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FR is seeking another grant

Funding would pay to remove sludge from lagoons

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review
FORT RECOVERY — The village is applying for another grant.

Fort Recovery village administrator Randy Diller told Fort Recovery Village Council about a potential grant to pay for dredging the wastewater lagoons Monday.

The village has submitted an application to the Ohio Department of Development's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program, which provides dollars to "improve access to clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure," according to its website.

Diller explained after the meeting that the grant, if awarded, would likely come in around \$500,000 to remove sludge from both ponds at the wastewater lagoons. The process would clean the lagoons and allow the village to "start fresh" moving forward, he said.

Fort Recovery has been treating its lagoons with products from Kainos Ag for more than a year. Originally intended to provide sludge reduction, the company hasn't been able to prove it has reduced the amount of sludge but it has appeared to help with the odor that had been a complaint for residents. Plans are to continue using the products for now, with Diller noting new Ohio Environmental Protection Agency standards on the horizon in the next few years.

Ohio communities may apply for up to \$5 million in grants for construction projects through the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program, formerly known as the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program. As of July, nearly \$500 million had been awarded to 343 projects as a part of the program.

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More snow coming

Snowy railroad tracks stretch toward Portland from west of the city in this view from county road 100 South. More snow is in the forecast beginning with a 20% chance this evening and continuing through Friday.

Iowa victory sets stage for Trump

By SEEMA MEHTA, DAVID LAUTER and FAITH E. PINHO

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

DES MOINES, Iowa — Former President Donald Trump has passed the first milestone in what his allies hope will be a quick march to a third presidential nomination.

Iowa Republicans on Monday put the defeated former president, facing four criminal cases involving allegations of multiple felonies, on track for another shot at the White House.

Trump's win in the Iowa caucuses came thanks to the resolve of his die-hard supporters, who turned out on a bitterly cold night

Former president took 51% of the vote

that state officials described as some of the worst weather for a caucus in half a century.

Even before voting had begun at some caucus locations, the Associated Press and television networks projected Trump's victory based on polls of voters entering the caucus sites and results from key precincts.

The swift announcement drew an angry reaction from Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who was locked in a tight race for second place with former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley.

In a statement from his campaign's communications director, DeSantis accused the news media of "election interference."

"The media is in the

tank for Trump, and this is the most egregious example yet," the statement said.

Trump said he was "greatly honored by such an early call."

"We want to Make America Great Again — the greatest slogan ever — and the fact is, that's what we did," he said in an interview with Fox News Digital.

Unlike the top spot, the fight for second place remained extremely close as the votes were tallied.

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Haley and DeSantis were each pulling about one-fifth of the vote. Businessman Vivek Ramaswamy was far

behind in fourth place.

The near-tie for second could mean that the Iowa result won't have much effect on either the Haley or DeSantis campaigns' ability to move forward to the next contest, in New Hampshire next week.

Haley has been gaining strength in recent weeks, according to multiple polls. In the network entrance poll, she was the top choice among voters who made up their minds in the last two weeks.

She's well positioned to overtake Trump in New Hampshire, where moderate voters and independents are a much larger share of the electorate than in Iowa.

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Court hearing landmark case

By MICHAEL MACAGNONE

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

The Supreme Court could upend how courts handle challenges to the decisions administrative agencies make, in a pair of cases set for oral arguments Wednesday that could change the standards for how Congress writes laws and the federal government implements them.

The challengers to a fishery inspection rule asked the justices to overturn the Chevron doctrine, a nearly 40-year-old legal framework based on a Supreme Court decision that established that judges should defer to the agencies' interpretations of a law when that law is ambiguous.

Parts of the conservative legal movement have targeted the doctrine for years, casting it as emblematic of the broader

Decision could change how laws are written

power of administrative agencies, and Wednesday's oral arguments could preview its demise.

Groups on both sides of the doctrine tend to talk about the case in cataclysmic terms because of the ways it could ripple through American law — changing the balance between those fighting government agencies, the agencies themselves and the courts overseeing the disputes.

The doctrine is "patently

unfair" according to Relentless Inc. and the other fishing companies challenging the fishery inspection rule at the heart of the case. By deferring to administrative agencies whenever a statute is ambiguous, the Supreme Court introduced "systemic bias" in favor of the government, the challengers told the justices in a court brief.

That has also distorted the power of the presidency, they argued, resulting in wild swings in policy every time a new administration gains the power to interpret the same set of laws.

"In that world, political actors have little incentive to labor over legislative compromises in Congress; far better to hope for the presidency and swing for the fences," the Relentless brief said.



Tribune News Service/Lexington Herald-Leader/Ryan C. Hermens

Honoring King

Lexington's Martin Luther King Jr. Parade makes its way through downtown Lexington, Kentucky, on Monday.

Deaths

Waldo Hudson, 85, Albany
Nellie Mere, 76, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature dropped to as low as minus 2 degrees Monday in Jay County before climbing to a high of 9 just before midnight.

Expect a low of 20 tonight with a 20% chance of snow. There is a 50% chance of snow Thursday under cloudy skies.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, 100 N. Meridian St., Portland, will serve as a warming center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during the below-freezing weather that is projected to continue for the next few weeks.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball game against Bishop Luers.

Friday — Coverage of Wednesday's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



Obituaries

Waldo Hudson

Sept. 17, 1938-Jan. 15, 2024
Waldo Hudson Sr., age 85, a former resident of Salamonia, passed away on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at Albany Health and Rehab in Albany, Indiana.
Waldo was born on Sept. 17, 1938, in Jay County, Indiana, the son of Francis and Marie (Skinner) Hudson. He graduated from Saratoga High School and served in the U.S. Army National Guard for 24 years.
Waldo retired from Sheller-

Globe in Union City after 24 years of service. He was a member of Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association and American Legion Post #211 of Portland.
Waldo married Nilah (Landers) on Jan. 7, 1960, and she passed away on March 16, 2021.
Survivors include:
His children — Waldo Hudson Jr. (wife: Rebecca), Portland,



Hudson

Indiana, Tim Hudson - Winchester, Indiana, Doug Hudson - Salamonia, Indiana, and Cathy Hudson, Kokomo, Indiana
1 sister: Marie Joyce Hagerman (husband Herm), Churubusco, Indiana
Nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren
He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Clevenger; a brother, Steven Hudson; and a great-grandson.
Visitation will be held on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Pen-

rod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Pastor Phil Rogers will officiate and burial will follow at Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia, Indiana. American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military rites at the funeral home.
Memorials may be directed to Jay County 4-H Shooting Sports or Heart to Heart Hospice.
Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Nellie Mere, Geneva, July 4, 1947-Jan. 10, 2024. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Missionary Church, 950 S. U.S. 27, Berne.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Thursday 1/18	Friday 1/19	Saturday 1/20	Sunday 1/21	Monday 1/22
26/14	17/2	15/0	20/13	33/31
There's a 50% chance of snow on Thursday, when the low will be in the teens at night.	Another chance of snow in the morning. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low in the single digits.	Mostly cloudy skies paired with cold temperatures. The low may hit a bristling 0 degrees.	Sunday's forecast shows sunny skies with the high around 20 degrees.	There's a slight chance of rain Monday, when temperatures will be around freezing.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 13-30-35-49-59 Power Ball: 4 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$102 million	Daily Four: 4-1-4-3 Quick Draw: 4-11-15-16-25-27-28-34-39-42-43-46-56-58-59-61-64-66-76-78 Cash 5: 5-33-36-42-43 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$208 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-8-2 Pick 4: 1-6-5-6 Pick 5: 7-3-6-7-4 Evening Pick 3: 4-2-3 Pick 4: 9-1-1-7 Pick 5: 3-4-1-5-2 Rolling Cash: 14-18-19-22-34 Estimated jackpot: \$234,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 5-1-9 Daily Four: 3-6-6-9 Quick Draw: 5-14-15-18-19-23-24-29-33-43-56-57-61-62-64-66-67-69-74-80 Evening Daily Three: 6-8-5	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.47 Feb. corn.....4.47 Wheat.....5.20	Feb. beans.....12.16 Wheat.....5.59
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.47 Feb. corn.....4.47 March corn.....4.47	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.25 Feb. corn.....4.29 Beans.....12.06 Feb. beans.....12.09 Wheat.....5.54
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.32 Feb. corn.....4.32 Beans.....12.06	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.32 March corn.....4.37 Beans.....11.83 Feb. beans.....11.86 Wheat.....5.15

Today in history

In 1706, innovator Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Known as one of the founding fathers of the United States, Franklin established Philadelphia's second newspaper, "Pennsylvania Gazette" — it featured what is known as the first political cartoon, "Join, or Die," in 1754 — as well as helped initiate a plethora of other institutions and public entities.
In 1922, actress Betty White was born in Oak Park, Illinois. With a career spanning nearly seven decades, White is best known for her comedic roles on television, which include "Rose Nylund" on "The Golden Girls" and "Sue Ann Nivens" on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."
In 1931, actor James Earl Jones was born in Arkabutla, Mississippi. The 2017 lifetime achievement Tony Award winner is best known for his deep voice used in stage, film and television roles.
In 2014, Jay County boys basketball team fell 38-37 against host Connersville after Spartans junior Ty Miller hit a 3-pointer with 51.2 seconds left on the clock. JCHS senior Trey Teagle attempted a shot with three seconds left and just missed the mark. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Thursday 9 a.m. — Jay County Public Library, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.	
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County	

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In June, Fort Recovery received a \$1.25 million grant from the program's fourth round of funding to go toward constructing a 250,000-gallon elevated water tower with an additional 2,600 linear feet of water line to connect it to the village's distribution system. Diller noted Mon-

day he's working through final details on the \$1.65 million project, which will likely be put out for bid in the next three to four weeks.
Diller told council in December he submitted a \$4 million grant application to the same program to pay for switching to a new water-softening process.

The village is looking into shifting from lime and caustic soda treatment to reverse osmosis membrane softening, which would involve pumping water under pressure through reverse osmosis membrane elements (tube-shaped filters with about 15 layers).
The new softening process would decrease the

village's chemical costs by an estimated \$210,000 annually, according to a study conducted by PMG Consulting and Shoaf Consulting. Initial construction costs — plans include installing 56 reverse osmosis membranes as well as locating and drilling a third well — are estimated at \$4.35 million.

Trump ...

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After that, however, her prospects dim. Trump continues to have a huge lead in Haley's home state, which votes in February, as well as in many of the 15 states that vote on March 5, this year's Super Tuesday.

In California, for example, Trump currently has the support of two-thirds of likely GOP voters for the March 5 primary, according to a UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll, co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Times, which was released Monday morning. Trump is on track to win all of the state's delegates to the GOP convention, which amount to 14% of the votes needed for the nomination.

Democrats did not hold a presidential caucus Monday. The party flubbed the 2020 caucuses so badly that no winner was ever formally named. Amid concerns that Iowa's overwhelmingly white population did not represent the nation's changing demographics, Democrats last year decided to begin their nominating contest with primaries in South Carolina and Nevada.

After the race was called for Trump, the Iowa Democratic Party issued a statement outlining the case that Democrats plan to make against the former president.

As he campaigned in Iowa, "Trump showed us exactly what he

would do to America if he gets the chance: ban abortion nationwide, cut Social Security and Medicare, make our communities less safe, and give handouts to the wealthy while raising costs on middle-class families," the statement said.

Monday's results showed that Trump retains the fervent backing of his loyalists. His margin of victory is expected to break the record for a contested Iowa Republican caucus, set in 2000 by George W. Bush.

Unlike a primary, where voters can cast a ballot at any time during election day — and in many states for weeks before the election — caucuses require voters to attend at a specific time, typically starting at 7 p.m., and stand in front of their neighbors to announce whom they back.

At the 1,657 precinct-level caucus sites around the state, supporters of the candidates delivered speeches, often expressing the grievances and anger that have animated many Republican voters about the border, pandemic-era lockdowns and perceived bias against conservatives.

In pre-election polls, Trump voters were far more enthusiastic about their candidate than were backers of the other candidates, and that enthusiasm carried over to caucus night.

"There is a great awakening happening across the country right

now," said Kathryn M. Heilesen, a certified public accountant in Denison, a small city in western Iowa, who was a caucus captain for Trump. She did not clarify her reference to the "Great Awakening," a phrase that dates to 18th century evangelism in the U.S. but in recent years has been picked up by devotees of QAnon conspiracy theories.

Heilesen's vote for the former president was a matter of faith but also of prophecy, she said. "And you just need to listen to the prophets — if you listened to them in 2016, they predicted this," she said.

Although the population of Crawford County, where Denison is located, is almost 30% Latino, the caucus turnout was almost entirely non-Latino white voters.

Nearly half of Trump's supporters described themselves as "extremely enthusiastic" about their candidate, according to a Des Moines Register-NBC-Mediacom poll of Iowa voters conducted last week. By contrast, only 9% of former United Nations Ambassador Haley's backers were similarly excited, as were 23% of voters for DeSantis.

Trump led among all demographic groups tested in the poll but was especially strong among voters who identified themselves as evangelical Christians.

Felony arrests

Drug possession
A Batesville man was arrested Monday for drug possession.

Nickolas P. Layton, 35, 25 Oakmont Place, is preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He was being held on a \$4,000 bond at Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Pedestrian hit

A Redkey man struck a Salamonia man with his car in the Walmart parking lot about 11:50 a.m. Sunday.

No one was injured from the accident, according to a Portland police report.

Douglas Saxmon, 78, was driving his 2015 GMC Canyon in the lot at 950 W. Votaw St., Portland, and looking to his right when he tapped 72-year-old James Rowles with his vehicle, according to the report. Rowles told police he had no injuries after a hospital visit.
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

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SERVICES

Thursday
Hudson, Waldo: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Martin, Harry: 4 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Friday
Mere, Nellie: 11 a.m., First Missionary Church, 950 S. U.S. 27, Berne.

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DUTIES

- Partners with schools and community partners to promote whole child health, including physical, mental and student health and wellbeing.
- Work closely with schools and other educators to identify, develop and deliver educational programs geared toward student health in Pre-K through Grade 12.
- Collaborating and enhancing of current vaccination efforts to ensure childhood vaccine requirements and seasonal vaccine needs are addressed.
- Coordinate and assist schools with vision, hearing, oral, as well as other health screenings.
- Develops operational plans and policies necessary to achieve objectives and services.
- Represents the Health Department on coalitions, taskforces and committees as assigned.
- Assists with immunization clinic operations as needed.

REQUIREMENTS

- Associate Degree in Nursing or completion of Nursing Diploma required and current licensing as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of Indiana.
- Possession of or ability to obtain certifications in TB skin testing, CPR/AED certifications, Bloodborne Pathogens, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, National Incident Management (NIMS) and/or other areas as required for public health programs/operations.
- Ability to effectively examine individuals, assess needs, and provide information, treatment, assistance, or referrals.

HOURS

- 35 hours weekly (Monday through Friday from 8:30 am -4:30 pm).
- Occasional evening and weekend hours as needed for department operations and out of town meetings.
- Follows the Jay County government office holiday schedule.

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Health Department at:
504 W. Arch St., Portland, IN 47371
Ph. 260-726-8080 Fax 260-726-2220 Environmental@jaycountyhealthdept.org
Applications will be accepted until January 19, 2024



Photo provided

Angel Tree donation

East Jay Student Council recently donated funds for the Jayland Angel Tree Project. The students organized a dress-up week to raise donations. Pictured, from left, Denise Brewster receives a check from Kinley Tarter, Violet Trinidad and Lily Denton.

Boyfriend is absent in life

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of two years, "Rick," is addicted to social media — mainly the women on there. I'm not on any of his social media, and it seems like he acts like he's single there. If he's not at work, he is at home, but always on his phone.

Rick pays more attention to Facebook than he does to me. There are more than 2,000 women on his FB, and he follows thousands on his TikTok. He likes and "hearts" their pictures and even comments. He sees nothing wrong with it because he's home with me and not physically in contact with them. This has been our only problem the whole time we have been together. When I express my feelings about it, he tells me I'm overreacting and that it's "just social media."

I told Rick I feel like he's cheating in a way because he is devoting his attention to other females that he could be giving me. It's like he needs constant attention, even if it's innocent. It makes me feel like I'm not enough for him, that he's no longer interested in me and he's looking for the next gal to move on to.

I feel like I have to compete with these women online. His TikTok is mainly women dancing half-naked. I can be literally right next to him in bed, but he would rather look at them. Other than this addiction, Rick is an amazing man. Please help. — COMPETING IN OHIO

DEAR COMPETING: Rick may be "amazing," but he is also absent. He may be next to you physically, but if his attention is directed to the dancing girls on screen, you could freeze to death and he wouldn't notice. In a way, in fact, you ARE freezing because your love life has been put on ice. Unless Rick is willing to find things he can do with you rather than feed his addiction, you really should find a partner who is available.

App created for nurse mental health

By EBONY WILLIAMS
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

While being a nurse can be fulfilling, it can also be challenging and taxing, especially when it comes to mental health and anxiety.

Thanks to Shannon McPeek — a neonatal ICU nurse who created a safe space for her and her peers to deal with anxiety — that stress might be a little easier to manage.

McPeek was inspired to create the Operation Happy Nurse app after she "suffered from work-related anxiety."

"I understood that I was going to have to deal with patient death; deal with difficult situations. But it's a lot different when you start experiencing them. Nurses are also the last line of defense," she said. "So in that, there's a lot of pressure. So it was a slow buildup of anxiety that led to developing

signs and symptoms of obsessive-compulsive disorder."

McPeek's goal is to help "all nurses struggling with stress, anxiety and/or depression by offering a community focused on improving overall mental health and physical wellbeing."

"Nurses can go on to this free online community, pick and choose through the resources that we offer, and their profile adapts to meet their individual interests and needs," McPeek added.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at

Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center in Portland. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. Helen Rouch will lead the group Thursday and present the felt poinsettia ornament. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

GRIEF SHARE — Meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays from Jan. 4 to March 28 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. Grief Share is a weekly grief support group for those needing to find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. To register, call (260) 726-8832 or email zion-lutheranportland@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Chris-

tian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open 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.

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 ANONYMOUS — 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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — 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.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S 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.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST 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.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sudoku

4	5					7	3	
1			2	3				6
			9					
2			4					8
7	1	8		2				
3				8			4	
	4	1					7	
6	2		1					5

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

6	3	5	8	7	9	4	1	2
7	1	4	6	2	3	9	8	5
8	9	2	4	5	1	3	7	6
1	4	3	9	8	2	6	5	7
9	2	7	5	1	6	8	3	4
5	6	8	3	4	7	1	2	9
2	7	6	1	3	4	5	9	8
4	5	1	2	9	8	7	6	3
3	8	9	7	6	5	2	4	1

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

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FULL TIME HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEALTH EDUCATOR
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DUTIES

- Plans, develops, and implements health education programs and services in accordance with community needs, funding requirements, and department goals and objectives, collecting and analyzing data to identify community needs and administering fiscal resources for health education programs as assigned.
- Insures compliance with Health First Indiana core health services and develops associated key performance indicators as necessary.
- Develops, prepares, and coordinates grant/funding applications and grant/funding-related activities. Ensuring compliance with guidelines and requirements of grant/funding agencies.
- Develops, conducts, or coordinates health needs assessments and other public health surveys.
- Represents the Health Department on coalitions, task forces and committees as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate Degree in public health, education, or related field.
- Possession of or ability to obtain certifications CPR/AED certifications, Blood borne Pathogens, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, National Incident Management (NIMS) and/or other areas as required for public health programs/operations.
- Ability to travel off-site (active Indiana driver's license).

HOURS

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Freedom is far from a simple thing

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Jan. 17, 2007. Jack made many trips to former Soviet republics to lead seminars on journalism and the free press. This column illustrates well the challenges that were, and are, faced in countries where freedoms like those enshrined in our First Amendment are not tolerated.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Tamuna still probably wouldn't understand.

I've thought about our conversation for more than six years now, and I still don't think I could have won the argument.

It was the fall of 2000, and I was working on a project in the republic of Georgia for the International Center for Journalists. Tamuna had been interpreting for me, and as the project wound down I invited her to dinner.

We ended up at a little place in old Tbilisi near the puppet theater.

Inevitably, the conversation turned to some of the newspapers I'd been working with.

One of my favorites was a paper with a name that translates

Back in the Saddle



as Resonance. Malkhaz Ramishvili, the editor and publisher, had become a good friend.

One of the reasons I admired the paper was its tough stand when it came to reporting unpleasant news. It had, for example, reported extensively on the activities of a rogue priest who had been defrocked by the Georgian Orthodox Church. The priest had made it his life's mission to harass, threaten, intimidate, and persecute the handful of Jehovah's Witnesses in Georgia.

Ramishvili's paper had also editorialized against the rogue priest and called for greater religious tolerance in the country.

For that, the newspaper had made itself a target. Supporters of the intolerant former priest

had staged demonstrations in front of the paper's offices, chaining the doors closed, and spraying the building with anti-Resonance graffiti.

I was impressed by the newspaper's stand and mentioned as much to Tamuna.

She surprised me with a shrug, then surprised me further when she said she thought the rogue priest had a point.

Now this is a young woman with an excellent education. She'd studied for a year in the U.S. and had a good appreciation of Western values.

But she wasn't about to be tolerant of other religions in her native country.

"We have a church," she told me. Georgia had been a Christian nation for hundreds of years. It was only during the Soviet era that people couldn't practice their religion. "We have a church," she repeated. "We don't need any others."

My pleas for tolerance, free will, and pluralism bounced off completely.

When I got back to Indiana, I ran into Keith Pepple, an old

friend and a local Jehovah's Witness. He had been following news of harassment of Witnesses in the former Soviet Union and was curious what I had run into.

I'm not sure whether I mentioned my conversation with Tamuna to Keith at the time, but it came up this month when a Witness missionary was passing through Jay County.

Keith brought Tom McFarland by my office for a visit because our paths had sometimes intertwined. While I've been something of a free press missionary, McFarland has been carrying his religious message abroad.

Most of us, if we think of the Jehovah's Witnesses at all, think of them as an occasional nuisance, the folks who knock at the door when you're watching the football game on TV.

But historically, the Witnesses have been among the most persecuted and harassed religious followers in history. When millions of Jews were sent to the gas chambers of the Holocaust, Jehovah's Witnesses were at their side.

Today, the religion is illegal in some countries and barely tolerated in others. In some, like Georgia and Armenia, its followers are routinely subjected to everything from petty harassment to physical violence.

So I told Tom McFarland about my conversation with Tamuna.

"What should I have told her?" I asked.

His answer echoed my own arguments that night more than six years ago.

The problem, he said, begins when you start making religious decisions for everyone. Each individual must have the right to follow his or her path to truth. Religious liberty can be a messy thing, but it always beats the alternative.

I found myself nodding in agreement as he spoke. I had made the same arguments.

"I wish you'd been there," I said. "You might have had more luck convincing her. But I'm not sure you would have changed her mind."

Freedom, it seems, is a pretty complicated thing.

Speaker Johnson is facing another test

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Once again, the federal government faces a shutdown of important services — only this time there are two precipices from which the nation will plunge if Congress doesn't act. Under a complex short-term spending measure adopted in November, funding for some departments will run out on Jan. 19 while for other departments the deadline is Feb. 2. For Americans dependent on government services and federal paychecks, Congress must again pull the country back from the brink.

The good news is that congressional leaders have worked out a bipartisan deal, praised by President Joe Biden, which would set spending levels for the current fiscal year consistent with a compromise reached last year to temporarily suspend the federal debt ceiling. The new agreement includes some concessions to Republicans, including a faster pace for \$20 billion in budget cuts to the Internal Revenue Service.

Republican opposition to adequate resources for the IRS is counterproductive and rooted in a fantasy of an "army" of IRS agents menacing American citizens. But, just as Republicans must acknowledge the fact that this is a divided federal government, so must Democrats be willing to make compromises to avert a fiscal disaster.

The problem is that there probably isn't enough time for Congress to enact the compromise through its regular procedures before the deadlines. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has said that "obviously"

another temporary government funding bill will be necessary to bridge the gap. The problem is that House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) is on record as saying "I'm done" with short-term continuing resolutions.

More ominously, the same hard-right Republi-

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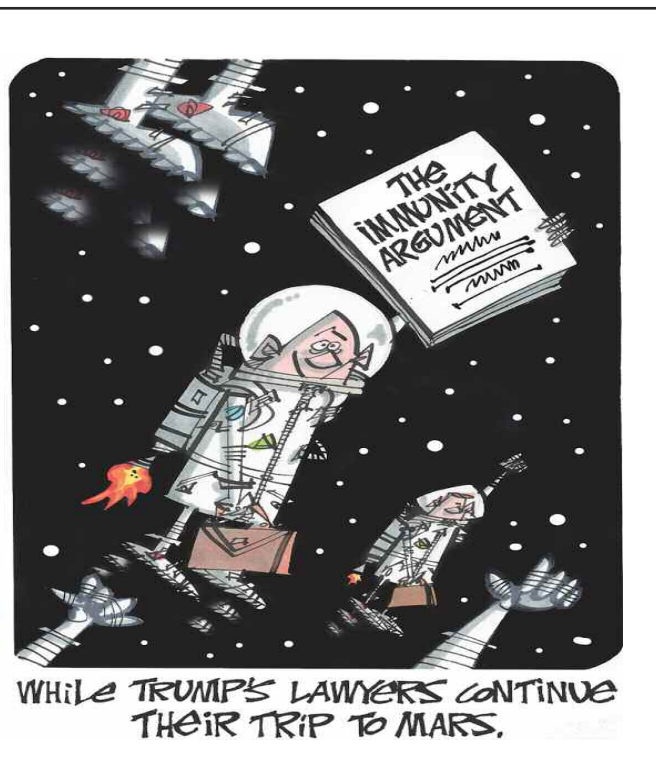
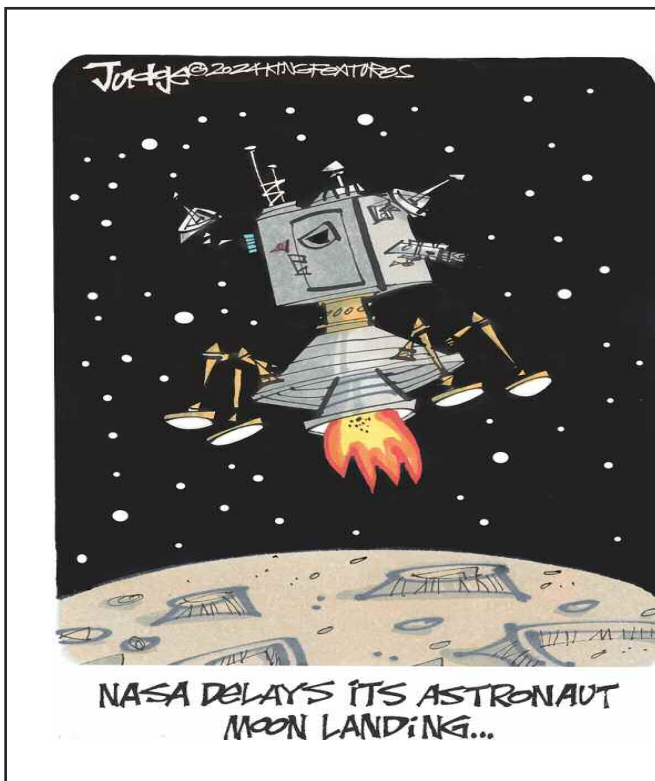
cans who eventually ousted former Speaker Kevin McCarthy could make trouble for Johnson if he pursues the wise course of fiscal responsibility and compromise with Democrats. On Wednesday, several Republicans registered their displeasure with the spending deal by joining Democrats in voting to block debate on three unrelated bills.

In a further complication, some Republicans might try to use the threat of a government shutdown as leverage to impose restrictions on the entry of migrants at the southern border. Senators have been negotiating on a separate measure to bolster border security as part of a supplemental spending bill to provide aid to Ukraine and Israel. One topic under discussion is a tightening of the standards for the "credible fear" of persecution or torture used in initial interviews with migrants requesting asylum.

Biden has said he is open to "significant compromises" on border security. Given the apparent progress on the border issue, there is no reason to entangle it with the attempt to forestall a shutdown.

Johnson, like McCarthy, has tried to appease hard-right Republicans by supporting a baseless impeachment inquiry into Biden while showing some sense of responsibility by accepting a bipartisan compromise on federal spending.

If he is serious about putting the nation first, he will do everything necessary to avoid a government shutdown — including supporting a short-term funding bill that would buy time for Congress to implement the bipartisan spending agreement.



Saban's exit confirms new era

By ADAM MINTER

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

For Alabama football coach Nick Saban, winning was always second to "the process." He stressed the importance of putting the most effort and intensity on executing the current play, not the scoreboard. But it's hard not to keep score when you think of the legendary college football coach.

On Wednesday, Saban retired with a 297-71-1 record, seven national championships and a reputation as one of the greatest coaches in the history of American sports.

Yet his success wasn't just about sticking to his process. More so than any other coach, Saban thrived in an era when great teams were recruited, players stayed in place because transferring was hard, and compensation was limited to scholarships.

Today's college athletes aren't so constrained. Over the last three years, they've received the right to transfer without hindrance and to monetize themselves. Saban, as much as any coach in college football, has been publicly uncomfortable with how students embraced these changes. Fans will never know if he could have adapted to them long term. Whoever succeeds him will have no choice.

Change has come quickly to college football. In 2021, the National Collegiate Athletic Association issued rules that allow athletes to monetize their name, image and likeness rights, or NIL; it also loosened up strict transfer rules that prevented athletes from competing for a year at their new schools. In combination, these two changes have fundamentally altered the landscape of big-time college football.

Whereas prior to 2021, a coach could invest time and energy into recruiting players who would almost certainly remain at their first school

Adam Minter



for the duration of their playing careers, today they are subject to an ad hoc free agency. Coaches, working with donors, actively recruit high school students and players on current rosters with promises of lucrative NIL deals. The transfer portal, a database where athletes express their interest in potentially finding a new school, has become a means of bidding up — and winning over — talent.

The numbers can be mind-boggling. In November, Nebraska coach Matt Rhule told reporters "a good quarterback in the portal costs \$1 million to \$1.5 million to \$2 million right now." For coaches accustomed to recruiting — and then keeping — players for the duration of their college playing careers, it's been a difficult and bitter adjustment. Saban has been particularly vocal. His preferred recruiting tool was low-key and fact-based, summed up in a recorded video that was leaked and went viral in 2021: Alabama wins championships, the competition in practice improves recruits, and its players get drafted into the NFL. In 2022, he lamented that schools could "buy players" and accused rival Texas A&M of doing just that. Though he also works with groups seeking to recruit via NIL, he seems to take particular umbrage when a student opts to leave the process in search of more money and playing time.

"We're giving people scholarships. We're creating name, image and likeness opportunities. But what is their

commitment?" he asked during a radio appearance last summer. "So when you can opt out, transfer, do whatever you want whenever you want, I'm not sure that balance is quite right."

He's not the only coach thinking that way. But it's not a uniform opinion, and the future of college football — at least for now — will belong to coaches who have a more flexible attitude toward money and freedom of movement and see both as a tool for building winning teams.

Deion Sanders, the meteoric head coach at the University of Colorado Boulder, best exemplifies this approach. In 2023, his first year at Colorado, he brought in 47 transfer students from other four-year colleges. Along the way he improved a 1-11 team (in 2022) to 4-8 and gave Colorado a national profile. This year he's bringing in 16 transfers recruited from other schools, a haul that's ranked No. 1 in the nation for a 2024 transfer class.

It's not the approach that Saban would take, and Sanders, among others, knows it. As news of Saban's retirement broke, Sanders, referring to the Alabama legend as the greatest of all time, posted to X: "The game has change[d] so much that it chased the GOAT away."

During his career, Saban proved himself to be among the most adaptable of coaches. His success over the last few years suggests he could have thrived during this era, too. But even if he continued to do so, it's clear that NIL and the transfer portal require coaches willing to go beyond simply recruiting high school students into a "process." For better and for worse, Nick Saban represents that bygone era.

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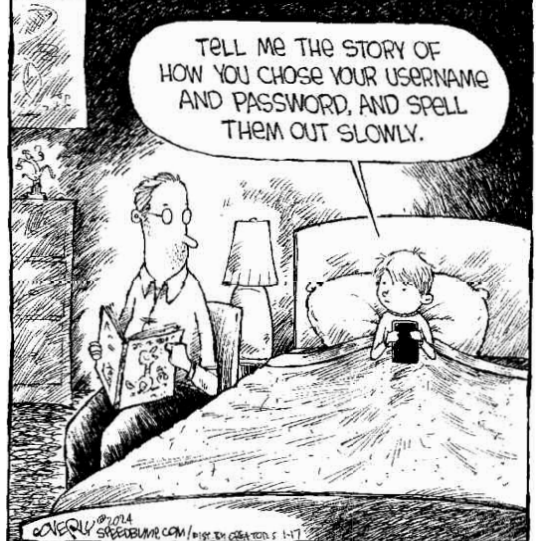
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A sacrilegious play

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 7 6 4 3
♥ K 8 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 6 5

EAST
♠ K 5 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 10 8 6 3
♣ 9 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A Q J 10 9 6
♦ A K 7
♣ K J 4

The bidding:
South West North East
2♠ Pass 2♦♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

After East followed low, South played the jack. West took the queen and returned a trump. Declarer played dummy's king and led another club to the king, losing to the ace, whereupon West returned a third trump. Eventually, South lost a diamond and another club to go down one.

South failed because he allowed himself to be led astray by his holding of the K-J-x of clubs facing two small. In the great majority of deals, it would be normal to lead toward the K-J-x to try to develop a trick in the suit. But in this particular case, South did not need to score a trick with the king or jack of clubs. All he needed to do to assure the contract was to ruff a club in dummy.

To that end, South should have led a club — any club — from his hand at trick two, treating his K-J-x of clubs as if they were x-x-x. After that, he could not have been stopped from making 10 tricks.

It was declarer's initial trump lead to dummy at trick two — in order to lead toward the K-J-x — that opened the door to defeat. South might have felt that leading low toward dummy's 6-5 of clubs was sacrilegious, but the fact remains that countermanning standard procedure in this case ensures the contract, while following it jeopardizes the contract.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF PEOPLE ARE IN COURT FOR ELECTION-RACE IMPROPRIETY, I GUESS THEY'RE ON THE CAMPAIGN TRIAL.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals C

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

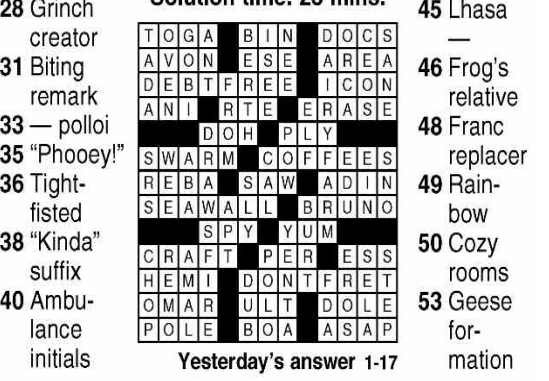
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5 Xenon, for one
8 Book-keepers (Abbr.)
12 Actor Epps
13 Choose
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15 Critical point
17 "You —" (Lady Gaga song)
18 Have at
19 Wild and crazy
21 Jamaican music
22 Pretzel topper
23 Joan of —
26 Doctrine
28 Grinch creator
31 Biting remark
35 — polloi
35 "Phooey!"
36 Tight-fisted
38 "Kinda" suffix
40 Ambulance initials

DOWN
41 Opposite of "sans"
43 Marseilles monarch
45 Tack on
47 Virgil epic
51 Serve beer
52 Opera opener
54 Ganges wrap
55 Actor Brooks
56 Activist Brock-ovich
57 Classic theaters
58 Architect I.M.
59 Defeat

2 Flightless birds
3 Supplies with staff
4 Killer whales
5 Hungarian stew
6 Earth Day mo.
7 Rose parts
8 Held lovingly
9 Flat tire cause, perhaps
10 Verdi opera
11 Use scissors
16 Polynesian carving
20 Small batteries

23 "Shark Tank" network
24 Fan's shout
25 Word with "feature" or "comfort"
27 French pronoun
29 Frodo's friend
30 Rds.
32 Munich setting
34 Gal Gadot, for one
37 Chest muscle
39 Farmer, at times
42 Munch noisily
44 Chip giant
45 Lhasa —
46 Frog's relative
48 Franc replacer
49 Rainbow
50 Cozy rooms
53 Geese formation

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AKER, CHAD A	Commissioner	Commissioners	\$48,786.44	Highway	\$11,388.15
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COLEMAN, JOE L	Transport Officer	JEMS	\$65,079.53	JEMS	\$58,460.27
COLEMAN, KRISTIN L	Matron	Treasurer	\$7,232.08	Treasurer	\$46,847.11
COLEMAN, LAURA L	F/T Registered Nurse	Surveyor	\$45,327.37	Surveyor	\$35,720.49
COMPTON, CURTIS D	Investigator	Jail	\$35,720.49	Jail	\$42,435.60
CONATSER, MICHAEL O	911 Dispatcher	Prosecutor Child Support	\$42,435.60	Prosecutor Child Support	\$49,120.00
COX, ANGEL M	Jailer	Clerk	\$6,853.38	Clerk	\$2,960.39
COX BROWN, KIMBERLEY J	Head Cook/Activities	Highway	\$750.00	Highway	\$1,312.02
CRAIG, CARMEN J	Admin. Asst.	Coroner	\$23,859.53	Coroner	\$28,326.40
CRAIG, STEVEN L	Jailer	Retirement Center	\$28,326.40	Retirement Center	\$10,119.80
CULY, DENISE C	2nd Deputy	Retirement Center	\$12,228.04	LIT Public Safety	\$64,694.11
CULY, MONICA D	2nd Deputy	JEMS	\$4,007.41	LIT Public Safety	\$4,007.41
CULY, NANCY J	Dispatcher	Statewide 911	\$36,983.10	Treasurer	\$13,256.98
CURLESS, JESSICA D	Dispatcher	Statewide 911	\$11,114.76	Retirement Center	\$11,114.76
CURRAN, JAMES M	Paramedic	Courthouse	\$7,463.02	JEMS	\$4,583.00
CURTIS, CHRISTOPHER R	Paramedic	Surveyor	\$55,893.09	Surveyor	\$15,409.81
CURTIS, JESSICA J	Paramedic	Auditor	\$7,859.63	Auditor	\$11,669.05
DALRYMPLE, TONY A	Basic EMT	JEMS	\$1,087.07	JEMS	\$170.00
DANIELS, BRADLEY A	County Surveyor	Surveyor	\$39,475.42	LIT Public Safety	\$860.90
DARBY, SARA E	2nd Deputy	Statewide 911	\$503.25	Jail	\$43,658.71
DAVIS, AMY M	2nd Deputy Mapping	Jail	\$48,937.66	Highway	\$48,828.45
DAY, CALEB E	Jailer	Highway	\$170.00	PTABOA	\$170.00
DELANEY, KRISTIE J	Pt Cook/Housekeeper	LIT Public Safety	\$39,475.42	LIT Public Safety	\$860.90
DENNEY, CHARLES E	Pt Truckdriver	Statewide 911	\$503.25	Statewide 911	\$503.25
DENNIS, SHEALYN W	Pt Basic EMT	Assessor	\$43,658.71	Assessor	\$48,937.66
DOLLAR, RANDALL P	Truckdriver	Highway	\$48,828.45	Highway	\$170.00
DOWLEN, JOSHUA C	Pt Basic EMT	Highway	\$86,913.28	JEMS	\$25,087.35
DUNNUCK, JACOB P	Asst Public Defender	JEMS	\$40,884.72	Jail	\$38,941.70
EADS, JON A	County Clerk	LIT Public Safety	\$38,941.70	LIT Public Safety	\$50,064.74
EASON, MINDY S	Pt Clerical	JEMS	\$50,064.74	JEMS	\$1,057.72
EASON, NATHANAEL D	Heavy Equip Operat/ Labor	JEMS	\$1,057.72	Highway	\$8,071.18
EDWARDS, DAWN A	Jail Sergeant	Highway	\$17,405.59	Jail	\$4,985.15
ELLINGWOOD, SHELBY L	Victim Advocate	Commissioners	\$4,985.15	Commissioners	\$24,416.32
ELLIOTT, MELISSA	1st Deputy	Jail	\$34,401.74	Jail	\$1,248.00
FARMER, KEITH R	Truckdriver	Sheriff	\$210.80	Retirement Center	\$5,217.79
FENNIG, JESSE L	Pt Jailer	Retirement Center	\$4,774.02	Jail	\$19,632.06
FENNIG, TREVOR L	Dispatcher	Jail	\$21,631.00	Surveyor	\$13,317.83
FIELDS, BRAYDEN L	Pt Adv EMT	Surveyor	\$60,188.61	Jail	\$51,915.25
FINCH, PAIGE S	Deputy pt	City Zoning	\$65,079.53	Public Defender	\$39,810.50
FISCUS, ALYSSA M	Paramedic	Assessor	\$170.00	Assessor	\$170.00
FISHER, KRISTYN A	Cook/Housekeeper	Recorder	\$23,556.68	Recorder	\$44,010.50
FISHER, MATTHEW C	Cook/Housekeeper	Surveyor	\$17,488.90	Surveyor	\$45,447.00
FITZSIMMONS,		Retirement Center	\$20,959.32	Retirement Center	\$20,959.32
CHRISTOPHER J	Merit Deputy	Retirement Center	\$42,604.22	Circuit Court	\$42,604.22
FONT, AMY JO	Paramedic	Circuit Court	\$85,995.60	LIT Public Safety	\$28,980.78
FORD, FRANCIS D	County Sheriff	LIT Public Safety	\$28,980.78	JEMS	\$9,318.96
FOREMAN, JONELLE N	1st Deputy	JEMS	\$559.00	Sheriff	\$559.00
FOX, MICHAEL W	Cook/Housekeeper	Retirement Center	\$32,353.50	Treasurer	\$4,985.15
FRANKLIN, WILLIAM L	Pt Paramedic	Jail	\$4,985.15	Jail	\$133.11
FRANKS, ALICE R	Pt Custodian	Jail	\$55,287.23	Highway	\$51,088.09
FRANKS, DARIAN A	Surveyor Laborer	Commissioners	\$11,786.86	LIT Public Safety	
FRANKS, EMILY J	County Auditor	Highway			
FRANTZ, ALEXANDRIA L	Basic EMT	Highway			
FRAVEL, COLTON M	Jailer	Highway			
FRAVEL, LEAH N	Cook	Highway			
FRAZEE, ERIKA E	Clerical pt	Highway			
FUNK, JON D	PTABOA member	Highway			
FUTRELL, EMERSON D	Jailer	Highway			
GALLEGOS, MARIA I	Pt Dispatcher	Highway			
GARLAND, MADISON D	Pt Jailer	Highway			
GEESAMAN, CHERRIE J	Reassessment Deputy	Highway			
GEESAMAN, EARL L	Truckdriver	Highway			
GEESAMAN, HARLEY W	Truck Driver	Highway			
GEESAMAN, RANDY D	PTABOA member	Highway			
GERLACH, KYLE S	Shift Supervisor/Paramedic	Highway			
GILBERT, TRENDA K	Bailiff	Highway			
GRABER, ELIZABETH G	Dispatcher	Highway			
GRAYSON, ERICA M	Jailer	Highway			
GREEN, KEVIN A	Basic EMT	Highway			
GUISE, CHERYL A	Pt Paramedic	Highway			
GUNTLE, DANIEL L	Pt Laborer	Highway			
GUNTLE, SEAN D	Jailer	Highway			
HAINES, DAVID D	Council Member	Highway			
HAINES, STANLEY K	Jail Maintenance	Highway			
HAMMOND, MARION S	Jailer	Highway			
HANKINS, JOHN B	Pt Deputy	Highway			
HARBERT, DIANNIE M	Pt Cook/Housekeeper	Highway			
HARRISON, CAMDIN A	Jailer	Highway			
HARRISON, HUNTER E	Jailer	Highway			
HARRISON, JESSIE R	Dispatcher	Highway			
HARTZELL, KEEGAN J	Laborer	Highway			
HEATH, ALEXANDER M	Jailer	Highway			
HEMMELGARN, JOHN J	Adminstrator	Highway			
HENDERSHOT, GARY L	Deputy Director	Highway			
HENDERSON, AARON M	Asst. Public Defender	Highway			
HENKLE, KERIOKA R	1st Deputy	Highway			
HERMAN, KELLY J	PTABOA member	Highway			
HESHER, BECKY E	1st Deputy	Highway			
HESS, KURTIS R	Heavy Equip Oper/ Labor	Highway			
HILL, LISA M	Cook	Highway			
HIRSCHY, CHAD E	Heavy Equip Operat/ Labor	Highway			
HODGE, DEBORAH S	Pt Cook	Highway			
HOLMES, LINDSEY K	Senior Court Reporter	Highway			
HONEYCUTT, AARON J	Merit Deputy	Highway			
HOOTEN, HARVEY L	Jailer	Highway			
HOOVER, SCOTT A	Basic EMT	Highway			
HOPKINS, JEFFREY A	PT merit deputy	Highway			
HORN, TAMMY K	2nd Deputy	Highway			
HOCHINS, JEANNE D	County Council Member	Highway			
HOWELL, AMBER N	Pt Clerical	Highway			
HOWELL, ROBERT A	Road Foreman	Highway			
HOWELL, TERENCE J	Truckdriver	Highway			
HUFTTEL, TRISTIN R	Jailer	LIT Public Safety			
HUMMER, TODD L	Truck Driver	Highway	\$49,360.00	Highway	\$49,360.00
HUTZLER, PAUL A	Pt Custodian	Courthouse	\$1,395.00	Courthouse	\$1,395.00
INGRAM, TREVOR M	Jailer	Jail	\$18,024.78	Jail	\$18,024.78
JACOBS, JANAE N	Pt Basic EMT	JEMS	\$3,334.58	JEMS	\$3,334.58
JESSEE, CODY D	Merit Deputy/SRO	Sheriff	\$60,243.22	Sheriff	\$60,243.22
JOHNSON, GLENN D	Pt Basic EMT	JEMS	\$605.25	JEMS	\$605.25
JOHNSON, JOE E	Heavy Equip Oper/ Labor	Surveyor	\$46,184.00	Surveyor	\$46,184.00
JONES, SELINA E	Commissioner	JEMS	\$21,285.52	JEMS	\$21,285.52
JOURNAY, REX L	Commissioner	Commissioners	\$21,188.50	Commissioners	\$21,188.50
KEEN, ALEXANDRIA D	Cook/Housekeeper	Retirement Center	\$16,702.27	Retirement Center	\$16,702.27
KERRIGAN, JESSICA L	2nd Secretary	Extension Office	\$31,303.54	Extension Office	\$31,303.54
KIMMEL, JOSHUA M	Basic EMT	JEMS	\$2,616.63	JEMS	\$2,616.63
KLARER, STEPHANIE E	Admin. Assistant	Highway	\$20,656.70	Highway	\$20,656.70
LAYMAN, TRACY J	Pt Courthouse Security	Jail	\$1,476.59	Jail	\$1,476.59
LEAVELL, RILEY R	Basic EMT	JEMS	\$29,599.72	JEMS	\$29,599.72
LEMASTER, AUSTYN C	PT LABORER	Highway	\$2,160.43	Highway	\$2,160.43
LEMASTER, CODI M	Admin. Assistant	Emergency Management	\$3,766.03	Emergency Management	\$3,766.03
LEMASTER, RONALD C	Truckdriver	Highway	\$48,660.00	Highway	\$48,660.00
LENNARTZ, TONY E	Investigator Lt.	Sheriff	\$64,419.70	Sheriff	\$64,419.70
LOCKE, CORY M	Merit Deputy	Sheriff	\$57,718.39	Sheriff	\$57,718.39
LOCKER, ANTHONY J	PT Basic EMT	JEMS	\$23,831.56	JEMS	\$23,831.56
LOTHRIDGE, STEVEN E	Merity Deputy	Sheriff	\$56,701.93	Sheriff	\$56,701

Roundup ...

Continued from page 8 Grant Gletznor earned first place in six events and Cooper took the top spot in four. Guggenbiller didn't have any first-place finishes, but placed second and third three times each.

The team also had 11 new divisional cuts and 80 personal bests during the two-day event.

New divisional cuts include Bree Bergman

(100-yard freestyle), Brooklyn Byrum (200 breaststroke), Isabelle Byrum (100 butterfly), Kaitlyn Fisher (200 freestyle), Gabby Gibson (500 freestyle), Emme Theurer (50 breaststroke), Lydia Hoewel (50 breaststroke), Kynlee Homan (100 butterfly), Maria Laux (500 freestyle), Grady Warvel (500 freestyle) and Carson Westgerdes (200 individual medley).

Kelce ...

Continued from page 8 "Ironically, you lose the Super Bowl, and you're crying after the game, and they're not tears of sadness. They're tears of joy."

Kelce's popularity soared in 2022 in part because of his documentary "Kelce" in which he wrestled with retirement, captured the emotions of his wife, Kylie, giving birth to their third child, and launching the podcast with Travis.

Kelce, 36, played in 193 regular-season games and helped the Eagles beat New England in Super Bowl LII, one of his 12 postseason games and Philadelphia's

only Super Bowl win. "He's a legend in the city — really in the league," Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts said after Monday's game. "His journey to where he is now didn't come easy. It's been a long, long time coming for him, and every year since I've been here it's been, 'Are you going to come back?' But he knows how much I love and appreciate him. He knows how much I've learned from him. He'll forever have a special place in my heart."

Despite his playing the least glamorous position in football, Kelce undoubtedly

will remain in the public eye post-retirement, his everyman persona a function of his ability to toggle between hilarious and authentically emotional. To wit: The 6-foot-3, 295-pound Kelce was a finalist for People's Sexiest Men of the Year in 2023 along with (eventual winner) Patrick Dempsey, Pedro Pascal, Timothée Chalamet, Usher, Jamie Foxx and Lenny Kravitz.

He responded with a tweet that said, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder ... " and said on a radio show, "I'm not even the sexiest man in my family, let

alone the sexiest man alive."

Travis Kelce, 34, ended speculation about whether he plans to retire when the season concludes, saying ahead of the Chiefs' 26-7 wild-card win over the Dolphins on Saturday: "I have no reason to stop playing football. I love it. I just love the challenge it gives me every single day to try and be at my best."

It appears his older brother, though, is done playing, and Jason could address it as soon as the "New Heights" episode is scheduled to air Wednesday.

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382300001 38-01-27-403-009.000-011 \$26.42 PENNINGTON JIMMY L JR LOT 17 GRISSELL 3RD ADD VACANT LOT N MULBERRY PENNVILLE 47369
382300003 38-01-27-404-054.001-011 \$174.73 MYERS JENNIFER PT 'A' 66' X 103' VACANT LAND E MAPLE ST PENNVILLE 47369
382300008 38-09-08-101-070.000-014 \$454.42 BOWLER ERIC T PARCEL B PT OF O L 2 .12A PT OF O L 3 GEORGE B SULLIVANS ADD VACANT LAND NORTHEAST OF MT AUBURN & WEST OF ALLEY

DUNKIRK DUNKIRK 47336
382300010 38-09-08-101-121.000-014 \$8,565.23 RITENOUR MARCUS & SUMMER PT (21 X 12) BLK 29 O P VACANT LAND N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300017 38-09-08-103-005.000-014 \$1,699.42 FISHER HOWARD LOT 19 BLK 37 O P VACANT LOT W WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300018 38-09-08-103-025.000-014 \$421.00 MCCOMB TINA R LOT 23 BLK 37 O P 28 W WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300022 38-09-08-103-157.000-014 \$8,474.39 BERRY JAVIS SCOTT W PT LOT 1 BLK 15 O P 115 W JAY ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300023 38-09-08-104-010.000-014 \$426.30 SINGH RAJA S 1/2 S 1/2 LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 28 OP VACANT LOT N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300024 38-09-08-104-016.000-014 \$291.18 BISHOP MATTHEW 32 X 130 PT LOT 2 BLK 18 VACANT LOT MAIN ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300025 38-09-08-104-083.000-014 \$692.15 DUTY DONNA LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD VACANT LOT E RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300026 38-09-08-104-084.000-014 \$510.58 DUTY DONNA J & ELLEN KATHLEEN JT W/RIGHTS OF SURV LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAILROAD ADD 225 RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300027 38-09-08-204-004.000-014 \$312.78 INGLE ALAN R LOTS 3001 3002 & 3003 DLC 4TH ADD 611 W "D" St DUNKIRK 47336
382300031 38-09-08-402-086.000-014 \$671.87 RQ TAX LIEN INVESTMENT INC RICHARD QUIZON LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD VACANT LOT E ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK 47336

382300039 38-09-09-203-003.000-014 \$910.36 MOREHEAD STEVEN MICHAEL LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB DIV VACANT LOTS E HIGH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300042 38-09-09-203-093.000-014 \$1,699.27 NORRIS LOGAN JAMES & CASEY RAE BROCK LOT 8-10 SNIFF & JOHNSON SD 509 E NORTH St DUNKIRK 47336
382300043 38-09-09-203-101.000-014 \$949.53 DUTCH LLC LOT 7 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV VACANT LOT E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300045 38-09-09-302-011.000-014 \$286.96 LOWE REBA G LOT 3 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT E WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300046 38-09-09-302-017.000-014 \$403.16 MAHON RANDY J NEIL LOT 5 PURDOMS ADD VACANT LOT PALACE ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300047 38-09-09-302-025.000-014 \$471.64 JONES ELIZABETH LOT 6 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT "A" ST DUNKIRK 47336-0000
382300048 38-09-09-302-049.000-014 \$8,362.85 MAHON RANDY J NEIL INLOT 1466 DUNKIRK LAND CO ADD VACANT LOT PALACE ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300049 38-09-09-302-050.000-014 \$299.31 MAHON RANDY J NEIL LOTS 12 & 13 PURDOMS ADD VACANT LOTS E PALACE ST DUNKIRK 47336
382300058 38-03-17-301-018.000-021 \$2,222.67 ROBINSON AMANDA CRYSTAL 65' S END OF LOT 4 BLK 14 103 S HENDRICKS ST BRYANT 47326
382300072 38-10-15-403-028.000-024 \$29.33 GARRINGER BRIAN LEE LOT 8 W ADD NEW MT PLEASANT S15 T22 R13 VACANT LAND W 575 S PORTLAND 47371
382300075 38-10-33-202-014.000-024 \$40.46 JEFFRIS JOSEPH JESSICA NEWSOME CASH RAY PINKSTON TENS PT LOT 1 & 44 1/2' OF LOT 1 BLK 3 POWERS STATION S33 T22 R13 VACANT LOT

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382300095 38-09-08-102-002.000-030 \$22.82 LEIST TERRY W PT O L 3 100 X 133.9' S8 T22 R12.25A CONTRACT DOC # 2003671 12317 W BLACKFORD AVE DUNKIRK 47336
382300110 38-09-23-101-114.000-031 \$191.79 APPENZELLER HARRY H JR N PT LOT 46 O P VACANT LOTS UNION ST REDKEY 47373
382300118 38-09-24-202-122.000-031 \$43.87 WISENER PATRICK T LOT 109 C&E ADD 145 E DELAWARE ST REDKEY 47373
382300152 38-07-20-401-034.000-034 \$83.47 HEARN CHRIS C "G" PT VACANT 1/4 SE 1/4 S20 T23 R14 .12A VACANT LAND SHIP ST PORTLAND 47371
382300201 38-09-09-302-010.000-014 \$333.65 JONES LYDIA, FREEMAN ELIZABETH & MILLER NAOMI ESTHER LOT 4 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT E WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336

Total Number of Properties: 32
I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, have not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Jay County, Indiana, to be offered for sale.

Emily Franks, Auditor, Jay County Indiana.
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All-Star Sims

Twenty of the 24 students of the 2024 graduating class selected by the Indianapolis NBA All-Star 2024 Host Committee as NBA All-Star Legacy Grant Rising Stars were recognized at the Indiana Pacers game on Wednesday, Jan 3, against the Milwaukee Bucks. Gage Sims (middle back row in a gray sweatshirt), a senior at Jay County High School, was chosen as one of the recipients of the \$2,400 scholarship.

Indians can't quiet Blue Jays in 20-point loss

DELPHOS — The Indians put up the largest amount of points they've had all season.

However, 56 points weren't enough to overcome a giant first half by the Blue Jays.

The Fort Recovery High School basketball team trailed by 25 points at halftime before eventually falling to the St. John's Blue Jays 76-56 on Monday.

St. John's (10-2, 3-0 Midwest Athletic Conference) got everything it wanted offensively in the first half as it poured in 18

Local roundup

shots, including seven 3-pointers. The Blue Jays outscored the Indians by over 10 points in the first two quarters by margins of 21-10 and 26-12.

Fort Recovery (4-9, 0-3 MAC) won the third and fourth quar-

ters, but not by enough to mount a full comeback. The Indians outscored the Blue Jays by three in the fourth and two in the third quarter.

Alex Dues led scoring for the Indians with a season-high 15 points. The senior knocked down three 3-point shots in the fourth quarter.

Rex Leverette and Briggs Overmann were both one point away from double figures with nine each, all of which came in the first three periods.

St. John's had four players

reach double-digit scoring on Monday. Cameron Elwer and Aaron Moenter both put up 16 points. Their best quarters came in the second when Moenter hit four of his seven made baskets for eight points, while Elwer added three baskets.

Drew Boggs and Tyce McClain weren't far behind with 13 and 12 points respectively.

Other FRHS scorers include Reece Guggenbiller (six points), Eli Lennartz (six), Gavin Faller (five) and Mason Diller (three).

Two high-point winners

YORKTOWN — The Jay County winter swim team had two high-point winners at the Robbin Lindsey Memorial Meet over the weekend in Yorktown.

Carysn Guggenbiller and Grant Glentzer earned top spots as high point winners. Guggenbiller took the 9-10-year-old age group while Grant Glentzer topped the 11-12-year-olds. Cooper Glentzer came up just short, finishing second for the 13-and-older boys.

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Jason Kelce retires after 13-year career

Announcement came after the Eagles were upset 32-9 by Buccaneers

By STEVE HENSON

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

No wonder Jason Kelce looked impossibly forlorn sitting on a bench behind the Philadelphia Eagles' sideline as the final minutes ticked away in a 32-9 wild-card playoff loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Monday night.

Not only was the Eagles' onepromising season coming to a tortuous though predictable end, but Kelce knew this would be his last NFL game. The six-time All-Pro center, career-long Philadelphia icon, and brother of Taylor Swift's boyfriend and fellow likely Hall of Famer Travis Kelce, told his teammates in the locker room afterward that he is retiring, according to multiple reports.

When the game ended, Kelce hugged Eagles longtime offensive line coach Jeff Stoutland, jogged over to acknowledge his family in the stands and politely told reporters he wasn't ready to talk to them.

He'd contemplated retirement for at least two years. After rumors swirled

that the 2021 season would be his last, Kelce put a video on social media of him pouring a beer from a keg Eagles coach Nick Sirianni had dispatched to help induce him to return.

"I'm definitely not retiring from playing for the Philadelphia Eagles," he said, as beer foam splattered his beard. "I'm having way too much fun doing that. Looking forward to another year, Philadelphia. To all my teammates, let's go dominate."

Kelce again contemplated retirement a year ago after the Eagles lost the Super Bowl to Kansas City (and his brother), talking about how emotional that experience was on his immensely popular "New Heights" podcast.

"The moment I saw Mom is when I got really emotional, because man, it was so awesome," Jason said. "She was on top of the world for a week. ... It was just so cool, man, to see her get to celebrate in that with us. It was an awesome moment. So just happy for her and so happy that she got her moment, Dad got his."

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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball at Delta — 6 p.m.; JV boys wrestling at Belmont — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Coldwater — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.

Friday, January 19
Jay County — Swimming ACAC Invite at Jay County — 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball (including freshman) vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Boys wrestling ACAC tournament at Bluffton — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Coldwater — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 a.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — USGA: Latin America Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Georgetown at Xavier (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Louis at VCU (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Belmont at Drake (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Boston Celtics (ESPN)

ball: Minnesota at Michigan State (FS1)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Purdue at Penn State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Chicago Bulls at Toronto Raptors (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Michigan (FS1)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Oregon State at Utah (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Memphis Grizzlies at Minnesota Timberwolves (TNT)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Gonzaga at Pepperdine (NBC)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Oregon at Colorado (FS1)

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9 p.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (ESPN); Indiana Pacers at Portland Trail Blazers (Bally Indiana)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UNLV at Colorado State (FS1)

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.

To sign up or for more information on the league, visit www.alooo247.com, call (205) 264-1468 or email 411@alooo247.com.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@theocr.com.



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