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What's next?

That question comes to mind a lot. You might be looking for a new television show to watch, a new book to read or a new drink to enjoy.

We're here to help. This marks our third year of "The CR recommends," our answer to the litany of top-10 lists that publications put out to fill pages during the usually quiet last couple of weeks of December.

Inevitably, the feel of our list changes as employees come and go. (This year, we added a category for favorite beers.)

What follows is a selection of personal favorites from editor and publisher Ray Cooney, president Jack Ronald, sports editor Chris Schanz, reporters Riley Eubanks and Bailey Cline, advertising representative Katie Lyons and board member Louise Ronald.

We hope it provides you with ideas for some new things to try as we head into the new year.

Local interest

The Loblolly

My new dog Scooter and I walk a lot. Unlike my golden retriever Sammy who died in the spring, Scooter refuses to go outside by himself. (Once alone, he whines and jumps like a kangaroo.) Thus, I'm walking with my yellow lab morning, noon and night. When I can, I try to vary the locations, including Hudson Family Park, Jay County High School, Portland Memorial Park and Jay County Fairgrounds on my list. But nothing quite beats Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve with its miles of trails and relative solitude. — Ray Cooney

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Budget, COVID to lead 2020 session

By RILEY EUBANKS

The Commercial Review

COVID. The biennium budget. Redistricting.

The Indiana General Assembly, which reconvenes Monday to begin this year's legislative session, has a lot on the agenda in 2021.

Local state Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle), recently tapped to lead the Republican caucus in the Senate, says his party is focused on maintaining the budget to current levels despite a nationwide recession in 2020 caused by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"(The recession) wasn't good but it wasn't as bad as it could've been had there been no federal assistance," Holdman said, noting that federal stimulus will generate debt that will tax the country for years.

Once signed by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, the budget will appropriate state funds for two years beginning July 1. Though it's too early to know specifics, Holdman said this year's budget is expected to be "about equal" to the roughly \$35 billion total set in 2019.

"I think the recovery could be very quick ... I'm hoping it is," Holdman said.

Maintaining the budget is possible, in part, because the state had a \$2.1 billion surplus to tap into for emergency funds. The state, to date, has used about half of that surplus, Holdman said, and he hopes it doesn't have to use any more of it to stimulate the economy.

Because of the recession, Holdman said it may not be possible to satisfy some of the requests in Holcomb's 2021 agenda, such as allocating \$600 million in raises for teachers.

"I just don't know if there's going to be that much extra ... I'm hoping there is," Holdman said, noting the budget may be contingent on the rollout of coronavirus vaccines and an impending revenue forecast in April, weeks before the end of the session.

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Stepping away

Theurer retires after decades in government

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Gary Theurer first put his name on the ballot for commissioner in 1996.

Twenty-five years later, he's finished his last term in local government as a county council member.

Theurer, 66, served three terms as a Jay County Council member and three terms as a Jay County Commissioner. A 1972 Portland High School graduate, he's worked on the family farm — Theurer and Sons Farms Inc. and subdivision RMG Farms LLC — for nearly all his life.

Being self-employed made it easier to clear his Mondays for

regular commissioner meetings, he said, back when the group met four times a month. And over the years, his role in government has helped him to understand that legislative change takes time.

"On the farm, (if) you want to do something, you just go do it," he said, "whereas in government, you've got to go through the process of public meetings and get input from other people before you can make decisions."

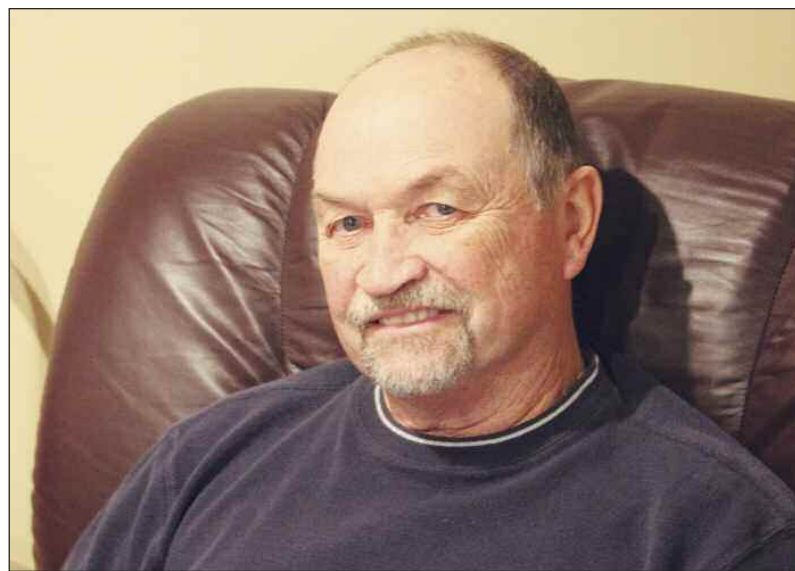
He's ready to retire from his role in politics now, although he plans to continue work at the farm as needed. He's relieved to no longer feel as though he holds responsibility for ongoing county decisions and issues.

"It's not as stressful, (I'm not) worrying about things in the county," he said. "I get to sit back and watch other people make the decision(s)."

Some of the projects that passed through during his time in office include expanding the landfill, developing two wind farms, building the new Jay County Jail, drafting regulation for concentrated animal feeding operations and creating Jay County Regional Sewer District.

Theurer also devoted nearly 35 years as a volunteer firefighter and sat on the Madison Township board for at least four years.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Gary Theurer relaxes in his recliner at home Wednesday. Theurer, a local government official for the last 24 years, finished his last term on Jay County Council in December. He said he's ready to relax and spend more time with his family.

Deaths

Marjorie Hollway, 97, Dunkirk
Ann Newton, 70, Portland
Raymand Clark, 93
Burley Billington, 66, Marion
Details on page 2.

Weather

About 0.4 inches of rain fell on New Year's Day in Jay County. The high temperature was 38 degrees, and the low was 27.

Snow is expected tonight with 1 to 3 inches of accumulation. There will be more snow Sunday with a high of 35.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

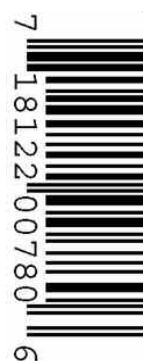
In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council and Jay School Board meetings.

Wednesday — Results from Tuesday's Jay County High School swim meet against Belmont.



Retrospect

Storm shut down county

Twenty-five years ago this week, Mother Nature brought a severe winter storm to the new year.

The Jan. 3, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about a winter storm that was called the most severe in at least a decade. Jay County was "a sea of snow drifts, jack-knifed semis and cancelations."

The storm, which brought 9 inches of

snow Jan. 2, resulted in schools being closed. Many businesses were shuttered as well.

And while most city streets were passable, rural travel was virtually impossible without a snowplow or snowmobile. Drifts in some areas were estimated to be as high as 10 feet. The county was under a snow emergency that was expected to stretch at least into the next day.

"We've got some 6-foot drifts. We might have 9-foot drifts, but they're isolated," said Jay County engineer Dan Watson. "We've got cars stuck in the middle of the road. ... The wreckers are just swamped."

Jay County Sheriff's Office reported it had received 30 calls about stranded vehicles in a two-day period, with the biggest issues near the intersection of Indiana 67. Four semis were

stuck at the intersection. Three had slid off the road while the fourth had a failed transmission.

"Our toughest problem right now is the majority of state roads are plugged with semis," said Jay County Sheriff Kip Robinette. "I think it's going to take us the biggest share of the day to get the semis pulled and the state roads cleared up.



The Commercial Review/Ed Balint

While school had come to a standstill 25 years ago this week because of a winter storm, children enjoyed some time out in the snow. Pictured, 15-year-old Kim Dixon of Atlanta tosses a snowball at 11-year-old John Myron of Portland.

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| A rain snow-mix likely overnight and in the morning though not much snow accumulation. | Mostly cloudy with temperatures similar to Sunday. No precipitation is projected. | Slightly cooler though the high is projected to stay about freezing. Mostly cloudy. | Slightly warmer under mostly cloudy skies. No precipitation is projected. | Slightly cooler under mostly cloudy skies. Friday is also projected to be mostly cloudy. |

Lotteries

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| Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-8-1 Daily Four: 2-5-2-1 Quick Draw: 2-5-6-8-10-13-17-26-28-32-37-41-48-49-52-53-64-73-74-75 | Pick 4: 6-2-3-5 Pick 5: 1-9-4-7-8 |
| Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-3-4 | Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$384 million |
| | Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$432 million |

Markets

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Today in history

On Jan. 2, 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour as a way of conserving gasoline in the face of an OPEC oil embargo. (The 55 mph limit was effectively phased out in 1987; federal speed limits were abolished in 1995.)

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1811, Sen. Timothy Pickering, a Federalist from Massachusetts, became the first member of the U.S. Senate to be censured after he'd improperly revealed the contents of an executive document.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday

service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1959, the Soviet Union launched its space probe Luna 1, the first manmade object to fly past the moon, its apparent intended target.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts launched his successful bid for the presidency.

In 2016, a 15-2 first-half run was key for the Jay County High school girls basketball team as it fought off Fort Recovery for a 56-51 victory.

In 2018, Sen. Al Franken formally resigned from the Senate a month after the Minnesota Democrat announced his plan to leave Congress amid a series of sexual misconduct allegations. —AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

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| Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:15 p.m. — Jay School Corporation Board of Finance, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council via Zoom 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, vil- | lage hall, 201 S. Main St. |
| Tuesday 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center. | |

Obituaries

Marjorie Holloway

Marjorie C. Holloway, 97, Dunkirk, died Dec. 31 at Miller's Merry Manor in Dunkirk, IN. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

Ann Newton

Dec. 22, 1950-Dec. 31, 2020
Ann Newton, age 70, a resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Ann was born Dec. 22, 1950, in Jay County, Indiana, the daughter of Jim and Bertha (Abbott) Nichols. Bertha married Tim Newton on Dec. 27, 1969.

Survivors include:

Her husband of 51 years — Tim Newton, Portland, Indiana

Three daughters — Tammy Schubert (husband: Keith), Portland, Indiana, Annette Enterline, Portland, Indiana, and Amanda Newton, Berne, Indiana

One son — Duane Newton, Portland, Indiana

Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Bertha Nichols; two sisters Rachel Scott and Audrey Redford; and a granddaughter, Casey Clubs.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in



Newton

Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Pastor Phill Jellison will officiate the service and burial will follow in Liber Cemetery, south of Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Raymand Clark

April 15, 1927-Dec. 31, 2020
Raymand Lee Edwin Clark, was born in Portland, Indiana, on April 15, 1927. He passed away on Dec. 31, 2020. He was preceded in death by his first wife Mary Lavon Clark and his sons Thonie "Stephen" Clark and Wayne Anthony Leon Clark.

Survivors include his daughter Linda Clark; a sister, Betty Kaderly; and his wife Viola "Midge" Clark. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Raymand was a faithful servant of the Lord and praised him daily. He was a true explorer of the world. He was a Christian, a dad, businessman, a great story teller and an all-around great guy. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II and owned and operated Clark's Furniture in Dunkirk for over 30 years.

He is free from the world and is with his father. He will be forever remembered and missed.

"I love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck."



Clark

Visitation will be held on Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Pennville. Services to celebrate Raymond's life will follow at 2 p.m. on Monday. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey. American Legion Post #211 will conduct military graveside rites.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Burley Billington

Nov. 19, 1954-Dec. 27, 2020
Burley Dean Billington, age 66, of Marion, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, in the Marion General Hospital.

Burley was born in Portland on Nov. 19, 1954, the son of Burley and Mary Viola (Ashcraft) Billington. He was a 1974 Bryant High School graduate and had worked for EPC in Geneva.

Surviving are one daughter, Vicki Clark of Uhrichville, Ohio; and three sisters, Susan Eberly of Geneva, Nancy Englehart of Pennville and June Ringler of Sturgis, Michigan.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

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Billington

Stepping ...

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Jay County Council member Faron Parr has worked alongside Theurer. Both served as commissioners and council members together Parr recalled when he, Theurer and Milo Miller Jr. were all commissioners and shared similar ideals.

"We all want the same goals," Parr said. "We live here, we stay here, we raise our kids here. We all want Jay County to be one of the best counties in the state."

Overall, Theurer is grateful for the opportunity to serve the county.

"I'd just like to thank

the people of Jay County for putting their trust and confidence in me for the last 24 years," he said. "I wish all the politicians well over the next (several) years."

Theurer is excited to spend more time with his granddaughters, Emme and Maddie.

Now that he's retiring from office, he said he might visit meetings every now and then to voice his opinions.

"He's been a great asset to the county," Parr said. "He's going to be happy to sit on the other side of the fence for a change."

Session ...

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Separate from the budget, Holdman complimented Holcomb's proposal to allocate \$400 million from the federal coronavirus aid, relief and economic security (CARES) Act directly into the unemployment trust fund to provide more money for Hoosier jobless claims.

Joining other Republicans like local state Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City) who have criticized Holcomb's powers during an emergency declaration, Holdman said he would support legislation limiting the powers of the executive branch during an emergency without approval from the state legislature.

"We have concern that we've had

no voice," Holdman said about the pandemic, which was just beginning in Indiana when the Assembly concluded its 2020 session.

Under current law, only Indiana's governor can reconvene the Indiana General Assembly, as Holcomb did in 2018 Holdman said he believes a special session should have been called last year so federal dollars from the CARES Act could have been allocated with the legislature's approval, among other pertinent decisions.

Holdman said legislation could include provisions allowing the Speaker of the House and president of the Senate to decide to form a special session or forcing a special session on the second or third con-

secutive emergency declaration by the governor.

"It's not to say we would do anything differently than what the governor has done," Holdman said, adding that the legislature needs more power during crises.

One of the ramifications of the 2020 U.S. Census is that districts are reorganized based on population. That is expected to happen again this spring as census reports are finalized.

Holdman, who has served since 2008, became Jay County's representative in the Senate after district lines were redrawn in 2011. He recognized district reorganization will once again receive "a lot of attention," as it did in 2011.

SERVICES

Monday

Clark, Richard: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday

Newton, Ann: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Machinery consigned by January 18, 2021 can be advertised

Bean recipe brings a smoky flavor

By **JOE YONAN**
The Washington Post

There's no shame in opening a can of beans. That might be a surprising statement coming from someone who wrote an entire cookbook extolling the virtues of beans of all varieties, especially when cooked from dried, but the fact is, I put canned beans right up there with canned tomatoes as one of the world's great convenience products. Few other vegetables packaged this way compare; the less we say about canned beets or mushrooms, the better.

Still, as with any such product, it's important to know the trade-offs. With canned beans, you gain plenty of time, but you lose access to one of the best reasons to cook a pot of legumes from dried: that cooking liquid. It's the best possible medium for storing beans, either in the



For The Washington Post/Tom McCorkle

Smoky white beans and brussels sprouts work well even with canned beans.

fridge or freezer, and, much like pasta water, it also can add silky body to soups, stews and sauces.

I was reminded of the differences when I tried a recipe from Lindsay Maitland Hunt's recent cookbook, "Help Yourself." It's a pretty straightforward affair, but with nice touches: White beans and Brus-

sels sprouts get a smoky flavor from one of my go-to spices, Spanish smoked paprika, and brightness from a generous squeeze of lemon juice before serving. The first time I made it, I used canned beans and tap water, and the dish was tasty. The second time, I used some heirlooms I cooked from dried and

their liquid instead of water, and it was outstanding, with a velvety sauce and an even deeper flavor.

Make the recipe however suits you best. Use a can of beans if and when you're in a hurry (which, I realize, might be most if not all of the time). Just promise me this: If you do find yourself with the time and inclination to cook some beans from dried, please do — and try the recipe again. You'll see.

Serve with rice, bread or another grain of your choice.

Smoky White Beans and Brussels Sprouts

Total time: 20 minutes
Two servings

This simple, quick dish gets its smoky flavor from a touch of a powerhouse ingredient: Spanish smoked paprika (pimen-

ton). Using home-cooked beans makes it creamier (be sure to save the cooking liquid), but canned works just fine, too. Serve with rice, bread or another grain of your choice.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 3/4 teaspoon Spanish smoked paprika (pimenton)
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more to taste
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, plus more to taste
- 1 1/2 cups cooked or canned no-salt-added white beans (from one 15-ounce can), drained and rinsed
- 3/4 cup drained bean cooking liquid or water
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

Directions

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil until shimmering. Add the Brussels sprouts, cut-side down and in one layer. Cook, without disturbing, until deep golden brown on the bottom, 5 minutes. Turn them over; add the garlic and cook until the sprouts are just barely tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the smoked paprika, salt, red pepper flakes and pepper and cook until fragrant, 30 seconds. Add the beans and bean liquid or water and cook, stirring often, until the beans are heated through, the liquid has reduced and turned creamy, and the sprouts are tender; about 5 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice and chives, taste, and add more salt and pepper if needed. Serve hot.

Woman hurt by being kept at arm's length

DEAR ABBY: I have spent years trying to have a close relationship with my older sister, but it is clearly not a priority for her. We are very different people, but I was hoping our shared history and family bond would be enough for her to prioritize me and my son. We come from a very small family on both sides and, one day, we will be some of the few remaining family members.

I haven't heard from her in months during the pandemic, which has been hurtful. I'm a working single mother, trying to take care of my son during this dark time, and she hasn't bothered to check on us even once.

She once told me that the only things she cares about are her own son and her dogs. I don't understand how she can have such a loving heart for animals

Dear Abby



but no concern for her own family. She can be very selfish and has had no close girlfriends during her adulthood.

Growing up, she was jealous of me, but I thought things would be different after I struggled with a divorce and other life stressors. I received no support from her during my divorce. In fact, she seemed to take my ex's side despite his having emotionally abused me for years. Should I expect that we will ever have a

closer relationship or just accept that it won't happen? — HURT IN ALABAMA

DEAR HURT: If your description of your sister is accurate, she has drawn a tight circle around herself that she doesn't want breached. You stated that the two of you are very different people, but on some level you haven't allowed yourself to accept what that means. You will be hurt less once you accept that your fantasy of closeness with her will never happen.

For whatever reasons, she isn't capable of giving you what you need. You will find the closeness you crave by developing stronger relationships with your friends. Sadly, for your sister, she won't give

herself the gift of these important and rewarding kinds of experiences.

DEAR ABBY: I recently separated from my husband of 16 years. He is an alcoholic who refuses to seek help. He can't hold a job or help with household expenses when he does work.

We have been separated for five months, and he feels that I "owe" him another chance. I gave him warning after warning for six years — and there was no change. I continue to tell him repeatedly that I have moved on and I'm tired. Things got so bad I eventually had a mental breakdown and had to seek professional help.

I'm currently in a new relationship, and I have never been so happy. My husband threatens

this new man and calls him names. I'm in the process of filing for divorce, but he makes me feel I am obligated to give him the chance to make things right. Am I wrong for wanting to move on? — END OF MY ROPE IN NEVADA

DEAR END: No, you are not! You have suffered enough, so do not backtrack. You are not obligated to give your alcoholic husband more time than you have already devoted. If you allow him to wear you down, there will only be more of what you have already experienced. (If you are even tempted, call your therapist!)

That he refuses to seek treatment speaks volumes. If you and the new man in your life feel threatened, file a police report.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

WEST JAY COMMUNI-

TY CENTER GROUP — Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will begin at 11 a.m. Euchre begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 donation for center's expenses. For more information, call (765) 768-1544.

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.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6

p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday 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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

Tuesday

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

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-

based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in room 205 at John Jay Center for Learning.

Wednesday

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 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at Jay Community Center and 10:30 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk. The public is welcome.

Sudoku

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Alternate entrees: Apple cinnamon muffin fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing
Sides for all meals: seasoned corn

Wednesday: Main entrees: Mini turkey corn dogs
Alternate Entrees: PB&J fun lunch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing
Sides for all meals: Steamed broccoli florets

Thursday: Main entrees: Classic American cheeseburger
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United Way thankful for volunteers

To the editor:
The United Way of Jay County has partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank for many years to provide free food to our community almost once a month. In 2019, we facilitated 10 tailgate food giveaways. Because of the many problems brought about by COVID-19, including increased food insecurity, from January 2020 through October 2020 we facilitated 34 tailgates. According to figures from Second Harvest, we served approximately 14,574 people in 2019. That number jumped to 83,244

Letters to the Editor

over the first 10 months of 2020, which is an increase of 470%. During those months there was an average of 500 vehicles at the tailgates each week. On behalf of United Way of Jay County, I want to thank Jay County Fair Board for the use of the fairgrounds, including the

Farmer's Building, to the City of Portland for the use of Hudson Family Park and to the City of Dunkirk for letting us use Dunkirk City Park. It is a challenge to find space large enough to hold 500 or so vehicles so that there is not a traffic problem on city streets. A big thank you to Jim Bruner, Billy Sipe, Herb Stratton, Tom Zimmerman and Greg Runyon, who got there early each week to direct traffic. Also a big thank you to those from the Indiana National Guard, Portland Fire Department and other volunteers who worked tirelessly to serve a huge

number of people in a short time each week. You are too numerous to mention individually but please know you are appreciated. The truck drivers and volunteers from Second Harvest are also to be commended for all of their extra work during a difficult time. Thank you to those in the community who wait for a long time to pick up food for other family members, neighbors or others who can use the extra food. And thanks to all of you for your patience as you wait in long lines for our awesome volun-

teers to fill your trunks, back seats or trucks. And a big thank to The Commercial Review and WPGW for keeping the community informed about the location and time of each tailgate. We will be on a first and third Wednesday schedule from 10 a.m. to noon for the foreseeable future at the Jay County Fairgrounds. Check The Commercial Review or listen to WPGW in case of any changes to this schedule. Jane Ann Runyon Executive director United Way of Jay County

'She-cession' real for minority women

By LUISA BLANCO
Bloomberg Opinion

Some have labeled the pandemic-driven economic slump a "she-cession," noting how heavily it has weighed on women. Yet this is so general as to be misleading: The real victims have been primarily Latina and Black. To help them recover, Congress and the Biden administration must recognize and address the issues — particularly in the family — that made them vulnerable in the first place. Judging from unemployment rates, women as a whole have bounced back significantly from the blow the pandemic delivered. After rising to 16.2% in April — more than 2.5 percentage points higher than that of men — the seasonally adjusted rate for women stood at 6.4% in November, compared with 6.9% for men. But unemployment among Latinas and Black women remained much higher, at 8.2% and 9.0%, respectively.

Luisa Blanco



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Why the disparity? One explanation is occupational segregation: Latinas and Black women are more likely to have jobs that are affected by the pandemic, or that put them in harm's way. Latina workers, for example, are disproportionately employed in the hard-hit retail, leisure and hospitality sectors. They're also less likely to be able to work remotely, meaning they must often face the difficult choice between losing income and risking their health. As a result, they contract COVID-19 at much higher rates than their White counterparts, which aside from being horrible in itself makes maintaining employment all the more difficult. Family arrangements matter, too. Minority women tend to bear the brunt of responsibilities in the home, which affects their ability to stay in the workforce. According to research soon to be published in the Hispanic Economic Outlook, Latinas are increasingly citing family reasons for being out of the labor force during the pandemic (at rates much higher than White women). They're also more likely to have more kids at home and to be single mothers, all of which complicates holding down a job.

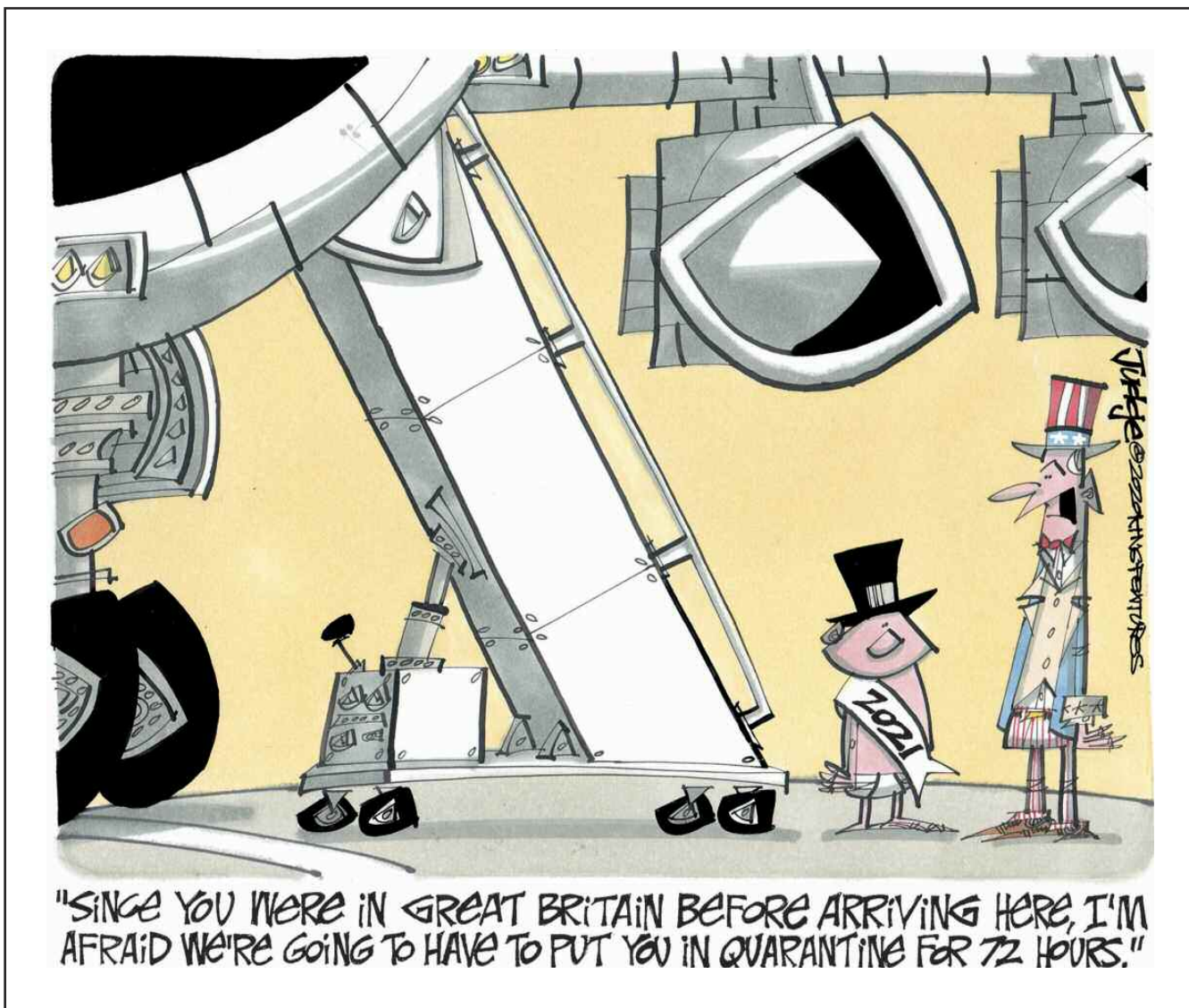
The lack of access to reliable childcare compounds these problems. When mothers have no safe place to drop off the kids, and nobody else to step in, they can't go to work. And the longer closures of schools and childcare centers last, the more their job skills atrophy — a phenomenon that could drive many Latinas and Black women out of the labor force permanently, adding to the negative economic impact of the pandemic. What to do? First, policy makers should act as quickly as possible to establish the testing and safety measures needed to reopen schools and childcare centers. They should prioritize vaccination of teachers, support staff and childcare workers, particularly in places with high proportions of lower-income minority students. And they should invest in outreach to encourage vaccine acceptance in predominantly Latino and Black communities, which have strong historical reasons to mistrust the medical establishment. Longer term, they should ensure that all minority women have access to the services — including affordable childcare — they need to participate more fully in the labor market. The Biden administration seems ready to take a more effective approach to containing COVID-19, and has recognized the pandemic's disparate impact on people of color. One must hope that it will put the two together into policies that will translate into economic gains for minority women, now and in the future.

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Policy should focus on people

By ELI LAKE
Bloomberg Opinion

Most Americans have no idea who Nahid Shirbisheh is. But in Iran, she has become a powerful symbol of resistance. A little over a year ago, she witnessed her son's murder at a government protest in Tehran. Last month she released a video made at the location of his killing that went viral in Iran.

When I spoke to her last month, she surprised me by thanking the Trump administration. "They mentioned my son's name and my own name and they supported my voice when my son was killed and I was in prison," she said.

President Donald Trump's Iran policy was designed mostly to coerce the regime into a better nuclear deal than the one it joined in 2015. U.S.-imposed sanctions were not meant to pressure Iran's rulers to release political prisoners or to allow a referendum on the powers of the supreme leader, as Iranian activists have been demanding for years. Even if Trump's policy had succeeded, which it didn't, Iranians would still be stuck with their oppressors.

That said, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has called out the regime's human-rights abuses. He has highlighted its corruption and told the stories of its dissidents and victims. Most intriguing, he has empowered a small staff at the State Department to use Iranian social media to help craft U.S. public diplomacy with Iranians.

This is where Shirbisheh comes in. A year ago, Pompeo mentioned the murder of Shirbisheh's son, Pouya Bakhtiari, at a little-covered event on human rights in Iran. The State Department made sure that the speech was translated and promoted on the U.S. Farsi-language social-media accounts.

Eli Lake



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This new approach owes a lot to Mora Namdar, an Iranian-American Pompeo met in 2018 in Dallas. A lawyer by training, Namdar was hired that year as an adviser to Brian Hook, the U.S. envoy to Iran. Namdar and a social media guru named Len Khodorkovsky soon took over the State Department's Farsi-language Instagram and Telegram accounts, using them to gauge which messages resonated with the Iranian public.

Pompeo's mention of Bakhtiari was an example of how this process worked. Namdar had noticed how this particular story was trending and pressed Pompeo to include it in his speech. Likewise, the State Department's 2019 decision to ban visas for both senior regime officials and their families was driven by social media posts inside Iran expressing anger that Iranian elites were able to attend U.S. and Western universities, while many average Iranians were cut off from these schools.

This counts as small but meaningful change. The State Department had generally used its Farsi social media accounts as a broadcast platform — a way to reinforce what it was already saying. The department's new approach treated social media as a channel to learn what Iranians thought about both their own regime and U.S. policy.

A complementary piece of this policy involves more outreach to Iranian Americans. Under President Barack Obama, much of that outreach was done through the National Iranian American Council, an advocacy group that has largely cultivated a relationship with the Democratic Party and sought to portray Iranian-Americans as supportive of diplomacy with the Iranian regime. Under Trump, the State Department went out of its way to engage Iranians who want the U.S. to help destabilize that regime.

"As we speak to Iranians who live in exile or who have made homes in the United States, we find a common thread," said Elliott Abrams, who has replaced Hook as the U.S. special envoy for Iran. Their message, he said, is this: "Don't forget the Iranian people." In his talks with Iranian-Americans, Abrams said, he has heard criticism as well. They don't want U.S. policy to focus only on the regime, and they don't want diplomatic deals "that abandon the Iranian people and keep the regime in place forever."

This is not to say that the U.S. government should assume the responsibility for transitioning Iran to a democracy. That was, is and should remain a task for the Iranian people. But having a small group at the State Department that follows what Iranian activists say on social media is a useful way to gauge the regime's legitimacy. Over time, it could be a valuable way to communicate directly with the Iranians who might one day be in charge of the country.

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CR adjusts lobby hours for 2021

The Commercial Review will be adjusting its lobby hours in the new year.

Beginning Tuesday, The CR's lobby will be open to customers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, editor and publisher Ray Cooney announced this week. It will be closed on Mondays and weekends.

While lobby hours will be reduced, customers can still make payments over the phone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or drop payments through the mail building's mail slot.

The editorial, advertising and commercial printing departments will also be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays by phone or in-person by appointment.

Course scheduled

John Jay Center for Learning is offering education for those interested in earning certified professional medical coder certification.

John Jay will host a 24-week certification prep course beginning Thursday.

Business roundup

Classes are scheduled for 5 to 9:30 p.m. each Thursday from through June 24.

EP request moves

Berne City Council recently approved a resolution that helps clear the way for a tax abatement for EP Graphics.

The company is planning \$3.65 million in improvements, including a new press, The Berne Witness reported. The new equipment is expected to help add five new jobs for a total of 130 employees.

EP Graphics is requesting a 10-year super abatement for the project. While the abatement is not yet approved, city council OK'd a declaratory resolution establishing the property as a revitalization area.

The Witness notes that EP

Graphics hopes to have the new press running in early 2021 though the entirety of the project is expected to take until the end of 2022.

Awarded again

NextEra Energy picked up another honor this week as Forbes magazine named the company its "outstanding firm" in its Forbes Energy Awards 2020.

Forbes notes that NextEra, which owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in Jay and Randolph counties, saw its market cap move pass \$150 billion this year to surpass Chevron and ExxonMobil as the most valuable energy company in the country. It has "the nation's biggest fleet of wind turbines and solar panels," the Forbes piece says.

Earlier this month NextEra was announced as a recipient of the S&P Global Platts 2020 Energy Transition Award. It was also honored as Utility Drive's Utility of the Year.

Deere deal reached

Smart Guided Systems, an

agriculture technology firm based in Indianapolis, has reached a deal with John Deere for the sales and support of its Smart-Apply Intelligent Control System. The systems will be sold at John Deere locations in the United States, Canada and Australia.

The systems use light detection and ranging (LiDAR) for precision spraying in order to "reduce the potential for chemical drift and help decrease the amount of product being applied."

"The agreement gives our customers access to an innovative, field-proven precision-spraying control system for use in high value specialty crops through a proven distribution channel," Smart Guided Systems CEO Steve Booher in a press release.

To present

CVS Health announced Tuesday that several of its executives will be part of a "fireside chat" with investors at this year's J.P. Morgan Annual Healthcare Conference.

Participating in the chat for

CVS Health will be president and CEO Larry Merlo, executive vice president and chief financial officer Eva Boratto and executive vice president Aetna Karen Lynch. The event will begin at 10:50 a.m. Jan. 12.

Lynch, who will become the company's president and CEO on Feb. 1, will also participate in the conference's vaccine panel discussion at 12:45 p.m. Jan. 13.

1,000th opens

McDonald's recently opened its 1,000th restaurant in Australia with a focus on being green.

The new location in Melbourne is designed to operate with 100% renewable energy.

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- Minimizing plastic packaging by using paper straws, wooden cutlery and paper sundae cups.
- Happy Meal toy recycling
- Energy-efficient lighting
- More efficient refrigeration and air conditioning systems
- Carbon-neutral McDelivery through partnerships with Uber Eats and DoorDash

Britain approves post-Brexit trade deal

By JILL LAWLESS and SAMUEL PETREQUIN
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's Parliament voted resoundingly on Wednesday to approve a trade deal with the European Union, paving the way for an orderly break with the bloc that will finally complete the U.K.'s long and divisive Brexit journey.

With just a day to spare, lawmakers in the House of Commons voted 521-73 in favor of the agreement sealed between the U.K. government and the EU last week.

Brexit enthusiasts in Parliament praised it as a reclamation of independence from the bloc. Pro-Europeans lamented its failure to preserve seam-

less trade with Britain's biggest economic partner. But the vast majority in the divided Commons agreed that it was better than the alternative of a chaotic rupture with the EU.

Late Wednesday evening, Parliament's upper chamber, the unelected House of Lords, also backed the deal. It will become British law within hours, once it has received the formality of royal assent from Queen Elizabeth II.

The U.K. left the EU almost a year ago, but remained within the bloc's economic embrace during a transition period that ends at midnight Brussels time — 11 p.m. in London — on Thursday.

The day before departure, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Charles Michel signed the hard-won agreement during a brief ceremony in Brussels.

"The agreement that we signed today is the result of months of intense negotiations in which the European Union has displayed an unprecedented level of unity," Michel said. "It is a fair and balanced agreement that fully protects the fundamental interests of the European Union and creates stability and predictability for citizens and companies."

The documents were then flown by Royal Air

Force plane to London, where Prime Minister Boris Johnson added his signature in a photo opportunity in front of a row of Union Jack flags.

The European Parliament also must sign off on the agreement, but is not expected to get to it for several weeks.

Johnson told legislators that the deal heralded "a new relationship between Britain and the EU as sovereign equals."

It has been 4 1/2 years since Britain voted 52% to 48% to leave the bloc it had joined in 1973. Brexit started on Jan. 31 of 2020, but the real repercussions of that decision have yet to be felt, since the U.K.'s economic relationship with the EU remained

unchanged during the 11-month transition period that ends Dec. 31.

Big changes are coming on New Year's Day. The agreement, hammered out after more than nine months of tense negotiations and sealed on Christmas Eve, will ensure Britain and the 27-nation EU can continue to trade in goods without tariffs or quotas. That should help protect the 660 billion pounds (\$894 billion) in annual trade between the two sides, and the hundreds of thousands of jobs that rely on it.

But the end to Britain's membership in the EU's vast single market and customs union will still bring inconvenience and new expense for both indi-

viduals and businesses — from the need for tourists to have travel insurance to the millions of new customs declarations that firms will have to fill out.

Brexit supporters, including Johnson, say any short-term pain will be worth it.

Johnson said the Brexit deal would turn Britain from "a half-hearted, sometimes obstructive member of the EU" into "a friendly neighbor — the best friend and ally the EU could have."

He said Britain would now "trade and cooperate with our European neighbors on the closest terms of friendship and goodwill, whilst retaining sovereign control of our laws and our national destiny."



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Boiler Up! Hammer Down! As a Boilermaker fan, there are very few beers better than a beer with ties to Purdue. This golden ale is made with products researched by Purdue and grown by farmers around the West Lafayette area. The beer is then brewed by People's Brewing Company. It is a tribute to encapsulating what agriculture can include: research, food science, production and final goods. Overall, this beer just tastes good, but it also has a fantastic story behind it. — Katie Lyons

Indian Pale Ale. The name is based upon past use of the microbrewery's building and the fact that a three-legged squirrel was seen during the construction period. It's an outstanding IPA, less hoppy than most but with just enough bite. Cheers! — Jack Ronald

offset the perfect amount of bitterness, this beer lives up to its perfect rating on beeradvocate.com
It's only around for a limited time each year, so if you find one out in the wild, buy it (and call The Commercial Review's office to let us know so we can get some as well). — Riley Eubanks

Good Rich Caster's Three-Legged Squirrel IPA
The microbrewery in Portland is just getting going, but I had a chance to sample a growler of the

Goose Island Bourbon Stout
Let me tell ya, this is the best beer I've ever had.
Aged for a year in some fine bourbon barrels, this seasonal stout from Chicago-based Goose Island is enough to make you go back to wherever you found it and buy more.

Woodchuck Hard Cider: Amber
I've never been a beer kind of gal. But I do like a good hard cider from time to time. I tried my first Amber Woodchuck at The Herot, a bar in Muncie, about a year ago. With notes of red apple, it's tastier than some of its alternatives. The container's long bottleneck and tint is also reminiscent of the classic beer bottle, ensuring you'll never feel alone in a group of beer drinkers again. — Bailey Cline

I found one, surprisingly, at the Jackson Street liquor store in Muncie, and I'd probably spend my last dime in there on this beer if I was thirsty enough.
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Felony court news

Possession
Residents of Jay and Randolph counties were ordered to serve drug-related convictions on electronically monitored home detention.

Jeremiah J. Landers, 34, 2151 N. Indiana 1, Pennville, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony.
He was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but six months suspended and given one day credit for time served. He was ordered to serve the remainder of his sentence on electronically monitored home detention.

He was placed on probation for two and a half years, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay \$400 for a substance abuse program and \$200 in drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fees.

Jason J. Bruggeman, 38, 5707 E. Base Road, Union City, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.

He was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but 366 days suspended and given 60 days credit for 30 days served. He was ordered to serve the remainder of his sentence on electronically monitored home detention.

He was placed on formal probation for 366 days, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay \$350 for a substance abuse program and \$200 in drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fees.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor charge of possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.
An Ohio man will serve no immediate jail time after pleading guilty to pos-

sion of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.

Dustin S. Westfall, 32, 342 N. Walnut St., Union City, Ohio, was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to 547 days in Jay County Jail with all but 120 days suspended and given 120 days credit for 60 days served. He was placed on formal probation for 427 days, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay \$350 for a substance abuse program and \$200 in drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fees.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person younger than 18 years old and a Class C misdemeanor charge of possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Burglary

A Pennville man was sentenced to prison after

pleading guilty to burglary, a Level 5 felony.

Mason D. Emerick, 24, 230 E. Bridge St., was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to three years in Indiana Department of Correction. He was fined \$15 and assessed court costs of \$185.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony of theft was dismissed.

Probation violation

A Portland man was found to have violated his probation related to a 2012 Class B felony conviction of armed robbery.

Joshua Harter, 112 W. 2nd St., was ordered in Jay Circuit Court to serve two years of his previously suspended sentence in Indiana Department of Correction. He was given 35 days credit for time served.

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Jay Superior Court

Judge Max Ludy Fined and sentenced

Josh S. Duty, 29, 121 Jay St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 26 days credit for 13 days served. He was assessed court costs of \$185. As part of his plea agreement, Level 6 felony charges of strangulation and theft were dismissed.

Judgments

Katelynn Place Apartments was awarded \$3,703.87 from Tiana L. Norris, small claims

Cases filed

Indiana v. Craig Worley, Level 6 felony
LVNV Funding LLC v. Lisa Nichols
Indiana v. David M. Headrick, Level 6 felony
Crossroads Financial FCU v. Sara Blalock, small claims
Crossroads Financial FCU v. Jeffrey A. Warner, small claims
Crossroads Financial FCU v. Zachaeus N. Tooley, small claims
Crossroads Financial FCU v. Kerri Stewart and Diana Stewart, small claims
Eagle Accounts Group v. Paula M. Fifer, small claims
Indiana v. Ashley L. Yates, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Donald E. Cosner III, Level 6 felony

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC v. Holly Fields, civil collection
Indiana v. Dianna A. Garrett, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Kyle R. Mendenhall, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Bradley P. LeMaster, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Jesse D. Modesitt, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Kenneth D. Carter Jr., criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. John C. Turner, Level 6 felony
Deb VanSkyock v. Slusser Family Farms, small claims

Jay Circuit Court

Judge Brian Hutchison Fined and sentenced

Joshua A. Pogue, 1127 S. Hagins Ave., Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but one day suspended and given one day credit for time served. He

was assessed court costs of \$185 and order to pay \$200 in drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fees. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge of possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor charge of possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Cases filed

Marisa Posocco v.

Kevin Stults, protection order
Morgan Kidd v. Nicholas Simmons, dissolution
Brittany A. Meadows v. Michael R. Coleman, protection order
Christina de Voe v. Kurt Banter, protection order

Dissolution

Peggy A. Ramseyer v. Lesley E. Ramseyer

Deeds

Jeffrey R. Kunce to Gregory R. Kunce, warranty deed — Part of Section 24, Greene Township, 1 acre
Earl Schubert to Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage, Home Equity Asset Trust and U.S. Bank National Association, sheriff/marshall deed — Lot 46, South Portland
Stephanie Klarer to Bradley S. Klarer, quit claim deed — Part of Section 33, Wayne Township, 0.75 acre
Adams County Cooperative Association to Harvest Land Co-op Inc., deed affidavit — Parcel in Bearcreek Township
Jon Hart and Jeanette L. Garlinger to Christopher A. Henniscey, warranty deed — Lot 17, Munson Addition, Portland
Timothy B. Herriford to Sharlene K. Moringstar, warranty deed —

Lots 92 and 93, Woodlawn Park Addition, Portland
Brooke A. Hatzell to Robert J. Otto III, warranty deed — Part of Section 29, Jefferson Township, 3.42 acres
Brenda and Mark Reitz to Cheryl A. and Jason M. Smiley, quit claim deed — Lot 100, Woodlawn Park Addition
Mindy L. and Robert V. Betts to Alexis M. and Brandon M. McDavid, warranty deed — Part of Section 18, Pike Township, 2.9279 acres
Bruce A. Murray to Bruce A. and Sherry K. Murray, warranty deed — Parts of Section 27, 29, 33 and 34, Penn Township, 256.6 acres; Parts of Section 2, Knox Township, 160.001 acres
Sherry K. Murray to Murray Family Irrevocable Trust, warranty deed — Parts of Section 2 and 3, Knox Township, 386.951

acres; Parts of Section 27, 29, 33 and 34, Penn Township, 124.6 acres
Bruce A. Murray to Murray Family Irrevocable Trust, warranty deed — Parts of Section 2 and 3, Knox Township, 386.951 acres; Parts of Section 27, 29, 33 and 34, Penn Township, 124.6 acres
Nathan K. Keever to Tina M. Harlow, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Wayne Township, 0.198 acre
Ruth Lloyd to Marla K. Miller, quit claim deed — Lot 6, Daugherty Addition
Anthony J. Schwieterman to Jennifer L. and Steven E. Schwieterman, warranty deed — Part of Section 23, Noble Township, 26.80 acres
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Television

"The Crown"

The Royal Family has a fascinating hierarchy. This show brings to light even more uncanny traditions and rules that they must follow. Queen Elizabeth holds the spotlight for the majority of this Netflix original as you take a back-seat ride through her journey as the queen. The historical drama has four seasons available, but fifth and sixth seasons have been confirmed. You will have to devote your attention to the show to keep up with the information. Keep your phone or computer nearby if you need to fact check what is actually happening or why it is happening. — Katie Lyons

"Goliath"

Until about a month ago, I had nothing for this category. Then I started my annual one month (or two if I forget to cancel) subscription to Amazon Prime. Goliath was one of the first shows that popped up, so I decided to check it out. It's dark at times, both literally and figuratively, but I loved it. Billy Bob Thornton is at his best as a down-on-his-luck lawyer who gets pulled into a lawsuit and ends up fighting against his former firm. — Ray Cooney

"In The Dark"

Murphy, a blind woman in her 20s, has just two friends, her roommate Jess, and Tyson, a drug-dealing teenager who once saved her from being beaten to death. When she discovers a corpse she believes is Tyson, she takes it upon herself to help solve the murder when the police don't seem like they want to. The show, which premiered on The CW and now has the first two seasons available on Netflix, follows her in her quest to find answers about her friend while managing an eclectic dating life. — Chris Schanz

"You"

This series will have you on the edge of your seat. "You" focuses on the experiences of a charming-yet-neurotic young man hopelessly in love. A friend of mine once put it well: we often idealize that love is defined by what a man (or woman) would do for their significant other. "You" stretches those thoughts to the extreme. Is it for love, or is it an obsession? — Bailey Cline

"Control"

This is such an important video game that continues to be plagued by a bad rollout and poor marketing. Despite being muddled with next-gen optimization barriers, "Control" is a spacey masterpiece of an action game that sees actress Courtney Hope deliver a stunning performance as Jesse Faden, who is on her lifelong journey to find out what the fictional Bureau of Control had to do with her brother's disappearance. The physics-based combat is fun enough, but anybody who picks this up will want to stay

for the intriguing and loopy story and ever-expanding universe that somehow involves 2010 cult-classic "Alan Wake." — Riley Eubanks

Nancynall.com

Nancy Nall Derringer was an award-winning columnist for The News-Sentinel in Fort Wayne about 15 years ago or so. She continues as a thoughtful blogger, now based in Michigan. — Jack Ronald

PictureThis

One of my favorite things in life is flowers. I'm not one to

enjoy receiving flowers, but more growing them and learning more about them. I was constantly finding myself seeing a flower and not knowing what it was. I downloaded PictureThis on my iPhone. It has 98% accuracy identifying plants. The only downside to this app is that it isn't free. There is a free trial period, but from there it goes to \$1.99 a month or \$19.99 for the year. I find it worth the investment. — Katie Lyons

"Trivial Warfare"

I like trivia. In the inaugural version of this list in 2018, I

Local interest

Ken Bantz

Looking for local talent on the music scene? Here you go. Ken's CDs featuring his guitar work, his songwriting, and his singing are available at Arts Place in Portland. Good listening, and you'll be keeping it local. — Jack Ronald

Movies

"1917"

What intrigued me the most about this movie is the fact it was intended to be shot to give the viewer the feeling of it being one long take. Most movies use multiple cameras to capture multiple angles of each scene, but this one did not. It really gives you the feeling you're actually alongside the soldiers in this World War I piece. I saw it in theatres this year prior to the pandemic, and it did not disappoint. If you're a fan of war movies, this is a must watch. — Chris Schanz

"Boys State"

The whole time I watched this, I thought it was a movie, filmed in the likeness of a documentary.

Turns out, it was actually a documentary about a year at Texas Boys State (akin to Hoosier Boys State) in the heart of the at-the-time new Trumpism movement.

Finding out this actually happened made it all the more revealing, heartfelt and enlightening.

"Boys State," streaming on Apple TV+, especially rings true for anyone who has raised boys or spent days in Scouts of America or a debate club of some kind and is particularly fascinating for anyone interested in politics or psychology. — Riley Eubanks

"The Impossible"

Although this 2012 film is not new by any means, it is currently on Netflix. I almost forgot about this movie, but when I saw it while choosing what to watch on Netflix, all of the emotions I felt when I watched it the first time rushed back. It is based off a family's preposterous true experiences while vacationing in Thailand. Their lives were turned upside down and almost completely lost on Boxing Day in 2004 because of a natural disaster. The film highlights their heart and gut-wrenching endeavor as they try to reunite. — Katie Lyons

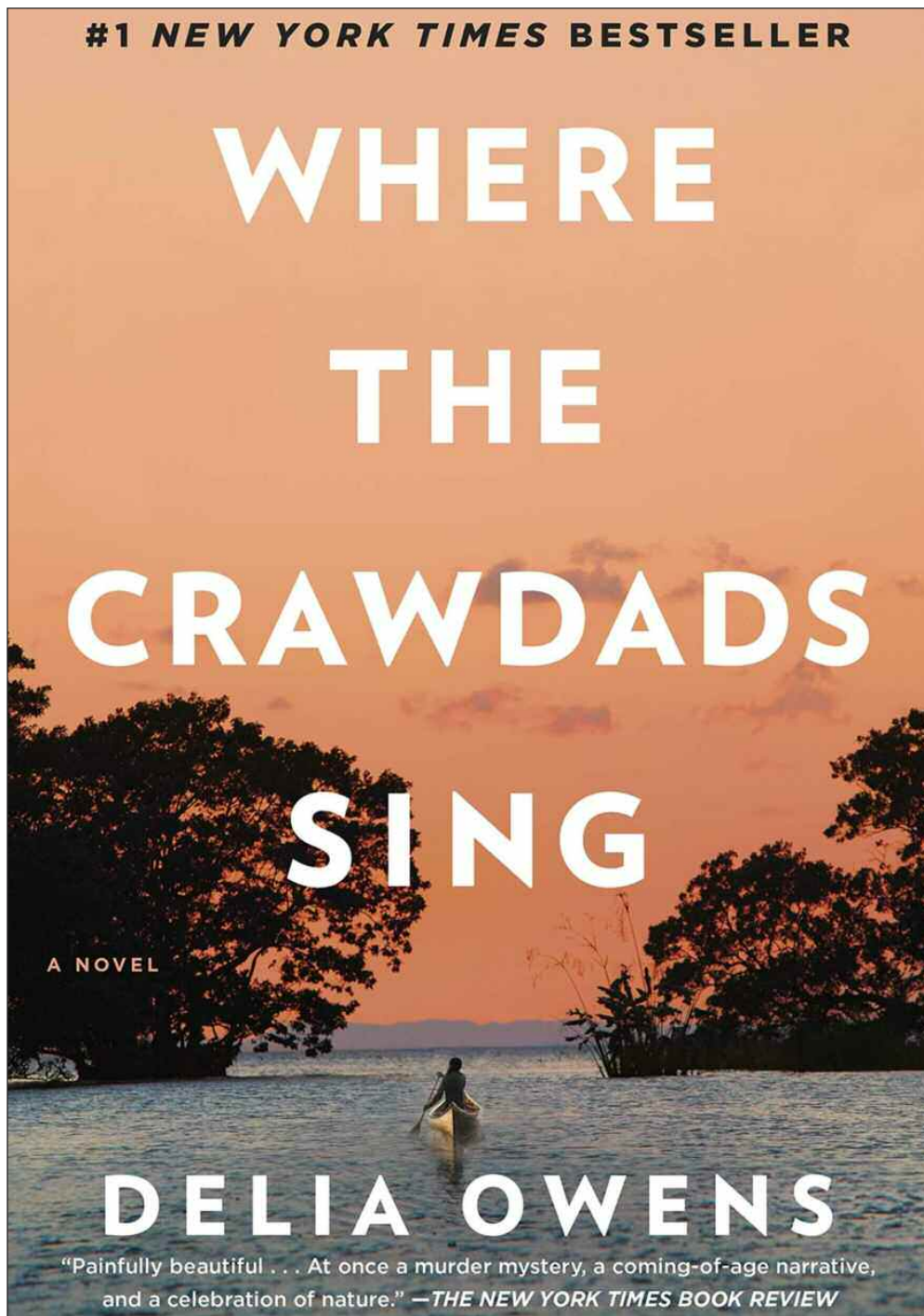


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For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. The New York Times Book Review referred to "Where the Crawdads Sing," the debut novel from Delia Owens, as "painfully beautiful ... At once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative, and a celebration of nature." The book earned recommendations from both CR editor and publisher Ray Cooney and advertising representative Katie Lyons.

Books

"How Baseball Happened"

Not sure how I learned about this book, but I put it on my Amazon Wish List and received it as a birthday present. For anyone who loves baseball and anyone with an interest in American history, it is a must. It offers tremendous insights into the cultural, racial and geographic influences on the early amateur game in the decades before the Civil War. Be prepared to have your baseball myths shattered. Do you hear that, Abner Doubleday? — Jack Ronald

Music

"Alfredo"

There's a reason Gary-based Freddie Gibbs is known as the Big Bunny Rabbit. His fast delivery and lyrical nimbleness even convinced the Grammys to nominate "Alfredo" for rap album of the year. A rekindling of the duo that also made Fetti with Curren\$y, "Alfredo" (a mix of their names) sees Gibbs once again team with The Alchemist to deliver a fast-hitting, raw 35-minute tape that is highlighted by Gibbs going toe-to-toe with members of Griselda, Rick Ross

"The Last Correspondent"

This Soraya M. Lane historical fiction centers on three women during World War II. Ella, a journalist, makes it her mission to report from the front lines of the war. Danni, a photojournalist, is determined to photograph the action. Chloe, a model, finds herself part of the French Revolution. Their paths intertwine, and then they must rely on one another to get out alive. — Chris Schanz

"Riviera Gold"

The most recent offering in the Mary Russell/Sherlock Holmes series by Laurie R. King. If you're a

Holmes fan and haven't encountered the series yet, you're in for a treat. It's great fun. But don't start here. Go back to the beginning, The Beekeeper's Apprentice. Riviera Gold is the 16th Russell/Holmes book, so you've got a lot of enjoyment ahead. — Louise Ronald

"Where the Crawdads Sing"

With not much to do during a week of vacation visiting my family in June, I got back to reading for pleasure. That led to picking up this spectacular book later in the summer: I was hooked from the beginning by this story of a girl

from the North Carolina swamp struggling for survival and acceptance. It has elements that remind me of "To Kill a Mockingbird," one of my favorite books. — Ray Cooney

I've never read a book like this before. Delia Owens had me so entranced that at one point I thought I was sitting next to the main character Kya as I dove deeper into her life. The storyline, set throughout the 1950s and '60s, left me agape. When you sit down to read this, make sure that you have enough time to finish it before you consider doing anything else. — Katie Lyons

and Tyler, the Creator. — Riley Eubanks

Buena Vista Social Club

Rocker Ry Cooder took it on himself years ago to put the spotlight on Latin jazz music from Cuba. It's impossible to listen to this music without starting to move. You might dance. You might just snap your fingers. But the music will get you moving. — Jack Ronald

Jack Johnson

Jack Johnson creates coffee

house music. When Googled, he is described as a soft rock and acoustic pop artist. When I'm in a bad mood, I play Jack Johnson. If I'm in a good mood, I play Jack Johnson. Even when I don't feel like music, Jack Johnson is the perfect option. His pleasant and melodious music has been in my life since he composed the soundtrack for "Curious George" in 2006. A handful of my favorite tracks are Better Together, Big Sur, Bubble Toes and Washing Dishes. — Katie Lyons

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1-2 CRYPTOQUIP

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 UJCXJYY ZOBG H QHUX, EAE
 SJ EB EJU EAQARJXPJ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ON THE FIRST OF JANUARY, I COULD JUST IMAGINE SALAMANDERS WISHING EACH OTHER HAPPY NEW YEAR.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals S

Trivial Review
 (Answers are printed below, upside down.)

New Year's queries

1) Of what substance is the ball dropped on New Year's Eve in New York made?
 2) Between what dates does the Chinese New Year always fall?

1) Waterford Crystal
 2) Jan. 21 and Feb. 20

1-4 CRYPTOQUIP

OKKHOZ WKVPQSOZOGVWG
 SCZX VCHQKOEKPV VYPR EOR
 YONP WK VYP XOQ XHVHP:
 EOLVPQL CX VYP HKWNPQLP.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE TRIED HARD TO ELIMINATE THE MORNING WETNESS FROM A LAWN, DID HE DO DEW DILIGENCE?
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals L

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to poinsettias. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = O)

A. 16 11 14 11 1 23 19 14
 Clue: Warrant

B. 16 3 1 4 20 17 5 16 20
 Clue: December holiday

C. 14 13 15 18 13 20
 Clue: Parts of plants

D. 21 13 16 11 1 15 17 4 11 25 20
 Clue: Home adornments

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to poinsettias.

SBTRAC

Answer: A stinger B Christmas C leaves D decorations

kids' corner

Illustration of a child with a laptop and books.

Maze Craze

Can you find your way through the center of the maze?

START FINISH

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

29

- 1801: THE FIRST YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YMCA) OPENS IN BOSTON.
- 1857: THE IRISH FREE STATE IS REPLACED BY A NEW STATE CALLED "IRELAND."
- 2009: THE ANKALA SHAR LANGUAGE IS RENDERED EXTINCT WHEN ITS LAST SPEAKER PASSES AWAY.

POINSETTIA WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Q X I G N I M O O L B N B U I X T H D G
 R C C U F E S T I V E D N Z N N P G E D
 D T T N A L P A R M E I E E S X I R K E
 O B C T O K P H Z O Q U U T V E O V D R
 K O T R L C P X Q U D P C Y U L H E X R
 P T D A C F I U E L N A U S K E C D H O
 T A E D I D N X C Y R S S L T E A X S U
 D N G I R O L O E B M L O S M A M S V S
 L I U T V Y E S I M F F L B A M Z O Y H
 P C N I X K A R H T E O E B G B Z T S U
 E A A O S F V K R F A R B I P D M H E B
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 L I X G R O N P F I C Q P T E C T U R N
 L L X R V C D I H O L I D A Y D E N E M
 A C I R E M A L A R T N E C V O D H N M
 V G U B C H R I S T M A S N R C Q O N P
 U M N R Y T P Q Z R A G M R H P X Z S D
 B H M K A Z R R M K Z D S L E G E N D D

WORDS

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 BRACTS
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 CHRISTMAS
 DECEMBER
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THIS IS ANNUALLY ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

AVOID GET HEALTHY

RESOLUTION

a firm decision to do or not to do something

How they SFLY that in...

ENGLISH: Exercise
 SPANISH: Ejercicio
 ITALIAN: Moto
 FRENCH: Exercice
 GERMAN: Sport

Did you know?

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON SAYS ABOUT 8 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ACHIEVE THEIR NEW GOALS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 33 Leading man? 54 Gridiron scores, 9 Sci-fi's Skywalker
 1 "Phokey!" 34 Conan of late-night for short 10 "Got it"
 5 Former sunscreen 36 Blood of the jungle 11 Combo
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 9 Freedom, 37 Mao — 22 Reacts to
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 17 Boxer 50 Bard's 6 Mystique 31 Sample
 Norton river 6 Mystique mandu
 18 Baghdad's 51 Scoundrel 7 Golden native
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Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 1-2

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A J 5
 ♥ Q 10 9 6
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ K J 8 7

WEST
 ♠ 8 2
 ♥ J 8 7 5 3
 ♦ 10 6 3
 ♣ 8 5 2

EAST
 ♠ K 10 7 6 4
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ J 5 2
 ♣ 4 3

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ A K
 ♦ K Q 9 8
 ♣ A Q 10 9

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 NT Pass 4 ♣ Pass
 4 ♣ Pass 5 NT Pass
 6 ♣ Pass 7 ♣

Opening lead — five of hearts.

Not much is written about "table feel" — the ability to sense where certain missing key cards are located. Nevertheless, it is a fact of bridge life that all players try to draw inferences from the actions of their opponents — and that some players are much better at it than others.

Take this case from the 1996 Spingold Teams. South, Bart Bramley, and his partner, Sidney Lazard, reached seven clubs as shown, and it was up to Bramley to find the way to make it. His only problem was how to avoid a spade loser. With the king of spades offside, it might appear that

Bramley was destined to go down one, but he proved otherwise. He won the heart lead with the ace, drew three rounds of trump, East discarding a spade, and cashed the heart king. This was followed by a diamond to the ace and the queen of hearts. East and declarer each discarding a spade, Bramley then ruffed the ten of hearts, East discarding a third spade, and led the queen of spades, on which West followed low.

At this point, Bramley stopped to review all the accumulated information — including what his "table feel" told him. From the standpoint of pure probabilities, East was far more likely to hold the spade king, since he had started with only two clubs and two hearts. This left him with nine cards in spades and diamonds as opposed to only five cards in those suits for West. Also, West might have covered the queen of spades with the king if he had it.

But on top of this, East had shown increasing signs of distress in choosing his three discards, and this made Bramley even more certain that East had the spade king.

So Bramley put up the ace of spades and cashed dummy's last trump, discarding his remaining spade. East, who at this point had the J-7-5 of diamonds and two king of spades guarding against dummy's jack, elected to let go of a diamond, and declarer's K-Q-9 of diamonds took the last three tricks.

Tomorrow: A bitter pill to swallow.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 34 Labyrinth 20 Half a ton
 1 Pond 35 Soaks (up) 21 Citrus
 growth 36 Wild West drinks
 5 Legisla- 37 Yucatan 22 Ancient
 tion West rival, mariner
 8 Ascend 38 Automaton, for 23 Drives off
 show briefly
 12 "Spider- 39 Yucatan 25 Imagined
 Man" setting groups 26 Peruse
 director 40 Automaton, for 27 Shoebox
 14 Furry sci-fi 41 On in info
 critter short hrs. 29 College
 15 Most 42 Humili- 31 Prefix
 acute ating request with natal
 16 Carrot 43 Lion's 8 Break a 33 Stage
 on a locks promise corn-
 snowman 44 Fortify 9 Victor's 34 Sacred
 17 Tempe 45 "Sad to say ..." 10 Slugger 36 Capital of
 sch. 46 Anony- 11 Stretches 37 Crib cry
 18 Serengeti 47 Jane 13 Church 38 Alike (Fr.)
 howlers 48 Bygone 19 Guffaws 39 TV's
 20 Rap star 49 Guffaws "Warrior
 West Jane area Princess"
 23 Over- 50 Anony- 19 Guffaws 40 Innocent
 confident 51 Bygone 19 Guffaws one
 24 Nuptial 52 Bygone 19 Guffaws 43 Med.
 vows plan
 25 Salt 53 Bygone 19 Guffaws 44 U.S.
 sprinklers 54 Bygone 19 Guffaws Army
 28 Pod 55 Bygone 19 Guffaws bases
 dweller 56 Bygone 19 Guffaws 45 Last
 29 Harbor 57 Bygone 19 Guffaws (Abbr.)
 markers 58 Bygone 19 Guffaws 46 Guitar
 30 Aachen 59 Bygone 19 Guffaws master
 article 60 Bygone 19 Guffaws Paul
 32 Hair cleanser

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 1-4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
 12 13 14
 15 16 17
 18 19 20
 21 22 23 24
 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
 32 33
 34 35 36
 37 38
 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47
 48 49 50
 51 52 53
 54 55 56

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The turn of the screw

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 10 8 5 2
 ♥ A 8 7 4
 ♦ A K 3

WEST
 ♠ A K Q J 10 8 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 6 5 2
 ♣ 10 2

EAST
 ♠ 9 5 4
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ J 10 9 3
 ♣ Q J 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ 7 2
 ♥ A Q J 9 4
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ 9 7 6 5

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♣ 4 ♣ 4 NT Pass
 5 ♣ Pass 6 ♣

Opening lead — king of spades.

Assume you're South and get to six hearts as shown. It looks like a safe contract, since there seems to be no way to avoid losing a club and a spade. It's also hard to find partner for bidding the slam, as 12 tricks could not be stopped if you had, say, the queen of clubs instead of the queen of diamonds.

However, there's no use crying over spilt milk, so you start concentrating on how you might make the

slam. And when you do, you realize that the outlook is not as bleak as it may seem, because, after West cashes a spade and shifts to the ten of clubs, you have a reasonable chance for a squeeze.

For the squeeze to succeed, East must hold most of the missing diamonds and clubs. In line with this, you take the club ten with the king, lead a trump to the ace, ruff a spade and play three more rounds of trump to produce this position:

North
 ♠ A 8 7 4
 ♥ A 3

West
 Immaterial

East
 ♠ J 10 9 3
 ♥ Q J

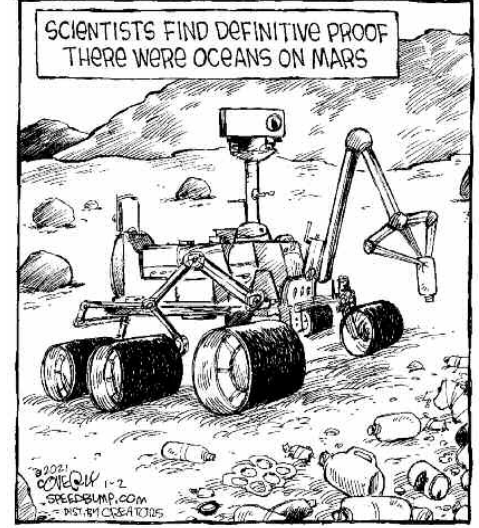
South
 ♠ 9
 ♥ K Q
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When you now lead your last trump and discard a club from dummy, East is squeezed. If he discards a diamond, you score the last five tricks by cashing the K-Q of diamonds and leading a club to the ace. If East discards a club instead, you score the last five tricks by leading a club to the ace and returning to your hand with a diamond to cash the 9-7 of clubs.

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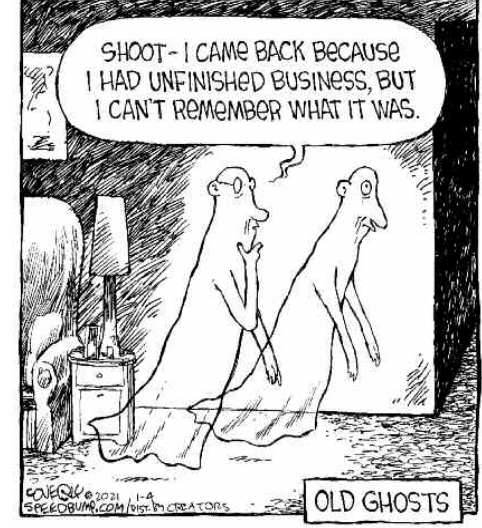
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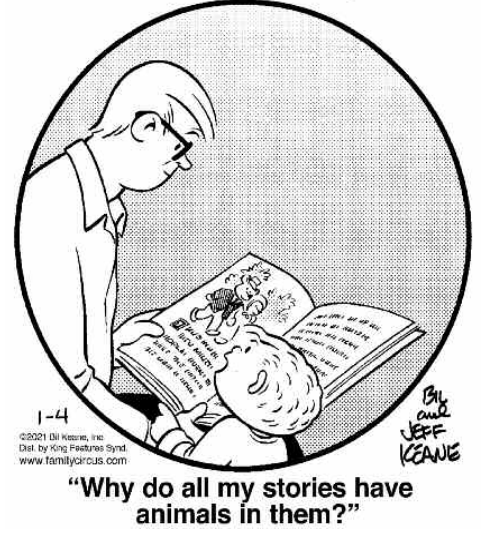
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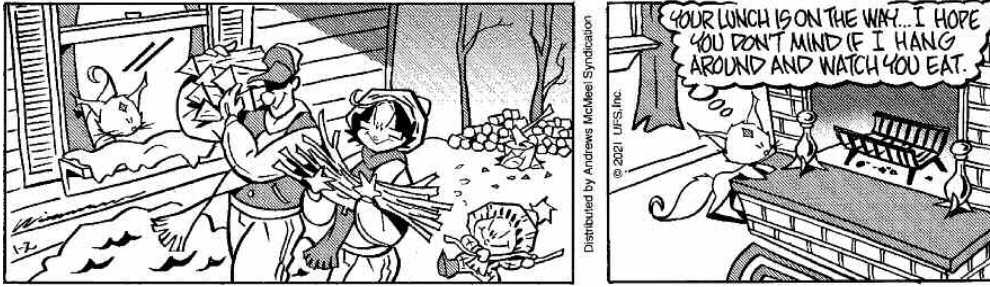
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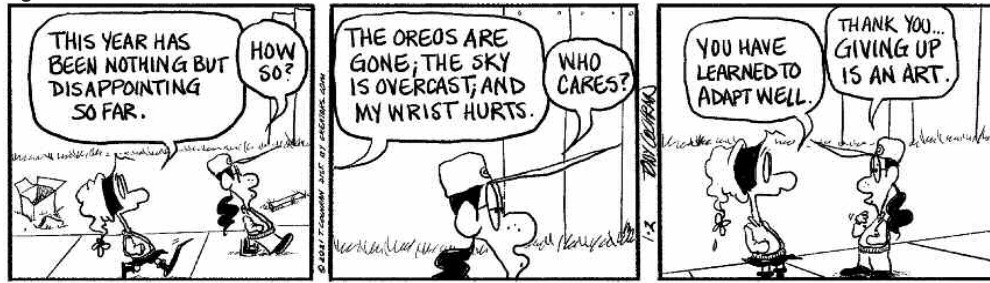
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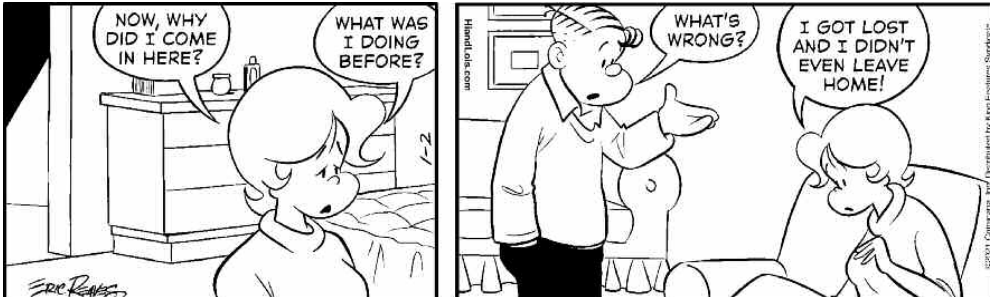
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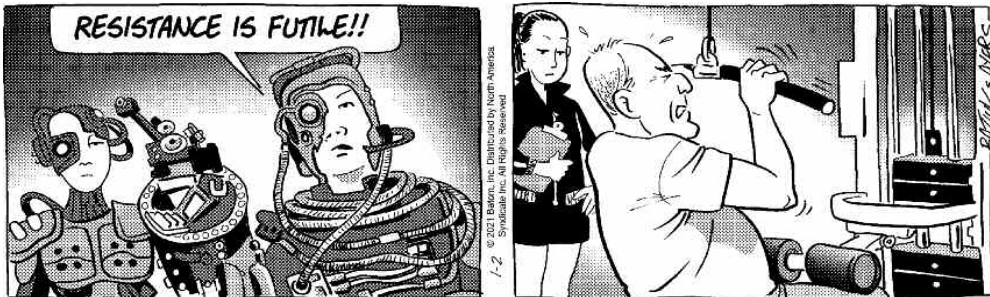
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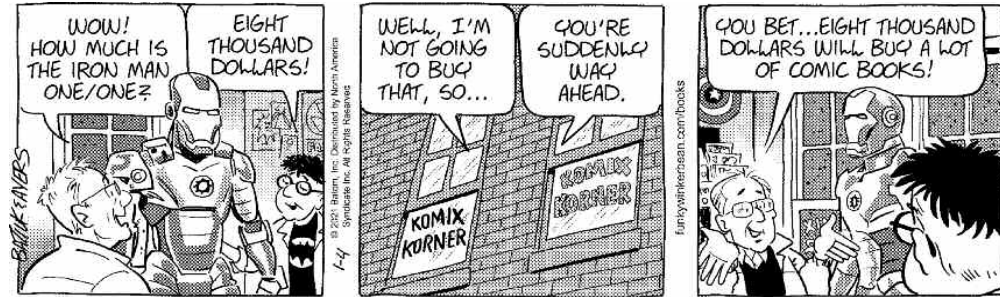
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Dough box; Oak roll top desk; blanket chest; wood chests; goat wagon; wood butter churn; wood boxes with lids; rabbit mold; sugar bucket; bench; wood wagon; wood butter paddles; ROWE POTTERY: jug, crocks, and churn; 20 gallon Red Wing crock; bushel basket; duck decoys; crock bowl; wood bowls; basket; corn dryer; utensil holder; 3 legged cast iron pot; FB Norton jug; washboard; Wisconsin Pottery; wood mortar and pedestal; #5 churn crock; tin lanterns; apple basket; Folk Art set of dishes; copper mold; Enamel Ware pitcher and roaster; seed planter; towel wear box; tambourines; wood wash stirrer; Christmas wreaths; wood spoons; sleigh bells; hanging drying rack; Santas; feather tree; trunk; dough bowl; PEWTER: candlesticks; tea pots; and bowls; wood comb boxes; rolling pins; lemon squeezer; gray granite pail; flat iron; small crock bowls; spick rack; grain sifter; wood benches; powder horn; Lumberjack whirly; tractor sprinkler; wood totes; small child's rocker; horse weather vane; coopers bench; fishing poles; tackle box; wood stool; condiment set; pitcher & bowl; post cards; medicine bottles; pictures; glasses; trays; ceramic Christmas tree; Indiana sand painting; Bennington bowl; bisque figurine; dish towels; sheets; linens; ceiling fan; decorations; new Apple bags; glasses; pictures; trays; Christmas decorations; Little Red Riding Hood hanging planter; Ideal salt feeder; Universal sharpener; West Germany Easter eggs; barometer; Coleman lanterns; Lenox; lightning rod; weather vane; blue Ball jars; zinc lids; Texasware; Longaberger basket; 1 bushel measure basket; cast iron cauldron; pictures; 1860 yard winder; jewelry; folk art turtle; 4 1/2' bench; child's horse rocker; 1823 German birth record; green & yellow splint basket; pine desk with drawer and gallery; miniature pie safe; small 1 door, 1 drawer stand; small egg basket; dovetailed grain box; early apple box; pig weathervane and rod; child's trunk; wooden "Cherries" sign; "Open" sign; small wood bowl; white colored firkin; early mustard colored hanging candle box; stool; Indian made basket; watermelon top metal stool; Apple Orchard sign; Old Fellows staffs; early Dome Box; whiskey jug; early dry sink, no doors; early child's rocker; camping sign; and many other items not listed.
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LONG GUNS & PISTOLS
(2) Henry 22 cal. S-L-LR lever action; (2) Henry Golden Boy 22 mag. Hex barrel lever action.; Rossi 45 colt trapper model lever action; Ruger model 10-22 stainless full wood stock; Marlin 35 cal. model 3365-c lever action; Marlin 44 mag or 44 special model 1894S lever action; New England Arms 30/30 single shot; Tri Star -NKCMO 20 ga. over & under turkey gun NIB; H & R 500 mag handi-rifle single shot ; Rock Island Arms- Meriva 12 ga. pump w/slug barrel ; Mossberg 4x4 300 WSM stainless, synthetic stock, fluted barrel and bolt action; CVA Hunter 450 Bushmaster single shot; Charles Daly 12 ga. pump; Savage-Anschutz 22mag bolt action; Mosin-Magant (Russian) 7.62 x 54 cal. bolt action, 5 shot; Stoeger Condor over & under 12 ga. 3" chamber; H & R handi rifle 204 cal. single shot NIB; Weatherby-Vanguard 308 cal, bolt action; Stevens Favorite model 30 22 mag single shot; Turkish Mouser ASAF, Ankara 5 mm. military rifle w/ bayonet; Swiss- Vitralle 41 cal. military rifle bolt action, tube fed w/bayonet; New England Arms 12 ga. sawed off 16 1/4" barrel 31 1/2" overall length; Rossi 223 cal. single shot w/scope; Weatherby Vanguard 30.06 bolt action w/ Cabela's 4.5-14 x 42 scope; Sta-Barbra 7 mm mag Sportsman w/ Simmons scope; Winchester model 131 22 cal. S-L-LR bolt action w/clip; Savage model 93R17-17 cal. stainless bolt action w/scope; Browning 30.06 w/scope; Ruger Scout 308 cal. bolt action w/clip; China 12 ga. pump; Stevens model 320 12 ga. pump; Norinco 97 12 ga. pump; Revolution model 350A 16 ga. single shot; Springfield model 67 12 ga. pump; Stevens 12 ga. single shot; Winchester model 12 12 ga. pump; Weatherby 300 mag bolt action; Savage model 93R17 17 cal. bolt action; Browning 12 ga. pump; Ruger mini 14 Ranch rifle; 223 cal.; Stevens model 77D 16 ga. pump; Remington model 770 -270 cal. bolt action w/scope; Winchester model 97 12 ga. pump; Plainfield M1-carbine 30 cal; H & R 20 ga. single shot; SKS 7.62x39 cal w/bayonet; Ithica 20 ga. auto; (2)Thompson Center 50 cal muzzle loader; Winchester model 97 12 ga pump (needs repair); H&R Shikari 45-70 cal single shot; Winchester model 37A 12 ga. single shot; Winchester model 370 12 ga. single shot; Stevens model 58B 410 bolt action; Savage 22 cal over 410; Stevens model 301 20 ga single shot w/scope; (PISTOLS) Ruger Super Red Hawk 44 mag w/scope; Colt 380 auto; North Amer. Arms Derringer revolver; Amer. Western Arms 45 - 6 shot; S&W 22 LR 6 shot; S&W 38 special 5 shot; Taurus 38 special 5 shot; Taurus model 85 38 special 5 shot; S&W model 22 A-1 target special; Lady Rossi model 889 38 special 5 shot; Rossi 357 mag 6 shot; Taurus 22 LR 9 shot; Kel-Tec 22 auto; (2)Taurus 17 cal. 8 shot; Taurus Judge 410 or45 cal 5 shot; Ruger P95-9mm auto; S&W 38 special 5 shot; (3) North Amer. Arms Derringer 22 mag 5 shot; Kel Tec 380 auto; Ruger 22LR auto; (2) Phoenix Arms 22 LR auto; Ruger GP100-357 mag. 6 shot; (2) Sig Sauer 22LR auto; Bond Arms Snake slayer Derringer 45/410 and 22LR; Ruger 44 mag 6 shot; Ruger single six 22LR and 22 mag 6 shot; Rossi 44 spec. 5 shot; Star 45ACP auto; Remington style 44 cal black powder 6 shot; Ruger New Model Super Black Hawk 44 mag 6 shot; Browning 22LR auto; Dan Wesson 357 mag 6 shot; Taurus 44 spec. 5 shot; Rossi 22LR 9 shot; Clerke 32 cal 6 shot; Taurus Model PT-22 auto; Ruger 357 mag hammerless revolver; (3) 32 cal revolvers.
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Gone ...

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The OHSAA, which was holding out hope to have a season, followed suit 18 days later by ending any chance of having spring sports.

In Indiana, gymnastics state finals went on without fans. The state's boys basketball tournament was halted before the regional round, and the OHSAA canceled its boys basketball, girls basketball and hockey postseason tournaments.

2. Coaches charged

Esther J. "EJ" Stephen, who had coached the Indians since 2018, and her assistant coach Shelby N. Hiestand were arrested Jan. 15, two days after Shea Briar died after being shot and left on a bridge in northern Jay County. According to police, they admitted to plotting to kill Briar over a custody dispute. (Stephen and Briar shared a child).

The incident occurred just hours after Stephen and Hiestand had worked at the concession stand at an FRHS boys basketball game.

Two weeks later, one of Stephens' former players, Hannah Knapke, was also arrested and charged with murder.

3. Pete's passing

Portland's native son, Darrel "Pete" Brewster, passed away Jan. 3 at the age of 89.

Brewster was a Portland High School graduate, and played football and basketball for the Panthers. He later attended Purdue University on a basketball scholarship while also playing football.

He was a second-round NFL Draft pick in 1952, and played for the Cleveland Browns (1952-58) and the Pittsburgh Steelers (1959-60), during which he was a two-time Pro Bowl selection.

As a receivers coach for the Kansas City Chiefs, Brewster helped coach Hank Stram and the Chiefs win Super Bowl IV.

4. Rising in UFC

Casey Kenney's year didn't start the way he would have liked, but it finished with a flourish.

The 2009 Jay County High School graduate lost for the first time in UFC by unanimous decision Feb. 15 to Merab Dvalishvili. But he bounced back to submit Louis Smolka in the first round three months later. Then he went on an October tear on UFC's



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

The Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team, from left Val Muhlenkamp (22), Kierra Wendel, Alli Vaughn, Paige Fortkamp (14) and Brooke Kahlig (background) celebrate after the final buzzer sounded in a 47-41 victory over the New Bremen Cardinals on Feb. 13 to clinch a share of the Midwest Athletic Conference championship. It was the program's first conference title since 1991.

Fight Island in the United Arab Emirates, beating Heili Alatang and Nathaniel Wood in a span of three weeks.

He is now booked to fight former UFC bantamweight champion Dominick Cruz on March 6 in Las Vegas.

5. Girls make state

Led by freshman Ellie Will and three other underclassmen, Fort Recovery's girls cross country team qualified for the state meet for the first time since 1999.

Will, who was 12th as an individual in the regional meet, and fellow freshmen Henna Hart and Brynn Stammen worked their way to be among the squad's best runners. Then Megan Diller, a sophomore, and senior Hanna Metzger rounded out the team's top five.

The Indians, who were ranked 11th heading into the meet, finished 13th overall, which was one spot lower than the 1999 team's best finish in program history.

6. School's best Winner

Prior to his freshman season, Mason Winner set a handful of goals.

He wanted to be a state champi-

on. He wanted to be a four-time state medalist. He wanted to be the best wrestler in school history.

Two out of three ain't bad. Winner solidified his legacy in February by winning his school-record fourth medal as he placed fifth in the state. That accomplishment came two weeks after he surpassed 2014 Patriot graduate Eric Hemmelgarn as the program's all-time wins leader.

Winner ended his JCHS career with 170 wins, eight more than Hemmelgarn.

7. Fantastic freshman

The Jay County High School girls basketball team lost its 2019-20 season opener. But in that defeat, a new star emerged.

Renna Schwieterman burst onto the scene in her first varsity game, scoring a team-high 23 points. It was a pattern that would continue throughout the year.

Schwieterman would clear the 20-point mark eight times as a freshman, including a 28-point effort in a win over Adams Central. She racked up 365 points in her first season, setting her up to have a shot at the program record

of 1,458 held by Shannon Freeman.

8. Bomholt's back

More than four decades after it began, legendary coach Jerry Bomholt returned to the Jay County boys basketball team as he was hired in April to replace Chris Krieg, who retired a month earlier.

Bomholt, whose first victory this season was the 550th of his career, started as a head coach with the Patriots in 1980. He spent four years in Portland, and said leaving was the biggest mistake of his career.

The start of his second stint leading the Patriots was delayed, however, as he battled the coronavirus. After he recovered, though, the team still had to cancel or reschedule the first five games of its season.

9. MAC title

Under first-year coach Holly Gann, the pieces finally came together for the Fort Recovery girls basketball team as it returned to conference dominance in winning the Midwest Athletic Conference title.

After losing the first MAC

game of the season, the Indians rattled off eight straight wins, including one against two-time defending state champion Minister.

Fort Recovery finished 8-1 in conference play, sharing the championship with Marion Local (although the Indians beat the Flyers).

It marked the Tribe's first conference title since 1991.

10. Champs again

After watching another team host the sectional championship trophy on its home court for the last five years, Jay County's boys tennis team kept the hardware this time by topping Union City 4-1.

It was the team's first sectional championship since 2014.

Junior Crosby Heniser avenged an earlier loss at No. 1 singles. At No. 3 singles, Abraham Dirksen got a victory as well.

The Patriots' doubles team — Frankie Crump and Gavin Myers at No. 1 and Darius Esparza and Sam Myers at No. 2 — also had wins.

Jay County then fell to Lapel in the regional semifinal.

Irish ...

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"I really don't want to continue to go down this path," Kelly said. "We're going to keep getting here. I'm sorry if you don't like it or if the national media doesn't like it. We're going to go back to work. We're going to keep recruiting and we're going to put ourselves back in this position again."

Notre Dame, a three-touchdown underdog, was at least in the game in the third quarter despite Alabama taking a quick 14-0 lead. The Irish were driving down 21-7 when Book thought he had tight end Michael Mayer open as he scrambled.

The underthrown pass was intercepted by Christian Harris, and John Metchie had a 40-yard catch and run on the next play to set up a touchdown.

On the next Irish possession, Book ended up in the medical tent after Barmore's sack, replaced by freshman Drew Pyne. By the time Book got back into the game after the winningest quarterback in the school's storied history missed the rest of that possession, the Irish trailed 31-7.

Book, a graduate student who also lost the semifinal to Clemson two years ago, finished 27 of 39 for 229 yards with another 55 yards rushing and a 1-yard touchdown. Kyren Williams also had a 1-yard score.

"It's our goal to win a national championship and we didn't do that," Book said. "A

'We're going to keep recruiting and we're going to put ourselves back in this position again.'

—Brian Kelly,

Notre Dame football coach

lot of us are done. It's up to these guys now. I trust them and I plan on them being back here and I'll be watching."

Notre Dame gave up TD drives of 79, 97 and 84 yards on Alabama's first three possessions, none of those marches lasting longer than 2:36.

But the defense was better the rest of the way, making the game feel more competitive than two years earlier when Clemson led 23-3 at halftime in a game that wasn't considered nearly as one-sided as this one coming in.

While there are ways to measure progress for the Irish, the bottom line was a second straight loss to end the season, coming off a 34-10 loss to Clemson in the ACC championship game. Notre Dame beat the Tigers 47-40 in November while Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence was sidelined because of a positive COVID-19 test.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Wrestling in IHSWCA state tournament at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum — TBA; Girls basketball vs. Heritage — noon; Boys basketball vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Lincolnview — 6 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high girls basketball vs. Delta — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Mississinawa Valley — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Arcanum — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Swimming vs. Bellmont — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Concordia — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Delta — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Junior high boys basketball vs. New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball at New Knoxville — 5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Swimming vs. Celina — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Anderson — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball vs. Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. New Knoxville — 5:30 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball at Jay County — 6 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Girls wrestling regional

at Maconaquah — 4 p.m.; Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational (diving) — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Centerville — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at New Knoxville — 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 9
Jay County — Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Centerville — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Norwell Super Duals — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Mechanicsburg — noon; Boys basketball at Botkins — 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Saturday
Noon — Men's College Basketball: Texas at Kansas (ESPN2); Creighton at Providence (FOX); Missouri at Arkansas (CBS); DePaul at St. John's (FS1)
Noon — College Football: TaxSlayer Gator Bowl — N.C. State vs. Kentucky (ESPN)
12:30 p.m. — College Football: Outback Bowl — Ole Miss vs. Indiana (ABC)
2 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Iowa at Rutgers (ESPN2); LSU at Florida (CBS)
4 p.m. — College Football: PlayStation Fiesta Bowl — Oregon vs. Iowa State (ESPN)
4 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: West Virginia at Oklahoma (ESPN2); Col-

orado State at San Diego State (CBS)
4:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Butler at Seton Hall (FS1)
6 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Alabama at Tennessee (ESPN2); Purdue at Illinois (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. New York Knicks (FSN)
8 p.m. — College Football: Capital One Orange Bowl — Texas A&M vs. North Carolina (ESPN)
8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Michigan State at Nebraska (BTN); Duke at Florida State (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: San Francisco at Gonzaga (ESPN2)

Sunday
1 p.m. — NFL Football: Baltimore Ravens at Cincinnati Bengals (CBS); Minnesota Vikings at Detroit Lions (FOX)
4:25 p.m. — NFL Football: Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears (FOX); Jacksonville Jaguars at Indianapolis Colts (CBS)
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Houston at SMU (ESPN2)
8:20 p.m. — NFL Football: Washington Football Team at Philadelphia Eagles (NBC)

Monday
8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Maryland at Indiana (BTN)
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at New Orleans Pelicans (FSN)
9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: West Virginia at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)

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Sports



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Harold E. Schutz Stadium at Jay County High School sits vacant and is covered with a layer of dew April 3, a day after the IHSAA canceled all spring sports for the 2020 season.

A season gone

Loss of spring sports top story of 2020

By **CHRIS SCHANZ** and **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review

It's been a roller coaster of a year when it comes to sports.

There were the highs of record-breaking or breakout performances. A conference championship and the return of a legend.

But it also included the downs, too, with coaches being charged with murder, the death of Portland's native son and a worldwide pandemic nixing an entire season and perhaps forever changing the landscape of athletics at every level.

In spite of the coronavirus, there were still reasons to celebrate the achievements of local athletes.

But those kids not getting to compete, as they didn't in the spring, is the top story of 2020 as COVID-19 forced the entirety of the spring season to be canceled.

The rest of the 2020 list is as follows:

- 2. Fort Recovery softball coaches arrested and charged with murder
- 3. Former NFL player and coach Pete Brewster, a Portland native, dies at age 89

4. Casey Kenney paving his way as a UFC fighter

5. Indian girls cross country team advances to state meet

6. Mason Winner rewrites wrestling record book at Jay County

7. Freshman Renna Schwieterman has phenomenal first year for JCHS girls hoops

8. Legendary coach Jerry Bomholt returns to Jay County, where his career began four decades earlier

9. Fort Recovery girls basketball wins first conference championship in almost three decades

10. Jay County boys tennis claims first sectional title since 2014

1. COVID-19 cancels spring season

It all began March 12 when the NBA announcing it would "pause" the remainder of the season.

The COVID-19 pandemic started to have local implications shortly thereafter as, most notably, the spring sports seasons in Indiana and Ohio were canceled. The IHSAA officially canceled its season on April 2.

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Irish lose again in CFP

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ian Book had Notre Dame moving with a chance to get within a touchdown of No. 1 Alabama when his interception shifted the momentum in the second half of their playoff semi-final.

A few plays later, the Irish quarterback was out of the game after 310-pound defensive tackle Christian Barmore fell on top of Book on a 14-yard sack.

The relocated Rose Bowl was a slightly more pleasant trip to Texas for the fourth-ranked Irish than their blowout loss to Clemson in the semifinals two years ago, but the outcome matched six previous trips to the playoffs or New Year's Six bowls since 2000.

Friday's 31-14 loss to the Crimson Tide at the home of the Dallas Cowboys put Notre Dame's average margin of defeat at 23 points in those seven losses, two years after a 30-3 loss to Clemson in the Cotton Bowl in the same stadium.

The game was moved to Texas because of COVID-19 restrictions in California.

Coach Brian Kelly bristled at the suggestion that the Irish flopped on a big stage again, and he didn't like the suggestion that his team wasn't close again.

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