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# **Council** asked about smell again

Residents request communication on fixing odor issue

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review FORT RECOVERY Local residents say the lagoons still stink.

They asked the village Monday to keep them updated on progress aimed at fixing the issue.

Fort Recovery Village Council heard again from Wabash Road homeowners frustrated about the recurring smell emanating from the village's wastewater lagoons.

Connor Rammel noted the group has approached council in years past about the problem, which he pointed out has also impacted others in the vil-

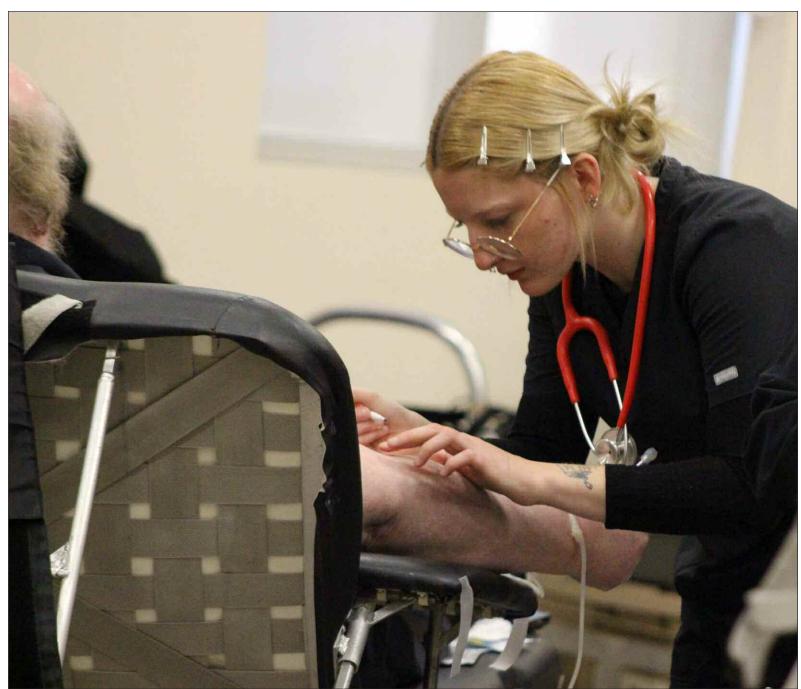
lage.
"I keep seeing reports
where are getof, the numbers are getbetter, they're improving, things are in range, but the numbers don't make any difference because it still smells," he

Rammel asked for an update regarding the village's plan.

Village administrator Randy Diller explained the village conducted a wastewater study, which suggested a long-term solution for the village's wastewater needs. The corresponding project where from \$8 million to reading.

\$12 million. ble for us to take on unless there's some sort of funding source (available)," he comb to be signed into law.

said. See **Smell** page 5



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## **Blood drive**

American Red Cross volunteer Sidney Stewart marks a donor's arm before injecting a needle into him during the blood drive Tuesday at Jay Community Center.

# Holdman's carry-out bill clears House

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review A bill authored by a local legislator easily earned approval in the Indiana House of Representatives.

State Sen. Travis Holdman's Senconstructing a mechanical ate Bill 58, which addresses carryplant for wastewater treat- out alcohol sales, cruised through ment — would cost any- the House by an 88-6 vote on third

(That) isn't very feasi- ate on a 48-0 vote and with no amendments in the House, it now moves to Indiana Gov. Eric Hol-

Senate Bill 58 would exempt spe-

Measure now moves to governor for signature

requirements to sell carry-out alcohol. It does so by exempting such businesses from rules regarding their percentage of gross retail income that comes from the sale of cialty or gourmet markets with a alcoholic beverages. It defines a City), who represents Jay, Black-

Having already passed the Sen- restaurant permit from income speciality or gourmet market as one that holds a beer retailer's permit and wine retailer's permit, sells miscellaneous specialty foods and does not sell automotive fuel.

State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union

ford and Randolph counties as well as part of Delaware and Henry counties, was one of the House members to vote against the bill.

The bill has cleared its committees, the Senate and the House with little discussion or comment other than to congratulate Holdman for authoring an alcoholrelated bill for the first time in his 16 years in office. He said he brought the bill at the request of Antonuccio's Italian Market of Fort Wayne, which is now located in his district.

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



## Mourning in Minnesota

A health care professional weeps Monday on a paramedic vehicle that has become one of three memorials in front of the Burnsville Police Department in Burnsville, Minnesota. Outside City Hall, a stream of mourners paused before three flower-strewn emergency vehicles — two squad cars and an ambulance — representing the victims: police officers Paul Elmstrand, 27, and Matthew Ruge, also 27, and firefighter-paramedic Adam Finseth, 40.

## **Award winners named**

Fort Recovery Chamber Commerce announced its 2023 award winners

Wendel was Megan named Citizen of the Year for her active lifestyle in the community, serving as the chair of the Fort Recovery Jubilee Committee, president of the Sawyer Overman Foundation and president of the Mary Help of Christians Ladies Sodality. She also helps with youth sports programs and volunteers at Fort Recovery Local schools, according to a press release from the chamber of commerce.

JoAnne Glentzer and Chuck Meinerding received Hall of Fame awards for 2023

Glentzer has become the "go-to person" for Fort Recovery Merchants Association's Christmas Open House and Halloween parade, according to the release. She is also treasurer of Fort Recovery Friends Wendel selected as Citizen of the Year

of the Opera House and Board, St. Marys Cemetery Fort Recovery Merchants Association and co-treasurer of Fort Recovery Community Foundation, and she hosts various meetings at her business, The Tin Cupboard.

Meinerding, a former Fort Recovery business owner for more than 40 years, has "volunteered countless hours of his time and knowledge to the community," the release says. He helped with the Fort Recovery Monument and Veterans Memorial project, repaired vandalize cemeteries in Ohio and Indiana that includes Pioneer Cemetery — and was a part of Fort Recovery Library

Board and Fort Recovery American Legion.

Business of the Year for 2023 goes to JR Manufacturing for its continued community engagement despite the fire in April that destroyed its Fort Recovery plant. The company regularly donates and sponsors activities and community functions, according to the release, and it encourages its employees to participate as well.

Mayor Dave Kaup also announced Monday the Outstanding Community Service Award will be given to Fort Recovery Athletic Booster Club.

See Award page 2

### **Deaths**

Carla Miller, 70, Sarasota, Florida

Margaret Davis, 82, rural

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Monday. The low was 18.

Expect the temperature to be steady in the mid 40s tonight with a chance of rain. Thursday's forecast calls for rain with a high in the lower

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Fort Recovery High School's production of "The Wizard of Oz" is set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the elementary/middle school auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 for adults and will be available at the door. For a story about the production, see Thursday's edition of The Commercial Review.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS boys basketball game against Winchester.

**Friday** — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



# Child well-being is up slightly

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Hoosier children are doing a bit better than they were last year, according to a national ranking of child well-being from the Annie E Casey Foundation — rising from 28th overall to 24th in the country in the latest

The Indiana Youth Institute broke down the individual ranking categories in a presentation of its KIDS COUNT Data Book in the House Chamber on Monday and included county-level data for the first time this year.

To prepare Indiana's children

we need to better understand what they're going through today. They are inheriting a world very different from the one we grew up in," said Tami Silverman, president and CEO of the Indiana Youth Institute, in a release.

"There's much to be encouraged by in the data. Compared to the country, the state of Indiana has fewer children living in poverty, fewer whose parents lack secure employment, and the number of children without health insurance is down to 6%. Most encouraging, in the Class of 2023, 88.9% of Indiana stuschool. That's the highest rate since 2016 and the third highest since data collection began in 2012.

In terms of education, Hoosier kids ranked 13th — its highest achievement in an individual category — followed by 16th for economic well-being. Its lowestscoring categories included 29th for health and 31st for family & community — putting Indiana behind its peers.

"At its heart, the 2024 KIDS COUNT Data Book is a measure of how we value our children. It is really a report card for adults," said Silverman. "It tells us

where we're failing. It tells us where we can do better. It's the state of our schools, our economy, and our healthcare system. The good news is we know what works. The data shows overall improvements partly because of investments made during the pandemic. That tells us we can improve outcomes if we invest time, effort, and resources wise-

The 1.57 million Hoosier youth are more diverse than previous generations, with over a quarter identifying as a race or ethnicity other than white or non-Hispanic, compared to 18% of adults.

### **Obituaries**

Carla Ann Miller, Sarasota, Florida, the wife of a Portland native, Sept. 25, 1953-Feb. 14, 2024. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland.

Margaret "Maggie" Ann Davis, rural Bryant, March 26, 1941-Feb. 18, 2024. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

## CR almanac

Thursday Friday 2/22 2/23		Saturday Sunday 2/24 2/25		Monday 2/26	
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52/34	46/25	39/30	55/37	60/51	
There's a 70% chance of rain on Thursday, with the low at night dipping to 34 degrees.	Mostly sunny on Fri- day. Tempera- tures may reach the mid to high 40s during the day.	Saturday, when the low may	Sunday's weather looks mostly sunny and warm, with a high of 55 degrees.	Sunny skies are expected Monday, when the high will be around 60	

## **Lotteries**

#### **Powerball**

Monday 4 - 23 - 45 - 50 - 53Power Ball: 17 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$348 million

**Mega Millions** 

Estimated jackpot: \$493 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 8-3-4 Daily Four: 8-7-8-2 Quick Draw: 8-9-18-20-22-24-37-39-40-43-44-45-47-49-50-59-63-66-70-80

Evening Daily Three: 0-4-7

Daily Four: 4-7-5-6 Quick Draw: 4-14-27-28-33-34-36-43-47-50-55-56-

degrees.

57-60-67-70-74-76-78-79 Cash 5: 2-4-8-23-31 Estimated jackpot: \$662,500

#### Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-7-6 Pick 4: 3-6-9-6 Pick 5: 5-5-4-4-6 Evening Pick 3: 3-6-7 Pick 4: 4-0-4-6 Pick 5: 1-8-3-9-9 Rolling Cash: 17-21-31-32 - 37

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

## **Markets**

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Fort Recovery					
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Corn	4.21
March corn	4.23
April corn	4.26
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## **Heartland**

St. Anthony	
Corn	4.19
March corn	4.30
Beans	11.51
March beans	10.98
Wheat	4.89

# Dog breeding, pet store bill passes Senate

**By WHITNEY DOWNARD** Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

A bill establishing care standards for dog breeders and pet stores that simultaneously pluom strike local ordinances banning dog sales moves back to the House after passing through the Senate on a 31-18 vote on Mon-

Sen. Blake Doriot, the chamber sponsor, described the measure as a proposal to establish some of the "strictest standards in the country" for retail stores and breeders, which must register with the State Board of Animal Health and follow Purdue University's Canine Care Certified Program.

"House Bill 1412 is also, and mainly, a commerce issue, not a local control issue," said the Goshen Republican, who has a family background in breeding. "There have been 21 local units that have adopted ordinances that restrain or, in some cases, completely prohibit the retail sale of dogs. They've stepped out of their lane and encroached on the state's authority."

... This would be no different than a local unit of government telling a grocery store, 'You can sell bread. You can sell meat. You can sell mayo. But you can't sell cheese," Doriot continued.

Doriot said this action — which has been adopted by municipalities like Indianapolis, Bloomington and Columbus — goes against free market principles and limits consumer choice, driving up prices for preferred breeds and harming customers.

In committee, the powerful Petland corporation spearheaded testimony in support of the bill alongside Amish breeders who say the bill would protect their livelihoods.

Critics say the measure, which failed last year, strips them of local control and protects so-called puppy mills at the expense of crowded animal shelters.

Sen. Fady Qaddoura, an Indianapolis Democrat, said local government units made choices that aligned with the values of their constituents to ban sales from puppy mills and breeders. He noted that even Republican-controlled cities, like Carmel, had instituted their own ordinances.

"If this was an egregious case by which a local government went far off from what the state has empowered them to do, I will definitely respect and support your argument. But this is not one of those cases where you had a radical policy position by a community that requires a correction by the State of Indiana," Qaddoura said. "It's not radical for a community to have their own policy preferences on regulating these issues."

He noted that breeders who testified in support of this weren't banned from selling dogs outright and could still sell directly to consumers.

In response, Doriot noted that local governments would still retain control over issues like zoning a dog breeding facility or utilizing health department inspections.

310 E. Elder St., was pre-

liminarily charged with a

She was being held on a

\$10,000 bond in Jay Coun-

Level 5 felony.

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## Felony arrests **Today in history**

**Drug possession** 

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A Portland woman was

Janessa C.S. Guntle, 23,

arrested Monday for pos-

session of a narcotic

In 1804, Richard Tre- Car Auto Racing was vithick's steam locomotive made its first railway journey in Wales. It was the first full-scale

In 1848, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels made their television published "The Communist Manifesto", a founding work for the communist movement, in London.

machine to travel on the

rails.

Haven District Telephone Company published the world's first telephone book in Connecticut.

In 1940, construction began on the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

In 1948, the National lis for the same service.) Association for Stock

founded in Daytona Beach, Florida.

**In 1956**, 115 people were indicted in a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1970, the Jackson 5 debut on "American Bandstand."

In 2017, Jay County Commissioners agreed to switch to AccuMed, a In 1878, the New Michigan firm, for the county's emergency medical service billing. The change had been recommended to reduce costs and improve billing efficiency. (In January 2022, commissioners agreed to switch to MedBill of Indianapo-

—The CR

## **SERVICES**

Today

Dorris, Richard: I p.m., Marion National Cemetery, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion.

Thursday Miller, Carla: 2 p.m., Baird-

Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Sunday

Davis, Margaret: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

> March 2 Meier, Nancy: 4:30 p.m.,

Kuhn's Den, 442 E. Line St., Geneva.

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Continued from page 1 The honor is for its completion of the LeFevre Family and Softball Complex, which was used throughout the sports sea-

award Beautification recipients include:

Jack Edna and Heitkamp Most Improved Dwelling Chris and Heidi Duhamel Most

Improved Property •Mike and Jill Walter — Most Improved Landscaping

Allison Knapke will receive the chamber's annual scholarship.

An awards banquet honoring winners will be hosted at 6 p.m. March 10 at the auditeria in Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School. Tickets are available at Fort Recovery Insurance Agency, Mercer Savings Bank, Park National Bank, First Financial Bank or Fort Recovery Village Hall, or by calling (419) 375-4041.



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#### **Today Thursday** 4 p.m. — Portland

Citizen's calendar

Board of Aviation, air- land Building and port, 661 W. 100 North.

Council, auditorium, ty Resource Center, 118 courthouse, 120 N. Court S. Meridian St., Port-St., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Jay/Port-Planning Inter-local 6 p.m. — Jay County Joint Board, Communiland.



## **New leaders**

Jackson Champs 4-H Club recently elected new leadership. Pictured above are (from left) treasurer Madi Paxson, vice president Lizzy Brunswick, president Ty Paxson and secretary Gabe Pinkerton.

## **Birth announcements**

Stevie Ray, a daughter, was born Colby and Haley Cline of Portland. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Grandparents are Tracy and Vir- Munhall, Pennsylvania.

ginia Cline of Portland, Kacey Jenkins of Portland and Russ Marsh of Feb. 16 at St. Vincent Randolph to Jeffersonton, Virginia. Great-grandparents are Floyd and Vi Cline of Portland and Ruth Gregory of

#### **Friend**

William Michael, a son, was born Feb. 17 at St. Vincent Randolph to Brandon and Kimberly Friend of Union City.

He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

# Father weighs health disclosure

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man who came out late in life. I have three grown, married children and five grandchildren. They are my world, and we are all very close. I've had one partner. My family readily accepted and welcomed him because he made me happy. Unfortunately, it didn't work out.

I have been seeing another person, and our connection is very strong. We have lots in common. I think I'm falling in love, and I envision a future with him. He is HIV-positive. I am on PrEP, or preexposure prophylaxis, the most effective medication to prevent contracting HIV. We have not been intimate, but I'm aware of all the literature about the extremely low risk of transmission.

My kids are bright, intelligent and "enlightened." I wonder if I should tell them about my boyfriend being positive. A part of me says that's his truth and he should tell them if he feels compelled. I will not reveal it without his

Dear Abby



approval. Another part of me says it's not my children's business because it applies only to intimate situations. But I've always been completely upfront with my kids about practically everything.

So now I'm torn about what to do — tell them (or he tells them) and risk getting a negative reaction, or I keep it a secret, no matter how uncomfortable that is for me. Please advise. -HOW HONEST IN THE **EAST** 

**DEAR HOW HONEST:** If there were a compelling reason for your adult children to know your friend's HIV status, I would urge you to tell them. However, because none of them are likely to have sex with this person, I see no reason to share that information.

## Community Calendar

Community Calendar as space is available. To subemail mit an item, news@thecr.com.

#### **Today**

WEDNESDAY MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 n m each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

### **Thursday**

Notices will appear in 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-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.

**LAWYERS** Will meet at 8 a.m. in the LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenantlandlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890. DEMENTIA SUPPORT

GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

### **Friday**

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.

### **Saturday**

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical CELEBRATE RECOV- Lutheran Church, 218 E. ERY — A 12-step Christian High St., Portland. For recovery program meets at more information, call

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

#### **Monday**

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

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

EUCHRE — Will be or to schedule an appointplayed 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.

**CARE** PREGNANCY 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 Friment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

#### **Tuesday**

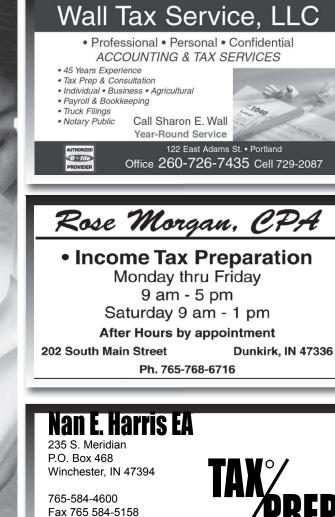
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Tuesday. The public is welcome.

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

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





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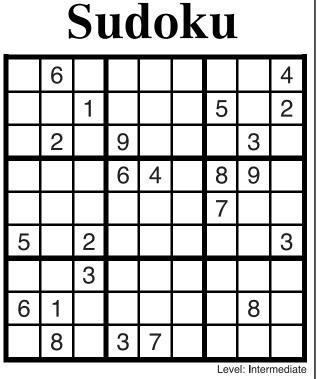
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# Quiet leader made a big difference

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Feb. 21, 2007. As Jack points out, leadership comes in a variety of forms. There are vocal leaders, there are those who lead by example and there are leaders who are followed simply because they have earned the respect of their community. It seems Jack Payne may have been all three.

**Bv JACK RONALD** The News and Sun

Leadership is a complicated

Most of us tend to think of leaders in terms of presidents or generals, the folks who stand at the battlements and yell, 'Charge!

But I've been thinking about a different kind of leader.

This is the sort of leader you follow simply because you trust

his or her judgment. I've been thinking about Jack

Jackson was a lot of things

during his 90-plus years. He was a baker. He was a manager. He was a retailer. He was an innovator. But most of all, in his own quiet way, he was a

**Back** 

in the

Saddle

He showed the rest of us where to go.

Sometimes it was by his actions, leading by example. Sometimes it was with his words. And sometimes it was simply with the strength of his personality.

Jack was one of those people that you instantly wanted to think well of you. Without much consideration, it quickly developed that you wanted his stamp of approval. His judgment was sound. His values were solid.

And you knew you were better

off if Jack thought you were doing the right thing.

I don't know how far my family's connections with Jack Payne go, but I'm guessing it's more than 50 years.

My parents bought the old Redkey Times-Journal in 1946, about the time Jack was running the bakery in Redkey. Old issues from that era show a connection between the two.

I don't remember running into Jack much until I returned to Jay County in 1974. Early in 1975, I joined the Portland Rotary Club, where Jack was already a member.

It was as if I'd suddenly gained an uncle.

Each week, either before or after or during the meeting, we'd get together for a talk.

Jack's agenda was always the community. And when I say the community, I mean the larger community.

Jack Payne was way ahead of most folks when it came to thinking big.

His idea of the community stretched from Fort Recovery, Ohio, to Albany, from Ridgeville to Geneva, from rural Union City to rural Pennville.

He read the newspaper as if his life depended on it, and he always wanted to talk about the news. Stories were suggested, gentle critiques were offered, and an editorial nudge came now and then.

Now, keep in mind that I was about 26 or 27 at the time and Jack was about 60. It didn't matter. As far as he was concerned, we were equals.

We weren't, of course. He was the leader. I was the student. The subject was our larger community and how best to improve it.

Jack cared passionately about education, about improving lives and creating new opportunities. These weren't just slogans with him. They were his bread and butter, the fundamen-

From the outside, the life of Jackson Payne might be that of just another businessman, a guy who baked bread for a living. then sold TVs and appliances.

But that would be missing the bigger story.

That would be missing Jack's leadership.

It came at you subtly. One minute he might be speaking out at a town meeting, the next he might simply be offering his seal of approval to a decision he thought wise. Then again, he might be urging a young editor to adjust his priorities and perspective.

When Jack was in his prime, it's impossible to underestimate the power of his opinion.

He had no soapbox; he was a newspaper reader not a newspaper publisher.

But it's safe to say that when he came down on one side or the other of a public issue, thousands of people followed.

It happened because they had come to trust his judgment. And, as far as I know, he never, ever, had to yell "charge!"

## Navalny's effort will continue on

**New York Daily News** 

Tribune News Service At 47 years old, Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny had spent more than a decade relentlessly fighting corruption in Russia before he died on Friday while serving a politically-motivated 19-year sentence at a penal colony. President Joe Biden is correct to blame Navalny's death on Vladimir

That Putin didn't personally push Navalny out of a window or slip him poison doesn't matter, dead is still dead as the dictator engineers another electoral victory for himself.

There's a common fallacy that to criticize something is to excuse its counterpart, and that's just not true. To say that Russia is an imperialistic neo-tsarist oligarchy with Putin as an absolute autocrat at the top is not, obviously, to say that the United States is a perfect society with flawless institutions. This is a country that once elected a failed TV businessman with little grasp of government to the presidency, and which now seems willing to consider doing so again.

Yet for all our faults, it's

ridiculous for someone like right commentator Tucker Carlson to go to Moscow and crow about Putin's great society while a political dissident wasted away on phony charges. The Russian president will of course face no consequences for Navalny's death, at least not internally, just as he has avoided any ramifications for his disastrous invasion of Ukraine, which nears two full years and has so far led only to death, destruction and suffering, not just for Ukraine's people but Putin's own.

Who's going to check him? There are no institutions left in Russia that could bring Putin to account. He's taken over the judiciary and the press, wrangling almost the whole of his country's government and industry under his direct control, allowing only symbolic opposition. He's divided the spoils among elite friends that must strive to stay in his good graces, lest they find themselves slipping

out of a high window. We may have had Donald Trump, but when it came attempted to end American again.

## Guest **Editorial**

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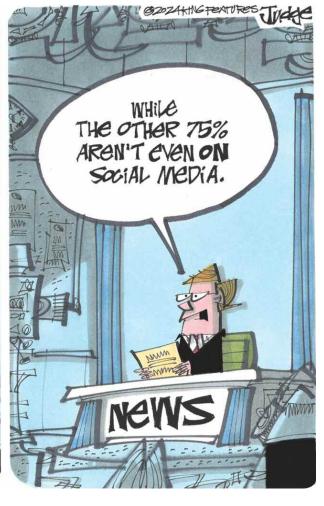
Navalny dreamed of atop an absolute political order but in which no one did, and the Russian public was able to chart its own path, free of the corruption, thuggery, cronyism and violence of the Putin regime. In this way, he was really an advocate not just for political reform but for fundamental rights, and by consequence a champion for all of us that hold such rights dear.

For this simple demand, Navalny paid the ultimate price; whatever explanation for his death is presented by the Russian authorities in the coming days, it's clear that they are ultimately responsible.

But his movement will live on, because unlike personalistic Putin's regime, the structure does not depend on just one man. As long as we don't forget about Navalny, and as long as others inside and outside Russia strive to continue his mission of holding Putin accountable untangling entrenched system, the sacrifices that he made which he never should have been forced to make — will

not have been in vain. Let's remember his resolute belief in self-determination any time a Trump or down to the wire and he a Carlson praises Putin

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## another Russia, not one in which he himself stood atop an absolute political There's time for court rulings

**BV NOAH FELDMAN** Bloomberg Opinion

Don't blame the Supreme Court if it takes a modest amount of time to rule on and reject former president Donald Trump's criminal immunity claim. The issue is the kind of nationally important one that the court should address in some detail. Special prosecutor Jack Smith could, and should, have brought the charges a year earlier, not on the cusp of the election season.

To be sure, the justices should still decide the case expeditiously, so that a trial can begin this spring, not this summer. A reasonably quick decision is also needed in the Colorado case about whether states can bar Trump from the ballot as an insurrectionist under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment. The justices need to move reasonably speedily on both; if the court acts significantly more quickly in the Colorado case — particularly, if as expected, it rules against Colorado — it could give rise to the speculation that the justices are favoring Trump.

But there is some reason to think that both cases may take a bit more time than voters would like. That's because, as legal matters, both suits have some twists and turns.

The hard part of the Colorado case isn't going to be the outcome — at oral argument, the justices seemed to be almost all headed in the same direction: that a state cannot unilaterally block a presidential candidate

Noah Feldman



theory so that the justices can decide unanimously, or as close to that as possible. Sometimes an opinion 'won't write," in the parlance of the trade, meaning that all the justices agree on the right outcome but find it hard to articulate a coherent, unified rationale.

As for the immunity case, the outcome and the reasoning should be relatively straightforward. In the most recent ruling in this case, the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit made it very clear that Trump can be tried criminally for conduct related to Jan. 6. But the case's central question — whether a president can be tried criminally for conduct he committed while in office — is genuinely both important and new.

The Supreme Court has previously held that a president has immunity for civil claims brought against him for his official conduct. That prior holding can be distinguished straightforwardly by emphasizing the greater public interest in criminal law. But the distinction must be drawn thoughtfully.

What's more, the justices really should address the strangeness of under Section 3. The difficulty is the situation: The Department of coming up with a single, coherent Justice answers to the president, and Harvard University, he is author.

in this case, the DOJ is bringing criminal charges against his leading opponent — a former president himself — in an upcoming election. The egregiousness of Trump's conduct on and around Jan. 6 made it difficult for the DOJ to do nothing. Nevertheless, in the future, it's easy to imagine a strongman-style president bringing dubious criminal charges against a political opponent. The court's opinion needs to explain convincingly why that prospect isn't as scary as presidential criminal immunity.

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that the Supreme Court shouldn't even bother to hear the immunity case, but should simply leave the DC Circuit opinion's in place. That would save a lot of time and the criminal trial against Trump could begin much sooner. However. that would leave the law unsettled. Criminal charges could in the future be brought somewhere that isn't under the jurisdiction of that court. It really is the job of the Supreme Court to settle the law on important constitutional questions. Ideally, March would see a ruling in the Colorado case and hearings in the immunity case, with a decision in the

latter coming in April. The upshot is that there is a correct course of action here: The Supreme Court should take the immunity case, expedite oral argument, and write a thoughtful, solid opinion with as little delay as possible.

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# Assange appeals U.S. extradition

By KATHARINE GEMMELL

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Lawyers for Julian Assange will make one last attempt to block his extradition to the U.S., where he faces decades in prison over spying charges in the long-runbattle that's ning spanned more than a decade.

The WikiLeaks founder asked a London judge for permission to appeal the U.K.'s 2022 decision to extradite him to the U.S. where he's charged with criminal espionage for leaking classified documents. His lawyers argue that sending him to the U.S. would breach his human rights while other

WikiLeaks asks judge in London for permission to challenge 2022 decision in order to avoid charge of criminal espionage

speech.

Lawyers for Assange said in court on Tuesday that exposing state criminality is a political act of opinion that should prevent him being sent to the

The U.K. approved his transfer to the U.S. in 2022 after a court signed off on the decision. A previous judge initially blocked

self if sent to a high security prison.

Assange, 52-years-old, has been in prison or in the Ecuadorian embassy in London since 2012, as he fought attempts to send him to face charges first in Sweden and then in the U.S.

The Swedish case against him was dropped, but the U.S. government a statement. "Journalists published supporters say it would his extradition over con- in 2019 charged him must have the right to cables and emails includ-

role in releasing hundreds of thousands of pages of classified documents via WikiLeaks, with the help of U.S. Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning.

"There could not be more at stake in a single court case than there is in the Julian's case," Stella Assange, his wife, said in

ernments and corporations want to hide, otherwise a truly free press is impossible.

Supporters including politicians, several human rights and press freedom groups, have argued that the ruling leaves questions about the media's ability to report from classified sources. WikiLeaks diplomatic

be an attack on free cerns he would kill him- under spying laws for his report the facts that gov- ing a video that showed a U.S. air strike that ended up killing a member of the Reuters news staff in Baghdad.

Should the latest court bid fail all legal avenues

will have been exhausted. Lawyers for the U.S. government asked the judge to dismiss the appeal as they are points that have already been litigated at previous hear-

## Smell

Continued from page 1 solution, dredging the lagoons in order to remove the sludge buildup, is estimated at \$842,250. The village recently submitted an application to the Ohio Department of Development's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program, which provides dollars to "improve access to clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure," according to its web-

If funded, Diller said, the dredging process could happen this year.

One resident asked about the last time the lagoons had been dredged, with Diller explaining the lagoons have never been dredged since they were first created in 1971.

Diller noted dredging won't solve the other issue the village is currently facing, which is meeting Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's upcoming limits for phosphorus, ammonia and E. coli levels in wastewater.

Currently, the village is not required to meet limits for phosphorus, ammonia or E. coli. The noted Diller. With the village's 6-

village is expected to meet the foot "shallow" ponds, he contin-An alternative short-term new limit for E. coli — 284 colonies per 100 milliliters, or a monthly average of 126 — by January 2028, and limits for phosphorus and ammonia officials expect weekly limits of 1.5 milligrams per liter or monthly averages of 1 — by August 2028.

One solution would be to convert to a mechanical plant. Diller said he's looking into a more cost-effective potential solution offered by Lemna Environmental Technologies, a Minnesota company that has suggested a process that would utilize the wastewater lagoons while adding in some mechanical aspects. The project is estimated at \$1 million to \$2 mil-

In the meantime, Kainos Ag will be applying products to the wastewater lagoons in an attempt to help with the smell.

Rammel said the company's products have not eradicated the smell from the lagoons.

Wastewater lagoons usually have a smell when they "flip over" as the weather changes,

ued, they may "flip over" multiple times when the weather constantly fluctuates.

Lemna Environmental Technologies' potential solution would include deepening the lagoons by another 6 feet. Part of its solution also involves covering the lagoons throughout the winter, he said, keeping the water temperature at 50 degrees and preventing the lagoons from "flipping over."

Rammel asked if the village would be setting up a standard moving forward in relation to dredging the lagoons. Lemna Environmental Technologies' process, Diller said, would involve monitoring the sludge.

Rammel and others at the meeting asked Diller to keep them updated on information regarding the wastewater lagoons moving forward.

'I think what we're trying to get after here is just open communication," he said.

Also Monday, village council authorized an application for Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Funding.

If awarded, the village will March 9 in the community be conducting several infra-room at Fort Recovery High structure projects, which School to discuss recent include building a crosswalk in increases to real estate taxes front of Fort Recovery High School along First Street, improving visibility of markings at the five-point intersection of Butler. Boundary. William and Third streets, and constructing a sidewalk from Recovery Fort

Elementary/Middle School to Sharpsburg Road to match with the upcoming sidewalk project for the front of the school. The infrastructure projects would be 100% covered by the grant.

As required for the funding, Fort Recovery created its School Transportation Plan in July after a nine-month planning process with school, community, local government, health, public safety and other representatives. The plan identifies several construction projects and new programs as goals for increasing safe pedestrian and bike travel to school.

Council also heard mayor Dave Kaup is hosting an infor- Recovery Chamber of Commational meeting at 1 p.m. merce. (See related story.)

and to answer questions about tax assessments, how taxes are calculated, how tax money recipients are impacted and where the funds are spent. Kaup asked residents to call the village at (419) 375-2530 or email frinfo@fortrecovery.org if they plan on attending in order to make sure the venue size will be adequate.

In other business, council members Al Post, Luke Knapke, Cliff Wendel, Scott Pearson, Erik Fiely and Greg Schmitz:

 Authorized a contract with utility aggregation group Priority Power Management. The company purchased Affordable Gas and Electric, which has had an agreement with the village for several years regarding aggregation programs.

·Learned Kaup has selected Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters Club as the recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Community Service Award through Fort



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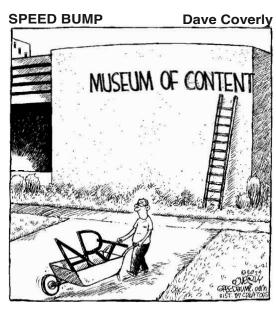
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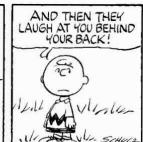
While Daddy renovates his home studio, 7-year-old Billy draws this week's cartoons.

#### **Peanuts**





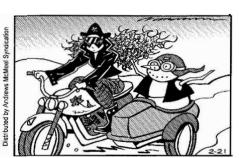




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#### Contract & By Steve Becker

#### Hot potato

move when he led a diamond

instead of a spade. Declarer won with dummy's queen and returned the three of clubs. East could have settled declarer's hash then and

there had he grabbed the ace and returned a diamond. But East

played low, and declarer won with

the jack as Belladonna discarded

the queen of spades!

South realized he would surely go down if he persisted with clubs, so

he shifted his attention to hearts, cashing the A-K-Q-J. Belladonna

had to make two discards and threw

a diamond and the deuce of spades

Declarer's only chance for a ninth trick was to endplay West. So he cashed the A-K of spades, plan-

ning to put Belladonna on lead with a third spade and force him to

But on the A-K of spades Belladonna dropped the J-10, retaining the seven. When declarer then exited with a spade, East won with

the nine and returned a diamond to

At the other table, the Italian North-South pair also got to three

put the contract down one.

concede a diamond to the king.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable NORTH ♥A K Q J WEST

EAST **★**964 ♥10985 ♣A962 SOUTH ♠ K 5 3 ♥762

♦ K 5 4 ♣J 10 8 7 The bidding:
West North East Pass 1 NT Dble 3 ♦ Pass

3 NT

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Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Here is a remarkable hand from a match between France and Italy in 1967. It features brilliant defense Italian star Giorgio Belladonna, who sat West.

Belladonna, from time immemo rial an aggressive bidder, opened with one spade, after which the French North-South pair reached three notrump on the bidding

Belladonna made his first good

notrump, but when West chose the queen of spades as his opening lead, declarer had no difficulty making 10 tricks after driving out the ace of clubs.

Tomorrow: Good card-reading pays off.

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## William Byron wins NASCAR's Daytona 500

Tampa Bay Times

Tribune News Service William Byron withstood a pair of late wrecks to win Monday's Daytona 500.

Hendrick Motorsports teammate Alex Bowman finished second, and Joe Gibbs Racing's Christopher Bell was third.

The field for the NASCAR Cup Series' season opener couldn't even make it five full laps without a wreck as the angst started earlier than usual. A third, middle lane formed, with Harrison Burton charging to lead it. But John Hunter Nemechek's No. 42 Toyota drifted into Burton, starting a chain reaction that collected seven cars, including former 500 champions Jimmie Johnson and Austin Dillon.

unless you count the electrical front tire wasn't secured proper-

issues that forced 2021 race win- ly during the pit stop before the the lead to win the Daytona 500; ner Michael McDowell to drop out of contention.

The green flag racing featured 14 different leaders in the first 130 laps. They included some unlikely names: rookie Josh Berry; Noah Gragson — who replaced Tampa's Aric Almirola at Stewart-Haas Racing — led only two laps in his first 39 races; and Todd Gilliland had led only 11 laps entering this weekend but paced the field for 16 laps through the first two stages.

Chase Elliott won the first stage, while Ryan Blaney won the second after dipping low to pass teammate Austin Cindric in the closing moments.

Elliott and Blaney were among the six former series champions trying to win their first 500. It was the only notable inci- Another, Kyle Busch, was in the dent in the first two stages, mix to break through, but his left

final stage. His No. 8 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet had to pit again. Seventeen laps later, Busch was in the lead.

It didn't last long. Corey LaJoie and Tampa-born Denny Hamlin passed him as the top of the pack remained fluid. Joey Logano seemed to take control of it midway through the final

Ross Chastain inherited the lead after the final cycle of pit stops and was still in first when the inevitable major crash took place. It happened not far behind him on Lap 191, when Bowman got into Byron. Byron nudged Brad Keselowski, and the big one was underway. More than half the 42-car field (23 cars) was involved, including Hamlin, Logano, Kyle Larson and Martin Truex Jr.

"We were making the pass for

that's about all you can ask for with eight laps to go," Keselowski said. "It just didn't work out."

It did, however, work out well enough for Byron, whose No. 24 Chevrolet escaped major damage. That gave him a chance to win the final, four-lap shootout. But that was cut short thanks

to another big, predictable crash. Byron, the 26-year-old North Carolina native, drifted high to block Chastain as the lead pack charged toward the final lap. When Chastain cut low to try to take the lead, he clipped Cindric to trigger the wreck. NASCAR checked and determined that Byron took the white flag before the caution came out. The race was over.

It was Bowman's 11th career Cup win and the ninth Daytona 500 triumph for Hendrick Motor-

Monday was the crowning achievement for one of the most fascinating rises in recent sports history. While most drivers start in go-karts and work their way through the ranks, Byron started racing digitally in a platform called iRacing. Without iRacing, he told the Tampa Bay Times four years ago, he would have been sitting behind a desk at college somewhere.

But after 104 virtual wins, Byron convinced his parents to let him race for real. Seven years after his first pixelated race, he was making his Cup debut as the successor to Jeff Gordon's famed No. 24 Chevrolet. And four years after that, he's a championship contender and a winner of NASCAR's biggest

"He was already a superstar," Gordon said. "He just went to another level..."

## Offseason

Continued from page 8 On the positive side, Indianapolis took another step closer to its desired eight-man rotation to keep fresh legs chasing the quarterback for all 60 minutes.

Ten players were involved in multiple sacks, and four finished with eight or more.

On the down side, the Colts still lack the standout difference maker on the edge who keeps opposing coordinators offensive awake all night during game week.

In fairness, those guys are hard to acquire, and this offseason might be no exception.

The draft is expected to be deep in edge rusher tal-

ent, but it's thought to lack the kind of high-end disruptor that would cause a sea change on Indy's defense.

And those types of stars rarely reach free agency, all but eliminating that avenue.

Though the team has yet to confirm the move, multiple reports suggest Indianapolis has hired former University of Pittsburgh defensive line coach Charlie Partridge for the same role in the NFL.

Partridge has a reputation for getting the most out of players and helped develop three consensus All-Americans for the Panthers during seven seasons in his most recent stint at

This is Patridge's first about where we're going shot in the pro game, but he's coached at the college level since 1996, rising as high as head coach at Florida Atlantic from 2014-

Perhaps his detail-oriented style will give the unit the push it needs to get over the top?

"We took our lumps, took our lumps at times, but I think it's going to pay off down the line for them," general manager Chris Ballard said of the defense as a whole. "I think we had five or six new starters on defense. We did do some good things now. It's not like it's all bad. The points do need to come down. We'll continue to discussions

and how we'll get that done.

"But saying that, we had some new starters on defense. We did do some good things, too. We got after the passer pretty good. I think it's got to be a little better, but 51 sacks is pretty good. Took the ball away — we need to be a little better there in that area, and we have to take away explosives. But I would expect us to take another jump here this year on defense.

Samson Ebukam was among the new starters who made a major impact. He led the team with 9.5 sacks and added 10 tackles for losses and three forced breakout season of sorts for Dayo Odeyingbo. Fully healthy for all 17 games for the first time, he posted eight sacks, forced two fumbles and recovered two.

And then there's Kwity Paye. The 2021 first-round pick finished with career highs in games played (16), sacks (8.5), tackles (52) and forced fumbles (2). The decision on Paye's

fifth-year option will be among the more interesting things to watch at defensive end this offseason, but the arrow is pointing in the right direction for the 25-year-old.

'Good, better, excellent versus the run," Ballard he played in all 17 games said of Paye's 2023 season. and tallied four sacks in 'I think he had his high his rotational role.

It also proved to be a sack total this year. He's got some stuff he's got to work on rushing the passer, but good — he's a good football player. I thought our front played really well. I thought our d-line played pretty good football."

> Rookie Titus Leo also figures to enter the mix in 2024. He was placed on season-ending injured reserve during the 53-man roster cut following training camp but flashed some potential as a rotational pass rusher during the preseason.

> The Colts also could look to re-sign pending free agent Tyquan Lewis after

## Sports on tap

#### Local schedule Thursday

Jay County - Junior high wrestling vs. Woodlan - 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Swimming state at McKinley in Canton - 5 p.m.; Girls basketball sectional opener at Wayne Trace - 7 p.m.

#### TV sports

Today 2:30 p.m. — Premier League: Luton Town at

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### Thursday

State at Penn State (BTN) NBA: Detroit Pistons at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

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western (FS1) 9:30 p.m. Women's college basketball:

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## **Colts** offseason preview

Defensive ends took step forward in 2023

#### By GEORGE BREMER

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts' 51 sacks in 2023 represented a franchise record since the move from Baltimore in

Defensive ends accounted for 32 of those sacks, providing the pressure from the edge so often missing in recent years.

So why is the position often looked at as a potential upgrade candidate this offseason? The answer is somewhat complicated.

In the simplest terms, it's about consistency.

The Colts' pass rush tended to be an all-or-nothing proposition last season. But that doesn't fall solely on the defensive line.

A young secondary rode the expected roller coaster throughout the season, and the ups and downs on the back end directly impacted the men up front.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Sole stroke

Jay County High School sophomore Matthew Fisher swims the 100-yard backstroke Saturday as the sole finalist for the Patriots at the IHSAA sectional swim meet hosted at Jay County. Fisher finished the race in 1 minute, 6.12 seconds, to take eighth place, the second highest of any Patriot in the sectional after Bryden Carter's fifth-place finish in the 1-meter diving.

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# **Patriots split with Norwell**

claimed victories in 17 of the 24 events.

teams walked away with a win on their record.

team took down the Norwell Knights 99-84, while the girls team fell just short in a 96-89 loss on

Jay County's boys team nated girls (3-1) matched that mark despite falling.

they didn't win, and and the latter the 100 Westgerdes (100 individ- freestyle relay.

fourth in four events. The Beiswanger also earned Patriot boys bolstered Yet only one of the their win by having swimmers secure second in four of the events Jay The Jay County Junior County won to prevent 100 backstroke (1:15.45). High School boys swim Norwell from getting extra points.

boys and three girls – time in the breaststroke. were dual event winners.

the (3-1) won 75% of the com- freestyle (2 minutes, 6.99 the 200 freestyle (2:25.91) petitions (9-of-12) and the seconds) and 400 freestyle and 100 (4:41.63).

Raif and Rockland The Knights depth car- Beiswanger both won a ried the Norwell girls to freestyle event with the victory, as they placed former winning the 50 second in every event freestyle (27.42 seconds) ries came from Carson 50 butterfly and the 200

the top spot in the 100 breaststroke (1:19.59)while Rockland Beiswanger handled the

Maria Laux swam a 28.55 to top the 50 Six Patriots – three freestyle and a 1:26.23

Elly and Brooklynn Cooper Gentzer domi- Byrum were dual winners Raif Beiswanger and 200-yard as well. The former won Rockland Beiswanger. championed the 100 indi- medley relay and the 50 vidual medley (1:12.92) butterfly. The girls team and 100 freestyle (1:02.07).

Other individual victo-

OSSIAN — The Patriots swept second through freestyle (1:03.45). Raif ual medley), Kali Wendel (400 freestyle), and four relays.

> Both the girls 200 medley relay and 300 freestyle relay were made up of Wendel, Laux, Byrum and Brooklynn Byrum. The boys took both freestyle relays with lineups that featured Westgerdes, Glentzer,

Norwell swept the 1backstroke meter diving, and the (1:13.67) while the latter boys team took the 200 complimented the early win with victories in the

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