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Stamets spins

Gabe Stamets, 5, Monroeville, takes his turn using a spinner Friday at the Denise's Fleeces booth during the Jay County Fiber Arts Festival at Jay Community Center in Portland. The festival continues from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the community center.

Ordinance updates are discussed

Commission members express confidence in local process

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland Plan Commission seems more inclined to update local zoning ordinances in-house rather than hiring a consultant.

Assistant director of Jay/Portland Building and Planning Pati McLaughlin brought up the issue during the plan commission's meeting Thursday, saying she and director John Hemmelgarn have been working on potential updates internally for a while.

They said the last major overhaul was led by a consulting firm in 2009 and that the process resulted in some regulations that don't work for the city.

"That's some of the stuff that we've been going through," she said.

She added that they are about 95% through the process.

Portland Redevelopment Commission has also had discussions about potential changes to the zoning ordinance stemming from a planning process with Rundell Ern-

stberger Associates. Issues identified for potential changes include the lot size required for a new building — currently at a quarter acre, most structures in the city are non-conforming — and to make second-floor housing an allowed use.

During a meeting in January, the redevelopment commission received a quote of \$141,000 from Rundell Ernstberger Associates for a zoning ordinance overhaul. Redevelopment commission members agreed at their next meeting to take the issue to Portland City Council to gauge its interest in such a process, but it has not yet been on the council agenda.

McLaughlin said the building and planning department has reached out to redevelopment commission consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes several times to talk about his concerns and potential zoning changes so that they can be addressed. But, she said, such a meeting has yet to happen.

She noted that she is aware one item identified is the lot size requirement, which she agreed does not work for the city. (She noted that the requirement was added in 2009 and had not been part of the ordinance previously.)

"It's up to the city council if they want to overhaul it and pay to overhaul it, but we've been working on it," said Hemmelgarn. "We're more than welcome for his advice."

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Eight bills from local legislators head to governor

General Assembly's 2024 session came to an end Friday evening

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS

Local legislators got eight bills through the statehouse this session.

Four bills from State Sen. Travis Holdman, three from State Rep. Matt Lehman and one from State Rep. J.D. Prescott are headed to Gov. Eric Holcomb following the conclusion Friday of the 2024 Indiana General Assembly legislative session.

The governor may sign bills, veto them or file them without a signature.

The legislative session was still in the process of working through its final stages at press time Friday evening. It was

expected to adjourn by the end of the night.

Below is a look at bills that passed, bills that moved forward but failed to make it to the governor and bills that did not receive a committee hearing.

Holdman

A rural Markle Republican who represents Jay, Blackford, Adams and Wells counties and part of Allen County, Holdman had the following bills make it through the legislative process. His legislation that advanced to the governor was:

- Senate Bill 20 to allow towns the opportunity to create riverfront districts. (The districts are currently limited to cities only.)

- Senate Bill 58 to exempt specialty or gourmet markets with a restaurant permit from income requirements to sell carry-out alcohol.

- Senate Bill 234 that limits a state of emergency declared by the governor to 60 days (an original 30 days with a 30-day extension possible). Any longer state of emergency would require approval from the legislature.

See **Bills** page 8

Retrospect

Officers held firearms training

Twenty-five years ago this week, local police were undergoing required training.

The March 6, 1999, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Jay County Sheriff's Department full-time and reserve officers taking part in a Firearms Training Simulator at Blackford County Sheriff's Department.

During the training, less than 10 feet separated an officer and a burly man brandishing a switchblade and spewing obscenities.

"Drop the knife!" yelled Jay County Sheriff's Department deputy Bob Brown as he trained his right hand on his gun.

Suddenly, the man lunged at Brown, two shots were discharged and the scenario projected on a screen stopped.

"This is the best firearms training we can receive for shot/don't shoot situations," said Sheriff Todd Penrod. "it

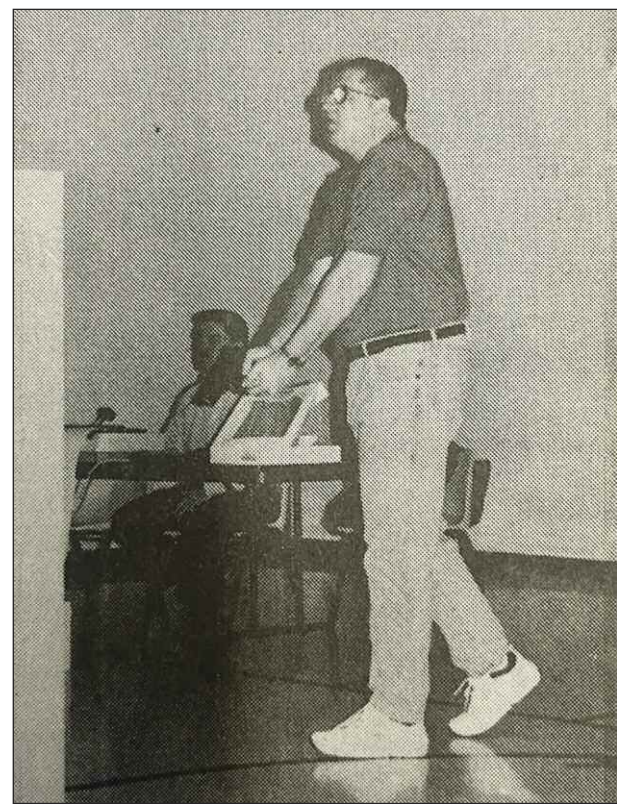
measures whether or not the right decision was made to fire at a suspect. it shows where the bullets hit, if they are lethal, just wounds or misses."

Brown's result: Two lethal hits, zero misses.

Deputies went through the training equipped with a laser gun and goggles while facing a screen that displayed one of about 20 different scenarios. In each, officers had to make split-second decisions regarding whether or not they should fire their weapon.

Deputy Greg Franks found himself in a dimly lit warehouse where his partner is attacked. He shoots and the attacker falls, but another individual appears and fires a weapon. Franks fires back as he is hit. (Rubber pellets were shot at the officers as part of the scenario.)

Travis Weaver of the sheriff's department also runs a scenario in which he encounters three men



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Jay County Sheriff Todd Penrod participates in a training exercise on Friday, March 5, 1999, in Hartford City.

in a dark, narrow alley. The one in the center draws a gun and begins firing. But Weaver already had his gun trained and delivered

five lethal shots, zero misses. "It's excellent" Weaver said. "It's probably as realistic as you can get without using a firearm."

Deaths

- Janice Hampshire, 86, Portland
 - Connie Newcomer, 62, Portland
 - Shirley Ward, 88, Dunkirk
- Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 54 degrees Friday. The low was 43.

Today's high will be in the upper 40s with cloudy skies and a chance of rain. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with a high around 40 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Auditions for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of Disney's "Finding Nemo Jr." are scheduled for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

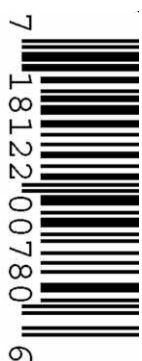
Rehearsals will begin in early April.

For more information, email jaycountycivic@gmail.com.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

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



Obituaries

Janice Hampshire

June 14, 1937-March 5, 2024
Janice Hampshire, 86, was called home to Heaven on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. She is forever with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the love of her life Robert (Bob) Hampshire.

Janice was born June 14, 1937, in Johnson City, Tennessee, the daughter of Gurney and Crete (Pope) Moody. Janice married Robert (Bob) Hampshire on Aug. 5, 1956. He passed away on Aug. 11, 2006.

Janice retired from Jay School Corporation after many years of service. She loved her

family "more than life itself" as she would say and loved to cook for anyone who showed up for Sunday dinner. Cooking and music (especially Motown) were her passion, and we will always remember her singing in the kitchen while making the best fried chicken this side of Heaven. She had a heart for all animals and had many pets throughout her life including her precious doggie "Holly" who we are sure greeted her with many kisses. She loved



Hampshire

her job as a "lunch lady" and "latch key lady" with many of her kids calling her Grandma. Our mom left us a legacy of love and memories and we will miss her dearly until we see her again.

Survivors include:
Two sons — Bob "Bobby" Hampshire (wife: Jackie), Portland, and John Hampshire (wife: Edwina), Portland
Two daughters — Mary Simmons (husband: Jan), Portland, and Teresa Hampshire, Portland
One brother — Gurney Moody, Dayton, Ohio
Twelve grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, three

great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews
She was preceded in death by her brothers Jack and John Moody; sister Charlotte Norris; and grandchildren Seth Corwin and Barbie Caylor.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Connie Sue Newcomer, Portland, April 17, 1961-March 6, 2024. Memorial services will be held at a later date.
Shirley L. Ward, Dunkirk, Sept. 22, 1935-March 7, 2024. Services will be at 1 p.m., March 13, at MJS Mortuaries — Redkey Chapel.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Sunday 3/10	Monday 3/11	Tuesday 3/12	Wednesday 3/13	Thursday 3/14
40/27	53/39	61/45	63/49	67/51
Sunday looks to be mostly sunny with a low at night in the upper 20s.	Sunny skies are on the horizon Monday with a high in the low 50s during the day.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Tuesday, when the high will be around 61.	Wednesday should be mostly cloudy with a high of 63 degrees.	Thursday has a 40% chance of showers. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 1-1-8
Daily Four: 9-8-3-3
Quick Draw: 7-14-16-24-26-27-29-30-34-35-38-41-51-57-64-66-72-73-74-76

Pick 5: 3-9-5-7-6
Evening
Rolling Cash 5: 9-10-17-23-24
Jackpot: \$110,000

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$521 million

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 7-9-1
Pick 4: 8-2-6-7

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$687 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery	April beans11.69 Wheat4.88
Corn4.34 April corn4.37 Wheat4.18	ADM Montpelier
POET Biorefining Portland	Corn4.15 April corn4.19 Beans11.66 April beans11.71 Wheat4.97
Corn4.38 April corn4.41 May corn4.43	Heartland St. Anthony
The Andersons Richland Township	Corn4.30 April corn4.30 Beans11.47 April beans11.52 Wheat4.68
Corn4.22 April corn4.25 Beans11.62	

Today in history

In 1841, the Supreme Court freed the last 35 survivors of the Amistad mutiny.

In 1959, the first Barbie doll was unveiled at the North American International Toy Fair in New York City. The doll wore a zebra-striped swimsuit and sunglasses, coming with either blonde or brunette hair.

In 1964, the Ford assembly line finished the first Ford Mustang. It was introduced as the first "pony" car afford-

able to a larger consumer base. More than 10 million Mustangs have been sold since then.

In 1986, the crew compartment of space shuttle Challenger and its passenger remains were found by Navy divers in the ocean about 87 feet below the surface, approximately 19 miles northeast of the Kennedy Space Center. The shuttle had broken apart 73 seconds into its flight less than two months prior.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Tuesday
1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Merit Board, training room, sheriff's

office, 224 W. Water St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Thursday
6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Felony court news

Unlawful possession

A Montpelier resident was sentenced to prison for unlawful possession of a syringe.
Joshua D. Troxel, 36, 10107 W. Indiana 18, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 24 days credit for time served. As part of his plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and possession of a narcotic drug, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Operating vehicle

Two men were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle after becoming a habitual traffic offender, a Level 6 felony.
John T. Mangus, 1220 S. Tennessee Ave., Muncie, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given four days credit for time served. He was fined \$1 and assessed \$189.50 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor was dismissed.
Thomas L. Wright, 9447 W. 700

South, Redkey, was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with 541 days suspended and given four days credit for time served. He was assessed \$694.50 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level equivalent to at least 0.08% but less than 0.15% was dismissed.

Burglary

A woman was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to prison after pleading guilty to burglary.
Tina M. Naughle, 43, pleaded guilty to burglary of a dwelling, a Level 4 felony. She was sentenced to 10 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. She was also recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying her sentence. Naughle was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay \$6,175 restitution to the benefit of Michael Keller.

Dealing drugs

Three people were sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to prison for dealing drugs.

Robin K. Jacks, 51, pleaded guilty to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony. She was sentenced to 24 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Jacks was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 4 felony for unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Level 5 felony for dealing marijuana, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a habitual offender enhancement.

Joshua R. Williams, 42, pleaded guilty to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony. He was sentenced to 15 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Williams was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.
Richard Price Jr., 51, 505 Deborah Lane, Berne, pleaded guilty to dealing in a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony.
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Felony arrests

Drug possession

A Dunkirk man was arrested Wednesday for drug charges.
Christopher P. Folkert, 25, 317 W. Pleasant St., was preliminarily charged with three Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe and maintaining a common nuisance. He was also charged with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.
Folkert was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Ordinance ...

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"We're in this community and we know what is working and what needs to be done," he added.
"There's a lot of easy fixes," he said.
Plan commission member Kent McClung expressed concern about hiring a consultant to overhaul the ordinance if a good base is already in place. He suggested making adjustments as needed and said he trusts the building and planning staff to lead that process.
City attorney Wes Schemenaur suggested that the building and planning department reach out to Rusty Inman, president of the redevelopment commission, to have a conversation about zoning concerns.
Any changes to the zoning ordinance would first require approval from the plan commission. (In the past, committees have been formed to discuss potential changes and make recommendations to the commission.) The proposed changes then move to the city council, where they can either be approved or sent back to the plan commission for further revision.

In other business Thursday, plan commission members Bart Darby, Ron Laux, Steve McIntosh, Matt Goldsworthy, Kyle Cook, Jerry Alexander and McClung, absent Randy Geesaman and Ashley Hilfiker:

- Elected Darby as president, McClung as vice president and Alexander as secretary.
- Acknowledged the addition of Alexander to the plan commission in place of Lee Newman, who died Nov. 22. Also new to the group are Goldsworthy and Hilfiker.
- Appointed Laux to the board of zoning appeals and McIntosh as a non-voting member of Jay County Plan Commission.
- Appointed McLaughlin as recording secretary.

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SERVICES

Today
Hampshire, Janice: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday
Ward, Shirley: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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Portland, Indiana



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Academic World Quest

Six Jay County students took part in the Academic World Quest at the University of Indianapolis on Feb. 24. The competition is sponsored annually by the World Affairs Councils of America and tests the students' knowledge of world politics, economics and geography with the goal of promoting world peace. Jay County teams won third place and 17th place. Pictured above, from left, are coach Anni McClung, Jovana Markovic, Isabella Puusepp, Cameran Paxson, Tinatin Japaridze, Carla Alashkar and Anis Edi.

Parent contemplates sharing old journals

DEAR ABBY: During my late teens and most of my 20s, I kept journals that filled two full spiral-bound notebooks. I kept them my entire life before reading them for the first time on my recent 70th birthday. I found it to be an enlightening journey through my past on a very personal level, dealing with the highs and lows of those tumultuous years.

I told my youngest son, who is now in the middle of that stage of life and dealing with some of the same things I did, about my journals, and he asked if he could read them. My wife says I should let him, but I'm conflicted about it.

On the one hand, they would show him he's not the only one who faces these life challenges, which may help him deal with them and in some ways get to know me better.

On the other hand, these are things (some quite intimate) that weren't intended to be read by someone else, much less my kid. If I do this, then what about my other two adult sons, who have no idea the notebooks exist? Your thoughts? — CONFLICTED ON THE COAST

DEAR CONFLICTED: Because you feel conflicted about sharing the entire contents of your journals with your son(s), why not simply impart the important lessons you were reminded of as you read them? That way, you can skip the embarrassing parts and simply pass along the hard-earned wisdom from which your sons could benefit.

DEAR ABBY: I have often seen letters in your column from men and women concerned about how divorce affects their children, and rightfully so. As the child of parents who stayed together too long, I can state, from my perspective, it is not always for the best.

Children are aware of tension in the household and it is often

Dear Abby



damaging — at least it was for my sister and me. We are still trying to break the pattern of the submissive behavior my mom exhibited to keep peace in the household. My father had a temper, and no one ever wanted to cross him. I can state honestly that my brother, sister and I were relieved when Dad finally moved out. Our lives became much more peaceful and stable. My dad was never physically abusive, but he definitely controlled everything.

Once he moved out and we didn't have to live with him anymore, we all had a better relationship with him. Kids know and feel more than adults believe they do. People need to give their children more credit than they do. Do you agree? — LEAVING'S BETTER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR LEAVING'S BETTER: Yes, I do agree. Children sense the tension between their parents, grow up believing it is normal and sometimes model the same scenario as adults when choosing mates, which is not healthy.

DEAR READERS: This is my timely reminder for all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. I look forward to it each year because it signals longer, brighter days and warmer weather. I find the extra light to be a mood elevator and an energizer. Spring is almost sprung! — LOVE, ABBY

SeaWorld coaster opening

By DEWAYNE BEVIL

Orlando Sentinel
Tribune News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — SeaWorld Orlando is making visible progress on its next attraction, Penguin Trek, an indoor-outdoor roller coaster set to open at the theme park this spring.

The ride's rail — white on the outside stretches, black on the interior — is completely in place. The decor is in the works, including faux rockwork and expedi-

tion-inspired touches. Penguin Trek will operate in the building for the former Empire of the Penguin attraction, and there was demolition required in the plaza as well as some construction for a gift shop/exit. The iceberg look remains.

"You may remember from the previous ride, we were on a journey with Puck, who was a character that we created to symbolize that birth and growth of a penguin in the wild," Clint Brinker,

vice president of design and engineering, said during a hard-hat tour behind the construction walls.

As with the previous attraction, parkgoers will encounter the real birds in their habitat at the end of the experience, right before the gift shop. But first, Penguin Trek passengers will ride snowmobile-inspired coaster vehicles through a darkened area with a couple of surprises and a big-screen view of a virtual vista.

Community Calendar

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

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

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

Monday

PORTLAND 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.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United

Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY 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 ANONYMOUS — 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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based 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) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.

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

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools
March 11-15

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick
Sides for all meals: Smile potatoes

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Turkey corn dogs
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick
Sides for all meals: Steamed carrot & broccoli medley

Wednesday: **NO SCHOOL**

Thursday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick
Sides for all meals: Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Whole grain french toast
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick
Sides for all meals: Hash brown patty

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Amendments hurt public access

In January, we had an editorial in support of House Bill 1338.

Now, at the end of the session, we oppose it.

The situation with this bill, authored by State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City), displayed a frustrating aspect of the legislative process — in committee or on second reading in a chamber, anyone can offer an amendment.

Most times, that is a good thing. Everyone should have a voice and an opportunity to be heard.

Occasionally, legislators seek to tack amendments onto bills that are only tangentially related to the original proposal.

This is done for two reasons:

1) To kill a bill. Essentially, the amendment becomes a “poison pill.”

2) To move more controversial legislation on the back of a bill that started with strong support.

Editorial

With House Bill 1338, it was the latter.

In its original form, the bill would allow governing bodies to designate a time for attendees at government meetings to speak, set a time limit and take reasonable steps to maintain order. Such rules would need to be posted or announced. Attendees who break those rules would be subject to warnings, after the third of which they could be asked to leave the meeting or removed by law enforcement.

It was intended to help local government bodies maintain order and do business without

frequent and constant disruption.

At its heart, it was a well-meaning proposal.

Then came the amendments. As reported by Indiana Capital Chronicle, the amendments “would allow a governor to dismiss the state’s Public Access Counselor at any time, rather than a ‘for cause’ dismissal currently allowed during a four-year term” and “would also limit the Public Access Counselor to considering only the ‘plain text’ of the state’s public access laws and ‘valid’ court opinions when putting together non-binding advisory opinions.”

The amendments were offered by Sen. Aaron Freeman (R-Indianapolis). And he seemed annoyed when fellow senators, both Democrats and Republicans, questioned his proposals.

“He’s issued some opinions I vehemently disagree with,” Free-

man said last week of Public Access Counselor Luke Britt.

Good.

The Public Access Counselor is not employed to issue opinions that meet Freeman’s approval.

In fact, if he simply agreed with everything government officials did, his position would be utterly pointless. The whole idea of having a Public Access Counselor is to take a critical look at the activities of local government officials, state government officials like Freeman and even the governor and to call them out when they are not living up to the Indiana Open Door Law standards.

His opinions are just that, opinions. They do not carry the weight of law. But they serve to push the government to be more open and to conduct the public’s business in the public eye.

Freeman’s tactic of attaching this neutering of the Public

Access Counselor to a popular underlying bill is what is wrong with the legislative process. If he wanted to address his concerns about the Public Access Counselor, he should have authored his own bill to do so rather than bringing an amendment to a bill more than three-quarters of the way through this year’s legislative session.

As Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, said, the addition of the Public Access Counselor language is a “step back for public access.”

So while we (and Britt) supported the original version of the bill, we simply cannot back the final version that made it through the General Assembly.

We vehemently disagree with the amendments brought by Freeman.

And we urge Gov. Eric Holcomb to veto. — R.C.

What will Gen Z say at the polls?

By JERALD MCNAIR

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

Two years ago, America saw its youngest voters turn out for the midterm elections at rates not seen since 2018, when there was a historic high.

Nearly 25% of Gen Z voters went to the polls in 2022, according to data from the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement. That is a sizable increase from 2014, when only 13% voted. These young voters may in fact determine who wins the presidency this time around.

Plenty of political issues resonate with this generation, including student debt, violence in America and immigration, which are at the forefront. Whichever party can connect these issues to the everyday lives of this generation will get its support.

Student debt, for example, is an obvious concern. While Gen X, my generation, has the highest average amount of student debt, largely because of how interest rates accrue, those who are 18 to 24 years old are likely to be in college and are concerned about the effect this financial burden will have on their long-term prospects.

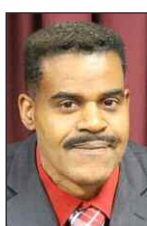
Gen Z grew up during a time when school violence reached unprecedented levels. Consider the devastating shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, Parkland High School and Sante Fe High School in 2018, Oxford High School in 2021 and Robb Elementary School in 2022.

School lockdown drills, in which students, faculty and staff rehearse what to do if there is an active shooter, are an unavoidable part of life now. Nearly 40 states require active shooter drills in schools, according to the investigative news outlet ProPublica. The political party that can empathize with this bracing reality and propose action to address violence in schools will get the support of Gen Z.

Then there is immigration. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which is close to 12 years old, was created as a stopgap measure to prevent the deportation of people without legal residency or citizenship who were brought to the United States as children.

Gen Z kids grew up with DACA recipients, attend-

Jerald McNair



ing the same schools with them. Gen Z voters therefore may have a broader perspective on immigration, one that is not as simple as some of us would like it to be. Again, whichever party can understand the complexity of this issue will get the support of Gen Z.

I, along with many other educators, have bemoaned the impact that phones and social media platforms continue to have on our youths. By age 12, around 70% of our youth own a smartphone, according to Common Sense Media, giving them access to all the information available on the internet. Regarding social media, the number of teenagers who are active on those platforms hovers between 80% and 90%, studies have shown.

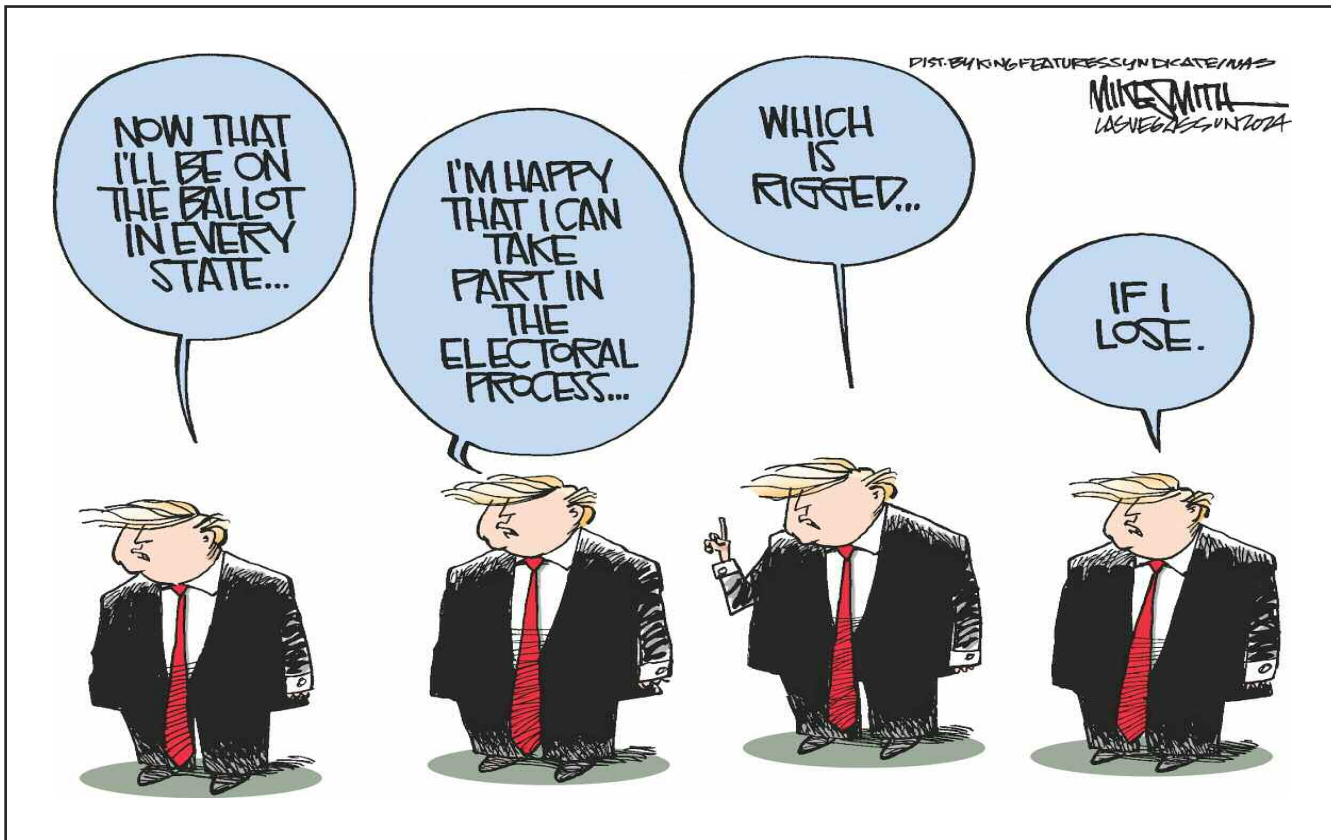
Social media use has been linked to increasing anxiety, depression, cyberbullying and even suicide among youths. At the same time, however, these platforms provide a great deal of information and content that our youths are reading, which makes them more aware of certain issues and topics that are part of our political discussion. In essence, we could argue that social media get youths more involved in politics.

As a school administrator, I work with youths every day. I am no longer surprised to hear them discuss certain news topics. While it often comes in the form of short conversations, sometimes even jokes or light commentary, they are aware of the issues and are thinking about them. It’s clear that we must take our youths seriously.

Our young voters are resilient and passionate about having a better democracy. They will speak at the voting booth in 2024. I just hope that we listen to what they have to say, regardless of whom they vote for.

After all, they are the future.

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Universities should be a consortium

By LAURA MERRIFIELD WILSON

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Higher education just can’t catch a break.

College enrollments in Indiana are increasingly sliding down (52.9% in 2023 from 66.5% in 2009 according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education), with no stop to the bleed in sight. College tuitions, inversely, are constantly climbing (nationally as well as in Indiana) and this year’s botched roll-out of the FAFSA does nothing to quell concern from students nervously awaiting their financial aid packages. And it seems that the value proposition of a post-high school degree no longer holds the status that it once did.

All of these are challenges, but one that concerns me the most is the misguided assumption that academia is unwelcoming and inhospitable to different perspectives, particularly conservative ones. Senate Bill 202 makes this claim based on a recent study that demonstrated 14.8% of conservative students felt they could not openly express their opinions.

Universities should serve as a consortium of ideas and perspectives, cultivating an environment where ideas are both comfortably shared but also challenged. As a political scientist, I hold a fierce commitment to non-partisanship that enables me to illustrate various views, offer counter arguments, and challenge assumptions of all of my students, regardless of their own ideological preferences. My discipline is understandably vulnerable to this criticism because, at least in part, of a misunderstanding of what we do.

Most broadly, the first essential part of academia is the production of knowledge. Research provides us with invaluable insight for progress, some of it life-saving and genuinely transformative, others at least insightful and still intriguing. It feeds curiosity and generates ideas and formative, fundamental pathways to advance. Some fields of study natu-

rally lend themselves to clear objective measures, delineating the difference between thoughts and fact quite obvious. Theories are tested, facts are proven. Peer review research ensures that only the most rigorously-tested scholarship is published. Those findings are then shared through the second contribution of academia, the dissemination of knowledge.

Political Science, in the study of power and conflict and the myriad of viewpoints, ideologies, and partisan ties utilized in order to acquire such power, is far more complicated. We teach not only facts but perspectives, arguments, and opinions.

How do you share and convey differences? Some may choose only to offer their preferred side, justifying it as a somehow deeper, truer “truth.” Undoubtedly there are people in education who feel compelled to share only their preferred viewpoint. This, though, is where the critical thinking skills, mastered through collegiate study, are most valuable. You can identify these biases, you can recognize the difference between fact and opinion, and you can make an intelligent, informed division yourself.

My job is to educate, not indoctrinate. If I am good at my job, I leave a class full of students each semester questioning, criticizing, and ultimately coming to their own conclusions and determinations that underlie their ideological view. The value of a college education lies in training students not what to think but how.

Yes, there is factual knowledge that evades subjectivity and is measured through objective assessment. But beyond the 101 level understanding of

Laura Merrifield Wilson



defining representative democracy, I want my students to apply that knowledge into challenging the benefits and limitations of the system. How does gerrymandering impact representation? How does the shift of competition from the general election to the primary election impact the ideological extremes? How is policy-gridlock in part a by-product of polarization and, more importantly, how can we avoid it?

These questions don’t presuppose an agenda. They don’t reveal a hidden bias. I tell my students every semester how I don’t care if they complete my courses with the same perspectives and opinions they held when they began because what I want is for them to learn and understand other views. After all, you cannot argue against a perspective that you yourself cannot even articulate.

Teaching offers the opportunity for a wide reaching impact in shaping the hearts and minds of the future generations. We can only shape those minds that are present and open. I worry that if students, of any background, feel unwelcome or unheard, they make the deliberate decision not to attend. When this choice is the result of their own personal experience, we need to ask ourselves what we can do differently. When it is instead a reaction to misinformation and sweeping generalizations, we need to address the reason these assumptions exist and challenge those who perpetuate them.

One of the greatest compliments I get from students who complete my classes is when they tell me, “We can’t tell what you are.” I am an educator who wants my students to challenge their assumptions and consider alternative perspectives. That is who.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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3-9 CRYPTOQUIP

QGA AGWKR NGW RYOTLFDY
PQY GCKN WCLYCPYR WCFP FC
VC VBVLPIYCP TGIBKYM?
KVOP DWP CGP KYVOYR.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I HEARD THAT WHEN THE TONGUE-TWISTER CHAMP WAS CONVICTED, HE WAS GIVEN A SUPER-TOUGH SENTENCE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals W

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Questionable

- 1) Where did Amelia Earhart crash land on her first attempt to fly around the world?
- 2) Who is the only player to score touchdowns in four consecutive Super Bowls?

(2) Thurman Thomas
(1) Hawaii

3-11 CRYPTOQUIP

VMNBX RMIXANDA BKIX DE
TANQL HUTX EDA BUNWWXRR
UMRBAUWNUQ HUARMINUWR:
VMUWNBK LDUWU BXU.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE ONLY UNRENTED UNIT IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX? LAST BUT NOT LEASED.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals Q

CRYPTO FUN

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AB CDE FGHI JKLMN OPQRSTU VWXYZ

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to St. Patrick's Day. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = E)

A. **16 7 12 2 15 22**
Clue: Little plant

B. **9 22 15 15 26**
Clue: Color associated with nature

C. **17 24 8 26 1**
Clue: Holy being

D. **11 24 1 22 12 26**
Clue: Someone who supports a cause

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to St. Patrick's Day.

LYKCU

Answer: Lucky

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in California on March 16, 1988. When I was starting my career, people thought I was related to Lil' Fizz. I rose to fame as a singer with the R&B group B2K and on the back of my poetry collection.

Answer: Jhené Aiko



WORLD FACT!

TRUE OR FALSE?
ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE WORLD'S COUNTRIES PRACTICE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

ANSWER: TRUE

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

CCLKO 9
MTEI 7
UHORS 10 11 12 2 1
DHGTALIY 8 5 3 4 6
P N N

Answers: Clock, Time, Time, Clock, Hours, Daylight, Spring ahead one hour.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

MAR 15

- 1820: MAINE IS ADMITTED AS THE TWENTY-THIRD U.S. STATE.
- 1917: TSAR NICHOLAS II OF RUSSIA ABDICATES THE RUSSIAN THRONE, ENDING THE 304-YEAR ROMANOV DYNASTY.
- 2019: AROUND 1.4 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE IN 123 COUNTRIES GO ON STRIKE TO PROTEST CLIMATE CHANGE.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

CELEBRATION
CELTIC
CLOVER
EMERALD
ERIN
FORTUNE
GAELIC
GOLD
HARP
IRELAND
IRISH
ISLAND
JIG
LEGEND
LEPRECHAUN
LUCK
MAGIC
MARCH
MISCHIEF
PARADES
PATRICK
SAINT
SHAMROCK
TRADITION

How they say that in...

- ENGLISH: Time
- SPANISH: Tiempo
- ITALIAN: Tempo
- FRENCH: Temps
- GERMAN: Zeit

Did You Know?

IN EACH OF THE TIME ZONES WHERE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS OBSERVED, PEOPLE MOVE THE CLOCK AT 2 A.M. LOCAL TIME.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SUNRISE ON A FARM

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Com-poser
6 Castle barriers
11 Swimsuit brand
12 Steep-roofed home
14 There
15 Agent Scully's show,
16 Mets' div.
17 Crockpot meals
19 Actress Denning's
20 Applaud
22 Garden tool
23 Chaste
24 Swindled
26 Oval
28 Miner's quest
30 Meadow
31 Ithaca school
35 Doorway
39 Mellows

DOWN
40 Freedom, for short
42 Dayton's state
43 155, in old Rome
44 Celebrity chef Guy
46 Timetable abbr.
47 Danny of "Moon-struck"
49 Amass
51 Via
52 Skin-related
53 Be an annoying
54 Pub seating
13 Lauder of cosmetics
18 Fair hirer, in ads
21 Drudges
23 Steinway product
25 Dr. of hip-hop
27 Writer Harper
29 Rapper Missy
31 Chocolate source
32 Gawking at
33 Disclose
34 Recline
36 Dynamic leader?
37 Ceremony
38 Alpine song
41 Thin nails
44 Dog bane
45 "Law & Order: SVU" actor
48 Wall St. deal
50 — -Magnon

Solution time: 26 mins.

ASWAN RAM CPR
SHIRE ESS HOE
LENTO DAGWOOD
WENTUP OILY
ONO SAC TERSE
BOOS TENOF
IMD ONE YOBET
RURAL LORE
APART BOS XED
MISO WINNOW
PLYWOOD ATOLL
LEE ARE GOOEY
EST TMS SEDGE

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Precision to the Nth degree

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 7 5
♥ 10 8 6
♦ Q J 9 7
♣ A 3

WEST
♠ 10 6 4 3
♥ J
♦ 10 4 2
♣ K Q J 10 9

EAST
♠ A K J 2
♥ K 9 4 2
♦ 8
♣ 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q
♥ A Q 7 5 3
♦ A K 6 5 3
♣ 8 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

There are times when a declarer cannot deviate one iota from perfect play if he is to avoid coming home lame. For example, take this deal where West led a club against four hearts. Declarer won with the ace and led the six of hearts to his queen, on which West played the jack.

Now, in order to restrict himself to only one trump loser, South led a low trump to dummy's ten, won by East with the king. East shifted to the K-A of spades. Declarer ruffed the second spade and led a low diamond to dummy's queen, producing this position:

North
♠ 9 8
♥ 8
♦ J 9 7
♣ 3

West
♠ 10 6
♥ 10 4
♦ Q J 10

East
♠ J 2
♥ 9 4
♦ 7 5 4

South
♥ A 7
♦ A K 6 5
♣ 8

Declarer now led the eight of hearts from dummy and finessed after East followed low. But when South then tried to get back to his hand with a diamond to draw East's last trump, East ruffed and returned a club to put the contract down one.

Observe that if South has the foresight to lead dummy's eight of hearts at trick two rather than the six, he makes the contract. He can later play the six to the seven in the diagrammed position and then extract East's nine with the ace.

Technically, the lead of the eight — a card exactly equal to the six — is the correct play, but the fact is that very few declarers would have the presence of mind to make this play at trick two.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 GI show org.
4 Chest muscle
7 Dorm alter-native
11 Salad utensil
13 Palindromic constellation
14 Hindu deity
15 Portent
16 Russian space station
17 Dutch cheese
18 Pacific island group
20 Secret language
22 Your
24 Anne Rice character
28 Rock band guitar player
32 Vodka brand
33 Stir up
34 Journey part
36 Soon, poetically

DOWN
37 Ambi-ences
39 Self-respect
41 Brief jobs
43 Silent assent
44 Pairs
46 Giant Java neighbor
53 Cold and damp
55 Undraped
56 It takes the cake
57 Num-bered rd.
58 Radiate
59 Backfire sound
60 However
61 D-Day vessel

2 "Brave New World" drug
3 Utah city
4 Actress Dawber
5 Idle of Monty Python
6 Yule tune
7 Unsup-ported, as a wall
8 "Awe-some, dude!"
9 "I — Rock"
10 Highland hat
12 "Dallas" spin-off starring Donna Mills

19 Sushi fish
21 — Moines
23 Designer monogram
25 Writer Morrison
26 Oodles
27 Wee
28 Bikini parts
29 Summer month, in Arles
30 iPhone voice
31 Journalist Koppel
35 Tonic's mixer
38 R-V link
40 Understood
42 Repen-tant
45 Fill up
47 Inventor Jethro
48 Big fusses
49 Sala-mander
50 Short do
51 Gardner of "Mo-gambo"
52 Author Deighton
54 Drench

Solution time: 21 mins.

AARON MOATS
SPEEDO AFRAME
YONDER XFILES
NLE STEWS KAT
CLAP HOE PURE
HOSED ELLIPSE
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CORNELL ENTRY
AGES LIB OHIO
CLV FIERI ETD
AIELLELO ACCRUE
ONABET DERMAL
GLOAT STOLL

Yesterday's answer 3-9

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 2
♥ A 10 3 2
♦ A 10 9 4 2
♣ 10 7

WEST
♠ 10 9 6
♥ K J 9 5 4
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ 2

EAST
♠ Q 8 7 4 3
♥ 7 6
♦ K Q
♣ J 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 5
♥ Q 8
♦ 8 7
♣ A K Q 9 8 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♦
Pass 3♣ Pass 3♥
Pass 3 NT Pass 4♣
Pass 6♣

Opening lead — five of hearts.

It's always darkest before the dawn, the old saying goes, and often a declarer reaches a dark point during the early play that precedes his ultimate step toward victory.

Consider this deal from the final round of the 1977 world team championship. The bidding shown occurred when Billy Eisenberg, a member of the eventually victori-

ous American team, held the South cards.

West did not have a clear-cut opening lead, and, after great thought, he elected to lead the five of hearts. This did not work out well when Eisenberg won the trick with the eight, cashed the K-A of spades and ruffed the jack in dummy.

Eisenberg next played the A-K of trump, and when West showed out, it appeared South would eventually have to lose a diamond and a trump trick. But Eisenberg, never one to give up without a fight, found a way eliminate one of those losers.

He abandoned further trump leads and instead proceeded to set the stage for a trump coup. The queen of hearts was led and covered by the king and ace, after which Eisenberg ruffed a heart, led a diamond to the ace and ruffed another heart. This left him with just three cards — the Q-9 of trump and the eight of diamonds. East's last three cards were the J-6 of trump and king of diamonds.

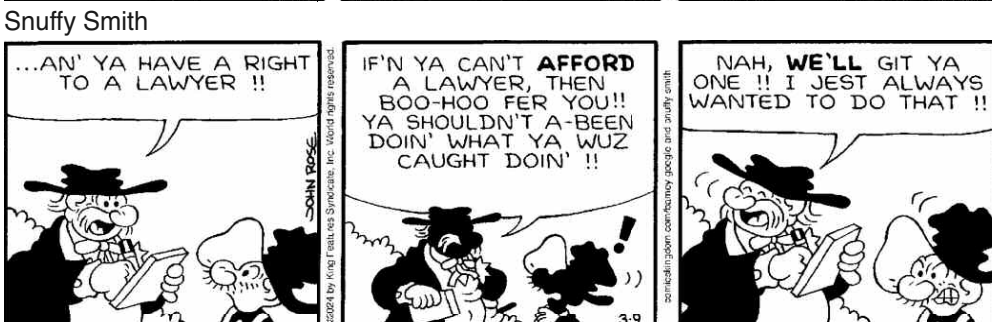
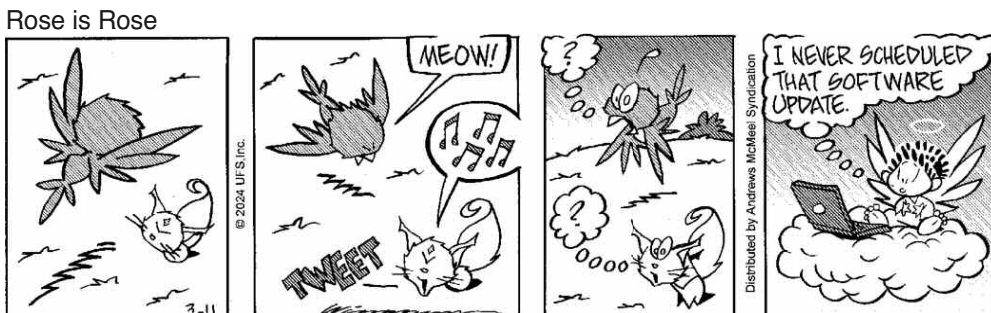
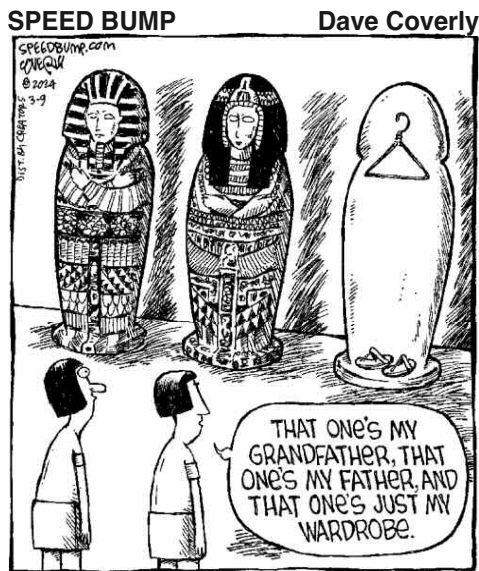
Eisenberg thereupon exited with the eight of diamonds, not caring in the slightest whether East or West won the trick. In either case, he was certain to score the last two tricks with the Q-9 of trump and so make the slam.

Tomorrow: Luck is not the only factor.

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Saturday's answer 3-11

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Laughter

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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Bills ...

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•Senate Bill 228 that addresses various tax issues, including amending the threshold for transactions that require retail merchants to collect sales tax and requiring sheriffs to collect and transfer funds they collect through tax sales electronically twice a month.

Holdman's Senate Bill 4, which addresses a variety of tax issues, was still being debated as the legislative session was working through its final stages Friday night. It seemed likely to pass.

Prescott

The lone bill to make it through the process for Prescott (R-Union City), who represents Jay, Randolph and Blackford counties and part of Delaware and Henry counties, was House Bill 1338. Originally addressing security of property and meeting decorum, amendments were added in the Senate that change rules for the state's Public Access Counselor and address Open Door Law regarding committees

In its final version, the bill:

•Sets up a structure for local units of government to enact and enforce rules of decorum for public meetings

•Clarifies trespassing laws regarding areas that are locked or not publicly accessible

•Makes the Public Access Counselor an "at the pleasure of the governor" position as opposed to the current four-year term

•States that the Public Access Counselor can only consider "the plain text of the public access laws and valid Indiana court opinions" when issuing advisory opinions

•Says committees directly appointed by a governing body or its designee are not subject to Open Door Law under certain circumstances

Also making its way through the process was Prescott's House Concurrent Resolution 3 urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename a section of Indiana 32 as Kyle Osgood Memorial Mile in honor of Osgood, a Farmland firefighter who died in May when his firetruck went off the road and

flipped while responding to a call regarding a barn fire.

Lehman

A Berne Republican who represents the northern third of Jay County along with Adams and Wells counties, Lehman had three of the four bills he authored go the distance.

The most consequential of his approved bills for local residents is House Bill 1158, which lays out a process for county elected officials to enter into contracts in the name of the county in situations where they are allowed to by state law. That process includes commissioners being able to require standard contractual language that must be in all contracts entered into by the county, contracts being submitted to the county auditor's office and then forwarded to commissioners and the county attorney, a 20-day

review period, approval or rejection by commissioners and, if rejected, written comments to the originating elected official.

Lehman's House Bill 1160 would ban foreign entities of concern from financing civil proceeding advance payment contracts. It also constrains parties of a lawsuit from sharing information subject to a court seal with a commercial litigation financier.

The easiest run for Lehman was on House Bill 1274, which provides for a semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) license plate and establishes a semiquincentennial trust fund. It initially passed the House 94-0, cleared the Senate with amendments 47-1 and then received a 92-0 vote on concurrence in the House.

Progressed, not passed

Holdman's Senate Bill 147

Legislation headed to governor includes topics of meeting decorum, taxes and county contract procedure

regarding child care property tax exemptions used by for-profit early childcare education providers cleared the Senate 39-9 and his Senate Bill 61 that would allow the creation of tourism improvement districts passed the Senate 47-1, but neither received a hearing in the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Died without a hearing

•Prescott's House Bill 1096 regarding exempting 529 college savings distributions for retirement accounts from taxes, House Bill 1097 designating the state nickname as being in honor of Methodist preacher Harry Hoosier and House Bill 1234 limiting the property tax rate to 2% on agricultural buildings failed to move beyond their first reading.

•Holdman's Senate Bill 21 extending "lemon law" protection to recreational vehicles, Senate Bill 51 regulating craft hemp flower products, Senate Bill 60 changing rules for how children left at Safe Haven "baby boxes" are handled and Senate Bill 227 regarding approval of vaping products

•Lehman's House Bill 1159 that would have made changes to worker's compensation laws

Headed to the Cup

Laila Waddell (center), Skylar Esparza (left) and Inara Sanderson (right) perform Monday as part of Patriot Edition during the Jay County High School Show Choir Showcase. Patriot Edition and Just Treble are competing today in the Columbia City Cup. For more photos, visit thecr.com.



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Capsule Reports

Workshop scheduled

East Central Indiana Regional Planning District will hold a Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program (BEAD) Challenge Workshop from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland.

Jay County residents are invited to attend the workshop to learn how they can challenge data regarding their internet speed. The data will be used to help determine how Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program funding is distributed.

Steering troubles

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Bryant teen lost control of the vehicle she was driving, causing it to go into a ditch along county road 900 North about 5:21 p.m. Wednesday.

Lexie J. Fiechter, 16, was driving a 2011 Kia Sorento east on the road near 950 West. She told police the steering became difficult to maneuver, causing her to veer off the north side of the road. She attempted to correct her steering, causing her to go off the south side of the road and into a ditch. The vehicle she was driving rolled once before stopping on its wheels.

The vehicle she was driving was towed.

Lost control

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland man drove off county road 100 South and hit a tree about 3:52 p.m. Friday.

Zachary C. Nuckols, 19, was driving his 2004 Nissan 350Z east on the road when he swerved to miss a squirrel, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Nuckols' vehicle went off the south side of the road, hitting a tree in the yard at 1229 W. 100 South, Portland.

Nuckols' vehicle was towed.

Rear collision

A Dunkirk woman crashed her car into a Portland man's vehicle along Votaw Street about midnight Thursday.

Brooklyn A. Hernandez, 31, Dunkirk, was driving a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze east on Votaw Street. She told police she thought traffic was moving, so she continued forward, crashing into a 2010 Toyota Camry driven by 63-year-old Robert J. Coats of Portland.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Felony courts

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He was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but 217 days suspended and placed on probation. Price was given credit for time served, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for dealing in a narcotic drug was dismissed.

Battery

Several people were sentenced in Jay courts to serve time for battery related charges.

Kayla E. Hart, 32, was found guilty but mentally ill in Jay Circuit Court to battery with bodily injury to a public safety official, a Level 5 felony, resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor, and public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with 16 months suspended and given two days credit for time served. Hart was assessed \$189 in court costs.

Justin L. Johnson, 31, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to battery against a public safety official, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to five years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Johnson was fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: three Level 5 felonies for battery with bodily injury to a public safety officer; a Level 5 felony for criminal confinement with bodily injury, three Level 6 felonies for domestic battery, intimidation and battery by bodily waste to a public safety officer; and a habitual offender enhancement.

Julian Myers, 29, 727 West Race St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to two counts of domestic battery, both Level 6 felonies. He was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Myers was assessed \$189 in court costs and charged a \$50 domestic violence fee.



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Patriots just miss clean sweep of ACAC

The boys and girls are both Allen County Athletic Conference champions.

If they had won just two more events, it would have been a clean sweep.

The Jay County Junior High swim team claimed 22 of 24 events Friday night as it hosted the ACAC meet.

The boys team swept all 12 events to score 399 points to take down runner-up Bluffton, which scored 359.

The girls team couldn't secure victories in the 300-yard relay or the 1-meter diving, but still dominated by tallying 470 points to leave no doubt. Bluffton finished second with 430.

Beyond just winning the events, the Patriots displayed their talent by breaking eight ACAC meet records.

Cooper Glentzer set two alone as he topped the 200 freestyle in 1 minute, 57.83 seconds and the 400 freestyle in 4:17.15.

The only other record broken

on the boys side came from the 300 freestyle relay team. Rockland Beiswanger, Carson Westgerdes, Glentzer and Raif Beiswanger combined to swim a 2:48.2 in the event.

Three girls set a new ACAC standard in individual events. Maria Laux dominated the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:01.35.

Elly Byrum swam a 1:10.18 in the 100 backstroke to set the new standard, and Brooklynn Byrum finished the 100 breaststroke in 1:21.55.

The 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay were the other two girls events that had records broken.

Elly Byrum, Brooklynn Byrum, Kaitlyn Fisher and Laux opened the day with the first broken record by completing the 200 medley relay in 2:09.84.

The Byrums and Laux had Kali Wendel join them for the 200 freestyle relay that set the new ACAC record at 1:55.11.



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Brooklynn Byrum swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay for the Jay County Junior High School swim team on Friday during the Allen County Athletic Conference meet, hosted by the Patriots. Along with contributing to the girls' ACAC championship, the relay team broke the meet record with a time of 2 minutes, 9.84 seconds.

Mike Tyson to fight Jake Paul

By BRIAN NIEMIETZ

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will fight boxing influencer Jake Paul on July 20 in Arlington, Texas.

The bout is scheduled to take place three weeks after Tyson's 58th birthday. Paul is 27 years old.

Even Netflix, which will be live-streaming the fight, seemed surprised in their announcement of the showdown.

"It's JAKE PAUL vs. MIKE TYSON — yes, really! — in a LIVE BOXING event at AT&T Stadium," Netflix posted on X. "You won't want to miss."

Paul shared the announcement on his own social media pages.

"The biggest fight of the 21st century, in the biggest NFL stadium in the US, broadcast live, on the biggest streaming platform in the world...that's the

MVP way," the Ohio native wrote.

Few other details of the fight have been announced.

Paul weighs in around 200 lbs., putting him at the lower end of the heavyweight class. Tyson meanwhile fought at around 220 lbs. when he ruled the boxing heavyweight division.

Tyson retired from boxing in 2005, but participated in a 2020 three-round exhibition match with fellow retired heavyweight champion Roy Jones Jr. that ended in a draw.

Paul defeated former New York Knicks guard Nate Robinson on the undercard of that bout in Los Angeles.

Boxing Insider Promotions promoter Larry Goldberg told the New York Daily News he could never get a match between two fighters with a three-decade age disparity to happen in New York City,

where he hosts boxing events including a Thursday fight card at Sony Hall.

"I couldn't present this to the New York State Athletic Commission," he said. "The doctors would never sign off on it. We couldn't even suggest something like that here."

Goldberg said he initially thought the Netflix announcement was a joke and assumes the match will be some sort of exhibition rather than a bloodbath. But he called Paul "a marketing genius" and credits Netflix for stepping into the ring by broadcasting its "boxing megacard."

While Goldberg feels the 30-year age difference between Tyson and Paul is significant, he gives the former champ a fighting chance.

"He's Mike Tyson," Goldberg said. "He could knock someone out at 99."

Wrestling finishes fourth

BERNE — Three Patriots took out all of their Allen County Athletic Conference foes to stand atop the podium, but that wasn't enough for the Patriots to crack the top three.

Caleb Sibray, Freddie Lingo and Spencer Smitley all claimed the top spot in their respective brackets for the Jay County Junior High School wrestling team on Thursday, which tallied 252 points at the ACAC meet.

The Patriots finished fourth at the meet, just three points behind South Adams. Adams Central earned the conference crown with 316 points, while Bluffton (281) finished as the runner-up.

Sibray (25-1) received a bye in the first round of the 150-pound bracket, to set up a matchup with Southern Well's Colton Caldwell (3-11) in the semifinal. Sibray quickly pinned Caldwell in 10 seconds to advance to the championship against Gideon Mihm (9-9) of Adams Central. Mihm put up more of a fight, but Sibray still pinned his opponent in the first period after 1 minute, 8 seconds.

Lingo (26-1) and Smitley (23-4) both had double byes to advance directly to the championship match in the 190 and 215 weight classes.

Lingo matched up with Adams Central's Kaleb Hackenjos (6-16), who he pinned in just 39 seconds.

Cooper Affolder (9-2) of Bluffton gave Smitley more trouble, but Smitley got the job done with a fall 21 seconds into the second period.

Three Jay County wrestlers also

found themselves in the championship matches for their weight class, but couldn't pull off the victory.

Mitchell Byrum (13-8) stayed alive through the first period of the 75-pound championship, but ended up pinned by Adams Central's Max Myers (15-1) 13 seconds into the second.

Varen Ridgeway lasted 1 minute, 7 seconds in the 165 championship before Jax Litchfield (21-0) of Heritage put him on his back.

Henry Vanntette (5-0) of Adams Central beat George Plessinger (21-3) by fall 23 seconds into the 285 bracket.

Other placements for the Patriots include:

- Corbin Lothridge third in the 95 weight class
- Logan Wendel third in the 113 weight class
- Max McClain third in the 126 weight class
- Alex Rivers third in the 132 weight class
- Karson Hines fourth in the 85 weight class
- Miles Jones fourth in the 120 weight class
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Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage at Sidney Lehman — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage at Botkins — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Everton at Manchester United (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Luton Town at Crystal Palace (USA)
12 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arkansas at Alabama (ESPN); Memphis at Florida Atlantic (CBS); Georgetown at St. John's (FOX)
12 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big East tournament (FS1)
12 p.m. — Formula 1: Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Louis at St. Bonaventure (USA)
12:30 p.m. — NHL: Carolina Hurricanes at New Jersey Devils (ABC)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Brentford at Arsenal (NBC)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iowa State at Kansas State (ESPN2); Oklahoma at Texas (ESPN); Texas A&M at Ole Miss (CBS)
2 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Shriners Children's 500 (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Villanova (FOX); Richmond at George Mason (USA)
3 p.m. — NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins (ABC)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas at Houston (ESPN); Kentucky at Tennessee (CBS); Miami at Florida State (ESPN2)
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Call 811.com Every Dig. Every Time. 200 (FS1)
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Marquette at Xavier (FOX)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Baylor at Texas Tech (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: North Carolina at Duke (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NHRA: Top Fuel NHRA All-Star Callout (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at New York Rangers (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UConn at Providence (FOX)
8 p.m. — UCF fighting (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at Phoenix Suns (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: DePaul at Seton Hall (FS1)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Minnesota at Northwestern (BTN)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona at USC (ESPN); West Coast Conference tournament (ESPN2)
10:30 p.m. — NHL: Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings (CBS)
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona State at UCLA (FS1)

Sunday
12 a.m. — UFC: Sean O'Malley vs. Marlon Vera (ESPN)
12:30 a.m. — Men's college basketball: West Coast Conference tournament (ESPN2)
9 a.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Aston Villa (USA)
10:30 a.m. — NHRA: Gainesville Rounds 1 & 2 (FS1)
11:45 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Liverpool (USA)
12 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at Michigan (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wisconsin at Purdue (FOX)
1 p.m. — NHL: Edmonton Oilers at Pittsburgh Penguins (TNT)
1 p.m. — IndyCar: Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg (NBC)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ohio State at Rutgers (BTN); Austin Peay vs. Stetson (ESPN2)
2:30 p.m. — Premier League: PGA Tour: Arnold Palmer Invitational (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — NHL: Nashville Predators at Minnesota Wild (TNT)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Shriners Children's 500 (FOX)
4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan State at Indiana (CBS) (FOX)
6 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NBA: Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Iowa (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Maryland at Penn State (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — NBA: Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

Monday
4 p.m. — Premier League: Newcastle United at Chelsea (USA)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: West Coast Conference tournament (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Milwaukee vs. Northern Kentucky (ESPN2)
11:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: West Coast Conference tournament (ESPN2)

Tuesday
6 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: Houston Dynamo at Columbus Crew (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks (TNT)
8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at

Oklahoma City Thunder (Bally Indiana)
9:15 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: Philadelphia Union at Pachuca (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA: Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

Local notes

Tournament scheduled
The Fort Recovery High School volleyball program is holding its annual alumni volleyball tournament on Friday, March 22.

Teams can consist of former players or anyone living in Fort Recovery and don't need to be from the same graduating class.
Entry costs are \$10 per player, with all proceeds going to the FRHS volleyball team.

For more information, contact Travis Guggenbiller by March 20 by emailing guggenbiller@fortrecoveryschools.org.

Midwest Walleye Challenge
Indiana anglers are invited to participate in the 2024 Midwest Walleye Challenge, a virtual fishing tournament.

The tournament begins March 30 and ends June 30, with walleye, sauger and saugeye counting. Contestants need to utilize the MyCatch mobile app to submit photos of their catches with a measuring device.

Participants can enter for free for the chance at the grand prize or pay a \$25 fee to be eligible for biweekly cash prizes.
Those interested in participating can register by visiting AnglersAtlas.com/event/769 or by using the MyCatch app. For further information, visit on.IN.gov/walleye.

Registration open
Registration for the Dunkirk co-ed softball league is now open.

The league will start on April 7, and it will cost \$250 for each team to register. First and second-place teams win a payout of \$400 and \$200, respectively.
To register, call Brock Farmer at (765) 209-4289.

Challenge set
The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge for the 2024 season will begin April 20, where participants 19-years-old or older can compete in a total of eight races within Adams County.

The cost to register for the challenge is \$150 and will enter participants in all eight races, with five needing to be completed for the Challenge Series award.

Challengers don't need to be from Adams County, but only the first 100 entries will compete. Participation in individual events is available as well.
To sign up or for more information, visit www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

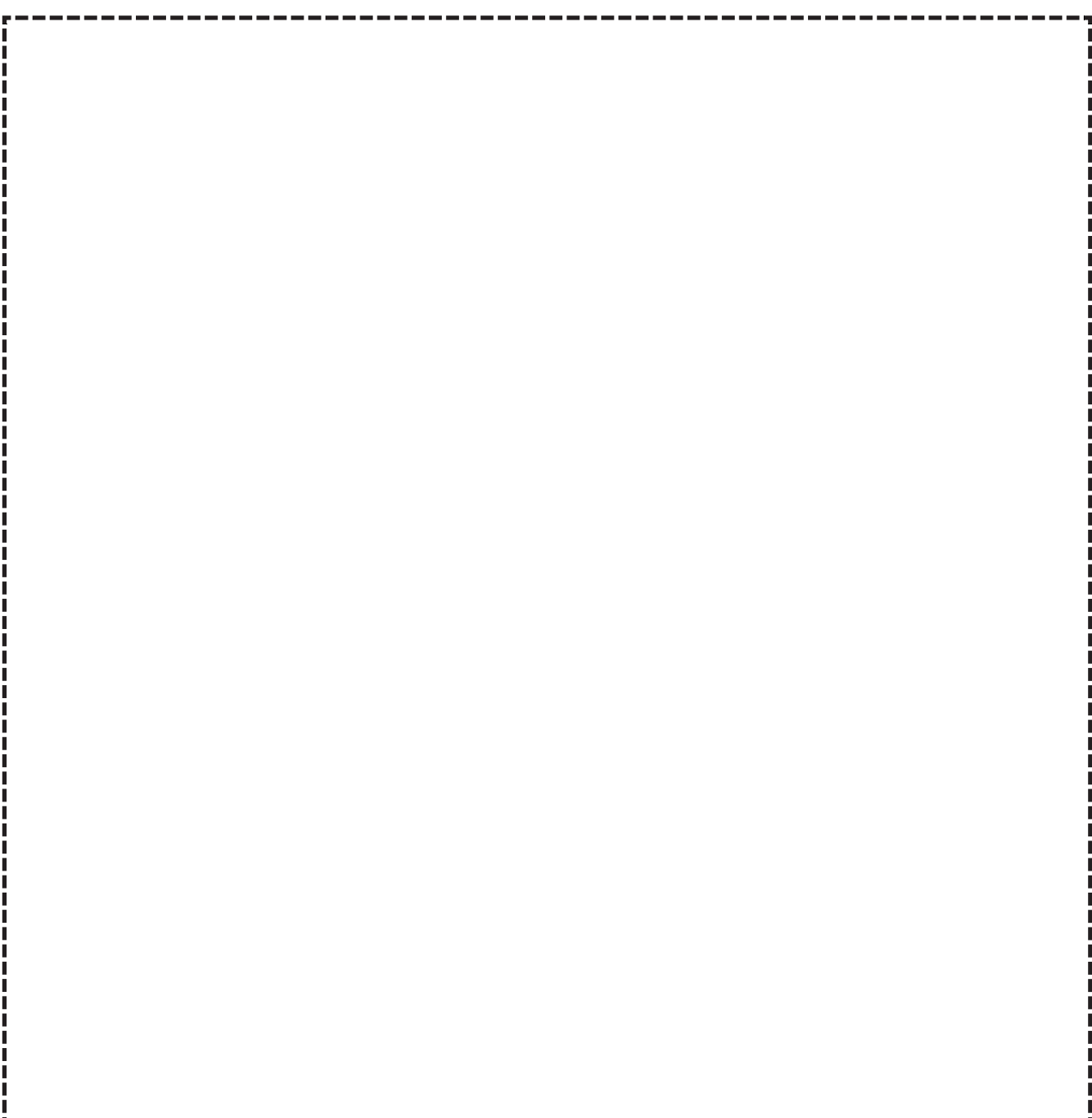
To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.



EGGCELLENT EASTER Drawing Contest

Join us in spreading the Easter cheer through the strokes of your pens and pencils and the magic of your imagination. Submit your masterpiece to The Commercial Review's Easter Drawing Contest and let the celebration blossom!

Your picture will be on display in our office and
The winners will run and be announced on March 30th!



CONTEST RULES

1. Contest is open anyone 15 and younger.
2. Crayons, colored pencils or markers may be used. Adults may assist in completing the entry form, but not in the drawing.
3. Entries must be in by March 20, 2024
4. Submissions are considered property of this newspaper and may be printed by this newspaper.
5. Decisions of the judges are final.

SEND ENTRY FORM AND COLORED PICTURE TO:

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