

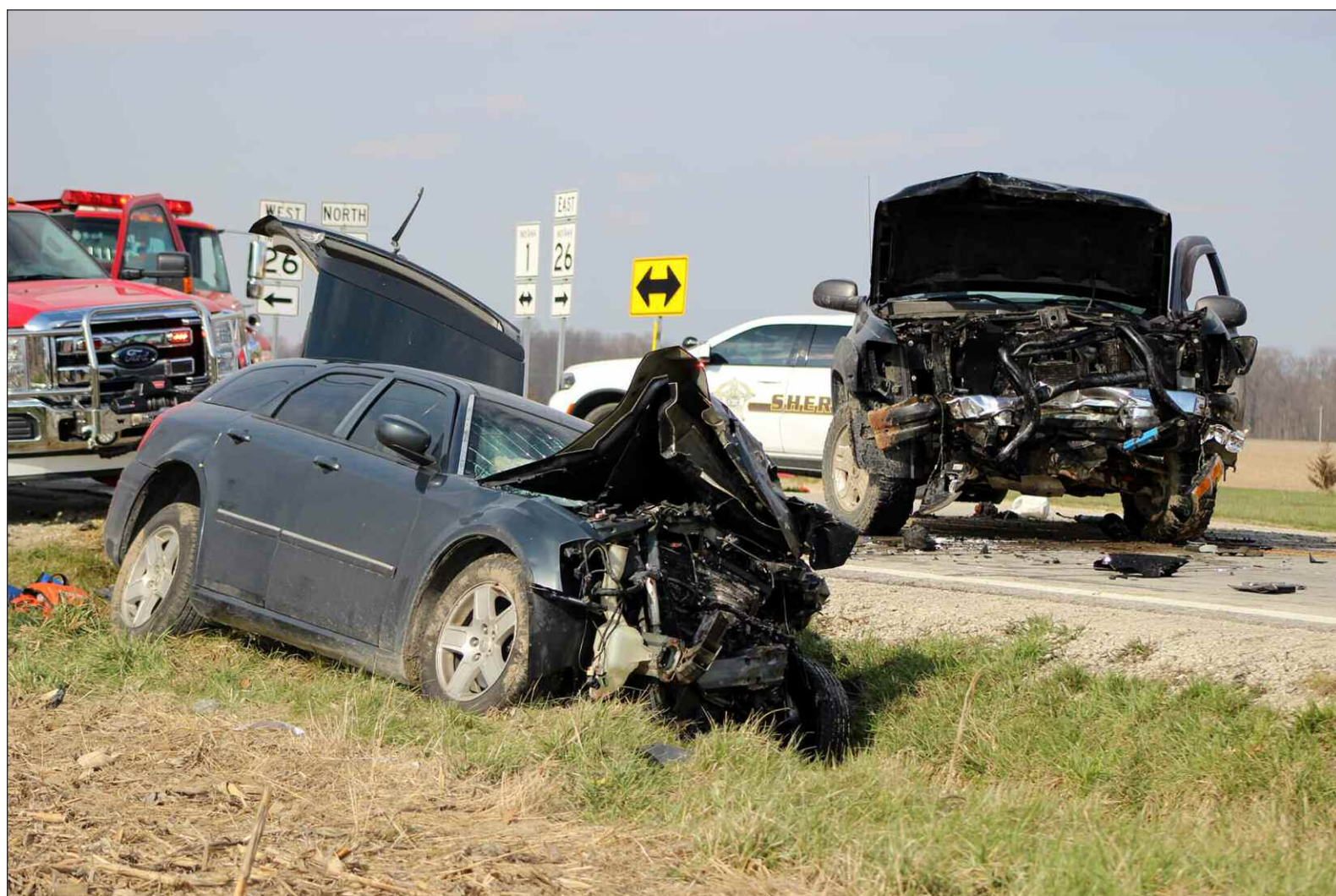
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Child critical



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The two vehicles pictured above collided about 4:15 p.m. Thursday at the intersection of Indiana 1 and Indiana 26 in rural Portland. An 8-year-old girl, Adalynn Patrick, sustained severe head trauma from the crash and was in critical condition Friday at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

8-year-old girl suffered severe head trauma in collision Thursday at Indiana 1 and Indiana 26

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

An 8-year-old Portland girl is hospitalized following a collision Thursday on the county's west side.

Adalynn Patrick was in critical condition Friday afternoon at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis after suffering severe head trauma in a collision about 4:15 p.m. Thursday at the intersection of Indiana 1 and Indiana 26.

The drivers of the vehicles

involved in the accident — Tabatha L. Fleming of Portland and Jeremiah J. Landers of Dunkirk — were both transported to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following the collision.

Landers, 37, was driving his 2008 Chevrolet Silverado north on Indiana 1 and approaching the intersection with Indiana 26. He told police he was looking at a vehicle that was located off the east side of the highway and didn't notice the southbound

2007 Dodge Magnum driven by

the 29-year-old Fleming headed his way. Landers was beginning to turn onto Indiana 26 and his vehicle went in front of Fleming's causing them to collide virtually head-on.

Fleming's vehicle went off the southwest corner of the intersection and stopped in a ditch, with Landers' vehicle stopping in the middle of Indiana 1 and blocking both lanes of traffic.

Patrick — Fleming's daughter and a passenger in the vehi-

cle — was flown by Lutheran Air to Riley Children's Hospital. She was not strapped into her seat at the time of the crash.

Fleming complained of leg pain, and Landers complained of pain all over his body.

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, Landers was administered an alcohol and drug blood test. Results are pending.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Horn, Leonhard seek nod in north district

Former office holder, longtime farmer running for commissioner

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

One Republican candidate is critical of current commissioners.

The other hopes to bring a new perspective to the group.

Mike Leonhard and Doug Horn will face off in the May primary for Republican nomination for commissioner in the north district.

The seat is currently held by Rex Journay, who decided not to run for a second term.

Horn, who turns 65 in April, is a lifelong farmer. A 1977 Jay County High School graduate, he formerly served as president of Jay County Farm Bureau and as a member of the Adams County Co-Op Board of Directors.

This is Horn's first time running for office, but he has been involved with the Jay County Republican Party for at least 35 years. His first wife, Carla, who died in 2021, is a former chair for the Republican Party in Jay County. His daughter, Jenae Blasdel, currently serves as party chair.

Horn's farming operations have slowed down, he explained, giving him more time to turn his attention toward a county office.

"I feel like I've got some time and maybe some experience to give something back to the county," he said.

Leonhard is a 1966 Portland High School graduate and a Vietnam War veteran. At 76, he's retired from contracting but still continues to do work on the side. Leonhard has served three previous terms as county commissioner, from 1997 through 2004 and again from 2017 through 2020. He served on Jay County Council in between his commissioner terms.

Leonhard lost to Journay in the 2020 Republican primary for commissioner in the north district.

He said he's running because he disagrees with some decisions made by county officials in recent years, such as tabling funding requests previously approved by Jay County Council. Another concern, he said, is tension between Jay County Development Corporation and commissioners.

"JCDC is an avid asset to Jay County," said Leonhard.

He spoke critically of county officials investing in consultants to determine how to spend money, as well as commissioners' decision to contract for two years with East Central Indiana Regional Planning District at \$100,000 annually. "I think it's a waste of taxpayers' money," he said. "If everybody knows me ... I'm not afraid to open my mouth, and I'm not afraid to step on toes."

See North page 2

Road, bridge projects will start next week

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

It's construction season.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) construction projects to pave U.S. 27 in Portland and replace a bridge near Jay County Junior-Senior High School are scheduled to get started next week.

INDOT announced that crews from Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne will begin paving U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) between county road 100 North and county road 200 South on Monday. The project also includes reconstructing Americans with Disabilities Act ramps to sidewalks with extended "bump outs" at some intersections in the downtown area. New traffic signals will be installed as well.

The highway will stay open during construction with temporary lane

restrictions. Some intersections may have temporary stop signs while traffic signals are being replaced.

Another INDOT project scheduled to begin on or after Monday involves HIS Constructors of Indianapolis putting a new deck on the Indiana 67 bridge over the Salamonie River between county road 125 South and Indiana 26, just south of Jay County High School. New guardrails will also be installed.

As with the downtown project, the highway will remain open but there will be lane closures during construction.

The project is expected to be complete by the end of August.

Just outside of Jay County, Milestone Contractors will begin work next week to replace the U.S. 27 bridge over the Mississinewa River between Indiana 28 and



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Crews from Brooks Construction will begin paving U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) in Portland between county road 200 South (pictured) to county road 100 North next week. A separate project will install a new deck on the Indiana 27 over the Salamonie River near Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Randolph County road 850 North.

The highway will remain open during the project but will be reduced to one lane.

Temporary traffic signals will be in place.

There is a "wide load restriction" during the project, with the detour

posted as Indiana 28, Indiana 1 and Indiana 67.

The project is expected to be complete in mid October.

Deaths

George Hutchens, 60, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature climbed into the low 60s Friday in Jay County. The low was 36.

Today's forecast calls for a high in the mid 60s with an 80% chance of rain and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Rain is also expected Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland, will host an Easter Walk from 10:30 a.m. to noon today.

Coming up

Tuesday — A look at the south district commissioner GOP primary.

Wednesday — Coverage of the JCHS softball team's game at Blackford.



North ...

Continued from page 1
Horn said he's been trying to learn more about the conflict between JCDC and commissioners.
"They should have a feel for what's needed, I would hope," he said of JCDC.
He noted the contract with East Central Indiana Regional Planning District and said it appears as though the county has two groups doing similar jobs.
"I don't know if I'm in it deep enough to make a (decision), but I know my philosophy is, local first, or do things in-house," he said. "I would like to see (JCDC) stay as a good functioning unit that, you know, because I feel like they know what's best for the county."
Horn's focus as a commission-

er, he said, would be taking care of commissioners' responsibilities first. (Commissioners serve as the executive body or the legislative body.) He mentioned employee retention and road maintenance as two examples.
"I want to make sure we take care of what we're supposed to be taking care of first, and then see what we can do next," said Horn.
He noted inflation's impact on the country and talked about creating a long-term plan for incoming dollars, including one-time grants. He also advocated for having a farmer on the board to share their perspective.
Overall, Horn said he doesn't have a specific agenda for change.
"I'm not here to knock any-

thing anybody else's done," he said. "I just want to help the other two commissioners do a good job for the county."
Addressing other issues, Leonhard spoke about the need for different types of housing. He criticized county officials for purchasing 68 acres on the west side of Portland for more than the initial asking price and agreeing to let the property owner continue to farm the land for the rest of the year at no cost. (The land is being considered as a means to attract housing development.) He also questioned whose responsibility — the city or county — it would be to build infrastructure for housing in the area, which is within Portland city limits.
Horn said he would like to

learn more about the housing project before saying he is in favor or against the idea.
"It sounds great, if you could get development," he said. "My one question would be, if we need housing ... what makes that the great place to have it?"
He noted various buildings in municipalities that could be potentially revitalized for housing.
Jay County officials agreed in February to commit \$3.9 million toward a project from Mainstream Fiber Networks to install 395 miles of fiber optic or fixed wireless internet across the county.
Both Leonhard and Horn advocated for ensuring the company's service will be adequate and worth the investment.

Leonhard said candidates should vote for him because he "works for the Jay County taxpayer."
"I want to know what's going to benefit Jay County," he said. "And if I become a commissioner, 100%, don't have to worry about a 40-hour a week job or anything like that. I'm on call 24 hours a day if I need to be."
Horn advocated for his experience and long-time residency in Jay County.
"I've been here all my life," Horn said. "I'm not leaving, and Jay County's my home, and I want to do a good job for it ... while I don't know everything that's going on right now in there, I think I can help make the decisions that will benefit the county."

CR almanac

Sunday 3/31	Monday 4/1	Tuesday 4/2	Wednesday 4/3	Thursday 4/4
58/49	58/45	58/35	42/32	49/32
Sunday has a 50% chance of rain with a higher chance at night. Gusts may reach 20 mph.	There's a 90% chance of thunderstorms on Monday. The low may hit 45.	Tuesday has a 60% chance of thunderstorms and rain, with a high of 58.	Wednesday has a slight chance of showers under mostly cloudy skies.	Mostly sunny skies on Thursday, when the high will be around 49 degrees.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-6-1 Daily Four: 3-7-1-2 Quick Draw: 1-2-6-9-14-15-18-27-36-40-46-50-51-55-56-59-66-70-73-79	Pick 5: 0-0-4-3-4 Evening Rolling Cash 5: 23-27-29-34-38 Jackpot: \$130,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-2-9 Pick 4: 1-3-5-3	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$935 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

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Today in history

In 1865, the Crimean War ended after participants signed the Treaty of Paris. Russia lost to the Ottoman Empire, France, Britain and Sardinia.
In 1867, the United States bought Alaska from Russia at a price of what was then \$7.2 million. The United States acquired nearly 600,000 square miles at less than 2 cents an acre.
In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot outside a hotel in Washington, D.C. Reagan survived, and the man attempting the assassination, John Hinckley Jr., served more than 41 years under court restrictions. He was found not guilty by reason of insanity, but he spent more than three decades at a hospital in Washington. He was fully released in 2022.
In 2003, New York City enacted a law banning cigarette smoking in workplaces, including restaurants and bars.
In 2017, Jay County High School's girls basketball and volleyball teams were moved to Class 3A in the IHSAA. Patriot boys and girls soccer teams also shifted to a three-class system.

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.	Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland	Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Obituaries

George Hutchens
George "Donnie" Hutchens, age 60, a resident of Portland, passed away at his home in Portland.
Donnie was born Nov. 3, 1963, in Portland, Indiana, the son of George and Rosa Lea (Roe) Hutchens. He graduated from Jay County High School and attended Vincennes University.
Donnie previously worked as a cook at Richards Restaurant in Portland where he was affectionally known as Uncle Donnie. He also worked at W&M Manufacturing and Priority Plastics in Portland. Donnie

enjoyed singing karaoke where he could be found performing for the residents at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.
Survivors include:
His sister — Linda Aker (husband: Mike), Portland, Indiana
Several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews
He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Rosa Lea Hutchens; and two sisters, Brenda Hartley and Bonnie Grigsby.
Private graveside services will be



held at a later date at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.
Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.
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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.

FW mayor died on Thursday

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com
Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry died Thursday night following a battle with stomach cancer. Earlier in the day, his family announced the city leader was in hospice care after suffering a medical emergency on Wednesday.
In his stead, Deputy Mayor Karl Bandemer will lead the city. A caucus will choose a successor within 30 days.
In late February Henry, a Democrat, informed the public that he had been diagnosed with Stage 3 stomach cancer. He was in the first year of his fifth term as Fort Wayne

mayor, a position he has held since 2008.
Top statewide officials shared their condolences with the Henry family following the news.
"For anyone involved in statewide public service, Mayor Tom Henry was synonymous with Fort Wayne," Gov. Eric Holcomb said in a statement. "He was a Mayor's mayor, but also a Governor's Mayor: You could call him for anything, for advice or about a loved one, and I did. Janet and I extend our heartfelt condolences to his community of friends, coworkers and most importantly his blessed legendary family during such a difficult time."
Two House Democrats represent-

ing Fort Wayne also praised the work accomplished by Henry.
"In losing Tom, Fort Wayne has truly lost an icon, but his legacy lives on," said Rep. Kyle Miller. "As we move forward, our community will honor the progress he made in Fort Wayne during his tenure."
House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta called Henry "a giant in the history of our city."
"Tom's love of Fort Wayne is what kept him going," GiaQuinta said. "You can see him all over Fort Wayne — in the flourishing small businesses, in kids playing in the parks and in the city skyline irrevocably shaped for the better by his vision and leadership."

Capsule Reports

Hit pole
An Ossian woman hit a utility pole along county road 300 North in Jay County about 5:30 a.m. Thursday.
Hali N. Heath, 32, was driving a 2007 Ford E-350 east when she drove off the south side of the road and hit a pole. She told police there was ice on her vehi-

cle's windshield, making her unable to see the road. The pole wasn't damaged.

Felony arrests

Domestic battery
A Dunkirk man was arrested Thursday for domestic battery.
Kyle D. Hitchens, 29, 108 Rick Drive, was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for domestic battery, a Level 6 felony for strangulation and a Class A misdemeanor for interfering in the reporting of a crime.
He was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Today

Wright, Helen: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Doherty, Myrtle: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

April 6

Rathburn, Justin: 10 a.m., Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.

Steveason, Emilie: 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

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Portland Evening Optimist Club recently celebrated Optimist Day by reading "The Little Engine That Could" to the students at Head Start. Each student was given a copy of the storybook.

Patience has finally run out

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: After 30 years, I'm considering filing for divorce. My husband has always had anger problems, which I've put up with all this time. I'm not sure I want to go on dealing with this issue for the rest of my life. What stopped me before was our two children. I was afraid to be a single mother because my mom was a widow with four children, and I saw what she went through financially and emotionally without a husband.

Now that my children are grown and on their own, there's nothing stopping me but fear of not being able to support myself. My husband makes more than I do, and I have bills I need to pay. If I rent an apartment, I'm not sure I can swing it. I know the first step is to find a lawyer and discuss my options, but I'm afraid my husband will

beg me to stay, which he has done in the past. Please help me decide what to do. — MAYBE READY TO GO IN INDIANA

DEAR MAYBE READY: I'm glad to offer you a suggestion. Talk to an attorney now and find out what your options may be if you don't stay with an abusive, bad-tempered husband. Once you know where you stand, you can then decide whether your husband's begging is enough incentive to spend the rest of your life being treated the way he has treated you.

Ninety-six students honored for academics

Jay County High School hosted its annual Academic Awards banquet March 18.

Funded by Portland Morning and Evening Optimists, the event honored 96 students, each representing the top 10% of their class. Freshmen and sophomores had to have a 4.0 GPA to qualify, juniors had to have a 4.159 GPA and seniors had to have a 4.192 GPA.

Those in the freshman class honored were Caylin Aker; Ariel Beiswanger; Wyatt Bihn, Dakota Blalock, Beckett Brandenburg, Chloe Byrum, Peyton Carpenter, Declan Earnhart, Tessa Frazee,

Joseph Geesaman, Trinity Glassford, Dawson Goldsworthy, Lydia Johnson, John Lin, Lexi Litmer and Liam McBride.

Also Paycie McCoy, Alison McGraw, Wyatt Mock, Angie Navarro Garcia, Daniela Orozco Muñoz, Madison Paxson, Ella Rigby, Moe Sakamoto, Brenna Schmiesing, Hallie Schwieterman, Elijah Stockton, Allison Tipton, Lynzie Tobe, Carley Trinidad, Isabel Vazquez and Jacob Weitzel.

Sophomores honored were Reba Ashcraft, Garrett Bennett, Joseph Boggs, Francisco Bravo,

Anthony Castro Martell, Brennan Chrisman, Raniah Cross, Cara DeRome, Logan Doll, Faith Faulkner, Maria Hemmelgarn, Sophia Hoevel and Kayla Jetmore.

Also Lillian Johnson, Mya Kunkler, Nicholas Laux, Drew Muhlenkamp, Lani Muhlenkamp, Raylah Newton, Katelyn Rowles, Jacey Smith, Kade Sommers, Andrew Stouder, Gradin Swoveland and Kenzie Tobe.

Juniors honored were Adam Alig, Coryn Blalock, Keira Corwin, Kadon Craig, Morgan

DeHoff, Eli Dirksen, Meredith Dirksen, Luke Fugiett, Blake Kahlig, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Duston Muhlenkamp, Levi Muhlenkamp, Cameran Paxson, Adamaris Ruiz Herrera, Madelynn Snow, Ella Stockton, Carter Wellman and Mallory Winner.

Seniors award recipients, along with their honored teachers, were as follows: Zion Beiswanger with Chantel Beiswanger; Hannah Boggs with Liz Lawson; Isabella Denton with Hilarie Muhlenkamp; Maggie Dillon with Amy Dillon; Breanna Dirksen with Cathy Fugiett; Madyson

Fraley with Scott Clamme; Brenna Haines with Melanie Stockton; Willow Hardy with Meg Mauer; Joske Herndon with Jenny Weitzel; Garrett Hime with CJ Yoder; Kenzie Landon with Gina Brockman; Nicholas Lyons with Katie Loy; Danielle May with Katie Kerns; Mason Muhlenkamp with Kyle Love; Molly Muhlenkamp with Kim Bye; Parker Nichols with Tim Millsbaugh; Ty Paxson with Kyle Love; Sophia Saxman with Bill Saxman; Gage Sims with Katie Loy; and Emily Smith with Judith Smith.

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.

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

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnan-

cy 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.

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. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the 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 SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or 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 Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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7	3	4	9	1	5	2	8	6
3	4	6	8	7	9	1	5	2
9	7	2	1	5	4	6	3	8
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For Jay County Elementary Schools

April 1-5

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

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Turkey corn dog **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, croutons, **Sides for all meals:** Steamed broccoli & carrots medley

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

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

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, croutons, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas & carrots

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To the editor:
Last month, a fundraising event was held to remember Mandy Theurer.

Mandy was a lifelong resident of Jay County who at the age of 26 was killed in a single car accident nine years ago. Mandy's family and friends host this event to remember Mandy and to raise funds to help those in need in our community.

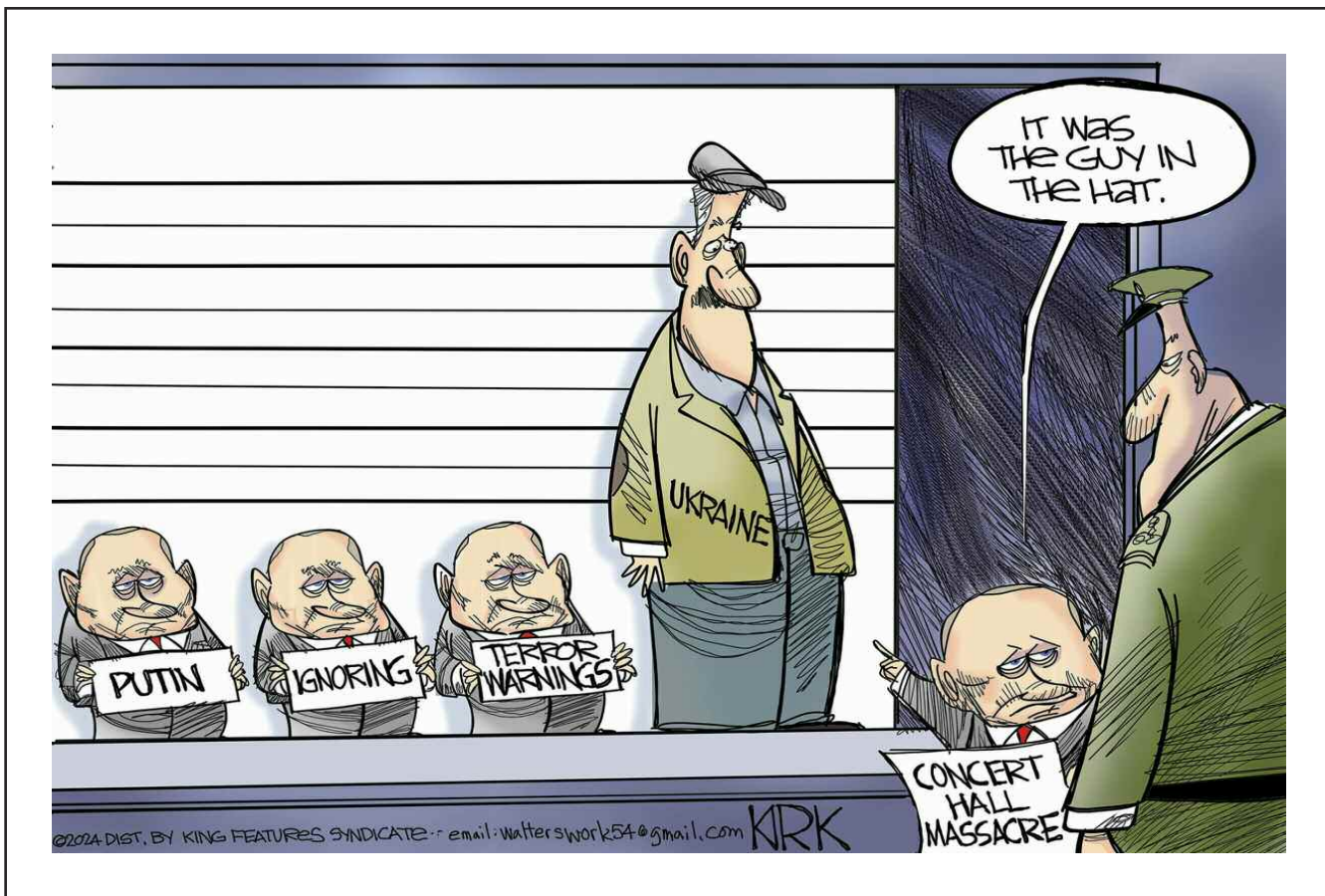
We would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our efforts by either donating or bidding on an auction item or attending the meal. If you sent us a monetary donation, thank you. If you thought of us and of what we are trying to do,

Letters to the Editor

thank you. If you thought of Mandy that day and smiled, thank you.

We appreciate you all, for the kind words, the monetary generosity and all that pertains to what we do. We don't know how much longer we will be able to do this event, but we know we have the support of our community and those we serve.

Respectfully,
Roger and Charlene Theurer
Rural Jay County



Media is having moment

By MICHAEL LEPPERT
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Whenever I find myself baffled by a trend or even a specific decision in the traditional media world, I look to Jay Rosen for his perspective. Rosen is a professor of journalism at New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute.

He's risen in prominence recently as a result of his "it's not the odds, it's the stakes" advice he has given the media on how to cover the 2024 elections. What he means by this is the coverage should be grounded in what the November choices mean, not the daily drama of polls, gotcha moments and the scoreboard.

Consumers of media content should follow his advice too. Too often, consumers forget that we are partners in the market. Never has that been more important.

Late last week, NBC News hired recently ousted Republican National Committee Chairperson, Ronna McDaniel, as a political contributor. The move has caused an avalanche of reaction.

McDaniel has been an election denier since the "Big Lie" was spawned in 2020. She participated and led efforts, particularly in her home state of Michigan, to overturn the results. She still refuses to admit Joe Biden won an election that ultimately wasn't all that close.

Democrats always cringe when a former, high-ranking Republican lands a gig at a prominent news desk. This one is different though. In honor of Professor Rosen and the spirit of telling it like it is, the most obvious problem with NBC's decision is this simple: McDaniel is a liar.

The "newsroom" at the network isn't pleased about this at all. NBC's own Chuck Todd blasted the hire on "Meet the Press" Sunday morning. He was joined by the Boston Globe's Kimberly Atkins Stohr, who said McDaniel's "credibility was shot" over the years, and that "she habitually lied."

Democrats and journalists are mad. Surely Republicans are happy, right?

Not immediately, they weren't.

McDaniel is unpopular on that side of the political spectrum too. Republicans don't like her because, well,

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you-know-who wanted her removed from the RNC post, therefore, she must be bad. Of course, all she did in her old job from February of 2017 until two weeks ago, is exactly what Donald Trump wanted her to do. A lot of good that did her.

She never produced a positive election cycle in that role, according to Axios. She oversaw a net loss of eight governor's offices, four U.S. Senate seats, 20 seats in the U.S. House and the presidency. Oh, and the RNC is running low on cash now. Having money to fund campaigns is its primary reason for existing. Not a great resumé.

However, it is silly to blame McDaniel for all of that. She hasn't been freelancing these past seven years. She's been taking orders. Even though she has relentlessly stuck to the big lie her now former boss dictated, the casualty was her own credibility, something that is now dead and buried. Then Trump fired her.

She has one friend in Carrie Budoff Brown, NBC's Senior Vice President for Politics, who hired her. Otherwise, I'm struggling to find McDaniel's constituency, or value.

Following the objections of Todd and Stohr, the Republican machine began trying to generalize the objections to her hiring as simple partisanship, ignoring how this specific hire is different.

In any media outlet's necessary quest for credibility, she's a liar first, a Republican second. That's the difference.

Consumers need to do their part and turn NBC News off. If she stays on the job at the network, and its audience doesn't revolt, whose fault is it when her lies evolve into, as McDaniel herself would describe it, "typical political discourse?"

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As an example, pay attention to the coming story from Kent Babb, an investigative sports reporter from the Washington Post. He has been working on a story about flamboyant and controversial LSU women's basketball coach, Kim Mulkey, for two years. She's expecting an unflattering report, as we all are, but she is threatening to sue and questioning all media in the process.

Read Babb's last LSU story and decide for yourselves if he's a pro. Spoiler: he is.

The media market will respond to consumers. We should speak with our viewership, our wallets and our feet, like we do in every other market. We shouldn't just keep consuming it like we can't taste that it's rotten. Credibility is the product.

This market will give us what we value, if we keep demanding it.

Jay Rosen would say the stakes are too high not to. He is absolutely correct, again.

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We are seeing a lethal shift in crisis

By JENS LUDWIG and JACOB MILLER
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While gun violence declined last year, a closer look at the data reveals a striking and surprising trend. While the total number of shootings is going down, the lethality of shootings — the odds of someone dying in a shooting — seems to be going up. If that trend holds, it could have massive consequences for gun violence in America, with hundreds or thousands more homicides per year.

A few years ago at a Chicago police station, one of us saw why this is happening. Officers who had stopped some teenagers in a car dropped on a desk what they had found during that stop: a semi-automatic pistol with a giant drum magazine appended to the bottom, which would allow the user to fire 100 rounds before reloading. That kind of alteration seems to be more common across the country and is leading to shootings becoming more deadly.

We can see the tragedies that result from data from Chicago over the past 13 years.

The number of high-capacity magazines, holding 15 or more rounds, that police recover on the streets has increased six-fold. That trend is interacting in an unhelpful way with the development of so-called Glock switches. One of the most effective gun laws in federal history came from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's efforts in the 1930s to ban machine guns. What's left on the market are semi-automatic firearms that fire once every time the trigger is pulled.

Glock switches are post-market devices that convert these guns into automatic firearms; that is, anyone with \$50 and an internet connection can turn a regular semi-automatic firearm into a machine gun. While these were unheard of in 2010, last year, Chicago police seized 447 guns modified to fire fully automatically. From a public safety perspective, it's not ideal for someone to be able to fire 100 rounds without having to reload; it's even less ideal for those 100 rounds to be fired at a machine gun rate.

More high-capacity magazines and Glock switches have led the number of shell casings recovered at each shooting to surge. The number of shooting scenes in which police recovered 20 or more casings increased from 23 in 2010, less than 1% of total shooting incidents, to 386 last year — or nearly 16% of total shooting incidents.

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Why is this such a big problem? The more rounds fired in each shooting, the higher the chances someone is hit — in particular, multiple times.

That's reflected in a rising shooting fatality rate, from 1 in 7 (12.6%) to closer to 1 in 5 today (18.7%). With 2,000 to 3,000 shootings per year in Chicago, seemingly small differences in lethality can have a large impact on total homicides. In 2023, the city had 184 more fatal shootings than it would have had if lethality had not increased. That's equal to about one-third of the total homicides in Chicago last year. That's 184 families devastated by the loss of a mother, brother, father, son or daughter, families that now will never be the same.

This isn't limited to Chicago. Data from Philadelphia and Los Angeles show that shooting lethality has increased in those cities as well. If the fatality rate hadn't increased in Los Angeles, that city would have had 49 fewer homicides last year. Philadelphia would have had 69 fewer homicides.

This trend has a little bit of a "back to the future" flavor. Thirty years ago, the federal government banned high-capacity magazines that held 10 or more rounds. But that ban was allowed to sunset. We're seeing the consequences play out across the country, particularly in our most economically disadvantaged urban neighborhoods.

Amid America's heated debate over gun control, survey data suggests high-capacity magazines might be an area of reasonably bipartisan consensus: Most Americans agree you don't need a 100-round magazine and a Glock switch to hunt or protect your home against an invader. Yet these are having devastating consequences for public health.

Glock switches and high-capacity magazines may be low-hanging fruit for legislators. Targeting them potentially could save a remarkable number of lives in short order.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Laska's Cryptogram Clue: R-equals G

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(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

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- 1) What auto maker produced both the Protege and the Millenia?
2) What late night host was just the second to be president of Harvard Lampoon for two years?

(1) Mazda
(2) Conan O'Brien

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Laska's Cryptogram Clue: R-equals P

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to liver health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = e)

A. 14 4 3 26 8 6
Clue: Remove impurities

B. 1 3 9 16 15 16 3
Clue: Adult beverage

C. 5 8 12 4 9 4 25 8
Clue: Remedy

D. 12 4 17 8 1 17 8
Clue: Illness

Answers: A. Filter B. Alcohol C. medicine D. disease

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the word to spell something pertaining to kidneys.

FUHSL

Answers: Flush

Guess Who?

I am an actress and singer who was born on March 29, 1981 in Washington. I attended the Carnegie Mellon School of Drama. Many people know me as "Glinda" in the musical "Wicked."

Answer: Megan Hilty

kids' corner

ART FACT

STUDYING THESE HAS BEEN SHOWN TO ENHANCE REASONING, LANGUAGE, VISUAL, AND DECISIVE THINKING SKILLS?

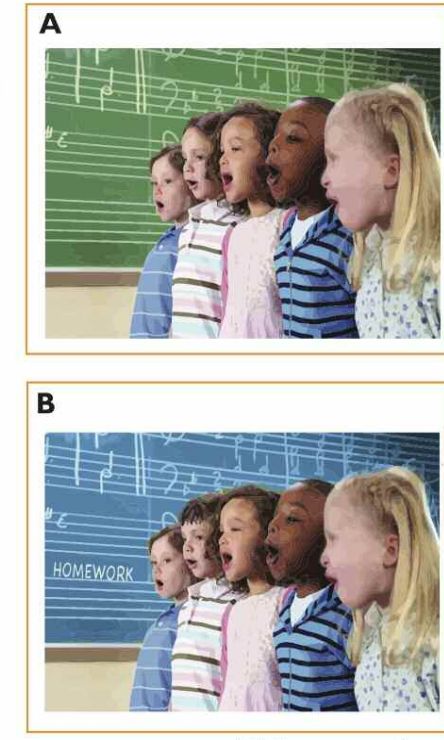
ANSWER: ARTS AND MUSIC

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Tune
SPANISH: Tonada
ITALIAN: Motivo
FRENCH: Air
GERMAN: Melodie

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Board is blue, not green. 2. The word "homework" is on the board. 3. Girl has bangs. 4. Boy's shirt missing zipper

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

MAR 26

- 1971: EAST PAKISTAN DECLARES ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM PAKISTAN, TAKING THE NAME OF BANGLADESH.
- 1982: GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES FOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON, DC.
- 1999: THE "MELISSA WORM" INFECTS MICROSOFT WORD PROCESSING AND EMAIL SYSTEMS.

New word

REST
a interval of silence in a musical piece

KIDNEY & LIVER WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

ABDOMEN
ALCOHOLISM
ANTIBODIES
ASCITES
AUTOIMMUNE
BILE
BIOPSY
BLADDER
CATHETER
CHOLESTEROL
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CIRRHOSIS
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A strange kettle of fish

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ 9 7 2
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 10 9 8 3 2
♣ A Q J 10 7 4 3 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 8 7 6
♥ 10 9 6 4 3
♦ 6 4
♣ 5

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

The bidding:
North 1♠ Pass 2♥ 5♣
East Pass 2♥ 6NT
South 2♥ 6NT
West 5♣

Opening lead: ten of diamonds.

Assume you're in six notrump and West leads a diamond, which you win with the queen. Making the slam seems to be a perfunctory exercise, but when you cash the king of hearts, West shows out, and when you cash the ace of spades, he shows out again.

This is surely a strange kettle of fish, with West showing out of

both suits to place the slam in jeopardy. What looked like an apparent 13 tricks when dummy was tabled has been whittled down to 11, and now you must try to get back to 12. It looks impossible, but, when you think the matter over, a light begins to dawn.

The first step is to cash two more diamonds to strip East of whatever clubs and/or diamonds he may have. Then, having reduced East's hand to four spades and four hearts, you play the Q-8 of hearts. East must cover the eight with the nine, which you win with the jack.

Next you cash the K-Q-J of spades, ending in dummy. This leaves you with the A-7 of hearts and king of clubs in your hand, while East has the ten of spades and 10-6 of hearts.

You now put East on lead with a spade, discarding your king of clubs, and he is forced to return a heart. You finesse the seven, and the slam is home.

Actually, you could predict as early as trick three that you'd make the slam. Thanks to your heart spots, you had East over a barrel from the start, and there was absolutely nothing he could do about it.

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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday answer: 41

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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♣ 6 5 2

WEST
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♥ 7 6 2
♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ A K

EAST
♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ J 10 9 5 4
♦ K 5
♣ 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q J
♥ A Q
♦ 7 6
♣ Q J 10 9 8 4

The bidding:
East 1NT Pass 3NT
South 1NT Pass 3NT
West 3NT
North 3NT

Opening lead: jack of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the Canadian Trials to select a team for the 1972 World Women's Team Championship. The hand features a sparkling defensive play—the kind you read or hear about but rarely ever see.

The heroine of the piece was Sharyn Linkovsky of Montreal, who held the East cards at the first table. Her partner led the jack of diamonds against three notrump. The winning defense would have been easy to find had declarer

played the queen from dummy; in that case, Linkovsky would have taken the king and returned a diamond, leaving South in a hopeless position.

But declarer, no green hand, went up with the ace on the diamond lead, and it was on this trick that Linkovsky made the magnificent play of the king! As a result, declarer went down one. West won the club lead at trick two, established her diamonds and soon afterward got in with another club to cash her remaining diamonds and set the contract.

Had Linkovsky not dropped her king of diamonds on the ace, declarer would have made 10 tricks with proper play instead of the eight she actually wound up with.

At the other table, North became declarer at three notrump, and East made the perfectly normal lead of a heart. Declarer won with dummy's queen and led the queen of clubs. West took the king and shifted to the jack of diamonds, but North went up with the ace and led another club to make four notrump.

At the second table, East could have duplicated Linkovsky's feat had she found the inspired opening lead of the king of diamonds. But in Canada, they don't play the game with mirrors.

Tomorrow: Maximize your chances.
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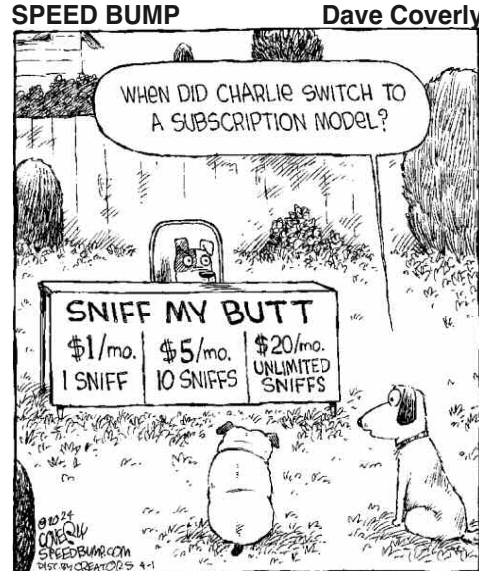
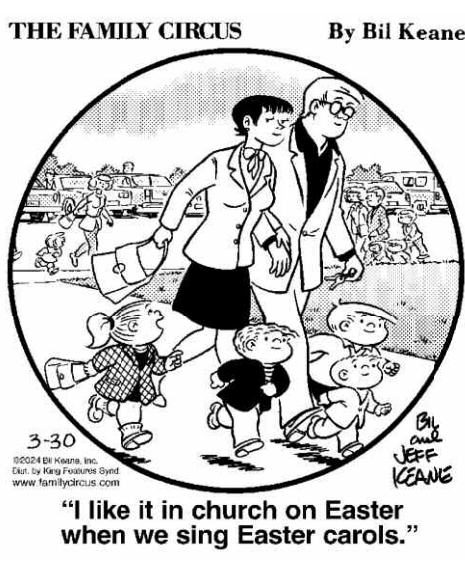
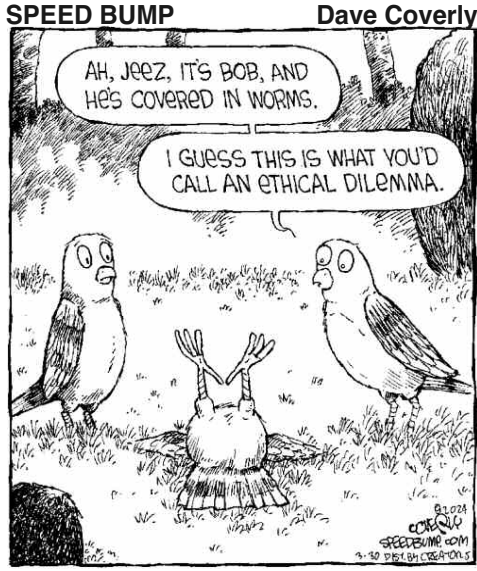
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Laughter

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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APRIL 6, 2024
9:30 A.M.
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38C01-2402-EU-000005
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Notice is hereby given that Teresa Alig was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Louanna J. Hurst, deceased, on the 5th day of February, 2024, who died on the 16th day of January, 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 this day of February, 2024.
Jon Eads
CLERK OF THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
COLDREN, FRANTZ & SPRUNGER
Attorneys at Law
940 N. Meridian St.
Portland, IN 47371
260-726-4220
CR 3-30, 4-6-2024-HSPAXLP

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JAY COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATION
JAY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Steve & Tony Schwieterman, Portland, IN, have filed with the Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals a petition, #Var2024-03-05, requesting a Variance to the zoning regulations, to wit:
Parcel ID: 38-08-23-300-008.000-028
Location of Property Affected: 8346 E SR 26, Portland, IN, Noble Township, Section 23
Description of Action Requested: Requesting a variance of 90 feet from the road right-of-way setbacks for the construction of a new poultry confined feeding building on said property.
A public hearing will be held by said Board on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371.
If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date. Letters may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building Department.
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Indians secure first win

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review
ST MARYS, Ohio — The Indians had an early opportunity to score.

The Roughriders not only shut it down, but then cashed for themselves.

The Indians were deflated until a home run from Kayla Heitkamp, and then everything started to click.

After falling behind early, the Fort Recovery High School softball team's defense picked up as the bats did their job to escape with its first win of the year — a 5-3 victory over the host Memorial Roughriders on Thursday.

"The girls did a great job today," FRHS coach Carrie Schoen said. "They battled every inning. Everybody had kind of a little piece of that whole win, so super proud of everyone."

After missing its opportunity and trailing 1-0 after the first inning, Fort Recovery started the second inning flat. Adyson Van De Keere only needed eight pitches to strike out the first two batters and got two quick strikes on Heitkamp. With an 0-2 count,

Defense holds out after first-inning error

Heitkamp hit a blast that cleared the left-field fence to tie the game up and lift the mood.

"I had two strikes on me, so I was trying to protect the plate but got a perfect pitch," Heitkamp said. "It felt great. I've put in a lot of hard work to get good at bats and it's good to see the progress that I've made."

"I think that gave us confidence that we could hit off of the pitcher and you just have to believe in yourself."

With the game tied, the Indians' defense stepped up, not committing another error the entire game. Over the other six innings, Tebbe only gave up four hits and three walks that amounted to two runs. She only faced four batters in the second and third innings and retired the side in order in the fifth and sixth inning.

"I just understood what

they didn't like and what they wanted to hit," Tebbe said. "Some didn't like riseballs so that's what they got. Others didn't like it inside so I focused on the inside and that really got them."

Two of the first three batters for FRHS (1-1) reached base in the game. With only one out, Kylie Post hit a ground ball to second base to advance the runners, but the inning ended with Jenna Homan grounding out to the pitcher.

Memorial took advantage to strike first in the bottom of the inning.

Makenzie Henning reached base on a first-pitch bunt that she beat out. She took off for second base during the next at bat, and Post's throw down sailed high, allowing Henning to come all the way around to score.

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Emma Will reels in a fly ball during the Fort Recovery High School softball team's 5-3 win at Memorial on Thursday. Will scored three of the runs while reaching base in all four of her plate appearances. For more photos, visit thecr.com.

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UConn clobbers SDSU in Sweet 16

By **JOE ARRUDA**
Hartford Courant
Tribune News Service

BOSTON — Fueled by its backcourt, the UConn men's basketball program is headed back to the Elite Eight after pulling away for an 82-52 win over 5-seed San Diego State in Boston's sold-out TD Garden Thursday night.

Tristen Newton, Cam Spencer and Stephon Castle led the way in the national championship rematch, combining for 51 points as the reserves helped UConn (34-3) grow its lead to as many as 32 late in the second half.

Newton reasserted his

All-American status with 17 points, seven rebounds and four assists while Spencer scored 16 of his 18 points in the first half, adding five rebounds and three steals. Castle, a freshman, recorded his first double-double of the year with 15 points and a career-high 11 rebounds.

The win tied UConn's record for wins in a season, which was set in 1999, when the program won its first national championship. UConn has won nine consecutive NCAA Tournament games by an average of 22.8 points.

See **UConn** page 9

Mastodons advance in WNIT

The Mastodons got matched up with a Power 5 team in their second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

The Mastodons didn't care as they dominated the Bearcats.

Renna Schwieterman added five points to the Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball team's 84-58 blowout of the Cincinnati Bearcats on March 24.

Schwieterman played 13 minutes off the bench for the Mastodons in the second round of the WNIT.

She shot a perfect 2-for-2 from the field with a 3-pointer. She also had two rebounds and an assist before fouling out of the contest halfway through the fourth quarter.

The Mastodons (23-12) faced Saint Louis in the Super 16 on Friday to earn a chance to play Wisconsin in the Great 8.

Noah Arbuckle
Jay County — 2020

Picked up the win while throwing seven innings for the Huntington University baseball team in the first game of a doubleheader on Monday.

Arbuckle started the game for the Foresters (17-12) by retiring the first eight batters. A hit in the third inning didn't do any damage as the JCHS graduate retired the side on the next batter.

To start the fourth, he gave up a home run, but only gave up one hit

Collegiate check-up

and zero runs against the final 15 batters he faced.

In all, the senior only gave up three hits and one walk while striking out one batter. Huntington's offense covered for the run, by scoring 11 to end the game by the mercy rule in the eighth.

Sophie Pearson
FRHS — 2023

Nearly made it around to score as a pinch runner for the Thomas More University softball team in a 4-1 loss Sunday to the Ashland Eagles.

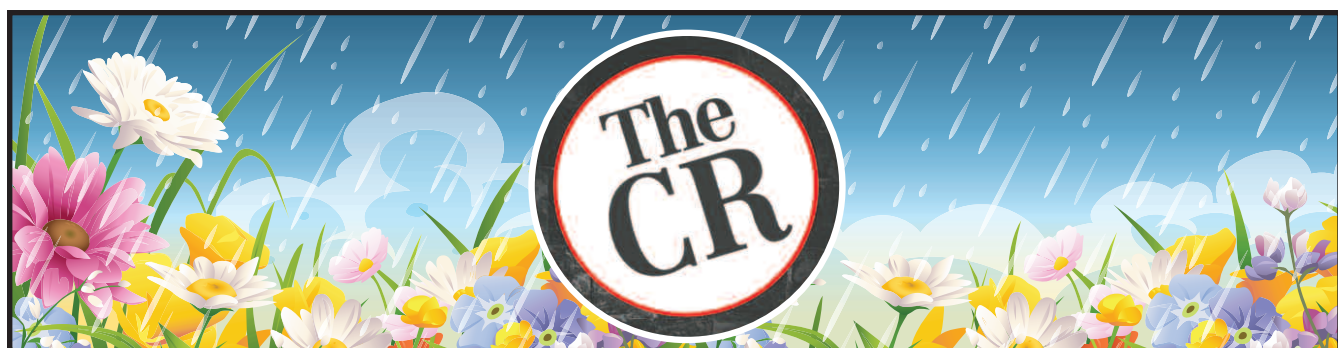
Pearson was subbed in to run for Becca Mowen in the sixth inning as the Saints trailed Ashland 4-0. She advanced to second on a wild pitch.

Hailey McAdoo hit a single to drive in a run for the Saints (6-21), but Pearson was thrown out by the right fielder when trying to score from second base.

Maddie Guggenbiller
FRHS — 2023

Played both games in the Defiance College softball team's doubleheader against the Adrian Bulldogs.

The 2023 graduate of Fort Recovery High School reached base once on a walk in the pair of losses for the Yellowjackets (4-13).



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Indians junior Kayla Heitkamp smiles as she returns to the dugout after hitting a home run against Memorial in Thursday's 5-3 win. Heitkamp's home run tied the game at 1-1 and provided the Indians with energy.

Indians ...

Continued from page 8
The Roughriders continued to put pressure on Indians' pitcher Brittney Tebbe, but finished the inning with only one run. The only other Memorial scores came in the fourth inning. Cadence Hirschfeld led off with a walk and advanced on a bunt, a wild pitch and a groundout to score. A home run from Ava Klosterman tied the game at 3-3.

While the Indians' defense succeeded, Memorial struggled on that side of the ball, giving up three errors, both of which led to runs eventually crossing the plate. "Errors just impacted that game way too much," said MHS coach Kendra Solomon. "It was frustrating for the girls and frustrating for all of us for that to be the factor that made the difference in that game."

Along with the errors, FRHS got good offensive production out of Emma Will and Ella Schoen, as the duo accounted for the scoring in the third, fifth and seventh innings. In the third, Will led off

with a single to center before stealing second base. Two batters later, Schoen hit a hard ground ball to Hirschfeld at shortstop that was bobbled and thrown away to allow Will to score. She later scored on an error by Shadrach.

In the fifth, Will reached first on an error before Schoen's single drove her in.

The seventh inning featured both hitting singles (and Will stealing second before Schoen's at bat) to score.

"Those were huge," Carrie Schoen said. "Anytime we can get Emma Will on the basepaths and get her moving helps us tremendously."

Tebbe earned the win, giving up three runs — two earned.

Van De Keere suffered the loss with six hits that led to five runs, only two of which were earned.

Klosterman powered the Roughriders' offense, going 3-for-3 with the home run.

Ella Schoen led in RBIs with two while Emma Will led with three hits and three runs.

Box score

Memorial Roughriders
vs. Fort Recovery Indians

Fort Recovery (1-1)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Will cf	4	3	3	0
AvGrisez 2b	4	0	0	0
Schoen 3b	3	1	2	2
Post c	4	0	0	0
Homan 1b	3	0	0	0
Tebbe p	3	0	0	0
Wendel ss	3	0	0	0
Heitkamp lf	3	1	1	1
AlGrisez rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	30	5	6	3

Memorial (0-1)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Helsing 3b	3	0	0	0
Henning cf	4	1	1	0
Shadrach 2b	3	0	1	0
Van De Keere p	3	0	1	0
Young c	3	0	0	0
Hirschfeld ss	1	1	0	0
Ross lf	3	0	0	0
Weigel rf	3	0	0	0
Klosterman 1b	3	1	3	1
Totals	26	3	6	2

Ft. Recovery	012	010	1 — 5
Memorial	100	200	0 — 3

LOB — Fort Recovery 5, Memorial 7. 3B — Memorial 2 (Shadrach, Van De Keere). HR — Fort Recovery 1 (Heitkamp), Memorial 1 (Klosterman). SB — Fort Recovery 3 (Will 3).

Ft. Rec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tebbe	7	6	3	2	5	7

Memorial	Vn De Kre	7	6	5	3	1	9
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UConn ...

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Jaedon LeDee went shot-for-shot with the Huskies to start the game, but Newton ripped an offensive rebound away from him around the 14-minute mark and sparked a 12-2 run that was fueled by a pair of layups and a 3-pointer from Spencer.

LeDee finished with 18 points, only three in the second half, and led his team with eight rebounds.

Alex Karaban made two 3-pointers in the first four minutes, the second with his heel touching the center-court logo, as UConn finished the first half with more made 3s (5 for 14) than it had for the entirety of the Round of 32 game against Northwestern (3 for 22).

But the Huskies went quiet, making just two of their 16 shots from the field from the eight-minute mark until Spencer knocked down a midrange jumper to end a three-minute scoring drought. The Aztecs cut their deficit to four but Spencer scored

UConn's last seven points of the half to make it a 40-31 lead at the break.

Castle scored six straight points in the second half to help UConn build a 16-point lead as it continued to dominate the glass. And Hassan Diarra, who came on to give Spencer a break after his own scoreless first half, continued to stretch the lead with a pair of layups and a 3-pointer from the corner.

The Huskies finished the game with a 50-27 rebounding advantage, 21-10 on the offensive end.

Castle found Donovan Clingan (eight points, eight rebounds) for a dunk that knocked the Aztecs out as UConn's lead grew to 21 with seven minutes to play.

UConn is now 13-6 in Sweet 16 games all time and advances to the Elite Eight for the 13th time, where it holds a 6-6 record. The Huskies will meet the winner of 3-seed Illinois and 2-seed Iowa State on Saturday for a chance at the Final Four.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Fort Recovery — Softball at Bath — 11 a.m.; Baseball at Crestview — 12 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Softball at Blackford — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Lehman Catholic — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Coldwater — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Parkway — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Baseball vs. Bellmont — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Blackford — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Bellmont — 5:30 p.m.; Track vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track four-team meet — 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Russia — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Minster — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
8:30 a.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: ToyotaCare 250 (FS1)
8:30 a.m. — Premier League: West Ham United at Newcastle United (USA)
11 a.m. — Premier League: Crystal Palace at Nottingham Forest (USA)
11:15 a.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Toyota Owners 400 (FS1)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: LSU vs. UCLA (ABC)
1 p.m. — UFL: Birmingham Stallions at Arlington Renegades (FOX)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: Houston Open (NBC)
1:30 p.m. — Premier League: Wolverhampton at Aston Villa (NBC)
1:30 p.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Borussia Dortmund at Bayern Muenchen (ESPN)
2:30 a.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: ToyotaCare 250 (FS1)
3 p.m. — College baseball: Minnesota at Iowa (BTN)
3:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Colorado vs. Iowa (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — NWSL: Angel City at Kansas City Current (ESPN)
4 p.m. — MLB: Washington Nationals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
4 p.m. — UFL: St. Louis Battlehawks at Michigan Panthers (FOX)
5:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Baylor vs. USC (ESPN)
6 p.m. — College basketball Elite 8: Illinois vs. UConn (TBS)
7 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Houston Astros (FOX)
8 p.m. — Women's college basketball tournament: Duke vs. UConn (ESPN)
8:40 p.m. — College basketball Elite 8: Clemson vs. Alabama (TBS)
10 p.m. — USL Championship: Memphis 901 at Sacramento Republic (FOX)

Sunday
9 a.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)
9 a.m. — Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion at Liverpool (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at Manchester City (NBC)
12 p.m. — College softball: Arkansas at Georgia (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — UFL: D.C. Defenders at San Antonio Brahmas (ESPN)
12 p.m. — College baseball: Maryland at Michigan (BTN)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: Houston Open (NBC)
1:40 p.m. — MLB: Washington Nationals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
2:20 p.m. — College basketball Elite 8 (CBS)
3 p.m. — UFL: Memphis Showboats at Houston Roughnecks (ESPN)
3 p.m. — College baseball: Penn State at Illinois (BTN)
3:30 p.m. — NHL: Anaheim Ducks at Vancouver Canucks (TNT)
3:30 p.m. — MLS: Chicago Fire at Atlanta United (FOX)
4:50 p.m. — College basketball Elite 8 (CBS)
6 p.m. — Major League Rugby: San Diego at Miami Sharks (FS1)
7 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Toyota Owners 400 (FOX)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)

Monday
7 p.m. — NBA: Brooklyn Nets at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — High School basketball: Powerade Jamfest (ESPN2)

Tuesday
2:30 p.m. — Premier League: Everton at Newcastle United (USA)
5 p.m. — College softball: Penn State at Ohio State (BTN)
6:30 p.m. — Girls high school basketball: McDonald's All-American Game (ESPN2)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Philadelphia Phillies (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College basketball NIT: Utah vs. Indiana State (ESPN)
7 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: Tigres UANL at Columbus Crew (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)
9 p.m. — High school basketball: McDonald's All-American Game (ESPN)
9 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: America at New England Revolution (FS1)
9:30 p.m. — College basketball NIT: Georgia vs. Seton Hall (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (TNT)
10 p.m. — NHL: Vancouver Canucks at Vegas Golden Knights (ABC)
10:10 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)

HEALTHCARE

Warning signs of concussions

No athlete, professional or amateur or otherwise, is immune from injury. Most athletes recognize the risk for injury is always present, but the thrill of competition and challenging oneself physically is enough to relegate injury concerns to the back burner.

Sports injuries may be part of the competitive athletics equation, but that does not make them any easier to handle when they occur. One of the more serious injuries that can occur when playing sports does not involve fractures or sprains. Concussions are brain injuries that can cause temporary loss of normal brain function. The American Association of Neurological Surgeons reports that concussions are caused by direct trauma to the head. Potential causes of such trauma can be a fall or a blow to the head. Involvement in a motor vehicle accident also can cause concussion.

Concussions affect non-athletes as well as athletes, which is important for people from all walks of life to recognize. However, athletes who compete in contact sports like football, ice hockey, rugby, and soccer should be especially mindful of concussions. That's because contact sports tend to have the highest concussion rates. Concussion rates can



be hard to tabulate, as many athletes may suffer mild concussions and never report any issues to parents or coaches. However, a 2019 study published in the journal Pediatrics found that, between the 2013-14 and 2017-18 school years, the three sports with the highest concussion rates were boys' football, girls' soccer and boys' ice hockey. Of course, adult athletes also can suffer concussions, which underscores how important it is that all individuals, and especially athletes competing in contact sports, learn to recognize the symptoms of a concussion. With that in mind, the AANS notes these are some common symptoms of concussion:

- Confusion
- Headache

- Vision disturbances (double or blurry vision)
- Dizziness or imbalance
- Nausea or vomiting
- Memory loss
- Ringing ears
- Difficulty concentrating
- Sensitivity to light
- Loss of smell or taste
- Trouble falling asleep

Concussions should be taken seriously, and it's important to note that most people fully recover after a concussion. However, the AANS urges people to seek immediate medical attention if symptoms have not gone away within 10 to 14 days. In addition, certain situations that can arise after suffering a concussion should be brought to the attention of a physician. Such situations include:

- Headache worsens or

does not go away

- Speech is slurred, and feelings of weakness, numbness or decreased coordination present
- Significant nausea or repeated vomiting
- Seizures
- Loss of consciousness
- Inability to wake up
- Symptoms worsen at any time
- History of multiple concussions

Concussions are serious brain injuries that should not be taken lightly. Athletes and parents of young athletes should discuss concussion prevention strategies with coaches and report any issues to a physician immediately. More information about concussions can be found at aans.org.

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