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Building sale contract terminated

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A City of Portland property is likely going to be put up for sale again.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the termination of the city's contract with John Goodhew of Goodhew Roofing and Metals for the sale of the Sheller-Globe south building.

Following a process that took more than six months and involved two rounds of offers, Portland City Council approved the sale of the property at 510 S. Bridge Street to Goodhew in June 2019. Goodhew had planned to invest at least \$500,000 in renovating the property to manufacture standing seam roofing and carpools.

However, a provision allowed Goodhew to terminate the contract if the city could not provide a clean environmental study. Goodhew exercised that

Goodhew exercises option because of environmental complications

provision and on Thursday board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Portland Mayor John Boggs approved the termination as well as returning Goodhew's 10% deposit of \$5,250.

Boggs said he expects the city will put the building back up for sale. He noted that in doing so the property will be sold as-is.

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Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the termination of the city's agreement to sell the Sheller-Globe south building (pictured) on Bridge Street to John Goodhew of Goodhew Roofing and Metals. Mayor John Boggs said he plans to put the building back up for sale again.

Rezoning OK'd

Change facilitates Brigade move to Tyson Road

By RAY COONEY
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A zoning change has been approved to clear the way for a business to move its Portland headquarters.

Portland Plan Commission on Thursday approved a rezoning request from Brigade Electronics for the Tyson Road property it is in the process of purchasing from Jay School Corporation.

Corey Heniser, CEO of Brigade Electronics Inc., requested that the property at 1976 W. Tyson Road be rezoned to highway service from the current low-density residential. The company's \$425,000 purchase of the property, which currently houses the Jay Schools administrative offices, was contingent on the rezoning.

Brigade plans to make the site its new U.S. headquarters.

The company currently rents space at the southeast corner of Pearl and Depot streets in Portland for its offices and also rents warehouse space in one of the former Patriot Paints buildings on Water Street.

"You've been a great employer here," said plan commission member Randy Geesaman prior to the vote. "We appreciate the fact that you're taking a look at the city of Portland. We're glad to see you guys are here."

There was no public comment on the request.

Plan commission members Lee Newman, Janet Powers, Steve McIntosh, Don Gillespie, Bart Darby, Ron Laux, Kyle Cook at Geesaman unanimously approved the rezoning request.

Jay School Corporation plans to move its administrative offices to the General Shanks building following the end of the current school year.

Brigade, which is based in England, was formed in 1976



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Brigade Electronics, which currently rents space at 215 E. Pearl Street (pictured) in Portland, will be moving its U.S. headquarters to 1976 W. Tyson Road. Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved rezoning the Tyson Road property, which Brigade is buying from Jay School Corporation, to allow the safety device firm to relocate there.

and provides safety equipment for vehicles of all kinds. Its offerings include back-up cameras, lighting, digital recording systems and obstacle detection.

"Everything from off-road to on-road vehicles," said Heniser. "We do a lot in the mining industry. ... A lot of electric utility, waste companies, air-pollution vehicles."

Heniser explained that while acting as the U.S. headquarters the Portland location also serves Mexico. He said plans are in the works to add warehouse space to make Portland the supply hub for the company's business throughout the western hemisphere.

Also Thursday, plan com-

mission welcomed Geesaman as its new member. The former mayor of Portland is filling a seat that has been vacant since last summer.

The group also decided to move its regular meeting time to 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, as needed. The meetings had been scheduled for 5 p.m.

Judge alters red flag process

Prosecutor was criticized following shooting at FedEx

By CASEY SMITH
Associated Press
and Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — All "red flag" cases filed by Indianapolis police will now come before a judge after an Indiana prosecutor was criticized for declining to use the law to pursue court hearings that could have prevented a man from accessing the guns used to kill eight people at a FedEx facility last month.

Judge Amy Jones, who oversees the filings of red flag cases in Marion County, issued new guidance this week. All such reports will now go straight to her courtroom instead of the prosecutor's office. Indianapolis police will have 48 hours to submit those filings, and two judges will then decide within 14 days whether to hold a hearing.

Indiana's red flag law allows police to confiscate guns from those deemed dangerous to themselves or others. Prosecutors can then ask a court to ban that person from buying other firearms, though the law doesn't mandate prosecutors to seek a hearing.

Jones' new guidance comes after Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears decided not to bring Brandon Scott Hole before a judge for a red flag hearing, even after his mother called police last year to say her son might try to die from "suicide by cop."

Police seized a pump-action shotgun from Hole, then 18, in March 2020. Mears said his office did not seek a red flag hearing because the law didn't give prosecutors enough time to definitively demonstrate Hole's propensity for suicidal thoughts. Mears specifically pointed to a 2019 change in the law that requires courts to make a "good-faith effort" to hold a hearing within 14 days.

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Deaths

Sara Lake, 72, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had 0.4 inches of rain Thursday. The high temperature was 61 degrees and the low was 36.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with a low of 35. Skies will be sunny Saturday with a high of 59.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS softball game against Adams Central.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Felony court news

Drug dealing

A Portland man was sentenced to 42 years in prison after a jury trial found him guilty of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

Jeffery L. Weaver Jr., 29, was also found guilty of two Level 6 felony charges for possession of a narcotic drug.

Weaver was sentenced to 29 years in Indiana Department of Correction with an additional 15 years added to his sentence after the court determined him to be a habitual offender. He was given credit for time served from Sept. 24, 2019 through Feb. 13, 2020. Weaver was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Indiana Department of Correction was directed by the court to provide Weaver with a substance abuse evaluation and follow-up treatment.

In a separate court case the

same day, Weaver pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic drug and unlawful possession of a syringe, both Level 6 felonies, in Jay Circuit Court.

He was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served since May 26, 2020. (His second sentence will be served consecutively with the first sentence.) Weaver was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 3 felony charge for dealing in methamphetamine was dismissed.

Drug possession

Several people pleaded guilty to drug-related charges recently.

Dustan L. Chapman, 39, 1147 N. US 27, Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony, in Jay Cir-

cuit Court. He was sentenced to Indiana Department of Correction for four years with two years suspended. Chapman was fined \$1, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Amy J. Karst, 21, 216 Whitelock St., Huntington, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 24 days credit for 12 days served. She was assessed court costs of \$185, ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of April 28 for substance abuse counseling. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony

charge for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class C misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Lee E. Funkhouser, 46, 233 E. Wayne St., Redkey, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 120 days in Jay County Jail, given two days credit for one day served and assessed court costs of \$185.

Child solicitation

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to child solicitation, a Level 5 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

Christopher G.D. Morgan, 33, 912 N. Ben Hawkins St., was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with three years suspended and given credit for times served from Jan. 10 through April 23. He was placed on probation, fined \$1, assessed court costs of \$185 and

ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victims advocate fee.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for dissemination of matter harmful to minors was dismissed.

Battery

A Dunkirk man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety official, a Level 5 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

Michael L. Bechert, 62, 418 E. Center St., was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with one year suspended and given credit for two days served. He was assessed court costs of \$185.

Indiana Department of Correction was directed by the court to provide Bechert with an anger management evaluation and treatment. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge for resisting law enforcement was dismissed.

CR almanac

Saturday 5/8	Sunday 5/9	Monday 5/10	Tuesday 5/11	Wednesday 5/12
59/43	56/41	58/37	59/38	63/43
Sunny skies all day with a 80% chance of showers late at night.	Rain will continue with a 90% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies. Wind gusts as high as 20 mph.	Mostly sunny all day with clouds coming out at night. Other-wise cooler temperatures.	Mostly sunny and clear all day. Temperatures will be in the upper 50s to low 60s.	Another mostly sunny day with clouds filling the night sky. Rain is possible Thursday.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$157 million	57-58-59-65-75-76-80 Cash 5: 3-9-10-13-38 Estimated jackpot: \$75,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$370 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 8-8-5 Pick 4: 9-8-5-6 Pick 5: 9-0-2-9-5 Evening Pick 3: 0-6-3 Pick 4: 5-6-2-2 Pick 5: 6-5-6-9-2 Rolling Cash: 3-10-12-21-38 Estimated jackpot: \$303,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-2-5 Daily Four: 9-7-7-5 Evening Daily Three: 8-8-7 Daily Four: 6-4-3-4 Quick Draw: 5-6-9-10-11-17-23-28-30-34-36-44-53-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.59 Wheat7.37	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.54 June corn7.54 Beans16.43 Sept. beans13.81 Wheat 7.49
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Today in history

On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

In 1833, composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany.

In 1840, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was born in Votkinsk, Russia.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1971, Jay County schools struggled to get on the board at the sectional track meet in Muncie. Portland High School's fourth-place finish in the 4x400-yard relay accounted for the only points scored by any school in the county in the 28-team field.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover. —AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., 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

Sara Lake

July 5, 1949-Jan. 20, 2021
A graveside service for Sara H. Lake, 72, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Little Salamonia Cemetery, south of Portland. Sara passed away this past winter on Jan. 20, 2021, at her home in Portland, Indiana.

A longtime resident of Portland, Sara was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 5, 1949. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Murphy) Kontos. Sara married Paul Lake in 1972. She retired from home health care with JRDS and, for many years, operated Phillips 66 in Portland with her husband. Sara was a member of Hickory Grove Church, west of Portland.

She was also a member of the Lady Lionesses and the Moose Lodge in Portland.

Sara was a passionate animal lover, including horses, cats, dogs and birds. As hobbies, she was a seamstress and enjoyed collecting jewelry, crocheting doilies, needlepoint and knitting. She also was a member of several Portland bowling teams.

Survivors include:

Her husband — Paul Lake, Portland, Indiana

One sister — Leona Pyle, Portland, Indiana

Two brothers — Wayne Lake



Lake

(wife: Diana), Portland, Indiana, and Fred Lake (husband: Alexander), New York, New York

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ann Ridgway (husband: Jim Ridgway) and Pauline Jellison (husband: Steve Jellison), and one brother, Mark Lake.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.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.

Terminated ...

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The board also approved leasing a new Case front-end loader from RPM Machinery of Fort Wayne for the city's street department. (Boggs and McIntosh voted in favor with Leonhard abstaining because his son Tom is the street department superintendent.) The lease on the current front-end loader is nearing its end.

The new lease, which includes a three-year warranty for all service on the equipment, comes at a total of \$209,540. The city will receive \$108,000 for trading in its current front-end loader.

Boggs also reported to the board

that city officials had a productive meeting earlier in the day with Wessler Engineering, Jay County Development Corporation and accounting advisory firm Baker Tilly about potential funding options for the proposed Meridian Street sewer project. The planned work would add a storm sewer line along Meridian Street from south of Race Street to the Salamonie River to help drain the area during heavy rain events and take pressure of the overloaded Millers Branch.

The mayor said he's hopeful that he won't need to approach board of works to request funding for the estimated \$1.2 million project.

"I think we've got a pathway to get some money," Boggs said.

Portland Redevelopment Commission has already committed \$350,000 for the project.

Also Thursday, the board approved the final pavement design for the Blaine Pike paving and sidewalk project. The work involves paving Blaine Pike and constructing a sidewalk from Bittersweet Lane to about 180 feet south of its intersection with the Norfolk Southern Railroad line near Water Street. The project, 80% of which is being paid for by Indiana Department of Transportation, is scheduled for spring 2022.

Deeds

James C. Gross Revocable Living Trust to Christopher J. and Jill M. Miller, warranty deed — Section 21, Jackson Township, 75 acres

Eric E., Loria J. and Tyler S. Pursifull to Pursifull Pork LLC, warranty deed — Part of Section 35, Richland Township, Redkey, 4.18 acres

Brooke A. Stauffer to Tiffany L. Aufer, warranty deed — Part of Section 26, Richland Township, Redkey

Maegan K. Manwaring to Stephen and Victoria L. Reitz, warranty deed — Lots 1 and 2, Block 14, original plat of Dunkirk

Glenn Newland to Larry J. Newland, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 13, Baker Outlots

Joseph A. Acker Jr. to Nichole M. Acker, quit claim deed — Part of Section 23, Greene Township, 2 acres

Crystal R. and Jason W. Suman to Ken-

ton M. McIntire, warranty deed — Lot 1, Block 12, original plat of Bryant

Thomas J. Ewers to Tremelle Wright, warranty deed — Lots 39 and 40, Sniff and Johnsons Subdivision, Dunkirk

Elizabeth Hudson to Elizabeth E. and Rusty A. Inman, warranty deed — Part of Section 28, Wayne Township, 19.45 acres

Angela Walker (also known as Angela Steed) to Roger C. Geesaman, warranty deed — Lot 302, Shank Addition

Jerry N. Elzey and Barbara J. Elzey to themselves, quit claim deed — Tracts A, B and C, Part of Section 29, Bearcreek Township, about 5.51 acres

Wayman R. Ford Revocable Living Trust and Barbara J. Ford Revocable Living Trust to Jane E. Switzer and Steven R. Ford, trustee deed — Part of Section 21, Richland Township, 3.25 acres

Felony arrests

Probation violation

A Richmond man was arrested Thursday for violating his probation.

David D. Street, 50, 1636 S. 700 West, has a previous offense of operating a vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 felony. He's being held in Jay County Jail on \$650 bond.

Drug possession

An Albany man was

arrested Thursday for drug possession.

Derrick L. Johnson, 37, 1754 E. Downey Lane, was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a syringe. He was also charged a Class A misdemeanor for resisting an officer.

Johnson is being held in Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Thank You

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

To Baird-Freeman Funeral Home for the caring service. The ladies of Westchester Church & Dick's Pizza Palace for providing food and Roger Durham for the lovely eulogy.

The Family of Bob Gibson

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IU Health offering free mammograms

Women from Jay County and the surrounding area can get free screenings this month.

IU Health Jay is offering free mammogram screenings in May for women over 40.

The free screenings are available to Jay County residents or residents of adjacent counties. To be eligible, patients must be uninsured, never had implants, not had a mammogram in the past year and have no history or symptoms of breast cancer.

The schedule a screening, call (260) 726-1868.

Dale joins

Raven Dale of Pennville is a new junior member of the American Angus Association.

Dale's membership was announced by Mark McCully, CEO of the organization. Junior members are eligible to register cattle with the association, participate in programs and

Taking Note

take part in regional and national shows and events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active members.

Registration open

John Jay Center for Learning is now accepting registrations for its VEX Robotics summer camps and clinics.

John Jay will host camps for all levels of robotics participants from June 21 through 25 and June 28 through July 2. Morning and afternoon sessions will be available.

The registration fee is \$50. To sign up, stop in at John Jay at 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.



Photo provided

Agronomy places third

The Fort Recovery FFA agronomy team recently placed third in state competition. The event involved identifying weeds, seeds and insects, and making fertilizer and herbicide recommendations. Pictured, front row from left, are MacKenzie Steinbrunner, Megan Bergman, Emma Keller and Miranda Metzger. Back row are Britney Klenke, Emily Merrill, Kendra Metzger and Natalie Fortkamp. In individual competition, Fortkamp placed ninth out of 210 and Bergman was 10th.

Half-sister obsesses over newfound brother

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, my husband, "Lee," met his long-lost sister, his father's daughter from a previous marriage. Lee's father passed away when he was 6; he is now 30.

Since he and his four siblings met their half-sister, she has become obsessive over him. She calls and keeps him on the phone for hours, three or four times a week. I didn't mind at first, but it has gotten out of control, and she constantly texts him.

If Lee doesn't respond, she texts him asking if he's angry. She expresses how "in love" she is with him and how happy she is to have met him. (She doesn't say these things to the others.) When I recently expressed my concern, he got offended.

How should I cope with this?

Dear Abby



She also says unflattering things about me to him and tries to turn him against me. I know, because I heard the whole conversation. — PUT OFF IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR PUT OFF: Your husband may be flattered by the attention he's receiving from this newfound sibling, but I agree that what she's doing seems excessive. Your husband, however, is playing into it by being receptive and constantly available for

these extended conversations and texts.

While you can't control who he talks to, you can express that you feel her behavior is out of line, you are concerned that she's trying to undermine your marriage, and suggest it may be time to step on the brakes with Sissy.

DEAR ABBY: I am attending my hubby's 50th class reunion, where I will not know a soul. Can you give me suggestions on topics to talk about? We grew up in different areas of the country. We live on a small farm in the countryside and have kids and grandkids. Thank you. — PREPPING FOR A GOOD TIME

DEAR PREPPING: Go and enjoy yourself. Don't be nervous. Bring pictures of your farm, your children and the

grandkids. View photos of your husband's classmates' families and say something complimentary. ("Aren't they adorable?") Ask what your husband was like when he was their classmate. People love to talk, so be a good listener. Discuss things that interest you and inquire about their interests and activities. The only topics to avoid are religion and politics.

DEAR ABBY: At 67, I'm an attractive woman. I always have been, but I have been out of the dating scene for several years. Now two men are interested in me.

One is someone I know from work. I have known him a year. He told me he always had a crush but was afraid to make a move.

The second guy is someone I just met on a dating site. I haven't had a problem like this for 20 years! What to do? — DILEMMA IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR DILEMMA: You don't have to make an immediate choice. Keep things casual and get to know them both better, assuming you haven't had a personal relationship with your co-worker. Take your time, let the relationships evolve. The answers will become apparent, and you won't have to ask me what (if anything) to do.

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.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

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

Monday

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

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

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

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

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

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Unit-

ed Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

PORTLAND CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI — Will meet at 11 a.m. the second Monday of each month at the Portland Fire Department. For more information, call Nick Miller at (937) 239-0022.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Preferred Insurance Center, 809 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Tuesday

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

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland.

For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

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

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

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Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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

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The FDA can save millions of lives

The Washington Post

It has been more than a decade since Congress passed the Tobacco Control Act, the landmark law that empowers the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco products, but only now is the agency close to bringing the law's full power to bear on a primary driver of preventable disease: combustible cigarettes.

The FDA announced last week that it would ban menthol in cigarettes, the only flavoring tobacco companies are still allowed to add. This is a positive step. But it should be only the prelude to what would be perhaps the biggest single move to discourage cigarette use the federal government has ever taken. The FDA can require tobacco companies to cut the amount of nico-

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and specifically harmful to the Black community, to permit the sale of a product that is especially harmful to African Americans while acting to protect the public health of others.

Mitch Zeller, director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products, points out that tobacco companies targeted African Americans for addiction, and failing to regulate a product that disproportionately harms Black people only enhances deadly racial health disparities. The FDA cites studies suggesting that banning menthols would encourage nearly 1 million people to quit smoking, about a quarter of them Black, in the first year to year and a half. The ban would prevent some 633,000 deaths, 237,000 of them among African Ameri-

cans. Concerns that a ban would lead police to target Black smokers are more than understandable, given historical and present policing disparities. But the ban would criminalize production and sale of menthol cigarettes, not possession or use. The potential benefit to African Americans outweighs these concerns.

Moreover, banning menthols is not just about helping the Black community. Menthol flavoring also promotes youth cigarette use because it masks the harshness of tobacco smoke.

But the FDA has yet to embrace the really big prize in tobacco policy: reducing the amount of nicotine in cigarettes to very low levels. On its own, nicotine is not nearly as harmful as all the other chemicals that

smokers breathe in when they light up. If they could get their nicotine fix only through cigarette alternatives, such as gums, patches or e-cigarettes, they would do far less damage to their bodies. Or they could take the opportunity to quit entirely. A 2018 FDA study found that 5 million adult smokers could quit smoking within a year; that more than 33 million people might never become smokers over the course of this century, and that the smoking rate could collapse from 15% to 1.4%. As it pushed people onto alternatives, the FDA would have to take care to carefully regulate e-cigarettes. But 8 million people's lives could be saved.

It is past time to make this move.

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GOP hopefuls making marks

By HUGH HEWITT

Special To The Washington Post

The first third of the year has ended, and it is not too soon to size up the next generation of Republican presidential hopefuls.

Although much of the media's glare has turned on a new president, five senior Republicans bear watching as they step into the multiplayer contest that will decide who can lead the Republican Party and, potentially, the country.

Here is how I currently understand "Season 1: The Hunt for Red November."

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has used his time well. He was the target of an ill-constructed piece from "60 Minutes," which, in GOP activist circles, is the equivalent of winning the lottery. He added super consultant Phil Cox to run his gubernatorial reelection effort and has made a name for himself among Republicans for resisting pressure to shut down the economy or force mask mandates on a weary population.

When "Ruthless," a popular podcast among younger GOP activists, routinely refers to the "Free State of Florida," the premium paid to DeSantis's stock is not trivial.

The pair of "formers" — former secretary of state Mike Pompeo and former New Jersey governor Chris Christie — both have niches on television networks that give them visibility. Pompeo benefits from appearing regularly on Fox News, where many of 2024's primary voters spend their television time.

That's less the case for Christie, a semiregular on ABC's "This Week" show, though the New Jersey brawler has learned the benefit of sparking it up onstage. Both have deep experience at a variety of government jobs and are expected to run hard.

Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Arkansas, deftly turned aside a cheap attack on his Ranger credential, striking a blow against the website Salon and other media and reminding the Republican faithful that DeSantis isn't the only veteran of the Iraq War in the hunt. Cotton negotiated a high-visibility seat on the Senate

Hugh Hewitt



Judiciary Committee. That — along with his perches on the Senate Armed Services and the Senate Intelligence committees — is a reminder that he will be a serious and well-versed contender.

And then, just last week, Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina delivered a beautifully written response to President Joe Biden's address to Congress. When that was followed by an avalanche of hostility and invective from the left for his daring to be Black, persuasive and Republican, Scott jumped into Tier 1.

Scott grabbed what every GOP hopeful needs most: audience.

Audience for support, for buzz, for the buckets of money needed to build a network and an operation.

Only one or two will survive until the convention in 2024 (which should be in Atlanta, where voting has been reformed and a collision with woke corporate America would be welcome).

These five men have made the most of 2021 so far, but there will be others. Sens. Marco Rubio and Rick Scott of Florida, Josh Hawley of Missouri and Ben Sasse of Nebraska, Gov. Kristi Noem of South Dakota, former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, and perhaps a private-sector surprise such as investor Peter Thiel or a media-savvy outsider such as former ambassador Richard Grenell: All will flood the zone if former president Donald Trump stays retired, and perhaps even if he does not.

It's still early in the first quarter of a long game, but it's starting to take shape.

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Rethink mental health care

By MOKI MACIAS

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Across the country, there is a generative hum of what activist Mariame Kaba and her colleagues call "a million experiments" — creative, local efforts enacting the vision of the Black Lives Matter movement to create safer communities by divesting from punitive responses and expanding community resources.

In Atlanta, an experiment born of a campaign by the Solutions Not Punishment Coalition offers connection to housing, health care and other resources, and supportive relationships instead of jail: the Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiative (PAD). PAD began in 2013 by providing an immediate alternative to arrest when individuals were detained by police. Today, we also provide community members an alternative to police involvement via the city's 311 non-emergency services line.

For our experiment and others to succeed, however, we must dismantle the deeply embedded belief that the way to respond to people living with mental illness is with coercion and containment, rather than by creating the conditions for people to thrive within communities.

The expansion of Atlanta's 311 services — funded in large part through the city budget — allows callers to request PAD for concerns related to basic needs, public health, substance use and mental health. These requests are then passed along to a PAD harm reduction team to offer immediate support to those referred, as well as connections to housing and other resources. Callers use 311 to seek assistance for people yelling outside of businesses, relieving themselves in public, appearing disoriented or walking through traffic, along with other survival activities that otherwise often lead to police interactions and jail.

Particularly for concerns related to

Moki Macias



perceived mental illness, however, callers want to know: "Where can you take this person?"

And that is the reaction we need to change. Although many callers truly want to connect their neighbors to care, the question is based on a widely held assumption that people who display signs of mental distress require hospitalization and should be forced into it if they don't seek it for themselves. This is informed by a long history of institutionalizing people with mental illnesses, which at one point in our history led to more than half a million people being committed to psychiatric hospitals. It also reveals a lack of understanding of the harm caused by restraining and forcing people into treatment.

Emergency inpatient care can be an important resource for any one of us, and that care is often very difficult to access. But as for any health issue, hospitalization is a serious intervention in acute circumstances, and it cannot stand in for quality health care and the basic resources to maintain health and wellness, including supportive relationships, safe shelter and nutrition.

Many people who may appear to be experiencing a mental health issue may be navigating homelessness, exposure to the elements, hunger, dehydration, pain, violence and fear of violence, lack of privacy or discrimination. What observers may interpret as a mental health crisis could in many cases be understood as a human response to the crisis of extreme poverty.

On top of that, the tidy "solution"

of removing people with unmet mental health needs to medical assessment and treatment puts tremendous and unrealistic pressure on health-care institutions and is destined to continue failing. It also exacerbates a much more pernicious harm: the harm of not including these community members in our collective imagination of community.

If we truly included them, we would not treat people as problems to be removed from a system that has failed them. Instead, we would seek a change in the conditions that have led us where we are.

It is promising that so many communities across the country are moving away from a law-enforcement response when concerns arise related to mental health emergencies and survival activities. But the transformative potential of this moment will only be realized if we prioritize keeping people in the community — and deliver the resources our communities need to support all people to thrive. This includes basic income and more supportive housing options that respect the principles of housing first. We need public bathrooms and other public places where anyone can find respite, charge a phone or take a rest undisturbed. And we need broad access to quality outpatient health care, mental health urgent-care clinics, and more peer respite centers and programs that support wellness by nurturing connections and purpose.

By investing in our communities, we can begin healing from the poisoned logic of incarceration — the idea that we can banish people rather than solve problems — that has failed us all. But non-police responders will only be as strong as the community resources that we can connect people to.

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Ohio looking at legalizing sports betting

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TOLEDO, Ohio — The latest proposal for legalizing sports betting in Ohio calls for bringing it to casinos, betting shops, sports bars, computers, mobile phones and maybe even pro sports stadiums.

After months of listening to ideas, Republican lawmakers in the state Senate rolled out a plan Thursday morning that would allow 40 sports betting licenses to be issued in the state for taking wagers on professional and college sports.

Half of those would be available to the state's casinos and horse racing tracks called racin-

os, which could then partner with outside companies to provide sports betting online or mobile apps.

The other 20 licenses would be for brick-and-mortar locations that could include casinos, racinos, sports bars or betting shops where people can watch and wager on games.

Ohio's pro sports teams are among those that could apply for the type of licenses that allow in-game betting, said Schuring, a Canton Republican.

"We think it's going to be an economic development tool for Ohio," he said.

The administration of Republican Gov. Mike DeWine is reviewing the bill, spokesperson Dan

Tierney said. In March, DeWine said, "Sports gaming is already in Ohio. Ohio's just not regulating it. This is something that I think is inevitable. It's coming to Ohio."

An official from the Inter-Ohio University Council, which represents the state's 14 publicly funded universities, told a Ohio House committee in 2019 that the organization opposed betting on college games. A message seeking comment was left with the council on Thursday.

Ohio lawmakers have been going back-and-forth on legalized sports betting for more than two years. It has caught on quickly in other states after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2018 allowed for it to be legalized in every state.

Neighboring Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana offer sports betting online and at casinos.

Backers of the newest proposal hope the Ohio Legislature will approve it by the end of June. The bill will head to the House after Senate hearings and approval.

Each three-year license would cost \$1 million, Schuring said, although that could change once state lawmakers begin ironing out the details.

It's not clear yet how much money a 10% tax on gaming revenue would generate.

"This is not about revenue generation," Schuring said.

Illegal sports gambling already is happening in Ohio

and "all we want to do is put guardrails around it to make sure its done correctly," Schuring said.

The Ohio Casino Control Commission would oversee sports betting regulations under the proposal.

The bill would authorize the Ohio Lottery Commission to run sports pools for people to wager on the outcome of games or a series of games. Bettors would pay \$20 to enter a pool with the money divided equally among winners minus the commission's 10% take.

The legislation also calls for allowing electronic bingo at the state's veteran's and fraternal organizations.

In review

Ready to run

INDIANAPOLIS — A Fort Wayne businessman who was a top official in former Gov. Mike Pence's administration is getting an early jump on running for governor in the 2024 election.

Eric Doden announced Thursday he was forming a committee for a Republican campaign for governor. Doden said in a statement that he was using the early campaign start to embark on what he called a "listening tour" across all 92 Indiana counties.

Several top Republicans have been mentioned as possible candidates to replace GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb, who can't seek re-election again because of term limits.

Shooting

BOISE, Idaho — A sixth-grade girl brought a gun to her Idaho middle school, shot and wounded two students and a custodian and then was disarmed by a teacher Thursday, authorities said.

The three victims were shot in their limbs and expected to survive, officials said at a news conference. Jefferson County Sheriff Steve Anderson says the girl pulled a handgun from her backpack and fired multiple rounds inside and outside Rigby Middle School in the small city of Rigby, about 95 miles southwest of Yellowstone National Park.

A female teacher disarmed the girl and held her until law enforcement arrived and took her into custody, authorities said, without giving other details. Authorities say they're investigating the motive for the attack and where the girl got the gun.

Growing

NEW DELHI — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi faced growing pressure today to impose a strict nationwide lockdown, despite the economic pain it will exact, as a startling surge in coronavirus cases that has pummeled the country's health system shows no signs of abating.

Many medical experts, opposition leaders and even Supreme Court judges are calling for national restrictions, arguing that a patchwork of state rules is insufficient to quell the rise in infections.

Indian television stations broadcast images of patients lying on stretchers outside hospitals waiting to be admitted, with hospital beds and critical oxygen in short supply. People infected with COVID-19 in villages are being treated in makeshift outdoor clinics, with IV drips hanging from trees.

—Associated Press



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Lilacs are back

A woman smells a lilac at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston on May 6, 2021. Last spring, the simple act would've flouted signs imposing pandemic rules for the Harvard-owned Arnold Arboretum's more than 400 lilac bushes. "Please enjoy the lilacs from a distance," they read, warning that they should be treated "like any other surface that can spread COVID-19."

DeSantis signs new voting law

By BOBBY CAINA CALVAN
and DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a wide-ranging list of new voting restrictions into law Thursday, staging a misleading, made-for-TV ceremony meant to tout his credentials on a top priority for the Republican Party's conservative base.

At a live bill-signing event aired exclusively on Fox News, DeSantis said the new law would prevent fraud and restore confidence in Florida's elections — although the state has found no evidence of widespread fraud. The move made Florida the latest GOP-led state to enact

tighter voting rules over the objections of Democratic critics who charge the law only makes it harder for people, particularly the elderly and people of color, to vote.

But DeSantis' unusual promotion of the bill — on the GOP-friendly morning show Fox & Friends — demonstrated the rising Republican leader's confidence the new law would only boost his standing.

"Right now I have what we think is the strongest election integrity measures in the country," the governor said.

Florida's new law restricts when ballot drop boxes can be used, and who can collect ballots — and how many.

Alters ...

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Indianapolis police have said that they never returned that shotgun to Hole. Authorities have said he used two "assault-style" rifles in the April 15 shooting before he killed himself.

Michael Leffler, a spokesperson for the Marion County prosecutor, said Thursday that conversations about changes to the red flag filing process began before the shooting. He said the prosecutor's office hopes the new guidance "will improve the process." One change involves having a second deputy prosecutor review red flag cases, which Leffler

said "will provide a diversity of opinion for these important decisions."

Leffler said Mears will continue to pursue legislative changes to the law. The prosecutor has said the law has too many "loopholes," including one that allows a person under investigation to buy a gun until a judge makes a final ruling.

Indianapolis police have made at least 45 red flag referrals to the prosecutor's office so far this year, according to Indianapolis Fraternal Order of Police President Rick Snyder. Mears' office said it filed eight cases since January. All are awaiting rulings.

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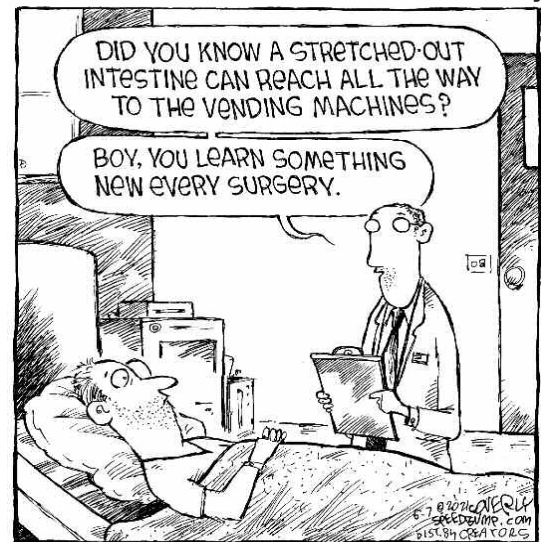
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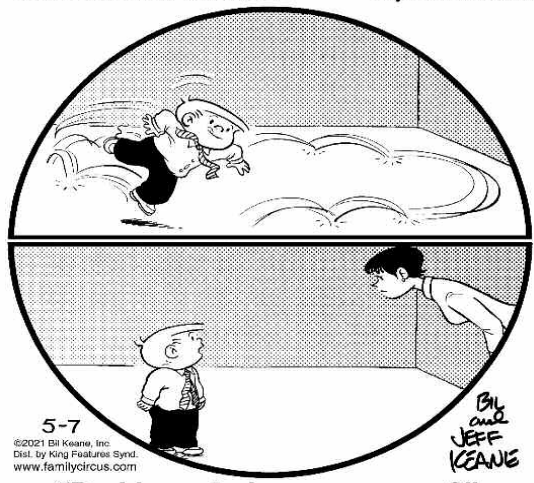
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By Bil Keane



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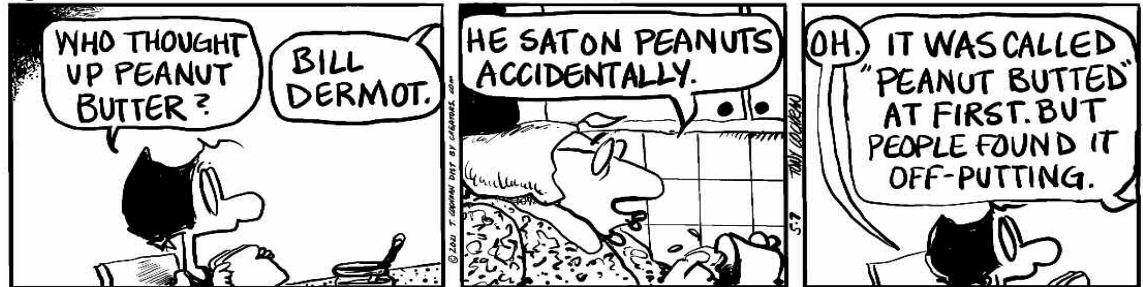
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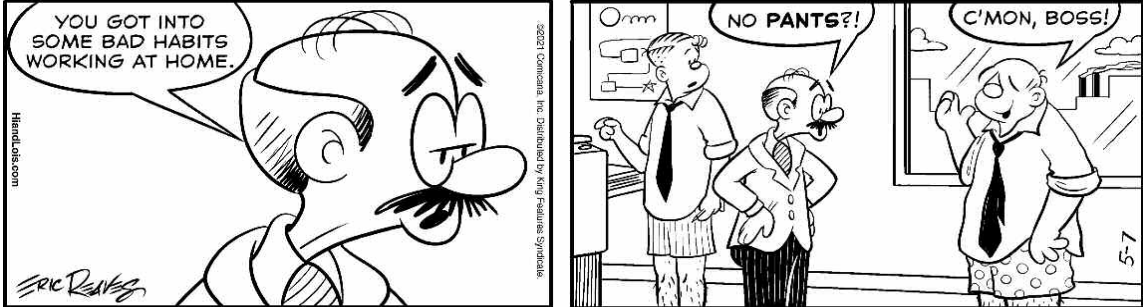
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Lifts ...

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The Pacers had dropped four of five, the latest loss considered by reserve guard T.J. McConnell as “unacceptable” and “easily” the worst of the season. He arrived Thursday fired up, too.
“Caris got us some big buckets and we got some big stops,” said McConnell, who scored 13 of his 19 points in the second quarter. “We really locked in on both ends and finished down the stretch.”
Trae Young led the Hawks with 30 points and 10 assists. Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 28 and John Collins 25.
“It’s definitely frustrating any time you lose,” Young said.

Hawks coach Nate McMillan lamented his team being outscored 70-58 inside and trailing by as many as 18 in the third quarter.
“They were living in our paint all night long,” McMillan said. “We didn’t get stops the first three quarters.”
The Hawks, the Southeast Division leaders who had won three in a row, looked like the struggling team from the outset as the Pacers led 36-26 after the first quarter and 72-58 at halftime.
“They outplayed us,” McMillan said. “They were the aggressors. They came out and disrupted us. They were better at establishing a tempo. They played their game.”

Sports on tap

Local schedule

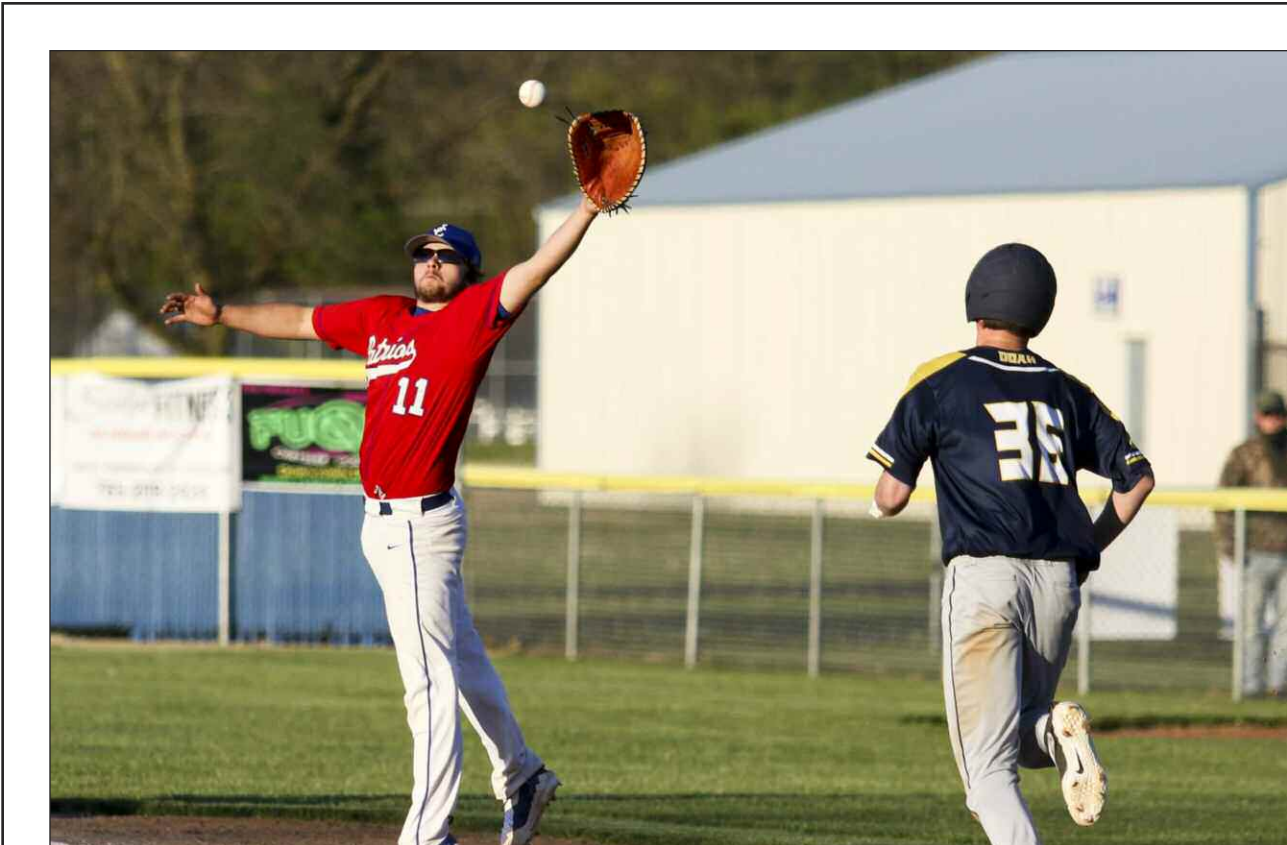
Monday, May 10
Jay County — Softball vs. Adams Central - 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Adams Central - 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Adams Central - 5 p.m.; JV softball at Adams Central - 5 p.m.; Track at Hagerstown - 5:15 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. New Bremen - 5 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, May 8
Jay County — Baseball doubleheader at Hagerstown - 10 a.m.; Softball doubleheader at Elwood - 11 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball at New Bremen - 11 a.m.; Softball at Lehman Catholic - 2 a.m.; Baseball vs. Marion Local - 2 p.m. JV baseball at New Bremen - 11 a.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 6:35 p.m.

Sunday, May 9
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. West Michigan Whitecaps - 1:05 p.m.

Monday, May 10
Jay County — Boys golf at Bluffton - 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. New Castle - 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Winchester Drivers - 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball sectional semifinal vs. Ridgemoor - 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Ansonia - 5 p.m.; JV baseball at South Adams - 5 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at Lake County Captains - 6:35 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Southern Wells - 4:30 p.m.; Softball at Southern Wells - 5 p.m.; Baseball at Southern Wells - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Randolph Southern - 5 p.m.; Track in ACAC championships at Bluffton - 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Southern Wells - 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Southern Wells - 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track hosts MAC Championships - 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at St. Marys - 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Russia - 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball vs. St. Henry - 5:30 p.m.



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Almost, Austin

Jay County High School first baseman Austin Curts leaps and extends to grab an errant throw during a game against the Shenandoah Raiders on Wednesday at Don E. Selvey Field. The Patriots got a 5-4 walk-off victory in 10 innings against the Raiders.

Suffers ...

Continued from page 8
Espinoza, the No. 12 prospect in the San Diego Padres organization, missed more than 1,700 days recovering from a handful of injuries, including two Tommy John surgeries.
Sam Keating was charged with the loss for Fort Wayne, allowing five

earned runs on two hits with two walks in one inning of relief.
Spencer Torkelson of the Whitecaps, the Tiger’s No. 1 overall draft pick in the 2020 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft, continued to struggle at the plate, going 0-for-5 with three strikeouts.
In 12 at bats this season, Torkelson

has just one hit with nine strikeouts.
Fort Wayne will look to rebound from the loss tonight in the fourth game of the six-game series. First pitch is slated for 7:05 p.m., and Edgar Martinez is the TinCaps’ probable starter. Beau Brieske is set to take the mound for West Michigan.

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, May 15, 2021
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: Sapphires Reception Center (1100 W Votaw St, Portland IN)
ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-APPLIANCES- Metal carousel horse, Ornate oak dresser, Victorian loveseat, Oval marble top stand, Ornate easel, 5 gallon milk can, Antique pictures and frames, Antique hand painted pictures, Cane chest, Vollmond cuckoo clock, Ice cream set with four chairs, Small cast iron bell, Oil lamps, Large cedar blanket chest, Shadow box with mirror, Antique and globe style collectible lamps, Galvanized and porcelain tubs, Wooden rocking chair, Lincoln and JFK busts, Large set of amber sandwich glassware, Large lot of Indiana glass, Pottery, Glass jugs and jardinieres, Large lot of carousels, 4 piece wicker full size bedroom set, Wicker dresser, Wicker daybed with trundle, 55 inch flat screen TV, Element 32 inch flat screen TV, Amana double door refrigerator, much more not listed. VEHICLE-TRAILER_COINS_TOOLS_MISC.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, May 8, 2021
TIME 10:00 A.M.
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ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-APPLIANCES Porcelain top cabinet, Duncan Phyfe table, Aunt Rhody glassware, Steel wheel, Galvanized tubs, Old headlamps and hub caps, Wooden ladders, Estey spinet piano, Collectible dishware, Figurines and miniatures, Square dining room table with four chairs, Tempus Fugit grandfather clock, Guitar, 3 piece queen size bedroom suite, Full and twin size beds, Pioneer stereo, glass door display cabinet, LP heater, Handicap accessories, GE smooth top stove, GE and Magic Chef refrigerators, GE upright freezer, Kenmore washer and dryer, 2 GE window air conditioners, Bissell sweeper, Small kitchen appliances, 550 gallon LP tank, Sears battery charger, Sears portable air compressor, Log chains, Large lot of shop and hand tools as well as lawn and garden tools.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

West ♠ A K J 7 3 ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ 8 5 ♣ A K 9	East ♠ Q 10 8 6 2 ♥ A Q 10 5 ♦ K 3 ♣ 7 4
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2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the seven of hearts. How would you play the hand?

West ♠ A J 9 6 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ A K 8	East ♠ Q 10 5 ♥ A 6 4 ♦ K 5 4 3 ♣ Q 9 3
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1. On the surface, it might seem that it doesn't matter whether you cover the queen of diamonds with the king or not. But to make certain of the contract, you should duck the queen.
Assuming that South has the ace — certainly a reasonable supposition — the contract is cold if you let North's queen hold the first trick. The trouble with the king play is that South can win with the ace and return a diamond, allowing North to win and shift to a heart. If South then turns up with both the king and jack of hearts, you will eventually lose two hearts and two diamonds and go down one.
But if you duck the diamond, you

are safe against any attack. If North continues the suit, you can win any return by South, cash the A-K of clubs and ruff a club in dummy, draw trumps, then lead a heart to the ten. Even if South wins with the jack, you have the rest of the tricks against any return.
If instead North shifts to a heart at trick two, you rise with the ace, draw trumps, play the A-K and ruff a club, then lead the king of diamonds. South wins with the ace, but whatever he returns, you are home, losing only two diamonds and a heart.
2. You start by assuming that North has the king of spades, since if South has it you will make at least 10 tricks via a spade finesse. You also assume that North's seven is his fourth-best heart, which means he might have led from K-Q-8-7-x, K-10-8-7-x or Q-10-8-7-x. (With K-Q-10-7-x, he presumably would have led the king.)
The best way of dealing with these three possibilities — which constitute the only real threat to the contract — is to go up with the ace at trick one. This play fails in the first case, but succeeds in the other two even when North has the spade king.
The reason for rising with the ace is that it blocks the defenders' hearts if South started with the K-x or Q-x, while ducking the opening heart lead allows South to win and return a heart, unblocking the suit.
Tomorrow: A fatal slip.
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5-7 CRYPTOQUIP

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Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: X equals W

Sports

Whitley Rammel, a Fort Recovery High School junior, successfully clears 4 feet, 10 inches, to win high jump during the Mercer County Knights of Columbus Meet on Thursday at Coldwater. Rammel was also third in shot put as the Indians took fourth out of six teams.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Rammel top county high jumper

COLDWATER, Ohio — Whitley Rammel was a little off in her marquee event. She was first in her secondary discipline. Rammel had one victory and took third in another event in helping the Fort Recovery High School girls track team placed fourth in the Mercer County Knights of Columbus Meet on Thursday at Coldwater. The host Cavaliers scored 152 points for the title, with Marion Local (141) second and Celina (103) third. The Indians had 66 points. Marion Local claimed the championship in the boys' meet, scoring 187 points and leaving Celina a distant second with 99 points. Coldwater (82) was third

while Fort Recovery (54) placed fourth. Rammel, a junior, was the top seed in shot put, but she finished third. In high jump, however, she was the lone competitor to clear 4 feet, 10 inches, to get the championship. Ellie Will earned a runner-up finish in the 3,200-meter run, while Jenna Hart was sixth in the same event. Natalie Brunswick (1,600 run) and Kiera Wendel (800 run) placed third in their respective events. Allysen Fullenkamp, Mara Pearson, Marie Nachtsheim and Abbie Francis were fourth in the 4x100 relay, and Megan Diller, Wendel, Francis and Brunswick combined to place fourth in the 4x400 relay. Owen Moorman and Trevor

Heitkamp each had a victory for the Fort Recovery boys. Moorman backed up his top seed in the 200 dash by winning the race in 23.65 seconds. Heitkamp had a time of 10 minutes, 40.79 seconds, for first in the 3,200 run. Moorman also teamed with Derek Jutte, Reece Guggenbiller and Gavin Thobe to win the 4x200 relay in 1:35:98. Heitkamp was also fifth in the 1,600 run. Gavin Thobe was third in high jump and fourth in long jump, and Ross Pearson finished three spots behind Thobe in high jump. Riley Hiser, Moorman, Jutte and Thobe were runner-up in the 4x100 relay.

Middle school
Fort Recovery's girls scored 35

points for fifth while the boys totaled 10 points and were sixth. St. Henry totaled 128 points to win the girls meet, with Celina (107.75) second and Coldwater (92.5) third. Marion Local finished with 186 points to win the boys title. Coldwater (114) was runner-up and Celina (96) placed third. Anna Roessner had the lone win for the Tribe girls, ending the 400 dash in 1 minute, 4.66 seconds. She was also runner-up in the 200 dash. Kennedy Heitkamp (third - high jump) and Madison Heitkamp (fourth - 1,600 run) also scored points for the Indians. Parker Brunswick had Tribe boys' best individual finish, taking second in the 1,600 run.

TinCaps suffer first loss

Fort Wayne can't rebound from five-run seventh inning

FORT WAYNE — The TinCaps weren't able to make it three in a row to start the season. A five-run seventh inning was too much to overcome as the Fort Wayne TinCaps were denied their third straight win to start the season with a 6-3 loss to the West Michigan Whitecaps on Thursday at Parkview Field. Fort Wayne (2-1) scored a run in the first inning and saw that lead go away as the Whitecaps (1-2), the High-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers, tied the game in the top of the sixth inning. But the Whitecaps broke the game open in the top of the seventh. Trei Cruz hit a sacrifice fly to give West Michigan the lead, then Dillon Dinger hit a two-run triple and later scored on a balk. Bryant Pickard added a dagger with an RBI single. After five innings of dormancy, the TinCaps mounted a bit of a comeback in the home half of the seventh. Ethan Skender hit an RBI triple to score Parker Meadows, and he later scored on a wild pitch. The TinCaps mounted a bit of a comeback as Ethan Skender hit an RBI triple to bring home Parker Meadows, and later reached home on a wild pitch. Fort Wayne had an opportunity to cut into the deficit even further with runners on second and third with one out, but a strikeout and a ground out ended the threat. The Whitecaps shut the door in the final two innings to get their first win of the season. Jonny Homza and Adam Kerner both tripled for the TinCaps. Making his first Minor League appearance since Aug. 31, 2016, Fort Wayne starting pitcher Anderson Espinoza allowed just one hit in two innings of work while striking out three and not issuing a walk. See **Suffers** page 7

LaVert's burst lifts Pacers

By PHILLIP B. WILSON
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Caris LaVert showed up motivated for work, determined to shake free from a recent funk that included one of Indiana's ugliest losses just 24 hours earlier. LeVert scored 31 points, including nine in the final 2:17, and the Pacers defeated the Atlanta Hawks 133-126 on Thursday night. "I just wanted to bounce back," LeVert said, referring to the Pacers scoring only 93 points against the NBA's worst defense in an 11-point home loss to Sacramento on Wednesday. "That's what this league is all about. I wanted to be at my best." See **Lifts** page 7

LaVert twice hit jumpers with his team ahead by only one point late. The Hawks missed a pair of 3-pointers that could have tied the game before the Pacers pulled away. "In crunch time, I love those moments," LeVert said. "It's just a part of me." LeVert also had 12 assists for his first double-double since being acquired by the Pacers in January. All-Star forward Domantas Sabonis scored 30 points on 12-of-14 shooting with nine assists. "We hit some big shots when we needed 'em," Indiana coach Nate Bjorkgren said. "Caris hit a couple big shots when we needed 'em." See **Lifts** page 7

Format to reward skills

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The car will definitely not be the star this summer in the Superstar Racing Experience, which has been formatted for drivers to showcase their skills using what series co-founder Ray Evernham calls "old-school tools." The good old steering wheel, gas pedal and brake pedal. "With this format, you not only have to be the fastest driver, but you've got to be the smartest driver, too," added Tony Stewart, who co-founded SRX and will also drive one of the cars this summer. SRX disclosed the format it will use Thursday to The Associated Press when the all-star series launches this summer at Stafford Motor Speedway in Connecticut on June 12 for the first of six Saturday night short-track races across the country. Each event will consist of two timed 15-minute heat races followed by a 100-lap feature at every track except Slinger Speedway in Wisconsin, where the event will be extended by 50 laps because the track is only a quarter-mile oval. The first heat will be lined up by a random draw and the second heat will be set by inverting the finishing order from the first heat. The starting lineup for the feature will be set by the finishing order of the second heat. There will be unlimited attempts at a green-white-checked finish to complete the race. There are a maximum 12 points to earn in each heat, and the race winner

receives 25 points. "It was very important to come up with a format that would provide the best entertainment to our fans while rewarding the drivers for their performance. This format will do that," Evernham said. "Every driver has the same opportunity. They're in a car that's very different because it's so universal. It's a road-course car first, a pretty good dirt car, and just an OK paved oval car." Evernham and Stewart modeled the series after the popular but defunct International Race of Champions that pitted drivers from multiple formulas in identically prepared cars at various tracks for 30 years. Stewart won its final championship in 2006 and there hasn't been a series like it since. Evernham and Stewart, both members of the NASCAR Hall of Fame, believed there was still an interest for a series that featured cars that don't rely on aerodynamics and reward mechanical grip and driver skill. Stewart also thought he could find drivers who had stepped away from full-time racing but still wanted to occasionally compete. He recruited nine other full-time drivers, among them: NASCAR Hall of Famers Bill Elliott and Bobby Labonte, Indianapolis 500 winners Helio Castroneves and Tony Kanaan, Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip, and Marco Andretti, the pole-sitter for last year's Indy 500. Local all-stars join the SRX regulars at the first five races.

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