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Checking in

Poll workers assist voters with check in Tuesday morning at Jay Community Center in Portland. There was a consistent flow of traffic at the polling site to vote in this year's election, which includes races ranging from county commissioner to Indiana governor to president. For results, see Thursday's paper or visit thecr.com.

Council approves payment for work on tower

Foundation for new structure is nearly complete

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The foundation for Fort Recovery's new water tower is nearly complete. Next steps include installing water line material and finishing the structure.

Fort Recovery Village Council agreed Monday to pay \$81,346.56 to Caldwell Tanks for its work on constructing a second water tower in the village.

Fort Recovery received a \$1.25 million grant in June 2023 from Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program for the tower. It also received a \$600,000 allocation in June of this year from the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund, which is a part of the main Ohio capital budget.

The new 250,000-gallon elevated tower is planned for the north side of the village and includes an additional 2,600 feet of water line to connect it to the village's distribution system.

Village administrator Randy Diller noted the foundation for the project is mostly complete with pipes extending out of the tower. Material for the water line is expected to arrive this week. The company plans to begin installing water lines for the project next week.

Although the tower won't be functioning yet — its completion is projected for July — the installation will serve to create a loop in the town's water lines.

Steel for the project should arrive at the beginning of next year, with construction to begin shortly after its delivery.

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National Guard leader is retiring

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Maj. Gen. R. Dale Lyles will retire from his role leading the Indiana National Guard in January, Gov. Eric Holcomb's office announced Monday.

That's also when the state's next governor is scheduled to take office; Holcomb is term-limited.

"Serving as adjutant general has been the honor of my life, and I'm grateful to Gov. Holcomb and the women and men who proudly serve our fellow Hoosiers in the Indiana National Guard for the privilege of leading this dynamic team," Lyles said in a news release.

Lyles has been leader in Indiana since 2019

He has led the guard since being appointed by Holcomb in 2019.

"Whenever disaster struck or duty called, General Lyles and our trained and ready Hoosier Guardsmen leapt into action and met every moment in stride," Holcomb said. "It was on his watch and because of his focused leadership that we simultaneous-

ly modernized and mobilized the Indiana National Guard here at home and abroad."

Over the last five years, the news release notes, the guard has met its assigned federal missions, responded to an increasing number of state and local missions, boosted talent attraction and retention, invested in its armories and more.

While leading Indiana's forces, Lyles also worked on national recruitment and retention efforts. Lyles graduated from the Indiana Military Academy in 1994 and earned his commission. He's served in the Indiana Army National Guard for decades, including post-9/11 deployments to Bosnia and Afghanistan. He has worked in numerous other military roles, according to the news release.

"The Indiana National Guard has given me the opportunity to earn three degrees, work locally and globally, and serve something greater than self — everything the next generation is seeking," Lyles said.

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Ten killed in eruption

By AHMAD PATHONI
dpa
Tribune News Service

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki, an active volcano on the eastern Indonesian island of Flores, erupted early on Monday, killing at least 10 people, a local official said.

Avi Manggota Hallan, head of emergency response and logistics for East Flores district, said most of the victims died when their houses, which were ablaze, collapsed. Rescue teams were still searching for potential victims trapped under the rubble.

Videos circulating on the internet showed emergency services removing charred corpses.

"We are still conducting assessments, and there may be more casualties," Hallan told dpa.

The eruption triggered panic among residents of nearby villages, with many fleeing their homes as ash and debris rained down.

Most victims died in their homes

Emergency response efforts are ongoing, with the government declaring a state of emergency in the affected areas, Hallan said.

Many streets and trees in the region were covered in a dense layer of ash and volcanic debris. Thick smoke was still rising from Lewotobi Laki-Laki in the background. Weeping residents told local television stations about a hail of glowing rocks.

"We heard thunder with tremors and winds that brought

burning stones," said Aril Witin, who lives near the volcano. "It sounded like fireworks at first, then like heavy rain. We took shelter under our mattresses."

A fellow resident suffered severe burns to his feet when he stepped on hot stones in the darkness while fleeing. The eruption prompted authorities to raise the alert level to the highest level and order evacuations of nearby villages.

The volcano began showing signs of increased activity on Nov. 1, according to the Centre for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation.

The centre said in a statement that eruptions had intensified in recent days, with heightened seismic activity and rising ash plumes.

A 7-kilometer exclusion zone has been established around the volcano, it said.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Arnold Wellianto

Members of a rescue team carry away body bags containing deceased people at Klatanlo village, in East Flores Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, on Monday after Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki erupted overnight. At least six people died after a volcano in eastern Indonesia erupted several times overnight, raising the alert level to the highest of a four-tiered system.

Deaths

John Arnold, 54, Portland
JoAnn Groves, 82, Berne
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Monday. The low was 63.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 40s. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with a high in the upper 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Property tax bills are due Tuesday. The Jay County Treasurer's Office at Jay County Courthouse will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this week to accept payments. They can also be placed in the drop box on the south side of the courthouse. The courthouse will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans' Day.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the election, including the Jay County Commissioner race.

Friday — Release of the All-Graphic Printing Company volleyball team.

Saturday — Preview of the Jay County High School girls basketball season.



Tower ...

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Council members Erik Fiely, Scott Pearson, Luke Knapke and Al Post, absent Cliff Wendel and Greg Schmitz, approved the pay request. (Diller noted they would need at least one more voting member in order to vote on advancing the dollars from one fund to another. Plans are to approve a resolution to that

effect at council's next meeting Nov. 18.)
Also Monday, council heard about a recent meeting between Diller and a representative of Miami Valley Lighting for the village's street light agreement, which is set to expire at the end of the year.
He noted the company would not consider selling the village the remaining 75 lights the com-

pany owns, but it offered to convert lights to LEDs at no cost to the village — previously it cost \$40 per light — and reduce LED monthly pricing from \$15.21 to \$13.52. It would require the village to keep those lights through the term of a five-year contract. Also, in the new contract village employees wouldn't be allowed to remove lights, instead requiring the company to do the serv-

ice for a fee, and in five years if the village chooses not to renew the contract, the village would pay for 100% of costs associated with removing lights. (In the current contract, the village and Miami Valley Lighting split the cost.)
Diller said he would continue to work with the company for a solution in coming months.
In other business, council:

•Heard Ohio Rural Water Association visited the village's wastewater lagoons last week. Diller noted the company plans to wait a few more weeks before conducting sonar testing.
•Were reminded about Fort Recovery Merchants Association's Christmas Open House slated for Nov. 14 through Nov. 17 around the village.

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Thursday 11/7	Friday 11/8	Saturday 11/9	Sunday 11/10	Monday 11/11
57/36	61/37	63/50	63/48	61/43
Mostly sunny skies on Thursday, when the high will be around 59 degrees.	Friday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of rain at night.	Mostly sunny on Saturday with the chance of rain increasing throughout the day.	There's a 50% chance of rain on Sunday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny skies on Monday when the low will be in the low 40s.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 6-18-33-48-53 Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 10 Estimated jackpot: \$75 million	Daily Four: 9-2-3-6 Quick Draw: 1-2-4-11-23-24-29-36-39-40-43-46-48-51-52-59-60-61-71-76 Cash 5: 31-35-41-42-44 Estimated jackpot: \$85,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$303 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 3-0-7 Pick 4: 4-1-4-2 Pick 5: 9-2-7-6-4 Evening Pick 3: 9-2-6 Pick 4: 8-3-4-2 Pick 5: 7-5-0-6-7 Rolling Cash: 13-22-24-28-38 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-5-0 Daily Four: 7-1-9-9 Quick Draw: 4-5-7-8-16-17-27-31-41-46-53-57-59-61-65-71-73-75-77-80 Evening Daily Three: 2-0-9	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.09 Dec. corn.....4.19 Wheat.....4.73	Dec. beans.....9.80 Wheat.....5.23
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.24 Dec. corn.....4.19 Jan. corn.....4.27	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.09 Dec. corn.....4.07 Beans.....9.71 Dec. beans.....9.74 Wheat.....5.17
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.22 Dec. corn.....4.22 Beans.....9.80	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.04 Dec. corn.....4.14 Beans.....9.52 Dec. beans.....9.58 Wheat.....5.08

Today in history

In 1854, John Philip Sousa was born in Washington, D.C. Sousa is known for his many military marches. High school bands across the country award the top student in their class each year with an award named after him recognizing superior musicianship and outstanding dedication.
In 1861, Jefferson Davis was confirmed by voters to a six-year term as president of the Provisional Government of the Confederacy.
In 1913, Mahatma Gandhi was arrested for leading a march in South Africa.
In 1917, the Bolshevik revolution began after bombs fell on Winter Palace in Petrograd.
In 1984, president Ronald Reagan was re-elected in a landslide victory against Democrat Walter F. Mondale.
In 1995, Art Modell announced he would be moving his team, National Football League's Cleveland Browns, to Baltimore, Maryland. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 9 a.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 2:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.	

Obituaries

John Arnold
Sept. 6, 1970-Nov. 4, 2024
John Arnold, age 54, a resident of Portland, passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, following a motorcycle accident west of Portland.
John was born Sept. 6, 1970, in Bluffton, Indiana, the son of Terry and Jessie Paulette (Hodge) Evans. He attended South Adams High School and earned associate's and bachelor's degrees.
John worked at MSSL in Portland and enjoyed carpentry and mechanical work.
He married Suzanne Williams on Nov. 16, 2023.
Survivors include:
His wife — Suzanne Arnold, Portland, Indiana
Three sons — Harley Arnold (wife: Jessica), Portland, Indiana,

Dustan Slade, Geneva, Indiana, Dorwin Arnold, Grand Junction, Michigan
Step-children — Ashley Scott (husband: Andy) and Justin White (wife: Jessica)
Siblings — Tracy Arnold, Portland, Indiana, Terry "TJ" Arnold, Portland, Indiana, Clint Evans, Portland, Indiana, Misty Vance, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Troy Arnold (wife: Mandy), Muncie, Indiana, and Kristi Arnold, Selma, Indiana
Grandchildren — Karson Arnold, Brooklynn Arnold and Neveah Petty
Visitation will be held on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home



Arnold

in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home with Bob Graham officiating. Burial will follow at a later date at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

JoAnn Groves, Berne, a former Geneva resident, Jan. 30, 1942-Oct. 30, 2024. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

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

Judiciary battle intensifies in Mexico

By MAYA AVERBUCH and ALEX VASQUEZ
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service
A Supreme Court review of the effort to overhaul Mexico's judiciary is set to intensify a battle between justices and the ruling Morena party, threatening to push the nation to the brink of an institutional crisis.
On Tuesday, the top court was scheduled to weigh a draft ruling from Justice Juan Luis Gonzalez Alcantara that upholds the legality of popular elections for Supreme Court members — one of the key aims of the judicial reform lawmakers approved in September. But the proposal would drastically limit the reform's scope by declaring unconstitutional the speedy election of the country's federal judges, many of whom are set to face a vote next year.
Eight of the court's 11 justices, including Gonzalez Alcantara, have

pledged to resign rather than run in the elections, fueling expectations that they will vote in favor of the ruling. But whether they will get that opportunity remains unclear, after Morena used its congressional majorities to approve a new law curbing the Supreme Court's powers last week.
Morena's judicial reform efforts have already rattled investors and allies like the U.S., generating deep fears that the dominant party started by former President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is seeking to erode any remaining checks on its power. Now the court case appears poised to set up a high-stakes decision for Lopez Obrador's chosen successor, new President Claudia Sheinbaum, who many analysts expect to press forward with elections no matter what the court decides.
"In a normal state of democracy with a working system of balance of

powers, the executive and legislative branches are obliged to comply with the ruling," said Claudia Aguilar Barroso, professor of constitutional law at the Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City. But Sheinbaum and Morena's lower house leader, Ricardo Monreal, she added, "have already given hints that they will ignore it."
Gonzalez Alcantara's draft ruling lends credence to many of the arguments critics of the overhaul have leveled. By setting a first batch of judicial elections for mid-2025 — before the terms of many current judges end — Mexico's congress violated the independence of the federal judiciary and the constitutional separation of powers, it states.
Federal judges, he wrote, should remain in their posts for their full term and "can only be removed through disciplinary or criminal" procedures that are "clearly established in advance."

Capsule Reports

Facade \$ approved
Portland's Facade Committee approved a grant Tuesday to help install new windows in a downtown building.
Committee members Rusty Inman and Joe Johnston, absent Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake,

voted to approve a \$2,471.62 grant for LeeAnn Miller's Reclaiming Design at 206 N. Meridian St., Portland. The funding will cover half the cost of installing new windows on the north side of the building.

Guard ...

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Holcomb credited Lyles for fostering a "culture of high standards, success and stability" throughout the chain of command.
"I know his patriotic duty to serve burns as bright today as it did when he first raised his hand and took the oath to serve his nation and his Hoosier neighbors," added Holcomb, who bid Lyles and his family "my best in the next journey ahead."
The next governor will appoint Lyles' successor. Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Democrat Jennifer McCormick and Libertarian Donald Rainwater are vying for the role.
Indiana has about 12,000 guard soldiers and airmen.

SERVICES

Thursday
Hofstetter, Charles: 1 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Saturday
Mast, Edward: 1 p.m., Countryside Christian Church, 1212 E. 100 South, Winchester.
Groves, JoAnn: 1:30 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Arnold, John: 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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FR names honor roll

Fort Recovery Middle School recently announced its first nine weeks honor roll.

Making the list with straight A's were sixth graders Tyce Dilworth, Heidi Dues, Kayla Dues, Rachel Fortkamp, Wade Gaerke, Conner Homan, Anna Niekamp, Garrett Siefing, Peyton Weitzel, Zoey Wendel, Natalie Wenning and Georgia Wuebker.

On the list with all A's and B's were sixth graders Rhett Albers, Lillian Alig, Rachel Boeckman, Ziva Brown, Aaron Brunswick, Easton Diller, Rozlyn Diller, Leonard Fallier, Addison Fortkamp, Calan Fortkamp, Gavin Gaerke, Hailey Grisez, LaMicheal Heitkamp, Blake Homan, Lane Homan, Jordan Honeycutt and Maverick Huelskamp.

Also Ellee Kremer, Hannah Link, Walker Link, Brandon Martinez, Whitley Overman, Charles Roessner, Violet Roessner, Theodore Schmitz, Addison Schoenlein, Adaley Shuttleworth, Kaitlyn Stammen,

Tyler Steinbrunner, Kolten Timmerman, Hailey Wenning, Marcus Wenning, Riley White, Evan Willmann and Rihanna Wuebker.

Making the honor roll with all A's were seventh graders Kyle Andrews, Logan Gaerke, Miley Hardwick, Alex Heitkamp, Mason Jutte, Camden LeFevre, Eloise Niekamp, Katelyn Siefing, Aubrey Stammen, Makayla Wehrkamp, Aubrey Wendel, Kenzie Wendel, Julia Westgerdes and Mya Will.

On the honor roll with A's and B's were seventh graders Mason Alig, Kolson Bechtol, Alexandra Bihn, John Bihn, Molly Boeckman, Lukas Brackman, Nester Coc Choc, Brooke Dilworth, Carly Fortkamp, Macy Fullenkamp, Skylee Grafmiller and Brayden Grisez.

Also Mason Grisez, Lauren Hart, Jesse Homan, Jayce Honeycutt, Tucker Huntsman, Ryan Jutte, Victoria Jutte, Isla Kaiser, Chloe Knapke, Eli Kre-

mer, Owen Lamm, Quinn McCain, Aubrey Post, Addalyn Roessner, Rayla Staugler, Koby Timmerman, Rielle Wendel and Gavin Willmann.

Making the list with all A's were eighth graders Chloe Brockman, Anthony Evers, Brinley Fortkamp, Gavin Heitkamp, Yoselin Juarez-Gomez, Alexander Roessner and Lana Wuebker.

Also on the list with A's and B's were eighth graders Kaiser Albers, Tenley Albers, Allison Bergman, Jenna Bertke, Kali Brunswick, Kale Diller, Bentley Dilworth, Jordan Dues, Hope Evers, Stetson Fullenkamp, Kayla Gaerke, Claire Grube, Addyson Heitkamp, Ethan Homan, Brynn Huntsman, Addison Jutte, Carter Kaiser, Andrew Martinez, Isaac Niekamp, Courtney Overman, River Overman, Kayden Ranly, Andrew Rehmer, Jett Tobe, Ben Vogel, Mara Wendel, Claire Wenning, Vincent Wenning, Lydia Will and Reid Willmann.

Open relationship leads to difficulty

DEAR ABBY: I'm in an open relationship with my partner. We both enjoy hooking up with other people, but only if we agree on the person. It was going great; I still got my one-on-one time with my partner. But now it seems that instead of making love with just me, the only time he wants to touch me is if someone else comes over.

What's the best way to approach him about it? Should I suggest we stop inviting people over for that type of fun? — ADVENTUROUS LADY

DEAR LADY: Your partner appears to have lost interest in one-on-one intimacy. If that's the case, you need for him to own up so you can adjust your life accordingly. Healthy relationships, open or closed, involve honest communication. If you are unhappy with the way your relationship has devolved, you have every right to say so.

DEAR ABBY: I am 58 and a recovering addict. I used drugs and alcohol for 30-plus years, and now I have 20 months clean, thank God. Throughout my addiction, I had a friend who was my strong supporter. I always regarded him as a friend, since he was there

when I was actively addicted. Now that I'm clean, he wants to step it up and go from friends to a relationship. Yes, I care for him, but he wants to get married without first getting to know the real me. He's a hard worker who doesn't drink or smoke.

He just works and comes home. He's just the type of man I've been looking for. Please advise me on what I should do. — CLEAN AND SOBER IN FLORIDA

DEAR CLEAN AND SOBER: Your statement that this man wants to get married without first getting to know the real (I assume you mean sober) you speaks volumes to me. It tells me you are making mature, well-thought-out judgments, for which I congratulate you. He may be just the type you are looking for, but postpone marriage until you are certain that he knows and can accept the new strong and sober you.



Dear Abby

Marriage licenses

Nicklaus E. Lykins, 25, Redkey, and Shannon M. Springer, 30, Portland

Patricia L. Brummette, 37, Portland, and Brylee W. Speed, 26,

Portland Mark A. Hamilton, 35, Pennville, and Kylie N. Joseph, 32, Pennville

Ralph S. Martin, 50, Pennville,

and Adeline J. Wengerd, 38, Bryant

Nevin A.M. Curme, 35, Portland, and Christina M. Easton, 27, Portland

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected

by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, 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 - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based 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

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — 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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the 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 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions,

will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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

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

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

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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() YES I need a meal delivered on Thanksgiving Day

() I am diabetic

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'Zoo' served to liven up a gray day

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Nov. 3, 2004. I can hardly think of a column more purely Jack than one that involves birds. Jack had an email list of folks to whom he would regularly send pictures of birds. I was on it, much to my chagrin and his delight.

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

"I feel like I'm in a zoo," I told my wife over a bowl of soup.

It was Monday, and November had landed with an audible thud.

Gone were the crisp blue skies of October. Gone too were most of the autumn leaves,

Back in the Saddle



stripped from their branches by Saturday's gusty winds.

Instead, the sky was the color of lead.

Rain was in the forecast.

And the temperature had dropped.

The only thing to look forward to was Tuesday's election. And the only incontestably good

thing about that was that the campaign would be over.

In other words, I was in a pretty glum mood, one that matched the November day outside.

Then the birds arrived.

Connie had filled the backyard feeders over the weekend. A cylindrical one hanging from a stick attached to the garage held small black sunflower seeds. Two others on posts held a typical wild birdseed mix. And a fourth hanging from a redbud branch held thistle seed.

First a couple, then a couple more, then a dozen more finches — purple finches and house finches — swooped down for what must have been lunch.

While the two of us watched from the kitchen table, the scene outdoors became busier and busier.

A pair of cardinals, both female, picked through seeds dropped at the foot of one of the feeding stations.

A nuthatch — at least one — zipped down like a daredevil to grab a spot at the sunflower station.

Sparrows and juncos appeared.

"How many do you think there are?" I asked, trying to count as the miniature air show continued.

"Birds?" said my wife. "Or squirrels?"

Sure enough, the backyard mammals had decided to get into the act.

A pair of fox squirrels scrambled through a maze of redbud branches, while a pair of gray squirrels chased each other around the trunk of an ash tree.

"I feel like I'm in a zoo," I said, glad that I was referring to the backyard wildlife display and not the election year.

It was still November. There was still mud flying everywhere in the final countdown to Tuesday's vote.

But as I headed back to work there was a little spring in my step. Thanks to the birds.

Clashing definitions fail Latino families

By ANNA ARZUAGA

The Fulcrum

Tribune News Service

The majority of Latinos in the United States experiencing homelessness are invisible. They aren't living in shelters or on the streets but are instead "doubled up" — staying temporarily with friends or family due to economic hardship. This form of homelessness is the most common, yet it remains undercounted and, therefore, under-addressed, partly due to conflicting federal definitions of homelessness.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development defines homelessness narrowly, focusing on those living in shelters or places not meant for habitation, such as the streets. This definition, while useful for some purposes, excludes many families and children who are technically homeless because they live in uncertain and sometimes dangerous housing situations but are not living on the streets. This narrow definition means that many of these "doubled up" families don't qualify for the resources and critical housing support that HUD provides, leaving them to fend for themselves in precarious living situations.

In contrast, the Department of Education, under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, adopts a broader definition that includes students who are doubled up, living in motels or in other unstable housing situations. This definition is more reflective of the reality faced by over 1.2 million public school students during the 2021-22 school year, with 76 percent of these students experiencing doubled-up homelessness.

The conflicting definitions create significant disparities in how homelessness is understood and addressed. While the Department of Education recognizes and provides some support for students in doubled-up situations, HUD's narrower definition excludes these families, leaving them without the crucial housing assistance they need.

This discrepancy even extends to how homelessness is counted. For instance, HUD's Point-in-Time count focuses solely on those living in shelters or on the streets. In contrast, the McKinney-Vento count by the Department of Education includes all children without a fixed, regular and

Anna Arzuaga



adequate nighttime residence, capturing those in doubled-up situations or motels. As a result, many homeless families are greatly undercounted and left out of policy decisions that determine federal housing funding.

Latino families are at high risk of facing housing instability and more likely to experience homelessness by doubling up with other households due to economic challenges and systemic barriers. The situation becomes even more complicated for those who are undocumented. While both immigrant and migrant children and youth are eligible for McKinney-Vento services, such as free school meals, if they lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, accessing broader housing support is more complicated. HUD's stricter immigration requirements often bar undocumented families from receiving the housing assistance they need.

This gap in resources has real consequences for Latinos. Homeless children face a 18 percentage point drop in their chances of graduating high school compared to the national average. Even when schools provide support through the McKinney-Vento Act — such as tutoring, school supplies and transportation — students living doubled-up still lack what they need most: stable housing because HUD doesn't recognize their living situation as homelessness.

While it won't solve housing insecurity overnight, aligning HUD's and the Department of Education's definitions of homelessness would be a step in the right direction for truly addressing the needs of doubled-up families, ensuring that everyone is seen and counted. By expanding our understanding of what homelessness can look like, we can begin to connect these overlooked families and children to the housing resources and stability they desperately need.

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Infinity is headache-inducing

By DAVID CHRISTY

Enid News & Eagle (Oklahoma)

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"The only kind of universe that I can even begin to conceive is an inconceivable one." ~ Ilyas Kassam

Every once in a blue moon, I will let my imagination release its bonds on Earth and try and get my mind around the universe.

You know, that vaguely definable concept of something that is infinite, and for no better explanation or definition than there is no end to infinity.

I can't perceive of infinity.

It's kind of scary when you think about it. We like to know how things work, how we can explain things but are faced with the fact the universe cannot be readily explained.

We like to think we are the masters of the Earth — we humans, we mortals.

Yet, the universe is immortal, and we are ... merely mortals.

It's a difficult concept to explain to others, let alone to our individual selves.

I don't think anyone, no matter how smart or with an IQ of a zillion, can actually explain how the brain works as it does.

Or how I can eat a hamburger and fries, and not only does it taste good, it provides energy for me to live and think and spend a few minutes every so often trying to figure everything out.

Now, not since Sir Isaac Newton and Copernicus, Galileo, Plato and John Stuart Mill used their noggins for something besides a place to wear a hat, mankind has been asking the question why and how the universe is out there.

That smart aleck that stares back at me every morning in the bathroom mirror will some days answer that question by asking, "why not?"

But then, what does he know.

David Christy



So when I tried one more time to get my mind around the idea that the universe has no end, and I'm living in a house that has a finite size and space in it, it once again blew my mind.

Why does it matter to me, anyway?

Answering my own question won't make a living and pay the bills.

It won't help me to live in my own personal world, or help me choose something I enjoy doing, figuring out what I want to eat for supper or how and why my favorite sports team is not living up to expectations.

Will it?

The fact that I'm even thinking of these things kind of amuses me — that having learned things in schooling over the years, I'm still asking questions.

Here's what I found when I started looking at what others have said explains the universe. That nebulous thing we refer to as the internet — and it knows everything — says the universe is the entirety of all existing matter and energy, encompassing all space and time, including stars, planets, galaxies and even the fundamental forces that govern them; essentially, it's everything that exists, from the smallest subatomic particles to the vast cosmic structures, all interconnected within a continuously expanding space-time continuum.

Now there's a dandy word — continuum. I think it came from the same group of words that give us the word vacuum, and always give

editors problems making sure it's spelled right in the paper.

Oh, those double-u words are a booger sometimes.

So, according to people with more degrees and who can actually do vastly more complicated math problems than my rudimentary $34 + 15 = 49$, that definition of the universe still can't explain to me what infinity is.

Oh, I found that infinity is explained away as the unlimited extent of time, space or quantity. And infinity is boundlessness.

You see, the English language is limited by words that we sometimes are not able to process in our brains.

When I was growing up, I had boundless energy — and most days still do.

But there's the rub Mr. Hamlet and Sir Shakespeare. My definition of boundlessness is how I perceive that in my mind vs. how you perceive boundlessness.

So, are there an infinite number of ways each of us perceive infinity?

Well, actually no. There are a finite number of people on Earth, despite the fact that we are dying and being born on a continuous level. So at any given time, if it was at all possible to ascertain, we have a finite number of people living on this planet.

It's estimated that 140 million babies are born on Earth every year. And in 2023, it was estimated 61 million people died — so our Earth gained about 79 million people, give or take.

We have a finite planet, yet at some point there will be just too many people for Earth to sustain.

It's inevitable, so here we come universe.

I gotta quit thinking about the universe and infinity. It makes my head hurt.

I never should have taken that philosophy class in college.

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Getting rules ready

States are preparing for new technology

By ELAINE S. POVICH

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Early one morning last year, as state Rep. Josh Bray left his small town of Mount Vernon in southeastern Kentucky to make his way to the Capitol in Frankfort, he decided to count how many drivers he saw texting or distracted by something else.

He quit counting after 24 when he saw a truck driver reading a newspaper while going down the road.

The incident spurred the Republican lawmaker's effort to pass a bill this spring in the Kentucky legislature that sets rules for self-driving vehicles, including the largest commercial trucks after July 2026. Bray thinks the rules will ensure that self-driving vehicles are safer than those operated by often-distracted human drivers.

The new law for fully autonomous vehicles — those designed to function without a human driver present — requires owners to file a safety and communication plan that law enforcement can use and to have a minimum of \$1 million in liability insurance per vehicle, roughly 10 times higher than the amount for regular personal vehicles.

"I felt like it was necessary to have something on the books in Kentucky because we are kind of a logistics hub," Bray said. For example, he said, self-driving baggage handling vehicles at a northern Kentucky airport now will be able to cross a state road.

The legislature approved the bill in late March and a few weeks later overrode a veto by Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear, who said the bill advanced too quickly and that there should be a testing period before fully autonomous vehicles are allowed to drive in the state.

While no fully autonomous cars are in regular use in the country yet, some states have allowed limited testing and pilot programs on public roads. Many state legislatures are trying to get ahead of self-driving vehicles that eventually will be on their roads by setting standards for operating the vehicles and rules for law enforcement if they see an autonomous vehicle breaking a traffic law. And many laws require, as Kentucky's does, a minimum insurance requirement to protect drivers, passengers and pedestrians, should the vehicles be involved in an accident.

This year, five states and Washington, D.C., enacted bills dealing with fully automated vehicles, according to Douglas Shinkle, associate director of environment, energy and transportation for the National Conference of State Legislatures. The new laws in Alabama, Kentucky and South Dakota allow for the operation of fully autonomous vehicles, while California's new law deals with safety require-



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Passengers ride in a car outfitted with Waymo full self-driving technology in Santa Monica, California, on Feb. 21, 2023. This year, five states and Washington, D.C., enacted bills dealing with fully automated vehicles, according to Douglas Shinkle, associate director of environment, energy and transportation for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

ments. North Carolina's brings the vehicles under updated dealer regulations for all cars.

Updates to current laws

About half the states already have statutes regulating vehicles operated by some degree of autonomous technology — ranging from the fully autonomous vehicles that are not on the road yet to those that have some driver-assist functions, Shinkle said. But many of the laws are being changed already.

"There's been a steady progression of bills," he said, "with some going back and refining some of the language. Every year some new states are getting into the mix."

Most of this year's new laws have to do with commercial vehicles, he said. States hope to bring in manufacturers of the vehicles or other industries that would use the technology.

"A lot of this is motivated by states that don't want to be left behind," Shinkle said. "They hope this may lead to jobs in their states."

But labor unions worry that driving jobs might be lost to the technology.

Dustin Reinstedler, president of the Kentucky chapter

of the AFL-CIO, testified against the bill in his state, saying at a legislative hearing that his union preferred alternative legislation calling for a study of the "effects of autonomous vehicles on our roads and the jobs of over 50,000 workers."

Already, autonomous ride-hailing vehicles from Waymo, formerly known as the Google self-driving car project, dot the landscape in Los Angeles, Phoenix and San Francisco, allowed to drive within limited areas.

Safety concerns

Fully autonomous vehicles have raised safety concerns. California enacted a law this year that will, among other things, require manufacturers to continuously monitor every autonomous vehicle on the road and designate a remote human operator to immobilize a vehicle if necessary. The law also allows law enforcement to issue a notice of noncompliance when autonomous vehicles violate local traffic ordinances.

Earlier this month, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began an investigation into four crashes of Teslas operating

with a partial-automation system (which can navigate highways and steer the car on city streets but requires a licensed driver to be present), including one in which a pedestrian was killed. In a news release, NHTSA said reduced visibility may have led to the crashes.

A NHTSA spokesperson said in an email that in each incident, the Tesla entered an area with reduced roadway visibility due to sun, glare, fog or dust. She would not elaborate nor be further identified.

Bray, the Kentucky lawmaker, argued that the self-driving vehicles and driver-assist vehicles are "much safer than human drivers." He added that fully autonomous vehicles, such as large trucks, could run in the middle of the night, taking traffic off the roads during peak hours and lowering the risk of tired drivers falling asleep.

The idea of semitrucks without drivers makes Kentucky Republican state Sen. Greg Elkins uneasy. He opposed the bill and supported the governor's veto.

"My reasoning was I just don't think technology is there yet, particularly with 18-wheel vehicles," he said in an interview. "I would have been OK

with the bill that would have restricted [it to smaller vehicles]."

Alabama's new law requires a minimum of \$100,000 in liability insurance for fully autonomous vehicles, about the same as ordinary cars.

California's new law requires \$5 million in insurance for manufacturers testing autonomous vehicles on state roads, should any one of them be in an accident.

Robert Passmore, a vice president at the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, a trade group for insurance companies, said that should individual autonomous vehicles come into regular usage, the insurance companies still have to answer the question of "who was driving at the time." He argued that the liability coverage should mirror that required for regular cars with drivers.

"Our position is that these vehicles should be insured the same," he said. "The things that can happen as the result of driving are pretty much the same. Whatever the minimum limits are for that type of vehicle, those are probably appropriate [for autonomous vehicles]. Most people carry more than the minimum anyway."

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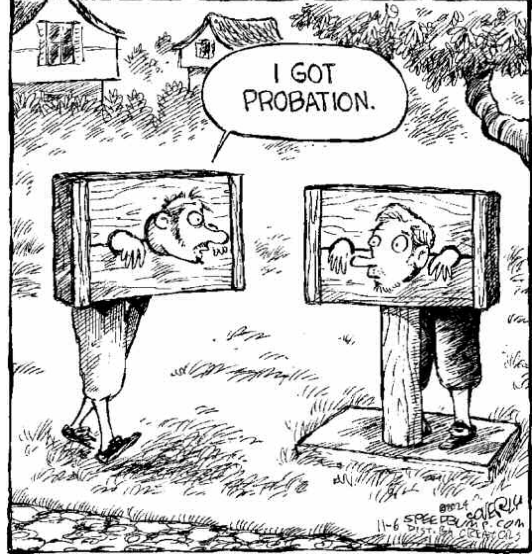
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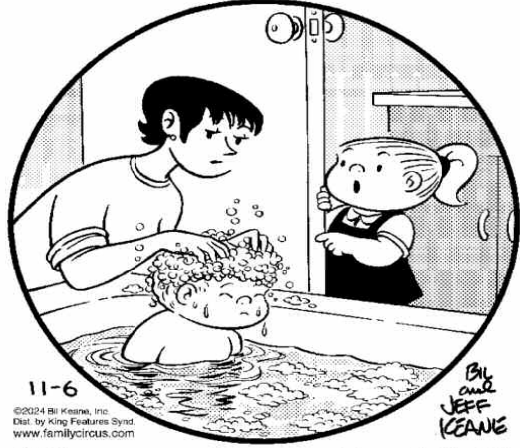
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By Steve Becker

Avoiding a difficult guess

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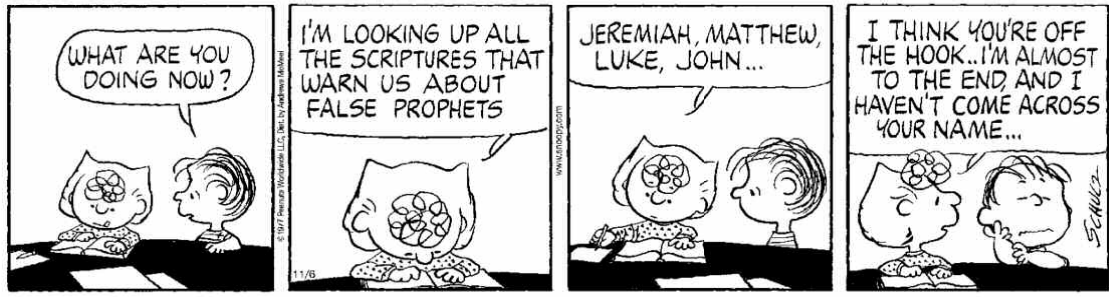
The bidding: South West North East 1 Pass 2 Pass 4 Opening lead — queen of spades. Let's say you're declarer at four spades and West leads the queen of trump. You can't tell yet whether you have to lose a trump trick, but you assume you do, because if you don't, the contract is ice-cold. The only tricks you could lose if the trumps are divided 2-2 would be two hearts and a club. You can't do anything about the club loser, or the trump loser if there is one. But you can hold yourself to one heart loser if East has the A-Q, or if he has either the ace

or queen and you guess correct whether to play the king or jack after leading a heart from dummy. Unfortunately, you have almost nothing to go on in deciding how to handle the hearts. Even so, you went down as a result of having played the jack instead of the king, or the king instead of the jack, you might feel like kicking yourself (if your partner didn't kick you first).

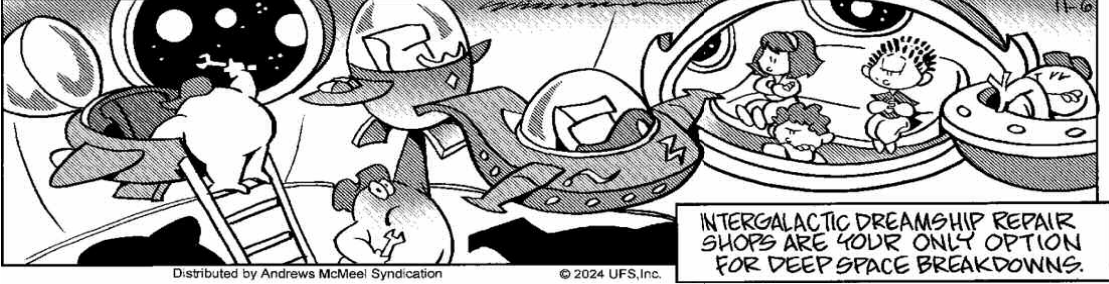
By far the best plan is to try to avoid the heart guess altogether. I get started, you should win the opening trump lead with dummy ace and return a club. After East follows low, you play the jack. You don't expect the jack to win — and of course, it doesn't. West wins with the king and returns the jack of trump, but you're now in full control of the situation. You win the jack with the king, play the ace of clubs and begin cashing your diamonds. If West ruffs, he will have to return a heart eliminating the guess in that suit, or yield a ruff-and-discard. If West doesn't ruff, you then put him on lead with a trump, placing him in the same untenable position. By adopting this approach from the outset, you avoid the distasteful heart guess and so accomplish your mission.

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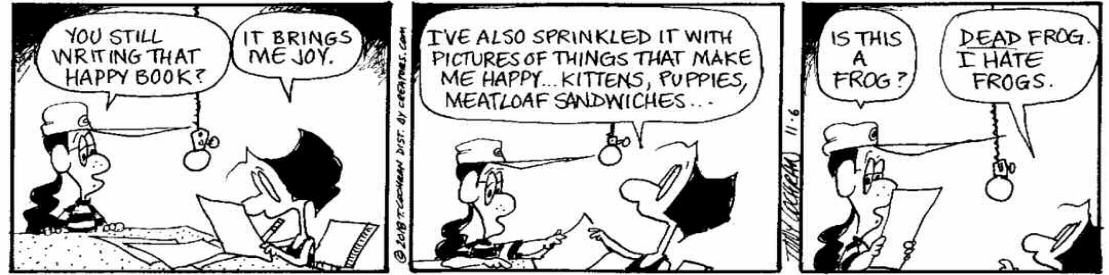
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UCF holds on to upset No. 13 Texas A&M

By **MATT MURSCHEL**

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UCF relied on a stifling defense and some timely shooting to upset No. 13 Texas A&M 64-61 in the season opener Monday night at Addition Financial Arena.

The Knights held the Aggies without a field

goal for almost four minutes while storming back to erase a double-digit second-half lead.

Darius Johnson scored a team-high 24 points, and his assist to Benny Williams for a dunk with 45 seconds left helped UCF take its first lead since the 19-minute mark of the second half at 62-61.

"We knew we just had to get stops down in the stretch," Johnson said. "They went on a little bit of run and outrebounded us, and we gave them a lot of second-chance points, but we ended up fighting back."

Said UCF coach Johnny Dawkins: "That's my type of team. I thought it

showed an amazing toughness because you have to really dig down deep to get those stops."

JJ Taylor (10 points) sealed the win with a free throw with 33 seconds to go, and Jordan Ivy-Curry added one more.

As the horn sounded to end the game, the student section stormed the court.

"It's a great experience, but we were supposed to get that win, so it ain't nothing too big," Johnson said. "We went into the game expecting to win and nothing less. We're happy that the fans are excited and have so much joy and excitement behind us, but we did what we were supposed to do."

Texas A&M had one final chance, but Wade Taylor's driving layup went out of bounds.

"This was a statement game," said Johnson. "Moving forward, we want people to underestimate us, but moving forward we must make people respect us."

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10 p.m. — NBA: Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)

Thursday

8 p.m. — College basketball: Prairie View A&M at DePaul (FS1); Niagara at Michigan State (BTN)

8 p.m. — College football: Florida Atlantic at East Carolina (ESPN)

8 p.m. — NHL: Utah Hockey Club at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)

Local notes

Final race
The final race in the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26. Preregistration can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

Turkey Trot sign-up open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 17th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St.

Henry, Ohio.

Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice. The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet.

Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end. You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5k" on speedy-foot.com.

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday December 7th, 2024
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 2119 S US 27
PORTLAND, IN.
OPEN HOUSE Sunday Nov. 17th & Sunday Nov. 24th 1-3p.m. or for private showing phone auctioneers.
REAL ESTATE
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch home containing 1390 sq. ft. finished living area. Black-top driveway. GFA with Central air. 19' x 25' attached garage, and an 18' x 24' detached garage. Nicely situated on two lots containing 1.65 acres in a prime location.
ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD-LAWN AND GARDEN
12' x 10' portable storage building. Oak pie safe, Kitchen cabinet, (2) Childs rockers, Parlor table, Garden throw, Parry Buggies thermometer, (2) 3 cushion sofas, Kenmore upright freezer, Whee horse 520-H riding mower with 48" cut and snowblower, Craftsman 10" table saw, Porch Swing, 3 hole dog box for pickup truck, Garage and shop tools. Several items not to mention.
OWNER: Richard L. Manor
Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.

SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE
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PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday November 16th, 2024
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 5691 S 600 E (Gas City), Marion, IN
LOADER-TRACTORS-TRUCKS-COMBINES
Case W14 wheel loader with material bucket, Bobcat MT 52 with Kubota diesel and material bucket, Kubota L35 tractor with loader and backhoe, International 1256 tractor with cab, weights, and duals, 1960 Reo Gold Comet Grain truck with 16' bed, International 6 row corn head with cart.
FARM EQUIPMENT-MISC.
Steiger 9 shank disc chisel, JD 7000 12 row planter, Great Plains folding drill, International 1190 haybine, New Holland hayliner 68 sq. baler, News idea single axle PTO manure spreader, Cross double chain elevator, Bench with Ammco 1000 break lathe and grinder, Electric golf cart, Large auction, several items not mentioned.
OWNER; Max Kirkwood Estate, by Steve Kirkwood

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday November 23rd, 2024
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 6160 E 100 N
Portland, IN
OPEN HOUSE Sunday Nov. 10th 1-3p.m. or for private showing phone auctioneers.
REAL ESTATE
3 bedroom home containing 1150 sq. ft. finished living area. GFA with Central air. 30 x 40 pole barn. Several recent updates. Nicely situated on 2 acres.
ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD-MISC
Knock down wardrobe, Wall, mantle, & came back clocks, Christmas blow molds, GE Washer & dryer, Frigidaire upright freezer, Howard Miller grandfather clock, Barcalounger lift chair (new), Leather loveseat with matching chair (new), Electric guitar, Line amp., 3pt post hole auger, Roll-away tool box, Portable air compressor.
OWNER; Linda Arnold Estate, Michael Slusser PR

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PUBLIC AUCTION Wednesday, November 6th, 2024
6:00 pm
Location: 3233 E 1000 S Geneva, IN
This charming ranch home sits on 1.5 acres with over 1400 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, & 2 baths. Open concept kitchen, dining, & living area. It has a 2 year old central air and furnace. 40x80 pole barn with electric and an insulated room with loft storage above it. Appliances are staying.
Owner: Greg Mitchey
For complete sale bill see auctionzip.com or mizlehman.com
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PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN
Saturday Morning November 16th, 2024 9:30 A.M.
GUNS-FISHING EQUIPMENT-OLD ITEMS
Winchester gun safe; Winchester Model 12-12 gauge pump; Remington Model 770 w/scope; winchester model 1400-12 gauge semi-automatic with vent rib; Smith Wesson 44 caliber pistol; holsters; fiberglass cane pole; fly rod; several bait casters to include open face and closed face; tackle boxes; several old fishing lures; US bayonet; Portland Forge anvils; and other items not listed.
MOWER-TOOLS
Simplicity ZT1500 zero turn mower with Kawasaki engine and 42" deck; Century 115V arc welder; Craftsman 12" bandsaw; Dewalt 13" thickness planer; Tool Shop air compressor; Craftsman roto zip; Skill plate joiner; bolt cutter; Biscuit joiner; vise grips; several furniture clamps; palm sanders; drop cords; and many other items not listed.
SHARON CAVANAUGH Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers
Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kayden Khayyata AU12400069

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Woman's Building Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St. Portland, IN
Saturday Morning November 9th, 2024 9:30 A.M.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
Samsung refrigerator, like new, GE Profile washer & dryer, like new; Oak 5 place gun shelf (decorative & nice); Lane cedar chest; Hull basket, McCoy; Portland forge anvils; wood sleigh; Star

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

The Jay County Plan Commission has approved a request by Skycrest Solar Energy LLC ("Skycrest") to update the Project's timeline. Per this approval, Skycrest must begin construction no later than December 31, 2026, and complete construction no later than December 31, 2028. By granting this approval, Jay County ensures that Skycrest will deliver on its \$1.75MM in economic development payments to Jay County. In exchange for this approval, Skycrest agreed to move up the first economic development payment to six months after the start of construction. The 155MW, \$150MM+ solar project in Jay County is set to bring in hundreds of construction jobs, tens of millions of dollars in landowner payments and local tax revenue and enough energy to power over 31,000 American homes. Should you have additional questions on the Project, Skycrest can be contacted at SkycrestSolar@Invenergy.com. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Skycrest Project team. Ethan Sternberg, Project Developer esternberg@invenergy.com 847-942-2336
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90 SALE CALENDAR

Wars figurines and playset; Boyds bears; LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HULL OVEN PROOF; Coke glasses; Farmall sign; Elgin clock; Cast iron pot; and many other items not listed.
GUNS-TRAILER-BOAT-TOOLS
Ruger model 10-22 long rifle with Simmons scope; Ithaca Model 37-12 gauge shotgun; Sport King 22 long rifle with Simmons scope; Lefever trap gun; Jennings #7006 Special Crossbow with Tasco scope; 8' x 12' trailer, no title; 12' V bottom boat; Toro Power Lite electric start 16" snowblower; Cub Cadet 5 hp chipper/shredder; Toro 22" push mower; and other items not listed.
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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

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Notice is hereby given by the Enforcement Authority and Hearing Authority of the Town of Geneva, Indiana, pursuant to the Town's Unsafe Building Ordinance, that sealed bids for the following-described demolition services will be received at the Geneva Town Hall located at 411 E Line Street, Geneva, Indiana 46740, until 4:00 PM on November 15, 2024, and such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the public meeting of the Common Council at 6:30 PM on November 19, 2024. For further information, contact the Unsafe Building Enforcement Authority, Mark D. Wynn, at (260) 724-5305. Demolition services shall include:

Demolition and removal of all structures on the premises (including all basements and/or foundations) at 110 Lincoln Street, Geneva, Indiana 46740, with clean fill deposited upon the premises, compacted and leveled, and grass planted. It should be assumed that the structures may include asbestos materials, lead-based paint, and other hazardous materials that must be abated in a proper and legal manner. Any bid shall itemize the cost of such abatement within the total bid. Said demolition services must be completed within 60 days of the acceptance of a bid for the project.

Description of unsafe building violation:
The Enforcement Authority conducted a residential inspection of the property and found that the structure is in such a state of disrepair as to make it unsafe for human habitation under Indiana Code § 36-7-9-4 and the Town of Geneva Unsafe Building Ordinance § 93.5.4. The structure is uninhabitable and has been condemned by the Adams County Health Department on April 26, 2019, and is determined to be no longer salvageable or repairable.

Legal description of property:
Lot number Three Hundred Fifty-five (355) in George W. Pyle's Fourth Addition to the Town of Geneva, Adams County, Indiana. Subject to easements, rights of ways, covenants, ordinances and restrictions of record.
Tax parcel number: 01-11-29-211-001.000-019
Owners of property:
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17794 SW 2 Street
Pembroke Pines, FL 33029
Blue Eyed Property Solutions LLC
7901 4th Street North, Suite 300
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
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Sports

2023-24 Jay County girls wrestling preview



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Pictured is the 2024-25 Jay County High School girls wrestling team team. Front row from left are Allison Lopez, Briahna McDavid, Sophie Thomas, Tatianna Willis, Maleah Parsons, Katie Rowles, Allison Tipton, Rayan Murphy, manager Lucy Bailey and manager Audriana Alcantara. Back row are Haley Ridenour, Mallory Winner, Brenna Ruble, Reagan VanSkyock, Lina Lingo, Amara Crawford, Kaitylyn Affolder, Madison Gage, Tessa Frazee and Emily Manor. Not pictured is Julianna Hernandez.

Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Thursday, Nov. 7	North Miami	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9	New Palestine	9 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 21	Columbia City	6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 23	Ben Davis	8 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 3	Centerville	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7	East Noble	9 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 12	New Haven	6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20	Findlay	3:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21	Findlay	11 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 3	Sectional	TBA
Friday, Jan. 10	Regional	TBA
Friday, Jan. 17	State Finals	TBA
Home matches in bold		

Projected lineup
 100 lbs – Katie Rowles
 105 lbs – Briahna McDavid
 110 lbs – Tatianna Willis
 115 lbs – Brenna Ruble
 120 lbs – Sophie Thomas
 125 lbs – Allison Tipton
 130 lbs – Lina Lingo
 135 lbs – Allison Lopez and Tessa Frazee
 140 lbs – Emily Manor
 145 lbs – Maleah Parsons and Reagan VanSkyock
 155 lbs – Madison Gage
 170 lbs – Mallory Winner
 190 lbs – Amara Crawford and Haley Ridenour
 235 lbs – Kaitylyn Affolder

Top returners
Mallory Winner
 Three-time state champion (2022, '23, '24)
Lina Lingo
 Fourth place at state (2024), two appearances
Emily Manor
 Eighth place at state (2023), two appearances
Katie Rowles
 State appearance (2023)
Maleah Parsons
 State appearance (2023)

Fast facts
 •After being upgraded to an emerging sport in 2022-23, this is the first year the IHSAA is recognizing girls wrestling as a sport.
 •The Patriots return Mallory Winner, who has won three consecutive state titles at the 160 and 155-pound weight classes.
 •All six Patriots that made the ticket round of the semi-state return for the 2024-25 season.

Matches to watch
Thursday, Nov. 21, vs. Columbia City
 The Patriots' match against Columbia City is one of two full events for the girls team at home this season. After facing the Eagles, JCHS will only host New Haven.
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21, at Findlay
 The two-day meet in northwest Ohio provides one final tune up for the Patriots before they prepare for the playoffs.
Friday, Jan. 17, Regional at Goshen
 Jay County has had good representation at the state tournament over the past few years. Under the IHSAA this year, the regional will be the girls last stop before punching their tickets to the state finals.

2023-24 season
 After getting six girls to state in the 2022-23 season, injuries and tough draws resulted in Jay County only getting three of six past the first semi-state tournament. Mallory Winner went on to win the 155-pound bracket for her third straight state championship to lead the Patriots to a seventh-place finish as a team with 41 points. Lina Lingo pulled off a pair of upsets en route to a fourth-place finish and her first state medal after falling short in the state opener a year prior. Despite medaling in the previous season, Emily Manor fell in the opener to the eventual state champion. Three more Patriots, Katie Rowles, Maleah Parsons and Madison Gage, made the semi-state ticket round but fell short of a state appearance.

Coach Eric Myers says
"This is the first year that the IHSAA is sanctioning girls wrestling. We have a really solid team. We have just a little under 20 right now and I think we're working on a couple other girls, so we should end up being right around 20. Numbers-wise we have one of the larger teams in the state and we have really just a solid team. I think our girls are ready to do some special things. We've got two returning state placers (from last year) in Mallory Winner and Lina Lingo. Something really special with Mallory Winner, who has already won three state titles, is looking to win her fourth and first one under the full IHSAA banner."

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