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Formal charges filed for Myers

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Formal charges have been filed in Jay Circuit Court against a Portland woman accused of cutting her child's wrists.

Raven S. Myers, 24, 203 E. Walnut St., Apartment 2, is charged with attempted murder, a Level 1 felony.

According to the probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case, Portland police officer Mitchel Rigby responded to a call about 8:41 p.m. from Diane Camp saying

Portland woman faces attempted murder for allegedly cutting her child's wrists

Myers had taken her granddaughter from her home at 216 E. North St.

According to police, Camp later said she and Myers were at her residence when she fell

asleep. When she woke up, Myers and the child were gone. Myers did not take her phone with her. Rigby began driving around Portland looking for Myers' 2020 Buick Encore but

could not find Myers or the girl.

Camp called 911 about 10:14 p.m. to report Myers had returned to the house with her child and that the girl's wrists

had been cut. Rigby then returned to the house, and medics were also paged to the same address for a suicide attempt. (Responders initially believed Camp was reporting that Myers had slit her own wrists.)

Rigby found Myers in the living room holding her daughter.

"God told me to do it!" Myers repeated, according to the affidavit.

Rigby noticed the girl's left wrist had a long, deep cut and her right wrist had a short, deep cut, the affidavit says.

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Make it three

Former two-term sheriff enters race for GOP nomination

The GOP race for the nomination for Jay County Sheriff already had a pair of candidates.

It's up to three.

Former sheriff Ray Newton filed Thursday to run for a third term as sheriff, joining Tony Lennartz and Patrick Wells in what is now a three-way race for the Republican nomination.

Newton is a former two-term sheriff, serving from 2007 through 2014. He was ineligible to run for a third consecutive term, but sought his party's nomination again in 2018 as he lost to incumbent Dwane Ford.

Wells and Lennartz are both longtime sheriff's office employees who filed last week to vie to replace Ford, who is ineligible to run for re-election because he has served two consecutive terms. Newton retired from the sheriff's office and now works for IU Health Police Department while also serving on Jay County Council.

Other contested races in the Republican primary thus far include:

•Incumbent Chad Aker against Bryan Alexander for Jay County Commission (Middle District)

•Becky Heshner against Melanie Upp for county recorder (incumbent Betty St. Myers is ineligible to run for re-election)

•Incumbent J.D. Prescott against Brittany Kloer for District 33 state representative.

Other Republicans who have filed to run for office thus far are Travis Holdman for state senator in District 19, Matt Lehman for state representative in District 79, Emily Franks for county auditor, Robin Alberson for county assessor, Rex Pinkerton for Jackson Township Trustee, Scott Hilfiker for Madison Township Trustee, Steven Cash for Penn Township Trustee, Jeff Overholser for Noble Township Board, James Brewster for Wayne Township Trustee, and Jon Eads and Jenae Blasdel for state convention delegate.

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School parents asked to prepare

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Parents are being asked to prepare for the possibility of school closures.

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley sent a letter to parents Thursday that warned staffing issues connected to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic could result in school closures and/or bus routes being shut down.

"It's going to come down to staffing," Gulley said. "That's the number we're keeping an eye on more than anything else."

He addressed the omicron variant of the virus that has now become prevalent in Indiana. He noted that it seems to be less severe but more contagious.

Gulley said it was decisions at other school corporations, including Blackford and North Adams, to shift to virtual learning that prompted him to send the letter Thursday. He said Jay Schools have been able to maintain staffing levels so far, but that he wanted families to be prepared in the case that anything changes.

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Tanner toss

Tanner Corwin, 8, tosses a ball into the hoop while basketball coach Kyle Teeter cheers Thursday afternoon at Jay Community Center.

Republicans push ahead on tax cut plan

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana House Republicans are forging ahead with their push for broad business and individual tax cuts even with ongoing skepticism from other GOP leaders in the Statehouse.

The Republican-dominated House is expected to vote next week on endorsing the proposal that would potentially cut more than \$1 billion a year in various

taxes and send it on to state Senate for action. The House Ways and Means Committee voted along party lines Wednesday to advance the plan after rejecting several changes Democrats argued would do more to help struggling families.

Republican leaders in the state Senate and GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb are hesitant to make large tax cuts now even after big jumps in state tax collections are projected to boost the state gov-

ernment budget surplus to a whopping \$5.1 billion, or 29% of state spending, by the end of next June.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Tim Brown of Crawfordsville said he was optimistic of winning Senate support for the tax cut plan.

"Just think, we have \$5.1 billion in reserves, and that's Hoosier money, that's money paid by citizens," Brown said.

Key parts of the House plan

would cut Indiana's current individual income tax rate of 3.23% over the next four years to 3.0%. That would ultimately reduce state tax collections by an estimated \$500 million a year when fully implemented in 2026.

The plan also proposes cuts in several business taxes, potentially cutting those tax bills by between \$700 million and \$850 million a year.

Republicans turned aside proposals from Democrats to modify

the bill with steps such as increasing the state's tax deduction on rent from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year; eliminate the sales tax on diapers and tampons and lower the current 18 cents-per-gallon gasoline tax to 15 cents.

"We're looking at giving a billion dollars to corporations and we're not doing anything for people who are the infrastructure of our state," said Democratic Rep. Greg Porter of Indianapolis.

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Deaths

Herbert Bone, 83, Pen-ville

Bryce DeBoy, 32, Portland

Ethel Spear, 78, Muncie

Karen Tuttle, 84, Bluffton

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Thursday. The low was 32.

Tonight's low will be 18 with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. Expect a high in the mid 20s as windy conditions continue Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's semifinal round of the ACAC basketball tournaments.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council and Fort Recovery Village Council meetings.



Charges ...

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According to police, Summer Hudson, an individual connected to the case, said that when Myers returned, she opened the passenger door and noticed Myers was holding her daughter and had her wrapped in a blan-

ket. Hudson said the girl was screaming and that Myers looked at her and said, "I was going to kill her," according to the affidavit. Myers refused to give Hudson the child and instead took her to Camp. Camp said Myers told her,

"God told me to kill her," and, "God told me to do it," according to the affidavit. She told police Myers did not tell her where she went or what she used to cut the child. Camp has custody of the girl, the affidavit says.

Following the incident, the girl was taken by police to IU Health Jay. She was later transferred to Riley Hospital for Children of Indianapolis. Portland Police Chief Mitch Sutton and investigator Jeff

Hopkins confirmed Wednesday that the child was alive. As of this morning, Myers is being held on a \$55,000 bond at Jay County Jail. In Indiana, attempted murder carries a sentence of 20 to 40 years with an advisory sentence of 30 years.

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| 24/12 | 33/20 | 31/24 | 39/30 | 36/17 |
| Skies will be mostly cloudy Saturday with gusts reaching as high as 20 mph. | Sunday will be sunny, with a cool 10 to 15 mph wind. The high may reach about 33 degrees. | Mostly cloudy skies are expected on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. | Another day of mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday. The low will be around 30 degrees. | More mostly cloudy skies are on the horizon for Wednesday. |

Lotteries

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| Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$48 million | Cash 5: 3-23-26-27-29 Estimated jackpot: \$95,000 |
| Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$325 million | Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-2-2 Pick 4: 7-0-1-6 Pick 5: 8-8-2-8-3 Evening Pick 3: 0-3-9 Pick 4: 5-6-9-8 Pick 5: 7-6-2-7-6 Rolling Cash: 7-15-17-23-27 Estimated jackpot: \$162,000 |
| Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-1-4 Daily Four: 7-2-3-4 Evening Daily Three: 0-0-8 Daily Four: 6-6-8-3 Quick Draw: 4-8-18-21-26-31-32-34-35-36-37-41-51-54-55-59-62-63-66-70 | |

Markets

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| The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....5.84 Feb. corn5.89 Beans13.61 Feb. beans13.61 | Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....5.98 Feb. corn6.02 Beans13.54 Feb. beans13.58 Wheat7.09 |

Today in history

On Jan. 14, 2013, Lance Armstrong ended a decade of denial by confessing to Oprah Winfrey during a videotaped interview that he'd used performance-enhancing drugs to win the Tour de France.
In 1784, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War; Britain followed suit in April 1784.
In 1914, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park, Michigan, plant.
In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.
In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garraway as the host, or "communicator."
In 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married at San Francisco City Hall. (The marriage lasted about nine months.)
In 1964, former first

lady Jacqueline Kennedy, in a brief televised address, thanked Americans for their condolences and messages of support following the assassination of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, nearly two months earlier.
In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.
In 1972, the Redkey High School boys basketball team used a late spurt to knock off White's Institute 80-73. Greg Bales paced the Wolves with a career-high 38 points.
In 1994, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.
In 2010, President Barack Obama and the U.S. moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

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| Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. | Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. |
| Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland | |
| Thursday 3 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. | |
| Wednesday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. | |

Obituaries

Herbert Bone

March 22, 1938-Dec. 29, 2021
Herbert Lee Bone, age 83, of Pennville passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.



Bone

Lee was born in Portland on March 22, 1938, the son of Elza and Mary (Wiley) Bone. Beginning his career as a cabinet maker at Pennville Custom Cabinets, he soon became a businessman, establishing the partnership of B & R Kitchens.

He was a 1956 Portland High School graduate who believed in the importance of serving his community. Lee served as a volunteer firefighter for many years, was actively involved on the Jay County Development Corporation board, served as treasurer of the Pennville Syndicate and was a member of the Jay County Chamber of Commerce, where he was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Surviving are one son, Matthew Bone (wife: Amanda) of Pennville; one daughter, Melinda Hopkins of Leo, Indiana; and one sister, Jane Cummins (husband: Dick) of Portland; Pat Bone, mother of Lee's children; one son-in-law, Chip Teegarden; and grandchildren Chelsea Teegarden, Hunter Teegarden, Jarran Teegarden, Kennedy Teegarden, Daniel Hopkins, Amanda Hopkins, Reagan Hopkins, John Harris and Katie Bone.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Michele Teegarden; and grandson Jordan Teegarden.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Pennville Public Library or the IDC Restaurant (for food donations).

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Bryce DeBoy

May 22, 1989-Jan. 12, 2022
Bryce Andrew DeBoy, age 32, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, in Dunkirk, Indiana.



DeBoy

He was a 2008 graduate of Jay County High School and had worked at Fort Recovery Industries and FCC in Portland.

He enjoyed being a father and being with his children. He was an avid Miami Dolphins football fan, enjoyed watching movies and most of all loved his rock music.

Bryce DeBoy was born May 22, 1989, in Muncie, Indiana, the son of Rex DeBoy and Tami (Holloway) Toney.

Survivors include: His parents — Rex DeBoy (wife: Honey), Albany, Indiana, and Tami Toney, Portland, Indiana

Girlfriend — Christine Brown, Portland, Indiana

Two sons — Corbin Brown and Reign DeBoy

One daughter — Addison DeBoy

Two sisters — Chelsea Guggenbiller (husband: Dustin), Portland, Indiana, and Nia May (husband: Jeremy), Albany, Indiana

Grandfather — Joseph Andrews, Albany, Indiana

Nieces and nephews — Crosby and Karlee May, Carsyn and Hayden Guggenbiller

Several aunts, uncles and cousins

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gerry Holloway and Helen Holloway, Rita Andrews, Rex DeBoy and Gloria Faris.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home in Portland.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Bryce DeBoy will follow at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Randy Davis officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in Claycomb Cemetery, west of Portland.

Memorials may be directed to A Better Life - Brianna's Hope. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Ethel Spear

Dec. 22, 1943-Jan. 12, 2022
Ethel May Spear, age 78, of Muncie passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, in Golden Living Center in Muncie.

She was born in Portland on Dec. 22, 1943, the daughter of Fred W. and Dorothy (Oldham) Coy. She was married on Nov. 21, 1977, to Herman Spear and he passed away on Oct. 14, 2009. She had worked as a secretary for Dorton-Jones Insurance in Muncie. She was a graduate of Portland High School and enjoyed board games, watching wrestling and playing euchre.

Surviving are one son, Michael Spear (wife: Shirley) of Muncie; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Donald Coy, William Coy and Fred Coy Jr.

Funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland with Pastor Herb Hummel presiding. Burial will be in the Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester. Visitation will be Monday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be expressed bairdfreeman.com.

Karen R. Tuttle, Bluffton, the grandmother of a Portland woman, Nov. 5, 1937-Jan. 12, 2022. Services will be at 11 a.m. at Park Community Church, 617 S. Bennett St., Bluffton.

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.

Felony arrests

Common nuisance

Two Portland residents were arrested this morning for maintaining a common nuisance.

Brendan D. Reed, 29, 3551 E. Indiana 26, and Deanne E. Brenner, 26, 1238 S. Boundary Pike, were both

preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Reed was also preliminarily charged with a Level 6

felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. Reed and Brenner are being held in Jay County Jail. Brenner's bond is set at \$5,000, and Reed's bond is set at \$6,000.

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He noted that the school corporation has been using substitutes, healthy teachers filling in for others and COVID-positive teachers providing instruction virtually from home to continue in-person learning.

"With that combination, we can keep things going," he said. "But if it becomes a situation where it no longer makes sense, we have already advised parents we may have to close a building or buildings until teachers and staff can come back."

He emphasized that individual bus routes could be impacted as well and that parents should have alternate travel plans in place.

Gulley added that absentee rates have been up recently, though not high

enough to reach the 20% threshold that requires a review based on Indiana Code. "Our actual numbers of quarantine and positive students, as of today, is no worse than it was during the delta surge back in August," said Gulley. "So, so far, so good. But seeing that happen at other schools, it's time to tell folks to be prepared."

He noted that the school corporation has continued to be in contact with Jay County Health Department on a weekly basis regarding the ongoing pandemic.

The goal is to keep students in classrooms, if at all possible.

"Kids need to be in school," he said in the letter. "We intend to keep the schools open as long as healthy kids can come and there are healthy staff to take care of them."

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Life changes after affair

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 38-year-old woman who used to be nice. Then I had a three-year affair. Knowing I'm one of America's bigger fools — and for such a long time — is infuriating, but I finally saw the light. The only person I think is a bigger fool than me is his wife.

Some "highlights" of our romance: He gave me an STD during spring break, I found "Ally's" phone number in his contact file, and I saw a blonde in a white convertible drop him off in front of his house at 9:15 in the morning, which, according to him, "never happened." My eyes don't lie. After I was struck by a car in a crosswalk, he never once called me to see how I was. After that, his teenage son followed me around town flipping me off and shouting obscenities at me. There's more, but I'll spare you.

Please warn your readers to stay away from affairs. They demean you, your mate will lose trust in you, and the person you're having the affair with — can that person ever really be trusted? Won't he cheat on you, too? This "wonderful" man is an elementary school teacher. (Think about

Dear Abby



what he is teaching your kids, folks!)

Like I said, I used to be nice. I used to care and trust. No more! This man changed not only my entire life but also my family's. Will I ever forgive MYSELF?

P.S. I have spent thousands of dollars for counseling. It's a lot of money, but I am worth it. — FINALLY SAW THE LIGHT

DEAR FINALLY: Love may be blind, but I'm pleased you finally saw the light. I'm also pleased that you realized you need professional help to regain some self-esteem. Your bitterness jumps off the pages of your letter. If you work on that with your counselor, too, it will be money well spent.

DEAR ABBY: I was widowed 10 years ago after 34 years of marriage. My late husband's sister, "Barbara," who is also now a widow with no children

or other family, considers me her sister and friend. Abby, I have NEVER felt close to her. We are very different, and neither my husband nor I had any real contact with her other than occasional holiday gatherings.

Barbara is a domineering, self-pitying hypochondriac with no friends left she hasn't alienated. We live fairly near each other, and I have the feeling since the loss of her husband three years ago that she's expecting me to be her companion and caregiver going into her elder years. I'd slit my wrists first!

I married my husband "until death do us part," not his family. I don't want to hurt Barbara's feelings; I just want to enjoy my own senior years. How can I gently remove myself from Barbara's game plan? — DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS

DEAR DIDN'T SIGN UP: "Gently" remove yourself from Barbara's game plan by being increasingly less available.

She may be strong-willed and domineering, but you do NOT have to knuckle under to her wishes or be a dumping ground for her problems.

If she asks to get together, be busy. If she's depressed, suggest grief counseling, which has helped so many. If she suggests you help her going into her declining years, explain that won't be possible because you plan to travel. You do not have to be cruel or heavy-handed about standing up for yourself.

Just hang on to your sense of humor and keep your distance.

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 www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Library offers winter challenge

Jay County Public Library is hosting two different reading challenges for all ages starting next week.

Teens and adults will receive a bookmark log to write down each book title as they read. (The minimum requirement to be eligible for rewards is 3 books.) For each book read, participants will receive one entry into a drawing for prizes. The first 60 people to sign up will also receive a starter gift.

Children can also participate by picking up a reading log and marking off 15-minute time slots as they read. Once they complete 5 hours of reading, children can turn in the completed log for a small completion prize, grab another log and keep reading. Each log will be entered into a drawing for prizes.

To register for the event, call or visit the library at 315 N. Ship St. in Portland any time after Monday.

Also, Monte Shrack from Jay County Sheriff's Department will lead a basic women's self-defense class from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the library. (The program does have limited availability.) Those interested should call or stop by the library.

FR book sale

The book sale is still on. Fort Recovery Public

Taking Note

Library is hosting a used book sale through Saturday.

Business hours for the library at 113 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery, Ohio, are from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed on Thursday.

For more information, call the library at (419) 375-2869.

Scholarship available

A scholarship is available to future professionals in the agriculture industry.

Helena Agri-Enterprises is offering \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors planning to study agriculture or science.

The scholarship is available to the Class of 2022 in several counties and states, including Adams, Blackford, Delaware, Jay and Wells counties.

Applications are due Jan. 30, and winners will be notified by March 1. Students can visit helena-homegrown.com to apply.

Disney's 'Encanto' tops streaming charts

By CHRISTOPHER PALMERI
Bloomberg

Seven weeks after its modest debut in theaters, Walt Disney Co.'s animated film "Encanto" is having a second life on music and video streaming services.

The soundtrack to the film, which features songs by "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda, became the

No. 1 album in the U.S. this week on the Billboard 200, bumping Adele's "30" from the top spot.

The film was also the most-viewed title on the Disney+ streaming service in the first two weeks after its Dec. 24 release online, the company said in an email.

Family films have struggled theatrically during the pandemic, with parents reluctant to take their kids to cinemas. Disney last week announced that its newest Pixar film, "Turning Red," would skip theaters for Disney+ in markets where the service is available. "Encanto," a musical about a

Colombian girl born without the same magical powers as members of her family, generated \$90.6 million total domestic ticket sales last year, placing 15th overall, according to researcher Box Office Mojo.

More people can see the film on Disney+, which has over 118 million subscribers worldwide.

Children tend to watch movies again and again at home, something Disney has been encouraging on social media. The film has also become popular on TikTok, with users posting videos of themselves lip-syncing the songs or clips that are easier to get when a movie is being streamed.

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 — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., 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 appoint-

ment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS

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

more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland.

Sudoku

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Thursday's Solution

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Banks just 'can't handle the truth'

To the editor:
Our Congressional Representative, Jim Banks, continues down his path of dishonesty regarding the investigation into the horrific insurrection and attack on our United States Capitol, Jan. 6, 2021.

In his recent newsletter, Congressman Banks says he wants a real investigation regarding the truth surrounding the events of the outrageous Jan. 6 attack. In

Letters to the Editor

reality, Congressman Banks has opposed all investigations of the attack since day one. Let us not forget that soon

after the attack, it was proposed that an independent, non-political and bi-partisan commission be established to investigate the insurrection in its entirety. The proposed commission was modeled on the one established to investigate the 9/11 terror attacks, with 10 commissioners — five Democrats and five Republicans — who would have subpoena powers. A Democratic and Republican co-chair would

have had to approve all subpoenas with a final report due at the end of the year.

Congressman Banks voted against the establishment of this independent commission, however, the measure did pass the House with bi-partisan support and was sent to the Senate for its vote. Republicans killed the measure in the Senate, and the independent commission was never formed.

Subsequently, the House created the January 6 Committee to investigate the insurrection. Congressman Banks has maligned it every step of the way.

Congressman Banks says he wants the truth. Jack Nicholson's famous line in the movie "A Few Good Men" comes to mind. "You can't handle the truth!"
Stephen Ogborn
Fort Wayne

Take steps to gain happiness

By TERESA GHILARDUCCI
Bloomberg Opinion

The new year could bring a new you.

Despite what the poets say, money, or at least financial security, can be one of the most important steps toward happiness. On the other hand, money mismanagement and debt can result in financial anxiety, which can cloud decision making and lead to a bad cycle.

There are three basic moves those who want to be smarter about finances should make: gather information, plan and execute.

Some may think making a personal or household budget is too tedious, but it's the most essential part. I suggest itemizing spending into 17 categories and ball-parking what you think you spend each month versus what you actually spend — and then what you'd ideally like to spend for each. It may sound like a lot, but it can usually be accomplished in under 30 minutes each month.

You'll see how extras can sneak in. For example, you may think you spend \$3,000 for housing, but don't forget to add about \$120 a month for repairs or furniture. If you're planning to take a vacation post-omicron, remember to include expenses like cell-phone charges, yoga classes and fancy coffee drinks in the total.

Next, compare your spending to your income. No judging. Money management requires facts — not guilt, rationales or backstories. The exercise may be cringe-inducing, but people who don't budget are more likely to fall into debt. Budgeting is like sit-ups: First pain, then gain.

Once you have a clearer picture, it may be helpful to bring in a third party. Any adult, regardless of age or income, can benefit from a session with a non-conflicted, and importantly, fee-only planner they can trust. A fully fledged financial plan can cost thousands, while a session may be a couple of hundred dollars. Avoid conflicted advisers who are brokers, since they don't advise; they sell investment products. If you are young, low-income or in debt (or all three), try low-fee non-conflicted advisers, many of whom are subsidized by a nonprofit or government agency.

A financial planner will help with the basics like how much to set aside for an emergency fund and what to invest in for retirement, along with how to achieve medium-term goals such as a down payment for a home, or funds for a vacation, car repair

Teresa Ghilarducci



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or holiday presents. Keep in mind though that fiduciary planners won't tell you all you need to know about finances, such as how to ask for a raise or find a better job, or how to cut back on gratuitous spending.

Lastly, it's time to make it happen, so let this be the year of action — whether that means increasing retirement contributions to the maximum amount, calling Vanguard to create an account for those medium-term goals, or paying down credit-card debt.

If any of the above makes you roll your eyes, consider the example of a reader I'll call Alex who lives in New York. She's 64 and has been financially disciplined for the past 25 years, through budgeting, planning and executing. Her financial adviser recently suggested she pay off her mortgage, which has helped to keep her monthly housing costs low. She's been able to accumulate more than \$1 million in retirement savings and is now in the enviable position of choosing when she wants to retire.

Money management is often depressing (we can't afford everything we want), tedious and no fun. But the upside is you gain leverage over the boss who wants you to keep working, the bank that wants your interest payments forever, and the retailer that wants you to overspend.

When you think of it that way, feeling free of money worries and taking control over your financial reality could offer up a lot more fun and happiness in the coming new year.

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Inspector could improve process

By GLENN FINE
Special to The Washington Post

It is time for the federal judiciary to have an inspector general.

Even the judiciary, with its focus on ethics and the rule of law, inevitably faces problems. The Wall Street Journal has reported that since 2010, 131 judges failed to recuse themselves when they had financial interests related to cases before them. Sexual harassment allegations have been raised against federal judges. And the judiciary is responsible for a large budget and many administrative functions — including technology systems, court security and court support — that can be susceptible to inefficiency or waste.

An inspector general — tasked with handling misconduct complaints and conducting audits of processes, procedures and expenditures — could improve operations and increase public confidence in the judicial branch. Yet the judiciary has long resisted an inspector general.

The main arguments against an inspector general are that the courts must maintain institutional and decision-making independence, and that adequate mechanisms already exist to handle problems — within the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Judicial Conference of judges, Circuit Judicial Councils, working groups of judges and the Office of Judicial Integrity. Chief Justice John Roberts's year-end report recently highlighted these arguments. He also noted that the percentage of cases of financial conflicts for judges was small compared with the total number of cases before the courts.

The judiciary's concerns about interference with its independence are legitimate. So let me be clear: An inspector general should not have any authority over judicial decision-making. However, the judiciary is an enormous institution, with numerous judges and support staff. For 2022, it has requested a budget of more than \$8 billion. In any organization as large as this, some misconduct, waste and abuse will occur. A dedicated, internal inspector general could help detect, deter and properly

Glenn Fine



investigate these problems — and ensure greater public confidence when complaints are not substantiated or dismissed.

No one likes having a watchdog, as I well know. I was an inspector general for more than 15 years. When the role was established, many agencies viewed inspectors general as a headache they didn't need. But now there is an inspector general in most federal agencies — for good reason.

For example, when the IG Act was enacted in 1978, the Justice Department claimed it did not need an inspector general in an agency of lawyers and that an IG would compromise its independence. Similarly, when I was inspector general at the Justice Department, the FBI argued that the inspector general should not have investigative authority over the FBI because we did not have the expertise to understand FBI investigations and would second-guess decisions.

None of that proved true. After Attorney General John Ashcroft issued an order in 2001 giving the Justice Department inspector general full oversight authority of the FBI, we credibly investigated allegations of misconduct and uncovered problems with FBI computer upgrades, misuse of national security letters, inadequate internal security procedures in the case of Robert Hanssen ("the most damaging spy in FBI history") and other problems within the FBI that its own inspections had not identified.

As in the judiciary, misconduct and other problems were not pervasive throughout the FBI or the Justice Department. But they existed. And the benefit of — and need for — a dedicated inspector general has become clear over time.

The inspector general role within the judiciary could and should be structured to address concerns

about institutional independence. In certain federal agencies, inspectors general are appointed by the president and subject to Senate confirmation. In others, the agency head appoints the inspector general. For the judiciary, the chief justice could appoint the inspector general. The inspector general could report to the chief justice or the head of the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts, rather than to both the agency and Congress. This single-reporting requirement would advance the interests of separation of powers.

In addition, while inspector general audit and investigative reports are normally released publicly, there could be exceptions in the judiciary, as in other federal agencies, to prevent the release of reports in specific circumstances. And like other inspectors general, a judiciary inspector general would not have management responsibilities for the judiciary. Inspectors general have the authority only to make recommendations; they cannot impose changes.

It is important to select the right person for the position. There is an expression in the inspector general community: "If you've seen one IG, you've seen one IG." The judiciary inspector general would need to be someone who understands the judiciary and the courts, and who has the discretion, independence and backbone to handle the sensitive responsibilities effectively.

Of course, an inspector general doesn't prevent all an agency's problems. But an inspector general within the federal judiciary could help improve processes, deter waste, identify problems before they arise, and ensure that any allegations of misconduct are investigated effectively and with credibility. This could be accomplished without compromising the judiciary's necessary independence — and, in the process, enhance public trust in the institution.

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Biden appeals

President Joe Biden speaks to the media after meeting with Senate Democrats to deliver a forceful appeal for action on Capitol Hill. Democrats' hopes of finally pushing through voting rights legislation after months of Republican opposition appeared to be fatally wounded Thursday as two Democratic senators announced they would not support changing Senate rules that have long allowed a minority of senators to block legislation.

Court halts one rule, allows another

By MARK SHERMAN and JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has stopped a major push by the Biden administration to boost the nation's COVID-19 vaccination rate, a requirement that employees at large businesses get a vaccine or test regularly and wear a mask on the job.

The court is allowing the administration to proceed with a vaccine mandate for most health care workers. The court's orders Thursday came during a spike in coronavirus cases caused by the omicron variant.

The court's conservative majority concluded the administration overstepped by seeking to impose the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's vaccine-or-test rule on U.S. businesses with at least 100 employees. More than 80 million would have been affected and

OSHA had estimated it would save 6,500 lives and prevent 250,000 hospitalizations over six months.

"OSHA has never before imposed such a mandate. Nor has Congress. Indeed, although Congress has enacted significant legislation addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, it has declined to enact any measure similar to what OSHA has promulgated here," the conservatives wrote in an unsigned opinion.

The court's three liberals argued it was the court that was overreaching by substituting its judgment for that of health experts.

"Acting outside of its competence and without legal basis, the Court displaces the judgments of the Government officials given the responsibility to respond to workplace health emergencies," Justices Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor wrote in a joint dissent.

Three ...

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(Lehman is the incumbent in District 79, which will include the northern third of Jay County following redistricting in the fall.)
Democrats who have

filed include incumbent Wes Schemenaur of Jay County prosecutor; Ted Champ for Jay County Council, "Watermelon" Jim Phillips for Redkey Town Council.

Tax ...

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Democrats also sought to lower the state's 7% sales tax rate, which is the second highest in the country, to 6.5%.

Brown said he supported such action but that other Republicans wanted to focus on lowering the individual income tax because nonresidents pay sales taxes.

"I had this debate with leadership all up and down this building and I lost," Brown said.

Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray has been consistent in saying he believes action on tax cuts should wait until the 2023 session when lawmakers draft a new two-year state budget and will have more information about the economy's direction after federal COVID-19 relief payments end.

"You're trying to weigh all that revenue coming in and the opportunities that you might have to send that back to tax-

payers and businesses against the idea that there are headwinds out there, least of which is inflation and supply chain challenges, workforce issues, things of that nature," Bray said.

The House Republican plan would cut the property taxes charged on business equipment by nearly \$400 million a year, according to legislative staff estimates. Utility company taxes would be cut an estimated \$220 million annually,

while broadening a sales tax exemption on business equipment purchases could cost between \$85 million and \$250 million a year.

Holcomb has proposed a reduction of property taxes on new business equipment purchases and shares the reluctance for major cuts now.

"I want to make sure that we have an accurate picture and that our fiscal radar is not artificially inflated," Holcomb said.

Democratic Rep. Ed DeLaney of Indianapolis said he believed the tax cut caution was appropriate while chastising Republicans for not wanting to put more money toward needs such as pre-kindergarten programs and lowering college tuition.

"I don't like the fact that we're not investing now and the idea of preventing future legislatures from investing is really troublesome," DeLaney said.

Jay Superior Court

Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced

Richard G. Marks, 36, 3877 N. Salem Road, Decatur, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail and given 90 days credit for time served. He was assessed \$185.50 in court costs.

Daniel L. Butler, 40, Portland, pleaded guilty to invasion of privacy, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail and given eight days credit for time served. Butler was assessed \$185 in court costs.

Kenneth D. Carter Jr., 41, 311 E. Washington St., Bluffton, pleaded guilty to invasion of privacy, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 365 days credit for time served. Carter was fined \$25 and

assessed \$185 in court costs.

Donald L. Ashcraft, 60, 416 E. Indiana Ave., Eaton, pleaded guilty to hunting wild animals without a license, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Ashcraft was placed on probation for 178 days, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$500 deer replacement fee.

Ryan R. Lawson, 43, 10637 Seiler Road Apartment 1201, New Haven, pleaded guilty to resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 152 days in Jay County Jail and given 100 days credit for time served. Lawson was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Danny D. Monroe, 67, 118 E. Center St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with all but 10 days suspended and given 10 days credit for time served. Monroe was ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling. He was placed on probation for 180 days, fined \$1, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee.

Christian R. Pierce, 20, 320 N. Main St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to theft, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Pierce was placed on probation for 180 days, fined \$1 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

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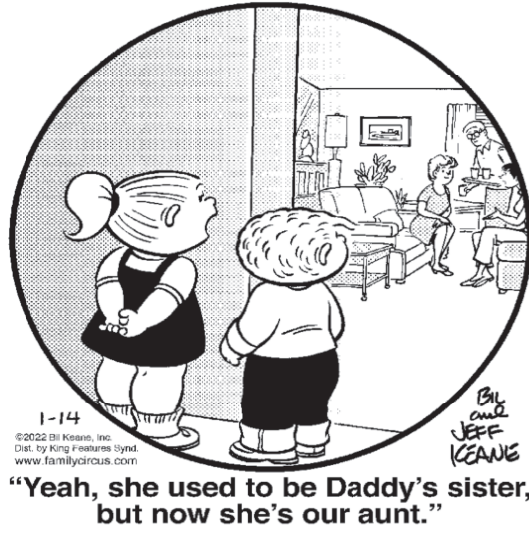
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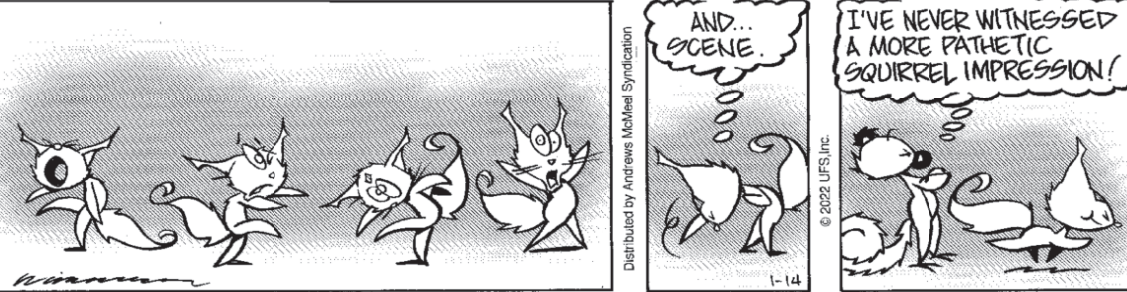
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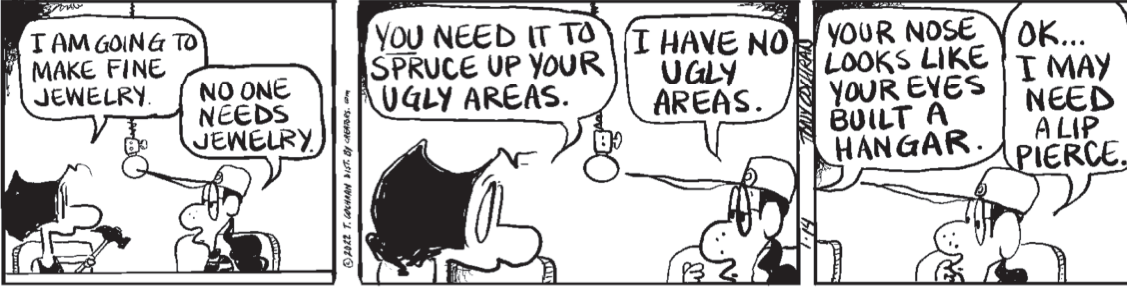
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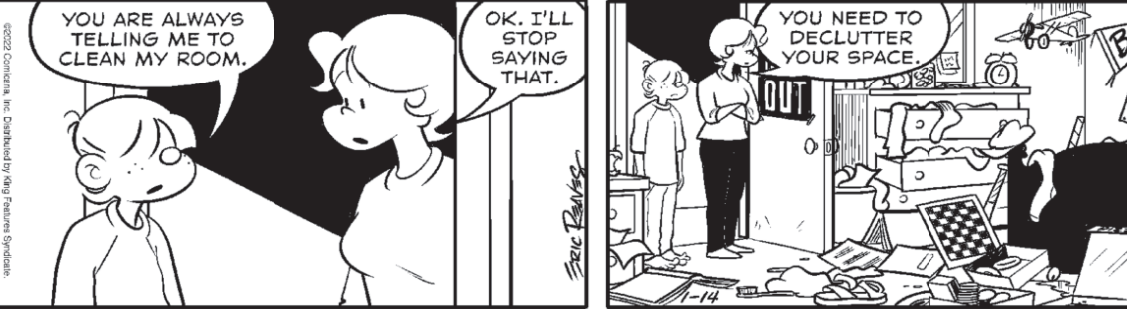
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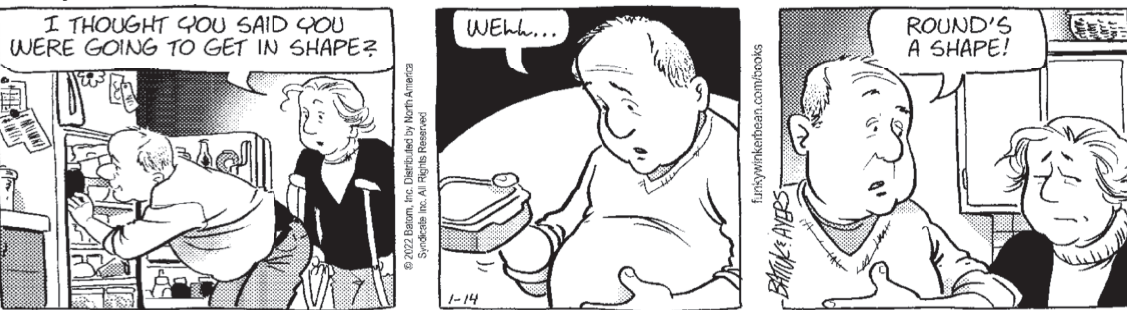
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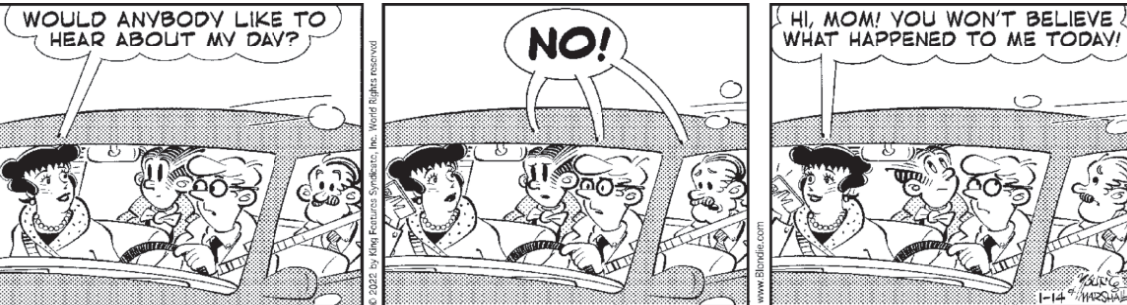
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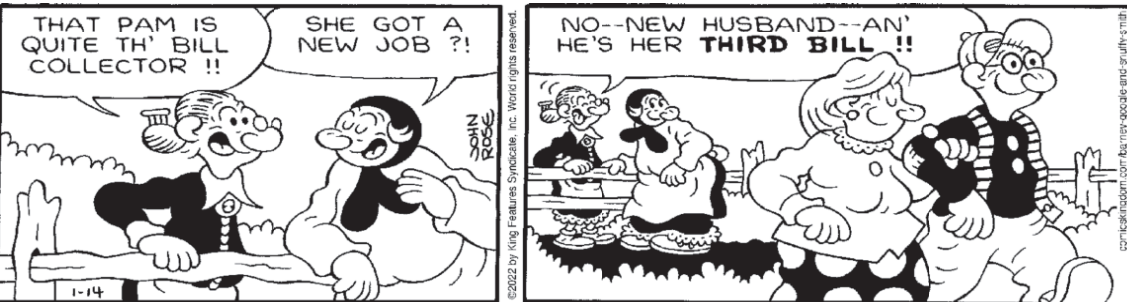
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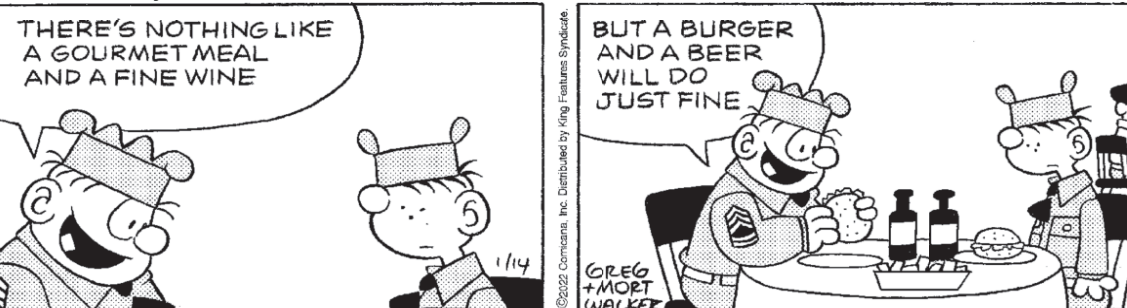
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FR fades vs. Marion Local

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians stayed with a conference rival for a quarter.

The pattern didn't last. Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team was outscored 13-4 in the second period Thursday night on the way to a 47-28 loss to the Marion Local Flyers.

The Indians (2-11, 1-5 Midwest Athletic Conference) trailed by just two after the opening period

before falling behind in the second. They were also outscored 13-4 in the third.

Mara Pearson was the high scorer for FRHS in the loss, finishing with seven points. Whitley Rammel had five points, and Kennedy Muhlenkamp scored four.

Sammy Hoelscher set the pace for Marion Local (11-3, 4-1 MAC) with 15 points. Avae Unrast added eight.

Colts' Ballard plans to address collapse

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Chris Ballard still struggles to explain the Indianapolis Colts' late-season collapse.

He seems equally confounded by Indy's 2-5 record in one-score games in 2021.

Five days after the Colts were eliminated from the playoffs with an embarrassing loss at Jacksonville, Indy's general manager was searching for answers.

"You have to finish with a better record in one-score games," Ballard said Thursday. "Ultimately, it falls on my shoulders and we're going to go to work and ask some very tough questions over the next month, month and a half to fix it."

What action Ballard might take remains unclear.

Ballard declined to discuss specific personnel moves or potential coaching changes during his traditional season-ending news conference. Yet he understands finding solutions is the key to the off-season.

Indy started the year by losing its first three games and closed it out with two straight losses when a win in either game would have clinched a playoff berth. The Colts finished 9-8.

That wasn't good enough for team owner Jim Irsay, who sent a letter to fans on Wednesday in which he described the Jacksonville loss as "perhaps the worst way possible" to end a season.

"The buck stops with me and this experience makes me even

more determined to bring Indiana a contending team," Irsay wrote. "We are already working toward the future, and I'm going to do whatever it takes to put us in a position to win next year and for years to come."

It appeared Indy was already there this season after putting together one of the league's most proficient rushing offenses, an offensive line with two Pro Bowlers and a defense that allowed the ninth-fewest points while producing the second-most takeaways with 33.

On paper, that's a team that could reach the Super Bowl.

The problem: Indy also finished 25th in sacks with 33, and the passing game was inconsistent behind first-year quarterback Carson Wentz.

Although Ballard acknowl-

Hoosiers fall at Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — On a night when his heralded twin struggled with fouls, Kris Murray came through with career highs of 29 points and 11 rebounds, leading Iowa to an 83-74 win over Indiana on Thursday night.

Murray was 12-of-18 shooting, posted his first career double-double and capped an 8-0 run with a steal and dunk for a 76-66 lead with four minutes remaining. He had 17 points in the first half, already matching his previous career best. Iowa took the lead for good with nine minutes left after

Tony Perkins scored six straight points.

Keegan Murray, coming in as the nation's leading scorer at 24.7 points per game, finished with 12 points, nine rebounds and foul fouls in 22 minutes for the Hawkeyes (12-4, 2-3 Big Ten). He failed to reach 20 points for the first time in six games. Jordan Bohannon added 11 points including his 400th career 3-pointer; the 20th Division I player to reach the mark.

Trayce Jackson-Davis led the Hoosiers (12-4, 3-3) with 18 points

and 11 rebounds for his 29th double-double. Race Thompson added 13 points, Parker Stewart 11 and Trey Galloway 10.

The Hoosiers led 48-41 at half-time. Iowa had runs of 12-0 and 9-3 in the first half but in between Indiana went on a 20-4 run that included a pair of free throws from Miller Kopp after Iowa coach Fran McCaffery was given a technical.

Indiana outshot Iowa 51% to 44% but did poorly from the line (13 of 21) and gave up 34 points off 23 turnovers, including 15 steals.

edged both areas need to be better next fall, there is renewed hope.

Despite missing most of training camp, another week of practice leading into the season opener because of COVID-19 and playing through two sprained ankles, Wentz revived his career by throwing 27 touchdown passes with seven interceptions. It was a dramatic improvement over his disastrous final season in Philadelphia.

And when Frank Reich begins his fifth season as the Colts' coach, it will likely mark the first time he's working with same starting quarterback for a second consecutive year.

"(It takes time) to learn the offense, to really understand the nuances of it, the timing and the rhythm of the throws, working through progressions — we've

had none of that," Reich said Monday, explaining the benefit of offseason workouts. "I would love to get to the point where we can have a normal offseason and that we're able to find a way to get players in the building to work in our schemes and get better."

The Colts need more than just extra time on the field, though.

Ballard said he hopes to improve the receiving corps, the pass rush and Indy's overall depth, even as he waits for four-time Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton and two-time Pro Bowl tight end Jack Doyle to decide whether they'll return next season or retire. He also must decide whether to bring back left tackle Eric Fisher after an inconsistent, injury-filled first season in Indy.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball ACAC tournament semifinal vs. Southern Wells — 6 p.m.; Boys basketball ACAC tournament semifinal vs. Southern Wells — 7:30 p.m.; Boys and girls basketball ACAC tournament semifinal TBA; Girls wrestling state finals at Kokomo — 7:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Ansonia — noon; Boys basketball at Marion Local — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Junior varsity wrestling at Tri High — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Belmont Invitational — 9:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. South Adams — noon

TV schedule
Today
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Purdue vs. Nebraska (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan vs. Ohio State (BTN)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iona vs. Manhattan (ESPN)
7:45 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. Bonaventure vs. VCU (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska vs. Minnesota (BTN); Illinois vs. Michigan (FS1); Richmond vs. Davidson (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)

11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UNLV vs. Fresno State (FS1)
Saturday
Noon — Men's college basketball: Michigan State vs. Northwestern (BTN); Xavier vs. Creighton (FOX)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Maryland vs. Rutgers (BTN); Kansas vs. West Virginia (CBS); Duke vs. North Carolina State (ABC); LSU vs. Arkansas (ESPN2); Providence vs. Connecticut (FS1)
3 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: Syracuse vs. Florida State (ESPN)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: TCU vs. Oklahoma (ESPN2)
4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Massachusetts vs. Rhode Island (USA)
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Baylor vs. Oklahoma State (ESPN)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Georgia vs. Vanderbilt (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: South Florida vs. Central Florida (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Tisa vs. Houston (ESPN2)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Wild card playoffs — New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills (CBS)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Grand Canyon vs. Tarleton (ESPN)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona State vs. Colorado (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — Boxing (ESPN)
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: USC vs. Oregon (FS1)

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located in the Bubp Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN
Saturday Morning
January 15, 2022
10:00 a.m.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
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Saturday Morning
January 22, 2022
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Kim Gabbard, 332 E Treaty Line Road, Portland, Ind, has filed with the Jay County Plan Commission a petition, #MapChg2022-01-04, requesting a Rezoning/Map Change to the zoning regulations, to wit:
Parcel ID: 38-11-29-800-009.000-029
Location: 7540 SUS 27, Portland, between CR 700 S and CR 800 S, on the west side, Pike Township, Section 29
Description of Action Requested: Request rezoning of 1.89 acres of said property from Commercial (COM) to Agricultural Residential (AR) so the purchaser may qualify for a FHA loan to purchase the property.
A public hearing will be held by said Plan Commission on February 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Community Resource Building, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371.
If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date. Letters may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building Department.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You deal and bid One Diamond. Partner responds Three Diamonds (forcing).
What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠K105 ♥KQ7 ♦AK7652 ♣8
2. ♠Q4 ♥K3 ♦KQ753 ♣AQJ8
3. ♠J6 ♥K94 ♦AJ95 ♣KQ72
4. ♠82 ♥AK6 ♦KQ874 ♣J63

1. **Four notrump.** Partner's jump indicates excellent diamond support and 13 to 16 points (Including distribution), raising the question not only of whether there's a small slam, but whether you might even make a grand slam.
Accordingly, you invoke Blackwood, asking for aces. If partner bids five diamonds, indicating one ace, you will of course pass. If partner responds five hearts (two aces), you will bid six diamonds. If he responds five spades (three aces), you will next bid five notrump, asking for kings. If partner responds six diamonds, indicating one king (which must be the king of clubs), you will bid seven diamonds because you can count 13 tricks. Finally, if partner bids six clubs (no kings), you should stop in six diamonds as you cannot account for what you will do with your potential spade loser.
2. **Four clubs.** If you had a minimum opening bid, you'd normally bid three notrump or four dia-

monds to show your limited resources. But this hand is not a minimum — you have 17 high-card points — and you can portray these extra values by bidding four clubs to show interest in a slam and first-round control of clubs. You then leave the rest to partner. He may carry on to slam or choose to stop at game as he sees fit.
3. **Three notrump.** This is not a pleasant bid to make, considering your spade holding, but there is no better call available. In view of your flat distribution, an 11-trick game in diamonds is far less attractive than a nine-trick notrump game.
Partner doesn't really expect you to have all three side suits completely buttoned up when you bid three notrump, so he can decide to overrule you by returning to diamonds if his values are unsuitable for notrump.
4. **Three hearts.** Here, too, the best chance for game lies in notrump, but you can't reasonably bid three notrump with two suits unguarded. You therefore bid three hearts, hoping that partner, with spade and club strength, will be able to bid three notrump.
Three hearts does not, in and of itself, profess interest in a slam. It can be interpreted as either a probing bid for game in notrump — which is the intention here — or as an initial step toward slam.

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No. 2 JC falls at Homestead

Spartans were dominant in the upper weight classes

FORT WAYNE — The Patriots' only losses this season had come against ranked foes.

That changed Thursday with a heartbreaking defeat.

Jay County High School's wrestling team, ranked second in Class 2A, dominated the lower weight classes but struggled from 138 pounds up as it suffered a 38-36 loss to the host Homestead Spartans.

The Patriots, who closed their dual schedule at 17-3 and will compete Jan. 21 in the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships at Bluffton, won every match from 106 pounds to

132. But unranked Homestead took seven of the nine upper weight classes to eke out the win.

Their only previous losses had come against Class 2A No. 1 Belmont and Class 2A No. 7 Delta.

Jay County's Tony Wood (132), ranked 11th in the state, made quick work of Jordan Manger with a pin in just 57 seconds. Other pins in the lower weight classes came from No. 16 Cody Rowles (113) in 1 minute, 22 seconds, and No. 15 Ethan Reiley (126) in 5:19.

Daniel Moore (106) and Tave Curtis (120) each added victories by decision with scores of 8-2 and 10-3, respectively.

The lone wins in upper weight classes for the Patriots came from Ramon Bravo (195) by pin in 2:29 over Ryan Schoff and AJ Myers (160) by pin in 2:36 over Nathan Bear.

Trey Nichols (152) picked up the lone junior varsity win for the Patriots by an 8-3 decision over Jacob Myers.



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Jay County High School's Ethan Reiley works for position during a match as part of the East Central Indiana Classic on Dec. 23. Reiley earned a victory by pin Thursday night, but the Class 2A No. 2 Patriots fell to Homestead, 38-36.



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Athletics stretch beyond the games

By DAVID VANTRESS

The Commercial Review

Greetings from the sports desk at The Commercial Review.

My name is David Vantress, and as of Thursday I am the new sports editor.

I'm new to Portland, but not new to Indiana small-town sports journalism: I have previous stops in Kendallville and Goshen on a resume that dates back to 1994.

I enjoyed both of those stops, and as someone who grew up in a small town in southern California, Indiana has very much felt like home over the years. My late fiance Melody, who passed away of metastatic breast cancer in 2004, was born and raised in Indiana and gave me my first introduction to what she called "Hoosier Hospitality" when we started dating in summer 2003.

It was Indiana's own take on what's often called "Midwest nice."

But really, my journalism career dates all the way back to junior high in the late 1970s.

I've known I wanted to be a journalist since fourth grade. After winning a statewide essay contest in Oregon on energy conservation in 1977, I got a nice card and letter from President Jimmy Carter. The local paper got wind of this, and a reporter called me to do a story. The thought that writing could be a paid career hadn't even crossed my mind. After the reporter interviewed me, I grilled him for another 15 minutes about what he did, how he did it and what I needed to do in order to pursue a career in journalism.

I came into sports journalism pretty much by accident: I hurt my knee playing football just prior to my senior year at Castle Park High School in Chula Vista, California.

Since I was on the school newspaper staff, it was decided that I would cover the team. I already had to be at the games anyway, wearing my black jersey and prowling the sidelines as a member of the walking wounded doing ... whatever the coaches needed done. Often I would get the task of making sure our head coach didn't trip over the 300-foot cord attached to his headset.

Yep, I'm "before wireless headsets" old.

I just added a notebook and pen to my Friday night repertoire and a life-long career now closing in on 40 years was born.

Over the many years I've done this job, I've always

strived to keep two key concepts front and center.

They're just kids, and it's only a game.

High school sports are designed to be an extension of the classroom, as we're typically reminded in pregame warmups when a public address announcer reads a statement from the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

In addition to Xs and Os, the kids we cover learn the value of teamwork, the importance of fair play and the bittersweet reality that sometimes you give all you have to give in the arena and still come out on the wrong end of the scoreboard.

It's those lessons that endure long after the cheering stops and the uniforms come off for the last time. Years from now, the kids we cover will gather for reunions. And with a few notable exceptions, the scores of the games will be a distant memory.

But the moments shared both on and off the field will endure forever. I've found that to be true with a small but tight circle of high school sports friends I've kept in touch with over the years.

I was a very Rudy-esque football player: A 5-5, 180-pound tight end with 4.9 speed and "good hands."

That translated to "small and slow" in my day.

But my teammates always told me they admired my guts, heart and determination. We talk often about our days on the team, the moments sweating through brutal two-a-days in the dog days of August, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

Some of the memories start out more bitter than sweet, but with the passage of time, smiles replace the tears and they become part of our story.

I'm looking forward to telling the stories of our local prep athletes as they find their way both in the athletic arena and the arena where the game of life is played.

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