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'Super' show



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Natalee Hough (left) gestures while portraying Speed Freak as she talks to Jovana Markovic as Kevin during Tuesday's rehearsal for the Jay County Junior-Senior High School production of the comedy "Super Freaks." Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission will be \$5.

Production features psychiatric patients who believe they are actually superheroes

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Are they truly not connected to reality?

Or might they really be Jay County Junior-Senior

High School's drama club will answer those questions this weekend with its production comedy Freaks."

The bulk of the cast members are back from the fall production of "Salem's Daughter," this time testing their chops as comedic actors.

"We did a serious play, kind of a thriller, drama, for the fall play ... and now we decided to do something funny," said director Cain Bilbrey, remembering that when he was in high school the pattern was to do a drama, a comedy and a

Schedule and tickets

7 p.m. Friday 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

musical each year. "That was just kind of the set standard. So I kind of follow along with that. ... So I thought it would be fun to do a comedy. And that gives the kids a chance to the role — who is writing

something funny. Not every- mental health facilities. body likes to do drama. Some

getting his hands on the or are they superheroes.

script. "After I read it and then I had the students read it they were like, 'Oh, this could be a

lot of fun," Bilbrey said.
"Super Freaks" is set in
Stanley J. Kirby Psychiatric Hospital that is the subject of reporting by journalist Lois Lancaster — Labibah Awliya and Maley Recker are splitting

do something serious and do about the current state of

"We have patients in a psychipeople want to get on stage atric hospital who think they're and be goofy and have fun at it superheroes," said Bilbrey. "And and make people laugh." there is a particular reporter—
He first looked at "Super
Freaks" because of its smaller to figure it out. She feels somecast size and its flexibility — thing about this place, but she most of the roles can be played doesn't quite know ... And by either gender — and was there's a bit of a ruse going on as drawn in to its potential after to are they really mental patients

> quirky superheroes The and/or patients imagine (or have?) various super powers:

> •Speed Freak (played by Natalee Hough) can, you guessed it, run at incredible speeds.

> •Dim Bulb (Aeroelet Cooke) can turn off lights with his brain.

> •Mental (Sammie Sager) believes she can read minds. See 'Super' page 2

Stellar returns in new **format**

Dunkirk, Jay were finalists for designation 2015 and 2019

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Stellar is back.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch announced recently that the state program previously known as Stellar Communities is returning this year in a revamped format now known as Stellar Pathways.

The program will continue to be administered through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

"Rural Indiana is our next great economic development frontier," said Crouch in a video announcing the new program. "It's full of Hoosiers who are dedicated to growing their community, who are hardworking, resilient, optimistic and forward thinking."

Jay County and its municipalities involved in the process several times, with Dunkirk selected as one of three finalists in 2015 and the Jay! Region as one of four finalists in 2019. Portland was one of 12 cities that received a site visit in the program's inaugural year (2011), but did not make it into the top five.

Stellar Pathways will build off of Stellar Communities and continue to be a multi-million dollar investment initiative. It will offer up to \$8 million in Community Development Block Grants through OCRA, \$3 million in rural federal aid through Indiana Department of Transportation and \$1.5 million in Community Housing Development Organization funding through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Agency. Additional funding will also be available through the state departments of health, agriculture and natural resources as well as Indiana Destination Development Corporation.

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Bills clear committee

INDIANAPOLIS — Three bills authored by a local legislator cleared Indiana Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee.

Sen. Travis Holdman's Senate Bills 61, 147 and 228 — they address tourism improvement districts, child care property tax exemption and department of revenue issues, respectively were all approved Tuesday during the committee's final hearing of the 2024 session.

Senate Bills 61 and 228 passed the committee unanimously, 14-0. Senate Bill 147 passed 9-4 on a party-line vote. All three now move to the full Senate for second and third readings.

Senate Bill 147, which Holdman authored along with Sen. Linda Rogers (R-Granger) and Sen. Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso), would make changes regarding property tax exempHoldman's measures address tourism districts, tax matters and child care exemptions

tions to for-profit early childhood education providers. It would add a curriculum requirement for all children and provide a partial property tax exemption for employers that provide child care.

Concern about the bill during the committee hearing was regarding the tax exemption, with Sen. Fady Qaddoura (D-Indianapolis) saying the bill subsidizes for-profit entities without requirements that the recouped tax dollars go toward solving

childcare challenges. He also said he believes it's bad public policy to fund education via property

"I sincerely appreciate Sen. Rogers," said Qaddoura. "I agree with her on the intent. It's a big problem in the state of Indiana. We need to fix it, but this bill is truly a subsidy for for-profit entities without any guardrail to truly direct it at childcare deserts or the kids that need to benefit from this program.'

See Bills page 2



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Ferner's friendship

Four-year-old Eli Ferner selects beads for a friendship bracelet Tuesday at Jay County Public Library. Ferner created a bracelet for his stuffed bear and for himself as part of the event, which offered crafts and story time for children with their toys.

Deaths

Natomi Mohler, 90, Fort

Recovery Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 36 degrees Tuesday. The low was 32.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 30s. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with the high climbing into the low 40s. Highs are expected to be in the 40s through at least Tuesday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session to discuss broadband internet service that was scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday has been postponed. It will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse.

Coming up

Friday — Preview of the wrestling regional tournament at JCHS.

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



Stellar

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As opposed to the previous format, which first focused on working with individual municipalities and then self-selected regions, Stellar Pathways is for communities within county boundaries.

The county government or a non-profit that serves the entire county, such as a community foundation or economic development organization, can serve as the lead applicant. It must partner with municipalities within the county to create a region.

Applicants must commit to a five-year process that will include capacity training, community engagement strategies, asset identification and project prioritization and implementation.

"The Stellar Pathways program

agencies to assist regions in creatimprovement projects," said OCRA director OCRA director of strategic initiatives Andrea Kern, who is the program director for Stellar Path-

The first step for any county or non-profit interested in the program is to take part in a two-day workshop — they are scheduled for Feb. 15 and 16, Feb. 22 and 23 in Lebanon and March 4 and 5 in Danville — to learn about the new program. (Three to five representatives of the entity can attend.)

Applicants must submit a letter of intent by May 1, after which OCRA will select four communities to move forward with the process. It will include community engagement training and individupartners with a variety of state alized coaching through the Ball

State University Indiana Communities Institutes. Communities chosen will receive \$50,000 to go toward the development of a strategic investment plan that will be due to OCRA by Nov. 1.

Two communities will be selected as Stellar Pathways designees, which will have five years to complete projects and programs. (Funding will be applied for individually.)

Stellar Communities launched in 2011 as a way to provide assistance with planning and investment in communities across the state. It continued with various tweaks through 2019, with the 2020 process canceled upon the outbreak of the coronavirus pandem-

Communities awarded over the life of the program were Greencas-

tle and North Vernon in 2011, Delphi and Princeton in 2012, Bedford and Richmond in 2013, Huntingburg and Wabash in 2014, Crawfordsville and North Liberty in 2015, Corydon and Rushville in 2016, and Madison and Culver in 2017. In 2018 — the first under the regional approach — winners were the Health and Heritage region (Hancock County, Greenfield and Fortville) and New Allen Alliance (Allen County, Woodburn, New Haven, Grabill, Leo-Cedarville and Monroeville). Marshall County Crossroads (Argos, Bourbon, Bremen, Culver, Plymouth and Marshall County) beat out the Jay! Region, the Constellation of Starke (Hamlet, Knox, North Judson and Starke County) and Safe and Welcome (Knightstown, New Castle and Henry County) in 2019.

Obituaries

Natomi Mohler, Fort Recovery, April 11, 1933-Jan. 29, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at First Church of Christ, 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recov-•••••

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.

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Mostly sunny skies are expected Friday. At night, the low may dip to 30 degrees.		day of sunny skies is in the forecast for	Mostly sunny skies on Monday, when the high will be around 44 degrees.	Tuesday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high in the mid 40s.

Powerball

Estimated

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Mega Millions

3-5-16-58-59 Mega Ball: 11 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$333 million

Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 0-6-2 Daily Four: 9-6-8-6 Quick Draw: 2-5-8-12-

Evening Daily Three: 1-9-4 Daily Four: 0-2-7-4 Quick Draw: 9-20-22-32-37-39-44-50-55-59-60-63-

Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 9-7-3 Pick 4: 1-2-8-3 Pick 5: 9-2-7-6-5 **Evening** Pick 3: 8-5-1 Pick 4: 7-5-4-5 Pick 5: 8-8-9-3-3 Rolling Cash: 9-12-28-33-39

Estimated jackpot:

\$130,000

64-65-66-71-73-76-77-80 Ohio

"My miss reliability," said Bil-

brings my seasoned-veteran to the

•Kevin (Jovana Markovic) is less the last show who came in and saved us, Aeroelet Cooke is joining us (again)," he added, noting that Cooke jumped into a key role late in the production process for "She "Salem's Daughter. enthusiastically embraced this role. It's great, it's comical and she

"And then my pinch-hitter from to see the show, which opens with

"We want to get as many people out here as we can," said Bilbrey.

Lotteries

\$188 million

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Today in history

Supreme Court first his poems, stories and assembled in New York other writings about City. Chief Justice John Black American Life. Jay, for whom Jay County is named, postponed won the 135-pound title the court's first session in because some of the wrestling tournament justices were unable to at Jay County. He New reach because of issues.

In 1859, cellist and composer Victor Herbert was born in Dublin, Ireland. His No. 6 Jay County High best known work is the comic operetta "Babes team lost 36-33 in overin Toyland," which was time to eighth-ranked inspired by Frank L. Hamilton Heights in Baum's book "The Won- the opening round of derful Wizard of Oz."

poet Langston Hughes town. was born in Joplin, Mis-

In 1790, the U.S. souri. He was known for

In 2004, Kurtis Hess the sectional York defeated Andy Myers of travel Adams Central, rolling out to an 8-3 lead in the first period and pinning him in the second.

In 2022, the Class 3A School girls basketball the Class 3A Sectional In 1902, writer and 24 tournament at York-

—The CR

'Super'

Continued from page 1 quirky, initially, and doesn't have a superhero costume or name.

Dr. Gail Eisner (Izzy Winkles) is the hospital administrator who tries to effectively run the facility. Sager is the lone senior in the

brey. "She has a fun role and

does a great job.

"All of them do a great job. It's a lot of fun."

There will be four opportunities these kids.'

a performance at 7 p.m. Friday in the auditorium at JCHS. There are two shows Saturday — 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. — and the production will close with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday. Admission is \$5 and tickets will be available at the door.

"Come out and support it. "I couldn't be more proud of

Continued from page 1 Sen. Andrea Hunley (D-Indianapolis) expressed similar concerns and said she'd like the property tax exemption to be an "opt-in" for local governing bodies

rather than a requirement. Senate Bill 228 from Holdman, who represents all of Jay, Blackford, Adams and Wells counties as well as part of Allen County, covers various issues involving Indiana Department of Revenue. Its five major provisions as

of revenue director of tax mostly impacts restaupolicy Colin Davis during rants and is designed to Tuesday's hearing are:

•Removing a transaction threshold for out-of-state retail merchants as a requirement for registering with the state department of revenue. (He noted that other states are planning to reciprocate, thus removing a burden from small businesses.)

•Eliminating the requirement for a utility study as part of the requirement to apply for a utility sales tax described by department exemption. (The provision preparers and software

simplify the process of seeking the exemption.) •Clarifying the statute of

limitations of periodic taxes. It would set the return due date at Jan. 31 for all taxes from the previous calendar year. ·Requiring that taxes col-

lected by sheriffs be distributed by electronic transfer.

•Allowing the department to share certain private information with tax marketing and/or develop-

companies in cases in which the department believes fraudulent returns have been filed. (Davis said such returns generally involve a tax preparer having had a security breach. This provision is intended to allow the preparer to investigate such issues.

Holdman's Senate Bill 61 would allow for petitions to create tourism improvement districts. Such districts would utilize a tax rate to generate funds for

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

through the intersection of U.S. 27 and Indiana 18/Indiana 67 and his where Indiana 18 turns into Indivehicle struck a Pennville woman's ana 67. car about 3:20 p.m. Tuesday.

A New Jersey man drove her 2017 Hyundai Sonata south on U.S. 27 near the intersection

As she drove through the inter- \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Tonya J. Berry, 36, was driving section, a 2017 Honda Accord, driven by 60-year-old Kim Yongchan of Somerset, New Jersey, struck the back of her car.

Damage is estimated between

SERVICES

Today

Kable, Jeremy: II a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Young, Ruby: I p.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery.

Carter, Troy: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Saturday

Mohler, Natomi: 11:30 a.m., First Church of Christ, 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery.

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Prisoner swaps resume

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Russia and Ukraine swapped about 400 prisoners, renewing exchanges a week after the downing of a plane that Moscow claimed was carrying detainees for transfer to Kyiv.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said in an Instagram post Wednesday that 207 captives, both soldiers and civilians, were returned from Russia. Russia's Defense Ministry said in a statement that it received 195 soldiers in exchange for 195 sent to Ukraine.

Zelenskiy's statement didn't clarify whether the prisoners had been part of the broader swap planned at the time the plane crashed in Russia's Belgorod region on Jan. 24.

Swiss Village **FULL-TIME.**

DAY SHIFT NURSE Swiss Village, Inc. is now seeking a Full-Time Healthcare Nurse for Day Shift! Position will be 3 days/week, 6am-6pm, with a weekend rotation required. Candidates must be licensed in the State of Indiana as a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse and be dependable, flexible, and have excellent interpersonal skills. Position eligible for insurance benefits, Paid Time Off (PTO), and 403(b) retirement plan participation.

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Taylor Lehman, Vice President of HR Swiss Village, Inc. 1350 W. Main St. Berne, IN 46711 careers@swissvillage.org



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- holiday required; Part-time, 3rd shift; 32 hours/pay period (every 2 weeks), 10pm-6am with every other weekend and holiday required:
- Part-time, 1st shift; 16 hours/pay period (every 2 weeks), 6am-2pm with every other weekend and holiday required. These positions will assist residents in the Assisted Residential, Residential Living, and Independent Living areas of Swiss Village with Activities of Daily Living. Candidates must have an active Indiana Certified Nursing Assistant license and must exhibit a cooperative and positive attitude towards co-workers and residents.

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Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist Swiss Village 1350 W. Main St., Berne, IN 46711 Or email: careers@swissvillage.org

Swiss Village PART-TIME RESIDENTIAL

Village, Inc. is now seeking a Part-Time Residential/Assisted Living Nurse to provide nursing services to residents in Assisted Residential, Residential Living, and Independent Living. This position will be every 3rd weekend, every 4th holiday, and varying weekdays. Candidates must be a graduate of an accredited School of Nursing and be currently licensed in the State of Indiana as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse. Candidates must exhibit a cooperative and positive attitude towards co-workers and

ASSISTED LIVING NURSE

Apply online at www.swissvillage.org or send Resume to: Taylor Lehman, VP of HR

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5:30 p.m. — Portland **Today**

Citizen's calendar

office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Monday Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, Board of Works, mayor's 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Jay County

Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session, auditorium, court-4 p.m. — Jay County house, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

 $7:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

60th anniversary

Paul and Janet Resler

The Reslers are celebrating 60 years of marriage today.

Paul E. Resler and Janet S. Osenbaugh wed Feb. 1, 1964, in Winchester. Paul Resler retired after working for 38 years at Portland Forge and also served as a bass singer with the Christianaires Quartet for 36 years.

The rural Portland couple had six children, Christina (Andrew) White of Portland, Joseph Resler of Portland, Gene Resler of Portland, Teresa Resler of Portland, Johnathan Resler of Portland and Deborah (Burke) Goines of St. Henry, Ohio. They also have nine grandchildren and 15

The Reslers plan to celebrate with a meal at a restaurant.

Blood supply critically low

By JOEL STREED

Mayo Clinic News Network Tribune News Service

Severe weather across many parts of the country has caused a lot of problems, but one effect you may not have heard about is on the nation's blood supply. According to the American Red Cross, the nation's blood supply is critically The organization reports that the weather has caused many blood drives to be canceled and made it harder for the Red Cross to move supplies around to meet needs.

Nearly 16 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S., also according to the Red Cross. Daily needs include 29,000 units of red blood cells, an exact match for type and plasma and platelets.

5,000 units of platelets and Rh factor. For emergency 6,500 units of plasma.

People need a blood transfusion for many reasons. Some may need blood during surgery. Others depend on it after an accident or because they have a disease that requires blood components.

Blood donation makes all of this possible. There is no substitute for human blood. All transfusions use blood from a donor. The four blood types — A, B, AB and O — are differentiated by specific proteins called antigens. And blood also is classified by the Rhesus, or Rh, factor — negative or positive. Ideally, blood transfusions are performed with donated blood that's transfusions, especially if the situation is life-threatening or the matching blood type is in short supply, Type O-negative blood is the variety of blood that has the lowest risk of causing serious reactions for most people who receive it. Because of this, it's sometimes called the universal blood donor type.

Blood donation is a voluntary procedure that can save the lives of others. Several types of blood donation meet different medical needs. The most common type is whole blood donation. About a pint of whole blood is donated, and the blood is then separated into its components: red cells,

Friend consistently flakes on social outings

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow. I have a friend I'll call "Greta," whom I have known since high school. I was very shy back then. She was more outgoing, but our group of friends was small. Over the years, I have become more outgoing, while Greta seems to be withdrawing socially.

She often tells me she will go to an event only if I go with her, but when I commit to it and pay for my part, she usually backs out. The problem is, Greta picks events I would otherwise not choose to attend or that none of my other friends are attending, so I must go alone or lose the money.

I'm about to retire, so I'll have less income. I am also working on widening my circle of friends so I can remain active. Greta wants to be invited and gets upset if I don't ask her to join me. However, she sees no problem with her constant no-shows.

Dear Abby



formed friendships. I feel guilty for moving on socially, but I'm afraid I'll end up isolated if I try to meet her demands. What can I do to meet my own needs and still maintain her friendship? NAVIGATING FRIENDSHIP

DEAR NAVIGATING: You may not be able to do both. Have you pointed out to Greta that what she has been doing is unfair, not to mention expensive? If you haven't, do it now. If you have told her and have been ignored, remind her. When you do, express plainly that what she has been doing is rude, and if

events. Then step back and needs to take responsibility for worked all day cooking a lovely see her less often, and only one-on-one if you see her at

DEAR ABBY: My adult son suffered a nervous breakdown a couple of years ago. Ever since, he has been blaming me for all his problems. It was always important to me to be a good mother, and I tried to be. Now he claims I was "emotionally abusive." (I never tried to be abusive.) He has put me through hell the last couple of years with his nasty accusations. I don't know where it's coming from.

Abby, he blames me for everything bad in his life. I am upset and crying all the time. He used to be sweet, and we were extremely close. Now he says he doesn't want to see me unless I get therapy!

Everyone who knows me knows I would never hurt my This is putting a strain on our **it happens again, you will no** son. It seems like he is going out relationship and on my newly longer buy tickets for her of his way to hurt me. I think he

his own life and quit using me as his whipping post. Am I wrong? What should I do? — WOUNDED MOM IN WISCONSIN

DEAR MOM: I think you should agree to the therapy, but that it should be FAMILY therapy with a licensed mental health professional. Your son may (or may not) have some legitimate complaints, but it would be better if they were heard by an unbiased mediator.

I can't guarantee this will solve all the problems you're having with your troubled son, but it will give each of you the opportunity to hear where the other is coming from. After that, if the relationship doesn't improve, do what you must to protect your emotional well-being and stop communicating with

DEAR ABBY: At Christmas, I your feelings is appalling.

turkey dinner with all the side dishes and champagne. I told my "mature adult" boyfriend that dinner would be ready at 5 p.m.

At 5 p.m., I put the (hot) food on the table and called my BF to come in. Instead of coming to the table, "Mr. Mannerless" made an (unnecessary) phone call to a woman friend and talked for nearly an hour. While the dinner got cold, I got hot! When he finally got off the phone, he grabbed a plate of food and left to watch TV. He didn't even eat with me! What should I have done? — SIMMERING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR SIMMERING: It isn't a matter of what you should have done last Christmas. The question is what you intend to do about someone as inconsiderate as the unappreciative turkey you have been dating. He may be a mature adult, but his disregard for

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in mit an item, email news@thecr.com.

ERY — A 12-step Christian at (765) 584-6452. 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.

LIONS PORTLAND CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A

miscarriage, birth or ill-Community Calendar as ness will meet from 7 to 9 space is available. To sub-p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) CELEBRATE RECOV- 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth

Friday

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Feb. 2, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

PAST RECOVERY SERV-ICES — 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.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone support group for parents, suffering from memory friends and relatives who loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. have lost a baby through the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260)

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-

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 SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of

the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-SOCIETY—Is open from 10 based recovery group for a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

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

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafavette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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.

Swiss Village

KINĎER HAUS DAYCARE – **FULL-TIME TEAM TEACHER**

Kinder Haus Daycare at Swiss Village is now seeking a Full-Time Team Teacher to work 32+ hours/week! Varied hours from 6am-5pm M-F. Responsibilities include providing high quality childcare services and assisting the Lead Teacher with supervision of the classroom. Must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18 years of age. Strong desire to work with children required. Educational background in early childhood is preferred.

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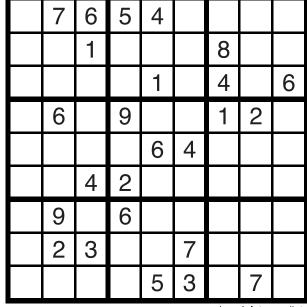
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Community made an impression

To the editor:

This letter is so dang late, but my mother would be somewhat proud that I was better late than

My name is Pat Clancy, retired lieutenant with the New York City Fire Department and an ambassador for Tunnel to Towers Foundation (T2T). I was part of the event Museum of the Soldier held at your remarkable fairgrounds last Septem-

I have been privileged to represent T2T for over a dozen years now and have visited many of our great towns in the

Letters to the Editor

USA. I can't say any of my experiences were like what we experienced with our visit to Portland. When I was first asked if I was available I thought, "Oh great, I will be visiting Maine." I didn't know about the one "IN Indiana," as my t-shirt that was given to me says.

Your town is Mayberry — well, maybe a bit bigger, but my experiences must be similar to those in that make-believe town on TV. The children that visited us all were so very respectful. They looked in the eye and said sir more than I heard in a lifetime in New York.

I started our day by having coffee in our hotel while reading The Commercial Review. We ate breakfast each morning at Richards, an iconic small-town diner where the people who worked there and the people who ate there I sensed worked hard and loved our country.

Then there was the parade. That was the icing. Waving from our jeep at the children and adults on the route again gave me the feeling of what is great about our country.

I learned that Jim Waechter of Museum of the Soldier spent a couple of years fundraising to get the T2T 9/11 exhibit to your town. We are all volunteers but it costs the foundation operating and maintenance for the exhibit. The founder and T2T CEO Frank Siller noted that and presented Jim with a piece of steel that was from the World Trade Center.

I am asked to be part of the exhibit three or four times a year (other firefighters do the same) and tell the story about 9/11, Stephen Sillers's heroic story and what the foundation does for our soldiers, police and firefighters killed or injured in the line of duty.

I will always remember my stay in Portland and will go out of my way to visit the town and say hi to my many new friends in my future travels.

Sincerely, Pat Clancy FDNY retired T2T ambassador

New rule helps to shine a light

By MICHAEL FELSEN

Progressive Perspectives Tribune News Service

In this country, the rights you get as a worker like overtime pay, a safe workplace and the right to organize into a union — depend on a seemingly simple question: Are you an employee? If the answer is yes, you get a plateful of rights and protections under federal and state law. If the answer is nomeaning you're an independent contractor in business for yourself the plate is empty.

When employers misclassify their employees as independent contractors, and avoid providing the rights and protections labor laws various require, individual workhurt. get Taxpayers suffer too, with billions in revenue lost from programs like workers' compensation and unemployment insurance.

So how do we know who's an employee and who isn't? The bad news is that the answer can vary from one law to another.

The good news is that, at least with one important law, we have a lot more clarity on how to answer the question. On Jan. 10, the U.S. Departworker under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The FLSA, passed by Congress in 1938, set basic of insecurity." labor standards employees — like a federal minimum wage and overtime pay. Its definition of who qualifies as an employee is broad.

DOL's new rule focuses on whether, as a matter of "economic reality," worker is economically dependent on an employer for work (hence, an employee), or is in business for themself (thus, an independent contractor). It makes clear, for example, that working longer and harder to make more "profit," or buying or leasing a car because that's what the potential employer requires, does not suggest that you're running your own business. Meanwhile, if you perform work that's necessary to the potential employer's business, that indicates you're an employee — as does the company's use of technological and digital means to surveil and assign your work, and its prices.

Michael Felsen



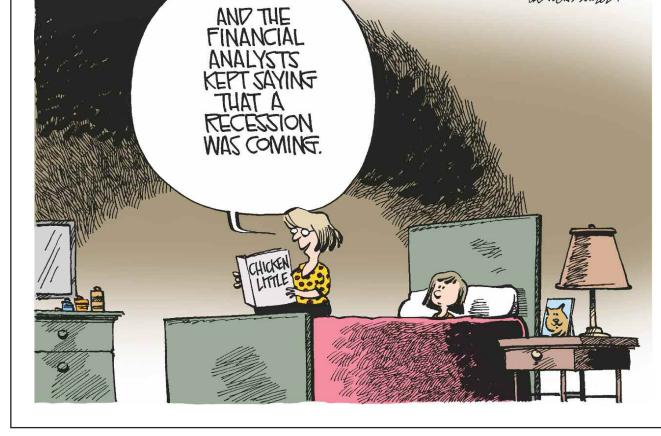
The new rule replaces one from the Trump era that made it much easier for companies to treat their workers as independent contractors. In 2021, the Economic Policy Institute estimated that the Trump regulation would have reduced worker compensation (transferring it to employers) by at least \$3.3 billion annually. The more than 55,000 comments the DOL received when the current rule was proposed reflect the significance and contentiousness — of the issue in today's evermore-fissured economy, where efforts to sidestep employer responsibility to workers in a wide array of industries are rampant.

Take the gig economy, for example. One in seven gig workers earn less than the federal minimum wage on an hourly basis, and almost 30% earn less than the applicable state minimum wage. Supposedly "in business for themselves," ment of Labor (DOL) one in five went hunissued a long-awaited reg-gry because they couldn't ulation that addresses afford enough to eat. As how to properly classify a one expert put it, gig worker under the Fair work has "gone from being the possibility of freedom to the certainty

The DOL rule makes clear that many gig economy workers — likely including ride-hail and delivery drivers for corporate behemoths like Uber, Lyft, DoorDash and Instacart — are, in fact, employees, at least under the FLSA. Hence, they're entitled to the plate of benefits that this status provides.

All businesses need to carefully determine whether their workers are employees or not. Under the FLSA, chances are they're going to be employees. But in case of doubt, the new DOL rule, thankfully, will help shine a light.

Felsen served as New England Regional Solicitor for the U.S. Department of Labor from 2010 to 2018, capping a 39-year career as an attorney with the agency. He currently serves as senior advisor to justice at work and strategic enforcement advisor to ability to set wages and the Workplace Justice Lab at Rutgers University.



Apprenticeships can help workers

By BRENDEN BODILY and MEGAN JENKINS

Tribune News Service After graduating from high school in Vernal, Utah, Kray Haslem spent seven years gaining the licenses and experience he needed to become a commercial airline pilot. In 2019, Kray was working as a flight instructor to gain flight hours and advance his career. One day, he was on a practice flight with a student when shortly after takeoff, the engine failed

and the plane crashed. Thankfully, both Kray and his student survived. But Kray's injuries made it impossible for him to continue his aviation career. In one moment, the years of effort he had invested in his career were no longer relevant. As he recovered, he started looking for a new career path to support his family. Kray decided to complete a programming apprenticeship and eventually began working as a back-end web developer.

Tragic circumstances like Kray's aren't the only reason people are forced to switch careers. Today, advances in artificial intelligence are leading many to wonder how workers will stay competitive. Research by Goldman Sachs estimates that as many as twothirds of jobs in the U.S. and Europe could be at least partially automated by AI in the future.

This challenge isn't new. Throughout history, technological advances have pushed workers to gain new skills or move into new industries to remain relevant. For example, from 2000 to 2010, 5.6 million U.S. manufacturing jobs were lost. Researchers at Ball State University estimat-



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Apprenticeships like the

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For example, after Kray developed an understand-

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workers become qualified cian. for work in new industries? Employers face a direct This process is known as incentive to give their trainees the highest-quality Our research found that the training possible. A highly most effective programs skilled apprentice is better equipped to create more have industry-driven curriculums, often bolstered

value for their company. Our research finds that this training approach is a powerful one. In one study, apprentices saw wage growth that was 2.7 times faster than that of similar workers without the same hands-on training. Ninety percent of registered apprentices keep their jobs when they finish training.

Although apprenticeships are common in many countries, they are relatively uncommon in the U.S. This is despite hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds being spent over the past few decades to sup-

port their development. Why aren't apprenticeships more common? In many states, workers in specific industries must hold an occupational license before they are allowed to work, making it impossible for apprentices to learn on the job. Some states have recognized this barrier. In Utah and Minthe largest share of Amerinesota, lawmakers have can apprentices in 2021. recently allowed for nurs-

ing apprenticeships in combination with a traditional nursing program. These changes are crucial to encourage more workers to move into in-demand fields like health care.

Another reason appren-

ticeships aren't more com-

mon is that businesses

aren't rewarded for providing them. Currently, employers can't deduct the cost of investing in human capital like they can for physical assets like equipment. One way to expand apprenticeships would be through a simple change to the tax code. Labor economist Michael Farren suggests allowing businesses to deduct the cost of reskilling their employees from their taxes. This would incentivize more employers to start their own training programs, including in industries where on-the-job training is not currently a common practice. These programs could also address labor shortages in fields like nursing, IT and automotive work.

Encouraging apprenticeships would enable more job seekers like Kray to benefit from paid, employer-led career training. In an era of significant economic and technological change, effective reskilling programs can be life-changing for individuals and can help maintain a dynamic workforce that effectively embraces new technology.

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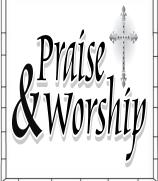
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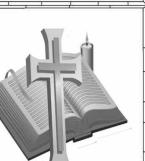
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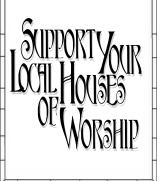






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of Prophecy

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211 E. Main St., Portland Wayne Ward (260) 726-7714 Services: 10 a.m.

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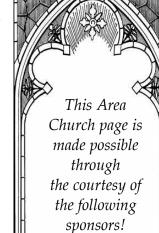
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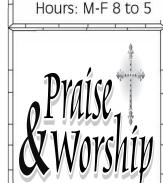
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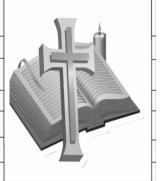




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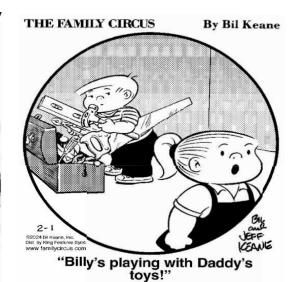


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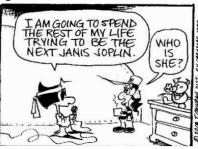








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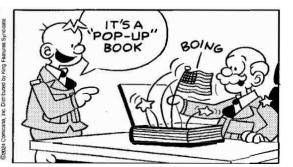
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♣K Q 1096 SOUTH **A** K Q 5 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ K 10 6 2 ♣J 7 The bidding: South West

North

2 ♣ 4 ♣ Pass pening lead — ace of clubs.

Assume you're South and reach Opening lead four spades on the bidding shown. West leads the ace and another club. (East's double of North's Stayman two-club bid shows good clubs.) East wins the second club with the queen and continues with the king. How would you play the

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When the deal occurred, declarer ruffed the king of clubs with the ace (to guard against a possible overruff by West), and then played the K-Q-J of trump. Next he led a heart to the ace followed by a heart to the jack, losing to the queen. East returned a club, forcing dum-my's last trump. When the hearts failed to divide evenly, South had to lose another trick at the end for

South bemoaned his bad luck in finding the hearts divided 4-2 and the doubleton queen offside. But he should have made the hand anyway.

Declarer erred when he took the heart finesse. Since he needed only three tricks from the heart suit to make his contract, the finesse was

not really necessary.

To give himself the best chance of scoring a third heart trick, South should draw trump, cash the K-A of hearts, in that order, and then lead a third heart toward the jack. This will yield an extra heart trick whenever:

West started with any number of hearts including the queen.

— The missing hearts divide 3-3.

— East started with the Q-x.

South's actual line of play would have succeeded in the first two cases, but it did not guard against the third, and it cost him the con-

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Survive

Continued from page 8 While Dirksen stepped up with her defense and Muhlenkamp stepped up offensively, Saxman made an impact with hustle plays in the fourth quarter.

During the middle of the Patriots' run, Addison Barnes got downhill toward the rim when Saxman stepped in from the weak side to take a charge, swinging even more momentum in Jay County's favor.

"She was really good at driving and being fancy," Saxman said of the Yorktown guard, who was held to seven points after scoring 11 in the first matchup. "There was really no way to stop her except getting in front of her, so I did what I had to do.

JCHS hit 4-of-10 free throws over the final minute as Yorktown could only manage a final shot with five seconds after both teams subbed their benches

Slyvester finished as the Tigers' leading scorer with 20 points on 81.8% shooting (9-of-11) from the field. She took advantage of the Patriots when they

were being aggressive defensively, catching the ball on the weak-side elbow and rising up for a jump shot, or ripping through for a layup.

While Slyvester had an efficient game, the rest of Yortkown combined for 11-of-40 (27.5%) and struggled with turnovers, giving away the ball 20 times.

"There were times where we were trying to reverse the ball and we just didn't make good decisions," Yorktown coach Leigh Ann Barga said. "A couple more made shots and a couple less turnovers, and we are talking a little bit differently.

Outside of Muhlenkamp's 16 points, Schwieterman scored 14 and Saxman added 13.

"All of our seniors, especially Sophie, Molly and Breanna, stepped up and did what they needed to do," McIntire said. "They've been here before and understand that if you get beat you go home and don't get to play anymore. They definitely want to move on and continue their season.

"So, I'm just real proud of them and their leadership.'

Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Yorktown Tigers

Girls varsity summary

Yo	rktown (FG-FGA		PTS		
Barnes	3-13	0-0	7		
Hazen	1-3	1-2	4		
Wood	0-0	0-0	0		
Conklin	3-8	0-0	6		
Herron	0-3	0-0	0		
Sylvester	9-11	0-0	20		
Garrett	3-11	3-7	9		
Jaromin	0-0	0-0	0		
Chapman	0-1	0-0	0		
Hargraves	1-1	0-1	2		
Totals	20-51	4-10	48		
	.392	.400			
Def. rebound percentage: .526					
Jay County (21-2)					

FT-FTA PTS FG-FGA Mhlnkmp Saxman 3-6 Schwtrmn 3-11 14 0 0 0 3 6 4 0 **56 MDirksen** 0-0 0-0 Carreno Sibray Denton 0-0 1-4 1-2 0-0 **BDirksen** May Newton 0-0 0-0 22-53 10-25 .415 .400

Def. rebound percentage: .485

Score by quarters: Yorktown 12 11 12 13—48 Jay Co. 15 13 10 18-56

3-point shooting: Yorktown 4-20 (Sylvester 2-3, Hazen 1-3, Barnes 1-6, Chapman 0-1, Herron 0-2, Garrett 0-2. Conklin 0-3), Jay County 2-12 (BDirksen 1-2, Schwieterman 1-3, May 0-1, Muhlenkamp 0-5).

Rebounds: Yorktown 37 (Garrett 13, Sylvester 6, Hazen 4, Conklin 4, team 4, Barnes 3, Herron 3). Jay County 34 (Schwieterman 8, team 8, Saxman 6, BDirksen 4, Muhlenkamp 3, May 3, MDirksen, Sibray).

Assists: Yorktown 7 (Barnes 2, Conklin 2, Sylvester 2, Hazen). Jay County 9 (BDirksen 3, Schwieterman 2, Saxman, MDirksen, Denton).

Blocks: Yorktown 4 (Sylvester 2. Garrett 2). Jay County 2 (Muhlenkamp, Saxman).

Personal fouls: Yorktown 17 (Sylvester 5, Barnes 3, Hazen 3, Conklin 2, Garrett 2, Hargraves 2). Jay County 10 (Muhlenkamp 3, BDirksen 2, Schwieterman, MDirksen, Sibray, Denton, May).

Turnovers: Yorktown 20. Jay County 7.

Pacers

Continued from page 8 "It's a learning experience," said Jrue Holiday. "We've gotta be able to be battle-tested. We've gotta be able to fight through

everything, fight through expectations, fight through being up 20 and then somebody having a great third quarter and then finishing games. If it feels easy the whole time, then what's the fun in that?

"No, I don't like blowing leads like that, but I think being able to battle back and win those is huge for us.'

The Celtics led by as many as 20 and shot 65.2 percent from the field and 60 percent from 3-point land as they scored 81 first-half points, fourth-most in franchise history. But there were some warning signs. They only led by 15 because they were gashed defensively. The Pacers scored 40 points in the second and crushed them on the glass to get 18 second-chance points at the break.

The Pacers were without key player Bennedict Mathurin, and star guard Tyrese Haliburton like game. After losing the lead,

half as he hit his minutes restriction in his return from injury. But the Celtics' first-half struggles still caught up to them in the

Brown said they weren't ready. The Pacers played at their typically frenetic pace. They played harder. They played "random," according to Holiday. The visitors continued to crash their misses for second-chance points, and their threes started to fall. The Celtics' shots stopped doing so.

Suddenly, after a 16-4 run to start the third, the Pacers were within a possession. They took the lead on Myles Turner's free throw with 4:11 left in the period.

"They came out and kind of jumped on us," Brown said. "They definitely raised their level of intensity."

The Celtics, after coasting through the first half through impressive shot-making, had to clamp down. They had to stay strong mentally and scrape and claw in a suddenly ugly, playoff-

didn't play most of the second they responded well again. Sam Hauser, Payton Pritchard and White hit 3-pointers to give the C's a three-point lead into the fourth quarter. Even Neemias Queta made some winning plays, including winning a jump ball early in the fourth before flushing a dunk off a tap from Brown.

> The C's knew they needed to rely on their defense to pull this one out, and they did. After they were torched for 77 combined points over the second and third, they responded by holding the Pacers to 21 in the fourth. Just as importantly, they kept them off the offensive glass.

> "I think in the first half, we kind of got away from being the harder playing, smarter team that was making the right decisions and plays," Brown said. "We got outplayed in the second half for sure. But when it came down to it (down) the wire, fourth quarter, we were able to nudge out and win just by matching the physicality."

Boston needed one final stand in the closing moments. They led from Holiday, the C's held on.

by nine with 2:44 remaining on Kristaps Porzingis' jumper. But then they seemed to get a little lazy. An eight-second violation led to a floater for Andrew Nembard, and then Aaron Nesmith's driving layup with 1:04 to go made it a three-point game.

Porzingis turned the ball over on the next possession, giving the Pacers a chance to tie. But a head's up play from White helped bring the Celtics home. After Porzingis' turnover, White gave a foul so the Celtics could reset their defense. Then he blocked Buddy Hield's 3-point attempt with 32 seconds left. With three seconds left on the shot clock, Turner's layup attempt was denied by Tatum, forcing a shot clock violation. "He's a genius player," Mazzul-

la said of White. "We've missed our foul-to-give call on the last three times we tried to use it, and credit to him for recognizing that and taking advantage of it. Genius play.'

After two ensuing free throws

Former NBA star arrested Indiana

By CHUCK SCHILKEN

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

Two-time NBA champion Rajon Rondo was arrested in Indiana over the weekend on charges related to firearm and drug posses-

Indiana State Police said in a news release Tuesday morning that Rondo, 37, was driving a black 2022 Tesla that was pulled over by a trooper Sunday at around 1 p.m. after a caller reported the vehicle traveling recklessly on I-65 southbound in Bartholomew

During the stop, the trooper smelled marijuana coming from the car and conducted a search. Marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a firearm were found in Rondo's possession. According to the police, Rondo is "prohibited from possessing the firearm due to him having a protection order in place against him.'

A juvenile who was also in the car was released to a family member, the department said in its release. Rondo was arrested on

misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a firearm while being prohibited. He was taken to Jackson County jail and released upon paying a bond. A date will soon be set for an initial appearance in the Jackson County Superior Court, the police department said.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Girls swimming sectional at Jay County – 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Southern Wells – 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at South Adams -

St. Henry – 6 p.m.; Swimming dual-meet at South Adams – 6 p.m.; Middle school

boys basketball at St. Henry - 5 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball MAC tournament at Parkway – 5 p.m.; Seventh grade girls basketball MAC tournament at Coldwater - 5 p.m.

Friday

Jay County — Girls basketball sec-

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p.m. Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. St. Henry - 6 p.m **TV** sports

Today 2:45 p.m. -- BBL basketball: Plymouth City Patriots at Manchester Giants (Bally Indiana) 3:15 p.m. — Premier League: Man-

chester United at Wolverhampton (USA) 6 p.m NHL: All Star Weekend (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Wisconsin at Ohio State (BTN) 7 p.m. — NFL: Pro Bowl games Skills Showdown (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Tulane at SMU (ESPN2) – NBA: Los Angeles Lak-7:30 p.m. ers at Boston Celtics (TNT); Indiana Pac-

ers at New York Knicks (Bally Indiana) 8:30 p.m. — Men's coll ball: Wisconsin at Nebraska (BTN)

8:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Texas at Baylor (ESPN) - Men's college basketball Stanford at Arizona State (ESPN2)

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vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JERIC COONS. DECEASED AND ${\tt OCCUPANT(S)\ OF\ 11232\ W\ 800\ S,\ REDKEY,\ IN\ 47373,}$ Defendants.

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Defendants.
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summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff, Kelly Johnson, arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 18th day of March, 2024 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the latest possible date for publication of the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Dated:1-25-2024 Clerk, JAY CIRCUIT Court

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JC junior high wrestling beats down Golden Bears, see story below

Sports

Jay swim hosts girls sectional prelims today, see Sports on tap

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Survive and advance

Patriots pull away in fourth to beat host Yorktown in sectional opener 56-48

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review YORKTOWN — Tigers can jump on average somewhere

between 18 to 20 feet. For most of the game, the

Patriots stood about 21 feet

In the final period, they finally pulled further away into safe-

The Jay County High School girls basketball team, which finished 12th in the Class 3A poll voting of the season, squeaked past the host Yorktown Tigers 56-48 Tuesday in the opening round of IHSAA Sectional 24.

The win extends the Jay County (21-2) win streak to 19consecutive victories and earns it a date with Delta, who they recently beat 60-36, in the early semifinal at 6 p.m. on Friday. On Thursday, Centerville opens against Frankton followed by New Castle battling three-time reigning sectional winner firstranked Hamilton Heights. The winners of each game will follow the Jay County-Delta semifinal, with the winners of each meeting Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the championship.

The Patriots entered the fourth quarter with just a threepoint lead, but a trio of seniors stepped up to take over the game.

"I felt like our defensive intensity picked up and we got a lot of hands on balls," JCHS coach Sherri McInire said. "We ran our trap out of our 1-2-2 and that was good to us tonight.

"Breanna Dirksen played phenomenal on the defensive end. She got her hands on so many

balls and put ball pressure that we needed. We thought that we could get them to turn it over if we put some ball pressure on them and I think that finally helped us in the fourth quar-

Working on as a wing defender and at the top of the zone, Dirksen led the Patriots with five steals, including a pair in the fourth quarter that she then converted into assists.

The final period opened with transition buckets by Molly Muhlenkamp and Hallie Schwieterman to push the lead to seven. The Tigers (13-11) quickly responded with a Lilly Sylvester jumper and Olivia Conklin Euro-step.

Jay County followed up with a 10-2 run, powered by Muhlenkamp.

The first point came on a Sophie Saxman free throw before Muhlenkamp pulled off an up-and-under move in transition. Thirty seconds later, Saxman added a bucket by discarding Conklin in transition to push the lead to eight.

Yorktown got a bucket back on a Sylvester jumper, but backto-back hoops by Muhlenkamp both were assisted by Dirksen — gave the Patriots their first double-digit lead.

"That run was really huge for us," said Muhlenkamp, who scored a team-high 16 points. "We knew we had to win or we're done and we wanted it bad.'

The run capped off with Schwieterman splitting a pair of free throws, making 11 points the largest lead of the game.

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Hallie Schwieterman, a freshman on the Jay County High School girls basketball team, pulls the trigger on a jump shot from the elbow during the Patriots' 56-48 victory over host Yorktown in the sectional opener Tuesday. Coach Sherri McIntire was pleased with the freshman's 13 points and eight rebounds in her postseason debut.

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Patriots top Golden Bears

The Jay County Junior High School wrestling team breezed by the Monroe Central Golden Bears for a 78-21 victory Monday evening.

Eight Patriots pinned their opponents to the mat to secure wins, six of them in under a minute.

Miles Jones captured his win the quickest, needing only nine seconds to take the 177-pound match. Also pinning their opponents in 30 seconds or less were Caleb Sibray in the 150 match (23 seconds) and Varen Ridgeway in exactly 30 seconds (175 contest).

Three more wrestlers Patriots showed up to won by fall in under a Parker City looking to pull minute for the Patriots even on the year, and eight (4-4). Logan Wendel hanpins helped them get dled the 110 match (35 seconds), Walter Campofiors came out on top of the 102 contest (57 seconds) and Max McClain beat the 125-pound opponent in 58 seconds.

Spencer Smitley needed the full first round to win his match (220), while Lucas Raines needed an extra one minute, eight seconds to pin the 160-pounder.

Three Patriots won junior varsity matches. They were Mitchell Byrum (75) in a 7-2 decision, Porter Clamme (117) by fall in 1:24 and Alex Rivers (125) by pin in 1:16.

Pacers fall to Celtics

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Joe Mazzulla didn't hide his true feelings. After Monday's win over the Pelicans, when the Celtics had to overcome two separate double-digit deficits, Mazzulla was happy his team had to earn it. He said he hopes it happens at least 10 more times.

Mazzula wants the Celtics to go through different situations like that, not only to prepare them for adversity in the playoffs but to eliminate the narrative that they're supposed to win all the

"I hope we have to blow leads," Mazzulla added. "I hope all that happens. I really do. That's what I think."

Mazzulla spoke his wish into existence. A night later, the Celtics blew a big lead. Then they almost blew another one. They

led by double digits on two

occasions in the second half, only to find themselves in a one-possession game in the final minute. But they got it together when they needed to, behind late, clutch defense. The Celtics sealed it with two blocks on one possession in the final minute to survive with a 129-124 victory over the undermanned Pacers at TD Garden.

All five Celtics finished in double figures, led by Jayson Tatum's 30 points, Jaylen Brown's 25 and Derrick White's 24 as they won the season series over the Pacers, 3-2. They had a historic first half, scoring 81 points, but had to overcome some brutal defensive stretches in the second and third. They were dominated on the glass, which led to 31 secondchance points for Indiana. They had to fight to earn this win in a different way.

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