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Getting Current

Jay grad steps in as business manager

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

After nearly 20 years of stability, the last few have been full of change for the Jay School Corporation business office.

Shannon Current hopes she can bring stability for decades to come.

Jay School Board this month voted to remove the “interim” from Current’s title, hiring her as the corporation’s business manager. She had been filling in since November following the death of Tarinna Morris.

“(Becoming business manager) was always the plan,” said Current. “That was my goal. It has just happened a lot sooner than expected.”

Current (née O’Dell) first thought about becoming business manager after she was hired as the corporation’s payroll coordi-

nator. Then-business manager Brad DeRome asked her if it was something she’d be interested in down the road. She was, though she assumed DeRome would be with Jay Schools until his retirement.

When DeRome left to become chief financial officer for Muncie Community Schools in 2018, Mike Bush filled in on an interim basis. Morris was hired to take over the full-time role in February 2019.

During the second week of November, Morris was not feeling well. She was later hospitalized, suffered a stroke and underwent brain surgery in an effort to alleviate pressure. She died Nov. 16.

“When she died, that was a huge shock,” said Current. “She left one day and she wasn’t feeling good. A week went by, and then it was like all of sudden she’s in the

emergency room, the hospital. And then on Monday, at the board meeting, we found out she passed away.”

Current, who had been serving as deputy treasurer, stepped in to fill the business manager void on an interim basis.

At the March 15 school board meeting, Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley recommended she be hired as the full-time business manager. The board approved her hiring unanimously.

“I’m very pleased,” said Gulley at the meeting, noting that he taught Current in his American history class at Jay County High School. “It’s really neat to see a kid coming out of your classroom, who works hard, does all the right moves, gets the education and works up the ladder.”

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Senate passes bill on special sessions

Measure comes in response to COVID declarations

By DAN CARDEN
The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

The Indiana Senate voted Monday to grant the General Assembly the authority to convene an “emergency session” any time the governor declares a statewide emergency, regardless of whether the governor sees a need to call lawmakers back to the Statehouse.

State Sen. Sue Glick, R-LaGrange, said House Bill 1123 is the Legislature’s response to the emergency powers exercised for the past year by Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb as he’s worked to address major and minor state needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The proposal does not rescind any of the governor’s emergency powers that have been the source of much consternation for some Hoosiers and their elected representatives, especially in connection with the governor’s face mask directive and stay-at-home orders aimed at minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

Instead, under the plan, House and Senate leaders would gain the ability to call the General Assembly into emergency session for up to 40 days when top lawmakers decide legislative action is needed to respond to a state of emergency declared by the governor or to undo his emergency orders.

Notably, the Republican-controlled General Assembly already has been meeting since January in its regular, annual session, and so far has not exercised its existing authority to immediately terminate the governor’s COVID-19 emergency orders by a simple majority vote in each chamber.

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Hundreds hop

Hundreds of children converged at Van Trees Park’s Hein Amphitheater on Saturday morning for the Fort Recovery Bunny Hop hosted by Fort Recovery Merchants Association. Pictured, a girl grins while carrying her haul of Easter eggs.

Ship cleared from Suez Canal

By NABIH BULOS
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

BEIRUT — The giant container ship that had plugged the Suez Canal for nearly a week was dragged off the channel’s banks and refloated Monday, allowing ships to once again traverse the 120-mile vital waterway and easing fears of a major, prolonged disruption to world trade.

The Ever Given had been trapped in the canal since Tuesday after its ends ran aground on opposite banks, blocking passage to hundreds of vessels and putting an Empire-State-Building-sized obstruction in a canal that handles about a tenth of global maritime commercial traffic.

“I am excited to announce that our team of experts, working in close collaboration with the Suez

Canal Authority, successfully refloated the Ever Given on 29 March at 15:05 hrs local time, thereby making free passage through the Suez Canal possible again,” Peter Berdowski, chief executive of the Dutch salvage firm Boskalis, said in a statement. “I’m extremely proud of the outstanding job done by the team on site as well as the many SMIT Salvage and Boskalis colleagues back home to complete this challenging

operation under the watchful eye of the world.”

Leth Agencies, which offers services to ships transiting the canal, was more succinct in a tweet Monday afternoon: “M/V EVER GIVEN is no longer #grounded.”

Later it said that vessels had resumed transit, with 43 departing the Great Bitter Lake, a wide section of the canal used as a waiting area during the crisis.

Vessel has been refloated, opening major trade route

Dozens of other ships would then enter from Port Said for a south-bound journey across the channel.

The full dislodging of the 200,000-ton vessel — a so-called ultra-large container ship — came after a last-ditch effort that took hours after the ship was already partially refloated earlier Monday.

Overnight Sunday, 10 tugboats had pulled the ship from four different directions, the Egyptian state-run Suez Canal Authority said. But it was the tide, drawn by a full moon, that may have been the decisive factor in the partial refloating: At about 4:30 a.m. local time, with water levels rising in the area, the mega-ship was “successfully refloated,” Lt. Gen. Osama Rabie, the authority’s chief, said in a statement Monday.

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Deaths

Donald Walter, 69, rural Pennville
Charles A. Wendel, 84, Burksville, Kentucky
Robert Bentz, 71, rural Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 57 degrees Monday in Jay County. The low was 42.
Expect a windy, rainy night with showers after 8 p.m. and gusts over 40 miles per hour. The low will be 41. Wednesday’s high will be in the upper 40s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County High School’s winter guard finished its season Saturday by placing 26th at the Indiana High School Color Guard Association Regional A Championships at Franklin Central High School. Jay County scored 67.99 points. Host Franklin Central won with 85.4 and Elkhart was second with 84.65.

Coming up

Wednesday — A look back at a year of COVID-19 in Jay County.

Friday — Coverage of Thursday’s Portland Plan Commission meeting.



Capsule Reports

Turning collision

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Portland man driving north on Indiana 67 collided with a Redkey man's vehicle about 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Michael E. Alberson, 34, told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was driving his 2016 Jeep north on the highway following farm machinery.

He turned on his signal to turn left onto Como Road and collided with a 2012 Hyundai Tucson driven by Dewey L.

Osborne, 59.

Osborne told officers he was trying to pass several vehicles south of Como Road on the highway at the time Alberson attempted to turn left, resulting in the collision.

Blown over

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after strong winds blew over a California truck driver's vehicle on county road 800 East about 4:45 p.m. Thursday.

Singh Jatinder, 33, Fontana,

California, was driving on the road near county road 200 South when the wind turned the 2021 Freightliner TR he was driving on its side.

The truck is registered to Big Bird Trucking Inc. of Fontana, California.

Deer hit

A Bryant man drove into a deer on county road 50 West about 7 p.m. Saturday.

Lance R. Buckland, 34, was driving north on the road near county road 900 North when

his vehicle struck deer.

Buckland told Jay County Sheriff's Office he couldn't stop in time because he couldn't see through the fog.

Damage to Buckland's 2005 Chevrolet Colorado is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Door ding

A Marion man hit another car while opening his driver's side door at Walmart about 2 p.m. Sunday.

Christopher J. McKim told Portland Police Department he

pulled into a parking spot at 950 W. Votaw St. next to a 2015 Cadillac Escalade, registered to Jerald I. Fair of Winchester, and opened his 2006 Jeep Commander door. (He told police he didn't know he hit the other car.)

Then he backed his vehicle and parked in another spot. Video evidence later confirmed McKim's story — no one was in the Escalade when the accident occurred.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

CR almanac

Wednesday 3/31	Thursday 4/1	Friday 4/2	Saturday 4/3	Sunday 4/4
47/25	37/23	48/34	63/42	68/46
Rain likely before 8 a.m. Otherwise mostly cloudy with winds between 10 and 15 mph.	Skies will be mostly sunny Thursday, with wind gusts as high as 25 mph. Clear evening.	Sunny skies all day and night. Temperatures will begin to get warmer for the rest of the week.	Another day of sunshine in the forecast for Saturday. Mostly clear night skies.	Sunny skies by day and clear evening skies by night. Otherwise relatively warm.

Lotteries

Powerball Saturday 6-14-38-39-65 Powerball: 6 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Estimated jackpot: \$95,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$152 million	
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 5-5-0 Daily Four: 5-8-7-3 Evening Daily Three: 2-9-2 Daily Four: 9-6-0-8 Quick Draw: 2-4-8-14-17-18-25-27-30-33-37-46-47-54-61-62-63-68-73-78 Cash 5: 7-27-28-34-44	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 7-0-6 Pick 4: 9-9-9-9 Pick 5: 7-3-2-5-9 Evening Pick 3: 3-0-1 Pick 4: 6-9-3-7 Pick 5: 1-3-3-3-1 Rolling Cash 5: 1-10-11-23-33 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 5-12-13-20-31-49 Kicker: 1-9-6-1-9-4 Jackpot: \$6.4 million

Markets

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Today in history

On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by John W. Hinckley, Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia, first used ether as an anesthetic during an operation to remove a patient's neck tumor.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th

Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.

In 1971, Leonard L. Hatch, 51, Redkey, died after the pickup truck he was driving went off of Indiana 1 in Wells County and struck a utility pole.

In 1975, as the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of Da Nang.

In 2009, President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry, rejecting turnaround plans from General Motors and Chrysler and raising the prospect of controlled bankruptcy for either ailing auto giant.

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Citizen's calendar

Thursday 6 p.m. — Portland 10 a.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

6 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Obituaries

Donald Walter

Aug. 22, 1951-March 28, 2021
Donald Eugene Walter, age 69, a resident of rural Pennville, passed away Sunday, March 28, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Donald was a lifelong farmer in Greene Township, Jay County. He was a 1969 graduate of Pennville High School.



Walter

Donald Eugene Walter was born Aug. 22, 1951, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Vern and Irene (Betz) Walter. He was married to Laurel Michaelson on Sept. 16, 1995.

Survivors include: His wife — Laurel Walter, rural Pennville
Son — Michael Walter, rural Pennville,
Three daughters — Jennifer, Cherie and Caroline Walter, rural Pennville

Two brothers — Fred Walter and Roger Walter, rural Portland.

Two nephews — Rob Walter, rural Portland, and Kris Michaelson, Huntington

Brother-in-law — Marvin Michaelson, Huntington

Several cousins, aunts and uncles

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Walter; and his parents.

Visitation for friends and family will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the

funeral home. Pastor Denny Helton will officiate the services and burial will follow in the IOOF Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Charles Wendel

Feb. 23, 1937-March 23, 2021
Charles A. Wendel, 84, of Burksville, Kentucky, formerly of Portland and Carmel, Indiana, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at his residence.



Wendel

Charles was born in Portland, Indiana, on Feb. 23, 1937, a son of the late Seraphim C. and Olive V. (Snider) Wendel. He was a graduate of Portland High School and husband of Sonya K. (Payne) Wendel who he happily married on Jan. 16, 1960, and sadly lost on April 20, 2018.

Charles was an extremely driven, hardworking, devoted father and provider. He was a social butterfly who enjoyed people and working with the public throughout his lifelong and prominent career in sales.

Charles was a meticulous gardener who took great pride in his yard and his pure bread Weimarans, and adored taking walks with his wife.

He is survived by three sons, Dan Wendel, Devon Wendel and Dustin Wendel (wife: Kristine); two daughters, Daphne Marks and Debrah Curtis (husband: Leslie);

14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; wife Sonya; one brother, Michael P. Wendel; and one sister, Wilma Kay (Wendel) Delauter.

Friends are invited to call Friday, April 2, 2021, from 5 to 7 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2021, at MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel with Pastor Jerry Zehr officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

Please be assured that for your health and safety, all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, government and local health department recommendations and guidelines are followed (county maximum with social distancing, masks are to be worn while in attendance, hand sanitizer will be available, extra cleaning, and disinfecting measures have been taken).

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel.

Robert Wayne Bentz, rural Redkey, July 27, 1949-March 28, 2021 Services were 2 p.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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.

Current ...

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In addition to Current's move, other shuffling in the business office includes Irene Taylor to deputy treasurer; Amy Reinhart to payroll coordinator and Kendra Harris to accounts payable. (Both Taylor and Reinhart have previously worked in the accounts payable position.)

DeRome and Bush are providing a quality assurance and technical training support package for Current, while former deputy treasurer Violet Current (Shannon's aunt by marriage) trains Taylor.

"It's been hectic," said Current, while adding it will be beneficial to have so many employees cross-trained on each other's jobs. "But we're doing our best, and I think we're doing well."

"It's been a whirlwind for sure."

Current, who says she loves spreadsheets, has always wanted to work with numbers. So, after graduating from JCHS in 2005 she went on to Defiance College in Ohio to major in finance and accounting. She earned her bachelor's degree in 2008.

She worked several jobs, including at W&M Manufacturing, before joining Jay School Corporation in 2012.

She played volleyball for the Patriots while in high school and has coached junior high volleyball in recent years, though coaching will no longer be in the mix with her new position. She enjoys playing volleyball and spending time outdoors, and also attends Union Chapel Church.

Current's goal in her new role is to help keep Jay School Corporation on strong financial footing. And, having commuted to Indianapolis for a job shortly after college, she's thrilled to live just 5 miles from her office and 5 miles from where her 6-year-old son Draven goes to school at Redkey Elementary.

She sees the Jay Schools business manager job as a keeper.

"I want to do my very best to produce the budget, to be as accurate as possible," said Current. "I love Jay County. I don't want to go anywhere. My plan, my hope is just to stay here and retire from Jay Schools."

Deeds

Ruth J. Hare to Ad Home Properties LLP, warranty deed — Part of Section 8, Richland Township, Dunkirk

Gerald L. and Markie D. Lemaster to The Farmers and Merchants State Bank, sheriff/marshall deed — Part of Section 21, Madison Township, 1.25 acres

Jacob J. and Emma L. Eicher to Reuben and Rosina Eicher, warranty deed — Part of Section 3, Bearcreek Addition, 2 acres

Gregory J. Englehardt to Austin M. Keedy, warranty deed — Lot 7, Hanlin Addition, Portland

Gregory J. Englehardt to Austin M. Keedy, quit claim deed — Lot 6, Hanlin Addition, Portland

Thad Eley to Kenneath J. Letourneau, tax title deed — Part of Lot 2, Fudge Subdivision, Dunkirk

Marshall Family Revocable Living Trust to Lee M. Stammen Revocable Trust and Heather M. Stammen Revocable Trust, trustee deed — Parts of Section 32, Madison Township, 72.087 acres

Larry H. and Maria L. Hiatt to Zechariah S. and Carly J. Landers, warranty deed — Lot 93, Haynes Addition, Portland

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The City of Portland is accepting applications for the position of Water Department Service Person. Minimum job requirements are high school diploma or its equivalent. A CDL B license or greater or able to obtain such license in a reasonable amount of time.

General outline of duties: Water customer service, prepares accurate and timely meter reading forms and records for billing department, connects and disconnects water service, corrects any problems such as meter irregularities, damaged equipment and meter pits. Assists the water distribution system staff as needed. Applicant must be on call 24/7 one week out of each month. Duties can and will change as deemed necessary by the department head and / or Mayor.

Equipment used: Heavy equipment including trucks and backhoes, air hammers, pumps, saws, shovels, wrenches, sensing devices for locating pipes and various other and tools.

Work environment: Conditions can include below ground / enclosed spaces and subfreezing temperatures.

Applications are available at Clerk Treasurer's Office at City Hall, 321 N. Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM thru Wednesday, March 31, 2021 and until 3:45 on April 1, 2021.

No applications will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

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SERVICES

Thursday
Walter, Donald: 10 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday
Stults, Robin: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday
Wendel, Charles: 10 a.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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Easter is about hope and rebirth

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

It is almost Easter. I have already bitten the ears off a hollow chocolate bunny. The rest of the rabbit didn't last long. It was delicious.

We probably won't do anything for the holiday.

Now that our parents have all passed away it is becoming more and more difficult to get together. The pandemic is always in the background, hiding behind a giant Easter Bunny like the kind that visits various stores, malls and other places.

When faced with that huge rabbit many children suddenly become shy and hide behind their moms. Meanwhile, their mother is trying to explain that they just need to get a picture so the grandparents will be happy.

As I See It



When my daughter Beth was little we went with the neighbor lady and her son, Tommy, to an event they called "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny". There was a magician that both kids liked. Beth refused to eat her breakfast. She ate part of Tommy's instead and he ate part of hers. So far, so good.

Then they traumatized a real rabbit by letting each and every child pet it. As you can imagine, this took awhile.

The Easter Bunny also stopped by each table. Tommy wanted to talk to the giant

creature that was making the rounds.

Beth panicked and hid under the table. Her quivering voice kept asking, "Hurt you? Hurt you?" She decided this must have been my doing and would let the neighbor lady hold her but not me.

The next year we went alone and left before the still scary Easter Bunny got anywhere near us.

I have a couple of pictures of Beth's children with the Easter Bunny. The one I have stuck to the refrigerator shows three children; one is smiling an obviously fake smile, one is barely putting up with the picture taking process and the third is mad at the world.

These days we have outgrown the need for pictures taken with the scary creature. Instead we scour Facebook for

pictures. Today's offering was a series of photos of grandsons Jacob and Nicholas playing baseball.

Another series was about sliding catches. They had set up something that looked like a Slip and Slide so they would get used to sliding while catching the ball.

We have been down to Texas for Easter a couple of times. Beth usually invites friends and family and anyone else who wants to show up. At some point the adults hide the eggs and the young ones find them. It is fun to watch the older kids point out the eggs to the littlest children without being prompted.

People bring a side dish and at some point we all eat. The crowd gradually disperses at a reasonable time and life goes back to normal. We won't be

going down there for Easter this year. Even though we both have received the vaccine, we are not comfortable going that far away from home yet. This is one of those times when I really do wish we lived a lot closer together.

Easter is about hope and rebirth. It is when the flowers begin to dominate the landscape and the urge to get outside becomes irresistible. The shrubs and trees go about their business of collecting plastic bags and other trash. The wind tries to do a little pruning and leaves small and not-so-small branches strewn across the yard. On the southern end of the country the grandsons play baseball.

I hope your Easter is however you want it to be and that giant bunnies don't terrorize your loved ones this year.

Police call made friend furious

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my late 30s. "Tim" and I have been best friends for more than 10 years. Over the last few years, he has struggled with depression and addiction.

A few weeks back, Tim called me crying and said he was planning to end his life. It wasn't the first time he has spoken this way, but it was the first time he described a plan of action. Because I was alarmed, I called the police to do a welfare check. They went to Tim's home, which is across the country from mine, and took him to a psychiatric facility for several days. Now that he's out, he's furious with me for notifying the police and says I betrayed him.

I feel terrible, like I perhaps made a mistake by calling reinforcements, but I was more worried about the consequences of not calling. My family is telling me I should step away from the friendship altogether, but I can't imagine doing that. Please help. — TAKES FRIENDSHIP SERIOUSLY

DEAR TAKES: Your family's advice to step away seems sen-

Dear Abby



sible. You did NOT make a mistake by calling to see that Tim got help after he told you he had a plan in place to take his own life. You were trying to help him and prevent a tragedy, and that's a good thing.

Tim is clearly very ill and, unfortunately, there is little you can do to fix what's wrong with him. If you know his family, inform them about what has been going on.

DEAR ABBY: My brother's wife is pregnant, and there is talk about their moving to the state where her family lives. There are only three people in my sister-in-law's family (one is elderly and two others work full time) who

may provide her with support during her transition into motherhood. On the other hand, there are 10 of us who could help them emotionally and physically if they stay here.

My sister-in-law plans on being a stay-at-home mom, which I wholeheartedly support. My brother would move to the state where her family resides only in order to appease her. Our family is closer than her family. I feel we can provide them with more love and support than her family. What can I say or do to show them that living near our family is the best decision? — NEAR IS BETTER

DEAR NEAR: I'm sure you mean well, but do not make the mistake of trying to "sell" your sister-in-law on staying. It appears her mind is made up. If she feels she would be more comfortable with her own family as she approaches this milestone, not much you can say will dissuade her. Of course, nothing prevents you from telling your brother how you feel, if you haven't already.

Sixty-two gave at March drive

Sixty-two donors gave blood March 2 during a drive at Jay Community Center.

Donors included Thomas Clutter, Darrel Borders, Jayne Pearson, Betsy Skiver, Elizabeth Schoenlein, Jane Switzer, Ernest Schoenlein, David Osenbaugh, Marlene Runyon, Freeda Osenbaugh, Linda Muhlenkamp, Kay Devoss, Phillip Laux, Robert Coats, Michael Schmidt and John Hart.

Also Jill Hemmelgarn, Randall Bruns, Chase Ainsworth, Lori Schilling, Charles Bentz, Denise Glentzer, Billy Sipe, Ana Minnich, Charolett Devoss, Janice Wendel, Larry Coby, Pamela Rogers, Eric Rogers, Jeremy Roessner, Gary Schmiesing and Joyce Eldridge.

Also John Roessner, Matthew Bertke, Ruthann

Boeckman, Lindzy Upp, Doris Muhlenkamp, Tim Danielson, Teresa Burgess, Connie Ronald, Rose Howell, Donna Bruggeman, Michael Willman, Janet Roessner, Cynthia Gardner, Richard Johnston and Carol Wendell.

Also Keith Kremer, Lisa Lyons, Nichole Parks, Craig Ragland, Ron Laux, Susan Myers, Amy Van-lue, Pamela Ray, Monty Sibery, Kimbra Thomas, Kathleen Wood, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Paula Sibery, Troy Atkinson and Bonita Frazee.

Volunteering at the blood drive were Dee Humbles, Shirley Bennett, Edith Dickey, Shirley Evans, Cletus Rines, Lidna Moore, Rose Snow, Emily Steveson, Roxie Zurcher, Pat Brockman and Julia Schwomeyer.

Community Calendar

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal

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

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in help-

ing with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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 - BRIANNA'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
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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'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.

Sudoku


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What will it take to make the news?

To the editor:
On March 22, there were 1,500 kids in overcrowded and often unsuitable Border Patrol sites with locks under the President Joe Biden.
The ultra-transparent Biden administration has banned access to the press.
What will it take to make this news?
Stephen Erwin
Portland

Letters to the Editor

Do not overturn election

Los Angeles Times
A Democratic congressional candidate from Iowa who lost a close election last year is hoping that the House will overturn the state-certified result. Tempted as they may be by the prospect of padding their slim majority, House Democrats should reject her request.

Guest Editorial

Democrats displayed proper revulsion when some House Republicans attempted to overturn President Joe Biden's 2020 victories in key states. Overturning the result of an election their party lost would invite inevitable accusations of hypocrisy.

The result in the race for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District was breathtakingly close. The final tally was 196,964 for Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeke and 196,958 for Democrat Rita Hart. Miller-Meeke has taken the oath of office, but Hart has refused to concede, claiming 22 votes in her favor weren't counted. A filing by her lawyer with the House Administration Committee, citing a 1985 precedent, argues that in determining who should occupy the seat, the House committee "is certainly not bound to" follow state law. Notably, Hart didn't challenge the outcome in state court.

In 1985, the Democratic-controlled House declared Democrat Frank McCloskey the rightful occupant of an Indiana congressional seat even though his Republican opponent, Richard D. McIntyre, had been certified the winner. Republican members walked out in protest, accusing Democrats of "abuse of power" and "legislative tyranny."

Similar accusations can be expected if the House votes to replace Miller-Meeke with Hart.

It's true that the Constitution says each house of Congress "shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members." A federal statute, the Federal Contested Elections Act, sets rules for challenges, including a requirement that the challenger prove that the election results entitle him or her to the disputed seat.

Some Democrats might be attracted by the prospect of flipping the result in the Iowa district, but others recognize the dangers. Rep. Dean Phillips, D-Minn., tweeted: "Losing a House election by six votes is painful for Democrats. But overturning it in the House would be even more painful for America. Just because a majority can does not mean a majority should."

Phillips is right. Unless an investigation produces incontestable evidence that Hart actually won the election, House Democrats should do what they wanted House Republicans to do about last year's presidential election — accept defeat graciously and prepare for the next election.



Schools can model democracy

By **DAVID SCHLEIFER**
The Fulcrum

David Schleifer



Rethinking how teachers teach civics and how students learn about democracy has never been more crucial.

Even before the 2020 election, many Americans were concerned about the state of our democracy. Then the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol reinforced the dangers of misinformation and extremism. The new Educating for American Democracy report for teaching civics and history reaffirms the importance of this work and provides a road map for pursuing it.

But schools can be more than settings for teaching and learning about civic engagement. Schools can also be places where people put democratic principles into practice. Not only can civics and history be more fully and equitably integrated into curricula and pedagogy, but schools and districts can also implement democratic practices to both improve how schools function and to build civic muscle.

This moment presents an opportunity to reimagine schools as incubators for more participatory forms of governance and decision-making.

Schools and school districts have historically lacked robust systems for teachers to work collaboratively on issues such as curriculum, student discipline and assessment. But a growing body of research shows that when teachers work more colla-

teratively, student outcomes can improve, teachers can be more satisfied in their jobs and teacher turnover can decrease.

In some schools, democratic processes and shared decision-making are already being put into practice. For example, students in some districts play roles in making decisions about spending through participatory budgeting or participate in student voice programs. Teacher leadership programs in places including Tennessee, Philadelphia and New York City — some of which work in collaboration with unions — provide professional development, coaching and networking so that teachers can have a greater voice in their schools and districts and in education policy. Unions in some districts also play roles in school improvement efforts in partnership with administration, such as in Meriden, Connecticut. Kentucky law mandates school-based decision-making councils that include teachers, parents and administrators.

What would happen if there were more widespread, sustained

mechanisms to give teachers more of a voice in how schools are organized and operate?

Giving teachers more decision-making power could improve their job satisfaction and their willingness to stay in the profession. Retaining more teachers is important since teacher shortages were acute even before the pandemic, and in our recent survey 78 percent of teachers believed the pandemic will make it even more difficult to recruit new people to their profession.

The intense debate over when, whether and how to hold in-person classes during the pandemic may not at first glance feel like an issue for participatory decision-making. But scientific debates are also political debates, and in the case of in-person teaching and learning, they are also very personal debates for teachers, students and parents.

How much space is needed between desks? Do classroom windows open? Can elementary school students keep their masks on? What should we do about lunch? How can students interact with teachers and with each other during science labs or art classes? How can teachers do their best work while keeping themselves safe and healthy?

Our survey found most teachers think they should decide whether to hold in-person classes during the pandemic and that most parents agree. Beyond these concerns about masks, ventila-

tion and distancing, teachers have seen firsthand how students have struggled academically, socially and emotionally during the COVID-19 outbreak — isolated from friends and often in families affected by lost jobs and reduced incomes, and in too many cases grieving deaths.

Our survey found both teachers and parents believe it is absolutely essential for K-12 public schools to ensure teachers have the resources they need to help students who have fallen behind academically or are struggling socially and emotionally because of the pandemic.

So what are the teachers' ideas for addressing those challenges in curricula, pedagogy, classroom management and assessment? These are all issues about which they can have a voice as experts in education practices, classrooms, students and communities.

Once the pandemic abates, allowing them to participate in decision-making can be an important way to make schools operate more effectively and democratically, to honor teachers' professional expertise — and put civics lessons into action.

Schleifer is research director at Public Agenda, a nonprofit, non-partisan research and engagement organization focused on strengthening democracy, building trust and expanding economic opportunity.

Fund robust gun violence research

Star Tribune

Guest Editorial

You wouldn't think a trip to a grocery store to buy strawberries could be a life-changing event. But this is America, where gun violence is an epidemic.

Sarah Moonshadow and her son were leaving King Soopers supermarket in Boulder, Colorado, on March 22 when they heard gunshots. She told the Denver Post that she instructed her son to duck and then "we just ran."

As police converged on the store, Moonshadow and her son saw a body in the parking lot.

Ten people were killed in the shooting spree, including a Boulder police officer, and a 21-year-old from the Denver suburb of Arvada was arrested and charged. The Colorado mayhem followed the previous week's shootings that left eight people dead at three Atlanta-area massage businesses.

What is disturbingly clear is that the Colorado shooting is the nation's seventh mass killing — defined as four or more people

killed in one incident, not including the shooter — in 2021, according to The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University.

So what now? The victims will be mourned. The police officer will be honored for his courage. Democrats in Congress will demand action, while Republicans will push back. We've watched this all play out before.

If only our current leaders would follow the example of Mark Rosenberg and the late U.S. Rep. Jay Dickey, R-Arkansas — two men on opposing sides of the gun debate who eventually teamed up to pursue a common goal: public safety. Dickey was well known for the 1996 Dickey Amendment, which prohibited

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from using federal funds intended for injury prevention to advocate for gun control.

Yet he forged an unlikely friendship with Rosenberg, president emeritus of the Task Force for Global Health in Atlanta whose 20-year career at the CDC included leading the agency's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and serving as assistant surgeon general.

What the two men realized, Rosenberg told an editorial writer, is that "there are ways that you can keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them while you are protecting the rights of gun owners and reducing gun violence."

And in that spirit, in 2018 Congress passed clarifying language that retained the Dickey Amendment but said the CDC could resume research on gun violence as long as it wasn't lobbying for gun control — a key step that led to \$25 million in new funding, split between the CDC and the

National Institutes of Health, in 2020 and 2021.

Rosenberg said clarifying the amendment, rather than repealing it, was key to building bipartisan support. The \$50 million in federal funding is a start, he added, but it's a piddling amount compared with what the U.S. has spent on lifesaving research into issues such as car safety and heart disease.

The long drought in federal funding for gun violence research had left the nation looking for answers without adequate data. Rosenberg wants to see more research into four key areas: defining the scope of gun violence, analyzing the causes, identifying strategies to combat it and determining how to implement them.

House budget requests are due by the end of April. With the victims of the Atlanta and Boulder shootings freshly in mind, Congress should support additional funding for research that can save lives without threatening Second Amendment rights.

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Canal ...

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He added that the ship had responded to the tugboats' maneuvers, forcing what he said was a "restoration of 80% of the vessel's direction" and swinging the stern of the vessel so that it was roughly 332 feet from the western bank of the canal.

The rising tide proved crucial again later Monday morning when workers were finally able to jerk the ship completely off both banks.

Live video broadcast by local media outlet eXtra News showed the ship traveling at a stately pace amid a flotilla of tugboats, like a mammoth among chihuahuas. It is now berthed at the Great Bitter Lake and awaiting technical inspection.

Videos posted on social media earlier Monday showed the tugboats blaring their horns in raucous celebration as the Ever Given appeared to swing out into the canal during the partial refloating. But the bulbous section below the Ever Given's prow remained stuck on the rock-covered bank.

Still, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi didn't wait for the full refloating before striking a celebratory tone in a speech in which he lauded Egyptians for "ending the crisis ... despite the massive technical complications



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A tugboat drags the Panama-flagged ship Ever Given in the Suez Canal after the ship was successfully freed and re-floated on Monday. The head of the state Suez Canal Authority, Osama Rabae, said that the ship in the early morning responded to pulling and towing efforts by salvage teams working around the clock. The Ever Given had veered off its course in a single-lane stretch of the canal during a sandstorm nearly a week ago.

that surrounded this operation from every side." He added that the "whole world is assured of the passageway of its goods and requirements."

Under normal circumstances, more than 50 ships per day bearing all kinds of cargo — including tea, TVs, livestock

and furniture — cross the waterway linking the Red Sea to the Mediterranean. By Monday morning, about 370 vessels were waiting at the Suez Canal's southern and northern entrances, Leth Agencies said.

That backup included ships carrying oil and gas shipments

crucial for several Middle Eastern countries. On Saturday, Syria's oil ministry said the government would start rationing fuel until the Ever Given was freed. Lebanon, too, was waiting for a Kuwaiti tanker set to deliver gas oil to one of the country's major

power plants, local media reported Friday.

A breakthrough in the crisis couldn't come too soon for the global economy. With the canal blocked, ships would have to voyage around Africa's Cape of Good Hope, adding 12 to 21 days to the journey and tens of thousands of dollars in extra fuel costs. For Egypt, it would mean a major loss of foreign currency from its operation of the canal, which in 2020 generated about \$5.61 billion in revenue.

The effort to dislodge the Ever Given became a national rallying cry in Egypt, with the usually stodgy Facebook page of the Suez Canal Authority inundated with comments from residents in solidarity with the government agency. On Monday morning, the hashtag #Suez_Canal_Heroes was making the rounds. Later, the authority posted a video touting the operation's success, with a martial soundtrack accompanying a dramatic pan of the Ever Given and its escorts sailing up the canal.

The Ever Given's leviathan size had been the salvage crews' chief enemy. At 1,300 feet long and 193 feet wide, the ship carries some 18,300 containers in stacks of nine, which add almost 200,000 tons to its already gargantuan weight.

Chauvin trial continues today

By PAUL WALSH, CHAO XIONG and ROCHELLE OLSON
Star Tribune
Tribune News Service

A second day of testimony in the Derek Chauvin murder trial resumes today with a key witness picking up where he left off after telling how he repeatedly pleaded on a late-spring night for the now-fired Minneapolis police officer to set George Floyd free from the pavement.

Donald Williams II said Monday in Hennepin County District Court that his experience as a mixed martial arts trainer and fighter told him that Chauvin's "blood choke" was squeezing the life out of Floyd, who died that night after being pinned by the neck under the officer's knee for more than 9 minutes.

Williams is back on the stand Tuesday morning, first fielding more questions from the prosecution and then under cross-examination by defense attorney Eric Nelson.

Before Williams and two other witnesses testified, Monday's proceedings in

the heavily fortified Hennepin County Government Center began with the prosecution and defense offering in their opening statements conflicting conclusions about what killed the 46-year-old Floyd.

Special prosecutor Jerry Blackwell played the widely seen bystander video of Floyd's arrest, showing the unarmed and handcuffed man prone on the street under Chauvin's knee, saying he couldn't breathe, calling for his mother, writhing and falling silent.

Blackwell said, Floyd "died one breath at a time over an extended period of time" and that the cause of death — cardiopulmonary arrest — is the direct result of being restrained.

Nelson countered that "the evidence will show that Mr. Floyd died of cardiac arrhythmia that occurred as a result of hypertension, coronary disease, the ingestion of methamphetamine and fentanyl, and the adrenaline flowing through his body, all of which acted to further compromise an already compromised heart."

Senate ...

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The proposal also establishes a separate 10-member Legislative State of Emergency Advisory Group to tell the governor what they think of his response to an emergency, no matter if the General Assembly is in session or not.

Senate President Rod Bray, R-Martinsville, said he believes having a formal entity linking the governor and the Legislature during a statewide emergency will enhance communication between the executive and legislative branches and minimize the potential for conflict.

Holcomb has said he repeatedly asked legislative leaders last year whether they believed a special session was necessary only to repeatedly be told no.

According to the Indiana Constitution, only the governor is authorized to call the Legislature back to the Statehouse after lawmakers have adjourned for the year; typically in April during odd-numbered years and in March during even-numbered years.

Former Indiana Supreme Court Justice Frank Sullivan Jr. told the Bray-led Senate Rules Committee earlier this month establishing an emergency session by statute is likely to be deemed unconstitutional, and any emergency actions taken by the Legis-

lature during that session likewise would be invalid.

In addition to the emergency session proposal, the legislation contains a requirement that all discretionary economic stimulus funds provided to the state by the federal government sit in a single account until either the General Assembly or State Budget Committee decide how the money should be spent.

"This bill recognizes that the General Assembly has both the statutory duty and the Constitutional responsibility to appropriate the funds of the state of Indiana," Glick said.

The measure was approved by the Senate nearly along party lines with all 38 Republicans in attendance and state Sen. Frank Mrvan, D-Hammond, supporting the measure, and 10 Democrats opposed.

It now goes back to the House for lawmakers to either consent to revisions made by the Senate or to send the proposal to a House-Senate conference committee, which will work to craft final language capable of winning approval in identical form by both chambers.

Legislative leaders have hinted they want to get the proposal to Holcomb as soon as possible so there will be time remaining in the regular legislative session to override the governor's veto, if necessary.



Healthy activities for kids of all ages

Children have a seemingly endless supply of energy. Channeling that energy into something positive can benefit kids' minds and bodies.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends various amounts of daily physical activity for children depending on their ages and abilities. Adhering to these recommendations is especially important in the wake of what many public health officials fear has become an epidemic of childhood obesity in many nations. For example, the United States-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that roughly 13.7 million children between the ages of two and 19 are presently obese. In Canada, the Childhood Obesity Foundation reports that childhood obesity rates have hovered around 12 percent for years.

Routine physical activity can help children maintain healthy weights, and it also pays dividends for youngsters' mental health. According to the American Psycho-

logical Association, children between the ages of six and 18 who exercise regularly tend to have lower levels of depression, stress and psychological distress. Those findings, part of a 2019 study published in the journal Sports Medicine, reflect the ways exercise affects the mind. And the mental benefits don't stop there, as the study also found that youngsters who are physically active also have higher levels of positive self-image, life satisfaction and psychological well-being.

The amount of physical activity children need each month depends on their age, and the AAP recommends the following age-based guidelines.

- **Infants:** The AAP recommends infants get at least 30 minutes of tummy time and other interactive play throughout the day.

- **Toddlers:** Toddlers can be tough to keep up with, and parents can channel that en-

ergy into something positive by ensuring their kids get at least three hours of physical activity every day. Free play outside and daily neighborhood walks are some examples of appropriate physical activities for children in this age group.

- **Preschoolers:** Three-plus hours of physical activity, including one hour of moderate to vigorous exercise, is recommended for preschool-aged youngsters. Tumbling, throwing and catching are some of the activities recommended by the AAP.

- **Elementary school students:** School-aged children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity on most days of the week. The AAP recommends giving children in this age group ample opportunities for free play but also notes that organized sports focused on fun can be great outlets for kids in elementary school. Parents can speak with their children's pediatricians about appropri-

ate muscle/bone strengthening activities, which the AAP recommends three days a week for kids in this age group.

- **Middle school students:** Students in this age group need the same amount and types of exercise that elementary school students need. But the AAP advises parents to guide children toward physical activities that encourage socialization and to avoid having kids this age specialize in a single sport.

- **Teenagers:** Teenagers need an hour or more of physical activity most days of the week. Muscle/bone strengthening activities should be included three days per week. Activities that encourage socialization and competition are beneficial to teenagers' development.

Physical activity can benefit kids in myriad ways and should be a vital component of their daily lives.

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Baylor makes Final Four for first time since 1950

By **GEORGE BREMER**

The (Anderson) Herald Bulletin
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Three years ago, MaCio Teague received a text from Davion Mitchell.

The 6-foot-3 guard had reopened his recruitment after two years at UNC-Asheville, and Mitchell was lobbying hard for Baylor to become Teague's new home. The gist of the message was simple: If you come here, we'll go to the Final Four.

Late Monday night at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Teague scored 22 points — including a pair of critical second-half 3-pointers — and the top-seeded Bears beat No. 3 Arkansas 81-72 in the South Regional final to earn the school's first appearance in the national semifinals in 71 years.

"We didn't want to peak in January," Teague said of a team that won its first 18 games before a 21-day COVID pause finally

caught up to it. "We want to peak when we're peaking, right now. And we still want to get better even this week."

The Bears (26-2) will meet Lone Star State rival Houston in the Final Four on Saturday, guaranteeing a team from the state of Texas will be in the national championship game for the second consecutive NCAA Tournament. Texas Tech lost the final against Virginia in 2019.

Baylor hoped to make a run

like this in 2020. The program was poised for its first No. 1 seed and had expectations of a deep tournament stay. But the onset of the coronavirus pandemic canceled the big dance and dashed those dreams.

In early February, it appeared factors beyond the team's control might sabotage another season. Head coach Scott Drew — a Valparaiso native and Butler graduate — tested positive for COVID-19 and set off a three-week pause

just weeks before the start of the postseason.

But the Bears surged to a 13-2 lead less than four minutes into the contest Monday. The Razorbacks would rally, as Moses Moody hit a layup to cut the Razorback's deficit to 62-58 with 9:24 to play. But Arkansas was never able to take the lead.

"We've been in the fire before," Teague said. "It's not our first time in the fire. We just had to compete at a high level."



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Brock Dues of the Fort Recovery High School baseball team prepares to throw to first base for the final out of the first inning against the Celina Bulldogs on Monday. Dues and the Indians won 9-4 in the season opener.

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Brock Dues relieved Evers with one out in the sixth inning, and Celina (1-2) promptly loaded the bases on singles by Zach Hirsch and Dylan Fiester as well as a walk by Brandon Staugler. But Dues fanned Quade Gilmore and induced a pinch-hit dribbler back to the mound to get out of the jam.

Celina broke through in the bottom of the seventh, scoring four unearned runs. Consecutive walks and a fielding error loaded the bases for the Bulldogs, then Blayn Aller drove in a run on a fielder's choice. Three batters later with bases loaded and the Indians needing one more out to get to complete the shutout, Derek Lochtefeld had trouble fielding a Feis-

ter fly ball in deep right field and three more runs scored for Celina.

Dues hunkered down and threw three straight pitches by Gilmore, sitting down the Bulldog for the third time on strikes.

"In that seventh inning he gave up some runs," Kaup said of Dues. "You have to think, we bobbled around a ball at shortstop ... and we dropped the ball in the outfield. We basically had already given them five outs and he was still pitching.

"He was throwing fine; absolutely fine. It's not his fault. He calmed down and he just went after the last guy and did a great job."

Ryne Post hit a double and two RBIs from the lead-off spot for Fort Recovery, which also got a hit and two

Fort Recovery Indians vs. Celina Bulldogs					Box score								
Celina (1-2)					Dues 3b	4	0	0	0				
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Hirsch 1b	4	0	1	0	Lochtefeld lf	3	1	0	0				
Staugler c	3	1	1	0	LPost 2b	4	1	1	1				
Feister p	4	0	1	0	Evers p	2	2	1	0				
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Fort Recovery (1-0)						Fort Recovery	Evers, W	5.1	1	0	0	1	6
RPost ss	4	1	3	1	Dues	1.2	3	4	0	3	3		
CWendel lf	3	2	1	0									
Will cf	4	2	1	0									
KWendel 1b	4	0	2	4									

runs apiece from Cobe Wendel and Evers. Bo Thien collected a pair of singles as well.

"I'm happy with what we were able to do this evening against a really good Celina team," Kaup said."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday, April 1
Fort Recovery — Softball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Track at Crestview quad — 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball at St. Henry — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track hosts quad — 4:30 p.m.
Jay County — Track at Madison-Grant — 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 2
Fort Recovery — Softball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 3
Fort Recovery — Track at Versailles

Tiger Invitational — 9 a.m.; Softball vs. Bath — 11 a.m.; Baseball vs. Crestview — 2 p.m.

Jay County — Baseball scrimmage vs. Belmont — 11 a.m.; Softball scrimmage vs. Winchester — 11 a.m.

Monday, April 5
Jay County — Softball vs. Blackford — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Blackford — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball at Lehman Catholic — 5 p.m.; Softball at Lima Central Catholic — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Franklin Monroe — 5 p.m.; Junior high track hosts tri — 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Tuesday, March 30
7:15 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Elite Eight — USC vs. Gonzaga (TBS)
9:57 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Elite Eight — UCLA vs. Michigan (TBS)

Wednesday, March 31
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The vanishing trick

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 7
♥ A 8 4 3
♦ Q 7 5
♣ A K 10 4

WEST

♠ Q 9 8 4 3
♥ 2
♦ 10 8 4 2
♣ 9 7 6

EAST

♠ A K 7
♥ K Q 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ Q J 8 3

SOUTH

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ A K 3
♣ 5 2

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

Opening lead — four of spades.

If you examine all four hands, you might conclude that declarer must go down one at four hearts after West leads a spade and East plays the K-A and a third round of the suit, forcing dummy to ruff West's queen.

But when the deal occurred, South wound up making the contract. He began by assuming that East had 15 to 18 points for his notrump over-

call and therefore had to have the K-Q of hearts.

South furthermore realized that his best chance to make the contract lay in trying to execute an endplay against East, rather than in playing the A-X of trump in the hope that East had started with the K-Q doubleton.

Accordingly, he played the A-K of clubs and ruffed a club, then cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds and ruffed another club.

By this time, everyone was down to three cards, with dummy holding the A-8-4 of trump, East the K-Q-5, and South the J-10-9. Declarer then led the jack and played low from dummy, and East's two apparent trump tricks suddenly dwindled to one.

It is true that against certain other distributions of the opposing cards, declarer's plan would have failed. But it is also true that, in such case, no other plan would have succeeded. South's method of play thus was well-devised to make the contract if it could be made.

Ordinarily, point count is useful only during the bidding, but there are times when it is also useful during the play. This was one of those occasions — as South so ably demonstrated.

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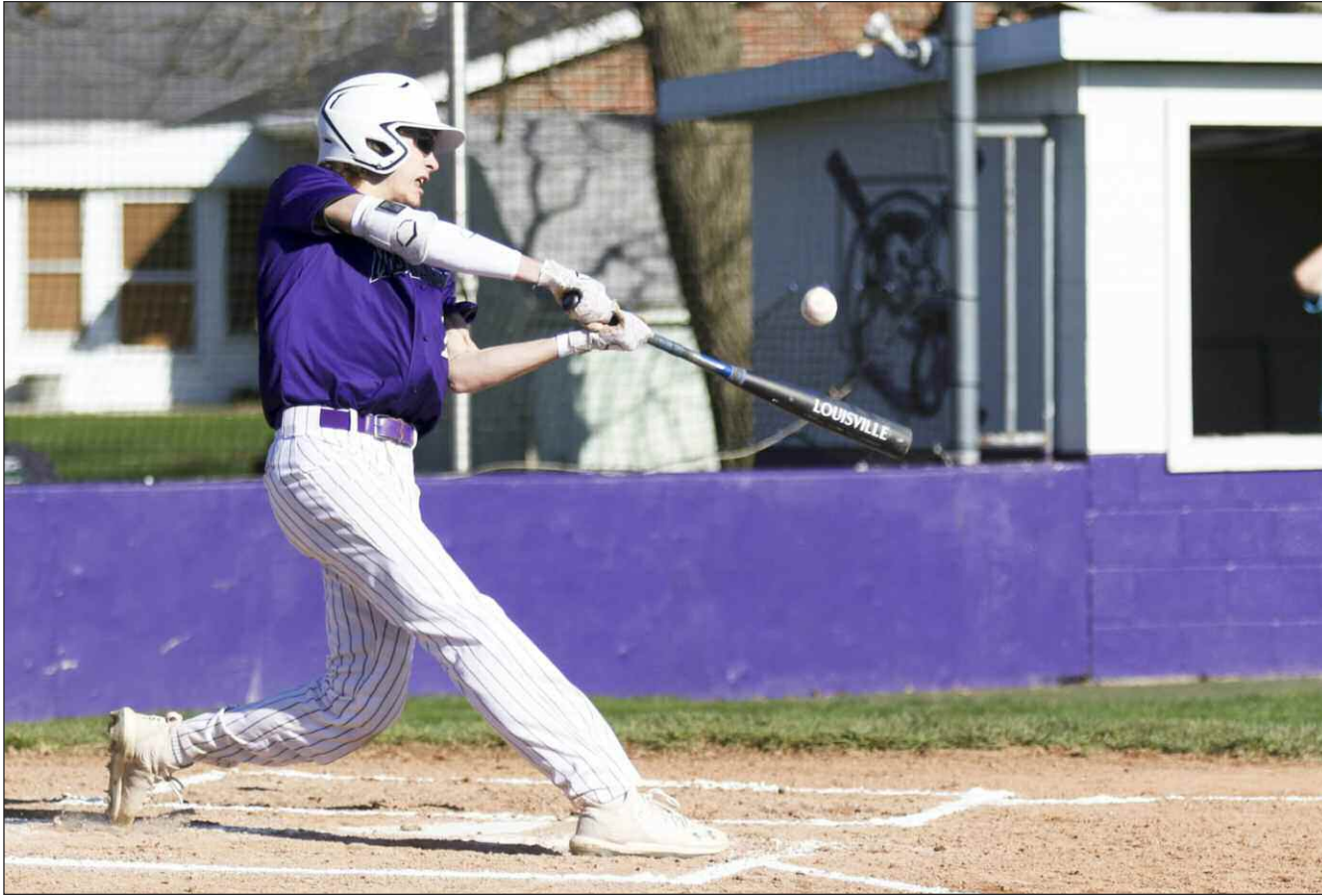
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Tribe softball opens 2-1

Indians crush 'Cats Saturday, stumble Monday

Fort Recovery High School senior Ryne Post fouls off a pitch during the first inning Monday against the Celina Bulldogs. Post finished with a double, two singles, an RBI and a run in the Indians' 9-4 season-opening victory against the Bulldogs.

DELPHOS and ANSONIA, Ohio — Nearly 30 hits powered the Indians to a pair of wins Saturday. They weren't able to keep the momentum going Monday.

Fort Recovery High School's softball team began its season with a pair of dominating wins Saturday against the host Jefferson Wildcats — 19-4 and 16-2, both in five innings — before dropping a 10-2 contest in six frames Monday to the Ansonia Tigers.

Maddie Guggenbiller blasted two home runs in the first game Saturday against Jefferson, knocking in five runs in the process. Jackie Homan ripped three doubles in totaling a half dozen RBIs. Brenna Homan, Chloey Grisez and Cali Wendel each collected two hits.

Sophie Pearson earned the win, allowing four runs — three earned — on three hits in three innings. She also struck out three and walked three.

In game two, Brenna Homan collected three doubles, as Kensey Gaerke, Britney Tebbe, Wendel and Grisez had two hits apiece. Abby Knapke, Tebbe and Homan knocked in two runs each.

Jackie Homan struck out four, gave up two hits and a walk in three shutout innings.

On Monday, the offense for Fort Recovery (2-1) showed up late, plating two runs in the sixth inning with the Tigers already ahead 7-0. Gaerke knocked in a run on two hits. Homan doubled and singled with a walk.

The Indians continue their season-opening road swing as they meet the South Adams Starfires at 5 p.m. Thursday. Their first home game will be at 11 a.m. Saturday against the Bath Wildcats.

Indians rout Bulldogs in opener

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Dillan Evers didn't give up a hit until the fifth inning.

By then, his team had staked him a four-run lead.

The Bulldogs didn't break through until he was no longer on the mound. At that point, though, the game was all but final.

Evers threw five scoreless innings, Kendrick Wendel paced a Tribe offense that racked up 11 hits and the Fort Recovery High School baseball team shook off late runs for a 9-4 victory against the Celina Bulldogs on Monday in the team's season opener.

"We're happy to play," said FRHS coach Jerry Kaup, who noted it had been more than 670 days since his team last took the field after the 2020 season was

Evers shuts down Celina offense, Wendel paces FR with his bat

canceled because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. "We're tickled to play."

"I can't say enough about the effort that we got from Dillan. He was masterful tonight, he really was. He's going to be really important for our success, especially if he throws that way."

Evers, a 6-foot, 4-inch senior righty, allowed just one hit in 5 1/3 innings while issuing just one walk and striking out six. The only real trouble he got in was in the fifth inning.

David Kramer drew a one-out walk, then Zach Stein followed with a single to left field. But Evers, who at one point struck out four consecutive batters spanning the second and third frames, got out of the jam with a ground-out to third base and a fly ball to center.

"Just pounding the zone," Evers said of what was working for him. "They were swinging. (Defense) was making plays."

The first time through the order, Fort Recovery (1-0) threat-

ened — it had runners on second and third in the opening frame — but wasn't able to push across a run. In the third inning, however, Wendel ripped a double to right-center field to score Cobe Wendel and Evers.

Landon Post and Ryne Post both hit RBI doubles an inning later, staking the Indians to a 4-0 lead before Kendrick Wendel's RBI single in the fifth. He added an RBI sacrifice fly as part of a four-run sixth to complete his two-hit, four-RBI day.

"Kendrick is a good hitter," Kaup said. "His effort is second-to-none. He gives us everything he has playing defense (but) hitting is what he really enjoys so he's going to try and make that the most important part of his game."

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Woodson at IU: This I have to see

By MARK BRADLEY
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

The last conversation I had with the new coach of the Indiana Hoosiers wasn't much of a conversation. He was yelling at me over the phone while he played golf. He was incensed not because I'd suggested the Hawks fire him — though I had, more than once — but because, after he was fired, I'd mentioned his name in something I'd written about the new Hawks.

"You're no longer allowed to use my name!" hollered (name redacted). "It's the (Larry) Drew and ownership (Atlanta Spirit) show now!"

(Name redacted) was introduced Monday as Indiana's fifth head coach since his mentor, Bobby Knight, was fired for throwing a fit because an IU student said, "What's up, Knight?" (Hoosiers are apparently ultra-sensitive as to how — or if — they're addressed.)

(Name redacted) is among the more curious hires of the millennium. He's 63. He hasn't coached college basketball. He played at Broad Ripple High in Indianapolis, which also spawned David Letterman. He was one of IU's greatest players — my first glimpse of (name redacted) was when he outdid Darrell Griffith, the nation's No. 1 recruit, in the 1976 Kentucky-Indiana All-Star series — and among Knight's more accomplished disciples.

There's a chance (name redacted) will succeed in the fishbowl job where four others have failed. There's a better chance he won't. And enough redacting. I'm talking about Mike Woodson. What's up, Woody?

There's more than a bit of Knight to Woodson: He tends to shout when displeased. Billy Knight, who as Hawks general manager hired Woodson off Larry Brown's Detroit staff after

Mark Bradley



the superstar-less Pistons won NBA title in 2004, came to wonder if he was indeed the right man for the rebuilding Hawks. Woodson and Josh Smith went round and round, though J-Smoove could have that effect on people.

It wasn't until the 2007-2008 season, after the drafting of Al Horford, that the Hawks had enough players in place to think about winning. By then, Knight had decided Woodson needed to go. The Atlanta Spirit, being its contrary self, declined to back their GM. Woodson stayed. Knight traded for Mike Bibby, the point guard the team lacked. (In 2005, Knight picked Marvin Williams over Chris Paul.)

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