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Centenarian celebration



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Mac Kelly celebrated his 100th birthday on Feb. 8. The longtime Portland resident married Patty Jo Derringer and worked at Sheller-Globe for 43 years. Pictured above, Kelly sits at American Legion Post 211 in Portland while his family sings to him at a surprise party Saturday.

Kelly marked his 100th birthday Feb. 8

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

It's not every day someone turns 100 years old.

Mac Kelly, a longtime resident of Portland, became a centenarian Feb. 8.

1940, serving for just over two years as a driver. He recalls operating the Jeeps outfitted with large radios they used while tra-Pacific during World War II.

"I can remember a lot of Derringer on Nov. 3, 1945. They

recalled. "I just moved to Portland."

Kelly worked in the press room Eddie said. and later with the screw versing areas near the South machine, putting together steer- and hearing abilities have deteing wheel hubs out of 11-foot riorated. (His grandson, Mac Kelly married Patty Jo metal bars. He worked at the Michael, noted screw machines

"We could take him water skiing, and he'd never get wet,"

Over the years, Kelly's vision Derringer on Nov. 3, 1945. They company for 43 years — he were extremely loud and hear-had two children, Gary and moved to different facilities as ing protection wasn't enforced in Mac's time, likely contributing to his hearing disability today.) But physically, he's still mostly independent. He keeps busy doing chores around his home.

Proposals receive extensive comment

Holdman, Lehman bills discussed in committee

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Two bills authored by local legislators saw extensive discussion in committee Wednesday.

State Sen. Travis Holdman's Senate Bill 61 regarding tourism improvement districts was subject to about 40 minutes of testimony and questions in the Indiana House Ways and Means Committee while State Rep. Matt Lehman's House Bill 1160 regarding civil proceeding advance payment contracts heard more than an hour of discussion Wednesday by the Indiana Senate Judiciary Committee.

Holdman's Senate Bill 228, which addresses various tax matters, also came before the Ways and Means Committee with no questions or testimony.

All three could be brought to a committee vote next week.

SB 61 from Holdman (R-Markle), who represents all of Jay, Blackford, Adams and Wells counties as well as part of Allen County, would allow for petitions to create tourism improvement districts that would utilize a tax rate to generate funds for marketing and/or devel-opment. The senator noted various "guardrails" in the legislation, including that it does not include residential properties, has a 10-year sunset, is not renewable and requires signatures of 65% of business owners and assessed value within the proposed district in order to move forward.

things," said Kelly, whose longterm memory is still sharp.

Kelly was born in Michigan. In his youth, his family moved to Celina, Ohio, for his father to pursue a job in the fox farm business. He attended a school in a rural area for four years. later switching to schools in St. Marys and then Celina before dropping out at age 16.

Edward Kelly — Eddie was delivered "a year and a day" after their first anniversary, recalled Mac — and eight grandchildren before Patty's death in 2002.

In 1946, Kelly took a position at the Sheller-Globe factory in Portland and moved to the city.

"At that time, you couldn't hardly buy a good car. I had to remembers how they used to He jumped into the Marines in either move or change jobs," he water ski.

the industry shifted gears, ultimately ending up at the location in Harlan — before he retired from what was then United Technology.

For 60 years, he spent his weekends fishing and swimming at Dewart Lake near Syracuse. His 77-year-old son, Eddie,

"I'm still doing my own housework — that's why it (doesn't) get done too (well)," he said with a laugh.

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He noted that 23 states already offer such districts, with Texas and California leading the way.

"It's been interesting to look because there's a good mix of red states and blue states," Holdman said.

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Literacy bill moves

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

House lawmakers are moving forward with a bill that seeks to remedy Indiana's literacy "crisis" despite mounting pushback against a provision that could require thousands of students to repeat third grade.

Senate Bill 1, authored by Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger, would require schools to administer the statewide literacy test -IREAD — in second grade, a year earlier than current requirements, and would exempt successful takers from sitting the exam Democrats opposed. again. Students who don't "Indiana is blessed pass would receive targeted with great educators, and support to improve their I am confident they will reading over the summer rise to this challenge and through third grade along with parental and would have three involvement — to help us chances to pass the exam.

Measure clears committee despite retention concerns

standard, want their school districts to retain them.

the House Education dents who have been Committee along party lines on Wednesday and now heads to Ways and Means. Republicans supported the measure and

meet our statewide goal If third graders still of 95% reading proficien-

can't meet the IREAD cy," Rogers said. "We owe legislators this to every Hoosier child."

Exceptions are carved The bill advanced from out in Rogers' bill for sturetained in third grade before, special education students, certain English language learners, and students who pass the math portion of the statewide assessment and receive remedial reading instruction.

> Last year, 13,840 thirdgraders did not pass IREAD, according to test data.

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Saxophone sounds

Ayden Teer and Dougie Cox play tenor saxophone Sunday during the Jay County Junior-Senior High School Winter Pops Concert. Pieces performed during the concert included "Skyfall," selections from "La La Land" and "Crazy for Cartoons."

In review

Cellist and vocalist Gabriel Royal will perform at 7 p.m. tonight at Arts Place in Portland.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and are available at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., at myartsplace.org or by calling (260) 725-4809. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages are included.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 43 degrees Wednesday. The low was 32.

Tonight's low will be 19 with a 50% chance of snow but little or no additional accumulation. Expect mostly sunny skies Saturday with a high in the upper 20s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday across from Pennville Fire Station and 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland.

Coming up

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

Tuesday — Results from the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals in Evansville.



Comment

Continued from page 1 Representatives of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Restaurant and Lodging Association and Indiana Tourism Association testified in favor of the measure, with Natalie Robinson, state director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, spoke in opposition.

improvement districts would serve to support tourism and provide a new funding source for quality of life and quality of place improvements. Robinson expressed concern that such districts and their related taxes would be a burden on small business owners, not all

them.

"These districts essentially create a tax on top of a tax," she said.

There were also some questions from legislators regarding Marian County, which is currently exempt from the legislation because it is addressed in other measures.

Rep. Ben Smaltz (R-Auburn) Those in favor said tourism suggested that an alternative would be to increase caps on already existing taxes such as the innkeepers tax and food and beverage tax. Patrick Tamm of the restaurant and lodging association cautioned that hotel taxes in Indiana are already among the highest in the nation.

Lehman (R-Berne), who repre-

of whom would benefit from sents the northern third of Jav County along with Adams and Wells counties, said HB 1160 has three main goals:

 to keep foreign money out of litigation process

•to prohibit funders from having access to proprietary data

•to bar funders from influencing direction of a suit

Representatives from the Insurance Institute of Indiana, Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Indiana Manufacturers Association testified in favor of the bill while Brent Huber of Indianapolis law firm Ice Miller testified against.

Those in favor said the bill will regulate commercial financing of lawsuits and ensure that the system is not being misused. Huber

proposed that the legislation be narrowed to address only "foreign entities of concern" as determined by various federal agencies.

Sen. Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis) also questioned the wisdom of legislation that would prevent a plaintiff from sharing information regarding the suit if they so desire.

Lehman ultimately expressed concern that lawsuits are seen as an investment opportunity.

'We're talking about the judicial branch of our government," he said. "When did the judicial branch or our government become a financial hedge? That's what I'm trying to prevent here." SB 228 has five major provi-

"He's resilient. He stays busy

when it would be easier to not stay

busy," said Michael Kelly, noting

his active lifestyle. "He's stubborn,

but I think, some of the stubborn-

sions: removing a transaction threshold for out-of-state retail merchants as a requirement for registering with the state department of revenue; eliminating the requirement for a utility study as part of the requirement to apply for a utility sales tax exemption; clarifying the statute of limitations of periodic taxes; requiring that taxes collected by sheriffs through tax warrants be distributed by electronic transfer; and allowing the department to share certain private information with tax preparers and software companies in cases in which the department believes fraudulent returns have been filed.

All proposed state legislation can be reviewed at iga.in.gov.

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27/22 Saturday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with tempera- tures in the 20s.	Sunday, when the high will be	sunny with a high of 47	50/37 Mostly cloudy skies are expected Tuesday when the high will be 50 degrees.	56/40 There's a slight chance of showers on Wednes- day. Other- wise, mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball 1-4-45-47-67 Power Ball: 18 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$306 million	Daily Four: 4-5-6-0 Quick Draw: 4-7-8-13- 16-21-26-28-34-37-43-55-57- 58-59-61-62-65-74-75 Cash 5: 26-36-38-40-41 Estimated jackpot: \$393,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$457 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 1-2-5 Daily Four: 4-8-9-2 Quick Draw: 5-17-18- 19-24-26-27-41-43-52-55-57- 59-60-65-73-75-76-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 3-4-7	Pick 3: 2-8-1 Pick 4: 5-4-9-4 Pick 5: 5-5-4-9-5 Evening Pick 3: 6-8-6 Pick 4: 1-8-7-7 Pick 5: 3-6-9-6-5 Rolling Cash: 15-26-32- 34-39 Estimated jackpot: \$474,000

Markets

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Celebration

Continued from page 1 Despite hitting triple digits, Kelly maintains his own yard with his John Deere riding mower and two push mowers.

He gets around town on his ness is why he's done so well." trusty golf cart.

Literacy

Continued from page 1 Of those students, 5,503 received an exemption and 8.337 did not. But about 95% of students without an exemption moved onto 4th grade and just 412 were retained.

education Multiple experts emphasized that third grade is a critical year for literacy because it's at that time students shift from learning to read toward reading to learn.

Rogers has repeatedly said, however, that her proposal is not a "retention bill," and holding Hoosier kids back in school should "be a last resort." She eracy supports and remediation in Senate Bill 1 are properly implemented, "we will not have to retain any children.'

Éven so, tensions ran high at the Statehouse on Wednesday.

Numerous parents and educators who testified said that although they support efforts to identify and assist struggling readers earlier, they remained opposed to the legislation due to the mandatory retention provision.

"It's possible to cherry pick a study here and there showing positive effects. But no review of maintained, too, that if lit- the entire literature has

concluded that retention ing retention from this bill has any positive long term benefits," said Russ Skiba, professor emeritus at Indiana University, also representing the University Alliance for Racial Justice.

Skiba additionally said retention is "likely to cause serious, long-term effects for students," including failure to complete high school, failure to advance to college, "and even increased crime.' Negative effects of retention "fall hardest" on Black and Latino students,

he continued. "The \$57 million that could be saved by eliminat-

birthday party Saturday at American Legion Post 211 in Portland. "He's fun — he cracks me up," said Eddie Kelly. "You can always Most of the family now lives in depend on Dad.³

Ansonia, Columbus and Dayton,

Ohio. They surprised Kelly with a

could be applied to the many positive and preventive strategies identified in the bill," Skiba told law-makers. "Do what works. Avoid what doesn't. Take the resources wasted on ineffective and harmful strategies like retention and use it to implement positive and proven, effective literacy strategies. That would be a real science of reading that would truly benefit the students of Indiana."

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This story was edited for length. To read the full version, visit indianacapitalchronicle.com.

Felony arrests

Dealing drugs

A Portland woman was arrested Wednesday for dealing methamphetamine and related charges.

27, was preliminarily charged with and maintaining a common nuia Level 2 felony, along with a Level 5 felony for dealing cocaine or a narcotic drug, two Level 6 felonies for Mindy J. Weaver, 33, 4337 N. U.S. possession of methamphetamine bond in Jay County Jail.

sance, and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

She was being held on a \$57,000

Capsule Reports

JCHS team wins two Jay County about 5:22 Jay County



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Today in history

In 600, Pope Gregory first communist state in the Great declared "God the Bless You" as the appropriate response to a sneeze

In 1923, Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamun's burial chamber was opened. Uncovered by Howard Carter, the discovery is one of the most well known feats of archeology.

1937, Wallace In Hume Carothers of DuPont patented nylon. The new thread replaced silk in several products and cut down Board agreed to hire on costs.

In 1959, Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba after he defeated dictator General Fulgencio Batista's forces. Castro led the country as it transitioned into the

western hemisphere.

In 1968, George Harrison and John Lennon of the Beatles traveled to India for transcendental mediation study. In 1978, China and

Japan signed a \$20 billion trade pact.

In 2005, the National Hockey League canceled an entire season after its agreement between owners and the players' union ended.

In 2015, Jay School CSO Architects of Indianapolis to examine school buildings. The board was weighing its options in the face of declining student enrollment.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

St.

Monday

7:30 p.m. — Fort tion, 1616 N. Franklin Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Tuesday

10 a.m. — Dunkirk port, 661 W. 100 North. Police Pension Board, city building, 131 S. Council, auditorium, Main St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland St., Portland.

Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, air-

City Council, fire sta-

6 p.m. — Jay County courthouse, 120 N. Court пıgn Brandi Leeson, 46, was

to her car.

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Geneva.

driving her 2013 Toyota

Prius south on the highway

near county road 250 North

when a deer ran in front of

her, according to a Jay

County Sheriff's Office

report. She wasn't able to

avoid striking the animal,

causing disabling damage

her finger. She refused med-

ical treatment at the scene.

Her vehicle was towed.

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Meier, Nancy: 4:30 p.m.,

Link, Mary: 10 a.m, Immacu-

Leeson sustained a cut on

School's Academic Team picked up two first-place finishes as it finished in the middle of a five-team Eastern Indiana Academic League meet Tuesday at Randolph Southern.

The English and social studies teams won their competitions for JCHS, which was third overall.

Competing for the winning English team were Japaridze, Tinatin Jovana Markovic, Ella Stockton and Izzy Winkles. Carla Alashkar, Labibah Awliy, Corbin Bishop and Winkles made up the winning social studies team.

Adding a second-place result in math were Hannah Boggs, Anis Edi, Trenten Hamilton and Alashkar.

Jay County's next competition will be the Eastern Indiana Academic League conference tournament Feb. 26 at Knightstown.

Vehicle towed

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after a Pennville woman hit a deer and caused heavy damage to her car along Indiana 1 in



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Family

Middle schoolers make FR honor roll

recently School announced its second nine weeks honor roll.

the list with all A's were Fortkamp, Macy Ful-Kyle Andrews, Logan Gaerke, Miley Hardwick, Lauren Hart, Alex Heitkamp, Mason Jutte, Camden LeFevre, Quinn McCain, Eloise Niekamp, Aubrey Stammen, Rayla Owen Lamm, Zackory Kenzie Westgerdes and Mya Will.

honor roll with A's and B's Siefring,

Fort Recovery Middle were Sawyer Albers, Wehrkamp, Rielle Wendel Brunswick, Kale Diller, Mason Alig, Alexandra Bihn, John Bihn, Molly Boeckman, Lukas Brack- list with all A's were Sixth graders making man, Wesley Brown, Carly Skylee lenkamp, Grafmiller, Brayden Grisez, Mason Grisez, Jesse Homan, Ryan Jutte, Victoria Jutte, Isla Kaiser, Chloe Knapke, Eli Kremer, Staugler, Aubrey Wendel, Meyer, Branston Pohlman, Wendel, Julia Aubrey Post, Benson Rammel, Braxton Schmitz, Sixth graders on the Korbyn Schulze, Katelyn Bergman, Jenna Bertke,

and Gavin Willmann.

Seventh graders on the Anthony Evers, Brinley Fortkamp, Stetson Fullenkamp, Gavin Heitkamp, Yoselin Juarez-Gomez, Addison Jutte, Carter Kaiser, Alexander Roessner, Vincent Wenning and Lana Wuebker.

Seventh graders making the list with A's and B's were Kaiser Albers, Ten-Albers, Allison ley Makayla Chloe Brockman, Kali Lydia Will.

Bentley Dilworth, Emmitt Dues, Jordan Dues, Hope Evers, Crew Fortkamp, Kayla Gaerke, Landon Gahret, Claire Grube, Ella Hahn, Addyson Heitkamp, Ethan Homan, Brynn Huntsman, Isaac Niekamp, Courtney Overman, Kayden Ranly, Andrew Rehmert, James Shuttleworth, Bryce Siefring, Gunnar Thompson, Jett Tobe, Mara Wendel, Claire Wenning, William Wenning and

honor roll with all A's were Brooke Bihn, Alivia Brunswick, Makenzie Evers, Claire Gaerke, Malia Grisez, Madeline Hardwick, Paisley Hart, Henry Jutte, Elizabeth Kahlig, Courtney Klenke, and Kendall Ranly.

Eighth graders making the list with A's and B's were Rava Androne, Lavla Armstrong, Jocelyn Bihn, Addison Brunswick, Kyra Brunswick, Riley DeRoo, Evan Diller, Braylon Dilworth, Jackson Dues,

Eighth graders on the Haley Easton, William Faller, Elizabeth Heitkamp, Trip Huntsman, Liza Knapke, McKinlee Kremer, Mason Laux, Duc Anh Nguyen, Andrew Niekamp, Hudson Overman, Stella Patch, Cora Pearson, Charity Pohlman, Madilyn Reinhard, Ally Roessner, Liana Schlarman, Hoyt Schmitz, Ali Siegrist, Eliza Smith, Charlie Stammen, Lilah Thien, Livy Timmerman, Madelyn Weigel, Leland Wilson and Jadyn Wyerick.

Fiance's family offers little conversation

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to an amazing guy. We have been together a little more than two years. During our first year, his family was great to me. They acted as if they liked me. However, things have changed. When my fiance and I are around them, they just wave and have little to say to me, if they say anything at all. They never call or text me; I'm always the one to do it first. Several times when I have texted, they haven't replied.

My fiance is very supportive. He tells me things will get better and tries to make me feel better about it, but I'm starting to get the impression they don't like me. Also, I don't feel I have anything in common with his mother and sister, which makes me feel even more awkward. I have tried to be friendly and to nurture a relationship with them, but I'm getting no effort in return. If you have knows them better than we any advice, please share. — UNLIKED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR UNLIKED: If you and your fiance have a good who had bipolar II, died by suiabout his family. They may



the beginning because you were "new." Now a year has passed, and the novelty has worn off. I'm sorry your relationship with his family hasn't turned out to be what you envisioned it would be, but life can be like that. So take this step by step.

Nurture the relationships you have with friends, other couples and your own family. Relax, enjoy the life you are building with the man you love and take your cues for dealing with your future in-laws from your fiance. He do.

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saw no reason to stay at our whole story. If your husband thing wrong by being myself? house while we were gone for a few days. The police told us he had made his decision and there was nothing we could have done. This was my husband's youngest, and he lived with us for 12 years. I grew quite fond of him, but I wasn't with him for the first 18 years of his life.

I am still grieving, but my husband is grieving more. He had a heart attack five months to the day after his son's suicide and then open-heart surgery. As my friend said after visiting him yesterday, that's depression to the nth degree. He doesn't see the need for therapy, and he hates extra medication. What can I do? -CONCERNED FOR HIM IN TEXAS

DEAR CONCERNED: Tell your husband you are still grieving the loss of your stepson and you know he is, too. Explain that you have a strong suspicion his recent DEAR ABBY: My stepson, heart attack may have been connected to the tragic loss relationship, stop obsessing cide a year and a half ago when of his son. His doctors can change my orientation? I we were away. We thought he should be put on notice if have made a fuss over you in was doing better, and his mom they don't already know the friendships. Am I doing some-

is adamant about not getting grief counseling, tell him WEST YOU are joining a grief support group, and you NEED him to accompany you because you love him and don't want to lose him, too.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 41-vearold gay man. Although I was raised in a conservative, religious family, I'm out of the closet and proud to be living as myself. For much of my adult life, I have attracted mostly women. I have always tried to handle these situations with as much tact as possible. However, some women won't be let down easily. On the occasions when I have been forced to out myself to them, I have lost female acquaintances

I really enjoyed spending time with or the friendship begins to deteriorate. I have tried introducing them to straight male friends and deflecting flirtatious banter. Am I confused, or do some women genuinely believe they don't want to give up on female

- OUT & PROUD IN THE

DEAR OUT & PROUD: The women who are pursuing you for romantic purposes may be interested in you for that reason and be less interested in a platonic friendship. Years ago, a gay friend was kind enough to tell me, "You can't 'change' a gay man," and it was a lesson I never forgot. "Out" gay men can make great friends. That your female acquaintances are not open to it is their loss. You are doing nothing wrong. When this happens, express to the person that you are disappointed they seem unable to accept you THE WAY YOU ARE, and move on. Not all women are this unenlightened, and many will welcome what you have to offer.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYspace is available. To sub- MOUS — Will meet at 10 mit an item, email a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call more information, call DUNKIRK HISTORI- (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-

DUNKIRK HISTORI- Monday CAL SOCIETY — Is open of each month in the for- 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 SOLery support group meets DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

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 (260) 766-2006.

appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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



the first and third Friday mer W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovat 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.

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for

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Thursday's Solution

Level: Advanced

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

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

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

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

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. For more information or to schedule an month at the library.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Mondav at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each



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Opinion

Inaugural splash made big impact

To the editor:

Splashin' with a Passion: Peggy's Plunge was held in memory of long time community volunteer Peggy Atkinson.

Peggy was the person behind the scenes that made things happen. She was always there in your time of need and she was there watching us from above with her great, big, beautiful smile and laughing as people took to the water.

brave souls Thirty-six splashed in the freezing waters on Feb. 3 to help raise awareness and money for the United Way of Jay County. Thanks to these brave souls, over \$11,000

Letters to the **Editor**

was raised to help those in need in Jay County.

We are truly appreciative of the many sponsors who helped make the event a success: Matt Aker Memorial Fund, Pioneer Packaging, Tyson Foods, Display Craft, Loy Real Estate, Lutes Septic, TJ's Concrete, 10-23 Mobile Detailing, Arm's Auto Body, Chuck Denney fam-

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The biggest splash was made

ble. Chief Mike Weitzel, Travis Theurer and Chuck Denney along with all the great firefighters of the Portland Fire Department made the splash happen and they ensured the safety of the splashers. To all of the volunteers who helped make this special event occur, thank you.

The United Way of Jay County impacts every person in Jay County from the local commucenters in Bryant, nity Dunkirk, Pennville and Portland to Special Olympics, Jay County Cancer Society, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Homeless

special grants.

The United Way supports disaster relief in our community. It is also only one of two organizations that can apply for matching funds from the Lilly Foundation. You can still donate online to the splash at unitedwayjaycounty.org through February.

The first annual Peggy's Plunge made a big impact on those in need. Thank you and hope to see you Splashin' with a Passion next year.

Cindy Denney Special events chair United Way of Jay County

Work legislation deserves scrutiny

By LAUREN MURFREE Indiana Capital Chronicle

indianacapitalchronicle.com Sciatic nerve damage. That is what I was told at 16 was causing pain like a bolt of lightning down my back and my legs, keeping me up all night. Sixteen-year-olds are not supposed to have this condition, but thanks to being employed by an unscrupulous employer, I was injured on the job, landing me weeks of prescription medications and physical therapy.

Before the injury, I balanced my shifts at the restaurant with my high school classes, needing to contribute to my household to keep us afloat despite receiving Section 8 hous-ing, SNAP, and WIC. My age, gender, and family's poverty status all increased my vulnerability in the workplace, a power difference my employer exploited in its quest for profits.

At night, those of us who were minors at my place of work would be told to clock out before cleaning form of wage theft. We all knew if we spoke up, we would likely be fired and replaced with other youth in poverty from our area. Experiences like mine are part of the reality that should be shaping the debate about child labor laws in Indiana.

been a significant increase dren's well-being contrain child the last viol ons with decade. Young workers to flourish. Regulations are three times more likely to suffer wage violations than other workers. Claims have been made in committee hearings this session on child labor legislation, such as Senate Bill 146, that these child labor violations are due to youth workers missing clock-out times by a few minutes, but a more complete exploration of the data is warranted. While we know that most violations in the food service industry — where most youth work — are from hour violations for 14-15vear-olds (overworking) or hazardous work (operating dangerous kitchen equipment), we don't have a complete picture. What we do know is that penalties for violations in Indiana are trivial, with most first violations (including hazardous conditions for children) receiving warnings and second violations fines of \$50-100 dollars. Amid these concerns, a deeper issue arises in the context of current child labor legislation discussions. The absence of strong regulations and enforcement places the cle is an independent, nononus on the youth in these contexts to speak up and push back against employ- talchronicle.com.



ers that take advantage of them. Legislators neglect to recognize that adults retain the most power and can cause the most harm.

futures of our youth for the profits of these businesses when we loosen protections on youth employment. As a teenager, I was oversched-uled, overworked, and consequently exhausted during my school days, which was reflected in my classroom engagement and the

My own experiences mirror national comprehensive research that shows excessive workloads for students negatively impact educational outcomes. Being overworked during youth negatively my impacted my ability to compete for opportunities to pursue higher education, which placed me in a deeper hole of poverty that I had to crawl my way out of over multiple years.

As Hoosiers, we value excellence in all we do, and supporting businesses that In Indiana, there has places profits over chillabor dicts this value, allowing mismanaged organizations exist to protect against predatory employers, not those who are supportive of minors and do their due diligence. Sadly, in my case, those who employed me during my youth did not have my health in their thoughts and further attempted to dissuade me from claiming workers' compensation when I was injured on the job. These are the kinds of employers labor laws and penalties are meant to address. Removing child labor restrictions is not, as one legislator expressed, the best workforce development policy in Indiana; this is one of the most harmful, and steals away the future of minors, particularly those experiencing poverty. We should instead end child poverty and ensure that we have the regulations, information, and tools needed to protect our youth, who are the future of our state.



We are stealing from the

grades I received.



Bottom-feeders need to go

By STEVE CORBIN

The Fulcrum Tribune News Service

As a regular op-ed contributor to newspapers in 39 states, I read a lot of various and sundry topics, seeking opportunities to craft a research-based message that might be of interest to readers.

A while back I read that 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act. Soon after, a friend referred me to a 2013 Huffington Post article by Diane Dimon titled, "There ought to be a law against an 'incompetent' Congress." After reflecting on these two topics - endangered species and an incompetent Congress - a little humor entered the noggin, research ensued and a serious column came to fruition. Let me explain. The ESA has saved 99% of our 2,300 endangered wildlife species and their habitats (e.g., bald eagle, peregrine falcon, gray wolf, etc.). Congress last reauthorized ESA funding in 1992. But doing so again would be a challenge because reauthorization would require a competent Congress to take action. As Hamlet would say, "ay, there's the rub!" Despite rising polarization in Congress, researchers with the Center for Effective Lawmaking found, in longitudinal studies, legislative effectiveness is heightened when bipartisanship exists. Historians reveal we've had many competent members of Congress touted for their bipartisanship, including Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Robert La Follette, Robert Taft, Ted Kennedy, Margaret Chase Smith, Nancy Kassebaum, William Proxmire, Henry Cabot Lodge, Sam Rayburn, and – saving the best for last – John McCain and Tip O'Neill.



Congress Act of 2024. But, we'd need a competent House, Senate and president to take action; we've not wit

uled to meet for 117 days in 2023 while senators worked 154 days.

To regain trust and confidence in our representatives to D.C., plus force them to work together on behalf of their constituents (hey, that's a novel idea) and create a more effective Congress, we must begin by reelecting those willing to pursue bipartisan solutions and dehiring the bottom of the barrel.

Check out the nonpartisan Bipar-

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Truly bipartisan lawmakers are becoming extinct. It's time for citizens to petition the government to The average American works 240 enact the Endangered Competent days a year; the House was sched- Northern Iowa.

nessed such a breed in decades.

A June 2013 Gallup survey found only 17% of their respondents approved of Congress' performance. How's Congress performing 10 years later? At the end of 2023, Congress' approval rating stood at a mere 15%.

How bad is Congress? Here are some December 2023 headlines that sum it up: "America and the terrible, horrible, no good very bad Congress" (Fox News). "Worst Congress (The Fiscal Ever?" Times). "Farewell to one of the dumbest years in Congressional history" (Politico). "Worst. Congress. Ever." (The Washington Post). "Capitol Hill stunner: 2023 led to fewest laws in decades" (Axios). "A look back at how awful politics was in 2023" (The Wall Street Journal). "This horrible Congress is even worse than you thought" (The New Republic).

Ten years ago, Dimond noted the average salary for most members of Congress was \$174,000 per year plus each lawmaker received over \$1.3 million per year for office expenses. She wrote, "Now, let's multiply that by the 535 members of lackluster, partisan-paralyzed Congress and you get a grand total that tops \$818 million. So, what do you think? You think we're getting our almost billion dollars' worth of leadership? Yeah, me neither."

Today, congressional salaries and allowances amount to \$975,540,000. tisan Index produced by the Lugar Center and McCourt School at Georgetown. Bipartisanship scores for members of the Senate and House are listed in rank as well as alphabetical order. Reflect on the ranking of your two senators and House members, plus the lowest ranking legislators in both chambers.

Not surprisingly, lawmakers in the top tier of both chambers' rankings are about equally divided between Democrats and Republicans. Names of the least bipartisan will be quite familiar; extremists, rabble rousers and whiners to a fault.

Before the Nov. 5 election, let's campaign to get rid of 20% of the bottom-feeder and least cooperating members of Congress - regardless of their party affiliation. They've proven they can't or won't work across the aisle. "Party before people" and "After me, you come first" are their mantras. If we cleaned the deck of congressional bottom-feeders. politicians and party leaders would quickly get the message. Bipartisanship would ensue to restore an effective and productive legislative body.

Are you with me or against me in having a more functional and productive Congress? You get to decide on Nov. 5.

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Agriculture

Feam develops new protocol

By NANCY ALEXANDER Purdue Ag News

Say you're an agricultural scientist, and you know there's technology out there that could be a game-changer in your research. But its application in agriculture is still relatively new, so finding someone who can help you use it is challenging.

That's the case with thermal remote sensing technology equipping UAVs with thermal sensors that produce images of fields based on temperature, and that processing data for researchers to analyze and apply.

Purdue's Plant Sciences team has now established a protocol to enable application of UAV-based remote sensing thermal imaging. The protocol takes advantage of the innovative UAV technologies provided by GRYFN, a company founded at Purdue, and is capable of providing information-rich data for scientists in different disciplines.

Our goal is to establish a protocol that agriculture researchers can rely on," says Sungchan "Sun" Oh, computational infrastructure specialist on the Plant Sciences team led by Mitch Tuinstra, Wickersham Chair of Excellence in Agricultural Research and scientific director of Purdue's Institute for Plant Sciences, and Yang Yang, director of digital phenomics.

Many agricultural researchers have adopted remote sensing technologies in which UAVs carry sensors that allow them to not only view fields from the air but also measure the structural and functional characteristics of crops. Their usefulness is applicable to a wide range of areas that the researchers study plant varieties, irrigation, different fertilizers or pesticides, and many more.

For applications in agriculture, reliable processing protocols have made RGB and LiDAR the go-to UAV-based sensors. From RGB remote sensing, measurements show how green the plot is. LiDAR measures detailed geometric properties, like plant height or volume. However, apply-



Purdue Ag News/Tom Campbel

Purdue University's Plant Sciences team has established a protocol to enable application of UAV-based remote sensing thermal imaging. It utilizes technology from GRYFN (pictured) that is used to deliver data and analytics for field research.

ing thermal sensors to reliably measure the surface temperature of a target, which cannot be assessed by visual observation, has been more challenging.

Thermal properties of a crop cannot be extracted from other remote sensors such as the RGB imager or LiDAR. Thermal images also look different, so transforming the raw thermal data into a human-friendly format requires carefully established processes.

"After several intricate steps, we can finally measure temperature using the acquired thermal images of a target. Think of it like measuring temperature with your eyes," Oh explains. "Brighter colors like orange mean higher temperatures, while darker ones such as indigo or purple represent areas of lower temperatures. We just do it almost automatically with our processing algorithm."

Based on the thermal measure-

the correlation between their interests of research — for example, amount of fertilizer or different corn varieties — with temperature.

Temperature information is crucial because it is closely related to a plant's health status and performance. "It can be associated with a corn plant's height, leaf size, growth rate, yield, and even taste. Temperature could also be the key to reveal underlying reasons why some varieties do well in a certain difficult conditions, while others don't," Oh explains.

Researchers are still learning how to apply thermal data to their own studies. "Our Plant Sciences team is trying to become a bridge between the agricultural scientist and the technologies behind the scene," Oh says. "We're trying to provide accurate, usable, actionable data for agricultural researchers.

Their goal is not a sophisticat-

ments, a researcher investigates ed product, he adds: "Our proto- use the data products for their col is trying to create a thermal data product that researchers can easily use with prior knowledge and skills."

At Purdue, users and potential users are mostly scientists in Purdue Agriculture or thirdparty companies that do not have remote-sensing platforms and sensors. "However, we are ready to work with anyone who wants to figure out how plants adjust to the changing environment," Oh says.

To create thermal data products for users, the Plant Sciences team first flies drones over the research plots and brings the raw data from the UAV to a computer work station. Data processing converts raw data into thermal properties in image format. The next step is extracting thermal information from each plot and summarizing it as a table. The team then advises the researcher how to

analysis.

GRYFN is critical to the protocol, Oh says. "GRYFN uses highend sensors for accurate measurement. When we load the data product from the GRYFN platform, it accurately co-registers with Google maps or satellite images, and it makes it easy to monitor thermal properties of a plot during the season.'

Researchers at different universities and research institutes are also developing thermal remote sensing protocols, Oh says. "We are one of them, because there's no golden standard method to processing data yet.

GRYFN, too, is developing its own protocols, not only with thermal but also with RGB or other remote sensors. "We're actively discussing how our team and the GRYFN team can work together to make the thermal sensing protocol more user-friendly," Oh says.

Control erosion using cover crops

Bv SARAH FRONCZAK and MADELYN CELOVSKY causing you the most Michigan State

University Extension is vour land

type of erosion that is problems in a specific field. Some cover crops As a farmer, one of are more suitable to preyour most valuable assets vent one kind of erosion



The topsoil of the land is what can make or break the yield on a field. Protecting this resource and keeping it in place should be a priority for every farm.

In the past, farmers used cover crops for a few reasons like forages and erosion control. There are different times of year erosion can occur more intensely: wind erosion in the winter and water erosion in the fall and spring.

Cover crops are a great tool farmers can use to minimize soil movement off the field. Active roots in the soil hold the soil from water erosion while above ground growth shields soil movement from wind erosion. Covering the soil also protects the soil from rainfall splatter. When it rains, water hits the soil at a great impact causing soil to be displaced.

occur when infiltration is slow and water is able to move quickly over the surface. It carries soil particles and nutrients with it. It can occur any time there is bare soil tion events, especially post-fall harvest and before spring planting. Fields with poor infiltration because of compaction are especially susceptible.

high winds to carry topsoil away. Soils are most susceptible when they begin to dry in early can also happen throughout the winter. Just think snowbanks you around field edges and in windbreaks.

cover crops based on the Council website.

or the other.

Following small grains, corn silage, dry bean and some vegetable crops, plant a mix of warm season and cool season grasses, legumes and Harvesting brassicas. July and August can leave a large window in which ground is exposed to late summer and fall washouts. This is a great time to get high diversity cover crop mixes planted that will protect soil from late summer and fall rains. Many farmers choose species that will not overwinter to avoid any necessary termination in the following spring. Even if the mix winter kills, the extra residue on the surface can slow down water and

wind all winter. Following corn and soy bean harvests in late fall, there is still often time to plant cereal rye, a farmer favorite. Even with minimal fall growth, cereal Sheet and rill erosion rye can provide crucial protection from spring washouts and wind. It is not recommended to plant cereal rye later than one week after the 50% frost date. Interseeding cereal rye into your and significant precipita- cash crop at V3 - V7 corn or at leaf drop for soybeans by highboy seeder, drone or airplane can also ensure your cover crop gets planted even if harvest gets delayed. To find planting date and Wind erosion occurs seeding rate recommenwhen bare soil allows dations for your county, check out the Midwest Cover Crop Council Row Crop Selector Tool.

For more information spring, but wind erosion or to help decide what cover crop will be best for your farm, contact your about all the dirt-filled local Michigan State Unisee versity Extension educator. More information can also be found at You can customize your the Midwest Cover Crop

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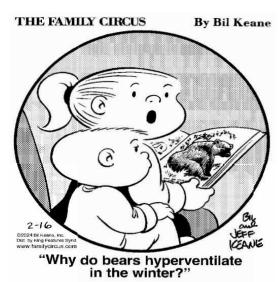
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Bridge By Steve Becker

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would you bid now?

and Blackwood is the ideal

If partner responds five dia-

monds, showing one ace, you sign off at five spades; if he bids five

hearts, showing two aces, you bid six spades. If he bids five spades, showing three aces, you can next

bid five notrump, asking about kings. Although it is unlikely part-

ner could have a king since he

didn't open one notrump or jump

to three spades at his second turn,

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Bidding quiz

bid a grand slam. 2. Four spades. Partner was not You are South and have the fol-★ KQ10942 ♥ 9 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ A7
1. Partner onema C Partner opens One Club, you bid One Spade, and partner bids Two Spades. What would you bid 2. East bids One Club, you overcall with One Spade, and your partner bids One Notrump. What 3. Partner opens One Heart, you respond One Spade, and partner bids Two Hearts. What would you

High-card point count takes a back seat in hands of this type. It is true that you have only 15 points in high cards, but that would not be **1. Four notrump.** A small slam is nearly certain — about all you need from partner are two aces and a the right way to evaluate your hand. Contracts are made by tricks way to find out what you need to

ing bid opposite partner's opening bid, you must make a forcing bid a this point. In view of partner's minimum rebid, slam is not likely best game contract. Three dia-monds leaves room for all kinds of exploratory sequences at a safe on partner's response to three diamonds

obliged to respond to your overcall and by doing so he evinced a mild interest in game. Since you have an exceptionally sound overcall, you should conclude that game is very likely. It would be wrong to hedge by bidding three spades, which partner might pass. Nor is there any advantage in bidding diamonds since you don't want to play in that

not points, and in this case, it is hard to imagine losing more than three tricks after partner volun-tarily bids one notrump. **3. Three diamonds.** With an open-

though still possible, but for the moment the problem is to find the level. What you do next will depend

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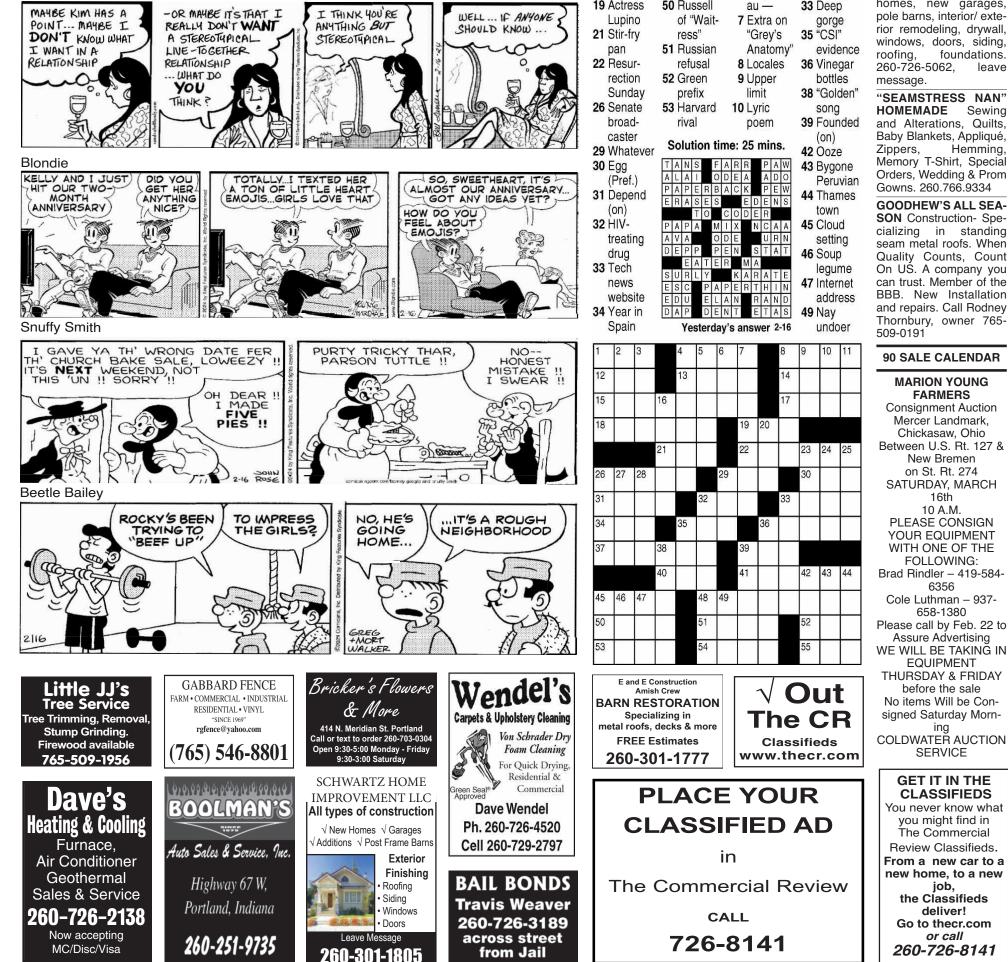
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Sage's stroke

FRHS senior Sage Wendel swims the backstroke during Saturday's sectional swim meet at Ayersville. Wendel will be the only boy competing at the district meet today in the backstroke and butterfly.

Badger

Continued from page 8 So, like I said, I am not new to boring basketball and I can appreciate boring basketball when it is just a defensive battle.

But what happened between Jay County and Hamilton Heights can't happen. Indiana needs to consider a shot clock.

Now, the shot clock should be nothing like the NBA. A 24-second clock forces the pace to be elevated to a point where teams need to be constantly pushing to score without any breaks. It doesn't even need to be the college 30-second. Just something that prevents a team from holding the ball for minutes on end.

Not only is it the most boring thing to watch, but it's also just not fun to play.

Everyone wants to win in athletics, but to pull the ball out and just let the clock run defeats the purpose of the game. I would never go to the park or a gym to hold a ball and not compete, so why would I want to do it in a competitive setting?

I've heard a couple of arguments against the shot clock. The main one is that it would be too much for the kids.

I simply don't buy this. The amount of times that I covered JCHS girls basketball games and I looked down for half a second to mark off which Patriot grabbed the defensive rebound and I'd already missed the ball advancing to the front court and a shot starting to go up was staggering.

the pace, so it wouldn't really hurt good teams.

For teams that aren't as skilled, the answer is simple just implement a longer shot clock. I think the sweet spot would be between 45 and 50 seconds. A 45-second shot clock allows for a team to inbound the ball, take the full 10 seconds in the backcourt, and still have the old college time of 35 seconds to try and attack.

Another argument I've heard is that it would lower the level of play and encourage sloppy basketball.

Again, I whole-heartedly disagree.

A shot clock would not cause a team to be worse. If a team

A lot of teams already push can't find a way to get a good been plenty of other rule look at the rim after nearly a full minute of offense, it is either clearly outmatched, or it isn't a good team to begin with.

Any given possession can look worse if a team plays too fast. A shot clock wouldn't force a team to play faster though, just with more intention. Rather than useless movement and wild attacking, teams would have to learn their offensive schemes better or create one that looks to attack earlier.

Another argument is just that it's not the way things have always been. However, change isn't always bad.

The 3-point line wasn't added until 1986, and we don't have a problem with that. There have

Invitational (CBS)

changes, like cracking down on hand checking and harsher punishments for egregious fouls. So, to just use "it's not how it's always been" is just a bad argument.

If you asked me to write this column three months ago, I think it would have been a different story. I would have said the shot clock isn't a good or bad thing inherently, but if implemented poorly it can hurt.

I now believe the shot clock belongs at the high school level. It won't fix every problem. It won't make every team look good either.

But it will prevent boring basketball.

Sports on tap Local schedule

Today

Jay County - Boys wrestling state at Ford Center – 6:30 p.m.; Boys basketball (including freshman) at Norwell – 6:15

Fort Recovery — Swimming district at Bowling Green State University - 9 a.m.; Boys basketball at New Knoxville - 6 p.m.

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Jay County — Boys wrestling state at Ford Center – 10 a.m.; Boys swimming hosts sectional - 1 p.m. (diving prelimiries – 9 a m)

TV sports

Today 3 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Fresh from Florida 250 (FS1) 4:35 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinitiy Series: United Rentals 300 (FS1)

5:35 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Daytona 500 (FS1)

7 p.m. — NBA Rising Stars game (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: VCU at Saint Louis (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Fresh from Florida 250

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vs. Abraham Nova (ESPN) 10 p.m. - Men's college basketball: New Mexico at San Diego State (FS1)

Saturday

7:30 a.m. - Premier League: Liverpool at Brentford (USA) 10 a.m. — Premier League: Arsenal

at Burnley (USA) 10:30 a.m. - NASCAR Cup Series: Daytona 500 (FS1)

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United Rentals 300 (FS1)

5:30 p.m. - Men's college basket ball: Illinois at Maryland (FOX)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: entucky at Auburn (ESPN); Baylor at West Virginia (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. — Men's college basket- tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

ball: DePaul at Providence (FS1) 8 p.m. - NHL: Philadelphia Flyers

at New Jersey Devils (ABC) 8 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Michigan State at Michigan (FOX); Yale at Princeton (ESPN2) 8 p.m. - NBA All-Star Saturday

Night (TNT)

8 p.m. — UFC (ESPN)

9:30 p.m. - Men's college basket ball: Arizona State at Arizona (FS1)

10 p.m. - Men's college basket ball: Colorado at USC (ESPN)

11:30 p.m. — Men's college bas-ketball: Nevada at UNLV (FS1)

Tri-Village - 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at ing Stars Challenge (TNT)

9 p.m. — Boxing: O'Shaquie Foster Kings at Boston Bruins (ABC)

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3 p.m. - PGA Tour: The Genesis

To have an event listed in "Sports on

90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR
PUBLIC AUCTION FRIDAY February 16TH,	PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY MARCH
2024 TIME 4:30 P.M. LOCATED: 4023 S 800	23rd, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED:
W, Redkey IN 296 ACRES - 10,000	7136 N 650 E. BRYANT, IN. OPEN HOUSE:
HEAD HOG CONFINE- MENT 296 Acres offered in	Sunday, March 10TH from 1-3 pm, or for pri-
tracts and combinations. Tract 1: 116 Acres in	vate showing phone auctioneers. REAL ESTATE
section 7 Jefferson Township, Jay County with 74.83 acres tillable	80 Acres in Section 7, Wabash Township. To be offered in tracts and
balance being confine- ment buildings, shop buildings, house, and	combinations. Tract 1: 2.5 Acres with 3
wooded. Tract 2: 120 Acres in	bed, 2 bath brick ranch style home containing 1792 sq ft finished living
section 7 Jefferson Township, Jay County with 90 acres tillable bal-	area. Attached 2 car garage, central air, lofted barn, detached
ance being wooded and road frontage.	garage/grainery. Tract 2: 66 Acres Practi- cally all tillable with
Tract 3: 31 Acres in sec- tion 8 Jefferson Town- ship, Jay County with	frontage on SR 67 and CR 650 E.
30.4 acres tillable bal- ance	Tract 3: 2.4 Acres practi- cally all tillable with frontage on SR 67 and
being road frontage. Tract 4: 27.5 Acres in section 11 Richland	CR 650 E. Tract 4: 7 Acres Wooded with access on CR 650
Township, Jay County all tillable. Note: For private show-	E. TRACTOR – ANTIQUES – MISC
ing phone auctioneers. COURT ORDERED AUCTION	Farmall A Tractor with cycle bar mower, belly
SHAWVER AUCTION- EERING AND REAL	mower and blade. 5 gal- lon milk can. CC saw. Chicken crate. Old
ESTATE AC31800004 Zane Shawver	gates. Walking plows. Old toys. Tinker toys and games. Hand paint-
Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver	ed lamp globe. OWNER: Laux Trust- Thomas J. Laux Trustee
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90 SALE CALENDAR PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY MARCH 9th, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 4023 S 800 W. BED-KEY, IN. REAL ESTATE Tract 1: 25 Acres in Section 5, Jefferson Township with 23 acres tillable, balance being nontillable and road frontage. Tract 2: 9.6 Acres in Section 6. Jefferson Township, Practically all tillable. For more information phone auctioneers. Land will be sold at 4023 S 800 W, Redkey IN. TRUCK - TRACTOR -FARM EQUIPMENT -MISC Bambauer hog manure hyd. hose reel, PTO driven on transport. PTO hog manure pump. Wilson 45' hopper bottom grain trailer. 1000-500-300 gallon fuel tanks. Work benches. ANTIQUES - HOUSE-HOLD Plastic Marathon sign. Garden plows. Garden planter. Oil cans. Maytag washer and dryer. Gladiand furniture. ESTATE AC31800004 Zane Shawver 260-729-2229

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LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the John R. Fisher and Ramonda N. Fisher Revocable Trust and Gregory A. Bailey have filed a petition with the Jay County Board of Commissioners to vacate and abandon a 264.00' section of a 50' wide alley known as Second Street in the Town of College Corner, Indiana between the West Half of the following described tract of land: Beginning Twenty-two (22) rods West of the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-two (32), in Township twenty-three (23) North, Range Fourteen (14) East, at a stake in the county road on said section line, thence South Sixteen (16) rods to a stake; thence West Twenty (20) rods to a stake; thence North Sixteen (16) rods to a stake in the County Road; thence East to the place of beginning and Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-three (23), Range Fourteen (14) East, more particularly described as follows: Lots Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32) in the Town of College Corner, Jay County, Indiana. Also commencing at the northwest corner of said Lot Thirty-two (32) and running thence West One (1) rod; thence South Sixteen (16) rods; thence East One (1) rod; thence North Sixteen (16) rods to the place of beginning.

This matter has been scheduled for hearing before the Jay County Commissioners on the 26th day of February, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock p.m. at the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium Portland, Indiana. Any person may appear at the hearing and object to the proposed vacation and abandonment as provided by law

Emily Franks Jay County Auditor CR 2-16-2024 HSPAXLP

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT\SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF JAY CAUSE NO. 38C01-2402-MF-000001 FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2019-2. Plaintiff, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF

LLOYD E. ADCOCK, DECEASED and THE UNKNOWN TENANT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above

named.

The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate Against the property commonly known as: 5640 E 900 S, Portland, IN 47371-8164 and described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF JAY AND STATE OF INDI-ANA, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST BOUNDED AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN A TWO (2) DEEDS DATED AU-GUST 5, 1985, AND AUGUST 5, 1985, AND RECORDED AU-GUST 6, 1985 AND AUGUST 6, 1985, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND THE STATE SET FORTH ABOVE, IN BOOK 150, PAGE 106 AND BOOK 150, PAGE 105.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the follow ing named defendant(s): The Unknown Tenant

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Lloyd E. Adcock, Deceased

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By BRYAN K. REDMOND BRYAN K. REDMOND Attorney No. 22108-29 Attorney for Plaintiff BRYAN K. REDMOND FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 NOTICE

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OHSAA approves playoff increases in five sports. see story below

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Jay County boys basketball travels to Norwell today, see Sports on tap

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Shot clock wouldn't hurt high school basketball

By ANDREW BALKO The Commercial Review

"Boring, boring, boring

That was what the Jay County High School student section chanted at the girls IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 championship basketball game Feb. 3, and it hit the nail on the head.

Now, I'm no stranger to boring basketball. I obviously grew up watching the Wisconsin Badgers, who play a strict pack-line defense system that doesn't force a lot of turnovers but also doesn't allow many great shots. The Badgers historically haven't attacked in transition, and often used the full time of the shot clock. Dick Bennett started

what would become known as "Badger basketball" as he is recognized for devising the pack-line before Bo Ryan and Greg Gard continued the system.

My high school coach was a student manager on Bennett's team that made the Final Four in the 1999-2000 season and implemented most of what he learned under the Wisconsin legend at Oak Creek High School.

We were hated in our conference for how patient we were on offense, only shooting layups or threes off of paint touches. We even had opposing student sections chant similarly at



Special to The Commercial Review/Kim Wendel

Sectional swim

Paige Guggenbiller swims the breaststroke during the Division II sectional swim meet at Ayersville Jan. 10. Guggenbiller along with five other Indians will compete at the district meet today held at Bowling Green State University.

OHSAA board approves expansion

teams to fight through in future postseasons.

Thursday morning, the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt a new formula to determine how many divisions would be offered for postseason

the 2024-25 season.

The change will expand volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball to seven divisions, while soccer will increase to five divisions.

tournaments in volleyball, bas- School's volleyball team fell in other five divisions.

The Indians will have less ketball, baseball and softball for Division III, boys basketball in Division IV, girls basketball in Division III, baseball in Division IV and softball in Division III.

The proposal calls for the largest 64 schools to be placed in Division I, the next 64 schools in For the 2023-24 athletic sea- Division II and for the remaining sons, Fort Recovery High to be divided evenly among the

The proposed changes will not affect individual sports such as bowling, cross country, golf, swim or track. There is discussion of expanding additional sports, particularly track, but

Any changes for competitive balance would need to be voted on during the annual referendum voting process.

Rammel's time goes back up

Cale Rammel only saw the floor for three minutes on Jan. 30's loss to Point Collegiate Park.

gone back up.

The 2023 Fort Recovery High School graduate

That number has since **check-up**

scored two points on 1-for-7 down six rebounds, scored

Rammel had two rebounds, while being blanked from the field on three shots.

Renna Schwieterman Jay County — 2023 Recorded a steal in her

return to the floor for the Purdue Fort

while firing four shots that missed the mark in the contest, three of which were threes.

Olivia Patch Wayne FRHS — 2020

The Jay County gradu- assist and an offensive ate only recorded one steal rebound in the contest.

Ali Vaughn FRHS - 2021

Played four minutes in the Indiana University – East women's basketball team's 73-68 loss to St. Returned to the floor Mary-Woods on Jan. 8. The Fort Recovery graduate played four minutes, in which she grabbed a

us, or they would count shooting from the field as our passes. The highest the Ohio Christian Univernumber we hit was 50 passes at Indian Trail Academy, but the Hawks' student section gave up.

sity men's basketball team split a pair of games.

point win at Rio Grande tute of Technology held on

two points and dished out one assist.

His numbers fell as West In the Trailblazers' 16- Virginia University Insti-

women's basketball team.

Mastodons' 68-65 win at IUPUI, Schwieterman logged eight minutes in the 70-66 loss at Wright State

After not playing in the Jan. 10, for the Hillsdale College women's basketball team.

Patch played eight min- defensive rebound and utes in the 69-52 win over committed two personal

