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Bond-ing experience



At the end of the Jay County High School Marching Patriots show, the props that show silhouettes of James Bond through most of the performance are flipped to review his name. The show, titled "You Know My Name," features music from the Daniel Craig era of the long-running movie franchise.

how evokes action/adventure world "I've always loved it," said James Bond. The drum major salute The drum major

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Bond. James Bond.

From the drum major salute with a twirling Emma LeMaster next to a dapper Gabe Pinkerton to a series of silhouettes along the back of the field, everything about the Marching Patriots' 2024 repertoire evokes the name.

Jay County High School's spy/thriller... marching band show — "You "That song is just so aggres-Know My Name" — is built around the iconic themes of the been drawn to it. James Bond films.

track of the same name, which is the opening of the Daniel Craig movies in the long-running film

Bond is a lot different than Shawn Connery, Roger Moore and even Pierce Brosnan ... He's a lot more aggressive. The movies reflect the culture. The movies are a lot more action based and not so much

sive and grungy that I've always

'You Know My Name" is the The show idea came from a closing number for the Marching Patriots' show, with "Writings on the Wall" from the 2015 movie "Spectre" as the "opening credfollowed by the original cards. Other flags show the face

Alex Yoder arranged all of the pieces for the band — Caleb Garringer on mellophone and Joseph Boggs on baritone are the featured soloists — with Roesch then building the drill off of the music. His goal, he said, was to capture the essence of Bond, including swirly forms that invoke the idea of the octopus that is Spectre's logo.

flags used by the color guard. The opening deep red flags display the four suites of a deck of

them took their backgrounds from the opening credits of the 2006 film "Casino Royale.")

The color guard members wear tuxedo-themed uniforms and the drum majors are dressed to the nines in true Bond fash-

"It's a very class show, obviously," said drum major Emma LeMaster, referencing her own There is also a lot of casino sparkling red gown and fellow imagery, most obviously via the drum major Gabe Pinkerton's tuxedo. "It's definitely different from what we've done in the past."

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Patriots ready to rise to the challenge

The Commercial Review Chuck Roesch was thrilled

with band camp. He said his Marching Patriots came out a different group following their week at Indiana

Wesleyan University. Their first performance following band camp, though, wasn't quite up to the standards they expected.

After a couple of quality runs in front of their home fans Tuesday night, they feel ready for the state fair.

Jay County High School's Marching Patriots will compete Friday at Indiana State Fair Band Day, taking the track early at 10:21 a.m.

"When they play smart, when they play together, when they're focused in and they're concentrating, they are at their best." said Roesch following Tuesday evening's state fair preview performance. "The two runs that we had tonight are indicative of

'Saturday night was a good show, but it wasn't a great show."

The preliminary round of the state fair competition begins at 9 a.m. Kokomo is the first of the top contenders to take the track at 9:45 a.m., with Muncie Central

and Richmond back-to-back at 10:45 and 10:54 a.m. Montgomery County, Anderson and Centerville perform in succession beginning at 11:39 a.m.

Awards from the preliminaries will be at 4:30 p.m. Finals are scheduled for 8 p.m., with awards to follow.

The weather forecast does not look promising, with a 41% chance of rain beginning and 9 a.m. and increasing through the evening hours. Thunderstorms are also possible.

Rain, thunder and lightning can't be a concern for his crew, Roesch said.

"We can't get can't get caught up with distractions — if it's gonna rain, if it's not gonna rain," he said. "The one thing that I've always learned and the thing that I try to get my students to understand is there are things that are within your control and things that are outside your con-

"We'll be there. We'll be ready to go. We'll also be flexible if something gets (changed) with the schedule. But when it's time to light it up, we're gonna to be ready to go out there and just lay down a great show for everybody and entertain them.'

See **Rise** page 2



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots, including clarinet player Gina Ward (center) kneel near the end of the first run of their state fair preview show Tuesday evening. The Indiana State Fair Band Day competition begins at 9 a.m. Friday, with JCHS scheduled to take the track at 10:21 a.m. Preliminary awards are at 4:30 p.m., with finals at 8 p.m.

Schools to start with new policies in place

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Thousands of Hoosier students are headed back to school this week and next — and with the start of a new academic year comes a slew of new policies affecting testing, curriculum and classroom behavior. More than a dozen K-12

education laws were passed by state lawmakers during the 2024 session and went into effect July 1. Some details like changes to IREAD tests and high school diplomas — are still being hashed out by state officials and won't become official for several years.

And although newly-enacted legislation brings minimal changes to schools' finances, the second year of the current biennial budget does bring some dollar boosts.

Per-student funding increases improved 5.3% in Fiscal Year 2024, and another 1.8% for this fiscal year, which began July 1. schools That means received \$8.84 billion for tuition support last fiscal year, and \$9.03 billion this year. Private school vouchers and public charter schools also get a portion of this funding, however.

Indiana's next two-year budget will be crafted in the 2025 session and take effect July 1 of next year.

Among the most debated legislation of the 2024 session, Senate Enrolled Act 1 seeks to remedy Indiana's literacy "crisis" by requiring schools to administer the statewide IREAD test in second grade — a year earlier than previous requirements — and direct new, targeted support to at-risk students and those struggling to pass the exam.

But if, after three tries, a third grader can't meet the IREAD standard, legislators want school districts to retain them. That number could reach into the thousands, according to 2023 data. New IREAD results for tests taken in Spring 2024 are expected to be released next month.

Nearly 1,100 schools opted-in to administer IREAD to second grade students during the 2023-2024 school year, according to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). All will be required to do so when giving students the test in March 2025.

Students who demonstrate reading proficiency in second grade won't have to test again, and their passing score will be reflected in the following year's IREAD results for third grade students.

The summer school course curriculum must be aligned to science of reading and be taught by a teacher, instructor or tutor who is specifically trained in that instructional practice, according to IDOE. A summer retest option will also be available to third grade students who did not reach proficiency in second grade or during regular spring testing.

Deaths

Max Chenoweth, 86, Port-

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Tuesday. The low was 70.

Tonight's forecast calls for showers and thunderstorms with a low of 70. Expect more rain and storms Friday, especially in the afternoon, with a high in the low 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County Junior-Senior High School cheerleaders will hold their state fair preview show at 6:30 p.m. Friday at East Jay Elementary School. The squads will compete Saturday at the Indiana State Fair beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Coming up

Friday — Jay County native works at Olympic training facility.

Saturday — Results from the Marching Patriots at Indiana State Fair Band Day.

Tuesday — Coverage of the Jay County cheer squads at the Indiana State Fair.



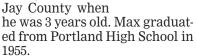
Obituaries

Max Chenoweth

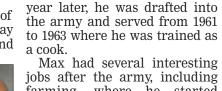
Sept. 27, 1937-July 30, 2024 Max Moody Chenoweth 86, of Portland, Indiana, passed away in the company of his wife and

four children on July 30, 2024, at his home in Portland.

Max was born Randolph County to Harvey and Eva (Moody) Chenoweth. The family moved to



Max married his wife Shelba Louck on Feb. 14, 1960, (64 years) and she survives. They started a



dairy business and farmed,

which was Max's first love. One

jobs after the army, including farming, where he started Chenoweth Family Swine and working at Jay County Farm Bureau Co-Op, Pennville Farm Service, Jay Petroleum and Bavarian Motor Transport. His favorite job was driving a school bus for Jay School Corporation, including transporting the Jay County High School football and basketball teams.

Max was a member of American Legion Post 211 and served as an Honor Guard member. He was involved in Jay County 4-H

sunny.

for over 40 years, including the leader of Green Active Workers, swine superintendent for 20 years and the voice emceeing the Jay County 4-H swine show for many years.

In 1985, Max and Shelba started the Michael A. Alig Memorial Scholarship in memory of Mike Alig and the scholarship has grown exponentially and provided scholarships to FFA youth to this day. In 2022, Max was given the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree and inducted into the Jay County Agriculture Hall of Fame. He was a trustee for the Mt. Zion Church in Noble Township and served on the Mount Zion Cemetery Board. Max enjoyed antique tractors, tinkering around in his garage and visiting the Jay County Fair Louck Wood.

and Indiana State Fair.

Max is survived by his sister, Vita Miller, Urbana, Indiana; brother-in-law Larry (Carol) Louck; and four children, Sabra (Jeff) Jackson, Fort Wayne, Dennis (Donna) Chenoweth, Kimbra (Eric) Reynolds and Gayle Davenport, all of Portland. He has 15 grandchildren and two bonus grandchildren. He has 20 greatgrandchildren and seven bonus great-grandchildren, plus special nephew Zeb (Neesha) Anderson and special niece Molly (Evan) Twigg.

Max was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Vivian Chenoweth Sorenson and Nancy Chenoweth Thornton; brother-in-law Will (Vi) Miller; and sister-in-law Rhea

Funeral services will be Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Darrell Borders presiding. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Military services will follow by American Legion Post #211.

Memorials may be directed to Jay County 4-H or the Jay County Cancer Society.

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

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary serv-

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Chenoweth

Friday 8/2	Saturday 8/3	Sunday 8/4	Monday 8/5	Tuesday 8/6
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82/67	84/64	86/64	83/64	86/65
Friday looks to be another day of rain with a 70% chance of thunder- storms.	onomoro ana	shows sunny	Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday, when the high will be 83.	There's a slight chance of thunder- storms. Oth- erwise, mostly

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$154 million

Mega Millions

19-23-30-33-50 Mega Ball: 25 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$358 million

Hoosier

Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 3-6-8 Daily Four: 4-3-9-7 Quick Draw: 4-5-7-8-15-19-22-31-33-35-38-42-46-55-62-66-67-74-75-80

Evening Daily Three: 1-6-0 Daily Four: 3-2-1-1 Quick Draw: 1-4-7-8-9-24-27-31-34-41-46-50-52-54-57-64-65-67-71-75

Ohio

Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 5-4-9 Pick 4: 5-5-6-3 Pick 5: 6-8-7-4-3 Evening Pick 3: 1-6-3 Pick 4: 0-9-2-9 Pick 5: 6-1-2-5-1 Rolling Cash: 19-22-28-29-36

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Continued from page 1 So far this summer, Jay County has finished third twice — at Anderson and on their home track at Jav County Fairgrounds. It was also fifth at both Muncie Central's Spirit of Sound and the Drums at Winchester.

Results from throughout the summer make Muncie Central a heavy favorite heading into the state fair competition. The band has won every contest it has entered this summer.

Two-time defending champion Kokomo follows, with Anderson and Richmond together in the next group based on scores thus far. Jay County is in the next pack along with Centerville and Montgomery County, having finished just ahead of and just behind both groups at points during the summer.

JCHS knows full well, though, that Friday comes down to one performance. It was sixth in the preliminary round of the state fair in 2023 before surging all the way to a third-place finish in the finals, winning a tiebreaker over Centerville for that spot.

"The kids have themselves set up real nicely," said Roesch, who is in his third year with Jay Coun-

Band day at a glance

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots will compete Friday at the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition. JCHS finished third last year, jumping up after sitting sixth during preliminaries. Below is a look at when the top competitors are scheduled to perform Friday.

Kokomo	9:45 a.m.	Montgomery County	11:39 a.m.
Jay County	10:21 a.m.	Anderson	11:48 a.m.
Muncie Central	10:45 a.m.	Centerville	11:57 a.m.
Richmond	10:54 a.m.	Frankton-Lapel	1:33 p.m.

Awards from the preliminaries are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The finals will begin at 8 p.m.

The Indianapolis forecast for Friday calls for an increasing chance of rain as the day goes on, with thunderstorms possible in the afternoon. In case of inclement weather, the state fair band day policy is as follows: All attempts will be made

to hold the contest. After completion of the preliminary session, the weather and performance area will be evaluated, and a decision will be made by the band day coordinator and Indiana State Fair officials to determine whether the finals session can be held. In the event the performance area cannot be used for marching during the finals session, a decision will be made whether the bands can give stand-still performances. If a stand-still performance is given for finals performance, each band will be judged on music execution and music general effect. The preliminary visual execution and visual general effect scores will be included to determine the band's final score. If a stand-still performance cannot be given for finals performance, preliminary scores will determine a band's final placement for presentation of trophies and cash awards.

The Marching Patriots' summer so far

Third out of eight	53.35 points
Third out of 10	61.25 points
Fifth out of 26	65.65 points
Fifth out of 23	77.45 points
	Third out of 10 Fifth out of 26

ty after two decades at some ground on some of good position. They can of us.' move up with a good run on Friday and another good run Friday night. ...

'With this group, based on the shows that we saw tonight, I anticipate them going out there and going ahead and lighting it up and being able to make up

Centerville. "They're in a the groups that are ahead

That said, he noted that the Marching Patriots can only control their own performance. It's reaching their best that is the ultimate goal.

"This group will be hapoff the finish line know- that it can possibly be.

ing that they did every single thing on that field and sacrificed and gave it their all for every other member in the group," Roesch said. "It's not going to be about points. It's not going to be about placing. ...

'That's always the goal — just pushing ourselves piest when they can come to make the show the best

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Continued from page 1 While the show has a Bond theme, it's not a spy story. There is no James Bond character on a mission.

Instead, it is meant to draw the audience into a Bond world.

"It's basically gonna be capturing a lot of the action ... and excitement from the movies without actually having a character and a story line," said Roesch. "I think what we're really gonna be the rubble and you adjust the cuff, Live Twice" and "Live & Let Die."

you into the world of James Bond."

There are little touches throughout. One of LeMaster's favorites is

when the band members take a moment to fix their cuffs. "It definitely goes along with

our show," she said. "It's the classic James Bond,"

added Pinkerton. "You get out of

doing with this show is just taking adjust the bow tie and keep going

on." It marks the second time in the Marching Patriots' long history that they have presented a James Bondthemed show. The other was in 2002, when the group finished second at the Indiana State Fair and earned the caption award for best music. It featured the James Bond Theme from the "Goldfinger" and "Nobody Does it Better" films along with "You Only

Today in history

In 1998, the Jay Coun- Federation tv High School Marching tournament Patriots finished second Louisville, Kentucky. in the Music In Motion son. They scored 75.3 tiered Central (79).

Rockets fell 11-10 in 12 half going into effect innings to Louisville Jan. 1, 2023, and the Star Drywall in the open-remainder to follow on ing round of the Nation- April 1. al Amateur Baseball

regional

In 2022, Portland City band contest at Ander- Council approved a twosewer rate points to trail Franklin increase at a total of 33.6%. The increase was In 2013, the Portland set to be split, with about

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Capsule Reports

Four injured

people Four were injured Tuesday after a Portland woman allegedly crossed the center line on county road 50 North and struck an oncoming Decatur woman's vehicle.

Samantha K. Howard, 28. Portland, was driving a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado north on the road near county road 800 North about 9:58 p.m. Tuesday. At the same time, Nancy Garcia Magdaleno, 27, Decatur, was driving a 2004 Oldsmobile Silhouette south on the road. According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, Howard crossed the center line into the path of Garcia Magdaleno's vehicle, causing their cars to collide head on.

Howard told police Garcia Magdaleno crossed the center line, but the sheriff's office report indicates that the police investigation shows it was Howard's vehicle that crossed the center line.

Garcia Magdaleno was trapped in the vehicle and extricated by emergency responders. She sustained leg and hip injuries and was flown to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Her passenger, 35-year-old Diana E.

Garcia of Decatur, complained of pain all over her body.

Howard sustained leg and mouth injuries, and her passenger, 2-year-old Grayson W. Howard of Portland, sustained a head injury. The Howards were transported to IU Health Jay.

Both drivers were given alcohol and drug blood tests with results pending. Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Plow accident

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Pennville man's vehicle struck Jay County equipment along county road 750 West about 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Fred W. Miller Jr., 61, was driving his 2018 Ford F-150 north on the road near county road 400 North. At the same time, Harley W. Geesaman Jr., Commissioners.

60, was driving a 2018 Western Star 4700 dump truck south on the road while working on it, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. As Miller drove Geesaman, his tire hit the vehicle's plow.

Miller's vehicle was towed. The dump truck Geesaman was driving is registered to Jay County

Saturdays 10:00a-3:00p

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Citizen's calendar

Today

Wabash River Basin cil, village hall, 201 S. Commission, Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

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

Monday

5 p.m. — Jay School General Board, Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort 1:30 p.m. — Upper Recovery Village Coun-Main St.

Tuesday

4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corpora-Community tion, Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.

5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville

Town Council, town

hall, 105 N. Washington

7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

SERVICES

Friday Chenoweth, Max: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday Domingue-Wutz, Sum-

mer: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Set clear boundaries

By JANN BLACKSTONE

Tribune News Service

Q. I often hear, "Set clear boundaries" when co-parenting, but my co-parent just does what he wants and I am left frustrated and angry because he doesn't listen to me.

For example, he's never on time. The court order says 10 a.m. on Saturdays. He rolls in at 10:30 and I'm sitting at Starbucks for a half hour with a crying 3 year

To make my point, I started to be late, too. It made no impact. When I mentioned it, he said, "Well, you're late sometimes, too!" What's good ex-etiquette?

A. A boundary is a limit that you set for acceptable behavior. But, if you are wishy-washy, that can be confusing and people don't know what you expect. That's where the term "blurry boundaries" comes from. line drawn gets smudged.

Your example of being late is a perfect illustration. Trying to get back at your co-parent by also being late just reinforced that being late is really of no consequence to you. You blurred the boundary when you, too, were late.

By the way, Good Ex-etiquette for Parents rules No. 5 and 6 are, "Don't be spite-"Don't hold and grudges." Revenge rarely

Ex-*Etiquette*



sets the example you want. I am often asked how to

set a clear boundary. Here are my suggestions:

1. Identify your limits. What do you want? Consider what actions, behaviors, and situations you will accept and what you will not find acceptable.

2. Put boundaries in place as soon as possible. If you wait or drag your feet, you will have to play catch-up. And once a boundary has been breached, it is difficult to be taken seriously.

3. Be consistent. Once you've communicated your boundary, stick to it. "Blurry boundaries" just asks your co-parent to push the

So, let's say there was a boundary in place but a coparent ignored it. How do you get back on track? It will be helpful to use "I" statements to communicate your feelings.

"I feel (name the emotion) when (describe the action) because (describe why). I would like (name the corrected behavior)."

ting a boundary into place at jann@bonusfamilies.com.

ple follows the model above, but more importantly, the original boundary breached and this co-parent is asking that the original boundary be respected.

"I'd like to revisit how we communicate the kids' schedules. Our previous decision was that there was no need to send each other reminder texts once the kids' extracurriculars were entered into the co-parenting app calendar. I thought I was clear when we discussed this previously, but I am still getting reminder texts from you, 'just to make

"I appreciate that you were previously responsible for getting the kids to their activities and it may be difficult to relinquish that role when they are with me, but I must ask you to respect our original agreement. Our responsibilities have been clearly defined, so in the future, let's do our best to stick to our the agreement already in place.

Be direct and stay calm. That's good ex-etiquette. •••••

Blackstone is a child custody mediator and the author of "The Bonus Family Handbook: The Definitive Guide to Co-parenting and Creating Stronger Families." She can be reached by visiting bonus-The following is how put- families.com or emailing her

Partner's solo trips affecting marriage

DEAR ABBY: Fifteen years into our marriage, I'm struggling to honor my wife's desire for space and independence. I can be a hopeless romantic, and my attempts to communicate my desire for trustworthy and healthy boundaries have actually made it worse.

We had a romantic origin story in a foreign country, and we haven't had a vacation together with the kids in 10 years. She enjoys going on solo vacations so she can be "free" to have adventures where she can get attention from other

I trust her and love her deeply, but her returning to the exact location where we met romantically so she can be the object of other men's desire is hurtful. When I've communicated this, she says I'm being "needy." I disagree.

How can I let my wife be free and independent when the ways in which she does it are hurtful to me? When I express this openly and honestly, I'm made to feel as if it's a "me" problem to resolve for myself.

There are subtle and sometimes overt comments that make me feel like our connection is slipping away, and I refuse to let that happen. We are in counseling, but she's against it. What do you do when your desire for a deeper connection with your wife is rebuffed? LOSING IT IN NEW YORK

DEAR LOSING IT: I am so glad you and your wife are in counseling, because you both need it. Since your wife is doing this against her will, I urge you to continue alone if necessary.

Please understand that you cannot save a marriage all by yourself. There has to be a mutual willingness, and it often involves compromise. Ten years since a family For her to take solo vacations so she can appear to be marriage, and you have not Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



been "needy" by pointing out that fact.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a twice widowed lady. I'm also a snowbird. There is a gentleman, also a snowbird, who comes south and stays with the family across the street from me. He's very nice, and we have gone to dinner a few times, but I have no desire to have more than a casual relationship. I drink good wine; he's a beer drinker.

Last week, he came to visit and brought a large bottle of very inexpensive (and awful) wine. I graciously had a small glass, but it wasn't to my liking. He has mentioned that he has bought yet another bottle of this wine for us to share.

How do I tell him I only want to be friends and that my taste in wine is more refined than his without coming across as a snob? I don't want to hurt his feelings, but I just can't drink another glass of it. — CABER-NET QUEEN IN FLORIDA

DEAR QUEEN: Before you see this nice man again, ask him to return the wine he purchased "for you to share" and tell him it's your turn to bring the wine. People have different tastes, and it isn't "snobbish" to make your preference known. As to the issue of just wanting to be friends, once he sees the price of the wine you prefer, he may be only too glad to go back to his beer.

Dear Abby is written by Abivacation is a very long time. gail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline single (if that's her reason) Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at is hardly working on your DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440.

Birth announcements

son, was born July 25 at St. Vincent Randolph to Michael land. Bailey and Mackenzie Hollowell of Winchester.

He weighed 7 pounds, 5

and Mark Bailey of Farm-

Langenkamp

born July 13 to Caitlin and Joe and Cindy Ruchgy.

His grandparents are Brian Alex Langenkamp of Portland Jameson Paul Michael, a and Barb Hollowell of Portland at St. Vincent Randolph in Winchester.

He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

His grandparents are Roger Calvin Roger, a son, was and Debbie Langenkamp and

Community Calendar

space is available. To sub- in Portland. For more 964-6075 news@thecr.com.

Today

SMART RECOVERY 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 ness will meet from 7 to 9 recovery program meets p.m. at St. Vincent Ranat 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. dolph Hospital, Winches-

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an item, email information, call Brenda Bosworth at (765) 584-6452. Eads at (260) 726-9625 or

PORTLAND A group for those strug- CLUB — Will meet the tion Support Team recovgling with addiction that first Thursday of the focuses on motivation, month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7

FORGET-ME-NOT — Asupport group for parents. friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illeach Thursday at A Sector, in community room 1.

Notices will appear in ond Chance At Life Min- For more information, call Community Calendar as istries, 228 S. Meridian St. Kimberly Sibery at (765)

Dave Keen at (260) 251- Friday

RECOVERY LIONS SERVICES — Peer Addicery 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-

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

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.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Holds its next

meeting at noon Friday, Aug. 2, at Harmony Café in Portland.

Saturday

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Level: Intermediate

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LOCAL'S MARKET -Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

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

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side

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Why is grandma living all alone?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

When Gilbert O'Sullivan (no relation to Gilbert and Sullivan) wrote his 1972 lament, "Alone again, naturally," being alone was not anywhere as popular as it is today.

Back then, about 17% of American households were occupied by just one person. Today, that figure is closing in on 30%. Where, in the early 1970s, we saw 10 million singleperson households, now we're pressing 40 million.

Many factors have combined to make living alone more comlife for surviving spouses. More divorced people. High incomes for select occupations

Eye on the Pie



ous economy with higher real wages supplemented by pensions, life insurance, social security, more liberal mortgage policies, increased female labor force participation and adults of all ages accustomed mon than in the '70s. Longer to more square footage than enjoyed by previous generations.

We may imagine the diverse filled by young people. They all lives of those living alone. For

freedom and exploration. For increased by 15%. That's a gap Huntington and Marion) have others, it is a daily grind in a of only three percentage pit of desperation. It is a fea- points, but in New Mexico the ture of our movies, songs and fiction, a persistent reality in advertising, but it fails to register on our collective thoughts of American life or our anticipation of our future society.

Americans complain of a housing shortage without acknowledging the fact that 14% of the population 18 and older occupies 28% of all housing units. In Indiana, that's 16% of the relevant population using 29% of our housing.

This living alone phenomenon has increased every year since 1960. From 2012 through 2022, occupied housing units increased by 12% while the

gap was 14 percentage points (11% vs 25%). Indiana ranked 12th with a gap of seven percentage points, more than twice that of the nation. In all, 44 of the 50 states saw those living alone increasing faster than did the number of housing units.

The percent of the population living alone is highest for those 65 and older, 27% in the U.S. and 29% in Indiana. In both the U.S. and Indiana, this oldest group is just 6% of those 18 and older, but they occupy close to 12% of the housing.

Among those 65-plus, five are evidence of a more prosper-some, it is a golden time of number of persons living alone (Switzerland, St. Joseph, Knox, cus@gmail.com.

more than a third of their seniors living alone. In Switzerland County, 9% of the population occupies 18% of the housing units, yielding the largest gap in the state of nine percentage points. Hamilton County is at the opposite end of the spectrum, with 4% of its 18and-older population using 8% of the housing; the lowest gap in the state at four percentage

Do we want to (should we) do anything about those living alone disproportionately occupying housing? Are these inequalities inequities?

Marcus is an economist. diverse Indiana counties Email him at mortonjmar-

Deal should speed approval

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

Months if not years in the making, a bipartisan bill in Washington seeks to speed up permitting for new energy infra-structure, which far too often today gets bogged down if not killed by exhausting regulatory processes and lawsuits. Here's hoping the imperfect but worthy legislation isn't bogged down or killed by the forces protecting the status quo, which far too often today carry the day in Congress.

Anyone who claims to care about giving Americans plentiful access to affordable energy, includrenewable the sources of power that will are absolutely essential to slowing the rapid rise in temperatures that's threatening people and ecosystems across the planet, should be upset about the fact that, according to the federal energy department, 70% of the nation's transmission lines are more than 25 years old. Old transmission lines squander energy. They make power outages and cyberattacks more likely. And perhaps most importantly, they drive up costs to consumers.

It's not just the wires that deliver the electricity; it's the sources that produce it in the first place. To wean the country off carbon-emitting sources by 2035, the United States has to quadruple its annual deployment pace for solar and wind generation.

Yet under rules that have only gotten more complex and cumbersome over the decades, America continues to move at a snail's pace in rolling out energy infrastructure. As a late 2023 report by the World Economic Forum put it, "At the end of 2021 in the U.S., 79% of the wind pipeline was stuck in the permitting process versus the construction

phase...There are also 95% is clean power technology. Similarly, interis rising from less than major two years for projects built in 2000-2007 to nearbuilt in 2018-2022.

Guest **Editorial**

As author Philip K. Howard has pointed out in these pages and elsewhere, infrastructure approvals can easily take decades — with costs rising and rising with each passing year of delay.

The Trump administration took a crack at fixing the problem, in one of the few policy moves this page enthusiastically supported. The Biden administration, under which both oil and renewable production are at alltime highs, has also pushed for smoother and speedier permitting of clean energy projects an agenda Republicans and some Democrats have resisted as an unfair thumb on the scale.

The sweeping legislation co-authored by Republican John Barrasso and Democrat Joe Manchin, who's made millions in the coal busihey emit fossil fuels. It would enable much faster modernization of the electric grid so that new sources, which are overwhelmingly renewable ones, can more easily deliver power to homes and businesses.

Oil, gas and other fossil-fuel emitting industries won't be on the outside looking in. The legislation would set a deadline for the Energy Department to decide whether to give gas export projects a thumbsup or thumbs-down, and would streamline the process for generating whether energy, it's renewable or not, on public lands. It would expand both offshore oil drilling and offshore wind, and make it harder to tie up projects in endless lawsuits.

The bill could use over 2,000 gigawatts of refinement — given what projects in the U.S. seek- a huge threat climate ing connection to the change, we'd strongly grid, of which more than prefer renewable sources to be prioritized — but it should nevertheless serve connection waiting time as the foundation for reform that unsticks the permitting process and lets energy ly four years for those and economic progress accelerate.

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Short stories offer full reward

THOMAS GRANT BRUSO

The Press-Republican (Plattsburgh, New York) Tribune News Service

Short stories are a dying art. Growing up in the 1980s and 1990s, I consumed many pulp and mystery short stories, satisfying my literary taste and inner bookworm.

Stephen King, Ray Bradbury, Ed McBain, Ross Macdonald, Raymond ness, aims to speed up Carver, and Donald E. Westlake were recently, the master of macabre took energy and infrastruc- a few of my must-read authors. They a break from writing about bloodture projects whether or still are, in fact, my go-to writers thirsty clowns, gigantic spiders, when I need a break from the usual novel-length reads.

Nonetheless, they're available and can be equally enjoyed by various age

Two popular, long-running short story publications, Queen's Mystery Magazine and Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine, are in print and accessible today as e-books or bound paperbacks, including a plentiful amount of crime, mystery, pulp, and suspense short fiction stories to sharpen and pique the armchair detective's little grey cells. In the July/August 2024 issue of Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine, a slew of marvelous, creative, and crafty tales is woven into page-turning suspense reads such as Steven Sheil's title story, "The Art of Cruel Embroidery," which is set in a tailoring shop and boutique

Marcelle Dube's deftly handled story, "Chuck Berry is Missing," is one of the collection's highlights, with its wintery, atmospheric backdrop and well-paced investigation. If you're looking for a solid missing person mystery and summer crime, I urge you to pick up or download a copy of the latest Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine.

As for physical books and the authors writing and churning out stories in the short fiction field, some celebrated authors, such as Stephen King and Joyce Carol Oates, have recently released a mishmash of short stories.

King is widely read and mainly known for his horror tales. Until frightening glance at our country's kid.

Thomas Grant Bruso

rabid dogs, vampires, and

"Billy Summers.

cars for more grounded, human-

For years, King's passionate fan

base has been clamoring for spooki-

er stories and the supernatural mon-

sters and sinister entities that live in

the dark and go bump in the night.

King must have been listening

because this past May, a dozen dark

stories surfaced in a 500-page tome

called "You Like it Darker," a nostal-

gically and stylized compilation of

evocative old-school horror that

King returns with a sequel to "Cujo," a short story titled "Rat-

tlesnakes." King reminds us that the

past steers the future. In the story, a

widower travels to Florida to receive

is my favorite of the bunch. A man

dreams of finding a dead body and

then goes searching for it, only to

land himself in the line of fire when

he becomes the main suspect in the

man's death. It is the longest story in

the batch, clocking in at 151 pages,

but the stellar storytelling seizes you

naut Joyce Carol Oates published

new arresting and provocative stories in "Zero-Sum." The compendium is an example of art imitating

life — though it might be the other

way around — a brilliant and inno-

vative example of somebody holding

a mirror up to our current times, a

In 2023, prolific literary jugger-

'Danny Coughlin's Bad Dreams''

with

strings

inheritance

and doesn't let go.

attached.

King fans have been waiting for.

interest stories like "Holly"



Oates likes to experiment with syntax, content, and language. Many of the stories in the book center on women's rights, feminism, and the vulnerable framework of living as a

woman in a violent man's world.
"Mr. Stickum" includes violence against women, a familiar theme in Oate's writing. Still, the physical, emotional, and mental fatigue it takes on the women in the story doesn't outwit their hunger for control and retri-

broken political and social land-

In the most comprehensive and powerfully wrought story, "The Suicide," a highly admired and cuttingedge writer experiments with drafts of his own suicide.

C.J. Tudor ("The Chalk Man" and "The Gathering") combines her strength for storytelling and worldbuilding in a slim but fierce collection of horror stories titled "A Sliver of Darkness."

Using engaging dialogue and mindbending narratives, Tudor features chilling cases of killer butterflies, Doomsday scenarios, and mistaken

"Final Course" concentrates on a group of friends who gather for a dinner party as the country descends into darkness. Grave consequences abound as Tudor feeds her readers with excellent pacing and mood and amps up the creep factor to unnerving levels of uncertainty.

"Gloria" is an eerie tale of lust, as a strange young woman endears herself to a cold-hearted killer.

Short fiction is on the menu—a variety of pulp, mystery, and suspense tales for the ravenous reader. This month and throughout the year, support authors who write short stories. Check out the titles from this column, or select your own.

Whatever you choose, happy read-

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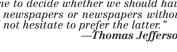
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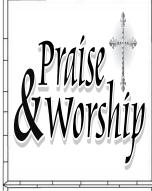
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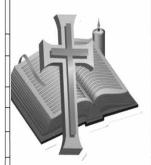
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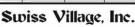
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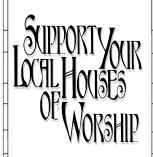
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nanybell@yahoo.com

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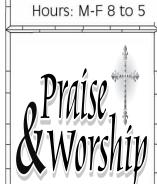
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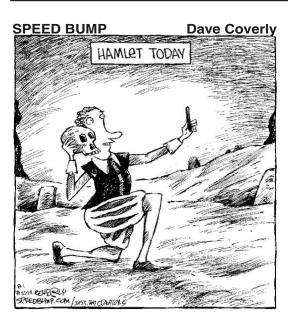
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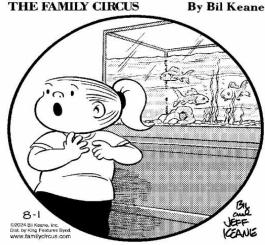


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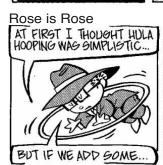
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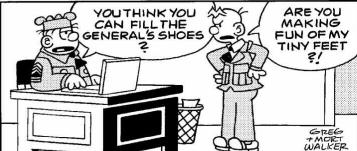






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A case of self-preservation

North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠ A 7 6 2 ♥ 8 5 3 WEST EAST ♦ Q 10 8 ♥ J 10 9 4 ♦ J 9 6 4

SOUTH **★**KJ954 **∀**K76 **♣**A Q 3

The bidding: South West Pass Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Opening lead — three of diamonds. A safety play is basically a protective measure. Declarer assumes an unfavorable lie of the cards and

takes steps to guard against that possibility should it happen to Here is a typical case. West leads a diamond against four spades. Declarer wins with the ace and notes that if the opposing cards are divided unfavorably, he could lose

trump tricks.

South can do very little about the location of the trumps if West has

all four of them, so he begins by leading a low spade to the ace, on which West plays the three and East the eight. When declarer next returns a trump and East produces

returns a trump and East produces the ten, South must decide whether to play the jack or the king.

This is a very common problem, but, unfortunately, there is no hard and fast rule to rely on. More often than not, the king is the better play, but in a particular case the jack might be the right play.

It certainly is in this deal, where playing the jack guarantees the contract, while playing the king jeopardizes it. Obviously, if the finesse wins, South has the contract firmly in tow and, in fact, is sure to

Innesse wins, South has the contract firmly in tow and, in fact, is sure to finish with least 11 tricks.

And what if the jack should lose to the queen? In that case, declarer is still in good shape. Whatever West returns, South is sure to score at least 10 tricks consisting of four spades, four clubs and two dia-monds

But note what happens if declarer does not finesse the jack and plays the king instead. If he next conshift to a heart to sink the contract.
And if instead South attempts to run his clubs right away in order to discard a heart. East ruffs the third dub and his heart enters again. club, and his heart return again

three heart tricks and one or two puts the contract down one.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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USMNT reaches **Olympics quarterfinal**

By JONATHAN TANNENWALD

The Philadelphia Inquirer Tribune News Service

This year's U.S. men's Olympic soccer team already made history by reaching the tournament for the first time since 2008. On Tuesday, it wrote another great chapter, booking its first trip to the quarterfinals since 2000 with a 3-0 win over

Djordje Mihailovic opened the scoring with a bulls-eye free kick in the 14th minute; Paxten Aaronson sprung Kevin Paredes for a terrific goal in the 31st; and Union midfielder Jack McGlynn teed up Paredes for a game-sealing smash in the

The 2000 U.S. squad included many players who went on to greater heights, including Landon Donovan, Josh Wolff, John O'Brien, Tim Howard, Ben Olsen and Chris Albright. We'll have to wait to see how many of this year's Olympians do the same, especially since many stars of the senior U.S. team are still young.

But this Olympic team has already achieved a feat that no U.S. men's squad has in a century of Olympic participation: two group stage wins. Thursday's victory followed a 4-1 rout of New Zealand, giving the Americans six points (2-0-1) and second place in Group A.

The group winner was no surprise: host France won all three of its contests, including a 3-0 victory over the U.S. But the tournament's other groups have been full of drama, and that has created some surprising quarterfinal matchups.

Morocco won Group B, and will be the Americans' quarterfinal opponent on Friday at Paris' fabled Parc des Princes (9 a.m. ET, English TV TBD, Telemundo, Peacock). The Atlas Lions upset pre-tournament favorite Argentina in controversial fashion on the Olympics' opening day, were upset themselves by Ukraine, then cruised past Iraq on Tuesday.

Though Morocco doesn't have the individual star power of Argentina and Manchester City striker Julián Álvarez, it has plenty of firepower and a marquee leader in Paris Saint-Germain right-back Achraf Hakimi. His teammates from

U.S. men's soccer team hadn't been in the Olympic quarterfinals *since 2000*

leagues in France, Spain, Italy and more have delivered seven goals in three games.

One of those players has American roots: forward Amir Richardson, of French club Reims. The 22-year-old midfielder's father, Michael Ray Richardson, was the No. 4 pick in the 1978 NBA draft and played in the league for eight years. Amir's mother is French-Moroccan, and though the U.S. recruited him at one point, he chose to play for Morocco.

The Morocco-U.S. winner will play Spain, which was upset, 2-1, by Egypt on Tuesday, or the Group D winner in the semifinals. Group D was to be settled later Tuesday, with leaders Japan facing Israel and Paraguay facing Mali. All four teams were still alive to advance at kickoff.

On the other side of the bracket, France will play Argentina in one quarterfinal, a matchup loaded with spice. Not only did those nations contest the 2022 FIFA World Cup final, but Argentina recently sparked outrage when some of its Copa Américawinning players sang a song with a racist lyric about the French.

Argentina recovered from its opening loss with two wins afterward. Remarkably, the Albiceleste and Morocco finished with the same points total (6 from 2-0-1 records), goal difference (+3), and goals scored (6), so the head-to-head result broke the standings tie.

The France-Argentina winner will play Egypt or the Group D runner-up.



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Rosalie shoots

Rosalie McLaughlin shoots for the goal during the Jay County High School youth soccer camp on Tuesday. The three-day camp had about 50 participants that got to work with boys and girls varsity soccer players.

Dodging

Continued from page 8 open gym that night, quickly learning how seriously some players took the game.

was terrible," Hull said. "I barely stayed in long man, I had the time of my life."

He proceeded to go to an while in California, before moving back to southwest Ohio and playing in Dayton and Cincinnati. Then in 2019, Hull moved out to "I went, I tried it out and Atlanta but found a jarring absence of the sport there.

After the COVID-19 panenough to do anything, but demic, Hull worked to get Barbeau. the Atlanta Dodgeball Club

He continued to play helped create the Atlanta is the former head of USA he is honored to get the resent the game, to repre-Threat, a team that will travel to compete around the country. Playing for the Threat is what really helped Hull take off, connecting him with players from Team USA including Shawn Wheeler and Shota

Throughout his years of started, which is nearly 35 playing dodgeball, Hull got

dodgeball and a producer that is running the Ocho games this year. This connection opened the door for Hull to compete in the USA Dodgeball All-Star Showcase, as Mason was looking for players that are talented and would be fun to

chance to compete and help dodgeball grow on a national level. One thing he hopes to do is just inspire people to try new things.

"I fell in love with this sport. It's something we anyone who sees this, all kind of just take for whether it's a kid, a young granted in our youth and adult or even a 30-40-yeark through 12 lives, Hull old, just (try) something Hull said he isn't taking said. "So being able to new and you might fall in

sent my home town and even Atlanta too ... It's just really cool to be able to broaden the reach of the sport. ...

"Just try things. I hope

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Tri-Village – 9

Tuesday

Jay County — Girls golf at Bellmont – 8 a.m. Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Mercer County Meet - 8 a.m.; Girls golf at Union City Classic 12:30 p.m.

TV sports

5 a.m. — Olympic swimming (USA) 10 a.m. — Olympic archery (USA) 11 a.m. — Olympic women's field hockey Great Britain vs. USA (USA) 12:15 p.m. — Olympic gymnastics (NBC) 1:05 p.m. — Olympic basketball 3x3: Lithua-

Today

3 p.m. — Olympic women's basketball: USA vs. Belgium (USA)

7 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour baseball

9 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Chicago Fire at

Toluca (FS1)

Friday

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USA (NBC)

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3 p.m. — Olympic volleyball: USA vs. Japan

4 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball: USA vs.

(ESPN)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

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9 p.m. — Professional Fighters League (ESPN)

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Jay County High School began selling season

tickets Monday, July 22. Tickets can be purchased during office hours from 7:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. The Patriot Pass and Senior Patriot Pass (for those 65-and-older) cover all high school and junior high events. The former costs \$105 while the latter is \$60.

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Canada 3x3 vs. USA 3x3 (NBC) 12:30 p.m. — Olympic women's water polo: France vs. USA (USA)

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Chasing dreams and dodging balls

Fort Recovery native Perry Hull will compete in ESPN's USA Dodgeball All-Star Showcase

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

"I'm being told that Average Joe's does not have enough players and will be forfeiting the championship match," Gary Cole's character Cotton McKnight in the spoof of ESPN2, ESPN 8 The Ocho from "Dodgeball: an Underdog Story".

"It's a bold strategy Cotton, let's see if it pays off for 'em," responded Jason Bateman's character Pepper Brooks.

This exchange was one of many from the 2004 comedy film that started "The Ocho's" lega-

Today, what started as a joke on ESPN adding a second channel and the idea of how many "ESPN's" there would need to be for a sport like dodgeball to be televised, is now an annual event in early August that features a marathon of lesserknown, unconventional and humorous sports.

This year's version of the program will pay homage to the movie the program is based off of with dodgeball, and one of Fort Recovery's own will be there.

Fort Recovery native Perry Hull will compete in the USA Dodgeball All Star Showcase as part of The Ocho on Friday, which will air at 4 p.m. on ESPN2.

"People that know me ... know that it's family and faith and then I love dodgeball and I love Fort Recovery," Perry said. "Just being able to, one, be a guy from Fort Recovery playing sports on ESPN is wild to think about.

"And two, to be playing a sport I only really started playing six to seven years ago, and taking it really seriously for about two or ment he got from playing in California, Hull got the opportuso freaking fun.' I'm saying this, three, so to be able to help pro- high school didn't initially nity to play again when helping heaving over the toilet in the



Photo provided

Perry Hull cocks his arm back to fire a dodgeball for the Atlanta Threat dodgeball club that he started after moving. Hull, who is originally from Fort Recovery, will compete in the USA Dodgeball All-Star Showcase during ESPN's The Ocho on Friday at 4 p.m.

sport is a big deal for me."

Hull described his interest in

career he has now.

The 2010 graduate hadn't dodgeball starting in high touched the physical education play dodgeball with the kids," school on Fridays after his class staple for nearly eight Hull said. "After a while (of weightlifting class. The enjoy- years. While living in southern playing), I was thinking 'this is

mote this game as an actual true bloom into the professional out with a youth lock-in at the men's bathroom because I waschurch he was attending.

"I was asked if I wanted to

n't in shape, but it was that fun."

That led to Hull to thinking if adult dodgeball leagues existed, and one Google search the next day showed a plethora of options in the area.

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