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Patriot 4th at Luers, guard 32nd in 1st round

Patriot Edition just missed a spot in the top three.

It took home a high honor anyway.

Jay County High School's co-ed show choir received the Fr. Fred Link Franciscan Spirit Award on Saturday at the 50th annual Luers Show Choir Invitational in Fort Wayne.

Also Saturday, the school's winter guard placed fifth in its round in the first week of the Indiana High School Color Guard Association Regional A Championships at Mount Vernon.

Patriot Edition's spirited effort put it in fourth place in Mixed Division - Tier II at the Bishop Luers competition in Fort Wayne. It trailed Music Warehouse of Edgewood, Pointe Singers of Grosse Pointe South and Knight Moves of Norwell. (Trailing the JCHS group were Summit Sound of Bishop Dwenger, South Singers of Grosse Pointe South and Encore of Garrett.)

Just Treble, Jay County's all-girl group, was sixth out of six schools in the Treble Division

The JCHS winter guard scored 69.42 points in its round to trail the Carroll junior varsity, Western, Monrovia and Delta. The group finished 32nd overall while Brownsburg posted the high score of 81.46.



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Magical afternoon

Indianapolis Magician Jon Mobley works on a magic trick with audience member Alex Huntsman during his performance Saturday at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place in Portland. Mobley also held a meet and greet with attendees after the show. For more on the magician, visit jonmobley.com.

egislators address reading, taxes.

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Reading proficiency, chaplains in schools, Medicaid benefits. wetlands and taxes are all topics on the minds of area residents.

Holdman and Prescott provided

appeal. (Prescott noted that he voted against Senate Bill 1.)

Portland resident Mike Keller asked about the possibility of adjusting tax policy to put more of the burden on farm owners

With a change in format this year, the first week of the state championships is used for seeding with all squads qualifying for the second week. Groups will be placed into rounds based on their seeding for the second week of the championships — Jay County is in round five — with a "round championship" state awarded for each.

as part of the fifth round, taking the floor at 6:39 p.m. See Award page 2

State Sen. Travis Holdman and State Rep. J.D. Prescott responded to questions regarding legislation on those issues during a Third House Session on Saturday at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland and updated those in attendance on legislation that is moving through the Indiana Statehouse as the end of the 2024 session nears.

Matt Lehman (R-Berne), who Jay County will compete represents the northern third of Jay County as well as Adams and Wells counties, could not

on legislative update Saturday

lowing the birth of a grandchild.

Randy Geesaman, former Portland mayor and now a teacher at Jay County Christian Academy, expressed concern over Senate Bill 1, which cleared the General Assembly and is awaiting a signature from the Gov. Eric Holcomb. He ques-

Tennessee for a family visit fol- testing — the bill calls for the IREAD-3 test to be administered first in second grade - and retention of students who do not pass the test.

Holdman responded that more and earlier testing is intended to identify students who need the most help. He added that the bill includes various exceptions to the retention requirement and attend the event as he was in tioned the wisdom of additional allows parents/guardians to

and less on homeowners. Prescott disagreed with Keller's assessment of the tax system. saying that farmers carry the bulk of the tax burden once various deductions are figured. Holdman noted that the farm rate is going up this year.

Other questions involved the status of a bill regarding Medicaid benefits, the wisdom of a measure that would allow chaplains' offices in public schools and a bill that adjusts wetlands definitions.

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Winter grants announced

Local organizations were awarded more than \$350,000 in grants.

The Portland Foundation this week announced winter grants totaling \$342,716 and Creativity Teacher Mini Grants of more than \$3,000.

"As always, The Portland Foundation is very pleased to be able to award these grants," said foundation executive director Doug Inman in a press release. "The generosity of Jay County citizens over the last 73 years allows the Foundation to carry out its mission — to enhance the quality of life for the people in Jay County."

By far the largest of the grants — \$75,000 — went to Jay County Baseball Club. It will be used to fund renovation of the organization's new facility known as The Clubhouse.

John Jay Center for Learning received more than \$50,000 funds for a National Endow-

Foundation provided more than \$350,000 in funding

got \$31,800 for its SkillsTrac Industrial Maintenance training program, \$10,000 for language classes for Spanish speakers learning English and English speakers learning Spanish and \$6,000 each for its Senior Learning Series at its robotics and STEM camps.

Arts Place was awarded two grants totaling \$35,000 \$25,000 for its MusicWorks program and \$10,000 for matching

spread across four grants. It ment for the Arts Our Town grant.

Jay Community Center, Redkey Junior League and Pennville Community Gym each received \$25,000 for Boomer Sports, a new utility building and refinishing the gym floor, respectively. A Better Life -Brianna's Hope got \$20,000 to fund addiction treatment and Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition for its peer addiction support team.

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Cabaret claps

Karlie Niekamp (left) and Olivia Smith perform along with Madison Bihn, Joscie LeFevre, Anna Roessner and Leah Wuebker perform "From Now On" from "The Greatest Showman" during Sunday's Fort Recovery Local Schools Choir Cabaret. The event featured solo, duet and group performances by middle school and high school choir students.

Deaths

Charles Osborne Jr., 83, Portland Samuel Eicher, 76, rural

Berne

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a low of 37 degrees early Sunday before the temperature climbed throughout the day to a high of 64.

There is a chance of thunderstorms tonight with a low in the lower 40s. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with a chance of rain.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will host a free food tailgate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

In review

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from the Jay County junior high swim meet against Bellmont.

Thursday — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.



Legislators

Continued from page 1 regarding Medicaid is likely to see continued revision, with Holdman pointing out that in its last session the legislature passed a measure that calls for reimbursement rate schedules to be reviewed every four years.

Holdman, addressing a question stemming from an opinion column that appeared in The Commercial Review, said the chaplain program is voluntary and provides a valuable asset in the wake of the mental health crisis. Prescott agreed with that assessment.

"We have found a lot of school corporations are looking for help with mental health crises that are going on in schools," Holdman said. "We think this a helpful way to do that.

Prescott and Holdman both pushed back on criticism of the complete by Friday. (By law, it down," he added.

wetlands legislation — John Prescott said legislation Bartlett of rural Blackford County, who is running for the Democratic nomination for state representative in District 33, raised several issues — saying environmental protection groups had the opportunity to testify. Prescott said the bill essentially redefines wetland classifications after one of them — Class 2 — had been going almost unused.

Rural Jay County resident Barry Miller asked about the status of House Bill 1183, which limits foreign ownership of agricultural land. (The bill is currently awaiting second reading in the Senate.) Holdman said he feels the bill is too broad as it is currently written.

During their updates to start Saturday's event, Holdman noted that this year's legisla-

must be finished no later than March 14.)

He spent the bulk of the rest of his time discussing the State and Local Tax Review Task Force, of which he is the chair. He pointed out an effort to limit annual increases in property taxes

"We do have sympathy for local government because their costs have gone up just like everybody else's," said Holdman. "So there's concern that we're putting the squeeze on local units ...

But, he said, the Department of Local Government Finance projects the maximum levy growth quotient to jump to 5.6%. (It is temporarily capped at 4% for two years, with Holdman hoping to be able to extend that for one more year.)

"We've got to do something to tive session is expected to be put a cap on that to hold it

He said the task force is taking an overall look at all taxes in the state. (The committee will continue to work through this year in preparation for the 2025 session, which will include writing the biennial budget.)

Prescott noted his House Bill 1338. It addresses rules of decorum for public meetings and clarifies trespassing laws. The bill received some amendments in the Senate Committee on Corrections and Law, and Prescott said it is currently "working through the process.

He also mentioned House Concurrent Resolution 3, which urges Indiana the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename a section of Indiana 32 as Kyle Osgood Memorial Mile. Osgood, a Farmland firefighter, died in May when his firetruck went off the road and flipped while responding to a call regarding a barn fire.

"This year we've actually gotten back to what I think the short session is really intended to be," Prescott said, "more of the technical changes, no major policy shifts. There are a few big bills out there, but mainly it's been all non-controversial, technical-type issues."

Lehman has three bills that are moving through the legislative process.

His House Bill 1158, which lays out a procedure for approval of county contracts, was approved 47-2 Thursday in the Senate. It has been returned to the House with amendments.

House Bill 1160, which would limit civil proceeding advance payment contracts, is scheduled for third reading in the Senate on Monday. And House Bill 1274, which would create a semiquincentennial license plate and trust fund, has cleared second reading in the Senate.

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51/36 There's a slight chance of rain on Wednesday when winds may reach up to 20 mph.		54/44 There's a 70% chance of showers on Fri- day, when the high will be in the mid 50s.	51/31 Another 60% chance of rain on Sat- urday, with temperatures dipping to the low 30s at night.	44/28 The rainy weekend may continue Sun- day, when snow is also possible. The low may hit 28.				

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated

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Markets

Obituaries

Charles Osborn Jr.

Nov. 7, 1940-March 2, 2024 Charles Osborn Jr., age 83, a resident of Portland, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Charles was born Nov. 7, 1940, in Portland, the son of Charles Osborn Sr. and Mary Helen (Coulson) Osborn. He worked at Sheller Globe in Portland and attended Portland First Church of the Nazarene. Charles enjoyed fishing, archery and telling corny jokes.

Charles married Nancy Wood on June 12, 1965.

Survivors include:

His wife of 58 years — Nancy Osborn, Portland, Indiana

Grants

Continued from page 1

Committee was awarded

\$10,000 for its annual

activities, West Jay Com-

munity Center got \$8,500

for its summer day camp

and Jay County REMC

was OK'd for \$8,000 for

the Dolly Parton Imagi-

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\$5,000

jackpot:

Jay County 4th of July

One son — Steve Osborn (Cara Bennett), Hartford City, Indiana

Several nieces and nephews

Visitation will be held on Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Portland First Church

of the Nazarene, 920 S. Shank St., Portland, Indiana. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Pastor Steve Cecil will officiate and burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be directed to Portland First Church of the Nazarene.

Arrangements entrusted

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Samuel J. Eicher, rural Berne, the father of area residents, April 29, 1947-March 1, 2024. Services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Eicher residence, 3659 E. Indiana 218, Berne.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and *time/date/location of services.*

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral to homes or mortuary services.



Flight Northeast Indiana mentary kindergarten) for an honor flight, Jay for the purchase of "Creator Crates," Alison Homan (East Elementary val, Kate's Kart for the library) for activity (East Jay Elementary) for tools for speech therapy and Tavia Price (Jay County Junior-Senior High School) for family consumer science supplies; \$293.13 to Kristen Gibson (Bloomfield Elementary) for LCD writing tablets and "wobble cush-ions"; \$289.89 to Michelle Bennett (junior-senior high) for special education classroom lighting; \$283.42 to Erin Homan (preschool) for classroom activities); \$268 to Lisa Cook (East Elementary) for Themed Therapy SLP Membership (speech therapy); and \$143 to Kimberly Hawkins (West Jay Elementary) for items to build a drop roller coaster.



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Today in history

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In 1956, the United ruled in favor of ban-In 1807, Ludwig van ning segregation in pub-— The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today

5:30 p.m. — Portland 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville land. Town Council, town hall,

105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

Thursday

5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council Plan Commission, Comchambers, fire station, munity Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Port-

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

purchase of new books boxes, Beth Mathewson and Second Harvest Food Bank for the Asbury Senior Safety Net site.

Other grants were: \$3,500 to BIGJAWS Youth for Christ for its Campus Life program; \$3,000 to County Public Jav Library for its Kindergarten Prep School program; \$2,475 to Dunkirk Beautification Committee for its Webster Depot Park Summer Concert Series; \$2,441 to Jay-Ran-Developmental dolph Services for new computers; and \$1,000 to Reins of Faith for materials to construct steps and platforms for horseback riding students.

The foundation also awarded 11 Teacher Creativity Mini Grants of \$300 or less. They are intended to fund programs for learning experiences teachers feel are important to their students but are outside of the budget of their school.

lows: \$300 each to ativity Mini Grants is Autumn Brown (East Ele- June 27.

Award ...

Continued from page 1 Other schools in the group are Wayne, Northridge, Pendleton Heights, Homestead, New Castle, Bedford North Lawrence, Plainfield, Mater Dei, Crawfordsville, Franklin Central and Centerville.

On Feb. 24 at the Huntington North Midwest Showcase 2024, Just Treble finished third overall in the Treble Division. Patriot Edition was second in its tier but did not make it into the top five overall.

The winter guard also placed fifth in its round with 66.46 points during an IHSCGA contest Feb. 24 at Carroll. They were 15th overall.

Natalie Corcoran (Redkey Elementary) received two grants — \$300 for items for a "Glow Day" activity and \$292.76 for classroom games.

The next application deadline for foundation Those grants are as fol- grants and Teacher Cre-





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SERVICES Tuesday

Eicher, Samuel: 9 a.m., Eicher residence, 3659 E. Indiana 218, Berne.

Thursday Osborne, Charles: 2 p.m., Portland First Church of the Nazarene, 920 S. Shank St., Portland.

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Family

Former boomtown is an oasis

By HANK NUWER

The dirt and gravel Elliot Highway sported deep ruts as my wife Gosia and I motored 158 miles from Fairbanks to explore the remote Alaska village of Manley Hot Springs. However, spectacular views of the tundra more than made up for the bumps and jolts.

When Gosia paused to photograph the landscape, a friendly Alaskan state trooper stopped to make sure we hadn't broken down in the middle of nowhere.

At last, we passed over an old bridge and slough to enter the village that serves as a permanent home to 160 people. Gosia and I fell in love with Manley Hot Springs at first sight.

We checked out the village's few sparse streets and found an abandoned sheet-metal trading post, a rich a history," Tomlin said, learn that Manley reposes



tiny airstrip with three parked private planes, a half-pint Catholic church and a smattering of houses and tin-roofed shotgun cabins. We passed a small cabin that serves as a bath house with a hot tub filled with well water.

We introduced ourselves to Gary Tomlin, who oversees a charming old roadhouse now closed to undergo remodeling.

"What do you like about living in Manley Hot Springs?" I asked.

tipping back his "gimmee" on the traditional lands of cap. "Living in a town at the the Tlingits and Haidas. end of the road is just fine for me. People look out for each other.'

Gosia and I met three local women armed with a stack of old newspapers. The first was Pam Redington, who with her late husband Joe once ran sprintracing Iditarod kennels. She introduced me to Beatrice "Bea" Schafer, a retired teacher, and Damaris (Dee) Mortvedt, wife of Arctic bush pilot Art Mortvedt.

The three ladies kindly shared a history of the former mining boomtown. A highlight for the town is its Fourth of July parade and fish derby attended by colorful local personalities. The local Native Alaskans throw occasional potlatches "I like it because it has so where all are invited. We

The heyday of Manley Hot Springs was when it was known as Baker's Hot Springs some 125 years ago. A mining entrepreneur who called himself Frank G. Manley gave the resort a name change.

Manley's real name was Hilliard Bascom Knowles, according to a yellowed news clipping. He had appropriated the name of a dead man after abandoning his family in Texas.

Manley built a beautiful resort to serve locals and tourists, but his big dream winked out in 1913 when a fire destroyed all. Today, the town's biggest challenge is flooding when the Tanana River overflows its banks.

What's the town's future? The ladies hope that repairs on the Manley Roadhouse will soon give hole and meeting place. They stressed that a fancy Hot Springs Resort now under construction will boost tourism. Manley does have highway department facilities, a clinic with two paramedics, a tribal council and one farming operation.

We asked about local celebrities. The ladies told us the late mushing legend Susan Bucher used to claim her mail at the town's tiny grocery. Today, champion Iditarod musher Brent Sass leaves his homestead kennels on Joe Bush Creek to

replenish his grub cache. The trio noted that the town's small population of children isn't enough to support the shuttered former school. Kids either get home-schooled or taken to distant Minto for classes. Some in town consider

the town again a watering offering free housing to families willing to relocate.

Gosia and I recommend Manley Hot Springs for a visit to all who can appreciate an oasis in the lonely Interior. We filled our Jeep's tank at a quaint antique gas pump for \$5 per gallon before heading home. We caution readers to rent vehicles from outfits in Fairbanks that allow driving on gravel roads.

Y'all might see us there. We plan to go back again and again.

Nuwer, a former Randolph County resident, is writing full-time as he completes a biography of Kurt Vonnegut in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has also taught journalism during his career, including for Ball State University and Franklin College in Indiana.

Mother's failing health wears on family

DEAR ABBY: My husband speaks to his mom every morning. For the past couple of months, her health has been failing, and she spends most of her days in the hospital having an extremely tough time. Hearing his mom suffer daily is affecting my husband's mental health. It sets the tone for the whole day, and I spend my mornings trying to cheer him up.

How do I tell him these daily conversations with his mom are starting to affect my mornings? Even the dog has begun showing signs of depression. Would I be selfish to suggest he needs to talk to her at a different time or maybe on fewer days? -BYSTANDER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BYSTANDER: Your husband may not have much your fingers and hope he will longer to talk with his mother, realize how much he needs it.



so I don't recommend you approach the subject that way. What I do suggest is that you tell your husband how much you love him, and that you can see and feel his distress over her condition. Then suggest he talk with a mental health professional who can help him work this through, because you can see how much pain this is causing him. Then cross

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this in the hope that the man of my dreams reads it. I don't know how to approach him. He's getting ready to retire, and I have fallen deeply in love with him as the years have gone by.

He's a little on the chubby side (as am I), but his personality has always amused me. Sometimes he poses "sexy" as a joke and will often show his bellybutton. I find him staring at me out of the corner of his eye most days. Please help before it's too late. I'm running out of time. — HIS DREAM **GUY IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR DREAM GUY: You stated that your dream man is getting ready to retire. I can't think of a better reason for a celebration. Suggest the two off, and there is no correct reacof you go out for a drink or tion from me. I am going to seek 90069.

toast his upcoming retire-ment." Then cross your fingers that he agrees. It could be the start of something beautiful.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband suffered a stroke eight years ago. Everyone thinks he's fine physically and mentally, except those closest to him. We know his brain doesn't function the same. Example: When he went to fill out a job application, he asked me whose name should be put in the applicant field.

He occasionally had a short temper, but in recent months, he has grown verbally abusive to the point that I'm considering divorcing him. Anything can set him

dinner after work "so you can counseling. Any other advice for me? - READY TO LEAVE IN DELAWARE

DEAR READY: I do have one other bit of advice. You stated that "everyone" thinks your husband is fine physically and mentally. Are you including his doctors in that statement? Forgetting to put one's own name on a job application and having a recent personality change could be signs of dementia. You should let them know you are worried so he can be evaluated.

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

Community Calendar

space is available. To sub- (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729mit an item, email 7000. news@thecr.com.

Today

Notices will appear in High St., Portland. For *Community Calendar as* more information, call

Wednesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY ING BREAKFAST CLUB tion, call Sarah Conrad at CENTER EUCHRE — Will — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the be played at 1 p.m. each 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. SINGLES AND SEPA-ALCOHOLICS ANONY- RATES SUPPORT GROUP MOUS — Will meet at 7 — For anyone who's lost a

suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in WEDNESDAY MORN Berne. For more informa-(260) 589-4496.

AL-ANON

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

FORGET-ME-NOT - Asupport group for par-FAMILY ents, friends and relatives



KINDER HAUS DAYCARE

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

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 Fellowship Nazarene Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

p.m. at Zion Evangelical loved one or has a spouse Lutheran Church, 218 E. living in long-term care or

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Saturday's Solution

Level: Beginner

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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GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.

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

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792. LIONS PORTLAND

who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in communitv room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

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 Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.



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Opinion

Court was wrong to delay decision

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service The Supreme announced on Wednesday that it will consider Donald Trump's claim that as a former president he enjoys immunity from prosecution for alleged crimes connected to his efforts to overturn the 2020 election.

By taking the case and scheduling oral argument for the week of April 22, the court has further complicated the timeline for a Trump trial, which a recognized the urgency of the sit-

Court Guest **Editorial**

district judge originally scheduled for March 4.

It's in the national interest that Trump faces a jury as soon as possible. Special Counsel Jack Smith

uation when he asked the justices on Dec. 11, to rule in the immunity case quickly, and before the appeals court weighed in. The justices unwisely rejected that request on Dec. 22

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit heard arguments in the immunity case on Jan. 9, and on Feb. 6 handed down a long and learned decision eviscerating Trump's outlandish immunity argument. The appeals court concluded that "former President

Trump has become citizen sion as soon as possible after the Trump, with all of the defenses of any other criminal defendant. But any executive immunity that may have protected him while he served as president no longer protects him against this prosecution."

It's understandable that the justices would want to weigh in themselves. But they should have agreed to Smith's request for expedited consideration. Having failed to do so, they should resolve to hand down their decioral argument in April. It would be a deeply unsatisfactory outcome if the court ruled against Trump's immunity claim but did so too late to ensure that a trial would proceed — and a jury would have its say — before the November election.

Further delay by the court would give a new and ominous meaning to the axiom that justice delayed is justice denied, though in this case it would be the nation that would be denied justice.

We can break horrible cycle

By MATTHEW ROSING OtherWords

During my time in prison, I lived in hell.

I witnessed horrific abuse, suffered from a critical lack of mental health care, and was treated as less than human. Guards even taunted inmates that we couldn't change the system because our right to vote would be stripped away when we got out.

Well, they were wrong about that last part.

I learned when I got out that I'd been lied to – I still have my power to vote. Now I'm organizing with and for people like me who get caught up in the cycle of poverty, mental illness, and incarceration that run so closely together in this country. Where I once felt powerless, I feel differently now.

I grew up in what could have been any other normal, single parent, working class household. But as I became a young adult, I began to develop what I would later learn is called schizoaffective disorder, bi-polar type.

When I was 20, I was misdiagnosed and received inappropriate treatment, leading to sleepless manic episodes, frightening hallucinations, and other problems. Angry, stressed out, and in worsening mental health, I struggled to keep a job.

Desperate for money, I began stealing and committing other crimes. I



better approach could look like.

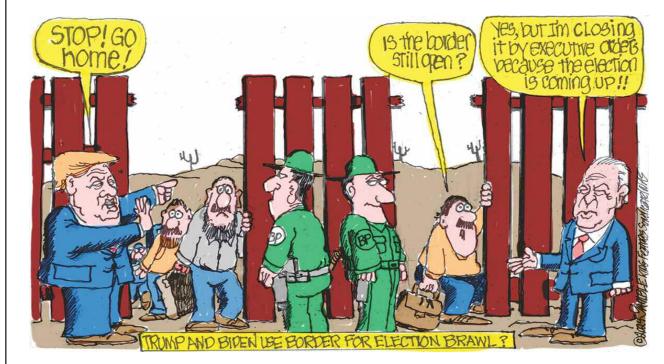
During my last time in prison, I was held without bail for nearly 15 months until a judge ruled me not guilty by reason of insanity and connected me to state resources.

For the first time in my life, my mental health was taken seriously. They diagnosed me and gave me effective medication. I was able to get onto SSI (Sup-Security plemental Income) and live a life relatively free from the past ravages of my disease.

But it shouldn't take spending nearly a decade in prison for someone to get the help they need. We need to expand programs like these, including making sure comprehensive health care is a basic human right, and make them accessible to everyone.

And to do that, we need to exercise our vote. Nationally, there are 85 million poor and low-income eligible voters, according to the Poor People's Campaign. That's enough to sway the election in every state.

My home state of Pennhas 3.3 million poor and



Booting from ballot isn't good

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One after another, 14 Hoosiers were kicked off the May primary ballot Tuesday.

•A young Black woman who is active in the community following in the footsteps of her father.

•A successful businessman who already loaned \$2 million to his congressional campaign.

•Another man who hoped to become a judge.

•A well-known Republican who crossed over once to vote on an interesting Democrat race.

And each time, my heart sank.

In a state that regularly ranks at the bottom in voter turnout and civic engagement, the Indiana Election Commission was forced to turn away more than a dozen Hoosiers who wanted to serve their state.

Is this what we really want to do? ended up serving nine sylvania, for example, Disenfranchise citizens? Sow distrust and anger in the electoral system?



92 county chairs. Each has their own way of handling these requests. Some always approve them; some never approve them; some pick and choose what office they are comfortable with you running for.

Indiana Election Commission members were following the law, but you could tell it was bothering even them.

At one point they tabled a challenge to a woman's party affiliation to allow her to go to the Marion County Clerk's Office and try to find evidence to support her claims. It didn't work. Chunia Graves had provided proof via a private Democratic vote tracking system that she voted Democrat when she was away playing Division 1 sports at college. But that wasn't in Indiana and that is what matters under state law.

Sen. Mike Bohacek, R-Michiana Shores, brought up a time when he had pulled a Republican ballot and then filed to fill an unclaimed commissioner seat. His opponent was the county chair. Under the change to the two-party rule, he wouldn't have been able to run, he said.

"You can see that it could be disenfranchising for somebody who wants to get re-engaged. I know that both parties, we're all trying to get young people engaged in this. Do you think this is disenfranchising?

One attorney at Tuesday's election commission meeting seemed frustrated with the commission when he tried to defend two fellow Republicans who were removed.

That man — Mitch Harper of Fort Wayne — previously served as a Republican state representative for 12 years. He was elected as a precinct committeeman at age 18, which would be prohibited by current law.

years in prison.

My story isn't uncommon. The Alliance on Mental Illness reports that in 2020, nearly 53 million adults -21 percent of the U.S. adult population — reported mental health issues. For incarcerated people, the numbers are even higher.

A whopping 64 percent of all people in U.S. jails, 54 percent of those in state prisons, and 45 percent of people in federal prisons have reported mental health illnesses, the American Psychological Association details. And according to the Centers for Disease Control, people living in poverty are far more likely to experience stressors to their mental health than those living above the poverty line.

All of this — the national mental health crisis, poverty, and a prison system that's a dumping ground for poor people with untreated mental health disorders — can be alleviated by common sense public policy. And that policy can be won by organizing the 140 million and low-income poor Americans.

My offers a glimpse of what a *ies*.

low-income eligible voters National who make up nearly 30 percent of the electorate. If we were organized to take action together, we could determine what happens in any election.

eligible Many lowincome voters are disillusioned because candidates don't speak to us. But if we organize, they'll have to. That's why my wife and I work tirelessly to organize people like us every day even as we continue to struggle with a lack of financial security and the lack of a proper home.

We have the power of the vote. And you can bet your ballot that we and millions of our fellow poor and lowincome voters nationwide will use it in November. I hope you will too.

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Rosing is a coordinator with Put People First! PA, a minister with the Freedom *Church of the Poor, a board* member of the National Union of the Homeless, and a faith leader with the Poor People's Campaign. He lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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Most of the challenges filed against candidates were meant solely to eliminate competition for an incumbent. God forbid Hoosier voters actually have a choice.

A few of the challenges were based on residency or whether a form was notarized. One candidate was removed because he accidentally filed his economic interest statement with the House instead of the Senate. But most of them were about party

affiliation.

To be able to run as a Democrat or Republican in the state, a person must prove their party affiliation. And this can be done in two ways. First, if your last two primary votes match the party you want to represent — you are in. But if that isn't the case, you can get the county party chairman to sign off on your candidacy.

The so-called two-primary requirement used to be just one primary and was rarely used. But in January 2022, lawmakers made it stricter — upping it to your two most recent primary votes.

What that means is you can vote Republican your whole life but if you voted Democrat in the last primary election — maybe there was an important race or your ballot had no choices — then you are at the mercy of your county chair. Or, you could vote Democrat your entire life in another state, but if you move for a job you can't run for office unless you get the chair to sign off.

And there are no guidelines for the a few Republicans.

Commissioner Karen Celestino-Horseman told Graves she was an impressive young lady.

"And I hope that no matters what happens today that you will go forward because our community needs more young women like you to serve as role models and leaders," she said. 'Unfortunately, we have been saddled by this law that changed recently.'

I went back to 2021 to see how the move to two primaries originated. Then-Sen. Erin Houchin — now a Republican congresswoman offered the amendment that drew quite a bit of discussion before being accepted on a voice vote. At that point the law was only one primary with the county chair backup.

'We're just trying to safeguard our parties' platform and brand so that we are certain that folks who are running under the Republican or the Democrat banner have fulfilled and can fulfill those values represented by the party," she said then.

She even noted an example in her own family where it could have hurt a relative. That relative is a Democrat but crossed over in 2011 so they could vote for her.

Democrats questioned the change, especially for young people just able to vote or those who have moved from other states with consistent voting history that doesn't count. And so did

But he was at the meeting on behalf of client Sid Mahant, who was barred from running for Congress.

Mahant was appointed a Republican vice precinct committeeman in Steuben County earlier this year but then moved to Johnson County in February. He was removed from the ballot because he didn't meet either exception.

"I'm going to end my discussion here because the commission is not entertaining what is clearly obvious to me. You're saying a person can be a Republican one day and somehow change that status," Harper said.

He noted the one-primary rule was a modest requirement of party loyalty but said it has gone too far the other way now.

Democrats used the law along with Republicans on Tuesday – often to stifle competition against an incumbent. And we wonder why people are turned off from the system? This is why.

I know it's legal. The Indiana Supreme Court has said so. But is it right? This primary rule is being wielded as a weapon to discourage participation.

And I think every lawmaker should have to sit through that meeting. Because they would be disheartened too.

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Business

TRULAND donates to FR FFA

TRULAND Equipment made a donation last week to Fort Recovery FFA

The \$100 donation was in celebration of National FFA Week. Fort Recovery was one of 18 chapters in Ohio and Indiana to receive a contribution.

"Everything FFA stands for and values, aligns with our company's beliefs as well," said Jameson Ringger, CEO of TRU-LAND Equipment, in a press release. "The importance of hard work, servant leadership, and strengthening the communities in which we live are also at the core of what we do. We are happy to help support the future of our workforce in any way we can.'

Fair scheduled

Jay County Chamber of Commerce announced that the 2024 Jay County Career Fair is sched-uled for Sept. 12 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Additional information about the event will be provided in the coming months. Businesses that would like to be placed on the list to participate should call the Jay County Purdue Extension office at (260) 726-4707.

Donating to project

Celina Insurance Group recently pledged \$100,000 toward Mercer County Fairgrounds' Grant Event Center project while Monfort Vorhees Family McDonald's is matching donations this month.

The event center is planned to have more than 100,000 square feet to host a wide range of events including livestock shows, tractor pulls and concerts. More than \$4 million has been raised locally toward the project.

"The Grand Event Center will be an asset to our community for years to come, and we're proud to be a part of it,"said Celina Insurance Group president and CEO Bill Montgomery in a press release.

Monfort/Vorhees Family McDonald's will match donations up to \$2,500 during March.

Donations can be made at mcgrandeventcenter.com, by phone at (419) 585-3239, or in person at Mercer County Fairgrounds, 1001 W. Market Street, Celina.

Awarded for meat

Winner's Meats of Greenville and Osgood in Darke County, Ohio, earned 10 awards recently at the Ohio Association of Meat Processors Convention in Columbus.

three grand champion Its



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that can be ordered at winnersmeats.com or by visiting any of its locations.

Work beginning

Indiana Michigan Power is starting work this week to rebuild an underground power line along Tillotson Avenue in Muncie.

The company will rebuild 1 mile of the power line, beginning between University Avenue and York Prairie Creek. Work is planned from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays. Those traveling in the area should expect lane closures and detours.

For the latest project updates, please visit IndianaMichigan Power.com/TillotsonAvenue.

Also recently, Indiana Michigan Power named TMI Compressed Air Systems, ARI Energy Consultants, Ringo Marketing, NexRev and Midstates Energy Solutions as its 2023 Indiana Trade Allies of the Year.

New members named

week announced the appoint- edition. ment of Laura Hill and Dennis Trammel Jr. to its board of directors. They will fill seats being vacated by longtime board members Terri Matchett and Terry Walker. Hill most recently served as chief investment officer at Advocate Health. Trammel has served on the boards of Muncie Sports Commission and Cardinal Varsity Club. "We are excited to welcome Laura and Dennis to the founda-"Best of Ohio Bundle" this week tion's board," said Jud Fisher,

president and CEO of Ball Brothers Foundation, in a press release. "Their diverse backgrounds, deep ties to the community, and commitment to our mission make them invaluable additions to our team. As we look ahead to our centennial year, their leadership will be instrumental in guiding BBF into its next century of impact.'

Star shuttering

Gannett will shut down its Indianapolis printing operation next month.

The parent company of the Indianapolis Star announced that its Pulliam Production Center at 8278 N. Georgetown Road will close after the first week of April. The site has been home of the Star's printing since 1995.

The closure is expected to impact about 90 employees. (Gannett had laid off more than 50 employees from the plant in early 2023.)

The Indianapolis Star will shift to Gannett's press in Peoria, Illi-Ball Brothers Foundation last nois, beginning with the April 9

and accomplishment of the towns through convenient access strategic direction of their company.'

The award will be presented during the Indiana HR Conference April 30 through May 2 and the Indiana Convention Center.

'Managing human resources is one of the most vital functions of any business or organization,' says chamber president and CEO Vanessa Green Sinders in a press release. "It can also be an extremely complicated task, and the job has only gotten more challenging since the pandemic with hybrid work schedules, labor shortages and changing employee needs, and government regulations.'

To nominate, visit indianachamber.com/hrpro. The deadline is March 8.

DG hits milestone

Dollar General last week celebrated the opening of a new site in Alice, Texas, with the store bringing its total to 20,000 locations.

As part of the grand opening celebration, the company awarded \$20.000 – \$10.000 each to Alicia

to affordable essentials, career growth opportunities for employees, and the ability for local nonprofits, schools and libraries to advance through Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants."

Resolution reached

Dollar Tree announced last week that it has agreed to a plea in connection with the Consumer Protection Branch of the U.S. Department Of Justice's Civil Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas regarding an investigation into operations at a Family Dollar distribution center in West Memphis, Arkansas.

Family Dollar, which is owned by Dollar Tree, had been subpoenaed for information, documents and records regarding contamination at the distribution center.

The plea agreement is to one misdemeanor for a violation that led to products becoming compromised. Family Dollar agreed to pay \$200,000 in fines and a forfeiture judgment of \$414.5 million. (The amount is related to the value of the products that

awards were for its blue ribbon bologna, slab bacon skin off and BBQ ribs. It also received reserve champion awards for its jalapeno summer sausage, wieners, pork shoulder BBQ, slab bacon skin on and flank steak roll up.

Winner's added a pair of firstplace awards for its homemade beef brisket BBQ and beef smokey sticks.

The company is showcasing some of its award winners in a

Nominations open

Indiana Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its 2024 Ogletree Deakins Human Resources Professional of the Year Award.

The award goes to full-time human resources employees in Indiana who "have made significant contributions to their organization over the past year through implementation of best practices, organization design

Salinas Public Library and Boys & Girls Club of Alice - to support educational and tutoring programs. It also provided new books to Saenz Elementary School in Alice.

'Today marks an incredible milestone in Dollar General's history," said Steve Deckard, Dollar General's executive vice president of store operations and development, in a press release. "We believe each store provides a and effectiveness, and alignment positive impact in our home-

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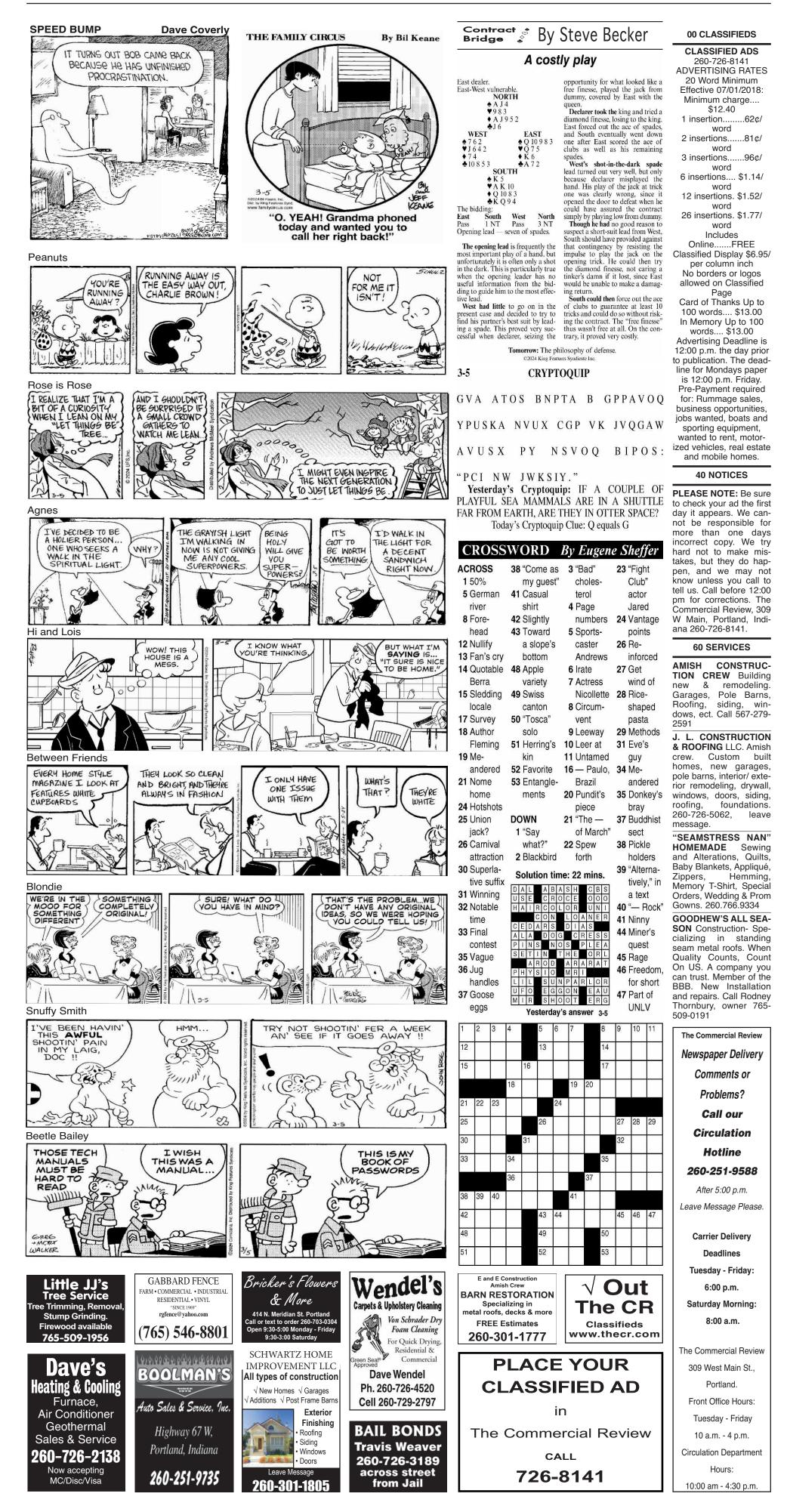
"We are continuing to move forward on our business transformation, safety procedures and compliance initiatives," said Dollar Tree chairman and CEO Rick Dreiling in a press release.

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Sports

Light

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"I just told myself, 'It was one frame of 10, so I have nine more frames to do better," Wyerick said. "Staying outside the eighth board and playing straighter to get it to the pocket rather than working with a curve really helped."

The team netted 862 pins in the third game to total 2,545, which was good for sixth place headed into the Baker games.

Things started to fall apart in the three baker games. The Indians only filled 19 of the 30 frames (63.3%) while shooting 150, 144 and 178, respectively. The struggles allowed for Mechanicsburg, Wooster and Rootstown to overtake the Indians.

Wyerick had the strongest baker performance, filling all six frames from the anchor position, including four strikes, three of which came in the tenth frame of the sixth game.

Heitkamp finished the day as the Indians' top bowler, with 545 pins and a fill percentage of 83.3%, while striking 27.85% of the time. The FRHS junior finished tied for 21st

with New Bremen's Marina Nelson, falling six spots short of a medal. (The top five bowlers make first team All-Ohio, sixth through 10th are second team and 11th through 15th medal as honorable mentions.)

'Kayla has always been kind of a sleeper and our secret weapon." Rosegrant said. "She flies under the radar but is always bowling consistently. ... She doesn't get all the attention with her scores as the other girls do, but I can always count on her to be consistent and that's what she did today."

Wyerick followed Heitkamp with 524 pins for 35th in the state. She closed 77.8% of all frames, while striking a team-high 33.3% of the time.

Brown, Lauber, Schoen and Aisenbrey followed with 480, 368, 307 and 158 total pinfalls, respective-IV.

Wyerick, along with alternate Tiffany Taft, will graduate from FRHS this year, while the rest of the team are set to return for next season.

"Brooklyn is our anchor in more ways than one," Rosegrant said. "The biggest thing we are going to miss when she leaves is having that consistent 'go to' that I can rely on. I know if it's the tenth frame and we need three strikes, I know Brooklyn will give me three strikes.

While Fort Recovery didn't get the result it wanted, Rosegrant is excited about what the future holds as it returns four of its five starters and two alternates from the state team.

"I am very proud of how we did at our first state appearance as a team," she said. "This is obviously a lot of stress on the girls.

"I know when we come back next year, a majority of the girls are already going to have this experience under their belt and those first-time jitters out of the way. I told the girls, 'Other than Tiffany and Brooklyn, this group's coming back next year. And I think we can come back even stronger because we've already been here and we know we can do it."

Roundup

was led by Brinley Steury and Carlie Runkle who each finished first all-around with scores of 37.95 and 37.6, respectively.

Steury took the top spot in the vault, on the beam and on the floor, all with a score of 9.55 points.

Runkle's score of 9.5 points earned the top spot on the bars. She also topped the floor competition with 9.45 points, and was runner-up in the other two competitions.

Also in the bronze division, Aubrey For- fourth all-around.

90 SALE CALENDAR

Continued from page 8 man (37.3) and Emma The Bronze division Robinson (37.15) finished second allaround while Oakli Bellis (36.7)and Paylin Vance (35.9) placed third.

Charli Stephens and Eden Lee both placed first all-around in the Xcel Silver division with 37.8 and 37.25 points, respectively.

Lee finished first in on the bars (9.5) and the floor (9.45), while Stephens' only victory came on the beam (9.6).

Bella Sarver had the best day in the Xcel Gold division, netting 36.075 points for

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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: JAY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO .: 38C01-2402-EU-000009 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ANGELO BELL, DECEASED NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

In the Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Jeremiah Bell and Kelly Bell were, on the 20th day of February, 2024, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of John Angelo Bell, deceased, who died January 27, 2024

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 20th day of February, 2024. Jon Eads Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana

Leslie M. Mathewson Mathewson Law, P.C. 625 South Tillotson Avenue Muncie, Indiana 47304 Telephone: 765-587-4526 CR 2-27,3-5, 2024 HSPAXLP

Sunday, March 10TH from 1-3 pm, or for private showing phone auctioneers REAL ESTATE 80 Acres in Section 7, Wabash Township. To be offered in tracts and combinations. Tract 1: 2.5 Acres with 3 bed. 2 bath brick ranch

Monday MARCH 25, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. REAL ESTATE - 1675 W ST. RT. 18 BRYANT, IN. PARCEL #1: Approximately 4 acres of bare ground with frontage on State Road

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

PUBIC NOTICE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Portland, Jay County, Indiana that the Common Council of the City of Portland, appearing in the City of Portland Council Chambers, 1616 Franklin Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, on March 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of budget for the current year.

1101-003-326 Council – Other Contractual \$929,500 Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government and Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy pf action taken. Lori Phillips, Clerk Treasurer

City of Portland

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Bryant, Indiana has resolved to sell the following tract of real estate pursuant to IC 36-1-11-5: Parcel No: 38-03-17-204-008.000-021

The part of the South one-half (S ½) of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seventeen (17) in Township Twenty-four (24) North, Range Fourteen (14) East, described as:

Commencing at the grounds of the Cincinnati, Richmond and Fort Wayne Railroad Company, Five (5) chains, Eighteen (18) links East from the center of the Richmond and Fort Wayne State Road; thence West along the North side of Lots One (1) and Two (2), in Block Three (3), in the Original Plat of the Incorporated Town of Bryant, Indiana, One Hundred Seventy-two (172) feet; thence North at right angles to former course One Hundred (100) feet; thence East parallel to the North lines of Lots One (1) and Two (2) aforesaid One Hundred and Seventy-two (172) feet, more or less; to the grounds of the Cincinnati, Richmond and Fort Wayne Railroad Company, aforesaid; thence in a Southwesterly direction along the West line of said railroad grounds, One Hundred (100) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning; lying and being within the corporate limits of the incorporated Town of Bryant, Indiana.

Commonly known as: 208 Railroad Street, Bryant, IN 47326 (the "Property").

Appraised value: \$7,000.00.

Pursuant to Resolution 2024-1, the Town of Bryant shall sell the above-described tract of real estate to an adjoining landowner for a price meeting or exceeding the appraised value of \$7,000.00.

Any interested person shall submit a sealed, written bid to the Town of Bryant, 107 E Main Street, Bryant, IN 47326 within 10 days of this publication. The Property may not be sold to a person who is ineligible under IC 36-1-11-16 and any offer submitted by a trust as defined in IC 30-4-1-1(a) must identify each beneficiary and settlor empowered to modify or revoke the trust.

Carrie Minnich, Clerk-Treasurer 3-5-2024-HSPAXLP

FLOW PUBLI TION

As required by 327 IAC 5-2.1-6(1) (Combined Sewer Overflow Public Notification Rule) The City of Portland offers local media sources, affected public and Governme other interested persons in and Governme around the City of Portland 0061 Raing area to provide information concerning frequency of over-2 flow events that may be triggered by precipitation. This Combined Sewer Overflow Notification will be published in the Portland Commercial Review. The city reminds interested residents in Portland that they can receive an email notification when the Citv's combined sewer system is discharging into the Salamonie River, or discharge is imminent based on projected or actual precipitation or related event. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requires communities with combined sewers to provide notice when combined sewer overflows (CSOs) occur or are likely to occur. Portland's combined sewer system carries sanitary sewage to the sewage plant in dry weather. When it rains, these sewers also collect stormwater runoff. Many times, when it is raining, the combined sewer pipes get full. When this happens some of the excess flow is discharged to the Salamonie River. If a CSO discharge is imminent or is occurring, the city will notify interested individuals and organizations via email. Individuals interested in receiving the notification should call the Portland Wastewater Plant at 260-766-4251 to be put on the email notification list. It is strongly recommended that people avoid direct contact with the water in streams and river affected by CSO discharged for a 72-hour period following a CSO event. The public notification system is intended to help residents identify those periods when the water may not be safe for human contact. Combined sewer affects the following areas: Salamonie River from Hudson Park/ Natural trails flowing west to Blaine Pike Bridge and flowing west downstream Sipe ditch west of Walmart Little Salamonie River behind Golf Course Portland is working hard to reduce the number of times the combined sewer system discharges each year. For more in-

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formation, please contact Brad Dues at the Portland Wastewa-Plant or email at wwtp@thecityofportland.net. CR 3-5-2024 HSPAXLP READ THE CR THEN

	Vabash Townshij Ind Investments (
	Beg. Cash			End Cash
Local Fund	and Inv. Bal.			and Inv. Bal.
Name	Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Dec 31, 2023
ental Activities				
ental Activities				
y Day	\$8,590.34	\$2,225.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,315.34
Fighting	\$423.51	\$17,110.97	\$17,264.60	\$269.88
nship	\$24,934,18	\$23,560,41	\$20,925,98	\$27,568.61

\$0.00

\$42,896.38

\$859.11

\$40,549.69

Town Township Assistance 3 Total All Funds State of Indiana

SS: Jay County

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I, Jason M. Rosenbeck, Trustee of Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Jason M. Rosenbeck, Wabash Township Trustee

Telephone:260-251-9848

Date this report was to be published March 5, 2024

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Wabash Township at its annual meeting this 20th day of February, 2024

Sarah M. Davidson, Wabash Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2024

Wabash Township Board:

Sarah M Davidson, Beverly Westgerdes, Jane Martin

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Public Notice

Pennville Civil Town, Jay County, Indiana

Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023							
	Beg. Cash						
Local	Local Fund a	and Inv. Bal.			and Inv. Bal.		
Fund	Name	Jan 1, 2023	Receipts 1	Disbursements	Dec 31, 2023		
Number							
Governmen	ntal Activities						
0	General	\$144,779.31	\$206,012.59	\$156,432.64	\$194,359.26		
0	Motor Vehicle Highway	\$64,875.13	\$6,769.70	\$26,618.36	\$45,026.47		
0	Local Road And Street	\$12,625.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,625.92		
0	Sanitation	\$4,175.94	\$37,608.00	\$45,665.49	-\$3,881.55		
0	Riverboat	\$71,596.52	\$3,492.09	\$0.00	\$75,088.61		
0	Rainy Day	\$106,611.63	\$0.00	\$3,426.83	\$103,184.80		
0	HehlO0l-2007 Ptrc Final	\$2,434.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,434.38		
0	Cumulative Capl Imprv						
	Cigarette Tax	\$19,969.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,969.82		
0	Fire Equipment (Not Debt Se	rvice) \$1,500.0	00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00		
0	Co Economic Development						
	Income Tax	\$843.00	\$6,977.00	\$6,514.00	\$1,306.00		
0	Cash Change	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.00		
0	Law Enforcement	\$2,686.54	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$2,694.54		
0	Public Safety	\$29,601.04	\$5,949.00	\$6,587.36	\$28,962.68		
0	Fire Grant	\$8,595.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,595.61		
2021-2024	ARP	\$20,631.63	\$0.00	\$16,850.00	\$3,781.63		
	SubTotal	\$491,056.47	\$266,816.38	\$262,094.68	\$495,778.17		
WASTEWA	TER						
0	Wastewater Utility-Operating	\$36,263.30	\$95,772.96	\$86,668.69	\$45,367.57		
0	Wastewater Utility-						
	Depree/Improve	\$52,581.58	\$6,924.00	\$0.00	\$59,505.58		
0	Wastewater Cash Reserve	\$21,390.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,390.00		
	SubTotal	\$110,234.88	\$102,696.96	\$86,668.69	\$126,263.15		
WATER							
0	Water Utility-Operating	\$142,659.39	\$168,437.05	\$125,220.85	\$185,875.59		
0	Water Utility-Depreciation/						
	Improve	\$38,859.90	\$1,929.12	\$0.00	\$40,789.02		
0	Water Utility-Customer						
	Deposit	\$36,262.46	\$5,950.00	\$2,012.54	\$40,199.92		
	SubTotal	\$217,781.75	\$176,316.17		\$266,864.53		
	GRAND TOTAL	\$819,073.10	\$545,829.51		\$888,905.85		
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Jay County indoor track opened its season Friday, see story below

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

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Patriots junior high swim travels to South Adams, see Sports on tap

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Coming up light

Indians fall 13 pins short of bracket play at first state bowling tournament appearance

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Indi-

ans wanted to hear their names called for the top eight teams move on.

They came up just 13 pins short.

The Fort Recovery High School girls club bowling team knocked down 3,017 pins Saturday at the OHSAA Division II bowling tournament hosted by H.P. Lanes, but struggles in the second set of individual games and the second Baker game prevented the Indians from reaching bracket play.

'Obviously there is some disappointment," Indians coach Alison Rosegrant said. "We were about 13 pins short, so very disappointed but not with the girls, just with the outcome.

"We struggled a little bit with those three Bakers, but overall, I'm proud of what they did and they should feel good about today. It just hurts a little."

roll three individual games, before combining for three games of Baker. From there, the eight teams with the largest pinfall advanced to bracket play that featured best-of-five Baker games to work toward the state title.

The Indians, in their first appearance at the state finals, finished in ninth at the break, ending their day prematurely. Root-



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery's Ella Schoen releases her Motiv Venom bowling ball during the second individual game of the OHSAA Division II state tournament at H.P. Lanes in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday. The Indians struggled in the second individual game and baker play to come up 13 At state, teams had five bowlers pins short of making the top-eight teams and bracket play.

> stown claimed the final spot with 3,030 pins, while the next closest team, Harding, ended 130 pins back of eighth.

> "Just two spares off," senior Brooklyn Wyerick said. "If we would have had just two more spares we could have made it, but you can't win them all."

Northwest District champion Napoleon — the Indians were second in the district tournament — 166-139, 173-167, 159-125 before falling to fourth-seeded Mechanicsburg. St. Mary's Memorial, which finished third in the Northwest district, lost to eventu-

Rootstown upset No. 1 seed and al state champion Kenton Ridge in the semifinal.

Fort Recovery got off to a hot start as Deanna Brown, Kayla Heitkamp, Emily Lauber, Ella Schoen and Brooklyn Wyerick combined for 920 pins in the first individual game to lead all teams. Lauber was particularly strong

early, throwing a hambone (four consecutive strikes to start a game) to open up the game. Her streak ended in the fifth frame with a 1-2-4-10 washout, which she failed to close by leaving the 10 pin. The FRHS junior, who was throwing her Roto Grip Hyped, didn't leave another frame open as she shot the highest score of the day with her 213.

Heitkamp, using her Storm Phase 2, stayed clean with three strikes to total 198 pins in the opening game.

Things took a turn for the worse in the second game, as all five starters threw their lowest

"We weren't following through on our shot," Rosegrant said. "We were coming out on top of the ball and weren't pushing it all the way through (causing shots to come up light).

Rosegrant called the girls together with assistant coach Nate Bonifas to talk about the struggles and remind her team that they were still alive. Coming out of the meeting, the Indians filled seven of the final 10 frames to tally 763 pins and keep a grip on seventh place.

Rosegrant shook some things up in the third game, entering Jordyn Aisenbrey for Schoen. Aisenbrey had not bowled in the individual portion of the sectional or district tournaments, but Rosegrant said she liked what she saw out of the junior during the warmup.

"I was impressed that she was able to stay calm, especially for this being her first real varsity performance," Rosegrant said. Again, Heitkamp and Wyerick

rolled the best games with a 192 and 191, respectively, and filling all but one frame each.

Wyerick started with a ball that she pulled too far left, leaving the 1, 2 and 9 pins. The spare attempt left the nine before she stayed clean the rest of the game.

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Mendo shows out in the JC indoor track opener

Track season is underway. MARION — The Jay County High School indoor track team opened up its

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season Friday at the Indiana Wesleyan University Hoosier State Relay qualifier meet, where the girls team brought home four fourth-place finishes.

Matilda Mendo put in a strong day for the girls, earning two of the fourthplace finishes for the Patriots. Her time of 8.2 seconds in the 60-meter dash tied the school record. Her other high finish came in the long jump, with her best distance coming in at 15 feet, 2.75 inches.

Jenna Dues earned the only other fourth-place finish in the high jump (4 feet, 8 inches), while the 4x800 relav team snagged the other one with a time of 10 minutes, 39.32 seconds.

Morgan DeHoff fell just short of fourth in the 60 hurdles, placing fifth by 0.06 seconds to Churubusco's Alyssa Eby.

The highest finish for the boys came from Adam Alig, who placed fifth in the high jump at 5 feet, 10 inches. Alig also

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TV sports

Today Jay County — Junior high swimming at South Adams - 5:30 p.m.

Today

1 p.m. — MLB spring training: New York Yankees at New York Mets (ESPN)

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3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League: PSG at Real Sociedad (CBS)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Syracuse at Clemson (ESPN2); Providence at Georgetown (FS1); Alabama at Florida (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers (TNT)

8:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Dallas Mavericks (Bally Indiana) 9 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Kansas State at Kansas (ESPN); Flori-da State at Pitt (ESPN2); St. John's at DePaul (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets (TNT) 11 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: Nevada at Boise State (FS1)

Wednesday 3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League: FC Kobenhavn at Manchester City (CBS)

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basket ball: Villanova at Seton Hall (FS1)

7 p.m. — NHL: Buffalo Sabres at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Tennessee at South Carolina (ESPN2); Northwestern at Michigan (BTN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA: Memphis Grizzlies at Philadelphia 76ers (Bally Indi ana); Los Angeles Clippers at Houston Rockets (ESPN)

8:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: UConn at Marquette (FS1)9 p.m. Men's college basketball: Indiana at Minnesota (BTN)

9:30 p.m. — NHL: Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)

10 p.m. — NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

10:30 p.m. — Men's college bas-ketball: Fresno State at New Mexico (FS1)

roundup

earned one of two eight-place finishes after running a 9.15 seconds time in the 60 hurdles.

The only other top-eight placement the boys earned came in the 4x200 relay.

Other top-10 finishes came from the girls 4x200 relay (seventh), girls 4x400 relay (seventh), Jordyn Hutzler in the shot put (eighth), boys 4x800 relay (eighth), DeHoff in the long jump (ninth) and boys 4x200 relay (ninth).

Bronze champions

INDIANAPOLIS — The JC Flipsters closed out the regular season with a team championship in the Xcel Bronze division on Saturday at the Super Sale Invitational.

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