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Prep

work

start

soon

should

Coalition

plans to move quickly on recovery

facility

Jay County Drug Pre-

vention Coalition hopes to

close on the house it plans

to develop into a recovery home in Portland and

begin prep work as soon

updates about the organi-

zation's project Monday.

Commissioners heard

IU Health Jay is donat-

ing the property at 422 W.

Votaw St. to be converted

into a sober living facility,

which should serve

between 15 and 17 male

residents at a time. Jay

County Drug Prevention

Coalition and IU Health

Jay announced the part-

Ally Raines, director of

Peer Addiction Support

Team recovery services at

Jay County Drug Preven-

tion Coalition, noted

hopes to close on the

house today. Once it is

owned by the organiza-

tion, Raines said plans are

to begin work outside, such as landscaping and

Jay County Drug Pre-

vention Coalition also

plans to have a feasibility

study conducted on the

structure to determine

what renovations are

the organization is work-

Michael Bruns of Fort

Recovery — he has offered

to do the feasibility study

as well as contractor

Corporation of Coldwater,

has gained possession of

the house and Jav County Opioid Settlement Taskforce has reviewed the study, Jay County Drug

Prevention Coalition will return to commissioners to request federal opioid settlement funds for the

Raines noted the organization has applied for a **Building Communities of**

Recovery grant through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration to help

with the overhead cost.

(According to its website,

the grant allots up to

\$300,000 toward each

awardee per year for up to

three years.) If received,

the new facility could be

operational as soon as

She also pointed out Jay

County Drug Prevention

Coalition's naming con-

test for the facility

received nearly 200 sub-

missions. The group has

narrowed its selection

down to five names and

hopes to share those with

the community in the

July 2025.

Once the organization

architect

Building

needed. Raines noted

with

Muhlenkamp

Ohio.

nership May 15.

other cleanup.

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

as possible.

Mural underway

Bliss has started art on side of Dunkirk city building

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review ${\tt DUNKIRK-Another}$ mural is in process in the

All those who attended Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting walked into the city building while artist Pam Bliss painted above their

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins reported that Bliss, who also painted the Glass Capital of Indiana mural in the city in 2020, started work on her newest project last week.

Council member Donna Revolt noted that the mural will feature three school buildings the original Dunkirk High School that was destroyed by fire, the Dunkirk High School that followed and the Sutton School — that are no longer in operation and the dates they were established. The mural will also feature the Dunkirk Speedcats logo.

The project has been in the works for well over a year, as the city council gave the Dunkirk Beautification Committee permission to commission a mural on the south side of the city building in April 2023. It was contingent on receiving grant

funding. approval, there had already been a \$1,500 donation toward the project. The committee was also approved for a \$3,250 grant from The Johnson Fund for the Dunkirk Community via The Dunkirk Foundation for the project.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Artist Pam Bliss works on the new mural on the Commerce Street side of the Dunkirk At the time of the City Building on Monday evening. The public art piece will feature two former Dunkirk high schools, the former Sutton School and the Dunkirk Speedcats logo. It is expected to be complete by the end of the week, weather permitting.

week, weather permit-

to be completed this development income tax for the remaining funds. funds (EDIT) funding for new cabinets and countertops The council also heard for the facility. She said a quote of \$8,707 for the a request from Stephanie the library has \$3,000 to project. Crouch of Dunkirk Pub- put toward the project The mural is expected lic Library for economic and is seeking assistance all requests for EDIT

Mustard Seed Remodeling of Portland provided

Robbins explained that

through Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation. He said he will put the topic on the agenda for its next meeting.

See **Dunkirk** page 5

Child well-being drops in report

Math, reading scores push Indiana down in rankings

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

A new state-by-state report shows Indiana's child well-being ranking has dropped — in part due to Hoosier kids' dismal math and reading scores, as well as increased rates of youth deaths.

Although Indiana continues to rank in the bottom half of states

for its rates of teen births and children living in high-poverty or in single-parent households, those numbers are showing improve-

The 2024 KIDS COUNT Data Book ranked Indiana 27th among states, three places lower than last year. It's still a slight improvement, however, compared to 2022 and 2021, when the state ranked 28th and 29th, respectively.

In specific categories covered in the latest report, Indiana came in 15th for economic well-being, 17th in education, 31st in family and community, and 32nd in

"Indiana has significant opportunities and challenges ahead in supporting the well-being of our children," said Tami Silverman, president and CEO of the Indiana Youth Institute.

See Drops page 2



Pow wow performer

Brooklyn Cotterman, 13, twirls around Sunday during the Gathering of Great Lakes Nations Pow Wow at the Tri-State Grounds in Portland.

next week. See Prep page 2

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the Portland Rockets' game

Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the Jay County summer swim



Deaths

Pamela McIntire, 63, rural Details on page 2.

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Mon-

Weather

day. The low was 55. Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with the high climbing to 90. There is a chance of rain Thursday night.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jon Eads has filed to run for Jay School Board's District 1 seat, which represents The City of Portland. The seat is currently held by Jason Phillips. Filing, which was moved up on the calendar this year, runs through June 20.

against the Muncie Chiefs.

meet against South Adams.

Prep

Continued from page 1

Also Monday, commissioners approved a lease agreement with The City of Portland for Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. (Five tenants utilize the facility, including community coordinator Nate Kimball, Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Jay County Development Corporation, Jay/Portland Building and Planning and Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau.)

The one-year agreement stipulates tenants each pay no less than \$350 per month — that cost is determined by splitting the overall rent between tenants - to the city. It requires Portland to cover maintenance for permanent structures, such heating, cooling, plumbing and electrical fixtures. Tenants are responsible for utilities, small

door locks, and the garbage disposal, toilet, thermostat, furnace and air conditioner — toiletries, kitchen supplies, cleaning supplies and other miscellaneous supplies.

Commissioners also heard consulting firm Kleinpeter Consulting has prepared requests for qualifications for an engineering firm and radon tester for the owner-occupied rehabilitation program. Community coordinator Nate Kimball noted he has received 70 applications so far for the program, which is intended to help residents pay for home improvements, such as roof, water heating or heating ventilation and air conditioning unit replacements, electrical work or upgrades to make a home more accessible.

Applications — they are open through June 28 — must be subrepairs and maintenance mitted in-person and are avail-— they include needs for sinks, able at jaycounty.net, in the Jay

County Auditor's Office at Jay County Courthouse in Portland, Dunkirk City Hall, Redkey Town Hall and Kimball's office at the Community Resource Center in Portland. Projects are limited to \$25,000 per household.

In other business, commissioners Rex Journay and Chad Aker, absent Brian McGalliard:

•Shared a reminder that economic development income tax (EDIT) funding applications for 2025 are due by Friday.

•Discussed plans to meet with Jay County Council at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, for a presentation on the radio study conducted by Ritter Strategic Services. The company has been looking into options for upgrades to radio equipment for Jay County Sheriff's Office and other emergency responders.

•Approved a contract with Jay School Corporation for the school resource officer. Sheriff dinator

Ray Newton noted a few explained the application changes to the language as well adjusting the officer's pay to match the budgeted amount for

•Tabled a decision on a vehicle recording policy and consent form for employees, noting they attorney would like Schemenaur — he was not present at the meeting — to review the document and share his thoughts. The policy would apply to all county-owned vehicles and county employees who operate or ride in those vehicles.

•OK'd an annual \$25,000 bioterrorism grant application submitted by Jay County Health Department to the state.

•Were reminded that a \$7,500 contract with Mindbase is up for renewal in the fall. Jay County Sheriff's Office assistant 911 director and Indiana Data and Communications Systems coor-Contessa

employees may download it to their phone — is intended as a sort of preventative resource to help care for first responders mental health. She noted plans to host a seminar for employees to learn more about the application later this month.

•Heard a request from Dunkirk Public Library for \$5,707.89 for new countertops and cabinets. Commissioners asked the group to check with The City of Dunkirk first to see what it is able to contribute toward the project.

•OK'd Jay County Assessor's Office representatives to stay overnight in Fort Wayne for a conference Aug. 27 through Aug.

 Approved claims, including \$2,500 for fireworks in Dunkirk and \$2,500 for fireworks in Redkey for Independence Day cele-Stilts brations.

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6/13	6/14	6/ 1 5	6/16	6/17		
90/67	86/60	86/63	93/72	95/73		
Thursday's forecast shows sunny skies with wind gusts up to 20 mph.	Friday looks to be sunny with a high near 86 degrees. The low may hit 60 at night.	expected Sat- urday with the high in the mid	More hot temperatures are on the horizon for Sunday, when the high will be 93.	Swelter- ing heat is in the forecast Monday. The high may hit 95 degrees.		
Lotteries						

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Powerball

Monday 3-10-33-58-59 Power Ball: 9 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-9-5 Daily Four: 3-8-9-9 Quick Draw: 1-2-7-8-11-16-26-32-33-43-46-49-50-51-52-53-55-60-62-65 Evening

Daily Three: 8-5-5

Daily Four: 3-6-4-7 Quick Draw: 1-3-4-24-27-31-36-43-52-53-55-57-58-61-62-63-72-77-79-80

Cash 5: 1-18-24-36-42 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000

Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 7-6-2 Pick 4: 1-9-0-4 Pick 5: 6-5-8-3-4 **Evening** Pick 3: 8-0-7 Pick 4: 5-8-1-6 Pick 5: 4-4-2-3-4 Rolling Cash: 4-11-16-

\$120,000

Estimated jackpot:

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Markets

Cooper Farms

Fort Recovery

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Wheat5.22	Montpelier
	Corn4.38
POET Biorefining	July corn4.31
	Beans11.79
Portland	July beans11.73
Corn4.50	Wheat5.91
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Oct. corn4.44	Heartland
	St. Anthony
The Andersons	Corn4.45
Richland Township	July corn4.45
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Today in history

was born in Frankfurt became President of Main, Germany. South Africa. Frank is known for her diary written during her serial family's two years in hid- Berkowtiz was sentenced ing from the Germans in to life in prison for murthe Netherlands.

In 1964, Nelson Mandela got life in prison for to New York newspapers conspiring to overthrow amid the timeline of the the state and spent 27 murders. He signed the years incarcerated. He letters as "Son of Sam." was awarded the Nobel

In 1929, Anne Frank Peace Prize in 1993 and

In 1977, American killer David dering six people in New York City. He sent letters

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday

8 a.m. Wabash River Basin tive session, mayor's Wells Commission, Carnegie Government Meridian St. Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

Sheriff's Merit Board, St., Portland. training room, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Thursday Portland.

4 p.m. of Board mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

4:15 p.m. — Portland Upper Board of Works execuoffice, city hall, 321 N.

6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, 1 p.m. — Jay County courthouse, 120 N. Court

6 p.m. — Jay County Portland Plan Commission, Com-Works, munity Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Obituaries

Pamela McIntire

Hospital in Muncie.

Dec. 6, 1960-June 7, 2024 Pamela McIntire, age 63, of rural Bryant passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024, in IU Health Ball Memorial

She was born in Portland on Dec. 6, 1960, the daughter of Donald and Thelma (Morgan) Binegar. Pam was a nail technician having worked for Heads Up. She attended Jay County High School and enjoyed boating, fishing and spending time with her

Surviving are five children, Michael Buckner of Dunkirk, Matthew Buckner (wife: April) of

McIntire of Portland and Andrew Loper of Ridgeville; one brother, David Morgan of Roll, Indiana; four sisters, Teresa Stewart of LaGrange, Vicky Butler (husband: Rick) of Knoxville, Tennessee, Barbara

Nuckols of Salamonia and Sue Atkins of Portland; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a

McIntire

son, Shaun Buckner; and a brother, Jerry Binegar. Funeral services will be Thurs-

day, June 13, at 6 p.m. in the Baird-Berne, Terra Ogan of Bryant, Erica Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor homes or mortuary services.

Tony Mullins presiding. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery in Pennville at a later date.

> Memorials can be made to Baird-Freeman Funeral Home to help with expenses.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

Capsule Reports

Passing accident

A Pennville woman was cited for improperly passing another vehicle after she sideswiped a Redkey man's truck along Indiana 1 about 6:29 p.m. Monday.

Michelle L. Bickel, 45, was driving her 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer south on the highway near 2582 N. Indiana 1, Pennville, when she began to pass

a semi in front of her. In the process, she sideswiped a northbound 2012 Chevrolet Silverado driven by 44year-old Garry L. Horner. Bickel's vehicle continued into a ditch on the east side of the road.

Witness Josh Morey of Bluffton he was driving behind Bickel — told Jay County Sheriff's Office that Bickel had been driving recklessly in Pennville and that she pulled out in front of a semi. He also alleged she nearly crashed into a northbound motorcycle driver on a first attempt to pass another semi, with the second attempt resulting in her sideswiping Horner's vehicle.

Bickel sustained a minor face wound. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Drops

Continued from page 1 progress we've made, espe- munity support. cially in economic wellbeing areas such as of the latest edition employment focused parental rates and housing affordability; and we must acknowledge the disparities that persist for our kids," Silverman continued. "Every child in Indiana should have access to quality education, regardless of their background or circumstances. By addressing these disparities head-on, we not only invest in the future of our children but also in the

economic prosperity of our state." The report is prepared by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in conjunction with organizations across the county, including the Indiana Youth Institute. It rates states in 16 wideranging areas, which are

We should celebrate the being, and family and com-report showed.

on achievement — reiterates low numbers familiar to Hoosier education officials.

graders nationally were at or above proficiency in reading in 2022, the latest year for which numbers were available. That was down from the 34% who were proficient in 2019, before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scores were even worse for eighth grade math. Nationwide, only 26% of eighth graders were at or above proficiency in math two years ago, down from 33% in 2019.

In Indiana, one-third of fourth graders performed at or above proficiency in lumped together under the reading — a four percentcategories of health, edu- age-point decrease from than their white peers.

cation, economic well- the 2019 rate of 37%, the

student above proficiency in math, marking an 11% decrease from 2019, ranking the state 11th nationally.

Among Indiana fourth Just 32% of fourth graders in 2022, Black students had an average reading score that was 23 points lower than that of white students. Students eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) had an average reading score 18 points lower than those not eligible for NSLP, according to the KIDS COUNT report.

Meanwhile, eighth grade Black students in Indiana had an average math score that was 31 points lower than white students. Hispanic students in the same grade had an average math score that was 19 points lower

The Casey Foundation report contends that the Further, only 30% of pandemic is not the sole The education portion Indiana eighth grade stu-cause of lower test scores,

See **Drops** page 5

SERVICES

Thursday

McIntire, Pamela: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday

Weaver, Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana,

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New training course

Portland Rotary Club Youth Services teamed up with Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corp at Jay County High School this year to raise funds for constructing a JROTC obstacle training course at the high school. Plans are to practice and host other schools for competitions. The group raised \$11,925 for the project, with Jay School Corporation contributing enough to bump the project to \$20,000.

Pictured above, from left, are youth services chair Drew Houck, Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley, Portland Rotary Club junior board members Desirae Bonefield and Trenton Franks, and JROTC instructor Steven Bishop.

Students named to FR honor roll

Fort Recovery High School announced its fourth quarter honor roll students.

A's were sophomores Evvie Garrett Diller, Kylia Dues, Zoe Briner, Rylee Bubp, Elisa Dues, Nevaeh Elsass, Zackary Evers, Alivia Grube, Brodie Ervin, Luke Fortkamp, Carson Hart, Aubrie Heitkamp, Jame-Madison Heitkamp, Heitkamp, Maleiah Kaffen- Autumn Leuthold, berger, Cayson Kaikala, Olivia Lochtefeld, Anthony Roessner, Knapke, Brylee Kremer, Cora Dani Schmitt and Jesse Kremer, Lily Schwieterman, Megan Weitzel, Reece Wendel, Georgia Wenning and Leah B's were also freshmen Brody Wuebker.

with all A's were freshmen Brown, Kenna Dues, Tyler Dues, Kendall Carter Fortkamp, Ava Ful- Diller, Cadence Eber, Destiny lenkamp, Alexis Grisez, Sophia Guggenbiller, Makenna Huelskamp, Meredith Jones, Breaker Jutte and Grace Heitkamp and Lily Hernandez. Lochtefeld.

Also Ian McCain, Jake Meyer, Cameron Muhlenkamp, Isaac Roessner, Madelyn Schoenlein, Kiera Stump, Jennifer Wendel, James Westgerdes, Brynn Willmann and

were sophomores Ella Bechtol, Aiden Brunswick, Ryker On the list for receiving all Brunswick, Emma Coleman, Eli Hawk, Fullenkamp, Jenna Homan, Reece LeFevre, Springer.

Making honor roll with A's Ayden Bozarth. Barga, Also making the honor roll Bethany Brackman, Deanna Carley Buckland, Buckland, Reese Ervin, Brady Evers, Grant Russell Fortkamp, Aubree Heitkamp, Maddie

> Also Addy Homan, Aideen Hudson Knostman, McAbee, Trinity Rammel, Coby Schmitz, Emma Schmitz, Angel Serio, Cara Shoemaker, Amber Timmerman, Ivy Tobe, Kaylor Wendel, Reed West-

gerdes and Will Westgerdes.

Wife prepares to run off with husband's best man

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "George" for 35 years. I was pregnant when I married. We had dated only five months. We came from families that believed you had to "do the right thing" and get married. I love my husband, but never as deeply as I thought I should.

I had feelings for someone else "Dennis") before I got married, but we were always in different relationships when we'd see each other. He was my husband's best man at our wedding, and they were friends for many years. He moved away and we had not seen each other for 25 years. Dennis and I recently reconnected, and when we first saw each other, it was like I was hit by a truck full of emotions.

Dear Abby



Dennis makes me feel ways I never felt before. We have long talks about how much we missed each other. We can tell each other anything. I'm the happiest I have ever been in my life, but once again, things are complicated. I still live with my husband, although I'm in the process of moving out as soon as I can. Dennis has to take care of his mother and can't just walk off.

We want to be together. We have never done anything more than hug and share passionate kisses. George will be hurt, but should I keep putting my happiness last just to please someone else? When do I deserve to be happy? — ABOUT TO FLEE

DEAR ABOUT TO FLEE: You have a right to be happy and so does George. Have you and Dennis been discussing marriage during any of those long talks? Does George know you are planning to move out and why? How does Dennis' mother (who is very much in the picture) feel about his romance with you? How do you plan to support yourself if your romance should not work

Be sure you have answers to these questions before you pack your bags, because if you don't, you may find you slammed the door on a satisfactory marriage to a man whose only flaw was that he wasn't Dennis.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband is dying of cancer. I got pregnant shortly before we divorced. I left him because he physically, psychologically and emotionally abused me. I never told him about his son. In fact, I lied and told him the child was someone else's. I did it to protect our child.

Now that my ex is dying, I feel guilty. He never had any other children. Should I tell him he has her at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box a son? — FEELING GUILTY IN 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

THE MIDWEST

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: That's an interesting question. My first reaction is to let sleeping dogs lie. From your description of your ex-husband, he would have used the child as a pawn to further abuse you. However, you didn't mention whether your son knows who his father is. If he does, he might want to meet him before he expires. This is something only you can decide.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in CLUB — Will meet at noon news@thecr.com.

Today

WEDNESDAY MORN-ING 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

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

Community Čenter.
BRYANT/NEW CORY-DON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a

carry-in dinner.

Community Calendar as each Wednesday in the cafe space is available. To sub- at John Jay Center for Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridmit an item, email Learning, 101 S. Meridian ian St., Portland. St., Portland.

> COMMUNITY REIN-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.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

PORTLAND EAGLES PÖRTLAND ROTARY Will meet at 6 p.m., on the

second and fourth Wednesday of the month at at the focuses on motivation,

AL-ANON GROUP — New Begin-FORCEMENT AND FAMI- nings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. 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

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. SMART RECOVERY —

A group for those strug-tion.

gling with addition that coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feel-FAMILY ings 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.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Meets at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at Pizza Hut in Portland. AMERICAN LEGION

AUXILIARY POST 211 -Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. All Auxiliary members are welcome.

INDIANA UNIVERSI-TY HEALTH JAY HOSPI-TAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and informa-

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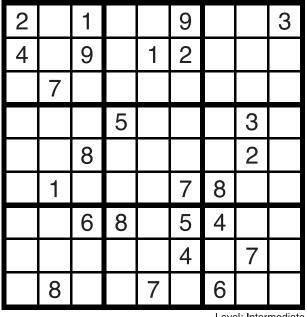


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Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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.

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



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Recorder caught history in the making

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from June 11, 2004. Jack was in China during the series of protests in Tiananmen Square. The government's response to the protests led to nearly 250 deaths with more than 7,000 wounded as troops opened fire on or crushed those who tried to block them.

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

The tape is a time machine. Friday afternoon, alone in my office, I push the play button and Tiananmen Square erupts all over again.

It was 1989, only a few days before the massacre which would bring the Chinese student democracy demonstrations to a halt. For reasons that are still hard to explain, I'd found myself after midnight. Most of my visits in Beijing that critical week, to Tiananmen had been during





attending a conference on international economic development. And for much of the week, I'd played hooky, skipping out on conference sessions to spend time at Tiananmen, talking with the young people and taking pictures.

The tape — a microcassette recorded on a Radio Shack machine purchased Strohl's — was made sometime

daylight hours, but I'd returned voice saying to him, "I owe you had climbed atop a small wagon late at night accompanied by a graduate student who was willing to translate for me.

Even now, 15 years later, I get a chill when I press the play but-

Loudspeakers, placed around the perimeter of the huge square by the government, broadcast a nasal, hectoring voice of a woman, telling the students to stop their nonsense and go back to their classrooms. There's a hypnotic, surreal quality to the sound.

I'd tucked the tape recorder in a pocket so that its built-in mic was clear and could record all the ambient sounds. People jostling, competing conversations, and my own discussion with the grad student.

very much already.'

It's about then that the singing

We'd come across a group of workers, ordinary people who didn't dare to take part in the demonstrations during the day but who had come to Tiananmen after midnight to show their support.

They were singing as we approached. Slowly their voices become audible on the tape over the sound of the nagging woman on the loudspeaker.

I didn't recognize the song, but it was clearly one of those socialist expressions of solidarity. And when they finished, their performance was greeted with hearty applause.

It was a scene too good to pass At one point, I hear my own up, and a few moments later I

and was raising my camera to my eyes, hoping to take a picture.

Now, on the tape, the voices change. The applause and singing give way to shouts. I can't understand a word. But I understand their meaning instantly: Put the camera down.

Hundreds of faces were looking up at me from the gloom. Solidarity had been replaced by paranoia, legitimate paranoia. My camera might just as well have been one of the rifles brought onto the square by troops a few nights later.

The tape is interrupted at that point. I think I accidentally turned it off when I jumped

down from the wagon. And the singing — to my dismay — was over.

Fear had swept it away.

Contraception bill is preview of fight

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

It is infuriating as well **Guest** as alarming that the U.S. Senate on Wednesday failed to pass the Right to Contraception Act, a straightforward bill that would guarantee a federal right to safe and legal contraception.

bill needed The 60 votes to proceed but only received five, all but two of those coming from Democrats and independents who caucus with Democrats. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., a staunch supporter of the bill, changed his vote to a "no" so as to allow him to bring up the bill again.

appalled that nearly half of the people elected to represent them in the Senate are so spineless they couldn't vote for something as simple as a right to contraception, 90% women have used at one point in their lives and is considered basic preven-

tive healthcare. Only two Republicans, Sens. Susan Collins, Rand colleagues, on the other political move, too broad or unnecessary.

ridiculous. That's There's clearly a movement among antiabortion activists to wrongly redefine contraceptives as abortifacients. And any their constituents should think long and hard about voting for a senator who won't support their right to contraception. If it were enshrined into federal law, states couldn't override it with restrictions. If the Supreme Court struck down its own precedents protecting the right to contraception, the federal law would

still protect it. And that is not out of question. The Supreme Court has voted How do they think reprothree times to support duction works? Or is this the right to contraception over the decades, but rights of women to condoes anyone want to bet trol their own bodies to on the justices upholding this precedent? The court also guaranteed a right to abortion in Roe v. Wade – and upheld it in a subsequent case — before overturning it in the Dobbs decision two years ago.

Editorial

There's clearly a movement among antiabortion activists to wrongly redefine contraceptives as abortifacients.

Ominously, that abor-Americans should be tion decision also contained a concurrence written by Justice Clarence Thomas that suggested the court revisit the landmark 1965 decision in Griswold v. Connecticut, which granted married couples the right to birth control. So there are plenty of reasons to fear that the Supreme Court could withdraw its support for birth control.

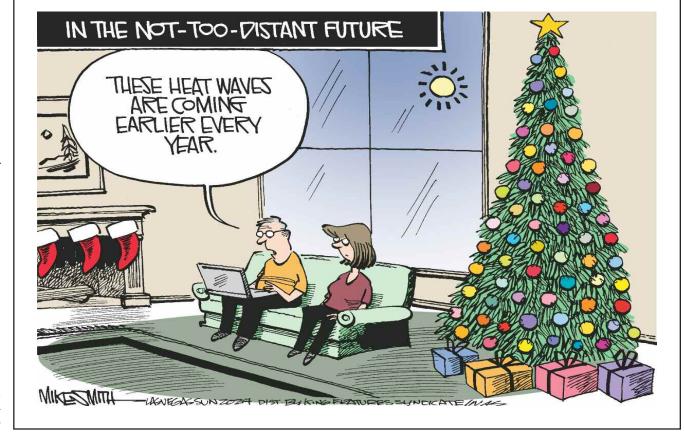
The Senate contracep-Lisa tion bill does not force Murkowski, R-Alaska, anyone to provide contracare professionals to proly about the bill being a slippery slope to condoning abortion, as opponents claim.

Contraceptives are not

abortifacients.
"The medical definition of pregnancy is an embryo implanted in the wall of the uterus," says Daniel Grossman, a professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at UC San Francisco. "No contraceptives end an established pregnancy — they prevent pregnancy from occur-

So why would Senate Republicans block a bill supporting a right to contraception? Aren't these the same people who, for the most part, don't want women having abortions? about taking away the curry favor with far right antiabortion groups who have problems with contraception as well?

We should all work to make sure legislators who don't support the right to control your own body don't get reelected.



India is more than Modi

By MIHIR SHARMA Bloomberg Opinion

Tribune News Service

"India cuts Modi down," blared the headline in my hometown Kolkata's main newspaper, the Telegraph, after our all-powerful prime minister unexpectedly lost his majority on Tuesday. The opposition alliance, cunningly abbreviated INDIA, voted for it. Good for ception. It allows women advanced to within 40 seats of claim- and political capital at his disposal, them. Their Republican to access it and health ing power in New Delhi. Modi's Modi never really knew what to Bharativa Janata Party will need conhand, blustered various- vide it. Nor is this bill a tinued support from several restive regional parties in order to govern.

In Kolkata, as in much of India, there was an audible sigh of relief: Voters seem to have forced an end to a decade of single-minded and remote decision-making. Others will, naturally, be dismayed.

When Modi was elected with a no less startling majority in 2014, the victory was seen both inside and outside the country as a welcome shift after years of coalition governments hamstrung by the need for extensive consensus-building. India would finally change, the narrative went, if one man had the power to make decisions.

For investors in the rest of the world — and for many friendly governments — Modi appeared to be that man: a leader who could deliver a complicated country.

Freed of the need to consult with a cabinet of equals or alliance partners with a real voice, he could impose policies that would have taken other governments years to pass. India's international partners could trust that they only needed to listen to one voice, a prime minister who could take bold decisions and whose promises could be counted upon.

Anyone surprised at the crumbling of this narrative has not been paying attention. Mountains of contrary evidence had rendered it unsupportable years ago. And, indeed, it was always an inaccurate view, born of wishful thinking and a desire to minimize or ignore India's complexities.

For one thing, with all the power vast country was wrong also because New Delhi.

Mihir Sharma



reputation as a superb administrator. But he had little interest in actual policymaking; nor, in most fields, did he have the ideological instincts that could substitute for policy nous. Where he did hold such deeply felt beliefs — for example, on the need to

Even as Modi's past two administrations set a myriad of economic and developmental targets, they proved far less competent at devising policies to achieve those targets. Those that they came up with were generated by faceless bureaucrats and rammed through without much discussion. They would indubitably have benefited from the rigors of a more consultative process.

control the deficit — he notched his

most notable achievements.

India should see a different prime minister now — one who listens more and accepts his limits. That's admittedly hard to picture: Throughout his political career, Modi has never had to compromise in this manner.

And I wonder what enforced humility will do to his political appeal, much of which had been based on him being a consistent winner. His party's losses in this election were not, objectively, overwhelming. But they were shattering, nonetheless, because so many tacitly accepted the prime minister's oft-repeated message that he was anointed by God as a personification of India and its aspirations.

The common global view of Modi as the single decision-maker for a

it didn't fit India's realities. If political approval for change is not carefully hashed out in cabinet or in Parliament, then it can all too easily be vetoed on the streets. Time after time, bills that were drafted in secret and passed effortlessly into law shortly after being made public had to be withdrawn when protests erupted across the country.

Yes, in the alliance era, India struggled to pass any laws at all. But governments could, with some effort, build and maintain a bipartisan consensus for economic reform and it was in those decades from 1991 to 2014 that India emerged as an engine of global growth.

No one should expect a single person to deliver India. This is a fifth of humanity, a complex and variegated polity which just happens to be one country with a single prime minis-

Investors will now have to remember the importance of state governments and regional actors. For years, one has heard puzzlement that something promised by New Delhi was not being transformed into action by a state or local government. The illusion that New Delhi is an imperial capital where everything can be ordered into existence has hopefully

been shattered. India's international partners will have to make their own effort to understand and win over the country's many conflicting constituencies. Modi has had progressive instincts on several global challenges, from restoring multilateral authority to carbon mitigation, that aren't always widely shared.

On issues from climate change to agricultural trade, the world will have to work harder to persuade India. As Modi himself has just discovered, there are no shortcuts to the assent of a fifth of humanity.

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Drops

Continued from page 2 Rather, the foundation educators, researchers, policymakers and employers who track students' academic readiness have been ringing alarm bells "for a long time.'

U.S. scores in reading and math have barely budged in decades. In Indiana, state education officials have repeatedly pointed out that Hoosier literacy exam scores have been on the decline since 2015.

During the 2024 legislative session, state lawmakers took decisive action as part of an ongoing push to improve literacy and K-12 student performance.

Paramount among the new laws passed was one to require reading-deficient third graders to be held back a year in school.

Health-focused portions of the report show that after peaking in 2021 — the national child and teen death rate stabilized at 30 deaths per 100,000 children and youth ages 1 to 19.

But in Indiana, the death rate has continued to rise. While 29 deaths per 100,000 Hoosier children and vouth were recorded in 2019, the rate increased to 36 deaths in 2022, per the report.

The Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) has already drawn attention, for example, to higher rates of mental health crises such as depression and suicidal ideation among the state's youth. According to IYI data, one out of every three students from 7th to 12th grade reported experiencing persistent sadness and hopelessness. One out of seven students made a plan

to commit suicide. The most recent data available additionally show that nationwide and in Indiana, the child poverty rate improved and economic security of parents increased back to pre-pandemic levels.

Between 2018 and 2022, roughly 113,000 — or 7% of Hoosier children were reportedly living in high-poverty areas. That's a drop from 10% between 2013 and 2017, according to

the report. From 2019 to 2022, teen births per 1,000 declined from 21 to 17, and the percentage of children in sin-gle-parent families also

dropped from 35% to 32%.
Advocates pointed to "some bright spots" for Hoosier kids and their families in this year's national report, as well:

•Between 2019 and 2022, more parents (75%) had full-time secure employment in Indiana — which surpassed both the national average and that of the four neighboring states: Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

•In 2022, fewer children (22%) lived in households that faced a high housing cost burden, spending 30% of their income solely on housing expenses, in comparison to the national average (30%).

•In 2022, more Hoosier teens (95%) between the ages 16 and 19 were either enrolled in school or employed, an improvement from 93% in 2019.

•Far fewer children under 19 (5%) were also uninsured. Indiana saw the fifth-highest decrease nationally in uninsured children between 2019 and 2022 — a 29% improvement.

The report offers several recommendations for policymakers, school leaders and educators that include chronicling absenteeism data by grade, establishing a culture to pursue evidence-based solutions and incorporating intensive, inperson tutoring to align with the school curricu-

"Kids of all ages and grades must have what they need to learn each day, such as enough food and sleep and a safe way to get to school, as well as the additional resources they might need to perform at their highest potential and thrive, like tutoring and mental health services,' said Lisa Hamilton, president and CEO of the Annie E. Casey Founda-



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Efforts are being made to rehabilitate the Dunkirk Junior League baseball and softball fields on the south side of Dunkirk City Park. Mayor Jack Robbins said during Monday's city council meeting that those involved are hoping to host a league in the fall. The facility has not been regularly used in about five years.

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The mayor also reported that a group has been working to rehabilitate the Dunkirk Junior League baseball/softball diamonds on the south side of Dunkirk City Park. The facility has not been regularly used for about five years.

"It's taken its toll," said Robbins. "They've got it cleaned up and we sure appreciate it....

"We're glad to see it starting back up and hope the residents and parents jump in and help. I think it's going to be a good thing for the City of Dunkirk."

Robbins said the goal is to have a fall league at the facility this year. Council also learned that the

walking trail at the park has been completed with a final inspection to come next week.

In other business, council:

·Heard a reminder from community coordinator Nate Kimball that applications are open for the county's owner-occupied rehab program through the end of the month. (He said about 70 applications have been turned in so far.) The program offers funding for home improvements including roof, water heating or heating ventilation and air conditioning unit replacements, electrical work or upgrades to make a home more accessible and applications are available at Jay County Auditor's Office at Jay County Courthouse in Portland, Dunkirk City Hall, Redkey Town Hall and Kimball's office at Community Resource Center in Portland.

•Received a thank you letter from Kathy Nelson for its recent \$250 sponsorship of the West Jay Optimist Club fishing derby.

•Approved the following: a \$450 sponsorship for a free swim night at Dunkirk City Pool in conjunction with its Independence Day celebration on June 29; increasing fire protection contract rates by 3% for Knox, Richland, Jackson and Niles townships; making Melissa Mumbower an authorized purchasing agent for Dunkirk City Pool; removal of a leaking fire hydrant near Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Departtransfers totaling ment; \$198,622.91; payment \$340,866.99 in claims.

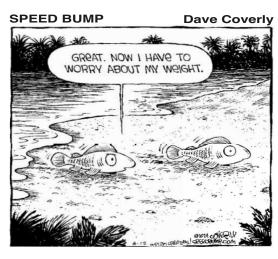
•Tabled the following: discussion of quotes for livestreaming equipment and new doors for the city building; a request to close

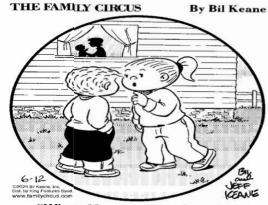
surrounded by four properties owned by Jonathon and Natalie Cassel; transfers totaling \$198,622.91.

·Heard from Revolt that all Main Street flower pots have been adopted with various organizations committing to plant flowers and tend to them through the

•Heard from Bivens that water tower work is underway in the city and that residents may experience low water pressure or discolored water. The work is expected to be completed on June 18. He noted that a fence was damaged during the work and is being replaced at no cost to the city. At his request, the council also approved the purchase of 10 pump-off valves, which help to an alley adjacent to High Street sustain water pressure, for \$4,180.







"When Mommy says 'maybe,' she's still tryin' to make up her mind between 'yes' and 'no.'"

Peanuts























































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Opening lead — two of spades. The uppercut is one of the most

satisfying of all defensive plays, but the situation where it can be suc-cessfully applied is not always readily apparent. It must sometimes be carefully managed, so that the deathblow can be dealt at just the right moment.

Take this case where the defense

had to be letter-perfect to stop declarer from making four hearts. Looking at all four hands, it seems South should lose only two spades and a heart. But he in fact lost four tricks, and there was nothing he could do about it.

West started by leading a spade to East's king. East knew from the lead of the deuce that West had four spades and declarer two, so he cashed the ace next. He then made the unorthodox play of another spade into dummy's Q-9, fully aware that his partner's 10-8 would be trapped in the process. It was this play that eventually laid South low. He discarded a club on the nine and returned a trump from dummy, finessing the jack. West won with the queen and led

a fourth round of spades to dum-my's queen. When East ruffed with the king, South overruffed with the ace, but had to lose another trump trick to West's nine and so went down one. The uppercut was more than he could withstand.

It is interesting to note that to defeat the contract. West had to lead a spade, East had to play three rounds of spades, and West had to follow East's indicated line of defense by later leading a fourth

round of spades.

Very few hands require such absolute precision. When such a hand does occur and the players gallantly rise to the occasion, have every reason to roundly con gratulate themselves.

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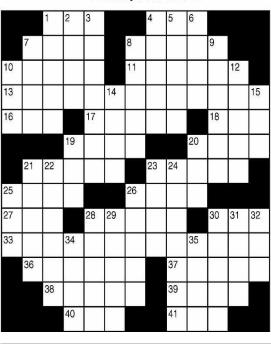
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals Y

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Celebratory state

Members of the Fort Recovery High School baseball team rush the field after Sage Wendel made the final out on Saturday against Hillsdale to clinch a spot in the OHSAA Division IV state championship game.

Hurley

In the hours leading up to Hurley's decision, word began to spread through some coaching circles that he'd return to UConn. However, information about the process, which was more insulated than most NBA transactions, was incredibly scarce, leading to days of speculation about Hurley's future.

Hurley nearly joined the Lakers after accomplishing an incredibly rare feat back-to-back winning championships. Only he, Billy Donovan and Krzyzewski have coached teams to the tournament title in consecutive years since John Wooden's teams won seven straight at UCLA more than 50 years

Now, Hurley will enter next season with a chance at a third.

Had Hurley accepted the Lakers' offer, he'd have needed to buck a trend of college coaches failing to win at the same rate in the NBA. Only Larry Brown sell.

has won titles in both, and iust four coaches, including Brown, have coached in the Final Four and the NBA Finals.

The team fired Darvin Ham after two seasons on May 3 following the Lakers' five-game loss to Denver in the first round of the playoffs. Ham accepted a job on Monday with Doc Rivers to return to Milwaukee as the Bucks' lead assistant. Before coaching the Lakers, Ham spent four years and won a championship as an assistant with Milwaukee.

It's unknown whether the Lakers' flirtation with Hurley will have an impact on other coaches the team has considered, a group that's included Redick and Borrego, who met with Lakers executives last week for in-person interviews.

Pelinka spoke with a handful of candidates, including Denver assistant David Adelman, Minnesota assistant Micah Noria and Boston assistant Sam Cas-

Sports on tap

Local schedule Today Fort Recovery ACME baseball at St.

Marys - 6 p.m. Portland Rockets at North East Kekionga - 7 p.m.

Thursday

Jay County summer swim team vs. South Adams - 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery ACME baseball vs. Versailles - 6 p.m.

TV sports Today

7 p.m. — 2024 Congressional base ball game for charity (FS1) 8:30 p.m. — NBA Finals: Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)

6:30 a.m. — U.S. Open golf (USA) 1 p.m. — U.S. Open golf (USA) 2:15 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at

Dallas Wings (ESPN) - NHL Stanley Cup: Florida 8 p.m. -Panthers at Edmonton Oilers (ABC)

9:40 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles

Angels at Arizona Diamondbacks (FS1)

9 p.m. — PFL Regular Season fight-

Local notes

Meet booked

The Jay County Chamber Classic golf outing is set for Friday, July 19, at Portland Golf Club. The deadline to register is July 10,

and it's limited to 20 teams. Awards of \$400, \$200 and \$100 will be given out to first, second and third place, respectively.

Golf will begin with a shotgun start at

10 a.m.

To register, email tabby@jaycountychamber.com. For more information call (260) 726-4481.

The 42nd annual Cancer Association

of Darke County/Annie Oakley Golf Tournament is set to take place on July 22 at

Turtle Creek Golf Course in Greenville, Lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m.,

with a shotgun start to follow at 12:15 All proceeds will go to the Cancer Association of Darke County. For additional information or an entry

form call (937) 548-9960 or email director@cadcinfo.org.

Outing scheduled

The annual City of Portland Mayor's Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday, June 14, at Portland Golf Club.

Registration for the event will be held from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on the day of the outing. A meal will also be provided for the four-person teams at this time. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams and must be completed by June 10 and submitted to 321 N. Meridian St., emailing mayorsoffice@thecityofportland.net or calling (260) 726-9395.

Golfing will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Those interested can also spon-sor the event. It cost \$150 to sponsor a hole, \$200 to sponsor a team and a meal or \$300 for to sponsor a team, a meal and hole sponsorship.

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measured to top of lightning rod) self-support lattice telecommunications tower at 226 Hendricks Street, Bryant, Jay Countv. Indiana 47326 (40 32 9.02 N / 84 58 1.56 W). The tower is anticipated to have FAA Style E lighting. Interested persons may re view the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Form 854 File Number "A1284379" and may raise environmental concerns about the project by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Parties wishing to submit the request by mail may do so by addressing the request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: EBI Consulting, % Project 015137-PR - EG. EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at 774.258.0042.

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cover Bank, were the Defendants, requiring me to make said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 11th day of July, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. of said day, at 120 N. Court Street, Ste. 305, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple

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Indians open with loss to Flyers

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — The Indians just got back from the state tournament **Local** in the early hours of Monday morning. On their run to the state chamienshin to the state championship game, they had to take down the Flyers in the district final.

Coming back for the summer season, the Flyers got their revenge.

Less than 24 hours after competing in the state tournament, the Fort Recovery baseball team dropped its season opener via walk off to the Marion Local Flyers 6-5 on Monday.

The Indians (0-1) jumped out with two runs in the first inning on a double by Mason Diller before eventually trailing 5-3 in the seventh. With two outs, third

baseman Caden Grisez singled to left field to score Dylan Klenke and Austin Siegrist, tying the game up and forcing extra innings.

After throwing strong innings in the sixth and seventh, Klenke started to unravel on the mound in the eighth. He gave up a leadoff triple before an infield single and a walk loaded the bases with no outs in the tie game. Damon Cramer followed with a sin-

gle up the middle to walk off the game against Fort Recovery.

White leads

Crossroads defeated FCC 10-9 on Monday in Portland Junior League Minor soft-

Kierstyn White put together a strong day for Crossroads with a home run and three RBIs. Paisley Day also hit a homer for Crossroads.

Overla Aubrie and Kendall Snow both hit a double and a single, while the former also added an

Kynlee Homan collected a pair of base hits, while Lilah Hudson, Scarlett Rodgers and Brinley Steed each hit one single.

Hurley picks UConn over Lakers

By DAN WOIKE

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — UConn coach Dan Hurley, who darted to the front of the Lakers' coaching search in a surprise turn last week, has turned down a sixyear, \$70 million offer to leave the defending NCAA champions, according to people with knowledge of the deci-

sion not authorized to speak publicly. The failed pursuit, which comes 20 years after the Lakers tried — and failed — to hire then Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, leaves the Lakers in a peculiar position of being without a head coach more than a week into June.

The Lakers' interest in Hurley was kept incredibly secretive until ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski broke the news early Thursday, triggering a wild fourplus days of speculation set against the opening two games of the NBA Finals.

The general belief outside of the Lakers' organization before the report was that former player and current broadcaster JJ Redick had been the longtime

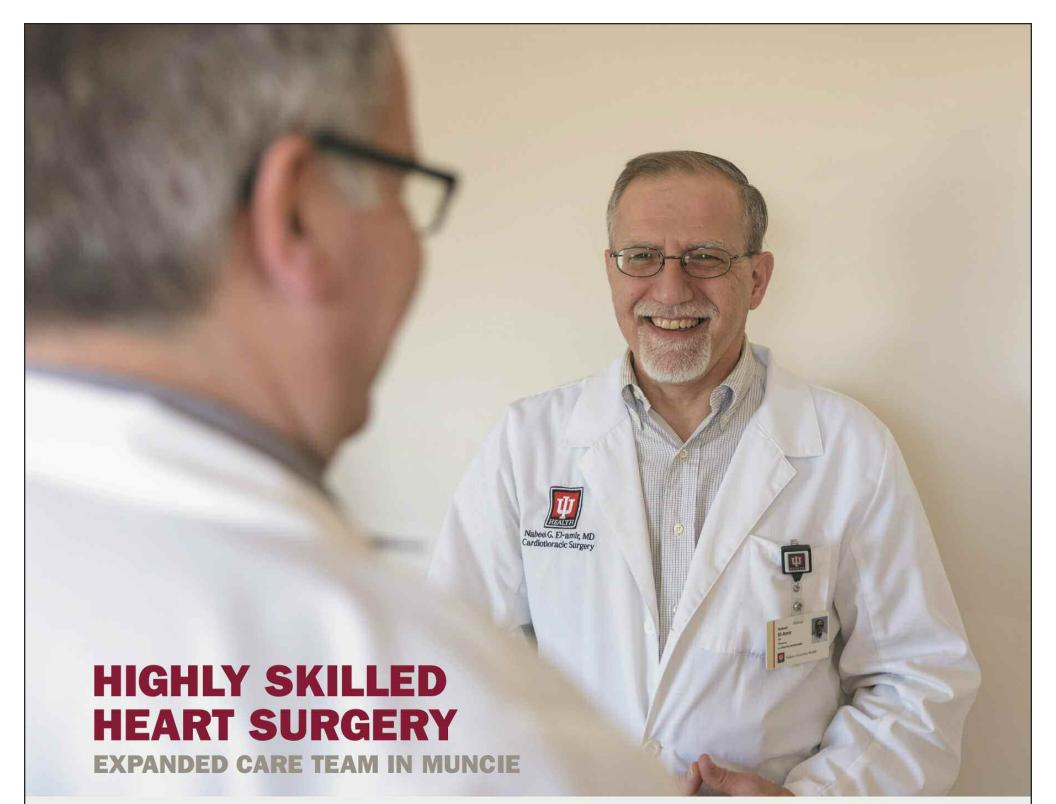
favorite for the job. Still, only New Orleans assistant James Borrego, who previously coached in Charlotte, had been in Los Angeles for interviews with Lakers executives. Redick, according to people with knowledge of the situation, has not undergone similar interviews, though he's spoken with executive vice president and general manager Rob Pelinka. It's expected the Lakers will refocus

there, though it's not immediately clear what the next steps are. Redick is still calling the NBA Finals for ESPN, and Borrego is considered a top candidate for the Cleveland Cavaliers opening.

Both faded to the background as the Lakers took a big swing at Hurley.

Hurley met with Pelinka and controlling owner Jeanie Buss on Friday in Los Angeles before returning to the East Coast. He was at a Billy Joel concert Saturday night at Madison Square Garden in New York before returning to campus Monday, when his team had a scheduled practice.

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