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District honors efforts

Drinkut, Kaiser earn awards for conservation

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Farmers are typically honored for their various efforts at the Indiana State Fair each year. With the event canceled because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, that did not happen in 2020.

On Wednesday, a local organization made sure Jay County's honorees received their recognition.

Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual meeting Wednesday, honoring a pair of local farmers for their contributions to conservation best practices.

Betty Drinkut was honored as a River Family Farmer and Carl Kaiser was named Jay County Conservationist of the Year.

Bettie Jacobs, district coordinator, presented Drinkut with a "River Friendly Farmer of Indiana" sign for her farm, a certificate and other items that she would normally receive at the state fair. Drinkut, rural Pennville, is Homestead Century а owner who raises bees and provides a habitat for other pollinators through conservation programs.

"She loves her land," said Jacobs. "And in her words, 'I have grown up being taught the importance of sustainable thinking.

Drinkut, a retired Marion High School science teacher, took over operation of her family farm after the death of her father in 1982. Over the has tried to fol low in his footsteps as he had been considering putting some of his land into a Conservation Reserve Program. That area has now transformed from a tillable field with a waterway to become a wetland. "I simply tried to do what dad was doing — keep the water where it was supposed to be, keep the topsoil where it was supposed to be, provide a habitat for the wildlife and make use of things," said Drinkut.

Jay stays blue **COVID cases plummet in February**

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Make it blue times two. Jay County was rated "blue" (minimal risk for the spread of coronavirus) for the second week in a row in the metrics Indiana State Department of Health updated Wednesday.

The county had been rated "yellow" (moderate) risk during the previous two weeks. It was at high or severe risk from Oct. 28 through Dec. 29.

Jay County stayed in the blue range as its COVID-19 numbers continued to decline in the metrics the state uses to determine the ratings. Its cases per 100,000 residents dipped to 34 from 63 the previous week, and its positivity rate fell to 2.24% from 4.73%.

The number of cases of COVID-19 locally have plummeted this month, coming in at just 2.3 per day as of Wednesday. That's down from 6.9 in January and the high of 22.8 in November. The county recorded no new cases Monday or Tuesday.

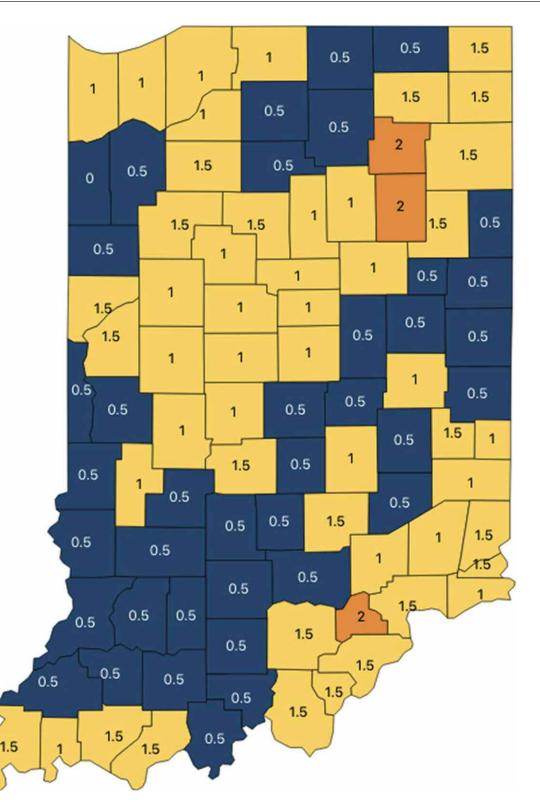
That pattern held true statewide as for the second consecutive week no counties were rated "red" (severe risk). Thirtyeight counties joined Jay with blue rankings, while 50 were yel-low and just three were orange (high risk).

Adams, Blackford, Delaware and Randolph counties were all rated blue this week. Wells County remained yellow. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb

said Wednesday that despite the numbers moving in the right direction, he plans to extend the state's health emergency and restrictions for another 30 days.

'We have made remarkable progress in a relatively short period of time," he said. "But this is not a mission accomplished moment — far from it."

Jay County now has three vaccination clinics — at Jay County Health Department, IU Health Jay and Walmart. The vaccination at the health department runs from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturdays, and the clinic at the hospital has appointments from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. As of Wednesday, 2,764 first doses of the coronavirus vaccine had been administered in Jay County. The total for Indiana was nearly 921,000. The state department of health on Monday extended appointments for vaccinations to make them available to Hoosiers 60 and older. Previously it was



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Indiana State Department of Health

Indiana's map became more blue this week as the state department of health updated its county ratings Wednesday. Thirty-nine counties, including Jay, came in as "blue" (low risk for the transmission of coronavirus) while 50 were vellow (moderate risk) and three were orange (high risk).

available only to those 65 and older. Those interested in making an appointment can do so online at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

Clinics in counties adjacent IU Health Blackford, Blackto Jay are at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Adams ment, County Health Department, Health Department and the Kroger in Decatur, Wells Walmart store in Winchester. County Health Department,

ford County Health Depart-Randolph County See **Blue** page 2



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Celebrating FFA

Tractors line up in one of the parking lots Wednesday morning at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Jay County FFA members drove their tractors to school as part of the chapter's celebration of National FFA Week.

Republicans rally against relief package

By ALAN FRAM Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans rallied against Democrats' proposed \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill as lawmakers awaited a decision by the Senate's parliamentarian that could bolster or kill a pivotal provision hiking the federal minimum wage.

Despite their paper-thin congressional majorities, Democratic leaders were poised to push the sweeping package through the House on Friday. They were hoping the Senate, where changes seem likely, would follow quickly enough to have legislation on President Joe Biden's desk by mid-March.

Bv late Wednesday, not one Republican in either chamber had publicly said he or she would back the legislation. GOP leaders

were honing attacks on the package as a job killer that does too little to reopen schools or businesses shuttered for the coronavirus pandemic and that was not only wasteful but also even unscrupulous.

"I haven't seen a Republican yet that's found something in there that they agree with," said House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif. "I think all Republicans believe in three simple things: They want a bill that puts us back to work, back to school and back to health. This bill is too costly, too corrupt and too liberal."

The hardening opposition suggested that Biden's first major legislative initiative could encounter unanimous GOP opposition

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Deaths

Stephen Hudson, 76, Portland Cynthia Dutcher, 61, Dunkirk Janice Davis, 70, Berne Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high tempera-ture reached 50 degrees Wednesday. The low was 34. Tonight's forecast calls for a

low of 24. Expect sunny skies Friday with a high in the low 40s. There is a chance of rain Friday evening.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay School Board has scheduled a special meeting for 5 p.m. Monday in the auditorium at Jay County Junior-Senior The High School. agenda includes comments from Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley regarding several bills in the state legislature that would expand the school voucher program.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's FRHS girls basketball regional semifinal.

Saturday — A new candy store has opened its doors in Portland.



Obituaries

Stephen Hudson

Aug. 15, 1944-Feb. 23, 2021 Stephen Vern Hudson Sr., age 76, a resident of Portland,

passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021, at his home. Stephen was born on Aug. 15,

1944, in Portland, the son of Francis and Marie (Skinner) Hudson. He grad-

uated from Madi-Township son High School and served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam. Stephen

worked for Port-

Hudson land Forge, retiring in 1983. He later worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier in Union City, Portland and

Montpelier. Stephen was a member and past commander of D.A.V. Chapter 24 of Portland. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #211 of Portland and the V.F.W. in Fort Recovery.

Stephen married Nancy Jane Shull on May 16, 1969.

Survivors include:

His wife of 51 years — Nancy Jane Hudson, Portland One daughter — Tonya Jones

(husband: Nolan), Portland One son — Stephen Hudson Jr. (wife: Summer), Portland

One grandchild, one greatgranddaughter, seven stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Stephen's life will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Steve Arnold will officiate the service and burial will follow in Antioch Cemetery, southeast of Portland. American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be directed to Jay County Humane Society or The Journey Home.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Cynthia Dutcher

Julv 9. 1959-Feb. 23. 2021

Dunkirk, formerly of Redkey, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 23. 2021, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Local

Cynthia was born in Portland on July 9, 1959, a daughter of the late Patty E. (Wood) Smith and Allen G. Smith. She was a

1978 graduate of Jay County High School and was formerly employed by Kerr Glass for over 25

years.

travel-

ing crime shows, listening to classic rock, country music and George Strait. She was a very witty woman who was authentic to herself and loved spending holidays with family and her precious cat Hurley.

Cynthia is survived by her sister, Debra D. Darby (husband: Bart); and special cousins David, Vonda, Marsha and Jack.

She was preceded in death by Cynthia S. Dutcher, 61, of her parents; grandparents,

Betty and Bill Wood; and aunt Eddy and uncle Jim.

Friends are invited to call Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, from noon to 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Angela Smiley officiating. Graveside services will be private at Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family in care of the funeral home.

All Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, government and local health department recommendations and guidelines are followed (social distancing, masks are to be worn while in attendance, hand sanitizer, extra cleaning, and disinfecting measures).

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries -Redkey Chapel.

Janice Davis

March 6, 1950-Feb. 9, 2021 Janice Diane Davis passed away Feb. 9, 2021 at her home in Berne, Indiana, at the age of 70. She was born March 6, 1950.

Diane graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1968. Following graduation, she went to work at Kerr Glass of Dunkirk. She retired from Kerr on May 1, 2006, after 38 years of service.

Diana, being a private person, enjoyed crafting and collecting angels. She was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Maxine Davis.

Survivors include a sister, Karen (Doug) Feger; two nephews, Ethan and Tvler Feger; one great-nephew, Clark Davis Feger; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and a dear friend. Sharon Smith Jones.

There will be a private service at a later date.

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

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

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42/35 We'll get the rare sunny day in the win- ter with a 50% chance of rain in the evening.	52/39 The fore- cast calls for mostly cloudy skies with the high climbing into the low 50s.	55/30 The high will be in the mid 50s. There is a chance of snow and rain continuing into the evening.	42/24 Skies will be mostly sunny in the morning with more clouds appearing at night.	44/34 Mostly sunny skies during the day, with tempera- tures staying above freez- ing.					

Lotteries

Powerball

1-15-21-32-46 Power Ball: 1 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$78 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 3-0-5 Daily Four: 0-0-5-3 Evening

Hoosier Lotto: 4-21-34-38-42-44 Estimated jackpot: \$6.2 million Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-7-3

Pick 4: 0-9-2-5 Pick 5: 1-1-3-0-1 Evening Pick 3: 8-9-0 Pick 4: 6-6-5-5 Pick 5: 5-5-3-4-8 Rolling Cash: 1-2-21-33-

Felony arrests

Probation violation

A Muncie resident was arrested Wednesday for violating his probation.

Christopher P. Tapley, 28, 2301 W. Barcelona Drive, Muncie, has an original Level 6 felony charge for unlawful possession of a syringe. He was booked into Jay Coun-

ty Jail and is being held on \$800 bond.

Dealing drugs

A Portland man was arrested Wednesday for allegedly dealing drugs.

Randy J. Noles, 22, 962 S. Shank St., was preliminarily charged two counts of dealing in methampheta-

mine, a Level 3 and Level 4 felony. He's being held in 10797 E. 1000 North, was Jay County Jail and is being held on \$40,000 bond.

Unlawful possession

A Dunkirk man was arrested Wednesday for alleged unlawful possession of a syringe.

Adrian T. Stewart, 22, preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class B misdemeanor for public intoxication.

He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$8,500 bond.

Honors

Continued from page 1 "Not plant a tree and know it's going to be there forever; plant a tree and know that in 40 or 50 years you've got to cut it down but you've planted plenty more to replace the one you're cutting down.'

Among her goals were to improve the land, keep topsoil in place, give wildlife a place to live safely and provide a habitat for pollinators.

She said she hopes to pass on her knowledge about conservation to her children and grandchildren.

"I'm hoping I'm teaching them so that a 100-year farm can become a 150year farm," said Drinkut, whose land is at the northwest corner of county roads 750 West and 550 North.

Jordan Wall, a district supervisor, spoke about Kaiser, who was unable to attend the meeting Wednesday.

Kaiser was honored for the acres of woodland he has in conservation, providing a habitat for upland birds and bob white quail. He also has many other acres in conservation allowing native species to thrive.

'Kaiser is a true example of what conservation is," said Wall.

Also Wednesday, watershed coordinator Tim Kroeker gave an update on the various work he has done in the county since 2014. His efforts have included a pair of grants through the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 and four Clean Water Indiana grants totaling nearly \$900,000. He explained that each grant requires a local contribution in the form of dollars and/or volunteer hours and that Jay County's total in that area is \$863,000.

"I think it speaks highly to water the Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District has been able to accomplish in six years," Kroeker said.

In other business:

•District supervisors Randy Fennig, who is appointed by the state, and Rick Imel, who was elected by the members, were sworn in by Jay County Commissioner Rex Journay.

·Imel, who serves as treasurer, reported 2020 income of \$180,260.01 and expenses of \$157,113.96 with a year-end cash balance of \$23,146.15.



Cynthia enjoyed racing, reading, ing, crafts, watch-

Daily Three: 2-9-8 Daily Four: 5-2-7-9 Quick Draw: 7-9-10-11- 30-39-42 13-18-26-27-28-29-31-34-37-48-56-60-63-68-73-80 Cash 5: 15-20-27-30-45

36 Classic Lotto: 24-25-26-Kicker: 4-9-6-6-8-3 Estimated jackpot: \$5 million

Markets

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Today in history

On Feb. 25, 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

Oregon In 1919, became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent ver, per gallon.

In 1964, Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing

champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1971, the Dunkirk High School boys basketball team defeated Portland 53-51. Tom Hall led the Speedcats with 20 points.

In 2010, in Vancou-Canadian the women beat the United States 2-0 for their third straight Olympic hockey title.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

Board special meeting, auditorium, Jay County Junior-Senior High 27, Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland 5 p.m. — Jay School City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-School, 2072 W. Indiana ery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Capsule Reports

Lost control

A Portland resident lost control of her vehicle on Indiana 1 about 8:50 p.m. Wednesday.

Jocelynn A. Reed, 19, was driving north on the highway near county road 150 South when she lost control

Blue

Continued from page 1 There are nine sites in Delaware County including IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Delaware County Health Department and several pharmacies.

State officials on Wednesday stressed the importance of following guidelines for shot eligibility. Several clinics that have "ignored" those guidelines will not receive any more first-dose vaccines, state health com-

of her vehicle on the wet road. Her 2004 Honda Civic left the road, rolled into a field and landed on its top.

Reed was conscious and complained of head pain, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Her vehicle was towed,

with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Deer hit

Two deer caused an accident on Indiana 1 south of county road 200 North about 11:12 a.m. Wednesday.

Thomas E. Hogg, 49, Portland, was driving north on the road when both animals ran in front of his 2008 Chevrolet Malibu. Hogg's vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

though she declined to indicate where or how many such vaccination sites would be affected.

"We are not trying to be the vaccine police, that is the last thing we want to be," she said. "We are trying to ensure that we have ethical and equitable access to the vaccine across all 92 counties, based on what the data show are the highest risk individuals here in the state of Indiana. We can-

missioner Dr. Kristina Box said, not achieve that goal if sites deviate from the guidelines.'

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that it may be possible those particles and droplets remain suspended in the air for an unknown period of time and travel beyond 6 feet, especially indoors.

SERVICES

Today

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

Friday

Shawver, Diane: 2:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday Dutcher, Cynthia: I p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St.,

Redkey. Raszkowski, Edward: 3 p.m., Pleasant Hill Church, 9945 N. 800 East, Union City.

Sunday Hudson, Stephen: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Jan Country, Indiana, REAL ESTATE AUCTION Wednesday, March 3 • 6pm | Held at Lions Club Civic Center in Portland, IN



AUCTION LOCATION: Lions Club Civic Center • 307 E 100 N Portland, IN PROPERTY LOCATION: 9089 W. Balbec Rd Pennville, IN

TRACT 1: 95± ACRES All tillable w/irrigation & lift station. Tract has road access onto SR 1 & is mostly pattern tiled. TRACT 2: 33± ACRES Includes 60'x120' 3-sided cattle barn, waterers, concrete lot, electric, w/fence, well, & livestock chute. Potential building site. TRACT 3: 60± ACRES Beautiful tract consisting of a 2,214 sq. ft., 3-story brick home w/a 21/2 attached garage, 2 ponds & 1 pavilion. Home has 4 bedrooms, 11/2 baths, hot water heat & crawl space. Also included is a 34'x60' heated show barn w/10' ceilings, 4 waterers & overhead door, a 42'x62' bank barn, 26'x40' office garage w/overhead doors, 14'x14' red garden shed, 24'x40' heated hobby workshop, 54'x72'x14' high for hay storage & workshop w/sliding doors & overhead door. Tract is mostly pattern tiled. Bidding on this tract must be on an individual basis & cannot be combined w/other auction tracts. TRACT 4: 38± ACRES very secluded w/ an estimated 100' of road frontage on Balbec Rd & a lane that goes back approx. 900'. Presently, this tract is a pasture field. Great land for pasture. Tract is mostly pattern tiled. TRACT 5: 66.5± ACRES (SWING TRACT) can only be purchased by an adjoining property owner or combination of property that has road frontage. Tract also includes a lift station & is mostly pattern tiled. TRACT 6: 3.5 ± ACRES w/approx. 255' of frontage on Balbec Rd. This Tract is level & a potential building site. TRACT 7: 24.5± ACRES w/an estimated 1060' of frontage on Balbec Rd & 720' of frontage on a gravel road. This is a rolling parcel that is fenced & seeded to alfalfa. Potential building site. Tract is mostly pattern tiled. TRACT 8: 27.5 ± ACRES w/road frontage & some roll. This is a pasture field presently w/a corral & chute, fence, pond, electric, well & some woods. Potential building site. Tract has a fair amount of drainage tile installed. TRACT 9: 25± ACRES w/about 1,055 of road frontage. Rolling pasture field w/fence. Parcel has electric, corral, well, cow & calf shed. Potential building site. TRACT 10: 21 ± ACRES w/an estimated 1,085' of road frontage. This parcel has some woods & a fence. Potential building site. TRACT 11: 26.5 ± ACRES w/approx. 860' blacktop road frontage. This parcel is presently a nice rolling pasture field & has a small wooded area. Potential building site. TRACT 12: 26.5± ACRES w/about 550' of blacktop road frontage. This tract has rolling land w/a fence, pasture field, livestock chute, corral, well & electric. Potential building site.

Inspection Dates: Sat, Feb. 13 from 10am-1pm & Mon, Feb. 22 from 1-3pm, Meet a Schrader Representative at Tract 3.

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Auction Managers: Roger Diehm • 260.318.2770, Mark Smithson • 765.744.1846 & Dean Rummel • 260.343.8511

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Family

JCHS honor roll students announced The Jay County High School Reece Leavell, Katie Likens, Brewster, Taylor Brown, JaiDi

Honor Roll for the first semester has been announced. Honor roll students in the senior class will be listed next week.

Freshman

Zion Beiswanger, Wesley Bihn, Hannah Boggs, Desirae Bonifield, Makaylah Brainerd, Jose Bravo-Torres, Mackenzie Brown, Sean Carpenter, Isabel Castro Martell, Cameron Clark, Bravden Kenzie Clayton, Collins, Kylie Davidson, Morgan Davis, Justin DeHoff, Isabella Denton, Caleb DeRome, Maggie Dillon, Abraham Dirksen, Breanna Dirksen, Olivia Duncan, Trevin Dunnington.

Also Jackson Edwards, Alison Fields, Darren Fisher, Madyson Fraley, Marisa Gallegos-Vargas, Bryan Garcia Benitez, Riley Garland, Ryne Goldsworthy, Brenna Haines, Hayden Hardman, Willow Hardy, Allison Hawbaker, Benjamin Heath, Joseph Hemmelgarn, Joske Herndon, Garret Hime, Mollie Hines, Cash Hollowell, Madeline Hudson and Zander Hudson.

Natalie Link, Nathan Lothridge, Peyton Lykins, Nicholas Lyons, Danielle May, Ava Miller, Isaac Miller, Tessa Miller, Timoteo Minnich, Katelynn Moeller, Luke Muhlenkamp, Mason Muhlenkamp, Molly Muhlenkamp, Regina Muhlenkamp, Makinsey Murphy and Samuel Myers.

Also Parker Nichols, Ty Paxson, Kaley Pettus, Nevin Phillips, Madison Reier, Kallie Richardson, Erin Ring, Alaina Rodgers, Dakota Rowles and Chloe Ruiz.

Also Samantha Sager, Shelby Sapp, Sophia Saxman, Zoey Shaneyfelt, Gage Sims, Alexander Smith, Emily Smith, Conner Specht, Aiden Stephens, Raelyn Stone, Madison Thomas, Bralee VanSkyock, Luke Vormohr, Laila Waddell, Mackenzie Weesner, Elizabeth Wendel, Leah Wenning and Anthony Wood.

Sophomore

Eden Abshire, Adrianna Aker, Alex Ardizzone, Mara Bader, Skyler Bee, Courtney Benter, Also Carlos Juarez-Jimenez, Danyelle Bland, Blake Bogen-Kenzie Landon, Hannah Laux, schutz, Kelsey Braun, Lauren Rogers and Christian Runkle.

Brunson, Madison Brunswick, Kenneth Carducci, Kylee Carreno, Zander Champ, Thomas Charles, Makiah Compton, Veronique Coppock and Hilary Cox.

Also Raven Dale, Seth Degler, Brock DeHoff, Austin Dirksen, Simon Dirksen, Ella Doll, Joshua Dowlen, Allen Dues, Abbie Fields, Matthew Fields, Dartaven Fosnaugh, Kelsey Frantz, Elisabeth Gomez Vargas, John Goodrich III and Jared Guntle.

Also Katie Haffner, Patience Hambrock, Savanna Hamilton, Philip Hartman, Haylea Hough, Ryler Johnson, Carley Jordan, Raine Keen, Joseph Kunk, Presley Kunkle, Isaac Kunkler, Ralph Link and Peyton Lothridge.

Also Connor Markwell, Laci McGinnis, Destiny McManus, Joshua Monroe, Andrea Moore, Daniel Moore, Paige Mumbower, Navarro Azael Garcia, Dominick Newsome, Trey Nichols, Madison Oliver, Dusty Pearson, Owen Ransom, Morgan Reier, Lainey Reynolds, Lilly

Also Monte Schmiesing, Katlin Schoenlein, Renna Schwieterman, Rosealynne Smith Smitley. Cameron Stauffer, Alizabeth Brooke Stotler, Emily Strausburg, Carson Tipple, Cassidy Upp, Kailey Vance and Lauryn VanCise.

Also Tavin Wasson, Jaiden Watson, Isaiah Weekley, Natalie Wehrly, Bennett Weitzel, Jordan Stacy Woolslager, Wickey, Kaylee Zimmerman, Logan Zimmerman and Melana Zimmerman.

Junior

Trenton Alexander, Madeline Ardizzone, Shea Bailey, Dorane Jenae Jacobs, Abigail Johnson, Beiswanger, Tarron Bentz, Katelyn Bihn, Samuel Bracy, Isaac Braun, Ramon Bravo, Grace Brewster, Olivia Bright, Ralyn Chaffins and Emily Chenoweth.

Also Jayden Claytor, Bryce Collins, Heidi Cox, Eathan Dennis. Madison Dirksen, Elizabeth Dollar, Emily Dues, Samuel Dunlavy, Madison Eley, Abigail Elzey, Darius Esparza and Paulina Esquivel-Macias.

Also Ethan Fennig, Samuel Fierros, Dameon Franks, Aaron Wilson, Aaron Wittwer and Funkhouser, Aidan Garlinger, Lindy Wood.

Sara Garringer. Anna Gomez-Vargas, Matthew Hall, Heaven Hambrock, Rylee Hambrock, Madison Hammers, Nadia Hardman, Dustin Harris, Jacob Hart, Keegan Hartzell, Aubri Hatzell, Lilly Hedges, Holly Hemmelgarn, Crosby Heniser, Joshua Hilty, Abilene Hough, Kayla Hurt, Madison Jetmore, Devin Jinez, Andrea Jutte, Brea Klarer and Dylan Knapschafer.

Also Kaeleigh Lairson, Tyler Lewis, Haley Likens, Alexyn Longsworth, Mariana Lopez, Corben Lugar, Lucas Lyons, Gracelyn Maitlen, Cristian Marentes, Kess McBride, Lindy Mercer, Connor Miller, Graiden Miller, Macy Miller, Adam Muhlenkamp, Gavin Muhlenkamp, Hannah Muhlenkamp, Rachel Muhlenkamp, Timothy Muhlenkamp and Gavin Myers.

Also Kaden Norris, Ryleigh Oswalt, Elayna Paro, Isaac Peterson, Jonathan Peterson, Isabel Rodgers, Mason Rogers, Sanders, Kvle Hunter Shaneyfelt, Konner Sommers, Elijah Stephens, Cassie Tomlinson, McKenna Vore, Raven Weaver, Maddison Wenk, Seth

Grandmother struggling with transitioning

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter just informed me she has decided she would be happier living as a boy, and she has gone so far as to legally change her name. I want to be supportive, but I admit I'm having a lot of trouble accepting it, or at least figuring out how to deal with it.

She's my only grandchild and most likely the only one I'll ever have. I loved my granddaughter with all my heart, and I don't know how to shift gears to a grandson. I keep stumbling when I try to use the new name. I would welcome any suggestions you could make,



about support groups you might know of. GRANDMA IN PAIN

DEAR **GRANDMA:** Gender reassignment is not something that someone does on a lark. There are many steps involved, and the journey, while liberating, can be challenging both physically and emotion- to contact them. You ally. I am sure this is will find PFLAG at including information something your grand- pflag.org, and their

thought to.

Yes, coming to terms with it can be as much of a journey for family as it is for the transgender person, and it can take time and understanding on all sides. A group called PFLAG can help you through this. It has been mentioned in my column for decades.

It has helped countless families to build bridges of understanding between themselves and their lesbian, gay and transgender loved ones. Please don't wait

467-8180.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50year-old man. My whole life, my relationship with my father has been strained. When I was in my teens and 20s, when he bought presents for my two siblings and not for me, he would say things to me like, "I forgot I had you."

In spite of this, I became very successful in life. I had a great career and am now retired. My father recently announced to me that he had made only two mistakes in his life — marrying my mother, who has put up with him for more

child has given much phone number is (202) than 60 years, and having feel a sense of loss, you children.

My dilemma is, he is now 90 with many health problems. He is in the hospital now for a heart problem. I know he won't last much longer. I feel nothing for him, and I am not sad. When he dies, I know I won't care. Is this normal? I feel guilty for feeling this way. — DON'T CARE IN TENNESSEE

DEAR DON'T CARE: Please don't feel guilty for feeling no regret at the prospect of "losing" a cruel and withholding parent who made it his business to make those around him feel "less than." Do not be surprised if, rather than les, CA 90069.

feel at peace, as though a weight has been lifted from your shoulders. You should not feel guilty for that, either. Comfort and emotionally support your mother as best you can when he dies, but don't be shocked if she, too, feels some relief. Their union could not have been the happiest.

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

Community Calendar

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Tuesday

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

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Destroy barriers to remove poverty

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Poverty is a human issue with many dimensions including race, gender, occupation and geography. Its elimination is also multidimensional.

When not battling with minority members, the dominant Republicans in the Indiana House of Representatives might attend to the plight of 868,000 Hoosiers (13.4%) below the poverty threshold.

In the event it did not strike you, 868,000 in 2019 was about the same as the population of 43 Indiana counties combined.

Before we go further, consider those poverty thresholds which include numerous benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, Social Security, pensions, etc.



For a single person, under age 65, the threshold is income of \$13,064. A college student, working half-time at \$12.56 per hour, fits that description. Thus, Monroe and Delaware counties, with large college populations, lead the state with poverty in excess of 20%. Vigo and Tippecanoe counties are also college-impacted counties with large numbers of young, part-time workers.

Those four counties are but the poverty rate for the rates at or below 6%. This trio of among the top nine Indiana White population is only 11%. proximate prosperity have relacounties with poverty rates in excess of 17%. Switzerland and Crawford counties, in that same group, are traditional poverty geographically dislocales, opportunity. tanced from Fayette, Grant and Marion counties, also in the same group, are victims of major shifts in manufacturing.

For the household with one adult and one child, the threshold is \$17,308. Two adults and two children, \$25,465. How many of our state legislators can imagine living a full year, in this century, on so little income?

What is the color of poverty in Indiana? It's White; 70% of all Hoosiers in poverty are White, White population is only 11%.

Blacks or African Americans are 19% of those in poverty while constituting just 9% of the total population; the poverty rate for Blacks is 27%. The Hispanic or Latino populations of Indiana are 12% of those in poverty, but just 7% of all Hoosiers, with a 22%poverty rate.

Importantly for Whites, Blacks and Hispanics, the poverty rate is higher in Indiana than in the nation. Indiana matches the national poverty rate (13.4%) only because our Black and Hispanic populations are a lower percentage of the total than is the case nationally.

Boone counties have poverty cus@yahoo.com.

proximate prosperity have relatively small Black and Hispanic populations. However, in 36 of Indiana's 92 counties, the Black poverty rate is 33% or higher. A 33% poverty rate exists in 18 counties for Hispanic populations and in 16 counties for Asian populations.

What's to be done to eliminate poverty, not just ameliorate it? Destroy the historically accepted barriers to education, health, employment and housing that exist for so many in this "State that Works" for so few.

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Marcus is an economist. Hendricks, Hamilton and Email him at mortonjmar-

Couple thankful for workers, neighbors

To the editor:

It seems that every time you read the newspaper or watch TV, most of what you see is negative.

During the early part of January, despite the pre-cautions we took, Bill and I were diagnoses with COVID-19. We were admitted to IU Health Jay and I was transferred to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Bill was transferred to Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre.

We returned home to complete our isolation time and recovery.

During all this time we are blessed with neighbors Bonnie and Mike Foreman, who always made sure our sidewalk driveway were and cleared, that we always had everything we needed or wanted, and that we

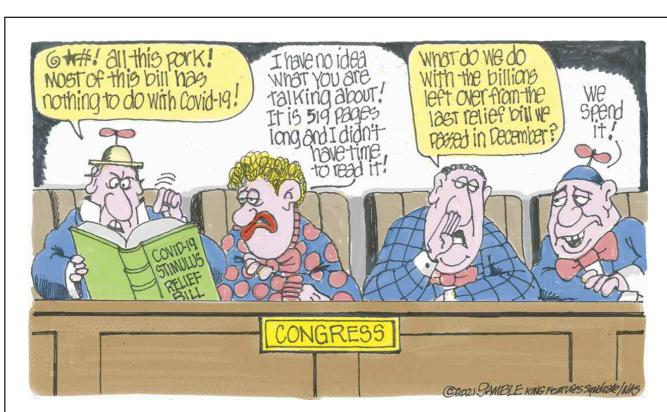
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were OK. This included taking good care of Marmalade, our family cat. We will always be grateful to them for their kindness to

To the medical staff and health workers of IU Health Jay, IU Health Ball and Persimmon Ridge, our heartfelt thanks for the excellent care we received.

Yes, we know that in spite of the bad things we read about, we know that there is still good in our world. And we have much to be thankful for. **Bill and Rose Fennig**

Portland



Leaders can learn from Gorbachev

Bv KATRINA VANDEN HEUVEL

Special To The Washington Post 'What we urgently need now," former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev wrote last year, just a month after the COVID-19 pandemic ground life to a halt across the world, "is a rethinking of the entire concept of security." Rather than measure security purely in military terms, as we usually do, "the overriding goal must be human security: providing food, water and a clean environment and caring for people's health.'

Gorbachev, who celebrates his 90th birthday on March 2, was perhaps the most radical thinker about security to ever lead a major world power — and certainly the most radical to ever lead a nuclear country. As Soviet president, he reversed generations of perilous military buildup and democratized the Soviet Union to help put an end to the Cold War — a struggle that won him the Nobel Peace Prize. Since the end of his tenure, Gorbachev has continued to argue for new thinking about security, and recent events have vindicated his prescience. In the face of mounting global crises, today's leaders should heed three lessons Gorbachev has promoted for decades. First, militarization does not make us safer. As Soviet leader, Gorbachev saw firsthand how it instead often escalates the threat of violence by driving other countries to build up their militaries as well. These expensive investments divert resources from investments in basic needs such as health care and education that truly can deepen human security. Gorbachev, one of the most committed arms reductionists to ever lead a nuclear country, was revolutionary when in the 1980s he called for the complete abolition of nuclear weapons. Due in large part to his leadership, by 2015, 85 percent of the U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals had been decommissioned from their Cold War-era heights.



increasingly under threat. Key arms treaties have been allowed to expire, and some nations, including the United States. Russia and China, are now modernizing their arsenals. The United States, for example, plans to order 600 new long-range missiles, each 20 times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. The total cost? \$100 billion — \$100 billion that, as Elisabeth Eaves of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists points out, could "pay 1.24 million elementary school teacher salaries for a year, provide 2.84 million fouryear university scholarships, or cover 3.3 million hospital stays for COVID-19 patients." We gain far greater security by investing in our civilization's health and well-being than by purchasing 600 new ways to destroy it. Gorbachev's second vital insight is that security starts with cooperation — even when that cooperation impossible. seems President Ronald Reagan famously called the Soviet Union an "evil empire." That initial position would deter many in Gorbachev's position from even attempting to open a dialogue. But, as I have often heard Gorbachev say in gatherings over the years, "if we don't attempt what seems impossible, we will risk fac-ing the unthinkable." So he persevered — and, eventually, both leaders came to see that no one could win the Cold War. As Gorbachev put it, "We only won when the Cold War ended." The improbable partnership with Reagan made the entire world safer.

ens the planet itself. The Biden administration rejoining the World Health Organization and the Paris climate accord and, hopefully, signing back onto the Iran nuclear deal are important steps.

Finally, Gorbachev reminds us that one of the best ways to safeguard our national security is to preserve and advance our democratic institutions. Gorbachev showed how even leaders who emerge from authoritarian systems can implement key reforms that promote democracy. From 1985, when he came to power, Gorbachev introduced presidential and parliamentary elections that remain the freest, fairest elections in Russia's history. His signature policy of glasnost — or openness — rolled back seven decades of government censorship. He even invested in independent journalism, committing part of his Nobel Prize money to Novaya Gazeta, the country's leading democratic opposition paper that continues to publish important investigative reporting. But, here too, Gorbachev's vision remains tragically unfulfilled. The Russian leaders who followed him, including Boris Yeltsin, who used tanks in 1993 to disband and destroy Russia's most freely elected parliament, rolled back many of his reforms. That de-democratization has worsened under Vladimir Putin, as evidenced by the recent jailing of anti-corruption critic Alexei Navalny. And, in recent years, anti-democratic and authoritarian practices have been on the rise in countries around the world, including in the United States. It has been 30 years since Gorbachev left power. But his fundamental insight that true security can better be achieved through demilitarization, cooperation and democratization is even more true today, when the threats to our security come in more forms than ever. Understanding this new security reality is not idealism. It is realism.

deserve support South Bend Tribune Hoosier At least 29 states have

Chemical bills

passed or are proposing regulations monitoring a family of toxic chemicals that are ubiquitous and have been linked to severe health issues.

Indiana could join that list, if the efforts of two



takes the critical step of



South Bend legislators are successful.

The bills, authored by Reps. Ryan Dvorak and Maureen Bauer, address "forever chemicals," a family of toxic chemicals found in everything from fabrics to food service containers. They don't break down naturally and they've been found in drinking water in Indiana.

Dvorak's bill would establish a maximum contaminant level for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in state drinking water, a measure already adopted by at least six other states. Bauer's bill would test PFAS levels in current and former military members. Use of the chemicals in the military's firefighting foam has allowed the toxins to flow through the water and into the ground.

Experts say national regulation is needed to address the contamination.

Linda Lee, an agronomy professor at Purdue University, said that action from the states could "trickle effort. down" to the rest of the country — and the more itive steps for a state whose that states take the lead on the issue, the more likely that widespread nationwide change will occur.

Dvorak said his bill tisan support.

saying that there should be a maximum contaminant level for PFAS, while leaving what the maximum level is to scientists. Five military sites in Indiana have been confirmed to discharge the toxins through its firefighting foam, and Bauer said it's important for the state to understand the impact such discharge could have had on Indiana service members.

Last year, a bill that would require reducing the use of the firefighting foam training exercises in passed with strong support Democrats from and Republicans. That seems a sign that the issue can garner bipartisan support and can be applied to the military. The American Chemistry Council, which represents manufacturing companies and has helped enact similar legislation to reduce PFAS chemicals in firefighting foams, has advocated for letting the EPA lead the regulation

The current bills are pospollution ranks among the worst in the country. The issue is a matter of public health and deserves bipar-

Yet his vision of demilitarization remains not only unfinished but environmental crisis that threat- lisher of the Nation magazine.

Of course, this cooperation is even more important today, as the "unthinkable" also includes diseases that know no borders and an

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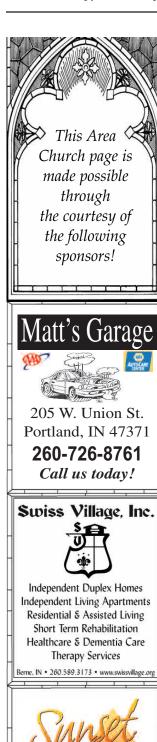
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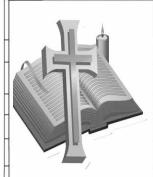
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Bethel United Methodist Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk Scott McClain Services: 10:45 a.m.

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Boundary St. Paul Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East

Ava Gannon (260) 726-2373 Services: 9:30 a.m.

Bryant Wesleyan 209 S. Hendricks St. Paul VanCise (260) 997-6231 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. bryantwesleyanchurch.com

Calvary United Methodist 301 N. Main St., Dunkirk Susan Durovey-Antrim (765) 499-0368 Services: 10 a.m. susan.duroveyantrim@in umc.org

Christ Chapel 105 S. Elm St., Fort Recovery Quentin Elsea (419) 733-1469 christchapelfr.com

Church of Christ (Southside) 1209 S. Shank St., Portland Bob Graham (260) 726-7777 Services: 10:20 a.m., 6:30

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Faith Community 9560 W. Dunkirk Joe Schmit (260) 251-5254 Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center 200 E. Elder St., Portland Ronald Willis (260) 726-4844 Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist 289 S. 200 West Hugh Kelly (260) 726-8873 Services: 10 a.m. pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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First Church of Christ 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery David J. Nicholson (419) 375-2860 Services: 10:30 a.m. fccftrecovery.org

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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

First Free Will Baptist 12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk Marion Donathan Sunday school: 10 a.m. Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Sunday school: 10:15 a.m. firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff (419) 375-4680 Services: 10:30 a.m. frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist

309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recoverv Rev. Allan Brown (419) 678-2071 Services: 9 a.m.

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403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery Rev. Ned Brown (419) 375-4153 Services: 4:30 p.m. Satur- The ROCK day, 9:30 a.m.

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216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk John Retter (765) 768-7273 Services: 9 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist

County roads 600 East and 200 North **Rev. Darrell Borders** (260) 726-4786 Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine

4017 W. 200 South Randy Smith (260) 251-2406 Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m. nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship

1238 W. 450 South Chuck Myers (260) 251-0063 Services: 10:30 a.m. **New Life Ministries**

415 S. Helen St., Portland Dr. Kay Fairchild (260) 755-6354 Services: 4 p.m. drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant **United Methodist**

5905 S. Como Road Tim Wallace (765) 499-7838 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian

1964 N. 800 East Aaron Huey Services: 10:30 a.m.

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829 S. Indiana 1 Tricia Williams (765) 730-3770 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Pennville Friends

Maple Street and Indiana 1, Pennville Dee Hartman Services: 10:30 a.m.

Pennville United Methodist

190 W. Main St., Pennville Gary Newton (765) 669-1070 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Pleasant Hill

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722 W. Main St., Portland Susan Hathaway (260) 729-1095 Services: 10:30 a.m.

1605 N. Meridian St., Portland Matt Ransom (260) 726-7474 Services: 9 and 11 a.m. matt@therockjc.org

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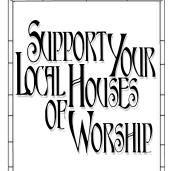
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Floral and avenues, Portland Chicago Kevin McClung (260) 729-7295 Services: 10 a.m.

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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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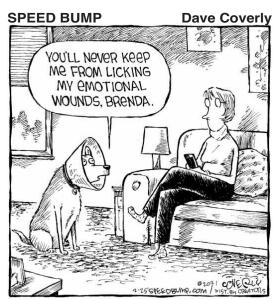
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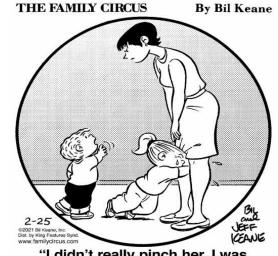
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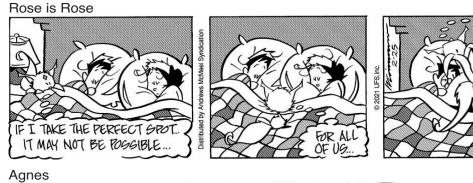


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Nation/World



The Washington Post/Sergio Flores

Exotic extremes

A Père David's deer on Valkyrie Ranch in Texas survived last week's freezing temperatures. Many exotic animals in the state did not. "We have over \$2 million in animals that have been lost, and another half-million in damage to infrastructure," said Charly Seale, president of the Exotic Wildlife Association in Kerrville, Texas. "It's an extremely trying time for all of us."

Package

Continued from page 1 That was a counterpoint to the new president's refrain during his campaign about bringing the country together and a replay of the Republican wall that new President Barack Obama encountered in 2009 and most of his administration.

Democrats showed no signs of backing down, citing the assistance the measure would spread to people, businesses and state and local governments.

"If congressional Republicans want to oppose all that, my response is: Good luck." Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, said on the Senate floor.

By Wednesday evening, the most suspense was over a decision anticipated from Elizabeth MacDonough, the Senate's nonpartisan arbiter of its rules, that promised enormous political and legislative

an hour. The parliamentarian is it dialed back. That suggests gruelinvolved because Democrats are pushing the overall \$1.9 trillion measure through Congress under special rules that will let them avoid a Senate filibuster by Republicans.

Those same rules prohibit provisions with only an "incidental" impact on the federal budget because they are chiefly driven by other policy purposes. The parlia-mentarian decides if a provision passes that test.

With Republicans strongly against a minimum wage increase, the only way for it to survive is by including it in a filibuster-proof bill like the COVID-19 relief measure. To end a filibuster, Democrats would need 60 votes, an impossibility for them in the evenly divided 50-50 Senate.

If the parliamentarian decides the minimum wage provision can remain in the bill, it would be a

ing bargaining on its final form would lie ahead

A decision by the parliamentarian that the minimum wage hike must fall from the bill could be fatal, but not necessarily. Democrats could employ a rarely used procedural move to muscle the minimum wage provision into the bill with just 51 votes anyway, but it was unclear if they could muster enough support to do that.

The minimum wage has stood at \$7.25 since 2009. Winning the increase is a top priority for progressives at a time when Democrats control Congress and the White House.

The overall bill would provide millions of Americans with \$1,400 direct payments to help them weather the pandemic that's stalled much of the economy for a ple. It contains billions of dollars major boost for its proponents. But for vaccines and COVID-19 testing, schools, state and local governments and emergency jobless benethe federal minimum wage to \$15 some moderates oppose it or want fits while providing tax cuts or pay- McConnell's wife.

ments for many families with children.

In a sign of hardball politics ahead, top Republicans suggested that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. D-Calif., and Schumer squeezed money into the bill for their own states.

McCarthy said the bill had \$100 million to help extend the San Francisco area's BART commuter rail system south to San Jose. That project was approved previously by the Trump administration and is not in Pelosi's San Francisco district, a top Democratic aide said.

McCarthy and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, suggested Schumer had won money for a bridge connecting upstate New York to Canada. A senior Democratic aide said the bill contains \$1.5 million for the bridge, which is in the district of Rep. year and killed half a million peo- Elise Stefanik, R-New York. The near Dimona. It hid the milaide said it was requested in 2020

Project unclear at Israeli facility

By JON GAMBRELL sociated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A secretive Israeli nuclear facility at the center of the nation's undeclared atomic weapons program is undergoing what appears to be its biggest construction project in decades, satellite photos analyzed by The Associated Press show.

A dig about the size of a soccer field and likely several stories deep now sits just yards from the aging reactor at the Shimon Peres Negev Nuclear Research Center near Dimona. The facility is already home to decades-old underground laboratories that reprocess the reactor's spent rods to obtain weapons-grade plutonium for Israel's nuclear bomb program.

What the construction is for, however, remains unclear. The Israeli government did not respond to detailed questions from the AP about the work. Under its policy of nuclear ambiguity, Israel neither confirms nor denies having atomic weapons. It is among just four countries that have never joined the Non-Proliferation Treaty, a landmark international accord meant to stop the spread of nuclear arms.

The construction comes as Israel — under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — maintains its scathing criticism of Iran's nuclear program, which remains under the watch of United Nations inspectors unlike its own. That has renewed calls among experts for Israel to publicly declare details of its program.

What "the Israeli government is doing at this secret nuclear weapons plant is something for the Israeli government to come clean about," said Daryl G. Kimball, executive director of the Washington-based Arms Control Association.

With French assistance, Israel began secretly building the nuclear site in the late 1950s in empty desert itary purpose of the site for Israel's chief ally, even referring to it as a textile factory.

consequences.

The relief bill includes a provision that over five years would hike there would be no guarantee the measure would survive because

by the Trump administration's years from America, now Transportation Department, which was headed by Elaine Chao,

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION

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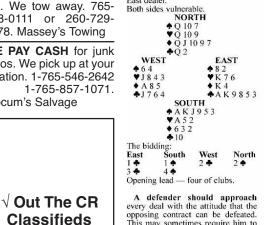
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Consider East's dilemma on this deal. He wins the opening club lead with the king and must then decide where the defense can get three more As can be seen, if he tries to cash the club ace, South makes the con-tract easily. Declarer ruffs, draws trump and drives out the A-K of dia-monds. The defenders cannot attack hearts effectively from either side while the diamonds are being estab-lished, and South eventually disposes of his beart lasers on dummus last of his heart losers on dummy's las

By Steve Becker

A positive approach

of his heart losers on dummy's last two diamonds. First, East should realize that South started with a singleton club, since West almost certainly has four clubs for his raise. East should then conclude that his partner is very likely to have an ace for his bid, as little else is missing

Ittle else is missing. The next step is to credit West with an ace that will allow the con-tract to be defeated. The possibility of West's holding the heart ace is therefore dismissed, since if he has that card (and declarer the other two aces) the most the defenders can aces), the most the defenders can

aces), the most the defenders can hope to collect is two heart tricks. Next, East throws out the possi-bility of West's having the trump ace, as in that case South will end up with 11 tricks. The only hope, therefore, is that West has the diamond ace. And, if he also hear exactly there diamond ace.

that west has the diamond ace. And, if he also has exactly three diamonds, the defense is in business. Accordingly, at trick two East lays down the king of diamonds. When it holds, he leads a second dia-mond to West's ace and then ruff's West's diamond return to sink the contract contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Jay, Fort boys hoops both play Friday night, see Sports on tap

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Fort Recovery relay earns all-Ohio honors

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CANTON, Ohio — The Tribe's relay team finished as one of the best in the state.

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Fort Recovery High School's 200-yard freestyle relay earned All-Ohio honors Wednesday by placing 16th in the OHSAA Division II Swimming and Diving State Championships at Mills scored 387 points to win points for second and Colum-C.T. Branin Natatorium.

race earn All-Ohio distinction. Hawken School of Gates Indians' 200-yard relay squad places 16th in Division II state meet

The top 16 places in each championship and 30th in program history. Hathaway Brown

its 23rd consecutive state bus School for Girls took third with 133 points.

Fort Recovery earned two (Shaker Heights) scored 260 points and finished in a five-

way tie for 52nd out of 59 scoring teams.

The Tribe relay of seniors Paige Fortkamp, Autumn Bubp and Ava Bubp as well as freshman Teigen Fortkamp swam to a time of 1 minute, 43.32 seconds. They dropped their seed time by nine hundredths of a second during their best swim of the season.

Hathaway Brown earned the state championship in the race meet.

with its time of 1:35.74.

Teigen Fortkamp also competed in the 50 freestyle, placing 18th in 24.61 seconds, which was 0.13 slower than her seed time. Mairin O'Brien of Hathaway Brown was the state champion in 23.15 seconds.

Fellow Midwest Athletic Conference schools Coldwater (19th) and New Bremen (36th) also scored points in the state

Warriors use late run to pull past Pacers

By MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — With Stephen Curry struggling to make baskets, Draymond Green gave Golden State a boost of energy.

The Warriors needed everything he could muster.

Green scored on two late dunks to start the decisive final run, defended hard and found a way to corral loose balls in the closing minutes as Golden State scored six straight points to finally fend off the Indiana Pacers 111-107 on Wednesday night.

"I think in general we don't really need Draymond to score," coach Steve Kerr said. "We need him to do what he needs energy wise but there are going to be some nights like tonight where we don't make a lot of shots and if we get a few from Draymond it might put us over the top."

Green certainly bailed out the weary Warriors, who won the last two games on a four-game road trip.

His numbers — 12 points, 11 assists, nine short of becoming the rebounds and three steals - only told part of the tale history with 6,000. The othon a night Golden State ers are Wilt Chamberlain, made a season-low 19.2% from 3-point range. Curry scored 24 points but was just 7 of 21 from the field and 1 of 11 from beyond the arc.

the Pacers with 24 points, and Domantas Sabonis had 22 points and 16 rebounds for his his 24th double-double of the season. But the Pacers looked rusty after taking an unexpected oneweek break because of two postponed games.

The Warriors failed to take advantage of earlier opportunities to take control of the back-and-forth contest.

the Pacers Instead, fought back from an 81-75 deficit late in the third quarter to tie the score at 86 early in the fourth. And after Golden State scored four straight to take a 95-91 lead midway through the fourth, the Pacers got as close as 99-98 with 4:36 to play.

That's when Green drove through the lane for an uncontested dunk to start the decisive run, and the Pacers never recovered.

"We played hard, we just didn't make baskets at the end," Pacers center Myles Turner said.

gave him 5,999 in his career, leaving him one fourth player in franchise Rick Barry and Chris Mullin. And while he made a 3 in his 94th consecutive game, he's now away from matchteammate Klay ing Thompson for the thirdlongest streak in NBA history, his 14-game streak with 25 or more points ended. It was Golden State's longest streak since Barry had 17 in a row in

Curry's seven field goals



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Fast freshman

Mara Pearson (22), a Fort Recovery High School freshman, goes up for a fast break basket a step ahead of New Bremen's Madison Cordonnier during the second half of the Division IV Wapakoneta District sectional championship on Saturday at Fort Site Fieldhouse. The Indians meet No. 4 Minster Wildcats in the district semifinal at 5:30 p.m. tonight in Wapakoneta.

But at the end, Green cleaned up by doing the dirty work.

"It's not pretty," Kerr said. "Draymond was just tremendous tonight. It was a hell of a grind out win."

Malcolm Brogdon led 1974-75.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Thursday

Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Woodlan – 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Girls basketball dis-

trict semifinal vs. Minster at Wapakoneta -5:30 p.m.

Friday

Jay County - Boys basketball tripleheader vs. Bellmont – 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Boys basketball sectional final at St. Henry - 7 p.m.

Saturday

Jay County — Gymnastics sectional at Concordia – noon; Junior high wrestling hosts Jay County Invitational – 9:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today 7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Iowa at Michigan (ESPN); Nebraska at Illi-nois (BTN); Western Kentucky at Houston (ESPN2); Washington at Arizona (FS1) 7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Dallas Mav ericks at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT) 9 p.m. - Men's College Basketball;

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