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Mask mandate off for county buildings

Commissioners lift restrictions to match state

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Masks will no longer be required.

The mask mandate in Jay County offices and departments will be lifted Tuesday.

Jay County Commissioners signed a resolution effective Tuesday, doing away with the facial covering requirement when entering buildings such as Jay County Courthouse.

The resolution is similar to one passed March 11 (effective the next day) which stated county entities were open to the public again. (For three months prior, county buildings and departments were open to appointments only, and county government business was limited to essential work only.)

The difference between the last resolution and Thursday's resolution is members of the public and county employees will no longer be required to wear facial coverings. Commissioners signed the resolution in response to Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb's orders to lift state COVID-19 restrictions Tuesday.

"I'm just glad to be getting anything close to normalcy," said commissioner Chad Aker after the meeting. "I think this has been around long enough people know the rules, and a lot of people have been vaccinated or have already had it.' See **County** page 2

Unfavorable vote



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

A crowd of more than 80 was in attendance Thursday evening at Jay County Courthouse for the Portland Plan Commission meeting regarding proposed rezoning of land to allow for the expansion of the U.S. Aggregates stone quarry. Plan commission in a 6-2 voted recommended that the rezoning not be approved. The issue now moves to Portland City Council, which makes the ultimate decision on rezoning requests.

Portland Plan Commission votes against rezoning for U.S. Aggregates expansion

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review The local stone quarry's rezoning request now moves to Portland City Council.

It does so with an unfavorable recommendation from the city's plan commission.

Portland Plan Commission on Thursday voted 6-2 against U.S. Aggregates' request to rezone a parcel of land located between county road 100 South and Tyson Road to allow for the expansion of its stone quarry operation.

The unfavorable vote came a few minutes after recommendation came in



The Heritage Group

This map provided by The Heritage Group, parent company of U.S. Aggregates, shows land the company requested be rezoned to allow expansion of its stone quarry. (The Commercial Review has added indicators for Tyson Road and county road 100 South to supplement the graphic.)

board, which has one cil for a final decision. from Portland Board of a motion for a favorable seat vacant following the Council must take up the Zoning Appeals to allow

the plan commission in February, is requesting that about 115 acres of land between county road 100 South (Seventh Street) and Tyson Road, east of county road 200 West, be rezoned to industrial from the current agricultural/residential. The company hopes to expand from its current location — 2228 W. 125 South — opening a new quarry site and investing more than \$10 million over the next three to five years.

Thursday's decision came after a 20-minute presentation by U.S. Aggregates, and hourplus of public comment and discussion amongst U.S. Aggregates, which the plan commission

at 4-4. (Five votes are Tom Laux.) required to pass a motion

resignation of recent

before the nine member now moves to city counneed to seek a variance mational presentation to

issue within 90 days. (If the rezoning is approved,

mining at the site.) The rezoning request the company would then initially made an infor- members.

4TC hired

for work on

control panels

Two Portland lift stations will

Portland Board of Works on

Thursday approved the installa-

tion of new control panels for the

city's Charles Street and Jay

County High School lift stations.

tendent Brad Clayton recom-

mended utilizing 4TC Corpora-

tion of rural Portland for the

work. The company's quotes

came in at \$9,390 for the Charles

Street lift station and \$1,360 for

site is more extensive because it

includes all new equipment. 4TC

will install two motor starters for

pumps, a 60-amp main breaker

and two 30-amp breakers for

short-circuit protection as well as

The work at the Charles Street

the high school lift station.

Portland wastewater superin-

By RAY COONEY

be upgraded.

he Commercial Review

See Vote page 5



Carrying cones

Fifth grader Halle Homan carries cones inside after her class, taught by Andrew Davidson, finishes an Easter egg hunt Wednesday at Westlawn Elementary School in Dunkirk. Fifteen different classes participated in egg hunts led by Dunkirk Public Library on Wednesday and Thursday. Each class had its own hunt, and at each, a gold egg was hidden among eggs. Students who found the special egg were awarded a \$10 gift card to Dairy Dream in Albany. (Or they could choose to keep the gold egg.)

City lift stations will be upgraded

other equipment and build a vented enclosure for the equipment.

The project at the high school lift station involves modifying controls, installing a meter and cleaning and repairing the enclosure.

Clayton said he recommended 4TC in part because the company has handled work on other lift station control panels and he would like to keep them uniform throughout the city. Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Portland Mayor John Boggs unanimously approved his recommendation.

Also Wednesday, the board acknowledged a project that called for the construction of a trail from the Weiler-Wilson Park/Hudson Family Park bridge to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services has been canceled.

The city had been awarded a \$168,000 Department of Natural Resources grant toward the proposed project — the trail would have run from the bridge east behind Portland Water Park and East Elementary School to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services - in 2018. The grant was set to expire next year.

See Upgraded page 2

Deaths

Robert Bentz, 71, rural Redkey Brenda Smith, 73, Gallipolis, Ohio Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County hovered between 30 and 36 degrees Thursday.

Tonight's low will be 30. Expect sunny skies Saturday with the high climbing into the 60s and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonia Fire Station.

Saturday — Results from tonight's FRHS softball game against Mississinawa Valley.

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

Coming up



Obituaries

Robert Bentz

July 27, 1949-March 28, 2021 Robert Wayne Bentz, age 71, a resident of rural Redkey, passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2021.

Robert was born on July 27, 1949, in Portland. Indiana, the son of Elias Byron and Reba Deleah (Abbott) Bentz. graduated He Portland from High School and served in the U.S.



Army in Vietnam. He married Jo Landers on Nov. 22, 1987. Bob retired from FCC in Portland.

Survivors include: His wife — Jo Bentz, rural

Redkey, Indiana Two sons — Shane Bentz

(wife: Cindy), Madison, Wiscon-

sin, and Jerry Bentz (wife: April), Midland. Texas One daughter — Reba Bentz, Indianapolis

Two brothers — Charlie Bentz (wife: Sharon), Portland, Indiana, and Jack Bentz (wife: Marilyn), Portland, Indiana

One sister — Shirley New (husband: Bill), New Castle, Indiana

Four grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Pastor Darrel Borders will officiate the service and burial will follow in Salamonia Cemetery. American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be directed to

Honor Guard. Condolences mav be

expressed williamsonat spencer.com.

Brenda Smith

Sept. 18, 1947-March 29, 2021 Brenda Lucille Smith, age 73, of Gallipolis, Ohio, died Monday evening March 29,

2021, at the SOIN Medical Center in Beavercreek, Ohio.

Born Sept. 18, 1947, in Gallipolis, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd and Rose Marie Sanders

Hendren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, David Hendren.

Smith

Brenda enjoyed a host of

American Legion Post #211 activities after her retirement, these activities included doing research on Gallipolis and her family history, drawing, painting and writing, collecting dolls, quilting, spending time with her cats and sitting by the river in the Gallipolis park.

She is survived by a son, Andy (Angie) Smith; daughter, Amy Garringer; grandchildren, Cody Smith, Lachelle (Mitch) Potter, Kelsie (Bailey) Krendick and Emily Garringer; great-grandchild Rowan Potter; brother Don Hendren; sister Bertie Muhlenkamp; and sister-in-law Karin Hendren. Also surviving are nieces and nephews Vikki (Brian) Pullins and family, April (Brad) Moellenberndt and family, Loraine (Zach) Phillips and family, Michael Hendren and family, Dane (Ira) Hendren and family, Kyle Hendren, and fami-

ly and Justin Hendren and familv

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday April 3, 2021, at the Waugh-Halley-Wood funeral home. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from noon to 1 p.m.

All those attending are to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines.

An online guest registry is waugh-halleyavailable at wood.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city, 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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61/41	68/46	71/51	72/53	72/53	agreed to hire advisory firm Tilly for its services, as neede
Another day of sunny skies in the forecast for Saturday. Winds between 10 and 20 mph.	Mostly sunny skies by day and clear evening skies by night. Other- wise relatively warm.	Sunshine is the forecast for Monday with tempera- tures near the low 70s. Partly cloudy at night.	Skies will be mostly sunny all day with warm temperatures. Cloudy at night.	There is a 30% chance of rain during the day and a higher chance at night. Other- wise mostly cloudy.	Ingrad

\$110,000

Ohio

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Midday

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Pick 3: 0-6-8

Estimated

Pick 4: 2-2-2-5

Pick 5: 0-8-9-2-0

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Montpelier

Sunrise

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Estimated jackpot:

Lotteries

Powerball

jackpot: 51-53-54-62-65-74-77 Estimated \$32 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$168 million

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Midday
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Daily Four: 4-1-8-9
Quick Draw: 3-4-10-18-
21-28-30-34-35-41-49-51-58-
59-60-61-67-72-74-80
Evening
Daily Three: 3-7-3
Daily Four: 5-4-1-0
Quick Draw: 2-5-9-11-

avirus vaccine had been administered in Jay County as of Tuesday. The county has recorded more than 1,800 cases of COVID-19 over the

course of the ongoing pandemic. Also Thursday, commissioners agreed to hire advisory firm Baker Tilly for its services, as needed.

More than 7,700 doses of coron-

eral coronavirus relief package and its impact on Jay County. County auditor Anna Culy estimated the county will receive approximately \$3.9 million in relief

funds, not including other grants. She noted this is money, an

a discussion about the American

Rescue Plan Act — a \$1.7 trillion fed-

This decision came in response to advance grant, is handled differently from the last relief package, which was handled with reimbursements.

"I want to make sure it's done right," Culy said, noting her term is over at the end of 2024. "I term out in two years, and whoever is auditor next is going to be saddled with finishing this up.'

Upgraded

Jay County Trails Club members had visited city council and park board meetings last month to advocate for the project. John Moore of the trails club said at the park board meeting that he believed between the grant, the required local match and

On Thursday, Boggs said the city was unable to come to an agreement with the

trails club on the project. City officials had previously expressed concerns about the location of the

trail, noting that the street and parks department stores stone and other

path of the trail.

"It was underfunded and ill-designed," said Boggs. "We couldn't come to an agreement on it, so we just decided to give the money back.

"I hate to give money back but don't want to take money and then not be able to execute it, too."

In other business, the board:

 Approved a renewed contract with Indiana Department of Transportation for sweeping state and U.S. highways in the city. Portland is responsible for sweeping 6.4 miles of highway at least twice a year and is reimbursed by the state for the work.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Two men and a woman were arrested Thursday for drug possession.

Phillip A. Pavey II, 38, 131 N. Depot St., Portland, was preliminarily charged with three Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine and possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or a narcotic drug. He was also charged a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of

Brandi L. Curtis, 41, 539 N. Plum St., Albany, was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs and maintaining a common nuisance. She was also charged a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being held in Jay County Jail on \$8,000 bond.

Joshua T. Smock-Roser, 44, 102 N. George St., Ridgeville, was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies phetamine and narcotic drugs. He was also charged two Class C misdemeanors for two counts of possession of paraphernalia. He's being held in Jay County Jail on \$9,000 bond.

Probation violation

A Bluffton man was arrested Thursday for violating his probation.

Kyle E. Myers, 36, 360 E. Leaf St., has a previous Class B felony charge for dealing in narcotic drugs. He's

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other fundraising there

would be no additional cost materials in the proposed to the city.

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Today in history

On April 2, 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

In and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in The Bronx, New York, where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, who was not returned, was found Paul II died in his Vatidead month.)

In **1971**, Portland High School's chapter of Future Farmers of America held its annual parent-son banquet with Radio WOW farm services director Jay Gould as the guest speaker.

In 1986, four American passengers, including an 8-month-old girl, her mother and grandmother, were killed when 1932, aviator a terrorist bomb explod-Charles A. Lindbergh ed aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.

In 2003, during the Iraq War, American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline.

the following can apartment at age 84. -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 General Shanks, 414 E. lage hall, 201 S. Main St.

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-

Floral Ave., Portland.

Board special meeting, ery Village Council, vil-

Jay County Jail on \$10,000 bond.

and possession of cocaine, metham- \$15,000 bond.

paraphernalia. Pavey is being held in for maintaining a common nuisance being held in Jay County Jail on

Capsule Reports

Events scheduled

Several Easter events are scheduled for this weekend.

The Easter bunny will visit Jay Community Center and be available for photos from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Easter egg hunts are slated for 10 a.m. Saturday at Redkey Elementary School and 11 a.m. at Redkey Church of the Nazarene.

A "Drive Thru Easter EGGstravaganza" will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Pennville Park.

Dunkirk is holding an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. April 10 at Dunkirk City Park.

Animals hit

Three animals caused accidents Tuesday.

Jacob C. Schwartz, 23, Portland, was driving west on county road 400 North near Grisell Road in Pennville about 4:55 a.m. when he drove into a deer with his 2000 Ford Mustang. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Jama L. Stant, 41, Redkey, was driving east on Indiana 18 near the intersection with county road 500 West about 5:40 a.m. and \$5,000.

when she drove into an unidentified small animal. Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000.

Sherry L. Feathers, 63, Portland, was driving east on county road 50 North near county road 600 East about 9:37 p.m. when she drove into a deer with her 2012 Ford Explorer. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Truck hit

A Loogootee woman drove into the back of a truck on Indiana 26 about 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Connie L. Norris, 59, Loogootee, was driving her 2014 Mazada CX-5 west on the highway approaching the intersection with Indiana 1. She told Jay County Sheriff's Office she saw a 2019 IHC stopped at the intersection and assumed the driver, Scott E. Padfield, 67, Marion, had turned it onto Indiana 1. She said she was looking for traffic on the highway and moving forward and drove into the back of the truck.

Padfield's truck is registered to Penske Truck Leasing Co of Reading, Pennsylvania. Damage is estimated between \$2,500

SERVICES

Today

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.

Smith, Brenda: I p.m., Waugh-Halley-Wood Funeral Home, 810 2nd Ave., Gallipolis, Ohio

Monday

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

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Small things bring comfort

By LORI WEISBERG

The San Diego Union-Tribune Tribune News Service

SAN DIEGO — Seven hundred square feet. That has been Joan Schomburg's orbit for the last year as the pandemic, little by little, vanquished the few indulgences the 87-year-old San Diego woman used to enjoy.

Confined largely to her one-bedroom upstairs apartment with no husband, no children, no siblings to break the tedium of her largely solitary life, she ticks off the outings she can no longer experience. Monthly book club, with a stop afterward at Starbucks for a white chocolate mocha frappuccino. Shopping excursions to Trader Joe's and Ralph's with a mal Heights apartment. little bit." volunteer from San Diego



Tribune News Service/The San Diego Union-Tribune/Sam Hodgson

Joan Schomburg, 87, whos been living mostly in isolation during the pandemic, poses for a portrait at her home March 3 in San Diego.

tures geared for seniors. A Padres game.

"I'm pretty much stuck screaming if here until I go to the doctor," she says of her Nor-"If we have cloudy days

ElderHelp. Periodic lec- or rainy days, that's depressing. There are some days I feel like things aren't going well, but I don't. Or maybe I have a

Schomburg, though, she just finished.

isn't prone to brooding. Chatty and affable, she finds comfort in the smallest of things, like the string of orange balloons twinkling at night in her neighbor's yard or watching the wind whip through trees she can see from her apartment window. Her weekly grocery order now includes bouquets of flowers, which she fastidiously tends to, trimming them and replenishing their water.

After a fall and hip surgery last year sidelined her, Schomburg says she has regained her interest in reading and cooking an occasional chicken dish. Her landlord and friend loaned her four books, including a collection of Mister Rogers' writings and a nonfiction tale that

"Oh, look, Leonardo," sl there's she says excitedly, mid-sentence, as her landlord's golden retriever greets her outside her front door. "He's wagging his tail like crazy. He's licking my hand right now."

As trying as the last year has been, Schomburg, who will soon be getting her second vaccine, says she now is able to see a sliver of a silver lining in the pandemic.

"You realize you can get through it even though it's not fun," she said after pausing a moment to reflect. "A friend came over the other day to get some extra food from Jewish Family Service, and she said, 'I'm alive."

"That is the bottom line.'

Sign-up process **b**egins

It's time to think about kindergarten. Jay School Corpora-

tion's

enrollment Taking process for Note kinder-

garten for the 2021-22 school year is underway.

The process begins online by filling out a registration form at jayschoolcorp.org. After filling out the form, parents will be contacted in may about setting up a kindergarten assessment. For that session, parents will need to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and social security numbers.

Contest set

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.

Hosting workshop

Jay County Purdue Extension will host a lawn care workshop at 6 p.m. Thursday. It will be at Jay County Public Library.

Purdue Extension educator Justin Curley will lead the free session. To RSVP, call the extension office at (260) 726-4707.

Man refuses to put his will in writing

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for seven years. We are in our 60s. He refuses to make a will. He tells me what he "would" put in his will and asks me if I am OK with his wishes.

He has an adult child from his first marriage and would like to include her in the will. I'm fine with what he wants. This conversation has been going on for more than five years now, but he never acts on it. I am very hurt and frustrated.

The house is in his name, and my name isn't even on his checking accounts. I resent him for this. There are times when I want to get a divorce because I feel if something should happen to him, I will have no security. I also think he is being selfish and unloving to me and his adult child to leave us in a situation where we would have to go through the probate process. Please help me to get through to him. — RESENTFUL IN MAINE

DEAR RESENTFUL: Your husband may be afraid to face



the idea of his own mortality. He wouldn't be the first. The two of you need to make an appointment with an attorney who specializes in wills and estates. If he doesn't put his wishes in writing, the assets he has worked so hard for may be seriously diminished when the state decides "for him" and takes a sizable chunk out of the estate.

While you are talking with the lawyer, there should also be a discussion of end-of-life planning. Does he want hospice? Palliative care? Do you know what his wishes are in the event he is unable to speak for himwriting and so should YOURS. (This subject should also be raised with your doctor(s).)

Most people want to keep what they have worked for and decide for themselves what will happen when they die. Death is a fact of life, and hiding from it won't make it go away.

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DEAR ABBY: I send out lots of greeting cards every year for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas. I keep a large number of them on hand so I am prepared.

I received a Christmas card this year from an elderly family member that said: "Thank you for the insulting anniversary card." "Insulting" was underlined twice. I was dismayed. Their anniversary was last August. I have no idea which card I sent since I keep so many on hand. I am guessing it may have been a humorous card that they didn't find funny, but I'm not sure.

Both are very alert and orient- 90069.

self? Those wishes should be in ed. What is the proper thing to do here? Do I call them and apologize when I have no idea what it said? Should I not send an anniversary card next year or send a very generic one? I have been very upset that my good wishes were so poorly received. Any advice you can give would be appreciated. Thank you. — CONFUSED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CONFUSED: Call the couple and ASK what it was about the card that upset them. Explain that it wasn't your intention to offend them, and apologize. DO send an anniversary card when the time comes, but when you do, make absolutely certain the message inside is appropriate.

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

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in **Saturday** Community Calendar as news@thecr.com.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYspace is available. To sub- MOUS — Will meet at 10 mit an item, email a.m. upstairs at True played from 9 a.m. to noon Value Hardware, Meridian each Monday at Jay Com-

every Monday, Wednesday

and Friday. PING PONG — Will be



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Today

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at Harmony Cafe in Portland. Members are encouraged to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKnoon Friday, April 2, at FAST OPTIMISTS - Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant. BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER Walking from 9 to 10 a.m.

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Thursday's Solution

Level: Advanced

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

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munity 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.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY 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.

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We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss them. Ag Outlook

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Opinion

It's time for a doggy birthday party

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review I've never celebrated my dog's birthday before.

Then again, Beauty is a dog. Canines don't wake up on the anniversary of their birth and expect cake. It's just like any regular dav.

I don't know the exact day she was born, either. It's sometime in April.

She's almost 9 years old now. It's never too late to start, though, is it?

this month. Cake, decorations ebrate my little fur ball.



and a few dog toys are already in the works. You'd better believe I'll be uploading pictures to the 'Gram, too.

My birthday is also this I'm thinking about throwing month, but I don't plan to do Beauty a mini party sometime anything exciting. I'd rather cel-

ture who would be just as satisfied with a rawhide bone? Why throw a party for an animal who of attention? gets excitement from chasing their own tail?

son: I just want to do it. I've seen several cute dog

birthday party photos over the years, and each time I wonder if I should try my hand at it. I don't have any kids of my own - nor do I plan to for a long

while yet — and Beauty gets excited just to see me walk to mention how thrilled she gets shredded carrots, unsweetened

Why bake a cake for a crea- when I offer her a morsel of applesauce and peanut butter, human food.

A sweet treat, toys and oodles

She'll be on cloud nine.

The last year has been a rough Well, for lack of a better rea- one. For someone who moved here about seven months ago, I'm still trying to find a local hobby to pursue. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has made adjusting to a new city difficult for me.

So, my hobby is my dog. Beauty seems pretty OK with that.

The recipe I'm looking at for a through the door. And that's not dog-friendly confection includes

among other items. The outcome, unsurprisingly, resembles poop — perfect for my pet who likes to chow on foreign objects from neighborhood dogs' behinds.

Maybe the plain greek yogurt icing will help to make it more picturesque.

You can also bet I'll be slapping a few Milkbones in the shape of a nine or a B on top of it. A masterpiece? A monstrosity? Both words seem fitting.

Regardless, I guarantee my best friend will be thrilled to get the first slice.

Stand against education agenda

To the editor:

The tone of the 2021 budget session of the Indiana General Assembly has been quite different from the 2019 budget session when K-12 public education leaders stood with legislative leaders to announce a state budget that devoted \$763 million in new funding for K-12 public education.

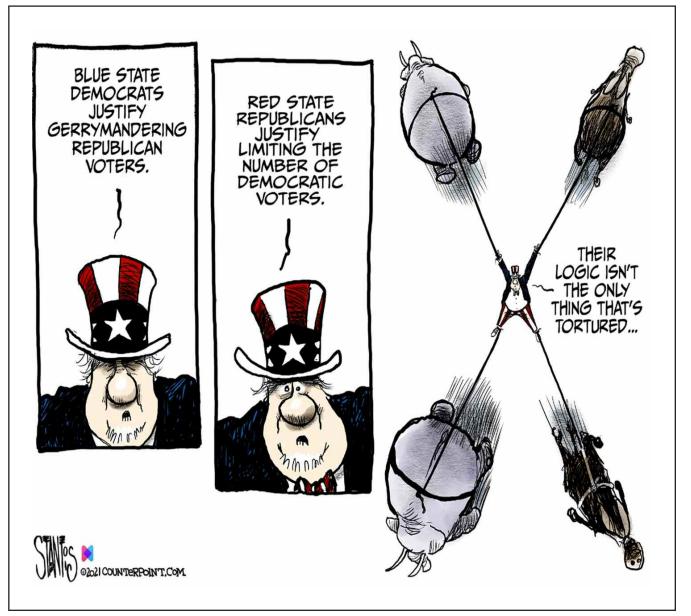
This session has been one consumed with a contentious debate on the proposed expansion of school choice programs. Indiana already ranks fifth for spending of state tax dollars on private school programs, but now ranks just 39th in the nation for perpupil expenditures for pub-lic schools and the more than 1 million students we serve — down from 22nd among states in 2004. Why this shift in legislative priority has occurred is befuddling, given that the facts neither support the need nor benefit of state funding for private schools.

Indiana School Boards Association urges legislators to build on the good budget passed in 2019 by providing adequate funding to address the teacher pay gap and a tuition support increase for public schools that keeps pace with, or exceeds, inflation. Choice Scholarship voucher expansion and the creation of education savings accounts (ESAs) will cost an estimated \$144 million an family income of over the next two years, \$73,876. These families diminishing the monies available to traditional afford private education. public schools. Despite serving less than 5% of Indiana K-12 students, funding for the schools benefitting from voucher program to pay for private education will increase by more than 20% per year. The ESA program will be established at a proiected cost of \$19 million during the 2022-23 school year and will operate much like a health savings account, where parents receive state tax dollars they can use to enroll their child in private education and pay for qualified educational expenses. The ESA concept treats education as a commodity purchased by parents with little accountability to the public for use of these funds. The diversion of money away from the more than 90% of all students whose families have chosen public education as their schools of choice means less funds for raising teacher pay. After his teacher compensation commission noted that Indiana has ranked last in the U.S. since 2001 for average annual teacher pay increases, the governor in his State of the State speech advised legislators to avoid funding school Association

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choice expansion at the expense of the traditional public school system. The legislature is required by Article 8, Section 1, of the Indiana Constitution to provide, by law, for a general and uniform system of Common Schools, wherein tuition shall be without charge, and equally open to all. Open enrollment has led to more than 70,000 students this school year enrolling in another public school district outside of their district of residence. In comparison, the Choice Scholarship voucher program funds about 35,000 students, of which 61% have never attended a public school. proposals Legislative

will make even more families eligible for state-funded tuition to attend a private school. Eligibility to receive a voucher would expand from 150% to 300% of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price meals program. The annual income limit for a household of five would jump generously from approximately \$85,000 to \$170,000 — more than twice Indiana's medialready have the means to



Reach beyond differences

By SABRINA S. FU The Baltimore Sun

Tribune News Service

As an American who has heard about thousands of shootings by now, I have never been asked about Sabrina S. Fu



gy of having to be "right" and thinking it must be "their fault." In order to have actual discussions, we must be vulnerable, we must accept that we are all wrong o some extent, and we must actu ally listen to each other and acknowledge our common problems.

It is important for Indiana residents to know that a majority of the private the Choice Scholarship voucher program are concentrated in just four counties — Marion, Allen, St. Joseph and Lake. Thirtythree counties have no prischool voucher vate providers, and another 20 only have one. Why are hundreds of millions of dollars going to support a program that doesn't benefit all areas of the state, when K-12 public education in every county could be better funded?

Public schools are a pillar of our democracy and are the engines of opportunity for our citizenry. Public education remains necessary to produce a competitive workforce and serves as a catalyst for economic development and job growth.

Please join the more than 170 school boards that have passed resolutions to express opposition to this agenda and ask your legislators to vote no to the expansion of private school choice.

Adam VanOsdol

Indiana School Boards

how I felt about any particular shooting — until a few days after the shootings at three massage businesses in Atlanta, dominated by women of Asian descent.

Yes, I am an Asian American, but more importantly, I am an American who deeply cares about our country — and hence, I am asking all of us to go beneath the surface of our fractured U.S.

I have heard about so many U.S. shootings the past decades including the one that occurred just six days after Atlanta, in Boulder, Colorado — that many have blurred into one. It seems to me that people of all ages and religions have been in the wrong place at the wrong time, whether it be as bystanders shot in Baltimore or Chicago or D.C., or shot at in one of many places in our daily lives. A few examples: an elementary school in December of 2012 where 6- and 7-year-old children were shot (Newtown, Connecticut); a church in June of 2015 where people were shot during Bible study (Charleston, South Carolina); a synagogue service in fall of 2018 (Pittsburgh); and spas (Atlanta) and a grocery store (Boulder) in March of 2021.

Note the commonality of them all — people shot while doing ordinary things in their lives. Yes, they were of different ages, different skin color and different religions. We have chosen to concentrate on their differences rather than their and our desire to cling onto ideolo- United States?



commonality: Americans shot in the 21st century while doing ordinary things in their lives. And a society that lets this occur over and over again.

For me as a human being, each was awful. Just as awful is the recurring way in which we react: with a list of victims and shock, followed by condolences to a particular group of people, talk of the history of hate crimes against that group, and finding simple reasons for each shooting.

We use language such as "victim" and "perpetrator," and do not discuss the deeper issues in our society — such as the language we use to continually divide us and the binary thinking that we are one or the other — rather than be able to see the character of each being beyond the surface labels we are given by race, religion, sex.

We seldom discuss the commonality of these shootings — that there are guns readily available and a culture that tolerates hate and division. And the word "discussion" gets diluted to shouting at each other and name calling and more surface reasoning for not digging deeper. Instead, I ask that we take responsibility for being part of the divisiveness of our nation, of our surface thinking,

We have created the society we live in — some more so than others. We all matter in what direction our nation takes.

When do we start to take responsibility for a society that categorizes people by surface features of skin color, religion and sex, and continually use language to divide our nation in a binary manner -Republicans versus Democrats, gun rights versus gun control, white people versus people of color, victims versus perpetrators?

There is no better time than now to take responsibility for perpetrating this sad state of our nation. Those in power have continually divided us with their language and their action — or by being silent. And just as importantly, the vast majority of us have allowed the sad state of our nation to recur over and over again with our complicit silence. Speak up about the need to have difficult conversations, and change our divisive language.

Start thinking of "we" over "me." It cannot be about me, an Asian American, just as it cannot be about any fill-in-the-blank American. It has to be about we, the United States of America. It's going to be a difficult conversation. But if we don't start now, what will become of "us" — the



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Fools' snow

Weather turned back to winter in the Midwest for April Fools' Day. Interstate 77 both northbound and southbound were closed Thursday morning in Summit County, Ohio, after as many as 20 cars were involved in a crash, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation and Richfield police.

Reform bill signed

By ELIZABETH DEPOMPEI The Indianapolis Star

Tribune News Service

Gov. Eric Holcomb has signed into law a police reform and training bill lauded by Indiana Democrats and Republicans as "historic." Holcomb signed House Bill

1006 on Thursday. In addition to de-escalation training requirements, the bill allots \$70 million to repair and update the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy's training facility.

The bill establishes a procedure allowing the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board to decertify an officer who commits misconduct. It also prohibits chokeholds under certain circumstances and

ceal criminal behavior.

The bill, authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald, R-Danville, also requires police agencies request a prospective officer's employment record from previous employers during the hiring process.

HB 1006 received unanimous support in both the Republican-led chambers, even garnering applause and a standing ovation in the House.

"It's the product of yearslong work and collaboration among a bipartisan group of state policymakers, and local and state police departments – and our communities will be better served because of it," Steuerwald previously said in a statement.

"Other states are using this criminalizes an officer turning legislation as a blueprint and efforts to address police off a body worn camera to con- following Indiana's lead in reform."

implementing innovative solutions to further support local law enforcement, and boost accountability and transparency in policing.'

Senate Democratic leader Sen. Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis, previously said the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus met with thousands of activists, police officers and residents in the wake of police protests last summer "and the provisions included in HB 1006 were overwhelmingly supported.'

"HB 1006 is a testament to what we can do when we work together in the best interest of Hoosiers instead of politics,³ Taylor said in a statement. "This is good public policy that will save lives, and is a step in the right direction in our

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In presenting the request, area operations manager Eric Reynolds noted that U.S. Aggregates is a supplier for many local projects and businesses, said the company must follow strict state and federal guidelines, and showed overhead photos of similar operations in close proximity to residential areas in Montpelier, Bluffton, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. He emphasized the quarry's decades of service in the community, previously as Meshberger Brothers and for about the last eight years as U.S. Aggregates.

We believe that we can be a long-term good community partner for Portland and for Jay County," Reynolds said.

The 10 members of the public - there were more than 80 in attendance at Jay County Courthouse — who spoke against the project expressed the same concerns they have raised at other recent meetings and in letters to the editor to The Commercial Review. Those include declining property values, quality of life and aesthetic issues, traffic, dust, noise and potential damage from blasting, well water levels, proximity to Jay County Junior-Senior High School and hindering the ability for the city to grow to the west.

The quality of life of the neighbors should be the main factor when making the decision to rezone this property," said Carol Johnston, a resident of Rose Drive. "We are not asking the quarry to leave the county. We are only asking that they check other areas in the county to find the type of stone they need.'

The six who spoke in favor of the rezoning request and the quarry expansion were mostly employees of U.S. Aggregates and other local companies that do business with the stone quarry. They focused on jobs, the economic impact on local businesses such as trucking companies and Ardagh's glass manufacturing operation, and the increased cost that the county, residents also sit on city council.

and industries would incur from hauling stone from further away. (It is estimated that the existing U.S. Aggregates site has enough material to operate for another three to five years.)

Jay County Commissioners president Chad Aker also read a letter in support of the rezoning after commissioners approved a resolution to that effect at a special meeting earlier in the day.

Jay County cannot afford the job losses, lost revenue to businesses, increased costs and potential business closures that (denying the rezoning request) will bring," Aker read from the letter, noting that the stone quarry was in existence in the area before Jay County Junior-Senior High School and most of the houses in the area were built. "20,000-plus will be negatively affected if the rezoning isn't approved.'

Letters both for and against the project, some presented in advance to plan commission members and others read at the meeting, covered the same topics

Before taking its votes, plan commission members asked a handful of questions regarding the city's master plan, blasting location, plans for a berm around the proposed expansion site and whether a compromise could be reached between U.S. Aggregates and those in opposition to the expansion.

The recommendation to deny the rezoning request was passed with votes from Janet Powers, Lee Newman, Kent McClung, Don Gillespie, Bart Darby and Kyle Cook. Ron Laux and Steve McIntosh opposed that motion.

Darby and Cook had voted in favor of the previous motion to recommend approving the rezoning. Following the meeting, Darby said he made the change simply to get the issue before city council, which has the final say on the matter. Cook said his preference would be to see a compromise reached but that he also took a nod from Powers, McClung and Gillespie, plan commission members who

Cabinet members will push for plan

By CHRIS SOMMERFELDT New York Daily News Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden tapped five of his Cabinet secretaries on Thursday to spearhead an effort to get

The president did not take any questions before reporters were led out of the room.

The \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal, which Biden rolled out during an event in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, is likely going to be a tough sell in Congress. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters Thursday that Biden's sweeping proposal "is not going to get support from our side.' "I'm going to fight them every step of the way, because I think this is the wrong prescription for America," McConnell said at a news conference in his home state. Republicans are upset that Biden is proposing to pay for a variety of infrastructure investments by hiking the corporate tax rate from the current 21% to 28%. Biden has pushed back by noting that the corporate rate used to be even higher than 28% before former President Donald Trump lowered it to 21% with his signature 2017 tax cuts, which mostly benefited the wealthy.

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Congress to pass his freshly unveiled \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan, tasking them with what's likely to be a tough job as Republicans balk at the wideranging spending package.

Biden, speaking at his first full Cabinet meeting in the East Room of the White House, said the push for his American Jobs Plan will be lead by Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, **Commerce Secretary Gina** Raimondo, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia Fudge and Labor Secretary Marty Walsh.

"These Cabinet members will represent me in dealing with Congress, engage the public in selling the plan, and help work out the details as we refine it and move forward," Biden, who was flanked by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, said at the top of the meeting.

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Tony L. and Lois J. Oxley to Shawver Properties LLC,

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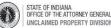
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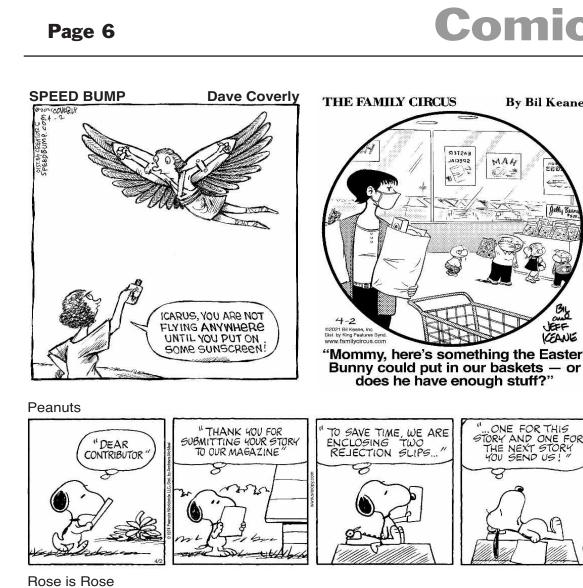
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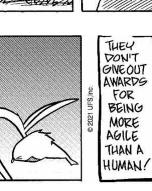
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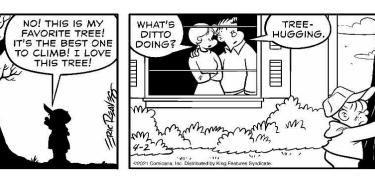
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First inning dooms Reds on Opening Day

By DAVID JABLONSKI

Springfield (Ohio) News-Sun Tribune News Service

Apr. 2 — Good feelings, or good vibes as shortstop Eugenio Suarez likes to call them, pervade every Opening Day in Cincinnati. It doesn't matter how the Cincinnati Reds performed in spring training — and they were the worst team in baseball this March. It doesn't matter what they did or didn't do in the offseason. It doesn't matter what the oddsmakers think of the team's chances.

real games start, and it was high when first baseman Joey Votto bounced out of the dugout at Great American Ball Park during a pregame ceremony on Thursday, pointing both hands in the sky and saluting the fans who hadn't seen their favorite team play in person in 20 months.

Eleven minutes later, all the good feelings had vanished. That's how long the St. Louis Cardinals needed to build a 6-0 lead in the first inning. The Reds

Optimism abounds when the offense did show up after failing paid tribute to the late legend age, but he left the mound in the to score in 22 postseason innings last vear. but it couldn't keep up with the Cardinals, who won 11-6 on the 145th Opening Day in Cincinnati.

The fans dealt not only with that stunning first inning but also with one of the coldest openers in history. It was 37 degrees when the game began. Snow flurries fell at times during the game.

Fans barely had to time to digest an emotional pregame ceremony in which the Reds

Joe Morgan and manager David Bell's younger brother Mike, who died Friday, and other members of the Reds family when starter Luis Castillo gave the Cardinals an early cushion.

After a leadoff groundout by Tommy Edman, six straight Cardinals reached base. Dylan Carlson's three-run home run put the Reds in a six-run hole one third of an inning into the season

Castillo escaped the first inning without any more damfourth inning. He allowed eight earned runs on eight hits in 3 1/3 innings. It was the worst outing of his career. He allowed eight earned runs once previously — also against the Cardinals — on Aug. 16, 2019, but lasted 4 1/3 innings in that game.

The first pitcher to follow Castillo, new Reds reliever Cam Bedrosian, didn't help matters when he gave up a two-run home run to the second batter he faced, Tyler O'Neill. The Reds trailed 11-3 at that point.

Back

Continued from page 8 He was forced to wear a back brace for four months and complete rehab before he could even think about playing baseball again.

The rehab, he said, wasn't even the most difficult the ongoing coronavirus part. It was "coming to the baseball field every day when I couldn't play," he said.

He was forced to miss his entire sophomore season, one in which he expected to make the varsity team.

Because he was unable to work out, he put on weight. By the time he was done with rehab, he had shot up to 234 pounds.

"It was tough," he said. "I saw my body deteriorating and I just couldn't do anything about it.'

To make matters worse, he was unable to contribute on the field as the Patriots won back-to-back sectional championships and advanced to the regional final.

Sibray said the most difficult part after Blake's surgery was watching him struggle. Tyler Caldwell added he was fearful for his

"I watched him go from not being able to really walk after surgery ... to see him go through the depression of going six or seventh months of him not being able to do what he loves," he said. "(I had) the fear of him having to do it again."

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wanted to reach. He lifted weights up to five days a week. He started going to baseball workouts at The Barn Academy in Muncie. Then his junior season

was canceled because of pandemic.

"Kind of grateful for it," he said. "It gave me time to get ready for my travel ball season. But that year I was still heavier than I am now [190 pounds]. I definitely wasn't as strong as I am now.

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Last fall, Blake returned to the baseball diamond as a member of the Indiana Prospects, an organization he had been a member of since he was 14.

"I was in tears," Sibray said. noting she had Blake's surgeon on call in something case went wrong

In his first game back, the Prospects got no-hit. In his second, he ripped two balls to deep center field that dropped for doubles.

In 28 games for the Prospects, Blake hit .324 with a team-best 10 doubles. He also had a triple and 17 RBIs.

Then his dream came true.

On Jan. 19, two years after back surgery and without a high school game under his belt, Blake Caldwell signed to play baseball for Wabash College.

"It means a lot," he said.

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Blake Caldwell was forced to wear a back brace for four months following surgery on his lower spine. The JCHS senior is set to make his Patriot baseball debut on Thursday after signing to play college baseball in January.

sure I was going to be able to get it again.

weren't sure if I would be able to swing a bat or play baseball without pain

thing, to be able to play."

sign to play in college? Tyler said it's his son's

to achieve his goal.

'When he was little the biggest thing we taught him was the only thing you can control is the effort you put into it and he has figured that part out," he said. "He has worked his butt off.'

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Before Blake realizes his dream at Wabash, he'll finally get his chance to represent Jay County at Don E. Selvey Field when the Patriots open their season Thursday against Elwood.

"He's kind of a quiet leader for us," JCHS coach Lea Selvey said. "We're counting on him."

Caldwell will be moving to first base from third, and Selvey said he'll be relying on his bat in the lineup as one of the team's four seniors.

"The thing I admire him the most for is he found a way," Selvey said. "His goal was to play in college and he just kept finding a way to get work done, get rehab done.

But, as Tyler said, his son's drive to succeed they both admit Blake often puts too much pressure on himself — isn't the only factor in landing a spot with the Wabash Little Giants.

"That mountain was too high to climb by our-selves," he said. "There was no possible way. Everything fell in place for him to come back.

On tap Local schedule

Friday Fort Recovery — Softball vs. Mis-sissinawa Valley – 5 p.m.

Saturday 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. Bellmont – 11 a.m.; Softball scrim-mage vs. Winchester – 11 a.m.

Monday Jay County — Softball vs. Black-ford – 5 p.m.; JV softball at Blackford – 5 p.m.

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

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Jay County — Track at Blackford – 5 p.m.; Softball at Bellmont – 5 p.m.; JV softball at South Adams – 5 p.m. Fort Recovery — Softball at Fair-vn – 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball at lawn -Coldwater - 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today 8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Charlotte Hornets (FSIN)

Saturday 5:14 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Final Four -Houston vs. Baylor (CBS) 8:34 p.m. - Men's College Basket

ball: NCAA Tournament Final Four -UCLA

vs. Gonzaga (CBS) 9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at San Antonio Spurs (FSIN)

Sunday

Noon — National Hockey League: Detroit Red Wings at Tampa Bay Lightning (NBC) 1:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)

3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers

8:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball; Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (ESPN)

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What would you bid with each of what would you blo with each the following four hands? 1. ◆ KJ963 ♥ Q4 ◆ AK9 ◆ J85 2. ◆ AK743 ♥ 7 ◆ QJ942 ◆ K7 3. ◆ AQJ9872 ♥ 5 ◆ QJ103 ◆ 6 4. ♠ K8 ♥ KJ62 ♦ AQ732 ♣ Q4

1. Pass. West should have at least 12 or 13 high-card points for his opening bid, and East 10 or more for two club response. That doesn't leave much for your partner to have, and, in fact, he could be pointless.

To bid two spades, or double for takeout, would therefore be very dangerous and could cost you upward of 500 points if you are doubled for penalties. It is true that you had what seemed to be a fairly good hand when you first looked at it, but it's been shot to pieces by the opposing bidding. You can't afford to turn a deaf car to what East-West have told you they have.2. Double. The same observations

apply here also, but the difference is that this time you have excellent distributional values in addition to your

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high cards. There is a real possibility of competing successfully against the opponents, even though you know they heavily outnumber you in highcard strength

For example, partner might have something like ♠ Q9852 ♥ 9653 ♦ 103 ♠ 42, in which case four spades, down one or two, presumably doubled, would be a much better result than letting the opponents bid and make four hearts.

3. Four spades. You don't expect to make four spades, though you might if you get lucky. The real purbe pose of the four-space bid is to steal the opponents' bidding space so they can't find out exactly what they have between them at a lower level. Occasionally this strategy will pay excel-lent dividends when the opponents wind up in the wrong contract.
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Jay baseball, softball teams to scrimmage Saturday, see On tap page 7

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Blake Caldwell, left,

a Jay County High School

senior, and junior Quinn

Faulkner laugh it up while

stretching prior to the Patriot

baseball team's practice on

Tuesday at Don E. Selvey

Field. Caldwell, who missed

the entirety of his sophomore

surgery and then had his

junior year canceled because

of the ongoing coronavirus

pandemic, realized his dream

by signing to play in college

despite not having any high

school experience.

following

back

season

Back to baseball With college dream a reality, Caldwell is set to begin long-awaited **JCHS** baseball career following spinal surgery

BV CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

Blake Caldwell had a dream of playing professional baseball.

Upon discovering at a young age the probability of achieving his goal was extremely low, he amended his wish to a more achievable one: playing at the collegiate level.

According to the NCAA, of the 482,740 reported high school baseball players for the 2018-19 season, only 36,011 (7.3%) went on to play in college. (The 2018-19 numbers are the most recently available from the National Federation of State High School Associations, the nationwide governing body of high school athletes.)

That same year was when Caldwell, then a Jay County High School sophomore, saw his plans of playing in college fade away.

As an eighth grader on the football team at East Jay Middle School, Caldwell suffered a broken leg in a game against South Adams. While attempting to down an onside kick, he got hit and fell back awkwardly, snapping a portion of his tibia.

Once the injury healed and after he was perhaps cleared to play a little too soon, Caldwell joined the Chiefs' basketball team that winter. During a game, he dived in an attempt to stop a ball from going out of bounds. His body contorted as he hit the floor, and when he got up he was unable to fully extend his right

leg. "I played three games like that," he said.

The pain, which turned out to be in his lower back, lingered far beyond basketball season.

"We watched him go through it for two years and didn't realize



what it was," said Tyler Caldwell, Blake's father. "He kept saying, 'My back is tight.""

Chalking it up to growing pains, Tyler and Blake's mother, Kristi Sibray, tried their best to help their eldest son manage the pain with stretches and frequent visits to the chiropractor.

Concussions as a freshman cut Blake's football career short, so he instead focused on baseball in spite of his back discomfort.

"I just told myself I was being a baby," he said. "I changed my swing freshman year. Went through freshman football, never ran into an accident (with my back). It would hurt, but it wasn't shocking until I went to go get it looked at.'

baseball workout to floor him. The violent twisting action shot pain through his body and dropped him to a knee. He wasn't able to fight through it, and that's when his parents were advised it wasn't just muscle soreness.

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While the exact cause whether the hit on the football field or diving for a basketball – is uncertain, the diagnosis was straightforward: pars interarticularis defect, or pars defect, in his L5 vertebrae in the lower back.

Layman's terms: a broken vertebrae.

Caldwell had three options to remedy the fracture; he could wear a back brace for four to five months with no guarantee of a

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rod and screws in the vertebrae or have surgery to fuse the spine. The last of those options would limit his range of motion and make playing baseball difficult.

"I remember we were walking out (of the hospital), we both looked at him and said, 'You don't have to play baseball. You can have a good life," Tyler said. "He said, 'What kind of life is that?'

"His mind was made up three steps outside the doctor's office that he was going to have surgerv

Blake said he didn't feel comfortable with the first option because it meant he still might miss time if his bone didn't heal with the brace alone. And the fusion was out of the question It took a swing during a fall fix, he could have surgery to put a because baseball was his passion.

"Took us a little bit longer to be OK with (the surgery)," Sibray said. "We wanted him to be happy and do it, but then again you don't want your baby going under the knife.'

Tyler added: "Anytime you have a 15-, 16-year-old son who's looking at back surgery, it scares the life out of you."

So the day after Christmas in 2018, Blake was the recipient of a rod and four screws in his lower back to repair the vertebrae.

It was a small step forward, yes, but the road to playing beyond high school became that much longer.

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At the time of his surgery, Blake weighed 184 pounds. See **Back** page 7



School Choice Myth Buster

Opposition to expanding private school choice (Voucher program and ESA) has 5 main talking points- NONE of which are true when looking at the scientific research and evidence.

MYTH 1: Choice undermines public school funding and cost taxpayers/ public schools.

FACTS:

Students who receive a voucher make up 3% of our entire K-12 student population but they receive only 2% of the funding. (tuition support)

· For the 2019-2020 school year, the average voucher amount was \$4,707, compared to the average traditional public-school state tuition support amount of \$6,872. A voucher student receives, on average \$2000 less in state money for their education PLUS, voucher students do not receive any federal or local dollars.

In 2019-2020, the state awarded \$172,776,489.99 in school vouchers. If each of the 36,707 voucher students would have attended their district public school instead of a private school, the state would have spent \$239,239,229.73 in tuition support for those students. That's a savings of \$66,462,739.74.

25 of 28 empirical studies on choice programs show a positive financial impact on taxpayers and school districts. 3 studies show choice programs are revenue neutral, and 0 studies showed negative effects.

· Public schools retain their local and federal funding for children who leave the district.

· Most choice programs give the student less dollars than what the district would've received, like Indiana's current voucher program and proposed ESA program (Students receive 90% of tuition support). This results in a cost savings for the state and more money to go around for students remaining still in public school.

MYTH 2: Choice does not lead to better academic outcomes for students.

FACTS:

2019 Student Growth Scores (Source: DOE unredacted A-F student growth scores) • 23 of the top 50 schools for growth at the 10th grade level are voucher schools.

8 out of the top 10 are voucher schools.

. In fact, the top 5 schools in terms of growth are all voucher accepting schools.

Proficiency – 2018 I-Learn/ ISTEP Findings

School Type	ELA 2018 I-LEARN Pass Rate	Math 2018 I-LEARN Pass Rate		
Nonpublic Grades 3-8	78.0%	67.7%		
Traditional Public Grades 3-8	63.4%	58.3%		
Charter Grades 3-8	49.6%	36.8%		
Nonpublic Grade 10	75.2%	49.8%		
Traditional Public Grade 10	58.4%	35.9%		
Charter Grade 10	47.9%	22.0%		

· 6 of the top 7 schools in the state on the I-Step 10 are nonpublic (voucher) schools

25 of the top 50 high schools are nonpublic (voucher) schools

• 19 of the top 50 grade 3-8 schools are nonpublic (voucher) schools

· Nationally, there have been more than 150 studies on school choice - more than any other education reform policy.

· Students in private school choice programs see academic benefits.

· Of the 18 gold-standard studies on the academic outcomes of participating students:

- · 14 showed positive academic results for choice participants,
- 2 had neutral findings, and
- 2 have negative findings

· Of the 33 empirical studies on the Academic Outcomes of the Students Remaining in Public Schools

- 31 showed positive academic outcomes for students remaining in public schools.
- · 1 had neutral findings, and
- 1 had negative findings
- The Notre Dame Study What it really says:

· Students entering the voucher program are academically behind their public school peers

 Based on ISTEP scores, voucher students are academically behind their public school peers in years 1 and 2 of attend a private school.

• By years 3 and 4, voucher students catch-up in math and move ahead in English/ Language Arts

• By years 5 and 6 they are expected to surpass their public school peers academically (the study did not gather data for this many years).

· Voucher accepting nonpublic schools must give ILEARN

· Voucher accepting nonpublic schools get A-F grades just like all other schools

· Unlike public schools, Voucher accepting nonpublic schools are subject to consequences if they are low academic performers for 2 vears (D or F rated schools)

· Under the proposed ESA program, students would have to take I-Learn or a test that can be correlated to I-Learn (some schools which specialize in special needs students give an alternative test to I-Learn but the scores can be correlated so there can be fair academic comparison).

· The truest form of accountability is choice. No one is automatically assigned to any nonpublic schools. Parents have to choose to send their child to these schools and they can also choose to leave that school if it is not working.

MYTH 3: Choice programs do not have the same accountability as public schools.

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MYTH 4: Choice programs allow for discrimination.

FACTS:

• 9/10 empirical studies show that choice programs lead to less segregation.

- Voucher students are lower-income compared to traditional public school students
- 70% of voucher students are on Free and Reduced Price Lunch compared to 47% of traditional public school students
- · Voucher students are more racial diverse compared to traditional public school students
- Voucher kids: 57% White 43% Minority
- · 22% Hispanic
- 12% Black
- 9% Other
- Traditional public school kids:
- 68% White 32% Minority
- •13% Hispanic
- 11% Black
- 8% Other

MYTH 5: Education Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) lead to fraud.

FACTS:

· ESA's are not a free-range debit card for parents. Families purchase services and products through a secure, regulated web portal where the DOE and Treasurer would only allow verified and approved providers and products to be purchased.

· ESA programs have been around for 10 years and continue to further mitigate attempts of fraud.

· The Treasurer of State is required by law to provide written explanation of authorized uses and freeze any accounts where misuse is detected, report any crimes to prosecutor/AG

· Bad actors (both families and providers) will be prohibited from participating in the program.

· Surety bond is required of every provider/vendor who is expected to receive payment of more than \$50,000 for their services.

· An annual audit by independent public accounting firm is required and the audit must be sent to governor and general assembly

· There are examples of fraud in our public schools. Examples include South Newton School Corp., Gary and Vigo County. Cannot stop all bad actors.