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Portland man is facing auto theft charges

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review
A Portland man is suspected of stealing a dozen vehicles.

Anthony T. Myers, 22, was arrested Tuesday and preliminarily charged with more than 20 counts, including 12 for auto theft.

The auto theft charges are all Level 6 felonies. He also faces three counts of burglary, Level 5 felonies; two counts of firearm theft, Level 5 felonies; obliterating identifying marks on a handgun, a Level 5 felony; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony; possession of stolen property, a Class A misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

Portland Police Chief Dustin Mock and investigator Jeff Hopkins explained that the department has been investigating a string of auto thefts and burglaries since August. According to a Facebook post from Portland Police Department late Tuesday, the department had been conducting surveillance operations on the west side of Portland where vehicles were reported stolen.

Portland police received a call from John Petro of Portland about 6 a.m. Tuesday to report a stolen 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500. Officers located the white truck and attempted to stop the driver, Myers, after a brief vehicle pursuit. Myers tried to flee on foot before officers caught him in an alley in the 900 block of Main and Water streets, confirmed Hopkins.

Myers had been armed with a stolen handgun, according to the Facebook post, and also was in possession of another stolen firearm. He allegedly tried to remove the serial number from one of the guns, Hopkins said. Police also allegedly discovered he had items reported as stolen from locations in Portland and rural Jay County.

Myers was arrested and booked into Jay County Jail. He's being held on a \$15,000 bond.

"Portland Police Department reminds everyone to lock their vehicles and avoid leaving valuable items inside," the Facebook post says.

'Alice,' with a twist



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Alice (Alison McGraw) screams in frustration as she breaks away from the soldiers who are holding her at the conclusion of her trial during Tuesday's rehearsal for Jay County Junior-Senior High School's production of "Alice in Wonderland: Down the Rabbit Hole," an adaptation of the classic tale. The show is described as a contemporary twist on the 1865 Lewis Carroll novel "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

Adaptation of classic tale opens Friday

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" is a classic tale of a girl who falls through a rabbit hole and into a fantasy world.

That basic story won't change on the stage this weekend.

The details within it will get a twist.

Jay County Junior-Senior High School's production of "Alice in Wonderland: Down the Rabbit Hole," an adaptation of the 1865 Lewis Carroll novel, opens on Friday night.

The show — performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday — is described as bringing a contemporary point of view

to the novel, movie, musical and play that are well-known.

"It's really interesting because they point aspects of Wonderland that you normally wouldn't see or that are different," said JCHS sophomore Ali McGraw, who plays the titular character. "And some of the characters have different character traits than the movie. It's a whole new experience."

She refers to Alice as more snobby than the prim and proper young lady to whom audiences are accustomed. The girl clad in her blue and white dress also sometimes does things that are simply unjustifiable, McGraw said.

While some characters —

Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum are examples — are absent from the 90-minute production, it has most of those audiences are used to seeing. That includes, the Queen of Hearts (played by Maley Recker), White Rabbit (Guy Paul), Cheshire Cat (Cabrie Baker), March Hare (Natalee Hough) and Mad Hatter (Ella Littler).

While many of those names are veterans of the stage, the show will be the first theatre experience for both Baker and Paul.

"I think he's doing a phenomenal job, being new to this," said McGraw, who has a long list of theatre credits both for school and Jay County Civic Theatre shows, of Paul.

"He's definitely improved a lot ... He's gotten more confident ... I've seen growth. I've seen growth in everyone."

Paul said he's always thought about getting involved in theatre. This year, the junior found the time to fit it into his schedule.

He's been happy with the experience, especially working with his fellow cast members.

"They're good people to be around," said Paul. "They're great friends ... Everybody has got something that makes them unique, funny."

"People are really a lot more supportive and helpful than I anticipated," he added.

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Indiana Capital Chronicle/Leslie Bonilla Muniz

State Sen. Chris Garten, R-Charlestown, listens to a presenter during a State Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday. Judicial agencies, three statewide elected officers and a higher education body made their cases before the committee, which is comprised of four lawmakers and the state's budget director.

Budget process begins

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ

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Indiana's State Budget Committee on Tuesday kicked off its first hearing for the upcoming 2026 and 2027 fiscal years. Lawmakers are set to file an initial vision for the \$40 billion-plus biennial budget in January.

Judicial agencies, three statewide elected officers and a higher education body made their cases before the committee, which is comprised of four lawmakers and the state's budget director.

Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush asked lawmakers for an additional \$3 million to develop a statewide jail management system, \$1.5 million for security measures for local courts and \$1.5 million to implement "safe baby courts" protecting vulnerable young children.

Treasurer wants to double education savings account \$\$

"This is the most difficult project the court has ever encountered," Rush said of INJail, the statewide jail management system. She said that courts around the state currently use about 20 different systems, resulting in communication breakdowns, delayed releases and other problems.

Finishing INJail, Rush added, "really would put Indiana quite far along with regard to public safety and the data." Though it's

expected to cost \$3 million annually to develop, Rush's staff said operating and maintenance expenses would eventually be lower, at an estimated \$1 million annually.

Appeals Court Judge Paul Felix asked lawmakers for money to expand the court's "Appeals on Wheels" traveling oral arguments program, increase salaries and keep up with information technology costs.

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 48 degrees Tuesday. The low was 36.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 40s. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with a high in the

mid 50s. The high will be in the 50s again Saturday before climbing to around 60 degrees under partly cloudy skies Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Alcove Artists' Collective Holiday Show opens tonight at the Blackford County Arts Center of Arts Place, 107 W. Washington St., Hartford City. An open house is set for 5 to 7 p.m. tonight.

Coming up

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

Saturday — Details about the JCHS girls wrestling match against Muncie Central.

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS girls basketball game against Hamilton Heights.



Administration: Progress has been made

By IAIN MARLOW and FARES AKRAM
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

The Biden administration sidestepped its own 30-day deadline for Israel to provide significantly more humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip or face a weapons cutoff, saying progress has been made despite aid groups warning of a looming famine.

Israel has done enough to assuage U.S. concerns but

needs to do more, State Department spokesman Vedant Patel said in a briefing Tuesday in Washington.

"We, at this time, have not made an assessment that the Israelis are in violation of U.S. law," Patel told reporters. "If we don't see steps being taken, we of course will appropriately enforce U.S. law."

The decision follows a warning from Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin in a

joint letter dated Oct. 13 to their Israeli counterparts of the "increasingly dire" situation in Gaza and giving Israel 30 days to improve the situation. The letter became public although it was intended to set down a private marker.

The October letter emphasized that a U.S. law requires countries receiving American weapons to "facilitate and not arbitrarily deny, restrict, or otherwise impede" humanitar-

ian assistance provided or supported by the U.S.

However, aid groups disputed the U.S. findings of improved aid.

"The military offensive is cutting off people's access to the essentials for their survival, including water," Louise Wateridge, a spokesperson for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, or UNRWA, said of northern Gaza, where the Israeli military has stepped up operations in recent weeks.

"The situation is rapidly deteriorating."

As winter approaches, the lack of food and other vital supplies entering Gaza means the situation could soon turn into a famine in the north, she said.

On Tuesday, eight groups including Oxfam and Save the Children said Israel has failed to address the specific criteria laid out in the letter and that Israel's actions actually have "dramatically worsened" the situation inside Gaza.

CR almanac

Table with weather forecasts for Friday 11/15 through Tuesday 11/19, including temperature ranges and brief descriptions of conditions.

Budget ...

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While the Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys and Indiana Public Defender Council requested to keep their funding flat, the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council came with larger asks.

Andre Miksha, deputy director of administrative and civil law, said the Legislature doesn't put enough money in the agency's general fund account to pay all of the employees that should get their salaries from there.

"By February each year, we are moving individuals from our general fund and starting to pay them out of our IV-D monies," Miksha said. "And there are some employees in our staff that, although they aren't necessarily IV-D employees, see their compensation come out of that fund."

The agency wants an additional \$626,000 in its general fund to fix that, as well as a combined \$932,000 in salary increases, benefit premium updates and other costs. It also asked for an additional \$1.5 million to add and retain High-Tech Crime Unit staff and pay for forensic analysis software.

Sen. Ryan Mishler, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee noted that the operations and High-Tech Crime Unit requests would be 50% increases or more.

"I mean, people are coming in here asking for two and three (percent increases)," Mishler, R-Mishawaka, said. "That's a pretty bold ask."

Three of Indiana's four statewide elected officials' agencies appeared before the committee Tuesday. Attorney General Todd Rokita's office wasn't on the schedule.

Comptroller Elise Nieshalla asked to keep her agencies' budget flat.

Treasurer Daniel Elliott, however, asked lawmakers to consider dou-

bling his office's allotment for education scholarship account (ESA) from \$10 million to \$20 million. Families can use the scholarships to pay for educational programs, therapies, services and more for their disabled children and non-disabled siblings.

"We now, for the first time, have a waiting list," Elliott said. "And part of the reason for that ask for that increase is because we literally have families with disabled children who would like to be on this program and are not able to be."

His staff said the \$10 million has been enough for about 800 students. There are more than 600 — worth \$8 million — on the waitlist.

Sen. Fady Qaddoura, D-Indianapolis, suggested Indiana could save money on high administrative costs by moving the program to the Department of Education or Commission for Higher Education. He questioned why the state's chief investment officer is administering education money.

"While, yes, we do investments, I'm extremely passionate, as you know, about school choice programs and I feel like we've done an excellent job," Elliott said, noting that his office has earned national recognition for how it runs the program.

Qaddoura was still skeptical in comments to the Capital Chronicle.

"I respect his passion. I just disagree with his position," Qaddoura said of Elliott. "I don't think the treasurer's office is responsible for educational outcomes in the state of Indiana. His recommendation to double the size of the ESA ... should have been a discussion with the Department of Education, with educational experts and policy experts, in consultation with our schools across the state ... This should be in a piece of legislation that is presented to the committee on education, and not just a finance number pre-

sented on the treasurer's budget for the next two years."

Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, also went on the attack. He asked why the treasurer's office is the sole trustee for the State Police Pension Trust, and why that fund isn't under the \$50 billion Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS).

"We work with them directly and they have a voice," Elliott said, arguing that fund members can call him and his team. "They are having a hard time doing that with something as large as INPRS."

Elliott noted that his fund's returns are better than the system's returns, prompting DeLaney to ask, "Do you think you should run INPRS?" in the contentious exchange.

"No, sir I did not make a criticism. What I did is I pointed out that we are doing very well with what we've been given," Elliott later said.

His office also asked for more money to cover higher salaries and inflation-related increases, and to add staff.

The Secretary of State's Office, meanwhile, sought additional funding to add staff, sustain its investor education and financial literacy programs, maintain voter education and outreach programming, cover pay and benefit increases, pay for voter list maintenance, upgrade the statewide voter registration system's software and more.

Secretary of State Diego Morales did not appear. Instead, Deputy Secretary Jerry Bonnet said that statutorily required voter list maintenance is time-consuming for counties, so it's done in years without federal elections. And, he said, the voter registration system more than 15 years old — near the end of its life.

The Commission for Higher Education also presented, although the committee will hear change requests from public colleges and universities on Wednesday.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$113 million
Mega Millions 18-31-33-64-68 Mega Ball: 17 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$387 million
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 3-1-1 Daily Four: 3-0-7-4 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-5-6-7-19-20-26-27-31-32-33-47-62-65-67-75-80
Evening Daily Three: 2-2-2 Daily Four: 9-5-1-7 Quick Draw: 4-8-9-10-21-38-40-46-49-52-57-63-65-67-68-72-73-75-76-80
Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 4-4-5 Pick 4: 0-6-3-2 Pick 5: 8-0-3-0-1 Evening Pick 3: 5-7-5 Pick 4: 3-5-9-2 Pick 5: 2-6-8-6-8 Rolling Cash: 15-28-29-35-36 Estimated jackpot: \$191,000

Markets

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Today in history

In 1732, the Library Company of Philadelphia, founded by Benjamin Franklin and others in November of the previous year, signed a contract with its first librarian. The library offered subscriptions for 40 shillings.
In 1889, journalist Nellie Bly started her trip around the world, attempting to beat the mark set in the Jules Verne book "Around the World in Eighty Days." She completed the journey in just over 72 days.
In 2018, Jay County Council approved Jay County Commissioners' plan to increase the county's contribution toward employee health insurance.
In 2022, Jay County High School athletics director Steve Boozier laid out immediate, intermediate and long-term goals for outdoor facilities. Those goals included determining whether to continue with a grass football field or replace it with artificial turf. (A project is planned to install artificial turf ahead of the 2024 football season.)

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Court denies challenge

By NIKI KELLY
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John Rust's legal challenge over Indiana's party affiliation statute is officially over.

In June, he appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States — seeking review of the Indiana Supreme Court's split decision that stymied his candidacy to run for U.S. Senate as a Republican this year.

But SCOTUS considered the 217-page petition last month and denied it without comment on Oct. 7.

He had argued that the justices should revisit Indiana's "harsh ballot access laws" that keep him "and over 81% of all Hoosiers off of primary ballots."

The basis for the state panel's decision was an Indiana party affiliation law that prohibits candidates from running whose last two primary votes don't match the party they wish to represent.

He said the court only

accepts 1% of cases so the rejection was not surprising but disappointing.

"It is unfortunate that the U.S. Supreme Court is

not going to take this opportunity to clarify ballot access law because issues still remain," Rust said in a statement.

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Stone, Kenneth: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday
Clark, Mary: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Hough, Norma: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Morgan, Sharon: 2 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

Tuesday
Hewson, Gerald: 10 a.m., Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington.

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Citizen's calendar

Today
6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living dining hall, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.

6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

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Overall health impacted by regular, quality sleep

By USHA THAPA

Studies show that only 29% of adults get at least eight hours of sleep, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), adults need between seven and nine hours of sleep. Although in today's busy world it may seem nearly impossible, getting enough quality sleep is essential for good overall health and well-being.

What are the health benefits of sleep? There are numerous health benefits to getting enough sleep. Some of them include:

- Improved heart health
- Help maintain a healthy weight
- Reduced stress
- Improved mood
- Better memory and attention to perform daily activities
- Lower risk of chronic conditions such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke
- Getting sick less often
- Reduced risk of motor vehicle accidents and other injury causing accidents

What are some ways to get quality sleep?

Getting into a routine before you go to bed can help improve the quality of sleep. It is important to go to sleep at

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the same time every day, keep the bedroom cool, quiet and relaxing, turn off electronic devices 30 minutes before going to sleep, and avoid large meals, alcohol and caffeine before bedtime. Staying active by exercising regularly and eating a healthy diet can also improve the quality of sleep.

What to do if you are having trouble sleeping?

If you are having trouble sleeping, whether it be falling asleep or staying asleep, talk to your healthcare provider. There are health conditions that can affect your quality of sleep such as insomnia, restless leg syndrome, narcolepsy and sleep apnea. A healthcare provider can help diagnose and manage any conditions that may be found.

Usha Thapa is a healthcare provider at IU Health Primary Care in Upland.



Photo provided

Chili supper

West Jay Optimist Club recently sponsored a chili supper to benefit Rylynn Beatrice, who is undergoing cancer treatments at Riley Children's Hospital. More than \$1,000 was raised for the family. Pictured above are father Ryan Beatrice, West Jay Optimist Club president Sherry Minnich and chili maker Dru Hall. Not pictured is other chili maker Stu Terrell.

Husband quick to dismiss wife's opinions

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have three grown children, all of whom still live at home. I had always thought that once they graduated from college and got good jobs, they should start paying rent. Because my husband had to pay rent when he still lived at home, he said he would never do that to his kids.

Our oldest, "Samantha," is now 31. She has a well-paying job and drives an expensive car. She does barely anything around the house but does buy her own food and toiletries.

The other two help tremendously around the house, often without being asked. Samantha will sometimes do something, but I have to ask multiple times, and usually weeks go by before it gets done. She can't afford to move out because she

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has large student loan debt. Plus, why would she move when she lives rent-free and comes and goes as she pleases? Even her dog lives here for free.

My husband and I have had many discussions about this, at my prompting, and it just leads to us arguing and me feeling resentful toward him. I couldn't enforce anything without his backing because, apparently, my opinion doesn't matter, so I just stay mad and wonder why I am even here.

How can I make him realize how wrong he is and finally stop our daughter from walking all over us? — FRUSTRATED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Disagreements over child-rearing have destroyed marriages. Children should never be allowed to come between parents, which seems to have happened in your case. That your husband makes you feel your opinion doesn't matter is terrible. Does this disrespect spill over to aspects of your relationship other than this disagreement? At 31 (!) and gainfully employed, your daughter should have started shouldering some responsibility for herself years ago.

Discuss this with a

licensed mental health professional, and you may learn to become more assertive.

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DEAR ABBY: I am in a relationship with a lovely man. He respects me, appreciates me and accepts me (flaws and all), and we get along really well. He's the other half of me.

Things are wonderful, except that he's been having really terrible breath lately, like a bad tooth or something. I've always been the quiet, shy type, never mentioning things that bother me (my kids' father abused me for several years), and I feel uncomfortable speaking up. But Abby, his bad breath drives me nuts. When he tries to kiss me, I give him a few pecks but feel repulsed at the unpleasant odor.

How do I address this tactful-

ly and respectfully? I don't want to embarrass him. How do I bring this up? — PUT OFF IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR PUT OFF: Bring this up NOT as a criticism, but because you love and care about him. Do it not for yourself but for HIM. He may be having a problem with his teeth, his gums or his digestive system. For the sake of his general health, he should be checked out, first with his dentist and possibly later with his doctor.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. All auxiliary members are welcome.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana

University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL 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.

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.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Fri-

day, Nov. 15, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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Take part in Thanksgiving dinner

To the editor:
Thanksgiving Day is nearly here and the committee for the 34th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner has been hard at work planning since early October.

We are very excited to welcome everyone in the community to our traditional 1 p.m. dinner. Our committee, guided by Carol Smith's leadership, is again privileged to share this traditional holiday turkey dinner with family, friends and neighbors.

Around the tables at Asbury United Methodist Church may be families and individuals unable to commute to a family gathering; some with financial challenges and unable to prepare the traditional meal for

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their family; but there will be many people who attend this community event simply for the fun, fellowship and the delicious food it offers.

Regardless of the reason, we want you to join our celebration.

We look forward to the Asbury Fellowship Hall filled with adults and children of all ages, bustling with laughter and conversation and sharing tasty and delectable dishes in

an atmosphere of fellowship and true thanksgiving. While we had a good turnout last year, we're setting enough chairs and tables to accommodate another 50 people. Come one, come all.

In addition to the meal and the opportunity to gather with others, there will once again be a variety of door prizes and gift certificates to various local businesses. Our hope is to provide a bit of enjoyment and give the home budget some relief even after the holiday is over.

As always, we are looking forward to including the homebound in this holiday tradition by furnishing a meal. If you are homebound, we will have drivers standing by who are

anxious to deliver a meal to your home. Please call Asbury United Methodist Church at (260) 726-8464 or Zion Lutheran Church at (260) 726-8832 (mornings) with your request. Requests for meals must be called in by Wednesday afternoon, the day before Thanksgiving, so that we are adequately prepared.

We have a special request for the cooks among us. Even if you have your own holiday tradition with family but would be willing to lend a hand, please help by making an extra dish (in a disposable pan) and dropping it off at Asbury on Wednesday afternoon or on Thanksgiving Day morning. Any dish is appreciated, but vegetables are especially need-

ed. Together, you will help us create a virtual smorgasbord of goodies.

If you want to spend an hour or two assisting on Thanksgiving Day, feel free to contact our chairperson, Carol Smith, at (260) 726-9049. She will happily put you to work. We especially could use helpers from about 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

As Carol said a few years ago, we are lovingly serving up "thankfulness and hope." We are serving that same recipe this year, too. The welcome mat is out to our entire community. We hope to see you there.

We hope your family shares a joyous and peace-filled holiday.
Dolphus Stephens
Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

Economy in the state is changing

By **MORTON J. MARCUS**
How has Indiana's economy changed over the past 10 years compared to the nation?

We'll use the Bureau of Economic Analysis' annual data on Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the value of goods and services produced in this state compared with the nation — 2013 to 2023.

The data cover 65 industries. But 19 of those 65 are within Manufacturing while Construction is reported as a single industry. Would our view be different if the many different aspects of Construction were reported in detail?

We will use what we have.

The nation's GDP increased by 64%. Indiana's gain was 59%. (These figures are unadjusted for inflation, humidity or other potential factors of consequence.)

Of the 65 industries or sub-sectors, all but Support activities for mining grew at the national level. In Indiana, that sector was the eighth-fastest growing industry and only seven sectors declined.

In how many industries did Indiana's growth rate exceed that of its national counterpart? The answer is 30 of 65. Which means in the majority of industries, our GDP grew slower or declined faster than did the nation.

The fastest growing sector nationally was Data processing, hosting, and other information services (221%). That growth in Indiana was 117%, our seventh-best performer. (Note: 100% growth is a doubling of output.)

The difference between the nation's 221% and our 117% (104 percentage points) ranked 64th of those 65 sectors. Ironically, in 65th place was Publishing industries (except Internet) where the growth was 105% across the nation while Indiana saw a decline of 5%. Here we have Publishing, the seventh-fastest growth industry for the country, ranking 60th in Indiana.

Where did we excel? Indiana's fastest-growing sector, and where we achieved our greatest triumph over the nation was in Funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles. (Indiana 510%, U.S. 121%). These entities pool assets for employees or other beneficiaries by earning interest and dividends, but employ only 3,000 persons nationally, mainly accountants and auditors.

Eye on the Pie



Are you concerned with the size of an industry, with its growth rate, with its performance in its geographic area, compared to other industries within that area or nationally?

Despite its growth rate, in 2023, the Funds industry was only 0.05% of Indiana's GDP and only slightly higher for the U.S.

What is the greatest contributor to GDP in the nation and the Hoosier state? Real estate — U.S. 12%, Indiana 10%.

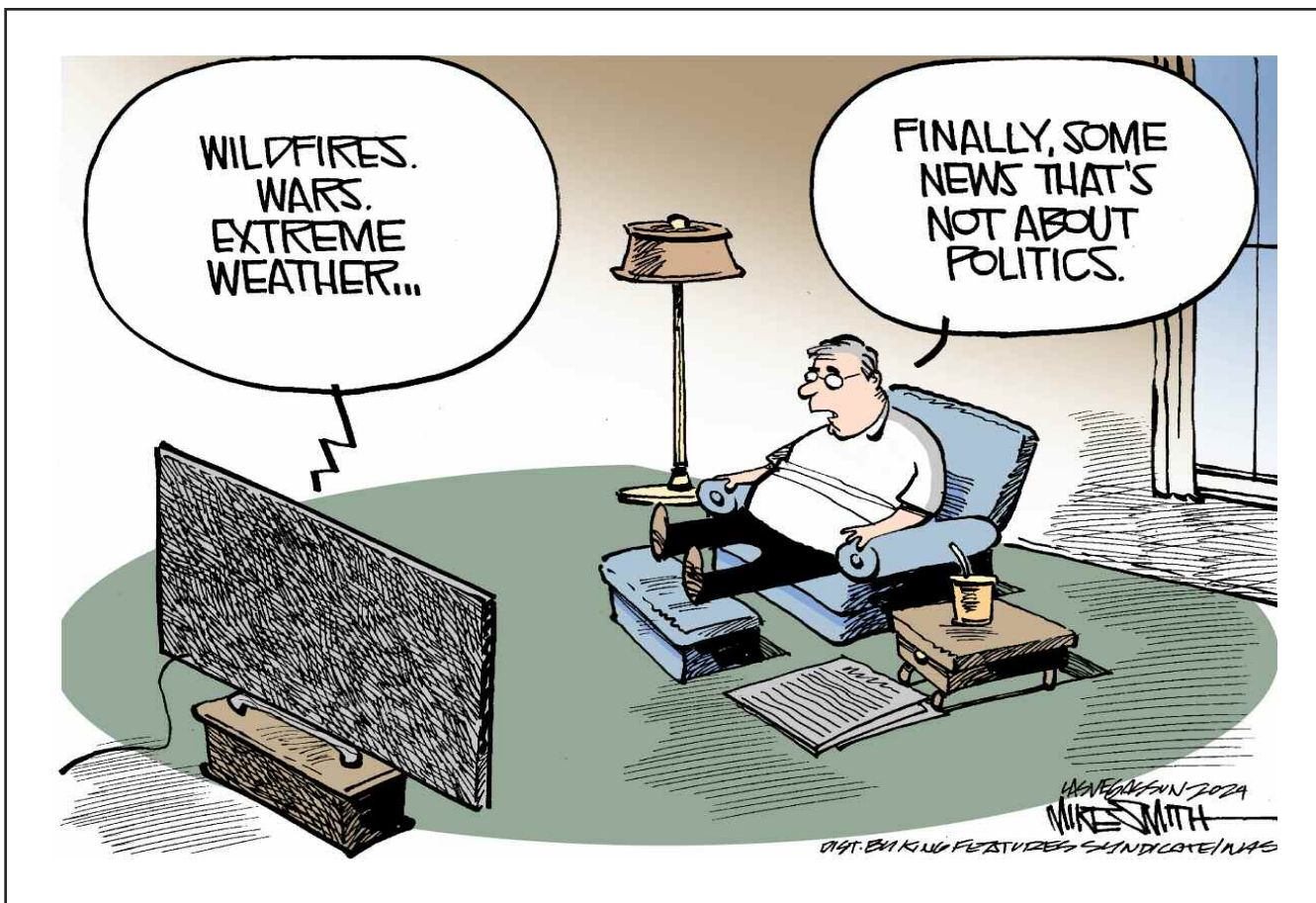
What is Real estate? Nationwide, it's about 368,000 people who work in the offices of real estate agents and brokers, along with managers, lessors and appraisers of residential and commercial properties.

All of these data have utility, but are dependent on how you slice and dice the economy.

Are you concerned with the size of an industry, with its growth rate, with its performance in its geographic area, compared to other industries within that area or nationally?

We shouldn't be surprised that advocates and opponents will find different truths in the same set of data. Maybe data, like cigarettes, should carry warning labels about the dangers of second-hand smoke.

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Give students the tools to lead

By **HANS ZEIGER**
The Fulcrum
Tribune News Service

As a nation, we are failing to prepare citizens for leadership in our constitutional republic. According to a September 2023 Pew Research Center study, 72 percent of Americans rate the overall quality of political candidates in recent years as bad, while only 26% look favorably on the candidate pool.

Our waning confidence in public leadership choices has occurred for various reasons. One is that many talented citizens opt out of public service for quieter, often more lucrative, vocations. There is nothing new about that. A recurring phenomenon, surely acute today, is the rancor and nastiness of our politics, which surely turns many would-be political candidates away from filing. And the study of civics has long been sidelined in our K-12 schools, depriving countless Americans of a basic awareness of their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Less acknowledged, but no less consequential, is our society's failure to prepare future political leaders through our institutions of higher education.

The American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a leading group advocating higher education reform, published a poll earlier this summer demonstrating college students' shocking lack of civic knowledge. They found, for instance, that most college students did not know that the vice president also serves as the president of the Senate. Almost a third of those ACTA surveyed also wrongly believed that senators serve four-year terms, and less than a third could identify Congress as the branch of government that declares war.

The trouble goes deeper than neglect of basic factual knowledge about the American government. Students aren't just failing to learn about how our government is structured, they're also failing to understand why the Founders designed our Constitution the way they did. We are

falling short when it comes to teaching the principles at the heart of the American experiment such as self-government, federalism, or equality and human dignity.

While many universities have emphasized experiential civic learning that exposes them to aspects of public life through programs on civic engagement, American higher education is failing to teach the core knowledge that is essential to political leadership in a free society.

Political science departments focus far more on quantitative measurements of election data and political behavior than they do the teaching of wisdom about statesmanship. History departments tend to favor social history — often focused on categories of identity like race, class and gender — over political history as areas of study. Public policy courses encompass statistical analysis, economics and public policy research skills, but they tend to gloss over the ethical, historical and philosophical considerations that are important for a higher statesmanship in the policy realm. Those who aspire to political leadership roles and seek coursework on political leadership will be disappointed in the scant offerings at most universities.

If Americans wish to reinvigorate ethical public leadership and statesmanship, they must invest in the study and teaching of these subjects in our universities. The humanities and social studies are dramatically underfunded at most institutions — state legislatures, higher education governing boards and university presidents should take notice and work to change the situation. A few

years ago, Johns Hopkins University President Ronald Daniels issued a clarion call to refocus our universities on civic preparation. His book was aptly titled "What Universities Owe Democracy."

Thankfully, some university leaders and professors, at places like Johns Hopkins, Stanford and Purdue, are ensuring that civics is included in the university curriculum. And legislatures are working on this issue by establishing schools of civic thought at public universities, now in eight states. These independent colleges, departments, and centers are revitalizing liberal arts education by providing additional funding to fields in the humanities and social sciences that have faced budget cuts and declining student interest over recent decades. They are built on the radical principle that, for Americans, the best civic education is a kind of liberal education.

If academic scholars in political science, history, public policy and related disciplines teach statesmanship, students will respond favorably. For example, a 2024 course at Princeton taught by political scientist Shilo Brooks, titled "The Art of Statesmanship and the Political Life," proved to be one of the most popular courses in the entire university, enrolling 250 students. College students are hungry for the kind of education that will prepare them for leadership — their schools simply have to begin offering it again.

In times of immense political division and social turmoil, it is easy to become discouraged or cynical. But America's future leaders hold immense promise. If we give them the intellectual tools to lead, we should have confidence that they will rise to the challenge of statesmanship in a free society.

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Zeiger is president of the Jack Miller Center, an educational venture to advance the history, documents and ideals we hold in common as Americans.

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The script by Mark Landon Smith — he wrote other plays involving classic characters, including Sherlock Holmes, Ebenezer Scrooge and Santa Claus — is a departure from the majority of the shows the school's drama club has produced in the last few years. Many of those have been on the more dark and dramatic side, or involved murder mysteries.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

"I think that's important that we're stepping away from the shows we've done and doing something completely different and new," said McGraw.

And even though "Alice in Wonderland" has classic characters that are well-known to audiences, the "Down the Rabbit Hole" adaptation allows for some freedom.

"I think it's a chance for the students to try different things," said director Cain Bilbrey. "A lot of times we think of this show ... we know all the references. I think this gives them a little bit of an exploration ... to kind of play with these characters and give a little adaptation ...

"It's not as strict of a script. It's got a little more fun with it."

For example, Caterpillar, also played by Hough, will get more of a 1970s vibe in the Jay County production.

At the same time, Bilbrey and his performers are hopeful that performing a show with such a well-known title will help bring out audiences. Those who attend — tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door — will have the opportunity to be swept away into a fantasy world that is maybe a bit more light-hearted than they might expect.

"It's playful," said Bilbrey, though he noted that Recker still gets to threaten to lop everyone's head off as the Queen of Hearts. "It's got a few little jokes as opposed to being more serious like the movie ...

"We think it's something hopefully everybody's going to come and see and enjoy."



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Theatre newcomer Guy Paul performs Tuesday during the Jay County Junior-Senior High School rehearsal for "Alice in Wonderland: Down the Rabbit Hole." Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Ad-supported plan surpasses 70 million

By WENDY LEE
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Netflix said Tuesday that it had reached 70 million monthly active users on its ad-supported plan, two years after launching its cheaper subscription tier that includes commercials.

That's up from May, when the company reported having 40 million monthly users on the ad version.

The Los Gatos, Calif., streamer has also been diversifying its content, including increasing its streams of live events, in order to boost its nascent advertising business.

Netflix said it had sold out of the in-game inventory for its live NFL Christmas Day games this year, with sponsors that include sports betting company FanDuel and Verizon. The company also said it had sold ads across its scripted programs, including the anticipated second season of the Korean drama "Squid Game."

The company said that more than half of new sign-ups in countries where Netflix offers ads are for the cheaper ad-subscription tier.

"There has been continuous momentum over the last two years, but we're just getting started and can't wait to see what's to come," Amy Reinhard, president of advertising, said in a blog post.

Netflix began offering a cheaper ad subscription plan in November 2022 after the streamer saw its subscriber growth in decline earlier that year. In the U.S., Netflix with ads cost \$6.99 a month, compared to ad-free options that start at \$15.49 a month.

Netflix launched cheaper option in November of 2022

At first, Netflix's ad-supported tier was powered by Microsoft's technology through a partnership, but the streamer is transitioning to using its own in-house ad technology which will make it function independently from third parties.

The ad-supported tier was part of a broader push to diversify Netflix's offerings and boost revenue. In addition to commercials, Netflix has started streaming live events, cracking down on password-sharing and promoting games on its platform.

This week, Netflix will up its live sports ambitions with a boxing match between former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and influencer-turned-fighter Jake Paul.

Netflix in the third quarter added 5 million subscribers, bringing its total to about 283 million globally.

Films anticipated for close of 2024

By MOIRA MACDONALD
The Seattle Times
Tribune News Service

How about a little popcorn for the holidays? Here's a sampling of what you'll find on big and small screens all over town during the festive season. Note that all release dates are tentative and subject to change.

"Gladiator II"

No Russell Crowe, but there's plenty of star power in Ridley Scott's long-awaited sequel of ancient Rome, with Paul Mescal, Pedro Pascal, Connie Nielsen and Denzel Washington. (Nov. 22)

"Wicked"

Technically "Wicked: Part 1," though no one seems to call it that, this first of two movies based on the smash Broadway musical stars Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba and Ariana Grande as Glinda, two young witches in the Land of Oz. Jon M. Chu ("In the Heights," "Crazy Rich Asians") directs. (Nov. 22)

"Moana 2"

Eight years after the original "Moana," a Disney animated hit set in ancient Polynesia, comes a sequel, with Moana (voiced by Auli'i Cravalho) and Maui (Dwayne Johnson) off on a new voyage to the far seas of Oceania. (Nov. 27)

"The Order"

In this drama, based on true events that took place in the Pacific Northwest in the 1980s, Jude Law plays an FBI agent in pursuit of the leader (Nicholas Hoult) of a white supremacist terrorist group known as The Order. (Dec. 6)

"Y2K"

Seems a little late in the year for a horror comedy? Nonetheless, Kyle Mooney's debut film is the story of two high school directors who crash a New

Year's Eve party in 1999. The cast includes Rachel Zegler ("West Side Story"), Jaeden Martell and Julian Dennison. (Dec. 6)

"September 5"

Another drama based on true events, this one goes back to 1972, when a group of sports journalists at the Summer Olympics in Munich found themselves covering a hostage crisis. Peter Sarsgaard, John Magaro and Ben Chaplin star. (Dec. 13)

"Mufasa: The Lion King"

Barry Jenkins, acclaimed director of "Moonlight" and "If Beale Street Could Talk," takes on his first animated feature: a photorealistic "Lion King" sequel featuring the voices of Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr., Seth Rogen and Beyoncé. (Dec. 20)

"Nosferatu"

A little bloodsucking for the holidays? More than a century after F.W. Murnau's silent vampire film "Nosferatu" (itself based on Bram Stoker's novel "Dracula") comes this gothic remake, with a cast featuring Bill Skarsgård, Nicholas Hoult, Lily-Rose Depp, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Emma Corrin and Willem Dafoe. (Dec. 25)

"A Complete Unknown"

Timothée Chalamet plays Bob Dylan. You need to know any more than that? (Dec. 25)

"Nickel Boys"

Based on Colson Whitehead's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, this drama follows two boys at an abusive reform school in 1960s Florida. Documentary filmmaker RaMell Ross ("Hale Country This Morning, This Evening") makes his feature directing debut. (Date TBD)



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Schwieterman swamps South Side

Sophomore point guard responsible for 40 of Patriots' 60 points

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

FORT WAYNE — The Patriots entered the season with some question marks after bringing back just 24.8% of their points from a season ago.

The biggest question: Can the players new to varsity step up?

The first three points of the season opener came from a familiar source as Hallie Schwieterman made a pair of trips to the free-throw line.

Two possessions later, Patriot fans may have gotten some answers to the big question as Gabi Petro ripped off back-to-back jump shots to support Schwieterman's start.

While Petro and a handful of other freshmen provided support, Schwieterman showed why she's the team's leader.

The Patriot sophomore scored a career-high 27 points to lead the Jay County High School girls basketball team to a 60-40 victory over the South Side Archers on Tuesday.

"I'm just very pleased with the kids," said JCHS coach Sherri McIntire. "To come into this environment and play a team that's so aggressive defensively, and very athletic, obviously we had turnovers, but we were able to hold on and hold onto our composure. To come out with a win in this environment, just very pleased with the kids and their effort."

Jay County's sole returner from the 2023-24 rotation, Schwieterman, played a key role in the winning effort. The point guard scored a career-high 27 points and dished out five assists that made her responsible for 40 of the team's 60. Along with points and assists, Schwi-

eterman led the Patriots (1-0) with 11 rebounds, five steals and a block while operating as the primary ball handler.

Eight of Schwieterman's points came at the charity stripe, nine were made on shots from behind the arc, six in transition after steals and four off drives to the rim. She ended up shooting 8-for-21, while hitting 3-of-6 3-pointers and 8-of-15 free throws.

"Hallie's just a player," McIntire said. "She's got to be our leader, whether it be her scoring or dish-ing the ball. We need her to control the tempo and I thought she worked really hard tonight on defense and got some deflections, especially in that fourth quarter when we went man-to-man."

Her best quarters came in the first and fourth, putting up nine and eight, respectively. She scored the first three points on free throws before assisting Petro on the next two baskets. After a trio of baskets from the Archers (1-2), she made her first field goal on a drive. After South Side claimed its sole lead of the game at 11-10 on a bucket by Kianudra Rogers, Schwieterman made a 3-point basket assisted by Amelia Heath to reclaim the advantage. She finished off the first quarter with an assist on an Alexis Sibray three and splitting a pair of free throws.

Schwieterman opened the fourth with a 3-point-er assisted by Petro and a steal that led to an open layup to go up 48-36. She'd score once more in transition and hit a free throw as the Patriots out-paced South Side 17-5 in the period.

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Alexis Sibray, one of two juniors on the Jay County High School girls basketball team, gets fouled by Amayia Shetler of South Side in the season opening victory on Tuesday. Sibray finished with five rebounds, three points and one assist in the 60-40 triumph.

Defense delivers Kentucky a 77-72 victory over Duke

By BEN ROBERTS

Lexington Herald-Leader

Tribune News Service

ATLANTA — Kentucky threw the first punch, then Duke built a double-digit lead. In the end, the latest edition of this blue-blood college basketball rivalry came down to the final seconds.

Otega Oweh came up with a big steal at the end, taking it the other way to score the game's

winning points on two free throws, ultimately giving the No. 19 Wildcats a 77-72 victory over the sixth-ranked Blue Devils in the first marquee game of the Mark Pope era.

After Duke led for much of the way, it was a back-and-forth game in the final minutes.

Andrew Carr finished off an and-one play with 3:57 left to tie the game at 67-all, and he later

found Oweh on a cut to the basket to give the Cats a 69-67 lead, their first advantage since midway through the first half.

After Duke freshman Cooper Flagg — the projected No. 1 pick in next year's NBA draft — answered with an and-one to give the Blue Devils a 70-69 lead, Carr came back with another of his own. The UK forward scored on a driving basket and hit the free

throw to put the Cats up 72-70. Flagg answered on the other end with a strong finish to tie it up again at 72-all.

That set up the finish, with Oweh stripping the ball from Flagg and taking it the other way for the go-ahead points with 10 seconds left. On Duke's next possession, UK center Amari Williams forced Flagg to commit another turnover in the corner.

Lamont Butler hit the front end of a one-and-one to make it 75-72 with 5.1 seconds left, then missed the second, but Oweh kept the offensive rebound alive and iced the game with two free throws of his own.

Carr led Kentucky with 17 points, the third different leading scorer for the Wildcats in three games under Pope.

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: Women's Building 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

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Defense ...

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Flagg led the Blue Devils with 26 points and 12 rebounds, making several key plays down the stretch. He started the scoring by finishing off a high-flying alley-oop on the Blue Devils' first possession, and that set the tone for a hot start in Atlanta.

Kentucky made its first five 3-point attempts — helping the Wildcats build a 19-13 lead before the second TV timeout — but UK missed its next eight long-range attempts. The Cats also endured a stretch of eight consecutive missed shots over a span of a little more than three minutes.

By the end of that drought, a 24-21 Kentucky lead had turned into a 30-24 advantage for the Blue Devils, who went on to build a 10-point lead before halftime.

The game was flowing well early, but a flurry of foul calls slowed the action. The Cats were called for nine of the game's first

13 fouls, and three UK starters — Butler, Oweh and Carr — were whistled for two fouls each before the under-8 timeout, forcing them to the bench.

All three eventually returned to play before halftime.

The calls evened up as the half progressed, with Flagg getting

his second foul with 6:40 to go in the first half, and fellow freshman starter Khaman Maluach — the Blue Devils' 7-2 center — going to the bench with his second a few minutes later.

By halftime, Duke had 11 fouls, one more than Kentucky. And the Blue Devils led 46-37.



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Elizabeth Brunswick puts up a shot while South Side's Kaleigha Owens defends her during Tuesday's season opener. Brunswick scored six points in her varsity debut, including four in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

Swamps ...

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Schwieterman got some key help from three freshmen. Petro provided nine points, Natalie May had eight and Elizabeth Brunswick had six.

"I've played with these girls in seventh and eighth grade," Schwieterman said. "I'm excited to play with them in high school because they all have so much heart, give it their all and love the game. ... They've come in and done amazing just with the progress from the summer. Going from middle school to varsity is a huge change for anybody so it was big for them."

Two of Brunswick's baskets came in the middle of the fourth quarter to put the Archers' hopes of a comeback to bed.

May shot an efficient 3-of-5 from the field. She also delivered a pair of second-quarter threes to help extend the Patriots' lead to 10 points at the intermission.

Petro had one of the stronger games of the freshmen. She made the first field goal of the game for either team by hitting a three from near the top of the key with 6 minutes, 24 seconds left on the clock. On the very next possession she hit a 2-point jumper from the right side. Petro also converted on a press break in the second quarter and split two pairs of foul shots in the second half.

"Coming into the first game playing varsity was very nerve wracking espe-

Box score					
South Side Archers vs. Jay County Patriots					
Girls varsity summary					
Jay County (1-0)					
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS		
Sibray	1-5	0-2	3		
Newton	0-0	0-0	0		
Schwtrmn	8-21	8-15	27		
Hummer	1-4	0-0	2		
Petro	3-6	2-4	9		
Skirvin	1-1	0-0	2		
Brunswick	3-7	0-2	6		
May	3-5	0-0	8		
Heath	1-3	1-2	3		
Totals	21-52	11-25	60		
	.404	.440			
Def. rebound percentage: .600					
South Side (1-2)					
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS		
Mante	1-5	0-0	3		
Autry	0-10	0-2	0		
Hamlet	0-1	0-0	0		
BriD-Williams	8-25	0-0	18		
BryD-Williams	3-9	0-0	7		
Owens	0-1	0-2	0		
Shetler	0-0	0-0	0		
Rogers	1-4	0-1	2		
White	3-11	2-4	8		
Green	1-2	0-0	2		
Totals	17-68	2-9	40		
	.250	.222			
Def. rebound percentage: .622					
Score by quarters:					
Jay Co.	18	16	9	17	— 60
So. Side	14	10	11	5	— 40
3-point shooting: Jay County 7-15 (Schwieterman 3-6, May 2-3, Petro 1-2, Sibray 1-4). South Side 4-30 (BriDiedrich-Williams 2-4, Mante 1-4, BryDiedrich-Williams 1-6, Hamlet 0-1, Rogers 0-2, White 0-5, Autry 0-8).					
Rebounds: Jay County 44 (Schwieterman 11, Petro 6, Sibray 5, Team 5, Newton 4, Hummer 4, Brunswick 4, Heath 4, May 2, Skirvin). South Side 43 (White 16, BriDiedrich-Williams 6, Autry 4, Rogers 4, Team 4, BryDiedrich-Williams 3, Owens 2, Mante, Hamlet, Shetler, Green).					
Assists: Jay County 10 (Schwieterman 5, Petro 2, Sibray, Brunswick, Heath). South Side 9 (Autry 2, BryDiedrich-Williams 2, Hamlet, BriDiedrich-Williams, Rogers, White, Green).					
Blocks: Jay County 1 (Schwieterman). South Side 1 (BriDiedrich-Williams).					
Personal fouls: Jay County 13 (Petro 3, Brunswick 3, Sibray 2, Hummer 2, May 2, Schwieterman). South Side 22 (Owens 5, BriDiedrich-Williams 4, Green 3, Autry 2, BryDiedrich-Williams 2, Rogers 2, Mante, Hamlet, Shetler, White).					
Turnovers: Jay County 23. South Side 22.					

cially for (us) freshmen coming from junior high, but I think we handled it really well," Petro said. "Those (first two) shots made me feel really confident. Like I can go out there and shoot without having to worry about if it will go in or not. I thank God for it all because He's really helped me through it all."

Along with having the second most points for JCHS, Petro followed Schwieterman with six rebounds and two assists.

The Archers' production also came from fresh-

men and a sophomore. BriTanya Diedrick-Williams and Maddie White finished as the top two scorers and rebounders for SSSH. BriTanya Diedrick-Williams had 18 points on 8-for-25 from the field and six boards, while White scored eight points with a game-high 16 points.

Sophomore Bry'Lee Diedrich-Williams had seven points through the first two quarters before needing to leave the game with an apparent head injury after falling while pulling down a rebound.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls wrestling at Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball scrimmage at Fort Recovery — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Muncie Southside — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball scrimmage vs. Jefferson — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball scrimmage vs. Jay County — 5:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m. — College women's basketball: Creighton at Kansas State (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College women's basketball: Utah at Northwestern (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: East Carolina at Tulsa (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Washington Commanders at Philadelphia Eagles (FOX)

8:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Minnesota at Nebraska (BTN)
9 p.m. — College basketball: Grand Canyon at Arizona State (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NHL: Chicago Blackhawks at Seattle Kraken (ABC)
11 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at USC (BTN)

Friday
5 p.m. — College basketball: Virginia at Villanova (TNT)
6 p.m. — College basketball: TCU at Michigan (FS1)
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: UConn

at North Carolina (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Monmouth at Rutgers (BTN)
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