statewide, according to the release.

Imagination Library is a free book-gifting program for children aged 5-years-old or younger.

Taking Note

Used book sale

Fort Recovery Public Library will hold a used book sale Jan. 8 through Jan. 13.

Patrons are invited to shop for books, audio books and movies during regular business hours. Free-will donations will be accepted for items in the sale.

The library is open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Enroll in 4-H

It's not too late to sign up for 4-H.

The youth development program offers a variety of clubs and hands-on experiences for children to learn about their community and world. Jay County Purdue Extension Office advises children to sign up by Jan. 15 for the full experience. Enroll at v2.4honline.com. To learn more, call (260) 726-4707.

Husband views texts as threat

DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old male, married for 19 years with three teenage children. My wife recently decided to return to work after staying home with the kids as a full-time mom. She's an elementary school teacher and has a male co-worker.

For six months, this co-worker has been texting her constantly, sometimes every day for several weeks at a time. Along with work-related texts, he asks for advice regarding his recent breakup with a longtime girlfriend. He has also been sending random texts late at night asking how she's doing, and "checking in" messages.

Two weeks into summer break, he messaged her asking her how her summer was and telling her what's going on in his life. I have confronted

Dear Abby



her about the borderline inappropriate texts he sends, and she assures me nothing is going on between them. She says she's "handling" it by not responding to his texts but will not tell him to quit texting her.

I have never met this guy, but feel I need to have a conversation with him explaining my concerns. Emotional affairs are real, especially in a workplace. Even though I trust her, I don't

trust him, and I feel disrespected. I understand they work together and need to communicate, but this feels wrong. Any advice would be appreciated. — EXCESSIVE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR EXCESSIVE: I urge you to forget about confronting your wife's co-worker. Try this instead: Tell your wife you want to meet and get to know this co-worker and suggest the three of you (or four, if he would like to bring a date) meet for a casual lunch or dinner. If you do, it will give you insight into what is going on. He may be quite a bit younger, trying to be friendly and asking for dating advice because he thinks of her as a mentor. I do NOT think this has anything to do with respect or lack of respect for you.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

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

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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

Wednesday

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

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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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

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We have no qualms with much of the United Nations resolution expressing “grave concern over the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip and the suffering of the Palestinian civilian population” and emphasizing that “the Palestinian and Israeli civilian populations must be protected in accordance with international humanitarian law.”

Indeed, a new report from a field hospital by CNN’s Clarissa Ward, the first Western journalist to enter Gaza since Oct. 7, shows children injured and orphaned by Israel’s assault. The images should agonize even those who unequivocally condemn the horrific brutality of Hamas’ terrorist attack. Israel has a right to use its military might to kill and dismantle

Guest Editorial

those who seek its destruction, but it must take great pains to spare innocents. It is right and proper for the United States, Israel’s ally, to say this loudly and clearly and ensure consequences for unintended killings.

That UN resolution also urged a humanitarian ceasefire and the return of all remaining hostages — without mentioning Hamas. Austria corrected the record, clarifying that hostages were “held by Hamas and other groups,” and added the word “immediate” before a phrase demanding humanitarian

access to those hostages. That amendment fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to secure passage.

Then the United States proffered an amendment saying the world body “unequivocally rejects and condemns the heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas that took place in Israel...and the taking of hostages.” That too fell short of a two-thirds majority.

And so in the end, the United Nations — with the United States voting against and Germany, the United Kingdom and many other nations abstaining — passed a resolution urging peace and calm that refuses to admit that Hamas gleefully murdered and kidnapped Israelis and continues to keep more than 100 people hostage, and therefore keeps the world’s most powerful nation on the side-

lines. What does this accomplish?

“What does this accomplish” is also a fair question to put to the protesters who are shutting down highways, forcing the cancellation of Christmas-tree lightings and the like to try to focus attention on Gazans’ suffering. We’re skeptical this is effectively targeted civil disobedience; it seems likelier to frustrate Americans than to win them over to the cause.

The world needs fewer political games and more constructive action to weaken Hamas and focus Israel’s response. Here at home, the United States needs far less opportunistic political posturing by elected officials about Harvard, Penn and MIT.

We didn’t much like the testimony to Congress by the presidents of those institutions; it’s

true, Rep. Elise Stefanik’s show trial made them look insensitive. Nor can we defend elite universities’ habit, over many years, of policing speech that offends left-wing pieties and bend to the sensitivities of those offended — until those offended happened to be Jews. The answer to the fix they’re in is to bend their campuses decisively back toward places that allow free expression even when that deeply offends some people.

But every member of Congress who voted for Stefanik’s resolution urging the firing of the leaders of these private institutions because of their inartful answers backing speech rights should be embarrassed. Colleges’ coddling of their students has been the problem, not their belated and correct assertion that offensive political speech should almost always be free.

Celebrate our resilient women

By KAREN DOLAN
OtherWords

It’s been a difficult few years for poor people in this country. Just a year after the pandemic era safety net expansion saw poverty fall to its lowest level on record, we saw a historic 60% increase as those programs expired.

Women and children have been among the hardest hit. In 2022, the last year we have data for, at least 32 million women and children were living in poverty.

Despite that hardship, I feel some hope.

That’s because I’ve spent the last few years working with poor and low-income people — mostly single moms — impacted by systemic poverty. Through helping them tell their stories, I’ve learned that they’re some of the strongest — and most resilient — members of our society.

Take Amy Adams from rural Kentucky.

She has two associate degrees. Yet with a dearth of child care options, no public transit, and wages too low to afford even a second bedroom, her daily challenges are astounding. She walks to and from work late at night, depends on family for child care, and somehow fits her family of four into a small one-bedroom apartment.

Despite these challenges, Amy still gives her time as a member of a non-profit advocacy board to help other struggling mothers fight for policies that will improve their lives.

Or Joyce Kendrick. Joyce grew up in a middle-income family but suffered abuse as a child that led to lifelong physical and mental health challenges. The increase in food benefits and cash assistance during the pandemic briefly lifted her out of poverty. But when Congress failed to renew those critical supports, she fell right back in.

Yet even as she struggles to make ends meet, Joyce co-leads an Ohio chapter of the Poor People’s Campaign, a national coalition of poor and low-income people working together for more just policies.

Growing up poor and escaping an abusive partner later in life, Trish Brown has benefited from safety net support not only to take care of her family, but also her community. She volunteers as a coordinating committee member of the Poor People’s Campaign in Florida and gives back as the founder and

Karen Dolan



director of Power Up People in Tallahassee.

Wisconsin mom Kali Daugherty’s family was transformed by the expanded Child Tax Credit included in the American Rescue Plan, which cut child poverty by half nationally. With that help, she was able to return to school, get her child new clothes and take her to a water park for the first time. When Congress let that expansion expire and these advances were reversed, Kali advocated for their return as a RESULTS expert on poverty.

Kazmyn Ramos, another RESULTS expert on poverty in Indiana, learned through generational poverty how key housing is to well-being. Believing that “housing should be seen as a human right and a community builder, not a wealth builder,” she founded the affordable housing non-profit Seeking 1610.

My organization, the Institute for Policy Studies, partnered with the Poor People’s Campaign to study the increase in suffering since the expiration of the pandemic era supports that helped these women keep their families heads above water.

Alongside increases in poverty, we found increases in food and housing insecurity, the loss of critical health care, and declines in life expectancy — even as billionaire wealth nationally grew by \$2 billion a day between 2020 and 2022. It’s clearer than ever that poverty is a policy choice.

But that means we can choose differently. Amy, Joyce, Trish, Kali, and Kazmyn are just a few of the millions of poor and low-income women leading the way against these policy failures that impact all of us. We need to join them and demand our nation make the investments to end structural poverty.

We know what works. Collectively, we have a voice powerful enough to make it happen.

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There’s no coal for Christmas

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Santa almost put a lump of coal in stockings across Indiana on Christmas Eve of 2022. Our power supply was in jeopardy as an extreme freeze and high winds moved in just before Christmas. Coal fired power plants did not perform well under these conditions. Just as demand grew to meet Hoosier household’s heating and cooking needs, many coal fired plants, along with gas and nuclear generation, buckled under the pressure.

Extreme frigid temps can cause coal piles to freeze, limiting their accessibility. Cold temperatures can also impact the combustion process, making it harder to burn coal effectively and lead to limitations on water intake systems needed to run coal power generation. These items point to the reliability limitations of coal when it comes to keeping the lights on for Hoosiers.

According to Michael Bryson, senior vice president of system operations for PJM, the nation’s largest grid operator, the grid saw significant generation outages with about 25% of the grid’s capacity failing with Winter Storm Elliot. Coal, gas, and nuclear power were all impaired on Dec 23, 2022, while renewables, mostly made up of wind, performed well! Another challenge on that fateful day was that the transmission grid, which moves electricity hundreds of miles when required, was having trouble getting power to where it was needed. Hoosiers kept the lights on that day, but we came perilously close to a grid disaster.

Not having electric power when we need it is unacceptable. Indiana needs smart solutions that protect Hoosiers. Rational choices that bring multiple benefits are available, but special interests have a way of bringing forward “solutions” that meet their needs more than the needs of regular citizens. Take the state of

Sam Carpenter



Kentucky for example. They recently passed a bill to slow the decommissioning of coal power generation facilities. This was done in the name of “reliability”, but one must wonder if reliable profits was the true motivator.

Coal power generation has many liabilities, starting with being expensive. Indiana’s utilities are planning to eventually eliminate coal power generation. More economical and reliable sources of energy are available. In addition to cost concerns, coal is dirty. Burning coal is linked to health conditions including asthma, cancer, heart and lung ailments as well as environmental concerns related to acid rain and climate change. Coal ash or the residue left over after burning coal, is currently filling unlined pits along waterways across Indiana and is allowing toxins like mercury and arsenic to seep into our groundwater. While coal has played an important historical role in building our economy, better solutions are now available. In the interest of all Hoosiers, it is time to move away from coal.

A mix of economic, reliable, and clean energy options is available to Hoosiers now! With smart investment, wind and solar, combined with energy storage could power 50% of our grid with the available technology. However less than 10% of Indiana’s energy comes from renewables. In addition, Indiana has not tapped the opportunity to provide power at the local level, close to the demand. Local or on-site generation lessens the need for costly transmission line expansion and upgrades.

Community solar is one such opportunity.

Community solar allows independent energy companies to build solar projects on warehouse roofs, community brownfields, and sites using 10 to 20 acres of farm ground compared to the expansive utility scale solar projects that require hundreds of acres. Then, regular Hoosiers can “subscribe” to the community solar project and receive a discount on their electric bill! This way Hoosiers save money, benefit from clean renewable energy, and help provide power generation where it is needed most. Businesses benefit too. They may choose to be an anchor subscriber by agreeing to buy a percent of the project’s power generation. Utility rate payers benefit because this new power is paid for by private investors, subscribers pay a utility connection fee, and the need for costly transmission upgrades are lessened. This is a classic win/win example, and it requires legislation to make it possible. Investor-owned utility cooperation and participation is needed, but their instincts to protect their market share, means they don’t participate in community solar in states where it is not mandated.

Hoosier Environmental Council is working in coalition with Hoosiers for Community Solar to bring community solar to Indiana. Visit Hoosier Environmental Council online to learn how you can benefit from community solar and be an advocate. If enough Hoosiers let their voices be heard about how important local community solar is to them, perhaps we’ll get a little sunshine in our Christmas stockings this year, rather than more coal.

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Carpenter was named the new executive director of the Hoosier Environmental Council in the fall of 2022.

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In review

Time to enroll

Agriculture producers can enroll in the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency programs for risk coverage and loss coverage.

The programs are open after the announcement that the 2018 Farm Bill has been extended through 2024. The deadline to enroll is March 15.

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

Appointed

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development on Wednesday announced several leadership appointments including Sarah Dietch as chief of staff, Betsy Dirksen Londrigan as rural business-cooperative service administrator, Jimmy Dahman as senior advisor for communications and external engagement and Bill Menner as senior advisor.

Dietch previously served as director of Peace Corps Response for the United States Peace Corps. She led the second-ever domestic deployment of Peace Corps Volunteers in support of Community Vaccination Centers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dirksen Londrigan previously served as USDA's rural development state director for Illinois. Dahman has served as acting rural development chief of staff since August. Menner has been board president of Partners for Rural America, the national umbrella group for state rural development councils.

Scheduled

The Indiana IN-Climate Ag as the Solution Summit is scheduled for June 26 in Danville.

The event will bring together professionals, agriculture producers and government officials involved in the food, energy and climate sectors in the Midwest. It is targeted at providing education and information about agriculture in relation to the climate.

Registration is \$149 per attendee.

For more information, or to register, visit inclimateconversations.com.

Complicated process



Purdue Ag News/Tom Campbell

Ying Li and Natalia Dudareva of Purdue's Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture are researching plant metabolic processes in petunias. "Only recently we started appreciating that the genes involved in making those specialized, secondary metabolites are being regulated," said Li.

Specialized metabolites regulate plant genes

By STEVE KOPPEL

Purdue Ag News

Plants have evolved fiendishly complicated metabolic networks. For years, scientists focused on how plants make secondary metabolites, the compounds that plants produce to enhance their defense and survival mechanisms.

"Only recently we started appreciating that the genes involved in making those specialized, secondary metabolites are being regulated," said Ying Li, associate professor of horticulture and landscape architecture at Purdue University. "They are turned on when plants need to make secondary metabolites. And they are turned off when plants will no longer need to make them."

Purdue's Natalia Dudareva, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, said, "Also, secondary metabolites are often toxic to cells when they accumulate to high levels, as we saw when we manipulated the resistance of the barriers that volatile secondary metabolites have to pass through to be released into the atmosphere.

However, cells sense the accumulation of these toxic compounds and downregulate genes responsible for the formation of precursors for these volatiles."

In a special issue of the journal Trends in Plant Science, Li and Dudareva highlight the importance of specialized metabolites in regulating the genes that plants use to form chemical compounds. Dudareva directs and Li is a member of Purdue's Center for Plant Biology, which aims to provide a clearer understanding of processes that affect plant biology.

"We saw initial hints that the secondary metabolites themselves can be the signal to say, 'OK, now we need to turn those genes on and off,'" Li said. "And we almost know nothing about how metabolites are sensed by the plants and then lead to the genes turning on and off."

Sorting out the complexities of secondary metabolism presents challenges because the process is highly specific to each different plant lineage. Sometimes only specific cells make secondary metabolites at a certain time for a given plant type. And the plants often produce metabolites in

small quantities, making them difficult to detect.

Researchers also need to assay how the metabolites interact with proteins. "That allows you to say which protein can sense and bind to these metabolites," Li said. Gene regulation is also involved. "You have to be able to assay gene expression. And that is enabled by the next-generation sequencing toolkit."

Even though a specific plant makes its own unique metabolites, "next-gene sequencing in the last 20 years allows us to look at the genome activity of any plants," she said.

Like many plant scientists, Li focused much of her research on primary metabolism, especially nitrogen metabolism, which plants rely upon for growth. The level of specialization in secondary metabolism surprised her. Despite the differences between primary and secondary metabolism, they seem to follow similar rules at the molecular level, she said.

"Secondary metabolites are important for a plant to adapt to a stressful situation. For example, during drought or pathogen attack, secondary metabolites

help to fight off those stresses," Li said. Secondary metabolism is also important for pollination success. Flowers attract insects, but climate change brings concerns about whether the pollinator-plant relationship can keep working.

"For these reasons, there is always a dream of being able to do metabolic engineering to make plants produce more of the specialized metabolites that are good for plant survival, better resistance to a stress condition, to make medicine, or attract pollinators better," she said.

Researchers need to better understand how producing too many metabolites can upset gene regulation. But if the process can be disrupted in the right place, "then we can safely produce a lot of metabolites because it doesn't trigger the feedback regulation," Li said.

Michigan State University's Erich Grotewold also contributed to the Trends in Plant Science article. Grants from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture supported this work.

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Colts suspend two players for conduct

Steichen doesn't expand on double suspension

By MARK INABINETT

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Tribune News Service
The Indianapolis Colts announced the suspensions of two players "for conduct detrimental to the team" on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Colts coach Shane Steichen declined to elaborate on what the conduct was that got cornerback Tony Brown and wide receiver Isaiah McKenzie suspended by the team for the next three games.

"I know you guys are going to have questions about specifics," Steichen said to open his press conference on Wednesday, "but it's a matter that we're handling internally and I got nothing to add on that, and we're getting ready for Atlanta."

When asked about the difficulty of making the decision to suspend the players, Steichen said: "There're standards around here, and we got to hold people accountable. That's it."

Indianapolis has three games remaining on its regular-season schedule, and Steichen said he had

"nothing to add" when asked if the players would be back with the team if the Colts made the playoffs.

The Indianapolis Star reported the lockers of Brown and McKenzie had been removed from the Colts' locker room.

Brown had played in 12 of Indianapolis' 13 games this season until being a game-day inactive for Saturday's 30-13 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. He's been on the field for 56 defensive snaps and 252 special-teams plays.

McKenzie had played in every game this season until sitting out Saturday's contest as a game-day inactive. McKenzie had served as Indianapolis' punt returner with an 8.9-yard average on 23 returns. He also has 11 receptions for 82 yards and three rushing attempts for 14 yards in 2023.

The Colts visit the Atlanta Falcons at noon CST Sunday. With an 8-6 record, Indianapolis is tied with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Houston Texans for the lead in the AFC South. Via tiebreakers, the Colts occupy the final wild-card spot in the current AFC playoff standings.

Media ...

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The standoff between the two companies is now entering its third week with no end in sight.

Tegna declined multiple interview requests from The Dallas Morning News. However, the company said in a statement that it hopes to reach a deal with DirecTV so football fans won't miss out on the closing weeks of the NFL season or college football's bowl season.

According to DirecTV, Dallas customers may not be able to watch the upcoming Birmingham Bowl, Armed Forces Bowl and Las Vegas Bowl. However, those games will also be available on ESPN. Even further south, thousands of Houston and San Antonio homes may not have access to some Houston Texans NFL games.

"We've seen blackouts for as long as cable television has been around," said Dan Goman, CEO of media supply chain company Ateliere Creative Technologies. "But to the extent we're seeing them now, I think people are right to worry about it. Because it will happen even more. I think cable is literally not a viable business anymore. They're still operating, but it's sort of like they're already dead and I think some cable operators know that."

According to DirecTV, retransmission fees have soared 270% since 2017. It's a rate increase from \$5.85 in 2015 to \$19.85 this year. The company said that at this rate, those fees could rise 47% by 2027, resulting in a cost of \$29.25 for television providers.

FCC regulations require cable systems to get consent from a TV station to carry its broadcast signal. Cable providers, like DirecTV, have to pay stations a retransmission fee for this right. Contracts usually last a few years, but when it comes time to negotiate, both parties have to discuss fees, guidelines and more before the contract can be renewed.

If both sides can't agree, then customers are out of luck, said Patricia Ramsey, media supervisor at Ocean Media, a company that plans and manages media advertising buys.

When a blackout happens, it's not just football games that are affected. Viewers lose access to news stations like WFAA as well.

Those channels also can differ by market, Ramsey said. In Tegna's case, it owns 64 local news brands in 51 markets across the U.S., including affiliates of all four major networks.

Since the start of 2020, there have been 83 television blackouts across the country, some of which have gone unresolved for months and even years.

There are currently six separate blackouts from Tegna, Cox Media Group, Mission Broadcasting, Nexstar and White Knight Broadcasting, affecting DirecTV and DISH customers. The blackouts mean millions across the

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—Raji Srinivasan

country may not have access to news stations or their favorite sports teams.

It's a problem that's been exacerbated by people moving away from cable television due to high prices and toward streaming platforms like AppleTV or Disney+, said Raji Srinivasan, a marketing professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

"So the pie they've been sharing is getting smaller," she said. "It's the opposite of a rising tide lifting all boats. It's a vicious cycle that's turned into a tug of war."

Since 2015, the number of paid TV subscribers has gone down 38% from 100 million to 74 million, according to DirecTV. The company said it expects to only have 62 million subscribers by 2027.

"The growth of streaming media is making the situation even worse. In the past, the networks and their affiliates were the 'must-have' channels for cable and satellite providers," said Mark Brown, chief investment officer at Rain The Growth Agency. "Now, almost all of that programming is available to consumers directly through streaming services, and consumers are cutting the cord in record numbers."

Even Dallas Mavericks owner, Mark Cuban, has said he's been worried for the last five years about the threat social media poses as it's also helped take away viewers from broadcasters.

With dwindling viewership and paying customers, station owners like Tegna, Nexstar and others are having to find loopholes to keep profits up, said Michael Hartman, DirecTV's chief external affairs officer.

Station owners like Nexstar and Sinclair have used "sidecars," a business model that allows a powerful broadcaster to exert "operational and financial influence" over a smaller broadcaster, according to the FCC. It means that oftentimes smaller broadcasters are forced to pay more due to a lack of negotiating power.

"Those kinds of loopholes have allowed them to get bigger and expand their leverage," Hartman said. "With leverage, it's contributed to driving up the retransmission costs."

For DirecTV, it's caused the company to question if Tegna has a long-term future in broadcast media, Hartman said.

"What's their (Tegna's) plan after there's no pay TV? Because if they're just trying to milk all the money they can despite

subscribers leaving, then what's going to happen?" he said. "I don't think these guys can live anymore just off terrestrial transmission. They don't have a business."

As broadcast media struggles to hang onto the last of its loyal viewers, television providers are trying to turn to new ideas to bring people back.

DirecTV has proposed an a la carte model where customers can subscribe to specific channels instead of bundles. However, Tegna has turned that proposal down since late November.

"DirecTV's proposal to instead require its customers to pay yet another standalone fee for our local stations - unlike all other broadcast stations - disservices subscribers and is not productive," according to Tegna.

With station owners standing firm and television providers unable to make any progress in negotiations, it leaves the future of Tegna and DirecTV's relationship uncertain, as well as that of others in the industry.

"They (station owners) are generally slow to understand what is happening. Now that they need the money, they're using the full force of what they can do to make these cable operators pay them more," Goman said. "It's not really the way to operate because ultimately they have to figure out a solution."

If broadcast media and station owners don't eventually find a way to coexist in an evolving market, the effects won't be limited to television and its viewers, Rain's Brown said.

"What's particularly concerning about this scenario is the access to local news coverage that the stations provide. If these media outlets lose their audience, they lose their advertising revenue, and that ad revenue is what pays for their newsrooms," he said. "If local media does not remain profitable, there isn't a clear alternative available to replace their role as the fourth estate."

According to Hartman and DirecTV representatives, the company and Tegna have not made significant progress since the blackout started.

"Broadcasters have their hands over their ears, acting like reality's not happening around them, and all they want to do is make more on fewer subscribers," Hartman said. "If we don't evolve our model, to meet the consumers where they are, we're not going to have any consumers."



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Squeezing by

Fort Recovery High School freshman Makenna Huelskamp drives past Sophia Menker of St. Marys Memorial on Tuesday. Huelskamp had three points, two rebounds and one assist in the 34-31 loss.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys wrestling at ECIC tournament at Jay County — 9 a.m.; Girls wrestling at Findlay — 11 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at South Adams — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Boys basketball vs. Wapahani — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls bowling vs. Versailles at Community Lanes — 9:15 a.m.; Boys bowling vs. Versailles at Minster — 1 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — Premier League: Sheffield United at Aston Villa (USA)
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Bowling Green at Indiana (BTN)
6:30 p.m. — College football Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl: Georgia Tech vs. UCF (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Georgetown at Marquette (FS1)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Chicago State at Wisconsin (BTN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Missouri (FS1); Maryland at UCLA (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Washington Wizards at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

Saturday
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester United at West Ham United (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Newcastle United at Luton Town (USA)
12 p.m. — College football bowl games: Troy vs. Duke (ABC); Arkansas State vs. Northern Illinois (ESPN)
12 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at Providence (FS1); Mississippi State at Rutgers (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at Liverpool (NBC)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Seton Hall at Xavier (FS1)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona at Florida Atlantic (FOX)

3:30 p.m. — College football bowl games: James Madison vs. Air Force (ABC); Georgia State vs. Utah State (ESPN)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Villanova at DePaul (FS1); Vanderbilt at Memphis (CBS)
4:30 p.m. — NFL: Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers (NBC)
7 p.m. — College football bowl games: South Alabama vs. Eastern Michigan (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NBA: Orlando Magic at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — College football bowl games: Utah vs. Northwestern (ABC)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. John's at UConn (FOX)
10 p.m. — College football bowl games: Coastal Carolina vs. San Jose State (ESPN)

Local notes

Tryouts scheduled
Tryouts for A League of Our Own Independent Baseball League is hosting a tryout at the Mojo-Up Sports indoor Complex in Noblesville on Jan. 30.
Anyone 19-years-old or older that is looking for the opportunity to continue playing baseball can try out.
The league begins play on Aug. 31 and runs through Oct. 19, playing 50 games in 50 days.
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Wendel feeds

Cali Wendel of Fort Recovery High School feeds the post in the Indians' 34-31 loss against St. Marys Memorial on Tuesday. FRHS outscored the Roughriders 24-10 in the paint.

Patch plays career-high

Olivia Patch had only logged double-digit minutes once in her college career coming into the weekend.

She was able to add to that number in the Chargers' most recent game.

The 2020 Fort Recovery High School graduate, played a career-best 14 minutes for the Hillsdale College women's basketball team on Saturday in a 58-49 loss to Malone University.

The senior's previous career-high in minutes played was 10, which she logged on Dec. 30, 2022, against Madonna University.

Patch first entered the game with 34 seconds remaining in the first quarter. She quickly made an impact, pulling down a defensive rebound with 19 seconds left and making a layup

Collegiate checkup

on the other end four seconds later.

Patch finished the game 1-for-2 from the field with two points and two rebounds.

Renna Schwieterman Jay County — 2023

Scored just two points in 17 minutes of game action for the Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball team on Sunday's 78-76 loss at Western Michigan.

The Jay County graduate struggled from the floor, shooting just 10% on 1-of-5 from the field and 0-of-2 from three.

She also had an offensive rebound and a block.

Future of broadcast media is looking dim

By IRVING MEJIA-HILARIO
The Dallas Morning News
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The holiday season marks the beginning of a steady stream of college football bowl matchups and playoff-deciding professional games filling the airwaves.

But if you're a DirecTV customer, you're instead caught in the middle of a battle between TV titans duking it out over what they — and ultimately, you

— should pay for the privilege of fulfilling your sports fix.

It started Dec. 1 when Tegna pulled its signal from the satellite cable provider, just as the Texas Longhorns and SMU Mustangs were preparing to play for their first conference championships in years.

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