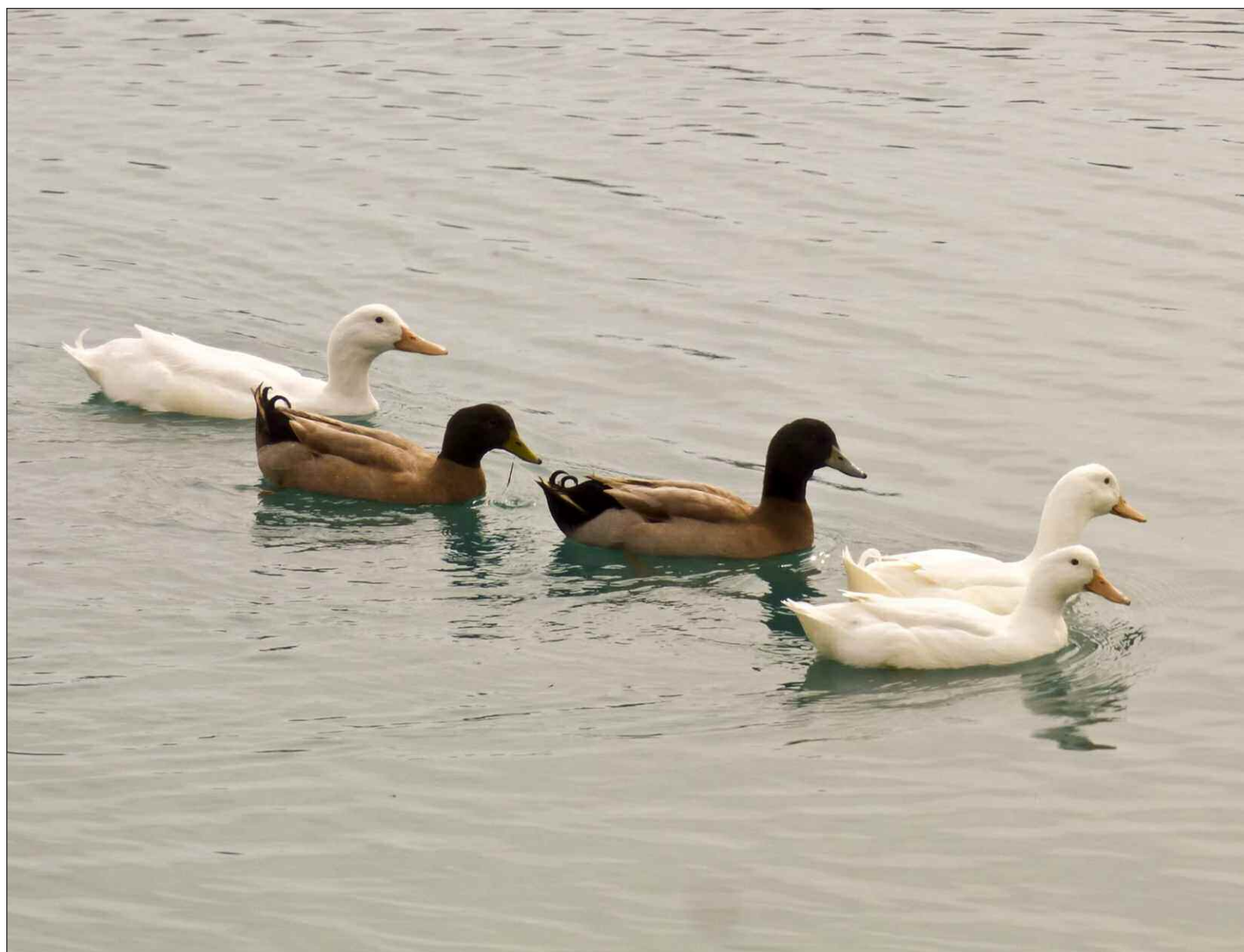


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On the pond

A group of five ducks swims along the north side of the pond Friday afternoon at Hudson Family Park in Portland. The ducks have been regulars at the park all week as temperatures have been more-spring like. Friday's high temperature in Jay County was 55 degrees, and highs are expected to be in the 50s for most of the coming week.

Murder trial to start Monday

Proceedings in Stephen set in Jay Circuit Court

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The first of five murder trials scheduled for this year in Jay County will begin next week.

Esther J. Stephen, 30, Portland, will go on trial in Jay Circuit Court for the Jan. 12, 2020, murder of Shea Briar. The proceedings are slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Stephen and Shelby N. Hiestand, who is also charged with murder with a trial set for August, were both arrested two days after Briar was found fatally wounded on a bridge in northern Jay County.

Hannah Knapke, 19, Fort Recovery, who is also charged with Briar's murder, was arrested eight days later. Her trial is scheduled for September.

Hearings are also scheduled for the end of the day Monday — 3:30 and 3:45 p.m. — for Hutchison to rule on potential witnesses.

Stephen's attorney Jill Gonzalez has subpoenaed Hiestand and Knapke as witnesses for her defense. Their attorneys are fighting those subpoenas.

According to probable cause affidavits filed in connection with the case, Stephen and Hiestand, a 19-year-old rural Portland resident, admitted to police that they plotted to kill Briar over a custody dispute. Stephen and Briar shared a child.

The documents offer the following details of the incident:

The three women picked Briar up at his Portland home with plans to "hang out" and proceeded to drive in Knapke's vehicle to the county road 125 West bridge over Loblolly Creek, just south of county road 850 North. There, Stephen distracted Briar to allow Hiestand to retrieve a gun from the vehicle.

See Trial page 2

Boyd trial is moved to October

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The trial of a Portland man charged with murder has been moved again.

During a hearing Friday, Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison rescheduled the trial for Roger Boyd for Oct. 11 through 14. Boyd is charged with the Sept.

5 murder of James P. Miller, 49, Montpelier.

He also faces a charge of criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weapon, a Level 3 felony.

Boyd's trial is one of five scheduled in Jay County this year. The first of those is slated to begin Monday as Esther J. Stephen faces a murder charge for the Jan. 12,

2020, shooting of Shea Briar of Portland (see related story).

Boyd's trial was most recently scheduled to begin Sept. 20. It was originally scheduled for early February, but was delayed until April because Indiana Supreme Court suspended jury trials statewide until March 1 because of the potential spread of COVID-19. It was

then moved to September prior to the latest update Friday.

The 35-year-old Boyd, a Portland resident, was arrested shortly after Miller was shot in the early morning hours of Sept. 15 outside the home at 1215 S. Bridge St., Portland. Miller was pronounced dead at the scene.

See Boyd page 2

State could see \$5.8 billion in relief

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana officials have yet to describe any big plans for the influx of federal money expected from the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package that Congress approved this week.

Preliminary estimates show roughly \$5.8 billion will be directed toward Indiana. About \$3 billion would go directly to state

government, and \$2.6 billion to cities and counties and \$200 million for a state capital projects fund, said Rachel Hoffmeyer, a spokeswoman for Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb.

"Greater details should come in future guidance and communication," Hoffmeyer told The (Fort Wayne) Journal Gazette. State lawmakers are

looking to have a say in how that money will be spent.

The state was also allocated \$2.4 billion in pandemic relief funding last year. That aid arrived after the 2020 legislative session ended and was distributed by Holcomb's administration with little formal involvement by legislators for uses such

as public health agency expenses and business support and rental assistance programs.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray told reporters Thursday that he didn't think the federal money was needed to cover ongoing state spending but should go toward targeted programs.

"If it goes to schools, to help schools in particular with things like remediation for these kids that just kind of lost a step in this education year," Bray said. "We want it to help the industries, like the hotel and the hospitality industries, that have been so hard hit over the last 12 months or so."

See Relief page 2

Retrospect

Council OK'd bridge \$\$

Twenty-five years ago this week, Jay County Council was building bridges.

The March 14, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of a council meeting held at the county's highway department garage during which an additional \$65,000 was appropriated for local bridge projects.

Jay County engineer Dan Watson had requested \$45,000 in additional appropriations for the county's cumulative bridge fund. The money was to be used to pay for engineering costs on a federal aid bridge project.

The work that was planned called for replacing two concrete bridges and rehabilitating three others on county road 300 North.

Jay County Council approved an additional \$20,000 from the county's cumulative capital development fund for work on bridges on county road 1025 West and county road 200 East. The fixes on those structures had already been completed.

The meeting was a busy one for county council as Jay Superior Court Judge Joel Roberts also presented a request that

his two court reporters receive a pay raise of \$1,075. Roberts explained that court reporters previously prepared court transcripts on their own time and were paid on a per-page basis, but he had recently made a change to have that work completed during regular hours.

"That has met with some resistance," said Roberts, adding that he did not want to take the income away from those employees.

Council members expressed some reservations about the change and chose to table the issue.



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Jay County Council held its March 14, 1996, meeting at the county highway garage. Pictured, council member Michael Hunt takes a look at the department's new excavator after the meeting.

Deaths

Diann Harris, 56, Pennville

Richard Wolfe, 89, Fremont

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 55 degrees Friday.

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high of 51. Skies will be partly cloudy with a high of 52.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Portland Foundation is accepting nominations for the Jack Cole Award of Volunteerism. Nominations should include the individual's name and address, and a brief background of why he or she is deserving. They should be sent to the foundation office, 107 S. Meridian St., Portland. The deadline is March 18.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.

Thursday — Update on the ongoing coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.



Obituaries

Diann Harris

Oct. 31, 1964-March 11, 2021
Diann Harris, age 56, a resident of Pennville, passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at her home in Pennville.



Harris

Diann was born on Oct. 31, 1964, in Muncie, Indiana, the daughter of Norman Ashby and Ann Van Horn. She graduated from Jay County High School in 1983 and worked for Jay Products in Portland and Kroger in Bluffton.

Survivors include: Her parents — Norman Ashby (wife: Betty), Albany, and Ann Van Horn (significant other: Tom), Pennville, Indiana. Two sons — Dustin Harris (wife: Erin), Portland, Indiana, and Dylan Harris (Allisyn Smith), Dunkirk, Indiana.

One sister — Paula Fifer (husband: Ryan), Bryant, Indiana. Three brothers: Bobby Ashby, Albany, Indiana, Troy Ashby (wife: Susie), Muncie, Indiana, and Tony Ashby (wife: Tammy), Muncie, Indiana. Three grandchildren: Oaklen, Braelyn and Isla. Many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Pennville. Services to celebrate Diann's life will follow at 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed towards the family in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Richard Wolfe

Jan. 4, 1932-March 10, 2021
Richard Arlen "Dick" Wolfe, age 89, Lake George, Fremont,

Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola, Indiana. Born on Jan. 4, 1932 in Dunkirk, Indiana, to Garland and Mabel (Burroughs) Wolfe, his early years were divided between Dunkirk and Lake George, where his parents owned a grocery store. Dick loved lake life and boating and met nearly everyone while delivering morning papers.

Dick graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1950, then entered the United States Marine Corps right after graduating and served our country from 1951 until 1953. He was always proud of being a Marine. Following his discharge, Dick joined General Motors in Pontiac, Michigan, where he spent his entire working career.



Wolfe

Dick married Priscilla "Pat" Racz in 1954 and they raised two adventurous children, David and Deanna. That marriage ended in divorce, and in 1989 Dick married Joan Phelps. Dick and Joan welcomed twins Kenneth and Kevin in 1990, and in 2000 Dick and Joan moved to Lake George full time to raise the boys and enjoy his retirement. Throughout his life, Dick was active in sports, coaching baseball and long-distance bicycling, and Dick and Joan were active in the Peace Lutheran Church and various local organizations.

Dick was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Sara Frances (Wolfe) Miller and her husband Reeder; his former wife Pat; and his wife Joan.

Dick is survived by his children David (Kristin) Wolfe of Woking, England, Deanna Wolfe of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Kenneth (Alyssa) Wolfe of Hudson, Indiana, and Kevin (Calista)

Wolfe of Fremont, Indiana; a step-daughter, Laura Yoder of Rockford, Michigan; and numerous cousins, nephews and grandchildren.

A family graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 17, with a memorial service for friends and family to be held at a later date.

Contributions honoring Dick's life may be sent to Peace Lutheran Church of Fremont, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent online at beamsfuneralhome.com.

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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Saturday 3/13	Sunday 3/14	Monday 3/15	Tuesday 3/16	Wednesday 3/17
52/31	47/39	57/37	52/32	55/39
Skies will be mostly cloudy, with 5 to 10 mph winds moving northeast in the morning.	60% chance of rain during the day and night. Otherwise skies will be mostly cloudy.	30% chance of rain before 1 p.m. Otherwise mostly cloudy with warm temperatures.	Temperatures will begin to drop again after Wednesday. Mostly cloudy skies.	There will be a 40% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies. Warm during the day.

Lotteries	
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-0-7 Daily Four: 7-3-5-1 Quick Draw: 1-7-13-14-18-22-23-35-50-52-54-58-60-61-63-68-71-72-73-76	Pick 4: 1-4-4-3 Pick 5: 8-7-1-3-1 Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$169 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$79 million
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-8-2	

Markets	
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Today in history	
On March 13, 1933, banks in the U.S. began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.	In 1947, the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon," about a Scottish village that magically reappears once every hundred years, opened on Broadway.
In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.	In 1954, the Battle of Dien Bien Phu began during the First Indochina War as Viet Minh forces attacked French troops, who were defeated nearly two months later.
In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure prohibiting Union military officers from returning fugitive slaves to their owners.	In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module.
In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay signed the measure on March 21.)	In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher before killing himself.
In 1934, a gang that included John Dillinger robbed the First National Bank in Mason City, Iowa, making off with \$52,344.	—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar	
Monday 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland	City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

FR duo

Olivia Knapke and Karlie Niekamp perform "For Good" from the musical "Wicked" on Sunday during Cabaret 2021, which featured performances from the Fort Recovery junior high and high school choirs.



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Felony arrests

Possession
A Dunkirk man was arrested Friday for drug possession. Troy D. Easton, 52, 615 N. Hickory

St., Dunkirk, was preliminarily charged for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was also preliminarily charged a Class

A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license. Easton is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

Trial ...

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Hiestand then shot Briar once in the back. Knapke was standing next to Hiestand at the time of the shooting. Briar was found

on the bridge about 2 a.m. Jan. 12 and died later the same day at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Stephen, Hiestand and Knapke are all being held

in Jay County Jail without bond, pending their trials. In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years, with an advisory sentence of 55 years.

Relief ...

Continued from page 1
Indiana's state tax collections didn't take the major hit that was feared last spring and are running about 4% higher than expected when the current two-year \$78 billion state budget was adopted in 2019. Holcomb hasn't yet offered his ideas for using the new federal funds. Leaders in other states have proposed big projects

that have long been on their to-do lists, including high-speed internet for rural areas and drinking water improvements. Indiana lawmakers are already working on a new two-year state budget to start in July. Some programs in that budget plan could now be covered by federal relief money. For instance, the House proposed a \$150 million learning remediation program.

Boyd ...

Continued from page 1
Police say Boyd, who previously served for both Jay County Sheriff's Office and Dunkirk Police Department, admitted at the scene to shooting Miller, according to court documents. They say Boyd told them he acted in self defense and that he believed Miller had a weapon. No such weapon was found, court documents show. Miller's girlfriend, Nicole L. Burke, was later found in the home's basement. According to court documents, she told police she was standing in the driveway after the

shooting and Boyd ordered her into the house and told her to go to the basement. In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years. Boyd's girlfriend Britney Shewmake, who owned the 1215 S. Bridge St. property at the time of the incident, is charged with criminal confinement, a Level 3 felony, in connection with the incident. (Her trial is scheduled to begin June 10.) Court documents indicate she was inside the house with two children, ages 3 and 5, at the time of the shooting.

SERVICES

Monday
Buening, Juanita: 10:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 120 E. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio.
Loyd, Marjorie: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Harris, Diann: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

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50th anniversary



Deb and Bob McFarland - 1971

Bob and Deb McFarland

Bob and Deb McFarland of rural Portland are celebrating their 50th anniversary today.

Deborah Younger and Robert McFarland were married March 13, 1971, at Redkey Nazarene Church.

They are the parents of two sons, Chad (Kim) McFarland of Portland and Ryan (Laura) McFarland of rural Bryant. They also have five grandsons, Brock (Chloe), Chase, Alex, Conner and Cody.

They plan to hold a celebration at a later date.



Bob and Deb McFarland - 2021

Library hosting poetry contest

Are you skilled in verse? The library wants to share your abilities.

Jay County Public Library is sponsoring a poetry contest in April.

The library is looking for local poets who are willing to submit and read their original piece. Poems must be original and must be able to be read in 3 minutes or less.

Submit entries to the library by emailing jaylibrary315@gmail.com by April 20. A live reading will be scheduled for the last week of April.

Friends of Jay County Public Library will provide prizes in three age groups — 12 and younger, 13 to 17 year olds and adults.

Time and technology have changed communication

DEAR ABBY: My twin sister moved to another state years ago. We always kept in close contact through telephone calls. But since the invention of caller ID, call waiting, cellphones, texting, etc., things have changed.

Examples: She'll cut off a conversation to answer another non-emergency call. She frantically texts that she needs to talk right now, then doesn't call and won't answer when I try to call her. She doesn't return calls or texts for days.

When we do talk, she complains nonstop, and if I try to chime in about what's happening in my life, she cuts off the conversation. Also, we have a two-hour time difference, so when she does call, it's either super late or the dinner hour. If I can't talk

Dear Abby



long, she gets mad and blocks me for days.

I don't want to be the etiquette police, but something is off. Advice? — JUST ABOUT HAD IT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR HAD IT: Has your twin always been this self-centered and rude, or is it relatively new behavior? Do not blame advances in technology for it. Accept that she may have a low level of tolerance

for frustration and little interest in what is going on in your life.

If I were you, the next time she blocks you, do not repeatedly try to reach her. Wait until she calls back. If you haven't already taken this up with her directly, you should, because her phone manners are atrocious.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are elderly. We live in a renovated shack I inherited from my family. The neighborhood is degrading, and I'm trying to decide whether to build a new home out in the country on property I own.

If I do, my family, which needs a better place to live, could live in my current house. But I'm wor-

ried about the physical and emotional toll it will take on my husband and me to improve the wooded property. I also worry about issues like potential dementia living nearly 30 miles from town in the country.

No matter how much I weigh the pros and cons, I can't reach a decision whether to build or not. Because of our ages, it's now or never. Can you please help me decide? — STUMPED ABOUT THE FUTURE

DEAR STUMPED: Allow me to offer a third alternative. You described your husband and yourself as elderly and expressed concern about the physical and emotional toll building a new home far from town could cause. It might make more sense to consider

selling your current home and/or the rural property and using the money to buy a place in town in a neighborhood that isn't degrading and is near medical facilities should you and your husband need them. At this point in your lives, the last thing you need is stress and isolation.

DEAR READERS: This is my annual reminder to all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. It's a ritual I love because it signals the coming of spring, and with it longer, brighter days and warmer weather. — ABBY

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

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

Monday

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

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

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

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3

p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in room 106 at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

PENN HUSKY HOOSIER HOTSHOTS 4-H CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Pennville United Methodist Church.

Tuesday

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

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community

room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

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

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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

REDKEY BETTER WORKERS 4-H CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at Redkey Park Cabin.

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

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools March 15-19

Monday: Main Entrees: Walking beef taco **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Mexican style refried beans

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets **Alternate entrees:** Strawberry parfait with granola, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Baked crinkle fries

Wednesday Main Entrees: Crispy fish filet sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Tater tots

Thursday: Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat **Alternate entrees:** Strawberry parfait with granola, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

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Engagement makes system work

This is how it is supposed to work.

Over the last few weeks we've had a steady stream of letters to the editor.

They have hit the following topics:

- Accountability
 - Saying thank you
 - Critical thinking
 - Differing opinions
 - The minimum wage
 - Local service groups
 - Entertainment venues
 - School funding
 - Free speech
- Attendance at a variety of

Editorial

local meetings has also been higher than usual. Visitors have commented on issues ranging from local park facilities to school funding to the expansion of a local business.

That's good. Keep it up, even if whatever issue you're inter-

ested in right now does not end up going in your favor.

The key to civic engagement is understanding that sometimes you get your way and sometimes you don't.

Elected officials have a lot to consider when they make decisions. That's especially true when their constituents feel passionately about something. That's, in part, because if some feel passionately in one direction, it's likely that others feel the opposite, and just as passionately.

So stay engaged. This one

may go your way or it may not. If it doesn't, maybe the next one will.

Of all the commentary made over the last few weeks, Kevin Inman offered perhaps the most sensible thought when speaking to Portland Plan Commission last month. He told commission members that he trusted them and that he would be able to live with whatever decision they made, whether he agreed with it or not.

Not everyone has that level of trust in their elected offi-

cials. (Their opportunity to fix that issue occurs on election day, either by voting or running themselves.) But it was nice to hear.

That's what we do. If there is disagreement, opinions are voiced. Arguments are made. Those in a position to do so make the decisions. We accept those decisions.

If they're in our favor, we might celebrate. If they're not, we might commiserate.

Either way, we should keep showing up. That's the only way democracy works. — R.C.

So, what is in your wallet?

To the editor:
It appears the \$1.9 trillion relief package will soon be on America's doorsteps.

The physical makeup of this amount in dollars is not only somewhat impressive but rather astonishing if one considers the attributes of such a staggering volume.

A series of select numbers involving 1.9 trillion one-dollar bills is almost beyond comprehension.

Laid at our feet, it would spread a very expensive carpet just short of 8,000 square miles, equal to twice the area of Rhode Island and Delaware. If stacked like bricks, the column would exceed 132 thousand miles. Laid end to end they would stretch over 192 million miles. At 480 bills per pound, the total weight would reach a staggering two million tons. (Grab your calculator and you can verify this declaration.)

Letters to the Editor

Distributing these greenbacks at ground level instead of electronically would require the services of 88,000 long haul trucks — referred to as tractor trailers in northeastern states, 18 wheelers in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi and semis the remainder of the country — at 25 tons per load.

To the Secretary of the Treasury, thank you for releasing the stimulus funds but I'm curious, has Capital One ever asked just how much is really in your wallet?

Respectfully,
Roy L. Leverich
Portland

Treatment is an assault on democracy

The Washington Post

Maria Ressa has been issued 10 arrest warrants in two years and detained twice in six weeks by Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte's government.

She already faces up to seven years in jail for a conviction on trumped-up "cyber-libel" charges. Yet the state-led effort has relied on more than a corrupt legal system to succeed: An onslaught of online harassment against the award-winning journalist is appalling in its own right — and a devious strategy from a regime determined to destroy its most prominent critic.

A report by the International Center for Journalists analyzes almost 400,000 tweets and more than 57,000 Facebook posts and comments directed at Ressa. These consist in alarming proportion of attacks against her professional credibility and personal character. For every positive comment on her Facebook page, there are 14 vilifying her. The verbal assaults — most prominently featuring the terms "idiot," "shut up" and "prostitute" alongside other sexist, homophobic and racist salvos — began after her news website Rappler published her investigation into the government's social media disinformation machine. The same machine promptly turned against her.

The relationship between the online persecution and the offline prosecution has been "symbiotic." The pro-government accounts seeded the narra-

Guest Editorial

tive that Ressa was a criminal years before authorities actually charged her with anything. Some abuse appears to have been orchestrated from on high, and other abuse has been organic. But even this organic abuse is the result of the bandwagon effect achieved by a troll army that marched in whenever ordered. There's real danger for Ressa beyond the courtroom: Female journalists have been murdered after threats overtook platforms; daily, Ressa is told she should be killed or "publicly raped to death."

This story not only exposes a horrifying campaign against an individual who has devoted her career to informing the public and holding an aspiring autocrat to account, but it also lays bare broader trends that platforms have a duty to fight — and that countries devoted to preserving democracy must work against. Ressa is not alone in the Philippines: Sen. Leila de Lima this month entered her fifth year in jail for spurious drug charges. Ressa also is not alone in the rest of the world, where women who work courageously are routinely tormented on social media. That this torment can also become a tool of a cowardly and tyrannical state is only more alarming.



THE SERVERS

Bored? Try growing something

By ALYSSA ROSENBERG

The Washington Post

This spring, hope is forcing its way to the surface along with new life. But for many, there will still be a months-long lag between the promise of a coronavirus vaccine and its arrival. And for everyone, normal, or something to replace it, remains a long way off.

After a year in quarantine, home likely seems familiar to the point of exhaustion. But whereas, last year, the cherry trees forming a frothy pink arch over an entire city block offered a terrible, ironic contrast to the refrigerated trucks providing overflow capacity for morgues, my garden feels like the bridge that will carry me through the pandemic's final weeks and months. If routine activities are slow to resume outside my fence, I can still foster an explosion of new life inside it.

I know I'm not alone — and I invite any reluctant or spacepressed gardeners to join our numbers. Prolonged isolation inspired a renovation boom for those who could afford to reimagine their private spaces. But no new deck or finished basement inspires quite the same awe as something emerging from nothing — be it a bloom finally opening up from a coddled houseplant or a bulb planted last winter breaking through soil in search of sun. The former might run as little as \$20, while the packet of moss rose seeds I ordered, hoping to delight my toddler, cost \$3.85. I'm excited to see how many saucy, ombre blossoms I can coax from a \$6.95 dahlia tuber.

And while the idea of using all this enforced free time in lockdown to learn a new skill is, at this point, rather old, the particular knowledge required for good plant care has a nicely meditative quality.

Alyssa Rosenberg



I know things about the quality and acidity of my soil and the places rain collects that I might never have noticed if I wasn't paying attention to an unhappy group of azaleas or trying to cultivate a patch of Creeping Jenny. The former will be getting a revitalizing dose of acidic fertilizer, while water that pools in a corner of the patio feeds the latter. Even taking care of a single houseplant involves a closer acquaintance with your own space, whether you're blessed with prodigious morning light in your office or trying to find the right schedule for watering a tropical plant in air that didn't previously feel dry.

As an activity, outdoor gardening also has the advantage of being mentally and physically distracting in excellent proportion to one another. Take weeding. Not only do you have to bend down, but if you don't grasp and yank an invader properly, you may end up without the roots, leaving the problem to trouble you another day. Calling such chores mindless is the point: Weeding, raking, watering and other mundane garden tasks require just enough precision and effort to keep worries in their place for an hour or so.

That sort of distraction is a particular balm when the world is the way it is right now. None of us can go back in time and design a national vaccine rollout strategy. But our accumulated nervous energy goes

nicely toward filling a bag with dandelion taproots and other invasive ephemera.

Above all, gardening is a great lesson in resilience, which is to say, both the inevitability of failure and the new opportunities that lie beyond each minor disaster. I am currently killing a miniature rose bush in a pot that already claimed the life of an orchid this winter. I told myself that the lack of drainage that sent the orchid to its death could be remedied by a layer of rocks and horticultural charcoal this time around. But just because hope springs eternal doesn't mean plants will. As the last year has demonstrated, some losses can't be healed with a vase-full of home-grown flowers.

As the late Washington Post gardening columnist Henry Mitchell wrote, disappointment and delight are often twinned.

"We all know by now that as irises and roses and peonies reach a great climax we are likely to have a storm so severe it batters flower stalks and blooms to nothing. So we are braced for it," he reminded readers. "And then there will come a day in which things we do not expect all bloom together and the light is of some curious quality and all things take on a glow and richness that transfigures them."

When that transformation comes for the world at large, we won't forget the shattering days that preceded it. But at least we can start enriching the soil in our own gardens, in hopes our exhaustion and despair can someday feed something beautiful.

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

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Hospice undergoing name change

Beginning next month, a local hospital will have a new moniker.

State of the Heart Hospice announced in a press release this week that it will become known as EverHeart Hospice beginning April 1.

The change is in name only. The organization's leadership and ownership are remaining in place.

"EverHeart Hospice represents both a continuation and a departure," said State of the Heart executive director Kristi Strawser. "We will always be State of the Heart Care and carry a piece of that identity with us, but we are also growing and improving to better serve our communities moving forward. ... Ultimately it is the work we do that will continue to define us, and that simple fact has made this process of changing our name much more reassuring. We are happy to be moving forward with a fresh look and a renewed mission."

State of the Heart provides hospice services in Jay, Adams, Blackford, Delaware, Randolph, Grant and Wayne counties in Indiana and Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, Allen, Miami, Preble, Shelby and Van Wert counties in Ohio.

Helena awards

A Jay County High School student has been selected for a scholarship.

Helena Agri-Enterprises - Pennville announced this week

Business roundup

that Maria Dirksen has been chosen to receive the \$1,000 Helena Acre HomeGrown Scholarship.

Dirksen is a JCHS senior who will be attending Purdue University next year. She plans to pursue a degree in agribusiness.

Hosting webinar

Fort Recovery Insurance and Tomorrow's Technology Today are partnering with Arlington Roe to host a webinar regarding cyber liability insurance for businesses at 1 p.m. March 24.

Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, president and CEO of Tomorrow's Technology Today will host the event along with Connor Rammel and Amanda Hein-Siegrist of Fort Recovery Insurance. It will also feature Sonyia Townsend, professional liability and senior broker at Arlington Roe.

To sign up for the free event, visit tomtechtoday.com/free-executive-webinar.

Lifestream rebrands

LifeStream Services is rebranding with a new logo and mission.

The new logo features a blue-green script font in blue with the tag line — "for the young at

heart" — and accent in lime green.

"It's been more than 20 years since we've updated LifeStream's logo and other visual elements of the brand," said LifeStream president and CEO Jenny Hamilton in a press release. "I've been a part of LifeStream for over 20 years, so I've seen firsthand the changes we've gone through and changes to the aging industry in general. Updating our brand and visual identity enhances our place in the community and reaffirms LifeStream has the area's aging expert."

I&M names VP

Indiana Michigan Power on Friday named Katie Davis as its vice president of external affairs and customer experience.

Davis will lead I&M's new external affairs and customer experience team. She will replace Marc Lewis, who is retiring at the end of June.

"Katie brings the skills and experience to enhance I&M's commitment to excellent service for our customers and strong support of the communities we serve," said I&M president and chief operating officer Toby Thomas in a press release. "Katie will continue the important innovation and expansion of our customer service programs lead our public policy team and ensure that I&M robustly communicates with our customers, other stakeholders and the public."

Davis has previously worked for Duquesne Light Company in

Pittsburgh and Pacific Gas & Electric.

New dean named

Ball State University announced this week that it has selected Scott Edward Rutledge as its new dean of its college of health.

He will take over the rule July 1.

Rutledge most recently served as associate dean for faculty affairs in the college of public health at Temple University. He had been with the Philadelphia university since 2005 and previously worked at Florida State University.

"This is an exciting time for our College of Health," provost Susana Rivera-Mills said in a press release. "President Mearns and I believe Dr. Rutledge has the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the region and state as we work to meet the needs of the healthcare community and educate the next generation of healthcare leaders."

Blooming in Illinois

Invenergy's newest wind farm is in operation.

The company, which has proposed constructing a solar facility in northwest Jay County, announced Tuesday that its Blooming Grove Wind Energy Center is in operation. The facility in McLean County, Illinois, produces 250 megawatts of energy annually.

"Blooming Grove Wind Energy Center is Invenergy's 15th

project to achieve commercial operations in our home state, signifying our continued commitment to a clean energy economy in Illinois," said Invenergy executive vice president and chief commercial officer Jim Shield in a press release. "As a leading partner to corporate renewable energy purchasers, Invenergy is proud to celebrate this milestone with Verizon and Saint-Gobain, and commend their dedication to investing in clean energy and fostering resilient, sustainable communities."

Comcast appoints

Comcast Advertising announced this week that it has appointed Pooja Midha as its first chief growth officer.

In the position, Midha will oversee global marketing for Comcast and its subsidiaries. Planned changes include shifting to audience-based advertising and a focus on reaching potential customers via a wide variety of platforms.

Midha most recently was president of advertising technology company true[X].

"Pooja has been a great partner and leader in the advanced advertising space for many years," said Comcast Advertising president Marci Jenckes in a press release. "Now that she has joined our team, we are beyond excited that she will channel her exceptional skills and vision to help us drive growth during this time of true transformation."

Jay permits total nearly \$3.6 million

Largest project was wastewater treatment building

The first two months of the year were relatively quiet in terms of construction. One large project accounted for more than half of the total cost.

An ANR Pipeline Company wastewater treatment building was by far the largest project amongst the building permits Jay/Portland Building and Planning issued in January and February.

The ANR project at 6059 W. Indiana 26 was estimated at a cost of \$2 million.

Only four other projects cleared the \$100,000 mark during the first two months of the year, with the second largest a \$400,000 new home and grain bin for Robert and Carol Dirksen at 751 West 500 North. Other large projects included a \$350,000 ground mount solar array for Kraig Homan at 2424 S. 700 West; a \$120,000 renovation at the Family First practice at IU Health Jay, 500 W. Votaw St., Portland; and a \$100,000 new home for Lynn Boolman in the 1000 block of county road 300 West.

Permits for projects of \$50,000 or more were issued to: J&A Alexander of CWS Properties for a \$50,000 interior remodel at CWS Properties, 1425

W. Votaw St., Portland; Vernon Muhlenkamp for a \$50,000 compost building and grain bin at 7827 E. 600 North; Leander B. Schwartz for a \$65,000 new home at 7804 N. 200 East; Brady and Holly Johnson for a \$70,000 pool at 6221 W. 650 North; LeeAnn Pitman for an \$80,000 residential addition at 9498 W. 150 South; Brian Kunkler for a \$63,000 grain bin at 2845 S. 500 East; and Clint Davis for a \$50,000 garage/storage building at 3008 W. 400 North.

Permits were also issued to: Larry Alig for a \$28,000 storage building at 7592 E. Indiana 67; Diane Simmons for a \$3,000 pole building at 4004 W. 400 North; Floyd Cline for a \$16,000 barn lean-to at 2370 S. 600 East; Debra VanSkyock for a \$4,500 fence at 118 Dogwood Lane, Portland; Sidney Pitman for a \$5,000 enclosed porch at 9656 W. 350 North, Pennville; Justin Saxman for a \$30,000 pole building at 2433 W. 400 North, Portland; John W. Lewellen for a \$32,000 garage at 1423 E. Indiana 26, Portland; Cook's Nursery for a \$2,500 shade house rebuild at 235 W. Votaw St., Portland; Michael Steven Rines for a \$15,000 storage building at 2304 E. 50 North; Dilcia Ruiz for an \$800 business wall sign at Around the World candy store at 1309 N. Meridian St., Portland; and Terry Egly for a \$48,190 ground mount solar array at 11324 W. Indiana 26.

Business certificates of occupancy and compliance were issued to Dilcia Ruiz for Around the World at 1309 N. Meridian St., Portland, and James Brewster for Brewster LLC at 1221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Chip shortages may continue

By PAVEL ALPEYEV and YUKI FURUKAWA
Bloomberg

Renesas Electronics Corp.'s top executive warned that a global shortage of auto semiconductors may persist into the second half, joining other industry leaders in bracing for a chip crunch to snarl production of cars and gadgets well past the summer.

Industry giants from Continental to Innolux Corp. have in recent weeks warned of longer-than-anticipated deficits thanks to unprecedented covid-era demand for everything from cars to game consoles and smartphones. Renesas is running its most critical plants at full capacity to try and sate demand but there was no way of telling when the market might balance out, Chief Executive Officer Hidetoshi Shibata told Bloomberg News.

"Supply will remain tight through the first half of the year," Shibata said this week. "And the way things look now, the situation will continue into the second half. But it's anyone's guess."

Chipmakers like Renesas and its partner Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. are at the forefront of a global effort to plug a shortfall in supply of chips, the building blocks of a plethora of consumer products. Carmakers got hit first in part because of poor inventory planning and are expected to miss out on \$61 billion of sales this year alone.

Some analysts say shortages could get mostly ironed out in coming months. But the concern is that tight supply in certain segments — such as in more mature semiconductors where it takes time to build capacity — could

eventually throttle the broader consumer electronics industry and jack up prices if it persists. Semiconductors are now near the top of official agendas from Washington to Brussels.

Renesas, which vies with NXP Semiconductors and Infineon Technologies to supply automakers, is a prime barometer for the sector. It gets about half its revenue from car chips and counts all the major automakers among its clients, including Toyota, Ford, and Nissan. It also outsources some production of more advanced chips to TSMC, the world's largest contract manufacturer.

The company's 200-millimeter wafer line on the southern island of Kyushu is operating near full capacity while its 300-millimeter fab in Naka, north of Tokyo, is in "overdrive."

Deeds

Donald J. Walter to himself and Phyllis L. Walter, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 3 of New Corydon, Section 5, Wabash Township

Mei Zhen Zhang to Tomas Marentes Chavarria, warranty deed — Part of Lot 7 in Headington and LaFollette Addition, Portland

Eugene A. and Andrea Ritter to Paul E. Crouse, quit claim deed — Part of vacated alley between East Washington and Grand streets, Dunkirk Land Co. First Addition

Paul R. Crouse to Eugene A. and Andrea Ritter, quit claim deed — Part of vacated alley on

East Washington and Grand streets, Dunkirk Land Co. First Addition

Timothy C. Lewis and Anita M. Lewis to Paul and Jennifer Barger, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 1, Fleming Third Addition, Portland

Todd M. Fiechter to Invenergy Solar Project Development LLC, easement — Section 2, Penn Township, 40 acres

Judith T. Sodders Revocable Trust to Rodgers Farms LLC, trustee deed — Parts of Tracts 1 and 2, Section 22, Richland Township, about 100 acres

Melvin P. and Dolores D. Hanlin (both deceased) to Ervin D. and Erma

Graber, personal representative deed — Lot 26, Woodlawn Heights Addition

Fred W. Miller Jr. and Danielle M. Miller to Cynthia Robinson, warranty deed — Part of Tracts 1 and 2, Section 28, Richland Township, Redkey, about 10 acres

Janet E. Confer Walker to herself, death deed — Part of Section 21, Greene Township, Portland, 3.34 acres; Parts of Section 31, Jefferson Township, Redkey, 78.014 acres

Alana Lee LLC and Sanjiv Bahalla to Jeffery Mahaffey, warranty deed — Lot 3, Block 38, original plat of Dunkirk

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3-13 CRYPTOQUIP

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QDQQDWR IVNV JUQTYDYA:

AGV FTNDMMTZ OVNTUJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WAIT, YOU'RE CLAIMING THAT I'M REALLY BAD AT TYING UP BOATS IN PIERS? LOOK WHO'S DOCKING!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals N

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

St. Patrick's Day details

- 1) When was the first St. Patrick's Day parade held in New York City?
- 2) What was St. Patrick's name before he changed it when he became a priest?

2) Mæwyn Succat
1) 1762

3-15 CRYPTOQUIP

VWFPNDFGL PENP N VNP
VWKTC RHGFC JKVE WY DPR
PDJG DF YWL FW GOHTDVNSTG

LGNRWF: N TWDPGL SWO.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: SPAN OF EARTH'S HISTORY WHEN REALLY LONG-NECKED MAMMALS WERE DOMINANT: THE GIRAFFIC PERIOD.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals C

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to nutrition. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = E)

A. 14 6 18 16 5 15 14 18 21
Clue: Vitamins and minerals

B. 12 8 8 10
Clue: Nourishment

C. 26 17 3 8 16 5 15 21
Clue: Food energy

D. 10 5 15 18
Clue: The food a person eats

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to nutrition.

GKCONIO

Answer: Cooking

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Oklahoma on March 10, 1983. When I was a child I sang with a church choir and also participated in talent shows. I gained fame while participating in a popular American singing competition, which I ultimately won.

Answer: Carrie Underwood

kids' corner

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ANSWER: LISTENING TO MUSIC

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SPANISH: Instrumento
ITALIAN: Strumento
FRENCH: Instrument
GERMAN: Instrument

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1841: THE SUPREME COURT RULES THAT THE AMISTAD SLAVES WHO SEIZED CONTROL OF THE SHIP HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO SLAVERY ILLEGALLY.
1959: THE BARBIE DOLL MAKES IT DEBUT AT THE INTERNATIONAL TOY FAIR IN NEW YORK.

New Word

STACCATO
each music note sharply detached from the others

NUTRITION DATA WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ASCORBIC ACID
CALCIUM
CARBOHYDRATE
CHOLESTEROL
DAILY VALUE
ENZYMES
FIBER
FLAVONOIDS
FOLATE
FOLIC ACID
IRON
LIPIDS
MACRONUTRIENT
MAGNESIUM
MICROGRAM
NIACIN
NUTRITIONAL
PHOSPHATE
PROTEIN
RETINOL
SELENIUM
SODIUM
SUGAR
THIAMIN

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VARIOUS STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT MUSIC CAN STIMULATE COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN. IT ALSO IS A FUN WAY FOR STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: ELECTRIC GUITARS

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

40 Suitable
1 Troop member
6 Burn with steam
11 Collar stiffener
12 Consecrate
14 Table tennis
15 Brain-teaser
16 Bruins legend
17 Riyadh residents
19 Vegas opener
20 Stagger
22 — out a living
23 Joan of rock
24 '50s Ford
26 Country stores?
28 In shape
30 Muppet eagle
31 Meadow
35 Diving ducks
39 Skin care brand

DOWN

1 Gawked
2 Close-knit
3 O'Hare's airport
4 Bruins' sch.
5 "Ta-dal"
6 Frozen desserts
7 NFL analyst
8 Do sums
9 Soup servers
10 Widen
11 Fern seed
13 Egg holders
18 Alias letters
21 Southpaw
23 Blues singer
25 Lucy of "Elementary"
27 Long. crosser
29 Wall street workers
31 Frost works
32 In cahoots
33 Refused
34 Prefix with
36 Disagreeing
37 "Airplane!" actor
38 Trusty horse
41 Puccini opera
44 Oodles
45 Swedish auto
48 Broad-band letters
50 "CSI" find

Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 3-13

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 5 3
♥ A K 7 6 2
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 6

EAST
♠ J 9 8 2
♥ J 9 8 3
♦ 4
♣ K 9 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 7 6 4
♥ Q
♦ A K Q 10 9
♣ 7

The bidding:
North: 1♥ Pass
East: 3♥ Pass
South: 2♦ Pass
West: 4♠ Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Assume you're in six spades and West leads a club. After taking dummy's ace, what would you do next?

You might start drawing trump, expecting to make seven, but when West showed out, you'd begin to have doubts about even making six. And if you stopped drawing trump in order to test the diamonds by playing the A-K, your worst fears would be realized when East ruffed the second diamond and returned a club. You'd ruff, of course, but could not avoid

going down one.

You could attribute the result to bad luck, and you'd certainly have a case since your chances of going down are less than 1-in-20. However, close analysis reveals that the contract is ice-cold.

When the deal was played many years ago by Harry Fishbein, he made the slam in a perfectly simple way. He won the club lead with the ace and ruffed a club at trick two.

This innocent play made all the difference between making the slam and going down. When he next played the ace of spades and West showed out, Fishbein cashed the queen of hearts before playing the A-K of diamonds.

The long-range effect of the club ruff at trick two now became apparent when East had to decide whether to ruff the king of diamonds. If he ruffed, he would have to put the dummy on lead whatever he returned, and Fishbein would then be able to discard the 10-9 of diamonds on the A-K of hearts.

When East declined to ruff, Fishbein played the queen of diamonds, and East discarded again. Fishbein thereupon ruffed the nine of diamonds in dummy, establishing his ten, and although East overruffed, that was the only trick the defense could score.

Tomorrow: It looks wrong, but it's right.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The early bird catches the worm

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 7 3
♥ A 8
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 7 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 8 6 4 2
♥ —
♦ Q 10 6 4 3 2
♣ 10 6 3

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

The bidding:
West: 1NT
North: 4♥
East: 2♦
South: 3♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

Some endplays are sure to succeed, while others depend on how the unseen cards are divided and how well declarer gauges their distribution.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades against four hearts. Let's say declarer wins with dummy's ace and plays the A-K and another trump to West's queen.

West returns the queen of spades, ruffed by South, and declarer now plays all his trumps, reducing his hand to the K-7 of diamonds and A-Q

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 "Terrif!"
4 Saloon
7 Pretzel seasoning
11 Grad
13 Rage
14 New Mexico resort
15 Costa —
16 Earl Grey, e.g.
17 Sitarist's music
18 Pandemic face coverings
20 Anti-oxidant berry
22 Consume
24 "For shame!"
28 Best Picture of 1997
32 Quiet partner?
33 "Dream on!"
34 High tennis shot
36 Apple tablet
37 Honey-dew, e.g.
39 Scrabble tile features

DOWN

1 Crop-growing tract
2 Inter —
3 Tampa Bay team, for short
4 Morsel
5 Region
6 Flinch, say
7 Hit the jackpot
8 Small battery
9 Journal screening org.
12 Hit the jackpot
19 —
21 Nile reptile

Solution time: 21 mins.

SCOUT SCALD
STARARCH ORDAIN
PADDLE RIDDLE
ORR ARABS LAIS
REEL EKE JETT
ESEL ATLASSES
FIT SAM
PASTURE TEALS
OLAY APT STET
ELI ADIOS OSE
MIDDLE SADDLE
SENSOR CANDID
DOLTS ABASE

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 3-15

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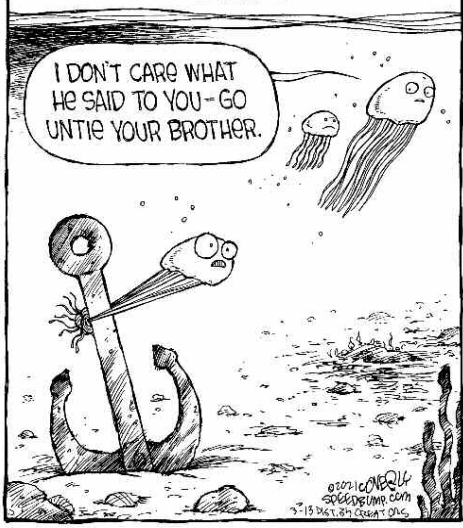
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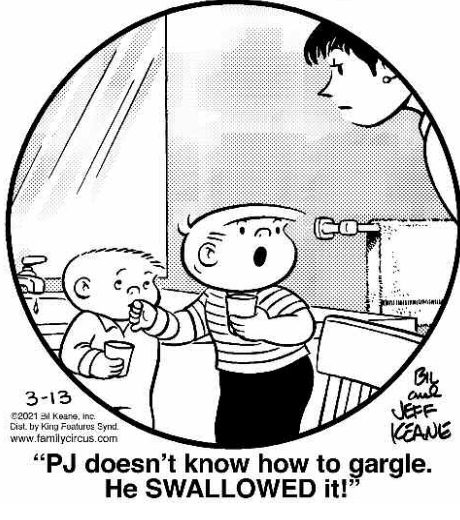
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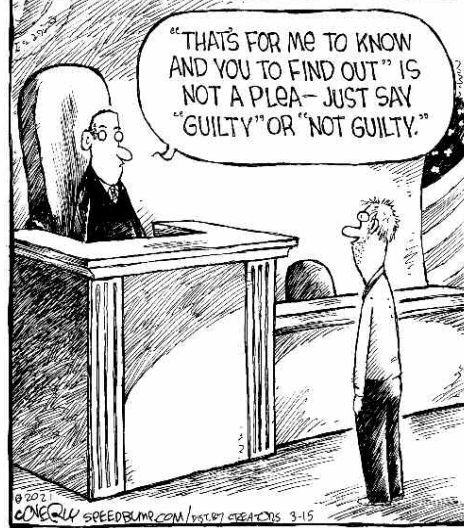
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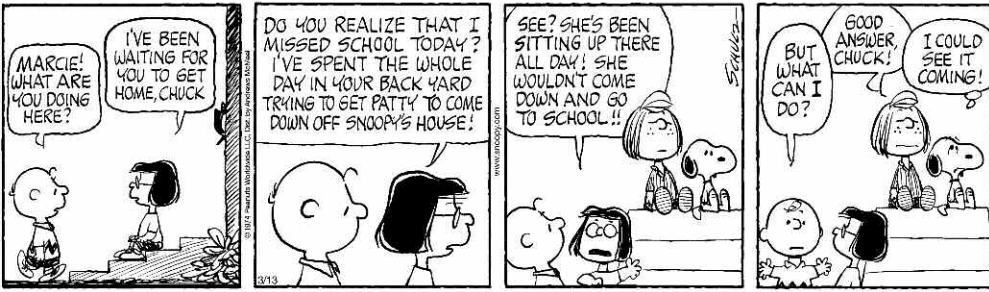
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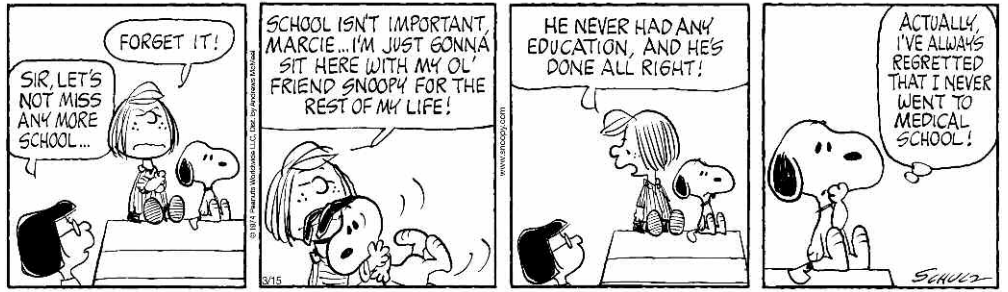
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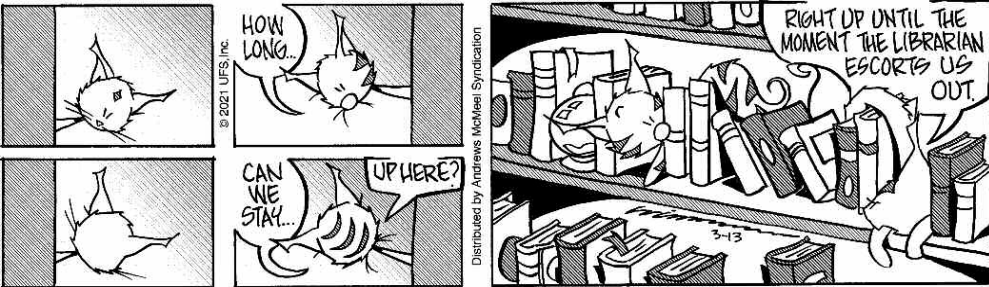
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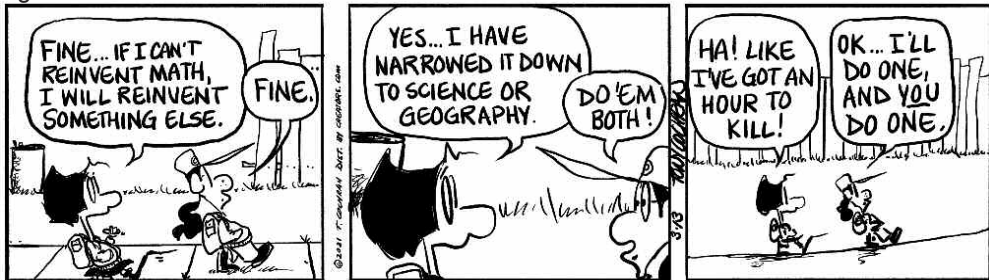
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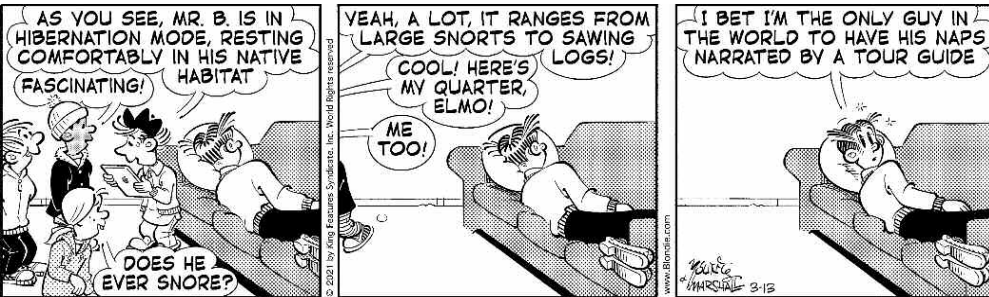
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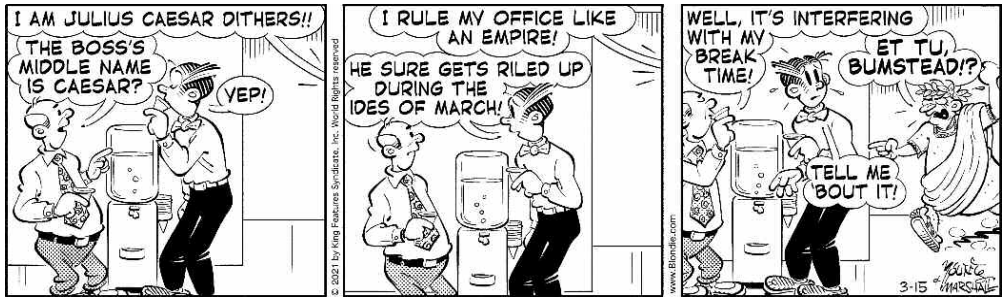
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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 38C01-2101-MF-000002 CROSSROADS FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. DAVID A. BROWN, Defendant. NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a Decree to me directed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in cause no. 38C01-2101-MF-000002, wherein CROSSROADS FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION is Plaintiff and DAVID A. BROWN is Defendant, rendering a Judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the sum of \$28,396.61, together with interest and costs thereon, ordering me to sell the real estate hereinafter described to make assets for the payment of said Judgment, and having served notice of this sale upon each owner claiming interest in the real estate hereinafter described, pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 32-29-7-3, including publication upon any owner whose whereabouts are unknown, I will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the 1st day of April, 2021, at 10 AM, at the Office of the Sheriff of Jay County, Indiana, 224 West Water Street, in the City of Portland, Indiana 47371, the real estate described as follows:

Forty-eight feet off and along the entire east side of Lot One Hundred Eight (108) in South Portland, now a part of the City of Portland, Indiana More commonly known as 204 West 2nd Street, Portland, IN 47371 together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof. Said sale will be made for cash and without any relief whatsoever from valuation and appraisal laws, and the purchaser at such sale will receive a Sheriff's Deed to real estate as by law provided. Dwane Ford Sheriff of Jay County, Indiana Attorney Rick Sprunger 1540 Shady Oak Dr. Berne, IN 46711. CR 2-27-3,6,13-2021 HSPAXLP

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Public Notice

Pennville Town Ordinance Number 2021-01 ORDINANCE REGULATING ABANDONED VEHICLES IN THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE, INDIANA AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2003-05

WHEREAS the Council for the Town of Pennville, Indiana did adopt Ordinance Number 2003-05 regulating abandoned vehicles within the Town of Pennville: WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Pennville believes that Ordinance Number 2003-05 should be repealed and replaced;

WHEREAS, there exist conditions in the Town of Pennville that make the regulation of vehicles reasonable for conditions of public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE FOLLOWS:

A. DEFINITIONS

Abandoned vehicle shall be interpreted as follows: 1. A vehicle located on public property illegally; 2. A vehicle left on public property without being moved for three days; 3. A vehicle located on public property in such a manner as to constitute a hazard or objection to the movement or pedestrians or vehicular traffic on a public right-of-way 4. A vehicle that has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of that property for more than 48 hours: 5. A vehicle from which the engine, transmission, or differential has been removed or that is otherwise partially dismantled or inoperable and left on public property: 6.A vehicle that has been removed by a towing service or public agency upon request of an officer enforcing this chapter if the impounded vehicle is not claimed or redeemed by the owner or the owner's agent within 20 days after the vehicle's removal; and 7. A vehicle that is at least three model years old, is mechanically inoperable and is left of private property continuously in a location visible from public property for more than 20 days. 8. Any style or type of conveyance. whether for the transportation of persons or property that is unfit for further use as a vehicle that will conform to all the specifications required to pass a legal inspection: a conveyance not bearing a current license plate; or a conveyance that appears to be obsolete and derelict and that has been placed on blocks or jacks for a period exceeding thirty (30) days whether on a public right-of-way or on a private or public lot exposed to view of the general public. Person means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind. Property means any real property located within the corporate boundaries of the town which is not a street or highway. Street or Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public way maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. Vehicle means any machine propelled by power other than human power designed to travel along the ground by use of wheels, treads, runners, or slides and transport persons or property or pull machinery and shall include, without limitation, automobile truck, trailer, motorcycle and tractor.

B. ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLES No person shall abandon any vehicle within the corporate boundaries of the Town and no person shall leave any vehicle at any place within the Town for such time and under such circumstances as to cause such vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned. C. LEAVING AN ABANDONED VEHICLE ON THE STREETS No person shall leave any abandoned, partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked or junked vehicle on any street or highway within the Town. D. VEHICLES DEEMED TO BE ABANDONES This chapter shall not apply to the following: 1 A vehicle in an enclosed building; 2. A vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in it lawful place and manner when necessary to the operating of such business enterprise; or 3. A vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner in the Town. E. TAGGING OF ABANDONED VEHICLE PARTS The Town Marshal or any member of his or her department designated by him or her who finds or is notified that a vehicle or parts believed to be abandoned shall attach in a prominent place a notice tag containing the following information: 1. The date, time, officer's name, public agency and address and telephone number to contact for more information: 2. That the vehicle or parts arc considered abandoned: 3. That the vehicle or parts will be moved after 72 hours: 4. That the person who owns the vehicle will be held responsible for all costs incidental to the removal, storage and disposal of the vehicle; and 5. That the person who owns the vehicle may avoid costs by removal of the vehicle or pans within 72 hours. F. OFFICER'S ABANDONED VEHICLE REPORT If a vehicle or part tagged under this Ordinance is not removed within the 72-hour period, the Town Marshal or any member of his or her department designated by him or her shall prepare a written abandoned vehicle report of the vehicle or parts, including information on the condition, missing parts, and other facts that might substantiate the estimated market value of the vehicle or parts. Photographs shall be taken to describe the condition of the vehicle or parts. The report shall contain a description of the vehicle, including: the make, model, identification number, number of the license plate. The Town Marshal or any member of his or her department designated by him shall conduct a search or national data bases, including a data base of vehicle information numbers, to attempt to obtain the name and address of the person who owns or holds a lien on the vehicle. G. DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES 1. If, in the opinion of the Town Marshal or any member of his department designated by him or her, market value of an abandoned vehicle or parts is less than \$100, the Town Marshal, or any member of his department designated by him or her, shall immediately dispose of the vehicle to an automobile scrapyard. A copy of the abandoned vehicle report and photographs relating to the abandoned vehicle shall be forwarded to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. 2. If, in the opinion of the Town Marshal or any member of his department designated by him or her, the market value of the abandoned vehicle or parts is at least \$100, the Town Marshal, or any member of his department designated by him or her, before placing a notice tag on the vehicle or parts, shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain the person who owns the vehicle or parts or who may be in control of the vehicle or parts. After 72 hours, the Town Marshal, or any member of his department designated by him or her, shall require the vehicle or parts to be towed to a storage area. 3. The vehicle shall be impounded until lawfully claimed and reasonable towing and storage charges arc paid, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with state law. 4. The Town may enter into any necessary contracts for the towing, storage, and disposition of the abandoned vehicles and parts. H. ISSUANCE OF WRITTEN DEMAND FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY 1. The Town Marshal or any member of his department designated by him or her is authorized to issue a written demand to the owner, occupant, agent or other person in possession of the premises upon which any abandoned vehicle is kept in violation of this Ordinance, notifying any such person to remove such vehicle or respond to the notice within 72 hours from the receipt of said notice. Said written demand shall be placed upon said motor vehicle, and a copy thereof shall be served upon any adult occupying the real estate on which the vehicle is located, and upon the owner of the vehicle, if known. 2. If no occupant of the real estate or owner of the motor vehicle can be found on the premises, a notice affixed to any building on the real estate, or if there is no building, a notice affixed elsewhere on said real estate shall constitute notice to the owner and/or occupant of the real estate and to the owner of the abandoned vehicle. 3. Failure to remove the vehicle or respond to the notice within 72 hours shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance and subject occupant of the real estate and owner of vehicle to the penalty set forth herein. I. DEMOLITION DERBY CARS Any vehicle in an operable condition specifically adapted or constructed for exclusive operation on privately-owned raceways, or parts thereof, shall not be stored on private or public property unless stored inside a closed building out of public view. Demolition derby cars that are scheduled to participate in any sanctioned Jay County event are exempt from this provision for a two-week period beginning seven days prior to the start of any sanctioned Jay County event and ending seven days subsequent to the end of any sanctioned Jay County event. J. NO LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY Nothing within the Ordinance shall limit the powers and authority given to the Town pursuant to Indiana Code § 9-22-1 et seq (or any amendment thereto). K. PENALTY Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined an amount not exceeding \$50 per violation. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall also be responsible for paying all costs and expenses for removing, towing and storing said abandoned vehicle as determined by the person towing and storing the subject vehicle. Each day any portion of this Ordinance is violated for each vehicle in violation shall constitute a separate violation for the purposes of this penalty (i.e., one violation = one vehicle and one calendar day). L. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Town Council and publication, As required by law. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Pennville this 2ND day of February, 2021 Alicia Corwin Tim Smith Millie J Ellis Attested: Krista M. Scholer, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Pennville CR 3-13-2021-HSPAXLP

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Buckeyes beat Boilermakers in OT, reach semis

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Seth Towns is a natural when it comes to staying poised.

So when Ohio State coach Chris Holtmann needed an extra body to fill a key role Friday, he gave the Harvard transfer an opportunity.

Towns took full advantage of it, scoring a season-high 12 points in 11 minutes and making the tiebreaking free throw to start overtime as the ninth-ranked Buckeyes beat No. 21 Purdue 87-78 in the Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals.

Towns scored six points in OT, including a crucial 3-pointer with 2:53 left.

“Seth and I had a conversation last night and I just felt like he was going to play well tonight,” Holtmann said after earning his 200th career victory. “I just felt very confident in his mindset where his head was. It’s a great, great credit to him.”

The Buckeyes (20-8) may need their graduate transfer to come up big in Saturday’s semifinal matchup against No. 4 Michigan, their longtime rival and the Big Ten regular-season champs, especially if Kyle Young is out. Young matched his career with 18 points in the first half but missed most of the second half after taking an inadvertent elbow to the head.

Young tried to play but eventu-

ally came out and did not return. Ohio State also finished the game without all-conference forward E.J. Liddell, who fouled out after scoring 17 points, grabbing five rebounds and dishing out five assists.

Duane Washington Jr. led Ohio State with 20 points.

For the Buckeyes, it was another harrowing close call. Just 24 hours after Minnesota cut a 14-point lead to one in the final 3 1/2 minutes of Thursday’s tourney opener, they blew an 18-point half-time lead.

Towns rescued them. “Seth is always under control and calm,” Liddell said, cracking a smile. “I feel like Seth is always

the level-headed one and he made the big plays, the big shots.”

It was a big moment, too. Ohio State had lost both of the other games against the Boilermakers (18-9) and the victory sends them to their first semifinal appearance since 2014.

Trevion Williams finished with 26 points, 14 rebounds and five assists as Purdue’s five-game winning streak ended. Jaden Ivey added 19 points.

“It was on us,” Boilermakers forward Mason Gillis said when asked about the momentum shift in overtime. “We missed a free throw box out, they get a layup, a runner and a 3 (from Towns) and that’s it right there.”

Big picture

Ohio State: One day after snapping a four-game losing streak, the Buckeyes won another game in less than impressive fashion. Yes, they need to develop a stronger knockout punch to make a deep NCAA Tournament run. What they do have, however, is grit and depth.

Purdue: One of the Big Ten’s hottest teams was doomed by a miserable first half in Indy. It’s only the second loss the Boilermakers have suffered inside Indiana this season. But now they’ll get some extra rest before resuming next week in one of the three Indiana cities hosting tourney action this season.

Takes ...

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He drilled his approach to inches away on the par-5 11th for his third eagle of the week, which already ties the tournament record.

And he finished in style with an approach that danced around the flag and settled 5 feet away for birdie on the 18th.

“It was a beautiful roller coaster,” Garcia said. “There were a lot of good things. Unfortunately, a lot of bad things. But more than anything there was a lot of fighting, and that’s one of the things that I’m most proud of because when things are not really happening and you miss a couple putts here and there, it’s easy to kind of let the round get away from you.”

When the second round was suspended by darkness, 16 players were within five shots of the lead.

DeChambeau was in the group three shots behind after a 69 that began with a double bogey from the trees and a muffed chip out of the rough from behind the green. He was bogey-free the rest of the way on a course that doesn’t let him swing for the fences because of water and cross

bunkers and other brands of trouble.

“I’m happy with the fact that I’ve still been able to keep myself in it and score well,” DeChambeau said. “I’ve been pretty lucky, for the most part. I don’t think that’ll happen this weekend. I’ve got to make sure that my game is good off the tee, so I don’t have those issues occurring and I don’t have to rely on luck for the most part. I have to get it in the fairway.”

Kirk holed out from the first fairway for eagle and closed with back-to-back birdies for a 65. Starting with a chip-in for birdie on the 15th, he played six straight holes in 6 under.

Sungjae Im tied the tournament record with six straight birdies, a streak that ended when he missed the green to the left on the par-3 third, and even then he nearly chipped in. He had to settle for a 66 and was three shots behind.

Dustin Johnson wasted a good start and shot 70, leaving him eight shots behind. Jordan Spieth made his first double bogey in 411 holes — the longest streak of his career — and shot 74 to make the cut on the number.

Signs ...

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David’s contract, of which \$20 million is guaranteed, includes voidable years that make it salary cap friendly.

Brady’s extension also includes voidable years to provide cap relief this winter.

“Tom is one of those great guys who understands that it takes a whole village to win. It takes a team, a group of guys, to win football games,” David said.

“Me, the same thing. I’m all about team,” the linebacker, who’s played his entire nine-year career with the Bucs, added. “I’m doing what I can and doing what it takes to hopefully get everybody back and go do this thing again.”

Tampa Bay was estimated to be more than \$7 million over the salary cap before the 43-year-old Brady, who has said he wants to play until he’s at least 45, extended his contract.

With the quarterback’s help, the

Bucs can now turn their attention to trying to reach a long-term deal with linebacker Shaquil Barrett, the 2019 NFL sack leader who earned \$15.8 million last season while playing under the franchise tag.

Tight end Rob Gronkowski, wide receiver Antonio Brown, defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh, running back Leonard Fournette and kicker Ryan Succop among the other free agents Licht and coach Bruce Arians hope to retain.

Sports on tap

Scoreboard

Men’s college basketball
Oklahoma State 83, Baylor 74
Illinois 90, Rutgers 68
Michigan 79, Maryland 66
Alabama 85, Mississippi State 48
Houston 77, Tulane 52
Arkansas 70, Missouri 64
Ohio State 87, Purdue 78 F/OT

Local schedule

Today
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.

Tuesday
Jay County — Junior high swimming vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.

Thursday
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage at Tri-Village — 5 p.m.; Softball scrimmage at Perry — 5 p.m.

March 20
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage vs. Lima Senior — 11 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
11 a.m. — Men’s College Basketball: UMass Lowell at Hartford (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Ohio State vs. Michigan (CBS); Morgan State vs. Norfolk State (ESPN2); Tennessee vs. Alabama (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: TBA (CBS)
5:30 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball (CBS/ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball (FOX)
7 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball (ESPN2)
8:30 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: North Texas vs. Western Kentucky (CBSN)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana

Pacers at Phoenix Suns (FSN)
10:30 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball (ESPN)
11 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball (ESPN2)

Sunday
Noon — Men’s College Basketball: Loyola Maryland at Colgate (CBSSN)
1 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball VCU vs. St. Bonaventure (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Cup Series at Phoenix (FOX)
3:30 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball (CBS)
9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN)

Monday
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Denver Nuggets (FSN)
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

Tuesday
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Utah

Jazz at Boston Celtics (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Portland Trail Blazers (TNT)

Wednesday
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Brooklyn Nets (FSN); Milwaukee Bucks at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)

Local notes

Registration opens today
Portland Junior League will have two registration days beginning today. The session will be from 9 a.m. to noon on today 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 PJL’s Facebook page.
The league is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 15.

To have an event listed in “Sports on tap,” email details to sports@thecr.com.

Sports

Collegiate Check-up to make return Thursday

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Let me take this opportunity to offer my sincerest apologies.

It took a rare spring college football game on March 6 for me to realize a mistake I made.

Slightly more than a year ago, when the ongoing coronavirus pandemic brought the world to a screeching halt and forever changed the sports landscape, something that had been a staple of The Commercial Review's Thursday sports section was put on the back burner.

As college athletics were canceled in spring 2020 and then the fall season altered — on Sept. 16 the NCAA Division I council announced moving a number of

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fall championships to the spring — I lost track of area athletes who had gone on to pursue athletics in college.

I was under the impression after the NCAA, which states it has nearly a half million athletes in its three divisions, decided to make changes to its seasons that the rest, such as NAIA, had followed suit.

Therefore, the Collegiate Check-up, which appeared each Thursday edition of The CR and highlighted the accomplishments of those area kids competing at the next level, went by the wayside.

It's one thing for area kids to get coverage when they're amidst their prep careers, but the chosen few whose athletic endeavors extend beyond high school warrant coverage as well.

Prior to March 2020, those athletes got to be in the limelight.

It's why I've attended Indiana Tech men's basketball games, gone to University of Saint Francis football and volleyball games, or gone in the depths of the tunnels at Ball State University's

Lewellen Pool.

It's also why I've gone to Fort Wayne TinCaps games to cover a former Jay County High School athlete playing professional baseball.

Since the pandemic began, however, current college athletes have inadvertently been neglected in The CR sports section.

It took randomly stumbling upon news the USF football team was set to begin its season on March 6 which reminded me what has been missing recently.

For that, I am sorry. Beginning Thursday, Collegiate Check-up will again appear in the pages of The Commercial Review and on our website, thecr.com.

It's when readers will discover two Jay County graduates have reunited as members, and leaders of, the IU-South Bend men's golf team; a former South Adams Starfire posted one of the fastest times in Purdue history; a former JCHS standout put herself among the best Ball State swimmers of all time; and another Patriot swimmer set a Bethel University record, was a runner-up in her conference and qualified for the national championships.

And with spring sports underway at the collegiate level, those athletes will get their due recognition as well.

Again, let me apologize for the mishap of excluding these athletes during this 2020-21 season.

Brady signs extension

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady has agreed to a contract extension with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers that provides the Super Bowl champions with much-needed salary cap relief and will help the seven-time NFL champion reach a goal of playing until he's at least 45.

Brady posted a picture of himself on Twitter, signing the extension Friday with the message: "In pursuit of 8 ... LFG@Buccaneers we're keeping the band together."

The extension confirmed by the team frees about \$19 million in salary cap space, a move that improves Tampa Bay's chances of returning as much of its championship roster as possible for 2021.

Seven starters from the Super Bowl were among two dozen Buccaneers eligible to become free agents next week.

"When we acquired Tom a year ago, we were extremely excited about the leadership, poise and winning track record that he would bring to our lock-

er room. Since that time, he has proven himself to be the ultimate competitor and delivered in every way we had imagined, helping us capture the Lombardi Trophy," general manager Jason Licht said.

"Year after year," the GM added, "Tom proves that he remains one of the elite quarterbacks in this game and we couldn't be happier to keep him in Tampa Bay as we continue to pursue our goals together."

Brady's extension adds an extra season on the two-year, \$50 million contract he signed in free agency last March following a 20-year run with the New England Patriots.

The five-time Super Bowl MVP capped his first season with the Bucs by leading Tampa Bay to its first championship in 18 years.

In preparation for the start of free agency next week, Licht placed the franchise tag on receiver Chris Godwin and signed linebacker Lavonte David to a two-year, \$25 million contract that was announced Friday.

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Drew drives

Drew LeFever (center), a Taylor University senior, drives forward for a couple extra yards while being blanketed by a pair of University of Saint Francis defenders during the first quarter March 6 at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on the campus of USF in Fort Wayne. LeFever, a 2017 South Adams High School graduate, got the start and had 43 yards on 14 carries in the Trojan's 24-10 loss to the NAIA No. 9 Cougars.

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Westwood takes lead

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Lee Westwood isn't interested in comparing himself with the player who rose to No. 1 in the world a decade ago. All he knows is he's playing some of his best golf, and he gets another chance to see if it can hold up against the best field.

Westwood had all the shots Friday in a bogey-free round at The Players Championship, with two birdies at the start and a nifty pitch to a troublesome pin on the par-5 ninth to close with a another birdie and a 6-under 66.

That gave him a one-shot lead over Matt Fitzpatrick (68) going into the weekend on the Stadium Course at the TPC Sawgrass, with U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau not too far behind.

Westwood, who turns 48 next month, played well enough to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational last week at Bay Hill except that DeChambeau was one shot better in a fascinating duel of generations on a course that favors power.

Sawgrass favors no particular style, and it produced an eclectic mix of contenders at the halfway point.

"I think to compete in any of these tournaments against the best players in the world, you can't have any weaknesses in your game," Westwood said. "I wouldn't be able to say I'm doing this better or that better. There's not a shot out there I'm afraid of. There's not a shot out there I'll walk up to and think, 'I haven't got this one.'

"I'm comfortable out there with everything."

He was at 9-under 135 and will be part of the All-England final pairing Saturday.

Sergio Garcia was another shot back after a 72 that looked like it was a lot worse with so many putts the Spaniard missed, including a 23-inch par putt on the 15th hole that followed a 5-foot par putt he missed on the 14th.

Still, the 2008 champion showed plenty of game — and enough par putts that went in — to stay in the hunt.

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