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Virtually distracted

Fort Recovery High School senior Anna Wendel tries an impaired driving virtual reality simulator Wednesday. Fort Recovery Insurance Agency and Buckeye Insurance Agency sponsored the distracted driving seminar through the International Save A Life Tour. The event included a texting and driving simulator and an impaired driving simulator for students to try.

Project to start June 1

Tentative timeline set for runway extension

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A tentative timeline is in place for the first phase of the Portland Municipal Airport runway extension project.

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman & Seufert informed Portland Board of Aviation at its meeting Monday that work on the first phase of the runway extension is expected to begin about June 1.

The city has been working to extend the airport's runway for decades. It received Federal Aviation Administration approval for the project in January 2015, with funding approval finally coming last year.

Clearwaters is working with Indianapolis firm HIS Constructors on the project. HIS plans to be on site to begin prep work May 26 with the project itself to start June 1.

Phase one of the extension project includes leveling the land to the west of the current runway and enclosing 555 feet of Alexander Ditch. Clearwaters said HIS plans to handle the work in two sections, starting with the westernmost portion. That is expected to take until mid-to-late August. HIS will then shift to the section adjacent to the airport for about the next two months, during which time the runway will need to be shortened to accommodate work.

The second phase of the runway extension — to 5,500 feet

from the current 4,000 feet — involves paving and lighting and is scheduled for 2022.

Portland Mayor John Boggs said he would contact U.S. Sens. Todd Young and Mike Braun and U.S. Rep. Jim Banks to begin the scheduling process for a groundbreaking ceremony for the project.

Also Wednesday, Clearwaters informed the board that Indiana is in the process of updating its state aviation system plan. Surveys have been sent to airports about their facilities and services. Consulting firms assisting the state with the plan update will eventually schedule a virtual site visit for Portland Municipal Airport.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from airport manager Hal Tavzel that: the airport's fuel farm passed its inspection earlier this month; most hangars are now rented with only two or three currently open; there has been an increase in flying activity with several new students signed up for classes; 85 students from an Amish school recently toured the airport; and 4,253 gallons of fuel were sold in March for a total of \$15,857.84.

- Agreed to move forward with scheduling a Young Eagles event for late summer or early fall. Young Eagles is an organization that provides free plane rides to those ages 8 through 17. Board members agreed it would be best to get on the schedule and make adjustments is circumstances change because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

- Approved a reimbursement request for \$9,000 for grant funds for reimbursement of costs incurred during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The funding is provided through the second federal coronavirus relief bill passed in December.

- Submitted a grant repayment request for \$7,115.33 to the FAA.

Jay County stays blue, positivity increases

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County is blue again. Its positivity rate nearly pushed it to yellow.

In Indiana State Department of Health's update Wednesday, Jay County was rated blue (low risk for the spread of coronavirus) for the third consecutive week.

While the county stayed

at the state's lowest rating, it did so barely. Its positivity rate for the week was 4.87%, just 0.13 percentage points below the 5% threshold that would have pushed the county to yellow (moderate risk). The positivity rate is up from 3.92% last week. It had been as low as 1.87% last month.

Jay County's cases per

100,000 residents bumped down a bit to 68. It had been at 78 last week.

In the area, Adams, Delaware and Randolph counties all remained blue while Wells County dropped to blue after being yellow last week. Blackford County remained yellow for the third consecutive week.

Indiana saw an increase in counties rated "orange" (high risk) with seven this week, all in the northern third of the state. Thirty-nine counties were rated yellow and the remaining 46 were blue.

Coronavirus vaccination appointments are open to all Hoosiers 16

and older. Jay County currently has vaccination clinics available at Jay County Health Department and IU Health Jay. Appointments can be made online at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

Jay County Health Department has also

opened its vaccination clinic to walk-ins from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As of Wednesday, 9,605 doses of coronavirus vaccine had been administered in Jay County. That includes 4,346 individuals who are fully vaccinated.

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Bill would limit health departments

By KAITLIN LANGE

The Indianapolis Star Tribune News Service

Lawmakers approved a bill that would limit local health departments' ability to issue public health orders and enforce them — a move that could threaten the mask mandate still in place in Indianapolis.

The bill now heads to Gov. Eric Holcomb's desk.

Any health orders more stringent than Gov. Eric Holcomb's during an emergency would have to be approved by the local legislative bodies and, in the case of local cities, by the mayor.

In Indianapolis, that means the city still can have stronger pandemic rules than the state, but they must be approved by Hogsett and the City-County Council in addition to the health department.

Opponents worry that could slow down response times in the middle of a pandemic where the situation is constantly changing.

"During an emergency is exactly the time when we need to act quickly," said Sen. Karen Tallian, D-Portage. "You need to allow the health department officer to make a decisive move early and quick."

When Holcomb made his decision to lift the restrictions, he emphasized that he was leaving the decision up to local units of government, and that Hoosiers should respect those decisions.

Senate Bill 5 also allows people to appeal local health department actions during an emergency to the local legislative body, another transfer of power from local health officials to elected officials.

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Jazzy trombone

James Larrowe plays the trombone as part of the jazz band during the Jay County High School band concert Sunday afternoon. The JCHS concert band and winter guard also performed.



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Deaths

Steve Gibson, 68, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Wednesday. The low was 27.

Expect patchy frost tonight with a low of 34. Skies will be sunny Friday with the high climbing to near 60.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Indiana Republican leaders reached an agreement on the state's two-year budget this week. It includes paying off more than \$1 billion in state debt and adds \$1.03 billion for education. What are your thoughts on the budget?

Send letters to the editor to r.cooney@thecr.com. There is a 700-word maximum.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's JCHS track meet against Bluffton.

Saturday — Interior design business has opened new showroom in Portland.



Portland man back in custody for rape

Police arrested a Portland man for rape and drug charges after receiving a Facebook tip Wednesday. Rickey D. Jenkins, 65, had been arrested Friday night and released on his own recognizance Sunday night. His warrant was re-issued Tuesday. Portland Police visited his home at 664 West Third St. to make the arrest Tuesday, but he was not there. They reached out to surrounding agencies and

Felony arrests

posted on Facebook in an effort to find Jenkins. Portland Police Chief Josh Stephenson said the department received a tip from someone who

had seen its social media post, and found Jenkins on Wednesday night at a home on the west 300 block of Main Street in Ridgeville. Jenkins was preliminarily charged with a Level 3 felony for rape, two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a common nuisance, and a Class A misdemeanor for dealing marijuana. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$35,000 bond.

Drug possession

Two women were arrested recently for drug possession. Amy J. Karst, 21, 351 E. Franklin St., Huntington, was arrested Wednesday and preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe. She was also preliminarily charged a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Karst was booked into Jay

County Jail and is being held without bond. Kayla N. Cloyd, 29, 1063 Hillcrest Drive, Charleston, West Virginia, was arrested Thursday morning and preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs. She was also preliminarily charged a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Cloyd was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$4,000 bond.

CR almanac

Friday 4/23	Saturday 4/24	Sunday 4/25	Monday 4/26	Tuesday 4/27
58/44	56/40	58/39	70/54	79/61
Mostly clear day with sunny skies and wind gusts as high as 20 mph. Evening skies will be clear as well.	Skies will be mostly cloudy with a 80% chance of rain. Cloudy evening skies as well.	Mostly sunny during the day with some clouds at night. Other-wise moderate temperatures.	Mostly sunny with highs in the low 70s. Temperatures will begin to climb again through the week.	Another mostly sunny day with highs reaching the upper 70s. 30% chance of evening rain.

Lotteries

Powerball 21-25-32-63-67 Power Ball: 6 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$104 million	Cash 5: 6-13-20-34-41 Hoosier Lotto: 2-5-16-35-38-45 Estimated jackpot: \$9.4 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$277 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-5-0 Pick 4: 4-5-5-7 Pick 5: 3-2-6-6-5 Evening Pick 3: 6-8-0 Pick 4: 3-4-0-1 Pick 5: 9-1-0-1-9 Rolling Cash: 16-21-22-26-28 Classic Lotto: 6-7-13-32-36-46 Kicker: 5-4-0-9-5-5 Estimated jackpot: \$7.4 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-2-5 Daily Four: 3-2-1-0 Evening Daily Three: 7-1-7 Daily Four: 4-9-0-6 Quick Draw: 2-3-7-9-12-31-36-40-41-42-43-44-48-53-61-62-65-73-75-77	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.50 Wheat6.61	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.45 May corn.....6.46 Beans15.65 Sept. beans12.90 May wheat 6.73
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Today in history

On April 22, 2005, Zacarias Moussaoui pleaded guilty in a federal courtroom outside Washington, D.C. to conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers to kill Americans. (Moussaoui is serving a life prison sentence.)
In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.
In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.
In 1915, the first full-scale use of deadly chemicals in warfare took place as German forces unleashed chlorine gas against Allied troops at the start of the Second Battle of Ypres (EE'-preh) in Belgium during World War I; thousands of soldiers are believed to have died.
In 1937, thousands of college students in New York City staged a "peace

strike" opposing American entry into another possible world conflict.
In 1952, an atomic test in Nevada became the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television as a 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 Superfortress.
In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.
In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."
In 1971, Greg Bales broke the six-year-old Redkey High School record in the 100-yard dash with a time of 10.2 seconds in a four-way meet at Royerton.
In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Friday
8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Room 205, John Jay Center For Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners' room, court-

house, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Steve Gibson

Oct. 16, 1952-April 21, 2021
Steve L. "Bo" Gibson, age 68, of Portland passed away Wednesday morning, April 21, 2021, at his residence. He was born in Portland on Oct. 16, 1952, the son of Donald and Delores (Schultz) Gibson. He worked for Jay-Randolph Developmental Services. He was a member of Portland Lions Club. He was active in Special Olympics, having participated in softball throw, bowling and basketball. He played in Little League Baseball and was an avid Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan. He

loved spending time with his family especially the children.

Surviving are three brothers, Rick Gibson (wife: Cheryl) of Portland, Stanley Gibson of Eugene, Oregon, and Doug Gibson of Doha, Qatar; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Vicky Money and Donna Mikel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.



Gibson

Burial will follow in the Little Salamonia Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Jay Randolph Developmental or Special Olympics.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.

They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

Jay Superior Court

Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced

Spencer T. Hobbs, 30, 1835 E. 21st St., Muncie, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail, given 52 days credit for 26 days served and fined court costs of \$185.50.

Eduardo Alvarez-Anguiano, 25, 6351 South Richmond Street 2, Chicago, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with alcohol concentration equivalent to at least .08 but less than .15, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for one day served. He was placed on probation for 180 days, fined court costs of \$185.50 and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles

suspend his license for 173 days retroactive to Oct. 19, 2020.

Judgments

Gregory A. Goldblatt and Sonnek and Goldblatt Limited were awarded \$10,760.14 from Ruby Maynard and Theresa Hurst, civil collection

Cases filed

Angela A. Ingram v. Frederick J. Ingram, small claims

Indiana v. Mitchell C. Ferguson, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Brian S. Bickel, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Michelle L. Grigsby, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Angela K. Smith, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Christina M. DeVoe, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Kurt E. Banter, criminal misdemeanor

OneMain Financial Group LLC v. Amanda and Thomas Stant, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Kyle C. Hunt, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Brian S. Stiles, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Kenneth D. Kelsay III, Level 6 felony

TD Bank USA as successor in interest to target National Bank v. Dianna Miller, civil collection

Indiana v. Tyler F. Johnson, criminal misdemeanor

Citizens State Bank v. Betsy Miller, small claims

TD Bank USA v. Ruby Maynard, civil collection

TD Bank USA v. Karin Somers, civil collection

Indiana v. Kaelyn M. Short, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Stephanie N. McClain, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Jason W. Hensley, Level 6 felony

Total Recovery Services

Inc. v. Jack Lykins, civil collection

Total Recovery Services Inc. v. Alexis Skirvin, civil collection

Citibank NA v. Ralph Frazee, civil collection

Indiana v. Dakota C. Nicklay, Level 6 felony

Midland Credit Management Inc. v. John Lawrence, civil collection

OneMain Financial Group LLC v. Anthony Brower, civil collection

Indiana v. Luis Perez Jr, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Fred Ashcraft, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Donald L. Ashcraft, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. David G. Clevenger, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Phillip A. Pavey II, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Brandi L. Curtis, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Cody J. Barger, criminal misdemeanor

Limit ...

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Likewise, a health officer would need approval from a legislative body to go to court to enforce an order if needed, another step opponents worry could slow the process.

The bill also requires local legislative bodies to approve the appointment of health officers, and enables them to remove them for good cause.

Bill author Sen. Chris Garten, R-Charlestown, called Senate Bill 5 a "pro-local government" and "pro-local control" bill.

"This language is not a knee-jerk reaction or a combative response to

any enforcement action," Garten said. "Senate Bill 5 simply creates a structural check and balance on a position that has unparalleled authority under these emergency orders."

The Indiana Public Health Association pushed back against the bill throughout session, arguing it could harm the health of the public by putting decisions regarding health into the hands of elected officials.

The legislation is one of three bills lawmakers passed this legislative session in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that limit how state and

local officials can respond in emergencies.

Earlier this legislative session lawmakers approved House Bill 1123, which shifts some power from the governor to the legislative branch in emergencies and Senate Bill 263, which prohibits state and local governments from restricting worship in any way. The former was vetoed, which lawmakers subsequently voted to override. The latter is still on Holcomb's desk for consideration.

The final version of Senate Bill 5 passed the House by a 65-29 vote, and passed the Senate by a 37-12 vote.

SERVICES

Today
Licht, Roscoe: 1 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

Saturday
Wendel, Ruth: noon, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.
James, Herbert: 4 p.m., 248 E. South St., Winchester.

Wednesday
Gibson, Steve: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Blue ...

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Statewide, 3.8 million doses have been administered with 1.62 million individuals fully vaccinated.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines encourage wearing a mask, avoiding close contact when around others, frequent hand washing and surface cleaning as ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Indiana is under a "mask advisory," meaning masks are recommended but not required.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing,

talking or breathing. The CDC reports that it may be possible those particles and droplets remain suspended in the air for an unknown period of time and travel beyond 6 feet, especially indoors.

The virus causes a

range of symptoms, including fever and shortness of breath, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure. Older adults and those with pre-existing health problems are susceptible to more severe illnesses.

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State degrees

Ten members of Fort Recovery FFA recently earned their State FFA Degree. In order to earn the degree, members had to earn at least \$3,000 or the equivalent through their supervised agricultural experience projects, complete 25 hours of community service, participate in two competitions and be actively involved in chapter, state and school activities. Pictured front row from left are Luke Keller, Seth Lochtefeld, Ben Wellman, Britney Klenke and Olivia Hawk. Back row are Kalib Post, Devin Schoenlein, Bruce Heitkamp, Mitch Post and Marcus Gaerke.

Pandemic stress alters personality

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I are best friends. She has always been caring, empathetic and passionate about helping others. Now, however, COVID has turned her into a real piece of work.

Since the pandemic began, she has become increasingly selfish. She interrupts other people's conversations to talk about herself and complains non-stop about how COVID has ruined her life, as if the rest of us weren't experiencing this too.

She shouts hysterically at me when the Wi-Fi stops working and refuses to volunteer for the most basic household tasks. At first I tried to be patient because I understand it's a reaction to an incredibly stressful time in her life. However, after 10 monster months of this, I'm at my wits' end.

We live together, go to college together and share the same friends. How can I tolerate her self-centeredness until the pandemic is finally over? And what if this new version of her never goes away? — IRKED IN IDAHO

DEAR IRKED: I wonder if the friends you share with your sister are having the same reaction as you are to being interrupted and having their conversa-

Dear Abby



tions hijacked. If the answer is yes, a group intervention may jolt her back to reality and help her recognize how obnoxious it is.

As to the rest of your complaints about her behavior, the next time she comes screaming to you about the Wi-Fi failing, tell her you'll be glad to help IF she agrees to pull her share of the workload around the apartment. It goes without saying that when you can make other living arrangements — perhaps in the fall — you find a roommate more compatible than your sister. If you do, your relationship with her may improve because you will be exposed to her less often.

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 90069.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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

Kindergarten registration underway

Jay School Corporation's enrollment process for kindergarten 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.

FR session set

Fort Recovery Local Schools has set its preschool registration at 7 p.m. April 27 in the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School auditoria.

Taking Note

Social distancing and mask wearing are encouraged.

In order to attend preschool, children must be at least 3 years old by June 1. Tuition is based on household income and frequency of attendance, with two-day, three-day and four-day programs available with morning and afternoon sessions.

To register, parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization record.

Children do not need to attend the registration session. Those unable to attend the session can request more information by calling (419) 375-4131.

Sale continues

Fort Recovery Public Library's used book sale continues from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Following state guidelines, library staff will be wearing masks to help keep the community safe.

Community Calendar

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

Today

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 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 - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION, MISSISSINAWA CHAPTER — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at Jay County Historical Museum. Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel will present the program about monitoring for the cognitively disabled. For more information, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

Saturday

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

Monday

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

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Filibuster should require speaking

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Tribune News Service

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, a Democrat from West Virginia, has it right: The filibuster should not be eliminated. The Senate needs the filibuster as a tool to drive the two parties toward compromise on important issues as well as to give voice to the minority party.

Democrats hold the slimmest margin of control in the Senate at the moment, and the filibuster option by Republicans threatens to derail some of President Joe Biden's agenda. But Democrats who are clamoring for an end to

Guest Editorial

the filibuster need to look to the future when their party could once again be on the short side of Senate control.

The current 50-50 split leans toward the Democrats because Vice President Kamala Harris gets a tie-breaking vote. Whether Democrats can retain

that hold after next year's midterm elections is far from certain. Eliminating the filibuster now may be a short-term gain for Democrats but a long-term loss.

Manchin continues to flex his newfound political muscle in the Senate as a conservative Democrat whose vote is needed to push a Biden agenda forward. He should use his capital to push the filibuster to its roots.

Today, the filibuster is not about taking to the floor of the Senate to oppose a bill. It has become a blocking threat. If party leaders can find 41 votes

opposed to cloture (the process of ending debate and moving to a vote), the bill never makes it to the floor.

The Senate should use the filibuster as intended. Think Jimmy Stewart in the movie "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." He takes the Senate floor to oppose a bill, talking until he collapses from exhaustion. It may be a Hollywood image but it is a scene that captures the essence of the filibuster.

Forcing senators to exercise the filibuster with effort could spark discussion and compromise. Or not. A memorable fili-

buster "moment" occurred in 1957 when Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina began a filibuster against the Civil Rights Act. He talked for 24 hours and 18 minutes. The bill passed two hours after the filibuster ended.

Whether the filibuster achieves a senator's goal in any particular instance is irrelevant. In its historical form, it is legitimate. It should remain a tool in the American political arsenal, a tool that should be wielded as it was meant to be: with verbosity and the stamina for standing.

Advertising is now constant

By MORTON J. MARCUS

When did it all start?
Who can say?
Not I.

My earliest recollection was a sugary breakfast cereal for children advertising on the radio broadcasts of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Up to that time, Gem razors and Shaefer beer, along with Abe Stark's clothing store, were acceptable commercial elements in my life.

This weekend, as I watched both the Chicago Cubs and the Cincinnati Reds emerge victorious from conflict, I could not escape intrusive advertising. At one time, commercials were reserved for periods between innings. Then, following the fashion of professional football, commercials were inserted when play stopped for other reasons.

Now commercials are dribbled into baseball broadcasts and present in most shots on TV. It might be a Nike swoosh silent on a uniform. Ads appear on the backdrop behind the batters as they await the next pitch. At the home of the Reds, there is now a changing ad superimposed on the edge of the pitching mound.

Commercials adorn courtside panels at college basketball games. Not just fixed signs, but electronic billboards that change during the course of play. Perhaps worse, if such is possible, are the established TV timeouts, set to stop play, if action on the field or court has not stopped of its own accord.

It's not sporting events alone.

PBS and NPR seem to be increasing their appeals for money as well as their "acknowledgments" of funding by for- and not-for-profit organizations. The seasonal "pledge weeks" are now daily reminders of our obligations.

Where once ambulance chasers debased themselves, now hospitals and physicians are doing likewise. In the past, snake-oil remedies were marketed with tales of heartfelt tragedies averted by remarkable potions. Today, sudden death or less social embarrassment, will be averted by a timely question asked of your doctor. The latter is to oblige with a prescription for the advertised product.

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depends on the extraordinary needs of worthy causes. Environmental calamity is assured, if your funds are not received in time to be matched by a generous contribution. Thousands, nay millions, afflicted with cruel diseases will suffer, unless your contribution for research and education is sent today.

Business schools once taught accounting, production, management, real estate and some communication skills. Today they teach marketing, finance, business law and entrepreneurship. Given such a curriculum, it is no wonder they also teach ethics.

Also preparing youth for employment are schools of philanthropy, with the most prominent located at IUPUI. What do they teach beyond fundraising from the masses and the cultivation of affluent people?

Perhaps a new generation of executives in business and in not-for-profit agencies will constrain the addiction to fundraising and focus instead on the beneficial aspects of their activities.

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Spring puts Earth Day on display

By MIKE LUNSFORD

For The Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

My two favorite hiking mates and I wandered a grassy Goose Pond levee a few weeks ago, all the while eyeing a flock of American white pelicans as they milled about on the wind-blown chop.

It was a warm day — nearly hot — as we exposed the white skin of our arms and necks to the sun and endured a steady southern gale that kept us holding onto our hats with one hand while managing binoculars and cameras with the other. In all, we saw Canada geese and pied-bill grebes, blue-winged teals and American coots, a few utility line-sitting kestrels and the usual collection of crows, woodpeckers and sparrows. Despite seeing plenty of wood ticks as well, it was a good day to simply be outside, and the strong wind assured us that we would hear that which was only quite close and immediate.

Although we drove the hour or so south to Greene County in hopes of seeing a few of the pelicans still straggling behind the big flocks that have already migrated north and west to breed, I hoped, perhaps most of all, to see a personal favorite bird, the big Northern harriers that hunt the wild grass prairies there. Despite spotting a few of them hovering over the swaying grasses — well out of camera range — we were probably most entertained — awed, actually — by the odd-looking pelicans that have — undoubtedly, because of clean water and habitat preservation legislation — been on the increase in this country since the 1970s.

American Pelicans are one of the largest birds in North America. To put it in perspective, their wingspans often exceed those of bald eagles, and they can easily weigh well over 30 pounds. The birds tend to feed communally, and, if those watching are lucky enough, pelicans will take off en masse to form ponderous and slow-moving fleets that resemble white-winged heavy bombers turning

Mike Lunsford



to line-up for a sortie.

It's believed pelicans work together to forage for food, sighting then pushing fish toward shallower water, so they can be caught more easily. They do not dive for their prey, but rather use their huge bills to trawl while staying on the surface. Often considered a threat to commercial and recreational fisherman, pelicans actually feed on "rough" fish, crayfish, even salamanders.

As we watched, a flock of no fewer than several hundred pelicans trolled about in the rain-fed brown water between marsh-like stands of cattails and reed grasses. On rare occasion, a loner would leave the group and fly off, but for the most part, they stayed together, a few grunts their only real sound, even as we came to within 50 or 60 yards of them.

According to my birding friend, Dr. Peter Scott, the pelicans should mostly be gone by late April, many already nesting on fresh water lakes in the far northern Great Plains and west-central Canada; they'll begin to migrate back to us (over the last decade we have become part of the eastern border of their annual path) by late July. They then will head farther south, although Scott suggests that growing populations may mean that some will stay this far north in the winter.

Another thing we noticed was how quickly time passed for us. We spent the better part of a day at Goose Pond, often walking back to our family wagon to drive to another area a few gravel roads away. We heard virtually no man-made noises and were open to discovery like grade schoolers on a field trip: a pile of owl feathers left in

the greening grass; a painted turtle sunning at the edge of pond; a muskrat that swam toward us unaware that we stood on the bank of a pond; the rhythmic lap of water on the sides of a wooden footbridge...

In 10 days, we'll observe Earth Day for the 51st time. Originally promoted by San Francisco activist John McConnell and Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day itself became a movement that led President Richard Nixon to create the Environmental Protection Agency (arguably his greatest achievement), which in turn led to the passage of such monumental pieces of legislation as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. I don't feel that my daughter and my wife and I would have been standing in the midst of over 9,000 acres of wetlands at Goose Pond watching pelicans had that legislation never happened.

As Earth Day nears, it's important that we reinvest ourselves in the places where we live. We can do that by buying environmentally friendlier products, by picking up the trash others have left behind, by merely walking in and appreciating the woods, and, of course, by urging our own state lawmakers to act responsibly in supporting ecologically-responsible legislation, not that which benefits a vested few at the expense of our land and water.

We can plant trees, repair dripping faucets, take the time to recycle, turn down the volume, consolidate trips in the car, a myriad of things that will matter plenty in the long run. But perhaps above all, developing a sense of appreciation for the natural world, and our responsible place in it, drives all the rest.

It came to me that day at Goose Pond, as it has many times before, that noise makes life harder for us, that we all need to escape it and hear and see only that which nature provides. The pelicans were proof of that.

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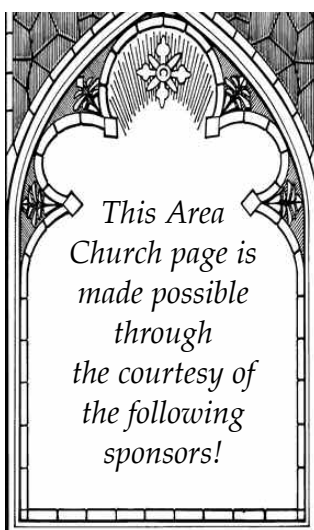
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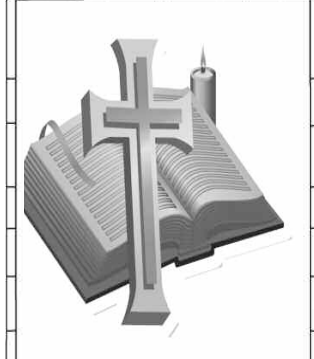


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nanybell@yahoo.com

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thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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(419) 375-2860
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fccfcrecovery.org

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Everett Bilbrey Jr.
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Marion Donathan
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401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
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(419) 375-4680
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frnaz@frontier.com

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309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
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Services: 9 a.m.

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Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
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Barry McCune
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Mount Zion United Methodist
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Rev. Darrell Borders
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New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
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New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 755-6354
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Tim Wallace
(765) 499-7838
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Pennville United Methodist
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RedkeyFaith.org

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Trinity Lutheran
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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Sunday school: 9 a.m.
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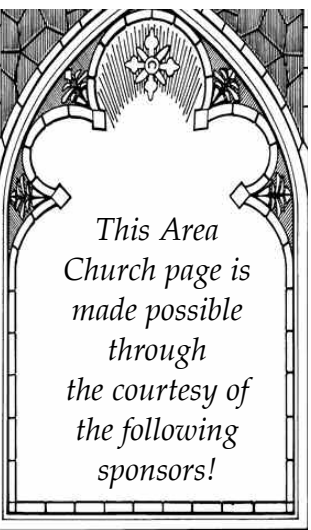
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County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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(260) 726-4691
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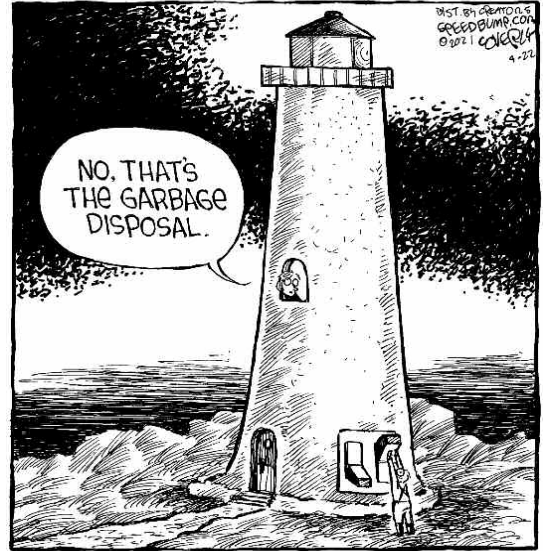
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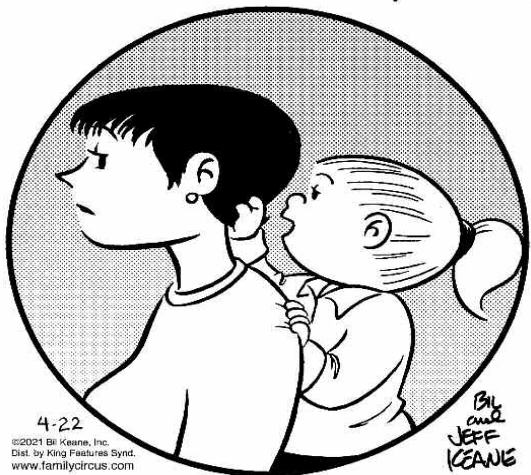
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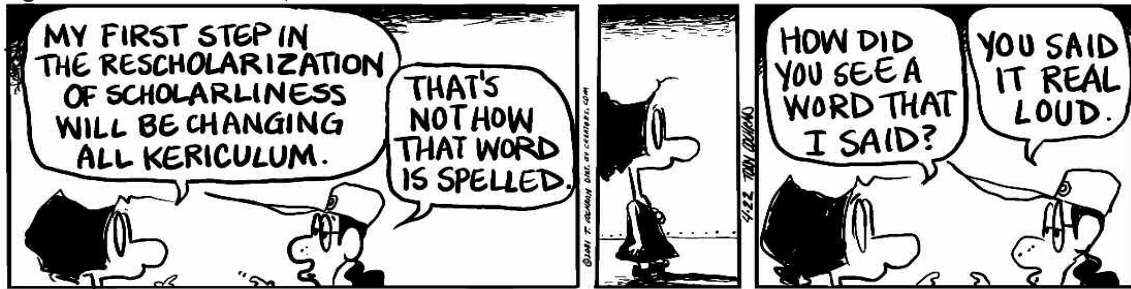
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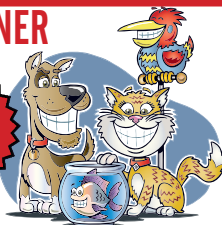
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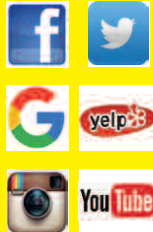
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Recent scores disrespect game and opponents

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

32-3. 22-0. 25-0. 21-0. 26-4.

When I saw the first, I was appalled. But I shook it off as an anomaly.

It won't happen again, I thought to myself.

But then it kept occurring; a few times by local teams.

Winning by more than 15 or more is suitable for football; it equates to a couple touchdowns and then some.

Such a margin of victory is acceptable in basketball.

But those scores listed at the beginning of this column are not from football games. They're not from basketball.

Those are final scores of baseball and softball games played this season.

And all they do is prove one thing: the blatant disrespect for the sport, and most importantly, disrespect for the opponent.

On April 3, the Shawnee Indians baseball team from Lima, Ohio, beat Lima Senior 12-0 in the first game of a doubleheader.

No big deal. Lima Senior could have been slightly overmatched, struggled offensively and perhaps made a couple errors. It happens. After all, it's prep sports we're talking about. These teenagers aren't perfect.

But what happened next exemplified the disrespect. Shawnee scored 16 runs in the first inning of the second game. It added eight

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more in the second, then a half dozen in the third.

Do the math.

But Shawnee continued to pile on, scoring twice more in the fourth inning to win 32-3.

Yes. 32-3. In baseball.

When I saw the score reported on Twitter, I commented with a phrase I used earlier: "The blatant disrespect..."

Because it was.

There's no reason a team should win a baseball or softball game by 28 runs. According to the GameChanger program, a popular stat-keeping app for baseball, softball and basketball games, Lima Senior committed eight errors.

What should Shawnee have done on those errors? For one, not taken extra bases, especially after the game was clearly in hand. Just because the opponent commits an error, doesn't mean a "free" base should be taken.

Stats also show Shawnee recorded 25 hits. Why is a team still swinging away when leading 16-0 after the first inning?

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Bader earns bronze medal

Alex Bader comes from a strong swimming family.

Her cousin, Anne Vormohr, was the first swimming state medalist at Jay County High School.

Then her older sister, Sophie, earned a state medal during her senior season in 2017. The following year, Alex stood on the state podium with a medal around her neck before being named IHSA's Mental Attitude Award Winner.

Friday, Alex did something neither her cousin nor sister were able to accomplish.

The 2018 Jay County High School graduate finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke and earned a bronze medal for the Ball State University women's swim team during the Mid-American Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championships Thursday through Saturday at Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Bader had a time of 1 minute, 1.74 seconds, giving the Cardinals their second medalist in as many days after the program went seven years without a swimmer standing on the MAC podium.

She then helped the 200 medley relay place third for a bronze medal. Bader had a split of 28.37 seconds in the breaststroke leg, and along with Audrey Schank, Shelby Crist and Apsara Sakbun combined for a time of 1:41.25, the fourth-fastest mark in program history.

Individually, Bader took 10th in the 200 breaststroke in 2:16.77, which was also

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fourth-fastest in team history. She placed 25th in the 50 freestyle.

Bader helped the 200 freestyle relay place seventh and the 400 medley relay take eighth.

Buffalo scored 773 points to win the team championship. Ball State scored 320 points for fifth out of eight teams.

Max Moser Jay County - 2018

Hit the first two home runs of his collegiate career for the Huntington University baseball team as it was swept in a pair of doubleheaders against Indiana Wesleyan on Friday and Saturday.

The junior blasted a three-run, opposite field home run in the top of the fifth inning of the second game Friday, breaking a 4-4 tie.

The following day, also in the second game of a twin bill, Moser hit a solo home run which tied the game at 2-2. Huntington (24-12, 17-11 Crossroads League) later lost 4-3 in dropping four in a row to IWU.

This season, Moser is batting .227 in 22 at bats in 16 games. He's recorded five hits, which also include a pair of doubles, driven in five runs and walked once with eight strikeouts.

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