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JSC teacher placed on leave

Sheriff's office is investigating incident

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

A Jay County Junior-Senior High School teacher has been placed on administrative leave following an allegation of misconduct.

Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley confirmed Saturday afternoon that Joel Bowers was placed on administrative leave Thursday. Bowers, 36, Portland, is

listed as a social studies teacher on the Jay County Junior-Senior High School website.

He is also chair of the Democratic Party in Jay County.

Bowers did not immediately respond to a request for comment Saturday afternoon.

The alleged misconduct occurred Wednesday, with school officials receiving a report on the incident Thursday, Gulley said. In a press release following a request by The Commercial Review for information regarding Bowers' status as a teacher, he said there were "allegations of conduct in violation of JSC Policy 3213 Student Supervision and Welfare." (That section of school corporation policy details standards such as providing proper instruction, reporting threats of violence, not fraternizing with students in an inappropriate manner and only communicating with students via electronic means directly related to school matters.) He added that information



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Propane preparation

Firefighters from the Portland, Redkey and Bryant departments underwent training Saturday afternoon for how to handle propane leakes. Pictured, firefighters work on injecting water into a leaking propane tank during the training session led by Responder Training Enterprises in the Pioneer Warehousing parking lot, 1617 N. Meridian St., Portland.

_oans available to cover ag losses

Loans are available to those who experienced damage in last month's severe storms.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced

Jay is eligible as a county adjacent to declared disaster area

the structures in Selma. The loans can be used to help producers repair or replace damaged or destroyed property. Examples include farm buildings, fixtures to real estate, equipment, livestock, perennial crops, fruit- and nut-bearing trees, and harvested or stored crops and hay.

was turned over to the school resource officer.

called to the principal's office during Thursday's lunch period to be informed of the allegation loans. and "served notice" of his Tho administrative leave.

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regarding the allegation that Randolph County has been declared a natural disaster area, making it The teacher was then and adjacent counties Jay, Delaware, Henry, Wayne and Darke County, Ohio, eligible for physical loss

tornado that ravaged Win- targeted at agriculture 165 miles per hour — to have damaged 50% of

chester and Selma, high producers who experi-stretched as wide as 700 winds, hail or excessive enced several physical rain on March 14 are elians. gible for the loans Those who experienced through the USDA's Farm damage because of the Service Agency. They are winds ranged from 136 to chester. It was estimated

losses, such as buildings and livestock.

The EF3 tornado —

yards and damaged or destroyed more than 130 structures while injuring about three dozen in Win-

For more information, contact a local Farm Service Agency office. Details are also avail-

able online at



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Bass player

Sixth grader Fletcher Post is poised to play the bass bar last week during rehearsal for Bloomfield Elementary School's spring program.

City pursuing legal action By LIA RUSSELL and DAN BELSON

Baltimore Sun Tribune News Service

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott said Monday the city had hired attorneys to pursue legal action against the operators of the cargo vessel that struck and toppled the Francis Scott Key Bridge last month, the same day the FBI confirmed it had opened a criminal probe.

In a statement, Scott said the city had hired Philadelphia law firm Saltz Mongeluzzi Bendesky, which specializes in personal injury suits, and DiCello Levitt, a Washington, D.C.based firm that specializes in civil and human rights litigation and commercial, environmental, and class-action lawsuits. Sara Gross, the city Office of Law's chief of affirmative litigation, will also be a part of the legal team.

Also Monday, an FBI Baltimore spokesperson said that federal agents were present "conducting court authorized law enforcement activity" on should know, whether it's gun

Mayor announces on same day FBI opens criminal probe

rammed into a bridge support column early on March 26, causing a 1.6-mile span to collapse into the Patapsco River. Six construction workers who were on the bridge died.

The FBI declined to comment further. A spokesperson for the Maryland's U.S. Attorney's Office wouldn't comment further on the matter but forwarded a statement from Maryland U.S. Attorney Erek Barron

"My office generally will not confirm the existence of or otherwise comment about investigations," Barron said in the statement. "However, the public

the massive cargo ship that violence, civil rights abuse, financial fraud, or any other threat to public safety or property, we will seek accountability for anyone who may be responsible."

> Six construction workers died in the March 26 incident, which temporarily shut much of the Port of Baltimore, idling 15,000 port workers and impacting nearby businesses. Authorities have since begun salvaging the ship, which remains stalled in the Patapsco River, weighed down by parts of the structure. Federal officials have pledged to finance the cleanup, and authorities expect the port to fully reopen by the end of May.

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Deaths

Max Glancy, 95, Hartford

Details on page 2.

City

Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 79 degrees Sunday. The low was 59.

Rain is expected tonight with a low around 60 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Wednesday's high will be in the lower 70s with more rain expected.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition is hosting another community forum about recovery housing at 6 p.m. Thursday in IU Health Jay's conference rooms A and B. Local residents are encouraged to attend.

Coming up Wednesday — Coverage of

this week's Portland City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the Jay County track meet against Bluffton.

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



Obituaries

Max Glancy

Jan. 9, 1929-April 11, 2024 Max W. Glancy, 95, of Washington Township, Hartford City, Indiana, passed away with his

family by his side Ťhursday on evening, April 11, 2024, at his home after a recent cancer diagnosis. He was born on

John

Jan. 9, 1929, in Glancy



Hartford City to "Henry" and Helen (John-

son) Glancy. He was a proud Roll Red Roller, graduating in the Class of 1947.

Max had an impressive high school basketball career. He beat out all three local high schools as the leading scorer in the county; something to this day he was very proud of. Shortly after high school, he was drafted by the United States Army.

He married Frances R. Anderson on Nov. 14, 1953, in Logansport, Indiana, celebrating over seven decades of precious memories together.

His long-time career as a truck driver began with Stoll Packing, New York City, and ended with DA Lubricant, Indianapolis. After retirement in 1993, Max began soaking up all of his free time with his only granddaughter, Shannon.

He owned "Wagon Masters" for several years, buying and selling old wagons. Many Saturday mornings you could find him behind the wheel of his with his trailer pickup, hitched up, driving down the road to a sale or auction. He loved collecting all sorts of things, tinkering in his barn,

with his brother John for morning coffee at the High Street Bar.

Local

Max was a lifetime member of the Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156, a former member of the Blackford County Coon Hunter's Association of Roll and a former vice president of Glancy Funeral his parents; brother Ray Glan-Homes. He spent the winter months in Bonita Springs, Florida, with his wife.

Max recently shared he lived a long, good life and he couldn't live forever. However, to his family, even forever wouldn't have been long enough.

Loving survivors include his wife Frances Glancy; son Jeff (wife: Trudie) Glancy; granddaughter Shannon (husband: Ben) Light; great-grandchildren Luna and Lane Light; sisters Marjorie Michaud, Hartfishing and driving into town ford City, Indiana, Beverly Mal-

ott, Montpelier, Indiana, and Sharon (Jim) Roush, Montpelier, Indiana; brothers Jim (Sharon) Glancy, Hartford City, Indiana, John Glancy, Hartford City, Indiana, and Phil Glancy, Hartford City, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by cy; sister Joan Irving; daughter Brenda Glancy; and son Randy Glancy.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker and Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 2 to 8 p.m.

A service to celebrate Max's life will be at Walker and Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024, with Pastors Steve Rogers and Dewey Zent officiating. Burial will fol- ary services.

low in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier. Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156 will be conducting graveside military honors.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156, 112 W. Green St., Montpelier, IN 47359.

Arrangements are being handled by his son and granddaughter, Jeff and Shannon Glancy, Glancy Funeral Homes.

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 mortu-

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72/52	65/48	61/43	55/37	55/36				
Wednes- day's forecast shows thun- derstorms with winds reaching up to 30 mph.	day, with rain expected at		Mostly cloudy skies on Saturday. The low at night may dip into the upper 30s.	Partly sunny on Sunday, with the high tem- perature hit- ting the mid 50s.				

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$63 million	56-63-70-73-77-79-80 Cash 5: 10-19-20-33-35 Estimated jackpot: \$664,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$148 million Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 4-0-2 Daily Four: 4-2-9-6 Evening Daily Three: 7-8-4 Daily Four: 8-5-9-6 Quick Draw: 1-4-5-13- 14-16-19-27-31-35-42-46-55-	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 3-2-0 Pick 4: 1-7-7-2 Pick 5: 9-3-8-9-0 Evening Pick 3: 5-6-6 Pick 4: 3-9-99 Pick 5: 4-8-5-3-4 Rolling Cash 5: 7-11-17- 23-39 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

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Continued from page 1 Gulley did not characterize the nature of the allegations, saying he does not want to interfere or complicate the investigation by the sheriff's office.

"As this matter is under investigation, appropriate information will be communicated to the extent, and at such time, as is consistent with the School Corporation's confidentiality obligations," said Gulley in a press release Saturday afternoon after mycase.IN.gov, Bowers has Amendment rights via

The Commercial Review no information requested regarding Bowers' status.

Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton said Saturday evening that Bowers has declined to speak with police without his lawyer present. He added that the sheriff's office is working to set up an interview with Bowers next week. No arrest had been

made as of 5 p.m. Saturday. According to

criminal history beyond a traffic infraction.

The incident marks the second time this year that а junior-senior high school employee has been placed on administrative leave for alleged misconduct. In January, assistant principal/dean Brad Milleman was placed on administrative leave after two lawsuits were filed against him alleging violations of students' Fourth

"invasive" searches. Milleman returned to work last month when, following an independent legal review, Gulley said he concluded that the students' Fourth Amendment rights were not violated.

A tort claim — a notification of intent to pursue legal action against a government agency — was filed against the school corporation in connection with the initial lawsuit against Milleman and Hudson.

Pursuing

Continued from page 1 The FBI also confirmed Monday its agents had searched the ship but declined to comment further.

Scott said the city's purpose in hiring the firms was to "hold the wrongdoers responsible and to mitigate the immediate and longterm harm caused to Baltimore City residents.'

The Singapore-flagged ship Dali was minutes into a monthlong journey to Sri Lanka when it collided with the bridge shortly before 1:30 a.m. March 26. Scott said the two firms would take "decisive action" against the Dali's owner, Grace Ocean Private Limited; its manager, Synergy Marine; and its charterer, Maersk, citing the former two firms' April 1 petition to limit gal liability their l

Ocean, declined to comment, cit- the scene in the days that followed ing ongoing investigations.

We are continuing to do everything in our power to support everyone impacted here and will continue to recognize the human impact this event has had," Scott said in a press release. "Part of that work needs to be seeking recourse from those who may potentially be responsible, and with the ship's owner filing a petition to limit its liability mere days after the incident, we need to act equally as quickly to protect the City's interests.³

Adam Levitt, of the firm DiCello Levitt, said they will bring "significant" economic and environmental loss claims on behalf of the city government and city residents for causing what is believed to be one of the largest maritime disasters.

We need to hold these entities

the collapse, though the National Transportation Safety Board is leading an independent investigathe tion of crash. The FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office both stated soon after the collapse that they had found no evidence the crash was tied to terrorism.

The NTSB's probe is expected to cover all circumstances leading up to the collapse, which happened after the Dali appeared to lose power as it was approaching the bridge early that morning. That agency's investigators have been homing in on the electronics system of the 984-foot ship, getting assistance from Hyundai to assist authorities with the ship's engine, which the South Korean firm manufactured.

The NTSB's preliminary report, hich will be limited to factual and ensuing collapse, is expected in the first week of May, and its final report could take up to two

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Today in history

In 1862, president Abe Lincoln abolished slavery in the District of Columbia, setting the stage for later full emancipation for Black citizens in the United States. Four years later, approximately 15,000 people arrived in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the day.

In 1964, The Rolling Stones released its first album, which was selftitled. The album topped United Kingdom charts for 12 weeks following its release.

In 1972, giant pandas Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing, a mated pair, arrived at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in town. Washington, D.C. The

pandas were a gift from China following president Richard Nixon's visit. (First lady Patricia Nixon had mentioned how much she enjoyed giant pandas to Chinese premier Zhou Enlai.)

In 2015, Redkey Town Council approved an ordinance regarding unkept properties and an ordinance prohibiting planting trees or placing rocks in the town's rightof-ways. The unkept properties ordinance. approved on a second reading, addressed cleaning abandoned vehicles, trash, garbage, rubbish and public nuisances in

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday

4 p.m. — Portland St., Portland. Board of Aviation, 6 p.m. — Re municipal airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Thursday

6 p.m. – Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community

Center, 118 S. Meridian

6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 S. Mooney St.

Monday

3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana Resource 67, Portland.

immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

Darrell Wilson, a spokesperson representing Synergy and Grace

A Maersk spokesperson did not accountable for the emotional toll findings surrounding the crash and the substantial financial losses that the City of Baltimore and its residents are facing," Levitt said. FBI personnel were present at years.

Capsule Reports

Distracted driving

Damage is estimated \$10,000 between and \$25,000 after a Pennville man drove off county road 700 East and into a scrap vard about 4:52 a.m. Friday.

Nathaniel D. Paxson, 19, was driving his 2003 GMC Sierra north on the road just south of county road 300 South. He told police he was texting and drove off the east side of the road, causing him to enter a vard and hit several scrapped vehicles.

Paxson's vehicle was towed.

Intersection crash

A Portland man drove in front of oncoming traffic, causing a collision at the Pennville.

Today

Friday

DEL TORO

merce St., Portland.

W. State St., Albany.

intersection of Meridian and Arch streets in Portland about 9:28 p.m. Saturday.

John L. Cook, 47, was driving his 2011 Dodge Ram west on Arch Street. He told police he didn't see the 2010 Kawasaki Vulcan motorcycle, driven by 35year-old Steven Redford, driving south on Meridian Street. Cook entered the intersection as Redford was driving through it, causing Redford to strike Cook's vehicle. (Traffic on Meridian Street doesn't stop at the intersection.)

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

The motorcycle Redford was driving is registered to Teddy J. Bessesen of





Family

Resurrect a dream deferred

By HANK NUWER

Lately, I've no time to spare. That's because yours truly, a senior citizen turning 78 in August, is once again acting like a young man.

I literally mean "acting." I've hogged center stage in four theater productions and one movie filming. I rehearse or perform up to six days a week.

Here in Fairbanks' community theater, I played Kris Kringle in "Miracle on 34th Street,' Prince Escalus in "Romeo and Juliet," and (next month) a small part in Lorraine Hansberry's "Raisin in the Sun."

At the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF), I'm currently an assassin in the experimental play "Something in the Living Room," and I play a quirky uncle in the film "Love, Me." This summer I'll appear in a supporting role in Shakespeare's "King Lear."

It's been nearly a half-century since I turned my back on acting to embrace a career as a writer and journalism professor. Simply put, back then I lacked the confidence to give professional acting a decent shot. I never auditioned for a part on Broadway or even for a summer stock role on the straw hat circuit. Therefore, I missed 100% of the shots (auditions) I never took, to paraphrase hockey great Wayne Gretzky.

"Don't give up on your dreams, or your dreams will give up on you," legendary basketball coach John Wooden used to tell his players.

That's great advice but awfully hard to heed in my early

Far From Randolph County

twenties with confidence a quart low.

At the time, I lived in Brooklyn and then just north of New York. I attended about 15 professional plays on Broadway. I trained for the stage on a full fellowship to the University of Bridgeport's Shakespeare Institute in 1969.

Leaving New York for graduate school out West, I played lead roles in three plays by Shakespeare, one by Ibsen, one by Arthur Miller, one by Peter Ustinov and one by Edward Albee. I was lucky enough to act in a successful American College Theater Festival play in which Joseph Campanella, a veteran TV and movie actor, coached me in a Dallas-Fort Worth studio.

You think I might have made a career in theater?" I asked my wife Gosia last week.

Gosia is a pragmatist. Now a naturalized citizen excited to vote in her first USA election, she grew up in Communist Poland. Her whole family lived in a flat approximately the size of a sardine can. She waited hours in long lines for bread. She risked imprisonment by reading samizdat manuscripts criticizing the Russian occupiers.

"Whether you could or could- hank@gmail.com.

n't doesn't matter — you didn't," Gosia said to me. "Be happy you're doing it now."

The young male star in the UAF film is an engineering student named Logan. He told me he tried out, never expecting to nail the lead role.

Now, he's caught the acting bug, and I've encouraged him to follow his new-found dream of acting professionally. He's got not only the necessary looks and voice, but an ease onstage that reminds me of someone I was a half-century ago.

Logan, too, is going to audition for a big part in "King Lear." Like last summer's "Romeo and Juliet," it will be produced on stage in a meadow tucked into the woods on the UAF campus.

What about you, Readers? Was there some dream you put in mothballs that you wish to unwrap?

Writing a memoir or novel perhaps? Running for the school board or a local government seat? Writing a weekly column for The Commercial Review?

The title of "Raisin in the Sun" comes from the powerful poem "Harlem" by black poet Langston Hughes. He wrote this: "What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up. like a raisin in the sun?'

Take it from me. Even a driedup raisin can come back to life if you want something bad enough.

Hank Nuwer is a Franklin College emeritus professor and elected member of Ball State University's Journalism Hall of Fame. Now living far from Union City in Alaska, Hank's email address is Nuwer-

Mother keeps asking for more

DEAR ABBY: I'm a professional, well-educated adult who moved back home because of concerns about my father's health as well as having landed a much better job. As an extra perk, I've been able to save money to pay toward my student loans, as well as spoil my parents a bit as they grow older.

I recently gifted my parents (for the second time) their dream vacation. They loved it the first time and never imagined they'd be able to do it twice. Because my parents still have a minor child who cannot remain alone, I am choosing, as I did last time, to use my personal vacation time to babysit. My mother has been planning the details of her upcoming trip and has now asked me to take more time off work so they can have a road trip after their vacation.

Abby, I am already draining every bit of my time off for their weeklong vacation and will not be able to have a vacation myself until later in the year when I accrue more time. I know she's requesting this to make

Abby the trip more fun for my father. Although I am a generous and patient per-

Dear

son, this has left me feeling almost speechless, a bit unappreciated and frustrated.

Am I overreacting? Should I find a way to extend their trip? — ĽIM-ITED IN OHIO

DEAR LIMITED: The answer to both of your questions is NO. Your mother apparently doesn't appreciate how generous you have been in providing these vacations for her and your father.

If she wants to extend their holiday, she should make her own arrangements for your sibling to be supervised if she and your dad won't be available to do it themselves. Shame on her for trying to foist that responsibility onto you.



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Community Calendar as based recovery group for space is available. To subsubstance abuse. Meal email starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Fellowship Nazarene Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. CONNECTIONS RECOV-Center St., Dunkirk. For ERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283substance use disorder that helps individuals find 2107.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 meets at noon each Tues- p.m. at Zion Evangelical day in the IU Health Jay Lutheran Church, 218 E. Outpatient Behavioral High St., Portland. For nings, a support group for ness will meet from 7 to 9 more information call

cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

COMMUNITY **REIN-**FORCEMENT AND FAMI-LY TRAINING — A nonconfrontational, evidencebased intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginfriends and families of

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illp.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.



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Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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Today

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

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

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

(567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-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 A BETTER LIFE – BRI- each Wednesday in the

Sudoku								
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Saturday's Solution

Level: Beginner

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

Saturday's Solution								
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alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229. A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

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

Thursday

STITCH AND CHAT-TER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

SMART RECOVERY -A group for those struggling with addition that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings. managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

EN AVANT CLUB -Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

RECOVERY PAST SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County **Drug Prevention Coalition** office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.



Help us choose our **TEACHER OF THE YEAR**



Opinion

The safety solution is in your hands

By DAVID A. FRYE

It's time to be honest with you. You're the problem.

Every year about this time we warn you, the motoring public, that highway work is beginning across the country. State Police, State Departments of Transportation, workers, Unions, OSHA, and more; we produce public service announcements and billboards and newspaper ads begging you to be alert, slow down, and drop the phone in work zones.

Yet, every year the number of fatalities in work zones increas-

We have tried to scare you by telling you about the stiff penalties for speeding and reckless driving in work zones. We have tried to appeal to your humanity by talking about the tens of thou- have fought for work zone cam-



sands of lives that have been destroyed due to work zone accidents.

Yet every year, the number of work zone crashes exceeds 100,000.

We have successfully lobbied state legislatures across the country to enact stricter safety laws with tougher penalties. We have fought for reduced speeds in work zones, and cones, then barrels, then barrier walls. We

eras and police officers. We have ness Week is April 15 through 19. fought for higher minimum fines for speeding in work zones, and mandatory jail time for accidents.

That still doesn't seem to have done the trick.

My Union, the Laborers International Union of North America, requires hours of safety training before our members ever set foot on a job site. They are qualified flaggers; they know the best techniques for keeping themselves and their co-workers safe on the job. Our members are equipped with all appropriate personal protective gear; hard hats, steel toed boots, high visibility safety vests, gloves, glasses, and ear plugs.

But we can't protect them from vou.

National Work Zone Aware-

It is held annually to remind the motoring public that there are now people out there fixing those potholes and finishing those projects you've been complaining about all winter. These workers are not here to "make you late" or inconvenience you. They are doing the hard and dangerous work it takes to keep you and this country moving — literally. And, what each of them wants more than anything is to get home safely from their job. It's really the least any of us can ask for in any job.

You are the wild card. We can't make you slow down in work zones. We can't make you leave earlier, and we can't make you wait two minutes to answer the phone or respond to that text. That is your responsibility.

We will continue to remind you that one second of distraction, or poor decision-making, can have a lifetime of conseauences. We will continue to implore you to slow down in work zones. We will continue to fight for tougher penalties and tighter safety regulations. However, none of that will help us achieve the goal of zero accidents and zero fatalities in work zones without your commitment to the safety of workers and drivers in work zones. It's past time to break the patterns, and be the solution instead of the problem. Slow down. Be alert. Help everyone get home safe.

..... Frye is vice president and Midwest regional manager for Laborer's International Union of North America.

Health care is still too costly

Bloomberg Opinion

Tribune News Service America's approach to health care is an outlier among the world's rich countries, and not in a good way. Extraordinarily complex and hideously expensive, it still manages to leave some 26 million people without coverage. The Affordable Care Act of 2010 made notable progress, but failed to solve the pressing problems of high costs and less-than-universal access.

The ACA fell short partly because legislators dropped the public option. This idea should be revived. The dysfunction in Washington makes such innovation difficult at the federal level, but states have been trying variants. These experiments are worth watching.

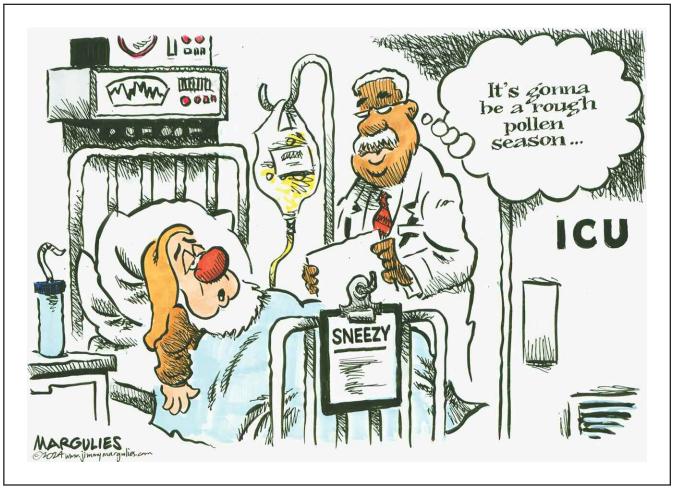
The need for more reform is clear. The US spends about 17% of gross domestic product on health care, half as much again as comparable countries yet on many metrics, including life expectancy, US outcomes are worse. The system's enormous cost is partly hidden because most Americans are insured through their employers: The premiums suppress wages, so the true hit to families' finances is and provider network to disguised. Even covered gradually extend affordable employees can be on the hook charges, enough in some costs, offset by ACA subsicases to pay for a small car. Workers fear that losing their jobs will mean they lose their insurance too. More than half of the 20 million who've signed up for Obamacare in 2024 complain of high monthly costs and out-of-pocket spending. And despite the ACA, roughly 10% of Americans still have no coverage at all. When Obamacare was taking shape, some lawmakers envisioned a public option — a government-run plan that would compete alongside private insurance. Like Medicare, it would save money by negotiating prices and cutting costs. Voters liked the idea, but it met stiff industry opposition and was ultimately scrapped. During his presidential campaign a decade later, Joe Biden supported a public option, but his administration has focused on other ways to make health care more affordable.

Guest **Editorial**

calling public options, and a handful of others have plans underway.

Colorado's scheme is especially popular, thanks generous benefits to (including free primary and mental-health care) and lower premiums than many marketplace plans. State law requires insurers to meet premium-reduction targets, and the insurers negotiate hard with hospitals to cut costs. If they miss the targets, insurers and providers alike can be summoned to public hearings. The state has also introduced a reinsurance program to defray the cost of expensive claims.

Admittedly, schemes like Colorado's depart from the original public-option idea, which relies on competition from a gradually expanding Medicare, not price controls. The oldschool public option still has a lot to recommend it: Use Medicare's systems coverage — with premiums for additional set to recover full actuarial dies for eligible households. A plan called Medicare-X, championed by Senators Michael Bennet and Tim Kaine, would work in this way. The aim isn't to replace private insurance, as some "single payer" schemes envisage, or to regulate some private offerings more tightly state by state, but to broaden access to affordable choices. Public options will face setbacks. Health-care reform is administratively demanding and politically fraught. Absent rules compelling participation, hospitals and providers could refuse to see patients if reimbursement rates fall too low, leaving areas with less coverage and weaker competition. Nobody says this will be easy. Yet the existing system is undeniably failing. In poll after poll, Americans say rising health-care costs are a top concern. States should keep on trying new approaches to see what works. And Washington should put the Medicarebased public option — perhaps the most promising way to solve the system's Three have used it to biggest problems — back



Let's concentrate on us

By AMY LOCKARD The Fulcrum

Tribune News Service

"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Have we become a society of small minds?

In 1974, Time magazine rolled

Amy Lockard



only grows more so in our increasingly connected world. In our obsession with celebrity status, so much time is consumed by others' lives and curating our own. Influencers and those famous for being famous, with no other talent than the ability to draw attention to themselves, are admirable, emulated. And how willingly we disclose our own honed versions of ourselves, hoping our "followers" or resulting "likes" will capitulate us to our 15 minutes of fame, as promised by Andy Warhol. But what is the difference between the outrage we feel at our phones being tapped, or cameras in private places, and the invasion of an individual's privacy? And where is "oneself," when always playing to the public or pleasing others? Appeasing and pleasing are constraints which leave no possibility of remaining true to oneself. Despite this, Oscar Wilde's adage has seemingly been taken to heart: "The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about." Privacy has become an archaic idea in this tell-all age. The pirates have taken over the ship. What if we concentrated on fully living our own lives, ignoring both critics and followers, and engaging in worthwhile, real pursuits? Instead of indulging our endless fascination with others' lives and showcasing our own, would it not thousand-fold be а more enthralling for us to keep our treasures and sail bravely forth? Then, think of Mary Oliver "and tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

Yet the public option wasn't quite dead: As a result of the ACA, states have been able to try "innovative strategies" to lower costs and broaden coverage. advance programs they're on the agenda. out a new publication, People, to capitalize on its wildly popular section. Fifty years later, we need not wait for a weekly publication.

Privacy, a concept once treasured, is being ceded to the pirates.

After Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the widow of our 35th president, had been widowed a second time, the paparazzi hounded her. They argued that because she had married a former president and then a wealthy shipping magistrate, she was fair game. She had given up her right to privacy.

Privacy is not mentioned in our Bill of Rights, but perhaps it should be. It is implied in the Declaration of Independence's promise of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," as depriving citizens of their privacy violates every aspect of life and limits their personal liberty. Plus, happiness is difficult to pursue when you are being pursued by paparazzi.

Should Jackie have had to spend her entire life pleasing all of the people all of the time? Did the public have a right to know her every move, even to vilify her for wanting privacy? Apparently, the answer was "yes" to both questions. Her only choice: to hire a firm to manage her public relations. She was considered American royalty.

The stakes have only gotten higher, the privacy invasion only more insidious.

Princess Diana, discovered this. And paid dearly.

And since her hospitalization in January, Kate Middleton, now princess of Wales, has become the object of intense media speculation. Was her husband, Prince William, having an affair? Was she? Were they on the verge of divorce? And why was the princess not playing to her public, catering to the enquiring minds who want to know, as The National Enquirer used to say.

Turns out the answer to all the speculation was: none of the above. The princess is battling cancer.

For shame.

Yet, the blood-thirsty media can't be entirely blamed for procuring fresh meat to feed our insatiable appetites. Besides, don't we have a right to know?

Do we? Did we have the right to force a devoted mother suffering with a horrendous disease to disclose her struggle publicly?

Others' "stories" may be interesting, but their personal lives are just that - personal. Why do we so want to infiltrate them? As fodder for our otherwise mundane lives? And why are we satisfied being preoccupied with other's lives, while, in the words of T.S. Eliot, measuring out our own in "coffee spoons?'

Garnering adulation for being in the know, especially for the first to know, our hunger for salacious gos-Years later, a "real" royal, sip is seemingly unquenchable and newspapers and periodicals.

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Business



Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$1,000 to Jay County Cancer Society. Pictured First Bank of Berne agribusiness banker Angela Paxson and bank branch manager Tracy Carpenter. Paxson is also a Jay County Cancer Society board member.

Photo provided

Meijer donates to Second Harvest

A local business recently made a donation to support a local food bank.

Meijer donated \$70,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana.

The contribution will go toward distributing health food to communities in the area, including in Jay, Randolph, Blackford and Delaware counties

"Meijer's commitment to helping us feed our community is not just a donation; it brings hope and sustenance to thousands of individuals and families all over East Central Indiana," said Bekah Clawson, president and CEO of Second Harvest, in a press release. "This gift is a testament to Meijer's purpose of enriching lives in the communities it serves, and we are deeply grateful for their support.'

Training scheduled

ServSafe training will be held monthly at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland through June.

Training sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays April 23, May 21 and June 18. The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe foodand beverage-handling practices to minimize the risk of foodborne illnesses

Business roundup

County Purdue Extension office at (260) 726-4707.

Advice offered

CenterPoint Energy recently offered safety tips as part of its observance of National Safe Digging Month.

Anyone who plans a project that requires digging should contact 811 at least two days prior to their work in order to have underground utilities located for free. Such projects include building a fence, planting trees, installing a deck and placing a mailbox.

"By taking the time to call 811 prior to starting their digging project, our customers and communities are taking a critical first step in helping keep every-one safe," said Centerpoint vice president of field services Chasta Martin in a press release. "No matter how shallow the digging project, everyone can help prevent safety incidents and potential loss of service for their fellow community members by having underground utility lines

worth more than \$1.14 billion.

Former CEO dies

Former NextEra Energy chairman and CEO James L. Broadhead died Wednesday at the age of 88.

Broadhead led the company from 1989 to 2001 when it was known as Florida Power and Light Group. He previously served in roles with GTE Corporation and St. Joe Minerals Corporation. He was a member of the boards of directors for Delta Air Lines, the Pittston Company, New York Life Insurance Company and a trustee emeritus of Cornell University.

"Jim Broadhead altered the trajectory of our company, was a leader in our industry and he helped make Florida a better place to live and work," said NextEra Energy chairman, president and CEO John Ketchum in a press release. "He was an incredible businessman, leader, mentor and friend to so many of our team members, both past and present. Jim changed our company's culture for the better and we will continue to carry his legacy forward.'

NextEra owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in southern Jay County and northern Randolph County.

German company, would be directors' automotive industry and supply chain experience will help us progress in our plan to return the company to profitable growth. With new management in place, important strategic actions underway, and an enhanced board, we are confident that Advance is on the right path to create significant long-term value for shareholders."

Leeward launches

Leeward Renewable Energy's Horizon Solar has started operations in Texas.

The 200-megawatt solar project in Frio County, Texas, will provide energy to Verizon Communications. It is the company's second solar project in Frio County, joining the 200-megawatt Morrow lake Solar.

"LRE is pleased to have completed another successful project that will provide our longstanding customer, Verizon, with renewable energy," said Omar Aboudaher, LRE's Sr. Vice President, Development. "None of this would have been possible without the supportive, wonderful com-munity in Frio County, who welcomed our team and this project."

Leeward is planning Rose Gold Solar just north of Dunkirk. The company recently approached Jay County Council about adjusting its timeline for the project because of delays with the grid interconnection process.

versities in the category of public affairs graduate programs. It marked the eighth straight year in which the school has been ranked first or second nationally.

"This year's rankings again demonstrate that graduate programs across the university have earned their rightful place among the nation's best," said IU president Pamela Whitten in a press release. "The impact of our dedicated faculty and the excellent graduate programs offered on Indiana University's campuses is unmistakable. Through their students and alumni, these programs strengthen the vitality of Indiana, our nation and the world through a commitment to transformative research, bold innovation and a desire to improve communities."

Airport is No. 1 Electronics Hub

recently named Indianapolis International Airport as No. 1 in North America and among the top 10 worldwide for its wifi connectivity

The organization based the rankings on review of international airports on Skytrax.

'Wi-Fi connectivity is a significant factor in airport customer experience, from the travel journey showing boarding passes to app-driven self-check-in, along with people striving to stay connected while traveling or to help pass the time for entertainment purposes," said Mario Rodriguez, Indianapolis Airport Authority executive director, in a press release. "IND has made providing that connectivity a priority, and it shows in how people rate Indy's airport."

For more information, or to located." register, call (260) 729-5525.

Fair scheduled

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

Additional information about the event will be provided in the coming months. Businesses that would like to be placed on the list to participate should call the Jay

In talks

Motherson Sumi and Leoni are in talks about possibly combining the two companies, Reuters reported.

Motherson Sumi, the parent company of MSSL Wiring of Portland, has bought several companies in recent years and has been looking to make an acquisition in Europe. Reuters reported that a deal with Leoni, a

Named to board

Advance Auto Parts on Thursday announced the appointment of A. Brent Windom, Gregory L. Smith and Thomas W. Seboldt to its board of directors.

The appointments are in connection to a cooperation agreement with Third Point LLC and Saddle Point Management.

"We are pleased to welcome Brent, Greg and Tom to the Advance Auto Parts board," said board chair Gene Lee. "These

School tops rankings

Indiana University's Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs received the most No. 1 speciality rankings in the 2024-25 U.S. News and World Report Best Graduate School rankings released last week.

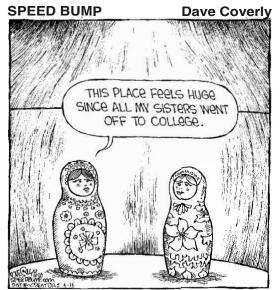
The O'Neill school ranked No. 1 among public institutions and No. 2 among all colleges and uni-

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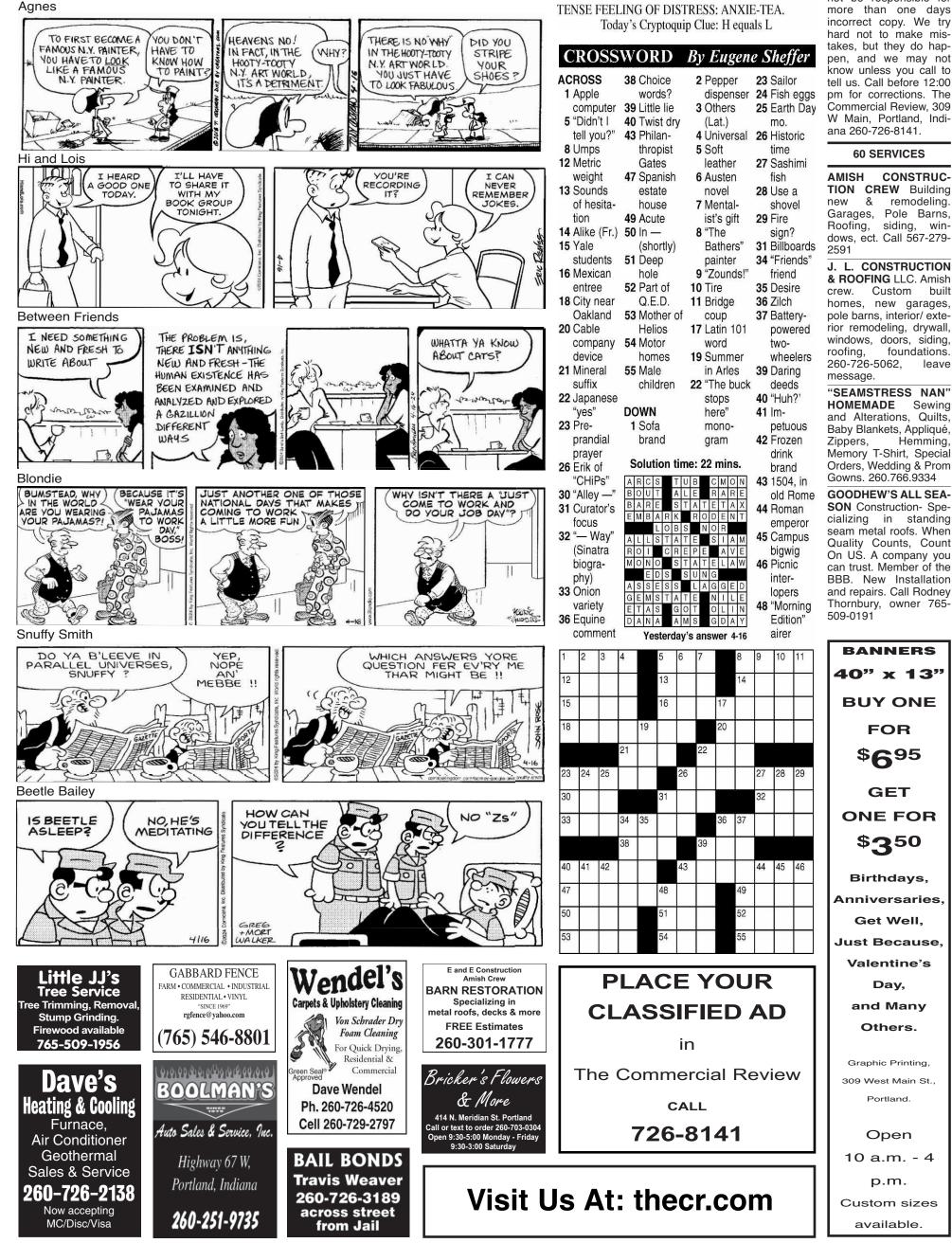


THE FAMILY CIRCUS **By Bil Keane** 5 4-16 JEFF. KEANE

"Beany's gettin' so big, pretty soon he'll need a new shell."



Peanuts



Bridge By Steve Becker

The art of card-reading West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH ♠ A K 92 ♥ K 10 9 8 ♠ Q 7 5

diamonds and shifts to the jack of spades. South sees that the contract is easy to make if the spades are divided 3-2, since he can eventually establish dummy's diamond queen and his fourth spade to come to 10 tricks. He therefore begins to think in terms of what he might do if the spades turn out to be divided 4-1. EAST ♠ Q 10 8 4 ♥ 6 2 After taking the spade jack with the king, he plays the A-K of trump and then leads the eight of A K J 10 3 € 96 2 ★ K J 98 2 € 10 7 4 3 SOUTH ↑ 7 6 5 3 ♥ A Q J 4 3 diamonds. West wins with the ace and returns a diamond to the queen, on which South discards a spade. But when declarer next cashes the ace of spades, West shows out, leaving South with the possibility of losing both a spade and a club for down one. South 1 ♥ 4 ♥ and a club for down one. **Declarer can, of** course, attempt a club finesse, hoping to find East with the king, but this is a bleak prospect, since West is virtually vertain to have the king for his opening bid. It is dire club a grained from the

Pass 3 Pass 4 Opening lead — king of diamonds. There are some deals where declarer can tell exactly how the missing cards are divided and, as a result, can achieve the maximum opening bid. It is this clue, gained from the bidding, that saves the day for declarer. Instead of trying the tempting club finesse, South plays the ace of clubs followed by the queen!

West wins with the king but is

Declarer has two main sources of information that can guide him in working out the composition of the unseen hands. One is the bidding, and the other is the plays already made, which nearly always shed

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made, which heatly always size valuable light. **Consider this case** where South winds up in four hearts after West has opened the bidding with one diamond. West leads the king of stymied. He has no choice but to lead a diamond or a club, and whichever he chooses, South ruffs in dummy and discards his last spade to bring home the contract.

> Tomorrow: Once upon a midnight dreary. ©2024 King Features Syndicate In

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Sports

Chase Elliott takes AutoTrader EchoPark Automotive 400 Martinsville, Elliott now boasts we've enjoyed the fight togeth- times and took the lead from president and general manager

By SHANE CONNUCK The Charlotte Observer

Tribune News Service

Chase Elliott and his team hadn't stopped fighting.

The recent NASCAR Cup Series champion entered Sunday in the midst of a major drought. In addition to missing six weeks because of injury on top of a brief suspended absence, last season was far from the 2023 campaign for which the sport's most popular driver could have hoped.

even before Elliott But snapped his 42-race winless streak in overtime at Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday, he hadn't lost his place as one of the Cup Series' fastest drivers.

four Top 10 finishes (three Top Fives) in nine races this season. While Kyle Larson and William Byron have been the fastest Chevrolet drivers — let alone Hendrick Motorsports — Elliott keeps hanging right there with them.

And now, Elliott has a victory to his name and likely locked up a spot in the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series playoffs.

"Couldn't be more grateful for this journey and kind of the path that hasn't always been fun," Elliott said afterward. "But certainly have enjoyed working with our guys. We've been working really hard and really well together. Like I said, Including his strong run at hasn't always been fun, but

er."

Entering Sunday, Elliott sat sixth in the Cup Series standings with three Top 10 finishes in eight starts. He took the lead early in the final stage at Martinsville last Sunday and finished behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate William Byron. He was leading again during the final stage on Sunday, and the caution-filled race at Texas complicated those late laps. But Elliott prevailed.

After running in the Top 10 since the final stage's first restart, Elliott went three-wide and took the race lead with under 40 laps left. His main competitor was Denny Hamlin, who today, let's look at the whole seaappeared to be a bit faster at son,"

him. But Hamlin pushed too hard and spun late, which prompted overtime, and Elliott powered past Ross Chastain after taking the white flag.

"It was just crazy," Elliott said. 'This place is so sketchy. I haven't seen a replay of Denny and us. I didn't feel like I did anything super crazy there any more than anybody's ever done to me. Just had to run forward. I want to look at it. I didn't feel like I did anything to crash him. I think just the circumstances. But nonetheless, apologies to him if so."

"Is Chase Elliott back?"

"Well, I would say outside of Hendrick Motorsports

Jeff Andrews said. "I think that's a bigger picture than what that team pulled off today. We don't — as a company — think Chase Elliott has ever been gone. We had some things to work on with the team, the support we were giving them. As I said before, he and (crew chief) Alan (Gustafson) spent a lot of time this winter on rebuilding that team, putting the right folks in that team, people that believed as much in that team as Alan and Chase did.

"I think when you get all the folks pulling together and rowing the boat in one direction, you start to see the results like we've had so far with that team in 2024.'

Scheffler wins the Masters Last month, he won both the the water on 11 and double-**Bv SAM FARMER**

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Scottie Scheffler said all last week that he would pull out of the Masters if his expectant wife went into labor during the tournament.

Instead, Scheffler delivered a second green jacket.

The world's No. 1 player was true to form Sunday, remaining steady through "Amen Corner" when the rest of his top competitors got wobbly during that brutal stretch comprising 11th, 12th and 13th holes at Augusta National.

It was the second Masters victory for Scheffler since 2022, and this third win in the past four events.

Arnold Palmer Invitational and bogeyed, and Homa doubled 12 Players Championship, and finished tied for second in the Houston Open.

Scheffler, who shot a four-underpar 68 on Sunday, won the Masters at 11 under par (277), beating runner-up Ludvig Aberg (281) by four strokes.

At 27, Scheffler is the fourthyoungest player to win multiple Masters, behind Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Seve Ballesteros. At one point in the final round,

there was a four-way tie atop the leaderboard among Scheffler, Collin Morikawa, Max Homa and Aberg

But Morikawa and Aberg found tor."

when his tee shot rolled into the bushes above the green. Scheffler, meanwhile, played Amen Corner in bogey, par, birdie and emerged with a three-shot lead. Morikawa. Homa and Tommy Fleetwood tied for third at four under.

Scheffler and his wife, Meredith, are expecting their first child at the end of the month. She usually caddies for her husband in the Masters Par-3 Contest but didn't make the trip from Texas this time.

"Meredith is resting up, we're a few weeks away," Scheffler said during the ESPN broadcast. "We could not get the OK from the doc-

Roundup

Continued from page 8 She bounced back for her first win of the year against Seton Catholic 6-0, 6-0 to claim the consolation championship.

Meredith Dirksen and Sophia Sprunger lost their first match at the No. 1 doubles as they fell 6-2, 6-1 to Eastern Hancock. They also swept Seton Catholic 6-0, 6-0 in the consolation game.

JV strains

BERNE — The Jay County junior varsity girls tennis team traveled to South Adams on Friday, only managing to take two of nine matches.

With poor weather conditions, each match was only one set long.

Lily Johnson picked up a win in the No. 1 singles match. She got up 7-6 on her opponent and took the tiebreaker by 7-0.

The only other win came from Faith Faulkner in the No. 3 singles match. She cruised to a 6-1 victory.

Other singles players were Raylah Newton who fell in the No. 2 position (6-4), Tessa Frazee who dropped the No. 4 singles match (6-2) and Trinity Glassford who got swept 6-0 in the No. 5 match.

All four doubles teams ended up losing.

Continued from page 8 score.'

Together

"My whole goal was to

score," Myers said. "Parker did a good job laying off those pitches so I could get to third and then obviously it worked out on that passed ball so I could

Nichols walked, stole second and then came around to score on a single by Kade Sommers. Leighton Brown, who came in to run for Sommers, advanced to second on an errant pickoff attempt, reached third on a dropped third strike and subsequently scored when first baseman Grady Blake threw the ball away after

takes accounted for six of the 15 Bulldog runs.

Many of the mistakes came at inopportune times, such as a dropped third strike, three passed balls and a throwing error that directly led to runs.

"I think it's a little bit mental, a little bit of not being able to get outside and they're young and learning," Farr said. "We've got guys that are in positions that are new ... so it's a learning process."

The runs from errors were enough to take down the Patriots, as the offense only managed five runs in the game.

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JCHS second baseman Grant Wendel leaps near the edge of the infield to make a catch during the first game against Centerville on Saturday.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Today

Jay County — Boys golf at Bluffton – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Norwell – 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Frankton – 5 p.m.; Track vs. Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Richmond – 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track at Saint Henry – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Coldwater – 5 p.m.; Softball at Coldwater - 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Coldwater -5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today 3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League: PSG at Barcelona (CBS)

7 p.m. — College baseball: Michigan State at Michigan (BTN) 7:30 p.m. — NHL: Toronto Maple Leafs at

Florida Panthers (ESPN)

9:40 p.m. - MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Seattle Mariners (Bally Indiana)

recording the out at first base.

Two more runs came in the sixth on an error in the outfield and a double by Schemenaur.

"It's just a whole lot of confidence," Myers said. "That's something I preach as a team leader. Whether if it's fielding the ball or hitting, if you believe in yourself you can do it."

The Patriots still committed two errors in the game, but they weren't as detrimental to the four from the first game. Defensive mis-

While it hasn't been the start to the season that they hoped, players and coaches alike described the first win as getting a weight off their shoulders. Now they're just looking to build off of it.

"We're getting there," Farr said. "We haven't checked out yet.

"We just have to make sure we're playing our best baseball by the end of the season. We're getting ready to go into conference play this next week so we want to start off strong, so we'll see what we can do."

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ticipants 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.

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Patriots put things together

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Jay Co. baseball splits with Centerville to end five game skid to start the season

Bv ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review It's been a tumultuous start for the Patriots.

The offense has been better but just not enough, the defense has struggled and the pitching hasn't been what they expected.

Finally, all of those came together in a game this season.

After dropping the first game of Saturday's double header against the Centerville Bulldogs 15-5, the Jay County High School baseball team picked up its first win of the season in game No. 2 by a score of 7-3.

"To get that first win was good for us," JCHS coach Todd Farr said. "It wasn't necessarily the prettiest, but the guys continued to battle and stuck with it.

"Even after the first game, which wasn't very good at all, they continued with positive attitudes and got it done, so I'm proud of them for that."

Jay County (1-5) started the season off on the wrong foot as it dropped the first five games, including game No. 1 against Centerville (3-2).

Things finally came together in the sixth game of the season when the offense found ways to manufacture runs, the pitching put forward a solid effort and the defense played just clean enough to not surrender an insurmountable number of unearned runs.

Zedrian Vasquez started the game for JCHS. During his five innings on the mound, the junior recorded three strikeouts while walking six batters and surrendering four hits over five innings.

The only damage came in the fourth inning. With one out, he walked Peyton Ramsey and



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Jay County High School first baseman fields a throw from the pitcher during the Patriots' 7-3 victory over the Centerville Bulldogs on Saturday. Jay County split a doubleheader with Centerville to secure their first win of the season.

Luke Basler to put a runner in passed ball to give Centerville scoring position. Keith Plyley followed with an RBI single with Ed Parker driving in a run on a groundout next. A final run scored unearned on a

its third run.

offense reclaimed the lead to all he did well." give Vasquez the win.

"(Zedrian) gave us exactly what we thought he would," After throwing one more Farr said. "Maybe a few more inning for the Patriots, his walks than we'd like, but over-

Following up Vasquez's

Jay track places fourth

strong performance on the mound was Jackson Edwards. To start the sixth inning, the JCHS senior recorded an out on a fly ball to center field before striking the next two batters out.

The seventh inning was just as strong, striking out the side with only one mishap that led to a one-out triple for Centerville's Kollyn Peed. Because Edwards came into the game with only a two-run lead, the five-strikeout performance over two innings notched him the first save of the season for Jay County.

"It was definitely the offspeed," Edwards said in response to what made him so effective. "Zedrian started and he's a bit faster than me when it comes to pitching, so I threw my junk and it was working."

The Patriot offense struck first with a pair of runs in the second inning on a two-out rally. Ryne Goldsworthy began the streak of five batters reaching base with a single to left field. Grant Wendel and Cody Rowles both drew walks before Goldsworthy came around to score on a passed ball.

After Edwards walked, Wendel was plated when Drew Schemenaur got hit by a pitch to drive in a run.

The next time Jay County would score it came with a onerun deficit.

With one out in the fifth inning, Sam Myers worked a walk off of four-straight misses by Gavin Robinson. Myers quickly made his way around the bases, as three passed balls allowed him to score and tie the game during Parker Nichols' at bat.

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at Oak Hill co-ed relays CONVERSE — The Patriots weren't in a con-Patriots weren't in a conventional meet, but that **Local**

Edon answered back with six runs in the top of the fourth, but five more for FRHS in the sixth sealed the deal. Emma Will and Britney Tebbe combined for seven RBIs in the while game, Kayla Hietkamp added two on a home run. Jenna Homan earned the win with eight strikeouts despite seven runs.

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didn't hurt their success.

The Jay County High **roundup** School track teams combined to finish fourth at the Oak Hill Co-ed Relays on Saturday.

The Patriots tallied 79 points in the meet that combined the times or distances of two girls with two boys from each school. Host Oak Hill ended up in first place with 158 points to edge out Delta by just one. Bluffton was the only other of the ten total teams to finish ahead of County with 101 Jay points.

The Patriots took second place in two events. Adam Alig played a part in both events, setting new career bests in the process. In the 300-meter hurdles, he finished in 43.76 seconds. Kaiden Reynolds, the other boy, added a time of 49.31 secwhile onds, Morgan DeHoff and Makinsey Murphy had times of 52.43 seconds and 55.59 seconds to make up the girls legs.

Alig broke the 6-foot mark to lead the high jump team to a secondplace finish as well. Joining him were Peyton Yowell (5 feet, 10 inches), Molly Muhlenkamp (4 feet, 10 inches) and Jenna Dues (4 feet, 8 inches).

Split with starfires

BERNE — Fort Recovery's baseball team split with the South Adams Starfires on Saturday, dropping the first game 4-1 before claiming game No. 2 by a score of 6-3.

A two-out double from Alex Dues got the senior into scoring position before Reece Wendel followed with a single to put the Indians (3-2) up 1-0 in the fifth inning of the first game.

The Starfires (3-2) took over in the sixth as Derek McKean drew a walk before Owen Wanner blasted a home run to take the lead. Two more runs scored in the frame on a single and a pair of doubles. Sage Wendel suffered the loss.

SAHS and FRHS traded runs over the first three innings of the second game before the Indians broke out with a 3-run fourth inning. Gavin Faller and Troy Homan both opened with singles before freshman Caden Homan's double plated Faller. Troy Homan soon scored on a wild pitch, with Caden Homan following suit two at bats later.

The teams traded runs in the fifth and sixth inning as they held on for the win.

Caden Grisez earned the win by pitching the first 4.2 innings, in which he struck out eight batters. Rex Leverette picked up his first save of the year, striking out four over the final 2.1 innings.

Tribe takes one

AYERSVILLE, Ohio — The Fort Recovery softball team took one of two games at a tournament hosted by Ayersville on Saturday. The Tribe dropped its first game to the Elmwood Royals 3-7 before beating the Edon Bombers 15-7.

Indians The (3-4)jumped on top of the Bombers (0-7) early by scoring four quick runs. Then a six-run sixth inning put them in control.

A six-run third inning spoiled the Indians' chances against the Royals (3-4). Tebbe suffered the loss, giving up seven runs only four of which were earned - in 2.2 innings of work.

Patriots all split

CHARLOTTESVILLE — The Jay County girls tennis team had two consolation victories and three runners-up at the Eastern Hancock Invitational on Saturday.

Zion Beiswanger and Chloe Ruiz picked up their first varsity wins of their careers as they beat the No. 2 doubles team from Seton Catholic smoothly 6-0, 6-0. In the championship match, they only managed to win one game as Eastern Hanock's duo won 6-1, 6-0.

Maggie Dillon beat Blue River's No. 3 singles player by a score of 6-1, 6-0 to advance to the championship, while Brenna Bailey received a bye in the No. 2 singles position.

Both fell to opponents from Eastern Hancock in the title match. Bailey lost her match 6-3, 6-2. Dillons opponent, who was the Royal's No. 1 singles player in previous seasons, pulled away for a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

Brenna Haines fell behind early in the No. 1 singles opener, leading to her losing her first match of the season 6-4, 6-4 to her opponent from Eastern Hancock.

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