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## Zoning board gives OK to project

*Expanded pond will provide dirt for runway extension*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A pond expansion will provide the dirt for a runway extension.

Portland Board of Zoning Appeals on Tuesday approved a variance request to allow for the expansion of a pond at 1388 W. 100 North. Dirt from the expansion will be used to level the area west of the current Portland Municipal Airport runway to allow for it to be extended to 5,500 feet from the current 4,000 feet.

Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn explained the request, which would expand the approximately half-acre pond owned by Greg Whitenack to about 4.5 acres. Such an expansion would typically not require a zoning variance, but the area is in Portland Municipal Airport's overlay zoning district.

Several members of Portland Board of Aviation were on hand to confirm that the pond expansion does not interfere with the airport's airspace or approach area, which is on the south side of county road 100 North.

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## Digging in

Indianapolis-based Greater Heights Corporation workers dig out a hole on Main Street at the intersection with Court Street this morning.

## Police reform cruises in Senate

By CASEY SMITH

Associated Press and Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — A bipartisan bill aimed at increasing police accountability and enacting criminal justice reform advanced with unanimous support from a key Indiana Senate committee Tuesday.

House Bill 1006, passed unanimously by the Indiana House last month, includes provisions for

mandatory de-escalation training, misdemeanor penalties for officers who turn off body cameras with intent to conceal, and bans on chokeholds in certain circumstances.

If adopted, the bill will also establish a procedure for the law enforcement training board to decertify officers who commit misconduct, and would ease the sharing of employment records between police

departments, thus helping to stop "wandering officers" from moving jobs.

House lawmakers added \$70 million to the measure to help the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy implement the changes made necessary by the bill. A portion of those funds would be used to upgrade the nearly 50-year-old training facility.

"Everything begins with proper training, that's the

first thing we address. Another major topic we discussed is how to deal with the rogue officer ... to be able to decertify officers, while also giving them full due process rights," bill author Republican Rep. Greg Steuerwald said Tuesday. "What we've done here, I think its of extreme significance."

While there is broad support for providing body cameras to police depart-

ments across Indiana, that issue was withheld from this bill. Instead, body camera funding will be discussed in the state budget. The Senate's criminal law committee made no changes to the bill before approving it in an 8-0 vote Tuesday, with the proposal now going to the Senate Appropriations Committee for a review of spending provisions.

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## Construction progress

A crew from Gibbs Construction puts in a new concrete floor Monday morning at 121 S. Main St. in Dunkirk. The new floor is part of continued renovations to the building, which sports the city's Glass Capital of Indiana mural on its north side.

## House ready to vote on relief bill

*Legislation includes direct payments, unemployment extension*

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is poised to approve a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill.

The House was expected to give final congressional approval today to the package, which aims to fulfill Democrats' campaign promises to beat the coronavirus pandemic and revive the enfeebled economy. House and Senate Republicans have unanimously opposed the package as bloated, crammed with liberal policies and heedless of signs the dual crises are easing.

"It's a remarkable, historic, transformative piece of legislation which goes a very long way to crushing the virus and solving

our economic crisis," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-California, said Tuesday.

For Biden and Democrats, the bill is essentially a canvas on which they've painted their core beliefs — that government programs can be a benefit, not a bane, to millions of people and that spending huge sums on such efforts can be a cure, not a curse.

A dominant feature of the bill is initiatives making it one of the biggest federal thrusts in years to assist lower- and middle-income families. Included are expanded tax credits over the next year for children, child care and family leave plus spending for renters, feeding programs and people's utility bills.

The measure provides up to \$1,400 direct payments to most Americans, extended emergency unemployment benefits and hundreds of billions for COVID-19 vaccines and treatments, schools, state and local governments and ailing industries from airlines to concert halls. There is aid for farmers of color and pension systems, and subsidies for consumers buying health insurance and states expanding Medicaid coverage for lower earners.

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### Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 64 degrees Tuesday. The low was 43.

Tonight's low will be 56 with winds gusting as high as 40 miles per hour and a chance of rain

after midnight. Conditions will be windy again Thursday with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. The high will be 66.

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

**Thursday** — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Council meeting.

**Saturday** — Results from junior high Allen County Athletic Conference swim meet.



# Project ...

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Brian Keening of Indianapolis firm HIS Constructors, which is handling the runway extension project, explained that his company and the city have received a lot of interest from area landowners for providing dirt for the project. He noted that the offer from Whitenack seemed to make the most sense.

“This is in a pretty good location,” he said. “It’s an already existing pond, so it shouldn’t be an issue just to extend it out versus trying to do a whole new pond.”

The aviation board had

already voted at its Feb. 17 meeting to recommend that HIS purchase the dirt from Whitenack.

“We just hope and pray this goes through,” aviation board president John Lyons told the board of zoning appeals. “We’ve been working on this for years.”

Board members Lee Newman, Larry Petro, Susan Schutz and Rusty Inman, absent Kyle Cook, approved the zoning variance.

The aviation board has been working toward the runway extension for more than two decades, with the possibility first discussed in 1999. The first major step toward the extension becom-

ing a reality came in January 2015 when the Federal Aviation Administration approved the justification study for the proposed project. The board and its engineering firm, Butler, Fairman and Seuffert, have been working toward the project ever since.

Another major step came in September, when the FAA announced it would fund 100% of phase one of the project — \$2,398,762 — through additional money made available via the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Phase one construction is

scheduled for this year, with phase two to follow in 2022.

The extension would allow larger aircraft to utilize the airport, with the justification study showing the possibility of 400 additional flights each year.

The board also approved changing the start time for its meetings to 5:30 p.m. from the traditional 5 p.m. Building and planning assistant director Pati McLaughlin explained that some members of the public had raised concerns, adding that it might be easier for members of the public to attend meetings if they started later.

# Capsule Reports

## Deer hit

A Bluffton man drove into a deer on county road 650 North about 9:10 a.m. Tuesday.

Christopher L. Hurry, 48, told Jay County Sheriff’s Office he was driving west on the road near county road 250 West when a deer ran in front of the 2015 Ford F150 he was driving. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to the vehicle, which is registered to DKC Inc of Portland.

# CR almanac

Thursday 3/11	Friday 3/12	Saturday 3/13	Sunday 3/14	Monday 3/15
<b>66/40</b>	<b>55/30</b>	<b>47/30</b>	<b>46/32</b>	<b>46/35</b>
90% chance of rain and thunderstorms after 10 a.m. Mostly cloudy skies and strong winds.	Temperatures will begin to drop under mostly sunny skies. There will be 5 to 10 mph northwest-ern winds.	Mostly cloudy by day and night, with cooler temperatures through the rest of the weekend.	30% chance of rain at night. Otherwise mostly cloudy with cool temperatures.	40% chance of rain during the day and night. Skies will be mostly cloudy.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$155 million	14-23-26-31-33-37-38-39-42-49-52-53-72-73-78-79-80 Cash 5: 2-6-10-13-40 Estimated jackpot: \$379,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> 4-33-46-58-65 Mega Ball: 13 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$79 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 9-1-2 Pick 4: 6-9-9-3 Pick 5: 7-6-7-5-4 Evening Pick 3: 3-5-2 Pick 4: 0-3-6-8 Pick 5: 0-9-6-7-8 Rolling Cash: 11-16-19-32-34 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 7-8-8 Daily Four: 4-1-1-1 Evening Daily Three: 9-2-3 Daily Four: 8-0-4-3 Quick Draw: 4-10-12-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.39 Wheat .....6.08	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.32 April corn .....5.34 Beans .....14.16 April beans .....14.16 Wheat ..... 6.31 July wheat ..... 6.06
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.47 April corn .....5.52	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.39 April corn .....5.44 Beans .....14.12 April beans .....14.17 Wheat .....5.93 April wheat .....6.48
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.41 April corn .....5.41 Beans .....14.28 April beans .....14.21 Wheat ..... 6.44 April wheat ..... 6.44	

## Today in history

**On March 10, 1864,** President Abraham Lincoln assigned Ulysses S. Grant, who had just received his commission as lieutenant-general, to the command of the Armies of the United States.

**In 1785,** Thomas Jefferson was appointed America’s minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

**In 1848,** the U.S. Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War.

**In 1876,** Alexander Graham Bell’s assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: “Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you” from the next room of Bell’s Boston laboratory.

**In 1913,** former slave, abolitionist and Under-

ground Railroad “conductor” Harriet Tubman died in Auburn, New York; she was in her 90s.

**In 1914,** the Rokeby Venus, a 17th century painting by Diego Velazquez on display at the National Gallery in London, was slashed multiple times by Mary Richardson, who was protesting the arrest of fellow suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst. (The painting was repaired.)

**In 1975,** an estimated crowd of 525 was served as the sixth annual Citizens Bank-Cochran Hatcheries egg breakfast in Portland.

**In 1985,** Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union’s leader for 13 months, died at age 73; he was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev.

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## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 5:55 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Portland. 7 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.,	<b>Thursday</b> 7 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

# Bill could help farmers

By ENRIQUE SAENZ

Indiana Environmental Reporter

A bill making its way through the Indiana Legislature could soon help farmers and foresters make money while helping reduce climate change.

Senate Bill 373, which establishes a carbon market registration program that facilitates carbon market trading in the state, was approved by the Indiana Senate and now heads to the Indiana House of Representatives for consideration.

“Indiana has approximately 5 million acres of forest land and has many, many millions of acres of farm land that can be used for sequestration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere,” said Sen. Susan Glick (R-LaGrange), one of the bill’s authors before the Senate vote. “This is an opportunity for us to establish a program that would allow the farmers and the forest owners to have a financial benefit for the creation of these carbon offset or carbon credit programs.”

Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere, making the planet warmer and changing its climate. Sequestration involves storing the gas underground and thus removing it from the atmosphere.

Major corporations like Amazon, Microsoft, Apple and Unilever have announced their intentions to become carbon neutral, or basically pledge to offset

the amount of carbon dioxide or carbon dioxide equivalents they emit by undertaking other actions that reduce carbon dioxide elsewhere.

One of the easiest ways companies can do that is by buying carbon credits, a certificate worth a ton of carbon dioxide emissions, in a carbon market. A carbon market acquires those carbon credits from farmers and foresters who make a deal with the market to adopt certain climate-friendly farming methods in order to maintain the carbon capturing potential of the land.

Carbon offset trading is becoming a lucrative business, both for the farmers providing the carbon credits and the markets selling them. Even fossil fuel giants like BP and Shell have decided to invest in the multi-billion-dollar carbon trading business as their former cash cow, oil, has been providing diminishing returns.

SB 373 seeks to help farmers and foresters enter the carbon market and to address one of the main criticisms of carbon trading — whether carbon credits really offset the amount

of carbon dioxide they promise to.

“Think in terms of a clearinghouse whereby certified verifiers would go out and inspect forested lands and also farm grounds to establish whether or not they have carbon offset properties. They would be certified and those people would be listed on a website for those individuals to go to and enter into carbon contracts,” said Glick. “Basically, to have the verifiers go out, look at their ground and their forests, and establish whether or not they have benefit.”

The bill would establish a “Climate-Friendly Farming and Forestry Registration Program” to register the technical advisers teaching farmers about climate-friendly farming practices and the verifiers who measure the carbon sequestration potential of land.

Currently, there is no standard for carbon offset project validation, although some businesses have created their own standards that have been adopted by states like California.

If the bill eventually becomes law, it could open

a new revenue stream for Indiana’s embattled farmers, who have had extremely productive years but shrinking markets due to federal policy shifts.

In the past decade, the state has reported corn harvests of less than 5 million acres only once, with a dip occurring in 2019, when heavy spring rain forced weeks of delay in planting.

Soybean crops have also fared well over the decade, with production falling in 2012 and 2013, when summer dry spells damaged soybean crops.

But despite the production, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service the value of feed crop production in Indiana has fallen by 28% since 2012, outpacing the 21% crop production value loss for the entire U.S. in that same time period.

The USDA also forecasts that farmers are more likely to be in debt this year. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City said small dairy farms and smaller corn and soybean growers could be especially at risk for bankruptcies.

# Felony arrests

## Failed to appear

An Upland man was arrested Tuesday for failing to appear in court.

Timothy S. Southerland, 42, 601 E. Washington St., has three original charges, two Level 6 felonies for operating a vehicle while intox-

icated and a Class A misdemeanor for having a blood alcohol concentration of 0.15% or higher. He’s being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

## Probation violation

A Redkey man was arrested

Tuesday for violating his probation.

Joey R. Franks, 36, 533 N. Meridian St., has an original Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine.

He was later released from Jay County Jail on \$5,000 bond.

# Reform ...

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The impetus for the bill stems from conversations with law enforcement agencies around the state last spring over how to “enhance their ability to serve and protect the public,” Steuerwald said.

The Republican lawmaker added that the measure has since earned “true and total support” from law enforcement, including the state Fraternal Order of Police, the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police and the

Indiana Sheriff’s Association.

The draft legislation is also backed by the NAACP, the Indianapolis Urban League, Indiana Black Expo and members of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus.

Democratic Rep. Robin Shackleford, chair of the caucus, said the bill aligns with pieces of the IBL’s proposed package of police accountability and criminal justice reforms released over the summer.

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## SERVICES

**Thursday**

**Eicher, John:** 9 a.m., Bunker-hill Cemetery, rural Geneva.

**Timmerman, Jeffery:** 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharp-sburg Road, Fort Recovery.

**Friday**

**Hardymon, Nancy:** 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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## Shower success

As part of its Loves Our Community campaign, Jay County Public Library hosted a month-long baby shower to collect needed items for Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County. Pictured, Patty Johnston of the Pregnancy Care Center accepts the donated items from library director Eric Hinderliter and youth services librarian Shana Neuenschwander.

# Song paints a vivid picture

BY TED KOOSER

U.S. Poet Laureate

Li-Young Lee is an important American poet of Chinese parentage who lives in Chicago. Much of his poetry is marked by unabashed tenderness, and this poem is a good example of that.

*Editor's Note: This column (486) is a reprint from the American Life in*

## American Life in Poetry

*Poetry archive as we bid farewell to Ted Kooser, and work to finalize the new website and forthcoming columns curated by Kwame Dawes.*

### I Ask My Mother to Sing

She begins, and my grandmother joins her.  
Mother and daughter sing like young girls.  
If my father were alive, he would play  
his accordion and sway like a boat.

I've never been in Peking, or the Summer Palace,  
nor stood on the great Stone Boat to watch  
the rain begin on Kuen Ming Lake, the picnickers  
running away in the grass.

But I love to hear it sung;  
how the waterlilies fill with rain until  
they overturn, spilling water into water,  
then rock back, and fill with more.

Both women have begun to cry.  
But neither stops her song.

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# Teen's choices worry brother

DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago, my 14-year-old sister snuck out and had sex with a boy she met on Snapchat. I know this because my distraught mother decided to tell me.

My sister lied to my parents repeatedly about it, but later, when they went through her phone, they found explicit images that a girl her age should never have. Furthermore, after they confiscated her phone, she acquired a new one from a friend and continues to message boys through Snapchat. She continues to lie to my parents when they ask her if she's communicating with anyone.

She has been hanging around a toxic group of girls at school, and she's very impressionable. She isn't a bad person, but all this lying has left me confused and upset. What can I do to help her? — HER WORRIED BROTHER IN GEORGIA

**DEAR BROTHER:** The age of consent in Georgia is 16. Do your parents know the identity and age of the person your sister met on Snapchat? The inappropriate pictures your parents discovered on her phone could be considered child pornography, and there are laws against it.

It's very important that your sis-

## Dear Abby



ter understand how dangerous what she has been doing is. Because the peer group she has chosen to follow is undesirable, it would be better if your sister was removed from that influence and home-schooled or transferred to a different school. Please suggest this to your parents.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Betsy," died suddenly a week ago. She was only 58, and I am devastated. She was the most upbeat, positive person I have ever known.

A year ago, a new neighbor, "Claudia," moved across the street. I befriended her and introduced Claudia to Betsy a couple of months ago. They met twice and texted each other a few times. I was pleased, thinking we could have a girls' night out once in a while.

After Betsy died, I heard Claudia has been telling people her "best friend" had died. The day before, she told me she barely knew Betsy. Claudia also said that at least now she didn't have to share me!

I am appalled that this woman is trying to co-opt my grieving for my dearest friend and make it her own. How do I deal with this? — SORROWFUL IN WASHINGTON

**DEAR SORROWFUL:** I am sorry for the loss of your best friend. People who knew you and Betsy know how close you were. Claudia may have said what she did in order to gain sympathy or attention.

Your grief is your own. No one can steal it from you. Claudia may be insecure or jealous of the closeness you shared with Betsy. Now that you know what kind of person Claudia is, act accordingly.

*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 Angeles, CA 90069.*

# Community Calendar

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

**Today**  
**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** — New Beginnings, a support group for

friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

**STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS** — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

**Thursday**  
**PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS** — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Richards Restaurant in Portland.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB** — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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

**Saturday**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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# Inscription kept book on the shelf

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

Several years ago, my sister-in-law in Minnesota instituted a rule: If a new book came into the house, another book had to leave.

That struck me as draconian at the time.

But since then I've watched our own bookcases become overloaded, with volumes placed horizontally on top of vertical volumes and with still more books stacked up on available flat surfaces around the house.

Obviously, my sister-in-law — one very smart woman — was on to something.

My wife's solution to the overcrowding is to use her e-reader and the Evergreen system of Indiana's public libraries, downloading mystery after mystery and escapism after escapism.

But I've never warmed to my equivalent device. (Just for the record, they are Nooks, the Barnes and Noble attempt to compete with Amazon's Kindle.)

I've read some great stuff on

## Back in the Saddle



my Nook: John LeCarre, Leo Tolstoy and Martin Cruz Smith come to mind.

But for every book downloaded to my Nook, there are probably half a dozen that I've acquired in print, good old tangible, hold-it-in-your-hands-and-smell-the-ink print.

That's why the bookcases are sagging.

It was clear in February during a pandemic that the time had come to cull the shelves. It was a difficult chore and painful at times, but it was long overdue.

Connie had a supply of boxes, and I was determined to fill them.

Work started in my study,

working from left to right among the shelves. At one time, the way the books were arranged made sense. Then more books arrived. And more. And chaos took over.

The upper left hand corner of the tallest bookshelf starts with Shakespeare, and all of that was to be preserved. Then came my continually growing collection of poetry, everything from volumes acquired more than 50 years ago when I was in college to recent collections. Old favorites like Billy Collins and Ted Kooser and Mary Oliver and George Bilgere were safe. In fact, all of them were safe.

Then came books related to my international work over the past couple of decades, books that provided much-needed historical and political background. Those too were safe.

So what filled the boxes?

A little of this and a little of that: Books by British authors I had never read, a slim volume about Indiana place names that are derived from Native Ameri-

can tribes, a spy novel that was a piece of junk, some books I'd received as gifts that still looked brand new, a few duplicates of others found on the shelves.

Before long, I'd filled a box and it was time to head upstairs to the landing.

There, two tall bookcases greeted me on the west and two smaller ones greeted me on the east.

The ones on the right were easy. I knew we'd keep them all: Travel guides and nature guides. Books on Italy and France. Books on butterflies and birds and dragonflies.

But the bookcases on the left provided an abundance of candidates for disposal.

What's the right rule? If you read a good mystery and might recommend it to a friend, is that enough reason to save it? If it was so good that you can't let go of it, is that reason enough?

The box was beginning to fill up.

And then I saw Ralph Nader:

Not having ever been a real Ralph Nader fan, I grabbed "The Ralph Nader Reader" to dump it in the box.

And then I wondered where the heck it came from.

The answer: My mother-in-law.

Connie's mother lived just across the street from the campus of a small college in Illinois. And when there were guest speakers on campus, she often attended. And when she attended, she often bought the speaker's book. And when she bought the speaker's book, she often asked the author to inscribe the volume.

I opened the Nader book and found a healthy scrawl: "To Jack Ronald. For Justice! Ralph Nader."

It went back on the shelf, for now. There's no way I was going to disrespect my mother-in-law's great and generous spirit.

But, just the same, there's no way I'm going to read the book.

Don't tell Ralph.

# Public \$ belong in public schools

To the editor:  
"Please, sir, may I have some more?"

This is what I am reminded of when, every legislative session, public school stakeholders hold out their plates for funding. Like in a Dickens novel, our state legislature drops scraps into our coffers and suggests that we be grateful. This budget session is no exception.

At the onset of this pandemic, it became stunningly clear how much we need our public schools. Our economy came to a near standstill when schools shut down. Our families suddenly had a deep understanding of the incredible art and complexity of teaching, not to mention our teachers' patience and skill. We saw that the public school "village," the nurses and social workers, bus drivers and custodians, was invaluable to children's overall wellbeing. When we returned to school with the extra burdens of teaching in multiple modalities, with protocols and safety measures for cleaning and safety, we witnessed their incredible devotion.

In the face of this dedication and service, how does our legislature propose to show its gratitude?

A budget reflects our priorities and this session we see the disproportionate advantages of dollars going to non-public schools. A current bill, House Bill 1005, stands to expand vouchers and even creates a new program for diverting public funds into private hands — "education savings accounts." This would be a "debit-card-like" voucher app, tied to publicly funded accounts, for parents to pay for whatever is deemed as an educational service. A look at how this is occurring in states like Arizona reveals the potential for abuse as parents there paid for things like beauty supplies, sporting equipment and, allegedly, an abortion at a health clinic. Few guardrails are on these accounts; they are overseen by a state treasurer as opposed to the department of education. Parents are, in essence, paid to withdraw their students from public schools and, should they wish to return, have pocketed that money however it was spent.

Does anyone remember the recent Indiana virtual

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charter school \$85 million scam? Have we taxpayers received a refund from this fiasco? Who was held accountable? What has changed? This session the legislature is proposing to give virtual charters, rife with corruption, 100% of per pupil funding equal to that which public schools receive. Priorities?

Indiana's children are in crisis. Mental health professionals, pediatricians, social workers and educators consistently report that suicide, abuse, mental illness and anxiety are on the rise. Families are struggling as well. As childhood poverty rates rise, our legislature proposes to cap the special monies called "complexity" funding for schools which serve these kids. At the same time, they plan to lift the cap on vouchers so that families making even \$170,000 can take public dollars to private schools, schools which do not have to accept all children. Priorities?

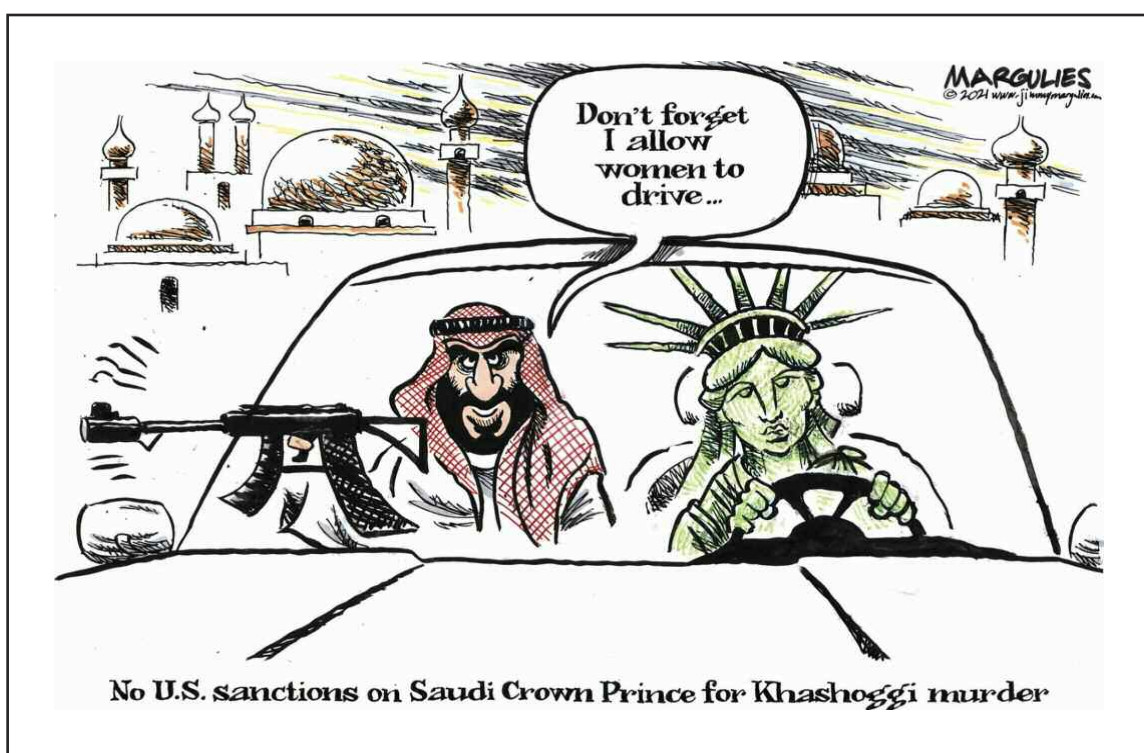
As in a Dickens' novel, Indiana's legislators don't appear to care for poor children. Instead of a dedication to every child's constitutional right to free, public education, the authors of these bills envision this type of education policy as an "a la carte" program in which parents can pick and "choose" their educational experience. Pay for a class here; get some services there while siphoning tax dollars meant for all children away from our public schools.

Public schools are essential to our democracy, our economy and to our children's future. They are a public good and a social responsibility, not a cafeteria for a consumer making choices.

We should not be OK with some children having a four-course meal, while others get gruel.

Public funds belong in public schools where all children are welcome and fed.

Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer  
President  
Indiana Coalition for Public Education



# Fairy tale is set on fire

By ALYSSA ROSENBERG  
The Washington Post

For decades, everyone from second-wave feminists to corporate behemoths such as Disney has tried to reinvent fairy tales for the modern era. In a single evening, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, set those stories on fire.

In a searing interview with Oprah Winfrey that aired Sunday night on CBS, Markle recounted experiences with the British royal family that were shot through with racism and drove her to contemplate suicide. Meghan's portrait of the "institution," as she called it, as racist, parochial, self-interested and callous to the point of inhumanity stripped away the chipped facade of royal glamour with all the force of lye.

It has been a long time since "fairy tale" meant damsels in distress or worthy knights and woodcutters. Now, princesses volunteer to work for dragons instead of being carried off by them. Girls grow up to be knights. The daughters of village chiefs get grand quests. Queens can learn from their traumas — or become villains in their quests to exact revenge and keep themselves safe.

Of course, the act of reinventing fairy tales is a sign of how much power is still vested in them: No one renovates a house they plan to tear down. But if a fairy-tale romance is now a marriage of equal partners dedicated to their mutual self-actualization, there are few organizations more poorly set up to deliver on that modern marital dream than a monarchy.

As Robert Lacey detailed in his recent book "Battle of Brothers: William, Harry and the Inside Story of a Family in Tumult," Harry has long been in the unenviable role not just of "spare" to his older brother the "heir," but also of lightning rod. Even though both brothers are beloved, not least for their suffering after their mother's death, William

would always be the priority simply because he was the future king.

In this updated riff on the old story, it was Harry who was the captive and Meghan, in the style of a hundred feminist reinventions, who was the champion meant to free him. It was a point she underscored early in the special, when she told Winfrey, "I just love rescuing." While Meghan was talking about both her dog Guy and her rescue chickens, she might well have been talking about her husband, too, who has been increasingly open about his struggles with his mental health. Theirs wasn't merely supposed to be a gender-flipped fairy tale, but, paradoxically, one that was both revolutionary and institutionalist: The liberated, independent American buoys the struggling prince, while integrating and revitalizing a slowly evolving monarchy.

It didn't turn out that way. And in both Meghan and Harry's version of events, as related to Winfrey, the royal family and the bureaucracy around it didn't even have a sense of how to make this position survivable, both for the man born into it and the woman who married into it.

Both said Harry fielded questions and comments from within the royal family about how dark his son's skin might be. Meghan said the couple felt the decision to deny Archie a royal title, a choice she denied she and her husband made on his behalf, was a way of excluding him from protective security, even in the face of racist threats to the family. Harry said his father, Prince Charles, stopped taking his calls at one point. And Meghan said she was told she could not seek

## Alyssa Rosenberg



inpatient mental health treatment when she became suicidal. Far from rescuing her husband, Meghan said she was reduced to writing letters to members of Harry's family, whom she did not name, asking, "Please keep him safe" after Harry lost the security he'd been entitled to since birth.

Is it any wonder, then, that Harry eventually discovered that what he wanted was not to transform the institution that he grew up in, but to escape it? It can be pretty grim inside the traditional versions of these stories, for men as well as women — and it turns out that's true in the modern revisions as well.

Harry has said repeatedly that he didn't want to repeat the history that ended with his mother dying after a car crash in a tunnel in Paris after a chaotic evening out pursued by the paparazzi. But like Diana, Harry and Meghan chose an incendiary interview as their means of extricating themselves from a fairy tale gone rancid.

Diana's death transformed her into a fantastical figure: an ageless martyr, gone at the height of her beauty and the dawn of her independence. For Harry and Meghan, the story Meghan described as "Greater than any fairy tale you've ever read" is still beginning. Alive, they still have the ability to err and disappoint, to be human and messy in all the ways that run counter to myth-making.

But for all Winfrey — and Harry and Meghan themselves — couldn't quite let the fairy tale idea go, the most damning line from the interview might have been Harry's withering depiction of his father and his brother as not kings in waiting, but as captives.

"They don't get to leave," he said. "And I have huge compassion for that."

Rosenberg writes about the intersection of culture and politics for The Washington Post's Opinions section.

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# Myanmar police raid worker housing

*Mingalar Taung Nyunt neighborhood was sealed off*

MANDALAY, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar security forces today raided a neighborhood in the country's largest city that houses state railway workers who have gone on strike to protest last month's military coup.

Police sealed off the Mingalar Taung Nyunt neighborhood in Yangon where the Ma Hlwa Kone train station and housing for railway workers are located. Photos and video on social media showed officers blocking streets and what was said to be people escaping.

At least three arrests were reported, but couldn't immediately be confirmed. There was no apparent resistance to the raid, and local media reported the authorities forced at least some residents from their homes.

Later today, police fired warning shots, tear gas, stun grenades and live rounds in other areas of Yangon to disperse protesters. In North Okkalapa, press and social media reports said at least 200 people were arrested. About 400 young people who were detained in mass arrests a week ago are believed to still be behind bars.

The raid on rail workers comes just days after several Myanmar unions, including the Myanmar Railway Worker's Union Federation, issued a joint call for a nationwide work stoppage. They said the strike would be part of a broader effort for "the full, extended shutdown of the Myanmar economy."

Despite the increasingly violent tactics of security forces, protests continued today in cities and towns across the country, including Yangon, Mandalay, Monywa, Dawei, Myitkyina, Myittha, Bago, Kalaw and Myingyan. Some were met with police force, while others were brief and violence-free.

Riot police in Dawei fired tear gas, forcing marchers to disperse and hide. There were also reports of the use of rubber bullets. No injuries have been confirmed.

A leading organizer of protests in the small southern city was arrested this morning, according to the local Dawei Watch news service.

Dawei has become a hotspot for anti-coup protests and has experienced heavy police crackdowns, with up to five deaths.

In Mandalay, the country's second-largest city, Buddhist monks joined about 1,000 demonstrators marching through the streets near their monastery. They carried a banner that read "Demonstrating Peacefully." The march ended before security forces could confront them.

Myanmar has been roiled by protests and other acts of civil disobedience since the Feb. 1 coup that toppled elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi's government just as it was to start its second term. The coup reversed years of slow progress toward democracy in the Southeast Asian nation after five decades of military rule.

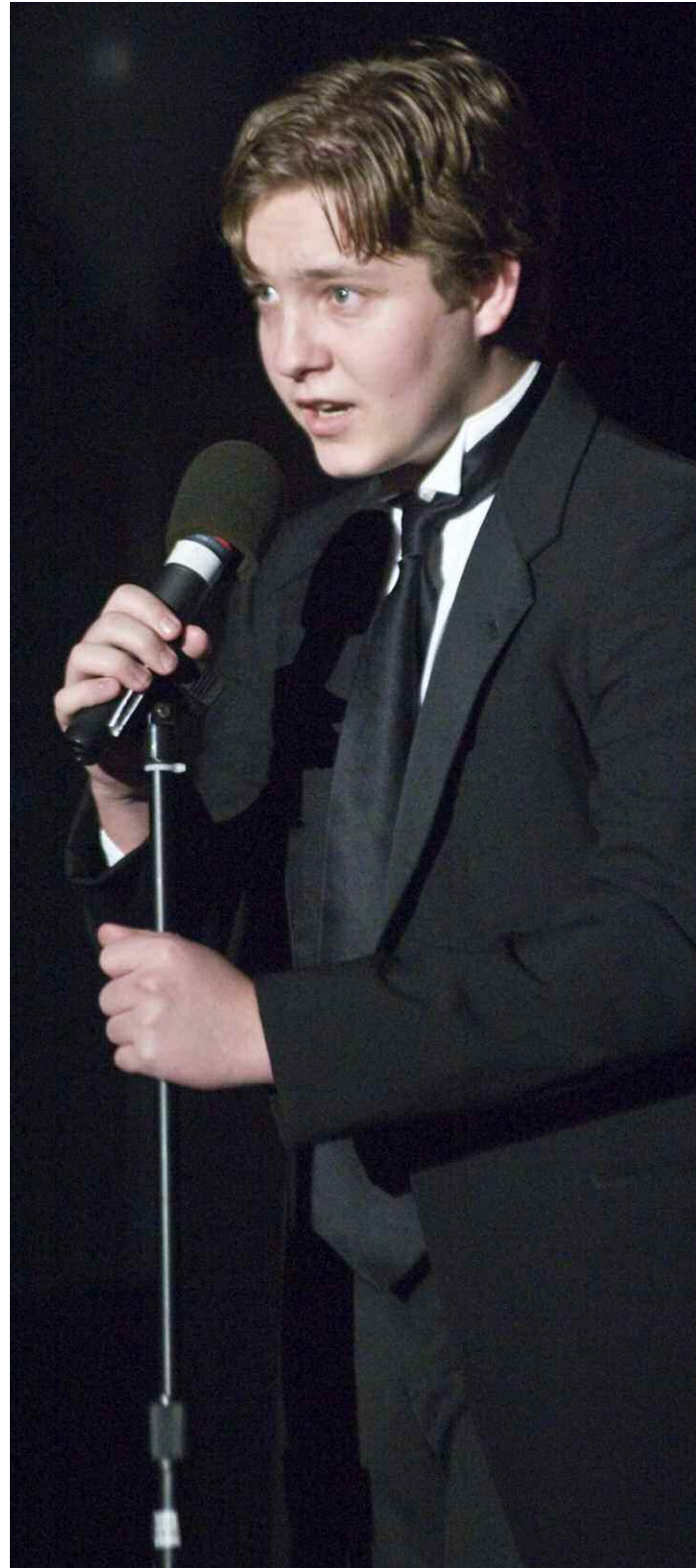
Security forces have responded with mass arrests and at times lethal force. At least 60 protesters have been killed since the military takeover, according to the independent Assistance Association for Political Prisoners.

Authorities have also moved to shut down independent reporting, both through arrests of journalists and the closure of media outlets.

State railway workers in Yangon and across the country were among the earliest organized supporters of the protest movement and their strike began soon after the coup.

Police last month attempted to intimidate railway workers in Mandalay by roaming through their housing area one night, shouting and randomly firing guns.

The junta now in control of the country, formally called the State Administration Council, indirectly acknowledged the effectiveness of the rail strike.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## 'Unforgettable' song

Sophomore Isaac LeFevre performs Nat King Cole's "Unforgettable" on Sunday evening during Cabaret 2021, featuring the Fort Recovery high school and junior high choirs.

## Relief ...

Continued from page 1

Its very expansiveness is a chief GOP talking point.

"It's not focused on COVID relief. It's focused on pushing more of the far-left agenda," said No. 2 House GOP leader Steve Scalise of Louisiana.

The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll found last week that 70% of Americans back Biden's response to the virus, including 44% of Republicans.

Progressives had to swallow big concessions in the bill to solidify moderate support. The most painful was dropping the House-approved federal minimum-wage increase to \$15 hourly by 2025.

Moderates forced tightened eligibility for the \$1,400 stimulus checks, now phased out completely for individuals earning \$80,000 and couples making \$160,000. The House's initial extension of the soon-to-end \$400 weekly emergency jobless payments, paid on top of state benefits, was trimmed by the Senate to \$300 and will now halt in early September.

Manchin was a leading holdout and in the middle of talks that resulted in curbing all of those initiatives. The Senate approved the bill on a party-line 50-49 vote on Saturday.

Dropping the minimum-wage boost was "infuriating," said Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Washington, chair of the roughly 100-member Congressional Progressive Caucus. But she called the overall bill "incredibly bold," adding, "It hits all of our progressive priorities — putting money in people's pockets, shots in arms, unemployment insurance, child care, schools."

The independent Tax Policy Center said that the Senate-passed bill would give almost 70% of this year's tax breaks to households earning \$91,000 or less.

The American Action Network, tied to House GOP leaders, said it's launched digital ads in mostly moderate districts calling the relief bill "a freight train of frivolous spending to bankroll their liberal cronies."

The bill passed the Senate under budget rules that prevented Republicans from launching filibusters, which require 60 votes for most measures.

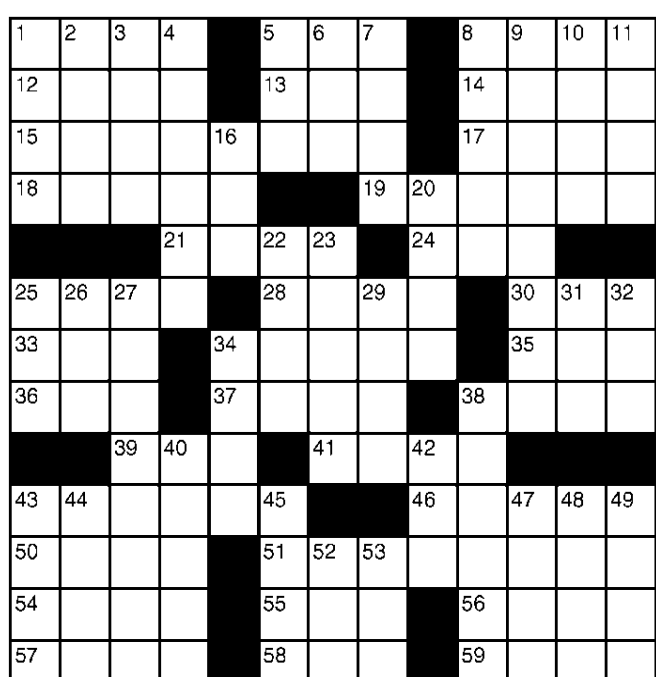
## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 23 mins.



Yesterday's answer 3-10



## U.S. to buy more

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden is announcing today the U.S. is buying an additional 100 million doses of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine.

The drugmaker is already obligated to supply 100 million doses to the federal government by the end of June. The additional vaccine would be delivered in the months following. A White House official previewed the news on the condition of anonymity before the president's remarks.

The U.S. is set to receive enough doses of the three approved vaccines by the middle of May to cover all adults.

## 3-10 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A GIGANTIC FILM APE WERE STRIKING A BIG MUSICAL DISK NONSTOP, WOULD IT BE NAMED KING GONG?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals B

## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Choosing among alternatives

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 8 6  
♥ Q J 10 4  
♦ A 6  
♣ Q 10 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 7 5 3  
♥ A 8 6 2  
♦ Q 8  
♣ 6 5 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 4  
♥ K 7  
♦ 10 9 7 2  
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead: four of diamonds.

There is no question that some hands are more difficult to play than others. Here is one to test the mettle of any player. For a really accurate test, the play should be planned without looking at the East-West cards.

A diamond is led, and unless declarer climbs up with the ace at trick one, he is doomed to defeat. Thus, if the diamond is ducked, East wins with the queen and returns the eight. Declarer must tackle clubs sooner or later, and when he does, West takes the king and cashes three diamonds to defeat the contract.

The reason declarer puts up the ace at trick one is that West cannot

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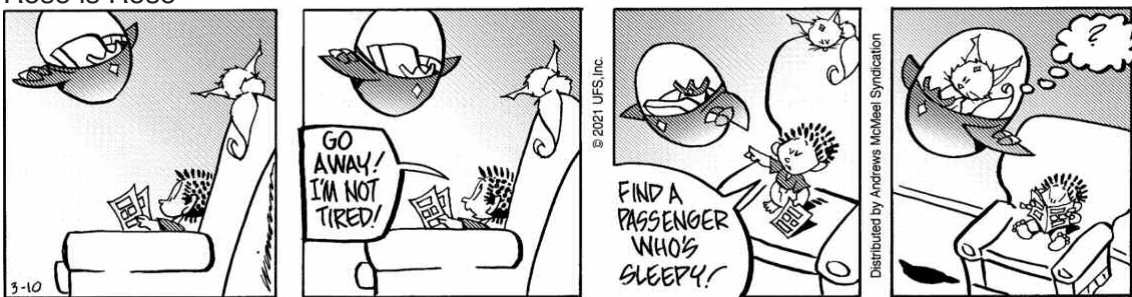
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**Peanuts**



**Rose is Rose**



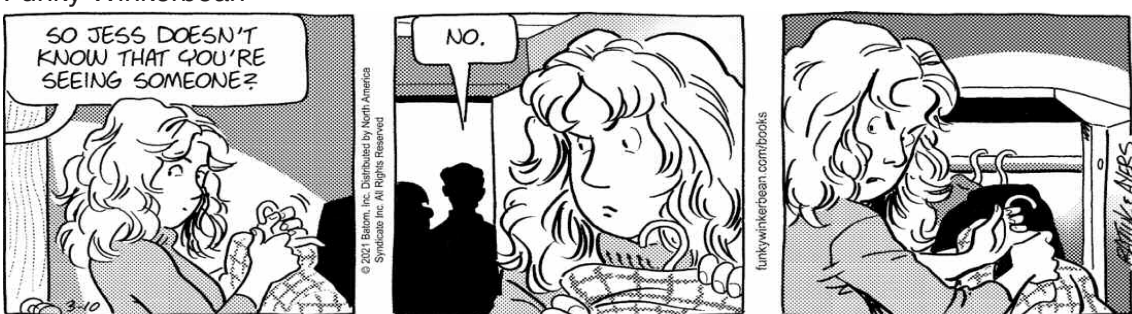
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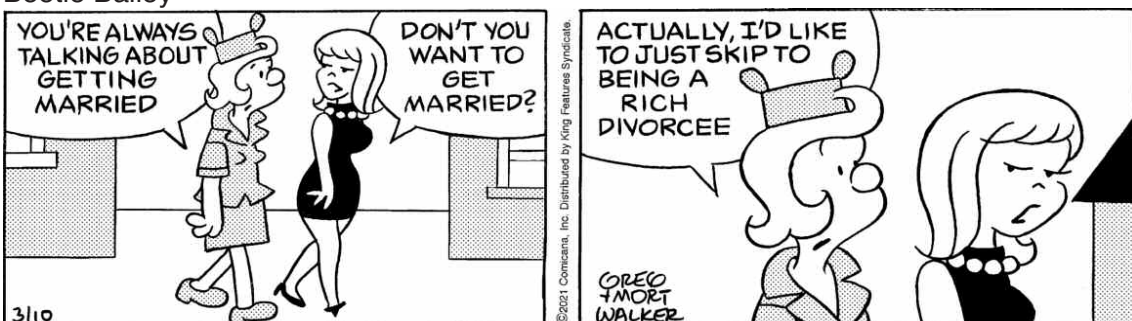
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150	COVID FUNDS	\$0.00	\$42,274.00	\$42,274.00	\$0.00
201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$107,606.35	\$31,495.91	\$49,914.96	\$89,187.30
202	LOCAL ROAD AND STREET	\$36,908.22	\$9,083.87	\$0.00	\$45,992.09
203	MVH RESTRICTED (SUBFUND OF MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY)	\$13,196.82	\$31,495.78	\$21,257.10	\$23,435.50
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211	PARK CABIN	\$3,644.76	\$1,040.00	\$3,276.98	\$1,407.78
217	DONATION	\$867.29	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$867.29
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	(OPERATING MOSTLY FROM TAX REVENUES - N				
227	TRANSPORTATION (OPERATING MOSTLY FROM TAX REVENUES)	\$3,802.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,802.23
233	LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND	\$7,251.57	\$1,243.00	\$0.00	\$8,494.57
245	RAINY DAY	\$1,500.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.37
249	LIT - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$29,136.20	\$16,555.00	\$10,398.02	\$35,293.18
257	LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION	\$30,880.53	\$0.00	\$7,436.70	\$23,443.83
270	PROPERTY CLEAN UP	\$0.00	\$90,974.42	\$87,990.00	\$2,984.42
276	REDKEY FIRE STATION PROJE	\$4,030.00	\$2.64	\$0.00	\$4,032.64
401	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - CIGARETTE TAX	\$11,303.92	\$3,857.64	\$0.00	\$15,161.56
424	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - TAX LEVY	\$115,013.28	\$15,264.71	\$0.00	\$130,277.99
435	CUMULATIVE REVOLVING IMPROVEMENT	\$3,820.12	\$3.59	\$0.00	\$3,823.71
444	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX (CREDIT)	\$2,845.36	\$19,052.00	\$9,132.48	\$12,764.88
445	DONATION/REDKEY CLOCK TOW	\$552.00	\$0.36	\$0.00	\$552.36
470	NON-REVERTING BOND	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
710	LEVY EXCESS FUND	\$1,917.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,917.70
806	PAYROLL	\$0.00	\$282,892.46	\$280,069.79	\$2,822.67
<b>WASTEWATER</b>					
606	SEWAGE UTILITY OPERATING	\$76,488.10	\$274,171.51	\$327,131.10	\$23,528.51
607	SEWAGE UTILITY BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$93,581.27	\$126,426.00	\$125,939.99	\$94,067.28
632	SEWAGE UTIL RESERVE	\$67,309.00	\$12,684.00	\$0.00	\$79,993.00
633	SEWAGE SEPARATION	\$190,825.97	\$103,911.39	\$131,494.51	\$163,242.85
634	SEWAGE CONST. IN PROGRESS	\$0.00	\$82,244.87	\$82,244.87	\$0.00
<b>WATER</b>					
601	WATER UTILITY OPERATING	\$8,921.13	\$265,857.92	\$223,200.97	\$51,578.08
602	WATER UTILITY BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$115,415.85	\$78,653.76	\$79,142.50	\$114,927.11
603	WATER UTILITY DEPRECIATION	\$99,833.18	\$13,680.43	\$8,277.38	\$105,236.23
604	WATER UTILITY METER DEPOSIT	\$30,750.74	\$8,755.21	\$4,629.34	\$34,876.61
631	WATER DEBT SERVICE RESERV	\$86,436.00	\$8,232.00	\$0.00	\$94,668.00
	Total All Funds	\$1,237,545.88	\$2,028,022.56	\$1,935,390.52	\$1,330,177.92

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Sealed Bids for the 2020-2 Community Crossing Matching Grant Project will be received by the City of Dunkirk at the Jay County Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian Street, Suite D, Portland, Indiana 47371, until Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.  
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Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found and downloaded at the following website: [choiceoneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid](http://choiceoneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid). All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office of Choice One.  
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.  
Owner: City of Dunkirk  
By: Jack Robbins  
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**NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE**  
Jay County Indiana  
Beginning 10:00 AM, April 28, 2021 Local Time  
STATE OF INDIANA  
JAY COUNTY  
Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Jay County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and / or special assessments.  
The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Jay County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3), by public auction on April 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM Courthouse Time at the Commissioners' Room. At the discretion of local officials, the sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-6.3(c) at [www.zeusauction.com](http://www.zeusauction.com) commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at [www.sriservices.com](http://www.sriservices.com) prior to the sale.  
Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Authority from, or proof of registration with the Secretary of State.  
Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at [www.sriservices.com](http://www.sriservices.com) or in an alternative form upon request.  
A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay:  
(A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale;  
(B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of

the certificate.  
If the certificate is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus.  
Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive.  
The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.  
Dated: 03/10/2021  
Tax Unit Name: Pennville Town  
Owner of Record: Thad & Sons LLC  
Sale ID#: 382000009  
Property ID#: 38-01-34-104-010-000-011  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 4 BLK 8 EAST ADD  
Property Address: 295 S Washington St PENNVILLE 47369  
Minimum Bid: \$135.13  
Tax Unit Name: Dunkirk City  
Owner of Record: Fisher Howard  
Sale ID#: 382000015  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-103-005-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 19 BLK 37 O P  
Property Address: Vacant Lot W Washington St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$73.13  
Owner of Record: Jones Audrey & Currv  
Sale ID#: 382000016  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-103-007-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: 40 X 130 O L 5 O P  
Property Address: Vacant Lot W

Commerce St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$101.27  
Owner of Record: Nibarger Jenifer  
Sale ID#: 382000018  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-103-111-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: 60' LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 14 OP  
Property Address: 410 S Franklin St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$473.80  
Owner of Record: Duty Donna  
Sale ID#: 382000020  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-104-083-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD  
Property Address: Vacant Lot E Railroad St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$4.83  
Owner of Record: Duty Donna J & Ellen Kathleen Jt W/rghs Of Surv  
Sale ID#: 382000021  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-104-084-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAILROAD ADD  
Property Address: 225 Railroad St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$45.90  
Owner of Record: Rq Tax Lien Investment Inc Richard Quizon  
Sale ID#: 382000025  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-402-086-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD  
Property Address: Vacant Lot Orange Ave DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$174.52  
Owner of Record: Turner Bruce  
Sale ID#: 382000030  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-202-099-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 140 MT AUBURN ADD  
Property Address: Vacant Lot Johnson St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$242.71  
Owner of Record: Turner Bruce L & Leslie  
Sale ID#: 382000031  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-202-100-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 141 & 25' W SIDE OF LOT 142 MT AUBURN ADD  
Property Address: Vacant Lot Johnson St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$192.78  
Owner of Record: Anderson Cindy  
Sale ID#: 382000032  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-202-134-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: PT W PT O L 39  
Property Address: Vacant Land Located Between E High St & Johnson St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$181.35  
Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael  
Sale ID#: 382000033  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-203-003-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB DIV  
Property Address: Vacant Lots E High St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$352.92  
Owner of Record: Norris Logan James & Casey Rae Brock  
Sale ID#: 382000036  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-203-093-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 8-10 SNIFF & JOHNSON SD  
Property Address: 509 E North St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$134.01

Owner of Record: Dutch LLC  
Sale ID#: 382000037  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-203-101-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 7 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV  
Property Address: Vacant Lot E North St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$466.02  
Owner of Record: Botts Deloris Janet & Hare John R  
Sale ID#: 382000038  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-203-130-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: PT LOT 3 45 X 150 PT LOT 3 45 X 60 SULLIVAN ADDITION  
Property Address: 422 E Washington St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$108.83  
Owner of Record: Johargy Terek  
Sale ID#: 382000039  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-302-052-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOTS 6 & 7 & PT LOT 5 (3' ON W END & 1 1/2' ON E END) D P COLES ADD  
Property Address: 116 S Fourth St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$321.12  
Owner of Record: Nickley Lawrence W & Freda J  
Sale ID#: 382000040  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-302-060-000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 16 C P COLES ADD  
Property Address: 147 E Third St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$26.52  
Tax Unit Name: Bryant  
Owner of Record: Miller Jonathan W  
Sale ID#: 382000045  
Property ID#: 38-03-17-204-027-000-021  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 3  
Property Address: Lot Behind Or E Of 102 E Elm St BRYANT 47326  
Minimum Bid: \$2,061.98  
Owner of Record: Hanlin Perry L & Jacqueline L Whitcomb Jt W/rts Surv  
Sale ID#: 382000047  
Property ID#: 38-03-17-204-054-001-021  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 7 BLK 7 OP  
Property Address: 104 W Main St BRYANT 47326  
Minimum Bid: \$4,817.77  
Owner of Record: Robinson Amanda Crystal  
Sale ID#: 382000048  
Property ID#: 38-03-17-301-018-000-021  
Brief Legal Description: 65' S END OF LOT 4 BLK 14  
Property Address: 103 S Hendricks BRYANT 47326  
Minimum Bid: \$2,025.44  
Tax Unit Name: Jackson Twp  
Owner of Record: Taylor Rick D  
Sale ID#: 382000053  
Property ID#: 38-02-16-300-013-003-023  
Brief Legal Description: PT NE 1/4 SW 1/4 S16 T24 R13. 79 A  
Property Address: Vacant Land W 650 N BRYANT 47326  
Minimum Bid: \$50.92  
Tax Unit Name: Jefferson  
Owner of Record: Garringer Brian Lee  
Sale ID#: 382000058  
Property ID#: 38-10-15-403-028-000-024  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 8 W ADD NEW MT PLEASANT S15 T22 R13

Property Address: Vacant Lot Main St New Mt Pleasant PORTLAND 47371  
Minimum Bid: \$66.72  
Tax Unit Name: Pike  
Owner of Record: Farris Betty E  
Sale ID#: 382000078  
Property ID#: 38-11-15-100-008-000-029  
Brief Legal Description: PT NE 1/4 NE 1/4 S15 T22 R14.50A PER SURVEY  
Property Address: Land -boundary Pike PORTLAND 47371  
Minimum Bid: \$31.17  
Tax Unit Name: Redkey  
Owner of Record: Fugiett Rodney F  
Sale ID#: 382000087  
Property ID#: 38-09-23-101-054-000-031  
Brief Legal Description: PT NE PT OF W 1/2 LOT 34 & SECOND STORY OF BLDG ON ALL LOT 34 O P  
Property Address: 2nd Story of Building on Lot REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$3,189.30  
Owner of Record: Appenzeller Harry H Jr  
Sale ID#: 382000091  
Property ID#: 38-09-23-101-114-000-031  
Brief Legal Description: N PT LOT 46 O P  
Property Address: Vacant Land Union St REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$128.27  
Owner of Record: Russell Richard W II  
Sale ID#: 382000094  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-201-022-000-031  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 33 CADWALLADER & EDGER 2ND ADD  
Property Address: 301 E Bell Ave REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$75.51  
Owner of Record: Lanning Lisa  
Sale ID#: 382000096  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-201-039-000-031  
Brief Legal Description: LOTS 25-28 MARIETTA GLASS CO  
Property Address: 237 E Delaware St REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$827.88  
Owner of Record: Crabtree Ruble M & Connie R  
Sale ID#: 382000099  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-203-045-000-031  
Brief Legal Description: E 1/2 LOTS 111-113 MJ DAUGHERTY ADD  
Property Address: 418 E Logan REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$52.70  
Owner of Record: Forrester John D  
Sale ID#: 382000102  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-302-007-000-031  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 11 CURRENTS S SD ADD  
Property Address: Lot- E Grandview St REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$34.36  
Owner of Record: Forrester John D  
Sale ID#: 382000103  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-302-008-000-031  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 12 CURRENTS SOUTH SIDE ADD  
Property Address: 120 E Grandview Ave REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$40.63  
Tax Unit Name: Portland City  
Owner of Record: Baileys of Port-

land Inc  
Sale ID#: 382000112  
Property ID#: 38-07-20-104-126-000-034  
Brief Legal Description: E 1/2 OF LOT 1 BLK 18 O P  
Property Address: 201 W Main St PORTLAND 47371 38-07-20-104-126-000-034, 38-07-20-104-126-001-034, and 38-07-20-104-126.002-034 are to be sold and redeemed together.  
Minimum Bid: \$1,876.53  
Owner of Record: Baileys of Portland  
Sale ID#: 382000113  
Property ID#: 38-07-20-104-126-001-034  
Brief Legal Description: E 1/2 OF LOT 1 BLK 18  
Property Address: 205 W Main St PORTLAND 47371 38-07-20-104-126.000-034, 38-07-20-104-126.001-034, and 38-07-20-104-126.002-034 are to be sold and redeemed together.  
Minimum Bid: \$701.70  
Owner of Record: Baileys Furniture Store  
Sale ID#: 382000114  
Property ID#: 38-07-20-104-126.002-034  
Brief Legal Description: W 1/2 OF LOT 1 BLK 18 O P  
Property Address: 203 W Main St PORTLAND 47371 38-07-20-104-126.000-034, 38-07-20-104-126.001-034, and 38-07-20-104-126.002-034 are to be sold and redeemed together.  
Minimum Bid: \$717.26  
Owner of Record: Beymer Robert O  
Sale ID#: 382000126  
Property ID#: 38-07-21-203-076-000-034  
Brief Legal Description: 11FT SPT LOT 2 BLK 11 OP 11FT NPT LOT 3 BLK 11 OP  
Property Address: 123 N Meridian St PORTLAND 47371  
Minimum Bid: \$277.55  
Owner of Record: Community Care Care Centers Inc  
Sale ID#: 382000099  
Property ID#: 38-07-20-203-026-001-034  
Brief Legal Description: PT OL3 (85' X 281') WPA ADD S20 T23 T14  
Property Address: 200 N Park St PORTLAND 47371  
Minimum Bid: \$6,632.02  
Total Number of Properties: 34  
I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, have not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Jay County, Indiana, to be offered for sale.  
Given under my hand and seal on 03/10/2021.  
Anna Culy, Auditor, Jay County Indiana.  
CR/NS 3-3,10,17-2021B-HSPAXLP

Jay to host junior high ACAC swim championships, see Sports on tap

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## B1G eager to end title drought

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The coach of the Big Ten's last national championship team believes the conference's 20-year title drought could end this season.

"We've got four or five teams that are on top that could do it," Michigan State's Tom Izzo said. "There's enough good teams that we could get a couple teams in the (Final Four)."

The Big Ten hasn't won a title since Izzo coached Michigan State to the 2000 crown, unless you count Maryland's 2002 championship when it was still an Atlantic Coast Conference member. But the league rarely has boasted as much strength as it does now.

Big Ten schools make up three of the top five teams in the latest AP Top 25: No. 3 Illinois (20-6), No. 4 Michigan (19-3) and No. 5 Iowa (20-7). Ohio State (18-8) is ranked ninth.

That gives the league plenty of confidence in its postseason hopes heading into the Big Ten Tournament beginning Wednesday at Indianapolis.

"I think you've seen the bottom and the middle get stronger," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "And I think this year specifically you have the top that's elite. I think we've had one or two teams at times be elite (in the past). By elite, I mean Final Four-worthy. I think there's four teams right now that are probably in that category. I don't think in my time here we've ever had that."

The Big Ten benefited this year by having draft-worthy prospects such as Iowa's Luka Garza and Illinois' Ayo Dosunmu return to school. Michigan's Hunter Dickinson headlined the crop of impact newcomers.

That formula added up to a banner season.

"No other conference comes close when you look at the quality of teams top to bottom," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said.

Former UCLA coach Steve Lavin discussed the depth of the Big Ten by making references to the 2011 season, when the Big East earned 11 NCAA

Tournament bids - including the St. John's team he was coaching. That season ended with UConn winning the national title despite finishing ninth in the Big East standings.

The Big Ten's lack of recent titles has harmed the league's reputation, deserved or not.

"To me, conferences that are consistently represented in the Final Four is an indication of a strong and healthy conference," said Lavin, an analyst for Fox Sports.

Since Michigan State's 2000 title, a Big Ten team has lost in the championship game seven times: Indiana in 2002, Illinois in 2005, Ohio State in 2007, Michigan State in 2009, Michigan in 2013 and 2018, and Wisconsin in 2015.

"Personally, I'd love to see a couple teams get there again," Izzo said. "I'd like to see a Big Ten (team) win it. It's a shame, but that's how you're judged."

### UM-Illinois rivalry

Illinois is the highest-ranked team in the Big Ten and won its lone regular-season matchup with Michigan, which earned the conference's regular-season title and the top seed in the Big Ten Tournament by virtue of its higher league winning percentage.

That hasn't stopped Illinois from pointing out that it played a full 20-game conference schedule. Michigan shut down its program for three weeks due to the pandemic and played only 17 conference games.

### Surging Spartans

Michigan State (15-11) seemed all but out of NCAA Tournament at-large consideration until it collected late-season victories over Illinois, Ohio State and Michigan. The Spartans now are likely to get an NCAA bid no matter how they fare this week.

### Tipoff

The Big Ten tourney opens Wednesday with two games: Minnesota-Northwestern at 6:30 p.m. and Nebraska-Penn State at 9 p.m. There are four games Thursday, with the winners advancing to face the top four seeds: Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Purdue.



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Maisey Keller of the Jay County Junior High School girls swim team swims the butterfly leg of the 200-yard medley relay against the South Adams Starfires on Tuesday. Keller teamed with Avery Wentz, Maddy Snow and Kenzie Huey to take second in the race, however the Patriots got a 164-117 victory over the Starfires.

## Patriots, Starfires split meet

The Patriot girls cruised to a win. The boys narrowly lost despite victories in only two races.

Jay County Junior High School's swim teams split with the South Adams Starfires on Tuesday.

Victories in 10 events carried the Patriot girls to a 164-117 triumph. The boys fell 107-101.

Lauren Fisher and Morgan DeHoff got two individual wins each. Fisher posted the top times in the 100-yard freestyle (1 minute, 13.63 seconds) and 50 butterfly (30.77 seconds). DeHoff won the 100 freestyle (1:02.84) and 100 breaststroke (1:26.24).

Maddy Snow (diving - 114.95 points), Aubrey Millspaugh (200

freestyle - 2:31.36), Avery Wentz (400 freestyle - 5:20.02) and Sophia Hoewel (100 backstroke - 1:29.65) all had individual victories as well.

Kenzie Huey, Maisey Keller, Gretchen Link and DeHoff teamed to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:52.02, while Hoewel, DeHoff, Fisher and Millspaugh won the 300

freestyle relay in 3:21.91.

George Clemmons had the lone individual win for the Patriot boys, taking the top spot in the 100 backstroke in 1:29.47.

Josh Monroe, David Keen, Lincoln Clamme and Aryan Montes won the 300 freestyle relay in 3:53.82.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Bluffton - 5:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Junior high swimming hosts ACAC championships - 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling in ACAC championships at South Adams - 9 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Junior high swimming vs. Blackford - 6 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
3 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Marquette vs. Georgetown (FS1)  
6 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Butler vs. Xavier (FS1)

6:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Kansas State vs. TCU (ESPN); Minnesota vs. Northwestern (BTN)  
9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: DePaul vs. Providence (FS1); Nebraska vs. Penn State (BTN)  
9:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Iowa State vs. Oklahoma (ESPN)

**Thursday**  
11:30 a.m. — Men's College Basketball: Michigan State vs. Maryland (BTN)

3 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Seton Hall vs. St. John's (FS1)

6:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Indiana vs. Rutgers (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Brooklyn Nets (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

**Friday**  
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Los Angeles Lakers (FSN)

**Saturday**  
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Phoenix Suns (FSN)

### Local notes

**Registration opens Saturday**  
Portland Junior League will have two registration days beginning on Saturday.

The session will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and March 20 at Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland.

Registration forms can be picked up at JCC, or they're available online at P.J.L.'s Facebook page.

The league is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 15.

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