

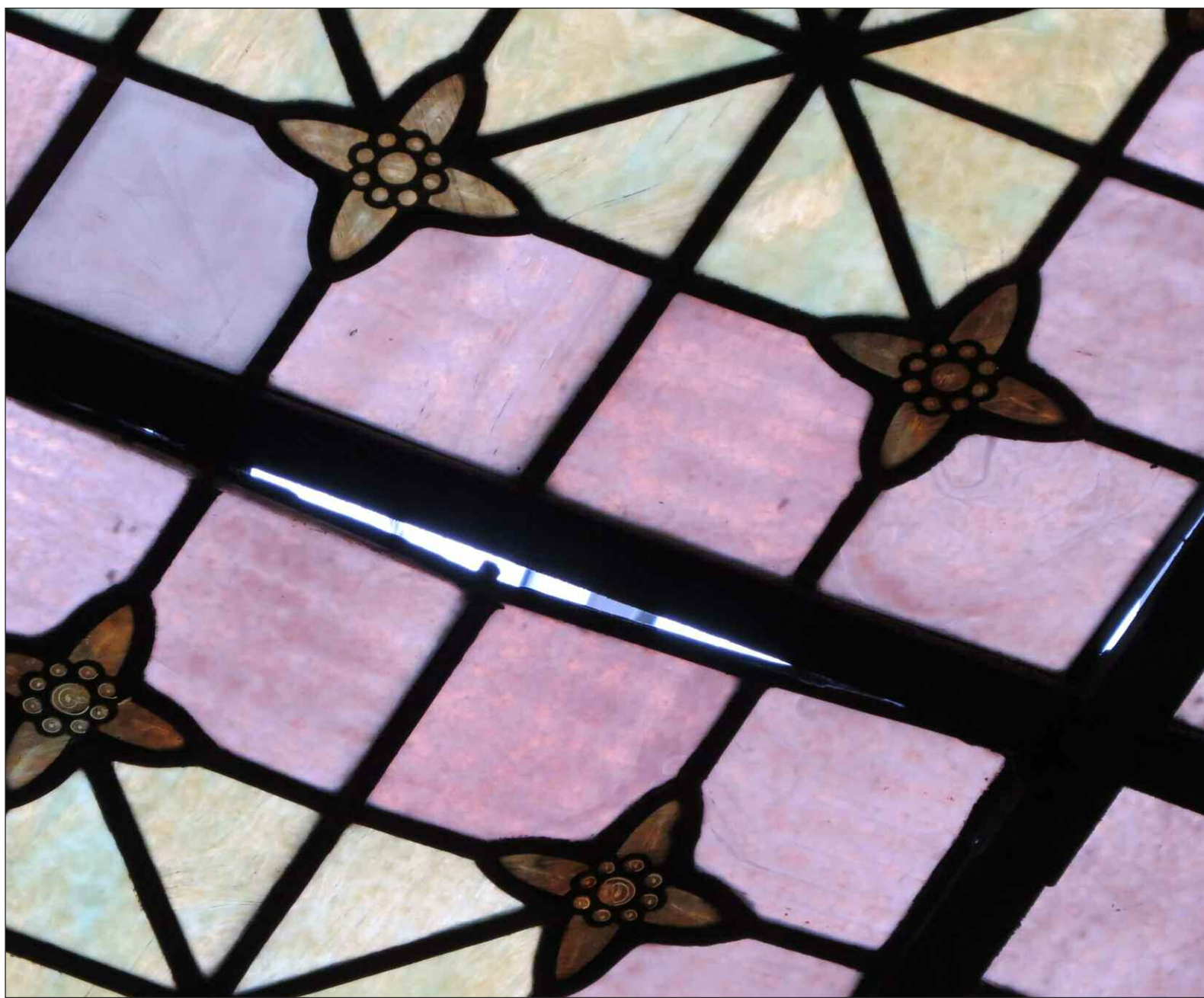
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Ceiling is separating



The Commercial Review/Jack Ronald

The decorative stained glass ceiling above the rotunda of the Jay County Courthouse is in need of repair and restoration, a project that could take three to six months.

Section of Jay County Courthouse's glass ceiling will take three to six months to repair

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Jay County Courthouse superintendent Bruce Sutton stood on the third floor of the rotunda and pointed up at the stained glass ceiling.

"I just happened to look up and see it," said Sutton.

What he saw was a separation between the decorative glass and the metal holding it in place, a separation that gave him concern.

He spotted the problem on Wednesday, Jan. 5, and immedi-

ately started looking for someone to repair it.

"I had the first guy up on Friday (Jan. 7)," Sutton said.

He's been assured that there's no serious risk of a section of the stained glass falling, but it definitely needs to be repaired.

The stained glass, which is purely decorative, is similar to a drop-ceiling in modern construction. It's protected from the elements by a steel and glass dome that keeps the weather out.

Sutton has been in contact with Bigelow Glass in Findlay,

Ohio, William Lupkin Design in Fort Wayne, and Window Creations in Ottoville, Ohio. He'll be taking cost estimates to the Jay County Commissioners for action. Repairs have been estimated to take three to six months. All of the individual glass panels will have to be removed and taken off-site for repair and reinforcement.

"We'll pull them out on a Saturday," said Sutton.

While the repairs are being done, a covering — probably canvas — will be used to diffuse the

light coming into the rotunda.

The name of the original stained glass craftsman is not known, but Schachne Studios of Dayton, Ohio, was in charge of the building's interior decor, including the murals on the third floor. Work on the courthouse began in 1916, and the building was completed in 1919.

McLaughlin and Hulsken of Lima, Ohio, served as architects for the building. Dawson Construction Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was the general contractor.

Russia sends team to Ukraine

Efforts could lead to renewed invasion

By PAUL SONNE
The Washington Post

The Russian government has sent operatives into eastern Ukraine in preparation for potential sabotage efforts that could serve as a pretext for a renewed Russian invasion, the Biden administration warned on Friday, escalating tensions with Moscow after preliminary diplomatic talks in Europe reached an impasse.

U.S. intelligence has identified a group of operatives who have been repositioned in east Ukraine potentially to conduct a "false flag" operation, a U.S. official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity under ground rules established by the Biden administration, said in an email.

"The operatives are trained in urban warfare and in using explosives to carry out acts of sabotage against Russia's own proxy-forces," the U.S. official said, referring to Russian-backed separatists who have been waging a war against Ukrainian forces in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

For months, top Russian officials have been warning that Ukraine is preparing an attempt to retake the separatist regions. Top Ukrainian and U.S. officials have denied any such plans and described the Russian comments as an effort to cast Kyiv falsely as an aggressor and lay the groundwork for a new invasion.

Administration officials declined to provide additional information about the identity or location of the Russian operatives in question.

Trash pickup is delayed

By TRAVIS LOLLER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The omicron variant is sickening so many sanitation workers around the U.S. that some cities have had to delay or suspend garbage or recycling pickup, angering residents shocked that governments can't perform this most basic of functions.

The slowdowns have caused recycling bins full of Christmas gift boxes and wrapping paper to languish on Nashville curbs, trash bags to pile up on Philadelphia streets, and uncollected yard waste — grass clippings, leaves, branches — to block sidewalks in Atlanta.

"It's just a shame," said Madelyn Rubin, who lives in Jacksonville, Florida, where officials have halted recycling.

"You know that they

Omicron leads to pickup delays in Atlanta, Nashville and Louisville

could find the money to do it if they wanted to," she said. "If it was a business that wanted to come in here, they would dump money in to make it happen."

Cities including Atlanta, Nashville and Louisville are so short-handed they have temporarily stopped collecting things like recyclable bottles, cans, paper and plastic, yard waste or oversized junk to focus on the grosser, smellier stuff. The delays are more than an annoyance to residents, creating problems

such as clogged storm drains and blocked sidewalks.

Nashville City Council member Freddie O'Connell was just as surprised as his constituents when he received notice before Christmas that the city was halting curbside recycling.

"I was just stunned there wasn't an alternative or a back-up plan," he said. "No hotline for people who are mobility impaired or don't have reliable access to a car" to carry their recyclables to a central drop-off site.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Flipped out

No injuries were reported Friday afternoon when a pick-up truck pulled out of the Walmart parking lot into westbound traffic, was struck and flipped over, hitting a third vehicle in the process. Damage was estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Details in Capsule Reports on page 2.

Deaths

Marilyn Christie, 72, Gas City
Harriet Kile, 71, Hartford City
Denise Morgan, 56, Portland
Jack Osborne, 85, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

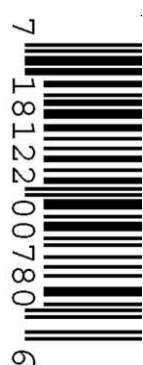
Jay County had a high temperature of 34 degrees Friday and a wind chill dipping to just above 20 degrees.
Tonight's low will be around 12 under mostly clear skies. Sunday should be sunny with highs in the low 30s.
See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review






Jay County High School's show choirs are hosting the Jay County Show Choir Spectacular today. The event is not open to the public, but it will be live-streamed on the Jay Today YouTube page and at showchoir.com.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Tuesday's Portland City Council and Fort Recovery Village Council meetings.
Wednesday — Results from Jay County swim team's meet at Muncie Central.



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Sunday 1/16	Monday 1/17	Tuesday 1/18	Wednesday 1/19	Thursday 1/20
				
33/21	31/23	38/31	37/19	26/14
Sunday will be sunny most of the day, with highs in the low 30s.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be mostly cloudy. The high will reach 31.	Partly sunny skies are expected Tuesday, with a high in the upper 30s.	Wednesday should bring mostly cloudy skies with a low around 19.	Mostly cloudy skies are on the horizon for Thursday. The low may dip to 14.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-3-4 Daily Four: 1-3-5-8 Quick Draw: 2-5-12-13-26-31-33-40-43-44-47-53-57-58-61-63-67-70-72-77	Pick 4: 4-5-5-7 Pick 5: 2-3-6-1-2 Rolling Cash 5: 4-11-28-32-34 Estimated jackpot: \$206,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 3-2-6 Pick 4: 2-5-2-7 Pick 5: 1-2-6-3-9 Evening Pick 3: 0-0-2	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$48 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$325 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.01 Feb. corn.....6.04 Wheat.....7.27	Wheat.....7.32 Feb. wheat.....7.32
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.11 Feb. corn.....6.06 March. corn.....6.06	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.91 Feb. corn.....5.91 Beans.....13.60 Feb. beans.....13.60 June wheat.....7.40
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....5.91 Feb. corn.....5.96 Beans.....13.58 Feb. beans.....13.58	Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....5.91 Feb. corn.....5.91 Beans.....13.40 Feb. beans.....13.45 Wheat.....7.06

Today in history

On Jan. 15, 2009, US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both engines; all 155 people aboard survived.

In 1862, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Abraham Lincoln's choice of Edwin M. Stanton to be the new Secretary of War, replacing Simon Cameron.

In 1892, the original rules of basketball, devised by James Naismith, were published for the first time in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originated.

In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.

In 1968, eight inches of snow closed local schools, delayed mail delivery and caused a shed to collapse at Cline-Wilt Lumber Co. in Portland.

In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford in San Francisco. (Moore was released on the last day of 2007.)

In 1981, the police drama series "Hill Street Blues" premiered on NBC.

In 1993, a historic disarmament ceremony ended in Paris with the last of 125 countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons.

In 2001, Wikipedia, a web-based encyclopedia, made its debut.

In 2014, a highly critical and bipartisan Senate report declared that the deadly September 2012 assault on the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, could have been prevented; the report spread blame among the State Department, the military and U.S. intelligence.

In 2020, Chinese officials said they couldn't rule out the possibility that a new coronavirus in central China could spread between humans, though they said the risk of transmission appeared to be low. House Democratic leaders carried articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump across the U.S. Capitol in a formal procession to the Senate.

— AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

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, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.	

Obituaries

Marilyn Christie

Dec. 28, 1949-Jan. 10, 2022
Marilyn Kay Christie, 72, of Gas City, passed away at 11:13 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, in her home.

She was born in Jay County, Indiana, on Dec. 28, 1949, to Robert and Helen (Stults) Bryan. Marilyn had worked at Jackie's Family Restaurant and later as a caretaker for Rescare. She enjoyed gardening, especially growing flowers. She cared for several cats over the years. Marilyn also enjoyed playing Pogo with her friends.



Christie

Survivors include her sons, Jack (Nikki) Scott of Indiana and Terry "TJ" James Bowdell of Indiana; daughters, Shawn Bowdell of Ohio and Jennifer De La Cruz of Indiana; several grandchildren; and good friends, Robin and Linda.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Bryan; mother, Helen Jane Moeschberger; brother, Robb (Linda) Bryan; and sister, Kathy Hall.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, Indiana.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Marilyn's life will begin at 1 p.m. with Troy Drayer officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City.

Memorial contributions may be directed to American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60674.

Memories may be shared at nswcares.com.

Harriet Kile

Aug. 4, 1950-Jan. 12, 2022
HARTFORD CITY — Harriet P. Kile, 71, passed

away on Jan. 12, 2022, at Enville of Hartford City. She was born on Aug. 4, 1950, in Portland to Harry and Helen (Haralson) Carte. Her parents preceded her in death.

Harriet graduated from Portland High School in 1968. She married Ronald D. Kile on Oct. 25, 1968 and they were married nearly 50 years before his death on May 26, 2018.



Kile

She had been a housekeeper at Taylor University in Upland for over 20 years before retiring.

Family was important to Harriet and she loved spending time with her grandchildren. They brought great joy to her life, and she was an amazing grandma. She also had a smile that was contagious and loved antique shopping. She was a collector of cookie jars, and her family is positive that over the years she must have collected over 400 of them.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters, Katie E. Rich of Hartford City and Laura D. (husband, Jerry) Rains of Lakeland, Florida; grandchildren, Matthew Rich, Andrew Rich, Lilly Ervin, Kile Rains, Evan Rains, Jake Rains, Sam Rains and Ben Rains; sister, Cassie (husband, Steve) Shultz of Portland; several nieces and nephews.

She is also preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Loes.

Harriet will be cremated and a Celebration of Life Service will be at a later day.

Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Church, 312 W. Washington St., Hartford City, Indiana 47348.

Please visit keplinger-funeralhome.com or our Facebook page to send

Denise Morgan

Sept. 10, 1965-Jan. 14, 2022
Denise R. Morgan, age 56, of Portland passed away Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Portland on Sept. 10, 1965, the daughter of Denny Cochran and Sally (Hartnagel) Ireland. She was married on May 18, 1985, to David Morgan who survives. She was a hostess at Richard's Restaurant in Portland. Denise was a Jay County High School graduate.



Morgan

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Surviving are her husband David, two daughters Stephanie Morgan (Jerid Conaster) of Portland and Jessica Bailey (Tommy) of Portland, her mother Sally Ireland of Portland, mother in law Ruthalee Morgan of Union City, Indiana, three sisters Deb Singleton (Jeff Platzer) of Indianapolis, Kathy Esparza (Dave) of Portland and Cindy Negele of Portland, five grandchildren Tyan Rogers, Scarlett Rogers, Kolcen Bailey, Jayce Bailey and Bastian Bailey.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, from 12-3 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Private family graveside services will follow in the Praise Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society. Online condolences may be expressed at baird-freeman.com.

Jack Osborne

July 26, 1936-Jan. 11, 2022
Jack Osborne, age 85, a resident of rural Portland, passed away on Monday, Jan. 11, 2022 at IU Health Jay Hospital in Portland.

Jack was born on July

26, 1936, in St. Marys, Ohio, the son of Charles and Adilene (Anderson) Osborne. Jack was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the VFW in Portland. Jack worked as a meat cutter for Kroger. He married Lois Shawver on June 25, 1967, and she passed away on Jan. 2, 2012.



Osborne

Survivors include: His nieces and nephews: Linda Sipe (husband Billy), Don Ford, Vaughn Ford (wife: Susie), Dennis Ford (wife: Debbie), Dale Gierhart, Dana Gierhart, Denise Gierhart, Deann Gierhart, John Kelly (wife: Linda), Mary Stump (husband: Terry), Tammy Shawver, Nancy Shawver, Karen Shawver, Peter Shawver, Jeff Shawver (wife: Alana), Steven Shawver and Kimberly Shawver.

Several great nieces and nephews

Visitation will be held on Monday from 10-11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Pastor Mike Harris will officiate the service and burial will follow at Salamonia Cemetery. American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be directed toward Museum of the Soldier in Portland. Online condolences may be sent to williamson-spencer.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city 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.

Capsule Reports

Moeller filed

Angela Moeller joined the ballot Friday. Moeller, a Portland Republican, seeks the role of Jefferson Township trustee.

Three vehicles

A 2007 Dodge Ram pick-up truck was struck and flipped over about 3:15 p.m. Friday at the entrance to the Walmart parking lot near Williams Street in Portland. When it flipped, the pick-up struck a third vehicle.

Portland police said Natllely Valentino, 22, Portland, was driving the pick-up and pulled out of the parking lot into westbound traffic on Votaw Street, failing to yield the right of way. The pick-up was registered to Ron L. Jones, Portland.

The truck was hit by a 2013 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Catlyn R. Gray, 20, Farmland. As it rolled over the truck hit a 2013 Mazda driven by Devin M. Johnston, 27, Portland.

No injuries were reported, but damages were estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Hit skip

A Portland woman's 2014 Ford F250 pick-up truck sustained between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in damage about 11:45 p.m. Thursday when it was struck while parked at 211 W. Main St., Portland.

The driver who hit the pick-up left the scene.

Kimberly A. Hinshaw told Portland police she was at work when the accident occurred.

Deer hit

Jay County Sheriff's Office received two reports of car-deer accidents within 10 minutes of one another Friday.

At 6:10 p.m. Gavin M. Lambert, 21, rural Portland, was southbound county road 125 West near road 200 South when a deer ran into the path of his 2016 Dodge Charger.

Damage was estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

At 6:20 p.m. Amy R. Lawrence, 49, rural Portland, was westbound on county road 400 South near road 200 West when a deer ran into the path of her 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Damage was limited to the car's headlight and was estimated at less than \$1,000.

SERVICES

Monday
Tuttle, Karen: 11 a.m., Park Community Church, 617 S. Bennett St., Bluffton.
Osborne, Jack: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Tuesday
DeBoy, Bryce: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday
Christie, Marilyn: 1 p.m., Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

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New Cincinnatus League officers

Cincinnatus League of Jay County announces 2022 Officers. Pictured from left to right, Drew Houck, President; Bob Vance, Vice President; Karen Bailey, Secretary and JoEllen Johnston as Treasurer. All proceeds from the League's fundraising remain in Jay County.

50th anniversary

Janet and Glen Walker

Glen and Janet Walker are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday.

Janet and Glen were married Jan. 16, 1972, at Trinity United Methodist Church of Berne. The couple has lived in Portland nearly all their lives.

Glen moved from West Virginia to Jay County as a child in the 1960s. As an adult, he worked at Sheller Globe and Ponderosa Steakhouse of Portland and Strict Trailers of Monroe. Janet, who grew up in Berne, worked as a cook for Jay School Corporation for 31 years before she retired in 2008.

They are the parents of Samantha Frasher (husband: Brad Frasher). They also have two grandchildren.

Musical group plays Thursday

MUNCIE — Collision of Rhythm, a two-person band, is coming to Pruis Hall at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The duo perform with a variety of instruments, including drums, piano, flute, marimba, saxophone and beatboxing, as well as tap dancing and bounce juggling.

Aaron Williams and Bronkar Lee make up the group described as "Stomp meets Blue Man meets Cirque du Soleil," according to a Ball State University press release. Tickets are on sale at Emens Auditorium box office, online at Ticketmaster.com, or by phone at (765) 285-1539.

Births

Shaw

Lennon L. Shaw, a daughter, was born Jan. 11 at Community Hospital Anderson to Kendra Patterson and Christopher Shaw of Eaton.

She weighed six pounds, 9.1 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Brad and Jackie Patterson of Dunkirk, and paternal grandparents are Tammie and Tim Shaw of Albany.

Mother-in-law abhors son's wife

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I need some advice regarding my mother-in-law. She has hated me since the first time she met me because I'm not from the country but from "the city." I have given her gifts for birthdays and holidays and invited her on day trips with us, but she always refuses.

She also makes up lies about me. She claims I have STDs, spend all her son's money, etc. She even spread a rumor that I wouldn't allow her at our wedding. She lives 46 miles away and, in the five years we have been married, has never once visited her son. I take him to visit her because he can't get a driver's license because of medical issues.

Our child and I aren't even allowed in her home. We have to sit in the car. She acts like our child doesn't exist, but she has pictures of her other two grandchildren on Facebook and drives to see them almost weekly. My husband sees nothing wrong with her behavior and says he "won't take sides." I don't know what to do. — PEEVED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PEEVED: Please accept my sympathy for your situation. While your husband refuses to recognize there is anything wrong with his mother's behavior, it is off the charts. I hope you realize that most men stand up for their wives and children when they are mistreated.

Because you can't change your husband or

his witch of a mother, and you made no mention of leaving the marriage, you will simply have to adjust to it. Start by planning an activity you and your child can enjoy while your husband is visiting his mom, rather than sitting for hours in the car. Even better, arrange "other" transportation for your husband.

DEAR ABBY: I have to meet my fiance's adult children. They are not happy he's in a relationship since their mom's death two years ago. I'm very nervous about it, and so is he. What do we do? — TAKING THE NEXT STEP

DEAR TAKING: You meet them, and do your best to relax and be friendly and open with them. Understand they are still grieving the loss of their beloved mother, and be prepared to do a lot of listening. Refrain from physical displays of affection with your fiance until they get to know you.

If it becomes necessary, their father should be prepared to make clear to them that you two are going to be married and, while they do not have to "love" you, he expects them to treat you with courtesy, respect and kindness.

Community Calendar

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

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 appointment, 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.

MOUS — 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.

Tuesday

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

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

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.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools
January 17-21

Monday: Main Entrees: Fresh whole grain biscuit, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs Alternate Entrees: PB&J fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing, Sides for all meals: hash brown patty

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl Alternate Entrees: Muffin goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Seasoned corn

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Mini turkey corn dogs Alternate Entrees: PB&J fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing, sides for all meals: Steamed broccoli florets

Thursday: Main Entrees: Classic American cheeseburger Alternate Entrees: Muffin goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: baked beans

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza Alternate Entrees: PB&J fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing, Sides for all meals: Savory green beans

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Everyone is fatigued by COVID. We're tired of it, and far too many of us are sick, and tired of it.

Seemingly every day brings news that we have the most cases ever — again. Columbus Regional Hospital is bursting at the seams with more patients than it can sustainably handle.

Mercifully, the omicron variant that's now dominant and spreading like wildfire appears to be not as deadly or life-changing as the delta variant was. And probably because of our fatigue, we have grown numb to the numbers:

- More than 19,000 Hoosiers have died, including 208 in Bartholomew County, as of Jan. 11.
- More than 1.3 million

Hoosier Editorial

Hoosiers have tested positive, including more than 15,900 in Bartholomew County.

•3,382 Hoosiers were hospitalized due to COVID on Jan. 8, nearly equaling the highest inpatient total of any day during the pandemic.

•Only about 12% of the state's 2,072 intensive care unit beds were available as of Jan. 11. Critically ill COVID patients were in approximately 765 of those beds.

We all long for this to be over. And the truth is, we all, every one of us, can help make that

happen. The best way forward, as has been stated repeatedly, is to get vaccinated. And if you've been vaccinated, get a booster shot. Wear a mask in public places and practice social distancing to prevent spread.

Columbus Regional Hospital recently begged community members to take these simple precautions in a message to the community published on this page on Dec. 30. The situation has not improved. This part of CRH's message bears repeating: "The collective strain being placed on the healthcare systems and medical professionals in our area has immediate and distressing implications to medical services and hospital access to all the patients and communities we serve. At this critical time, every bed counts. For example, the

space and crucial resources needed for victims of unavoidable medical emergencies or accidents is in jeopardy, being consumed, in part, by people being hospitalized by a largely avoidable and preventable disease — COVID-19. The ability for a patient to receive a much-anticipated surgery or procedure is once again at risk because clinical staff and space need to be reallocated. Our frontline staff, providers and physicians who have been at the helm of this crisis for two years are reaching a breaking point."

Since then, CRH has had to turn its public corridors into makeshift hospital space. To make matters worse, the local hospital reported last week it had seen an "alarming jump" in the number of health care work-

ers who are out sick with COVID or were caring for family members who tested positive.

We're as tired of all of the precautions as everyone is. But that doesn't mean we just give up.

We also need to again confront the ugly assaults from some quarters on the validity of vaccines. The facts are indisputable. People who are vaccinated and boosted are far less likely to become seriously ill or die from COVID. Anyone telling you otherwise is wrong. They know better, or after all this time, they should.

Please, please, help our community make COVID just a bitter memory. Your best shot is to get vaccinated and, if vaccinated, to get boosted. Find how and where you can get vaccinated or boosted at no cost at ourshot.in.gov.

Workers need personal time

By **CONOR SEN**

Bloomington

The "always on" work culture was already a problem before the pandemic. It started with the advent of email, accelerated with smartphones, and exploded during the pandemic. Particularly for those with jobs that allow working from home, 8-5 isn't even a guideline anymore. Emails, texts and Slack messages come in at all hours, making it hard to ever truly unplug from work.

A permanent culture of remote or hybrid work has its pros and cons when it comes to this new concept of "office hours." We probably won't ever go back to a world where workers are truly free from Friday evening until Monday morning. So to avoid burnout, workers should push to reclaim some of the inevitable lulls during the work week for personal time, such as Friday brunches. It's not about turning a five-day work week into a stealth four-day one, but acknowledging that we already have a stealth seven-day work week and trying to bring some life balance to it.

France made headlines several years ago by passing a law that required companies with more than 50 employees to come up with procedures that ensured work wouldn't spill over into after-business hours. It's the kind of idea that may be popular in certain circles, but doesn't stand a chance in the U.S. given the kinds of workaholics who run organizations and drive culture here.

Within organizations, it makes sense to encourage employees to be mindful of the personal time of their colleagues, but the blending of work and personal life and the tension in setting boundaries is something I expect most of us will be dealing with for the rest of our careers.

If workers are expected to be on call at night and on weekends — their off time disrupted at unpredictable intervals — then it makes sense for them to push to reclaim some of the traditional work week for personal time. Information-centric industries aren't the same as working in factories — busy times ebb and flow more than others. Financial markets are already

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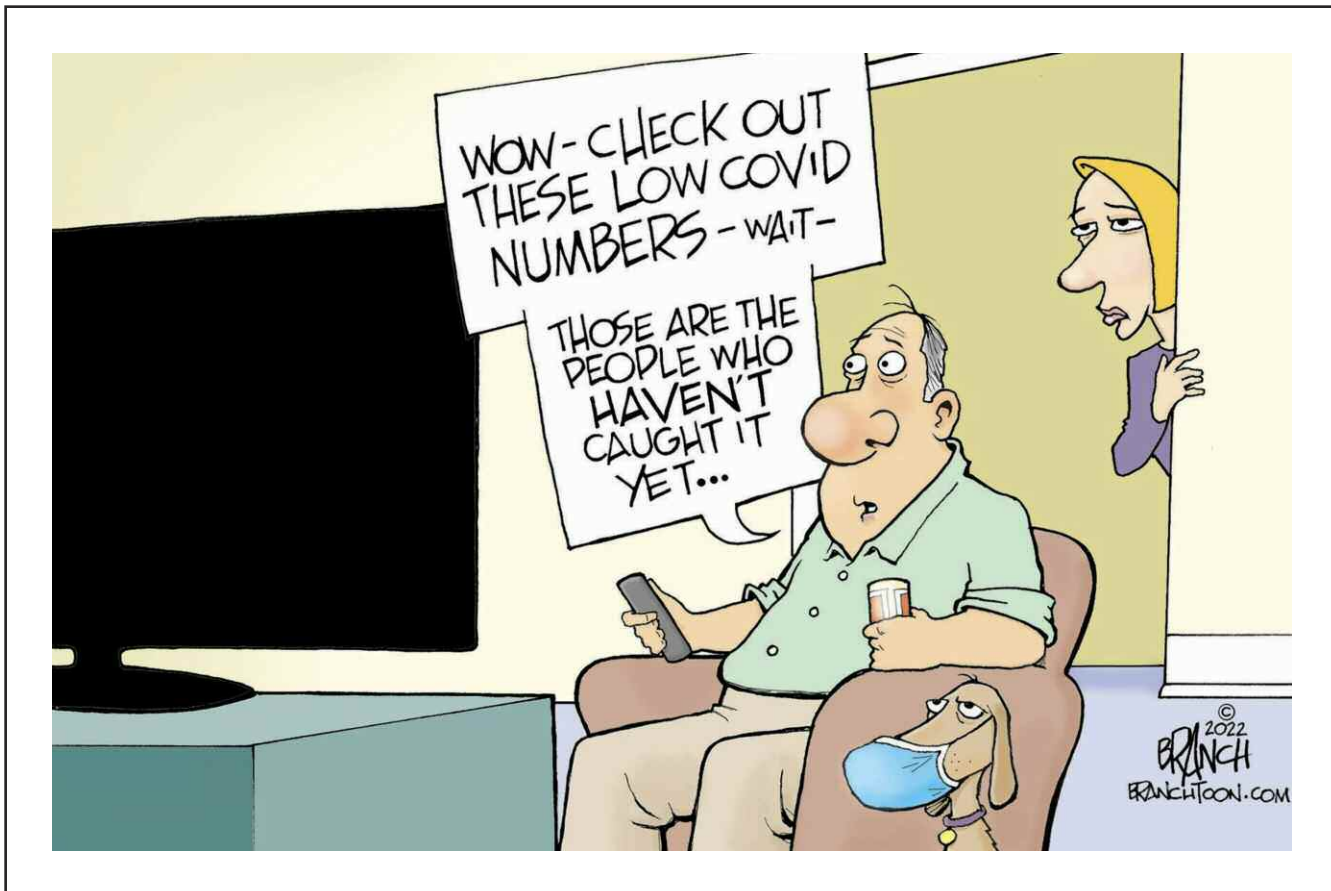


famously slow on Fridays, especially during the summer with hordes of New Yorkers taking off on vacation or leaving early for a weekend in the Hamptons. Real estate has its busy and slow periods. Tech has its cycles around product development.

There were already socially-acceptable ways of having downtime at work when most people actually went into an office for the day — running out for a coffee or lunch, chatting with colleagues around the water cooler, looking busy on a computer. So it makes sense that with more work days being spent at home, customs will evolve. For some that might mean a Friday brunch on a slow workday, for others it might be doing a Peloton ride at 10 a.m. Perhaps it's mowing the lawn in the early afternoon before it gets hot. These types of activities shouldn't be seen as subversive or taking advantage of the company, but a recognition that many jobs have bouts of downtime, and if you're working at home there are different ways of using that downtime than when you're physically in an office surrounded by coworkers.

They're also an important way of breaking up the workweek and preventing burnout in jobs where you're never really clocking in or out, just shifting between degrees of alertness. Responding to emails or joining a meeting on a Thursday night or Saturday might be something we have to accept as part of working in a modern information economy. Making it equally acceptable to reclaim the occasional Friday morning or Tuesday afternoon is the best worker compromise.

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California's pork war offers lessons

By **MITCH DANIELS**

Special to The Washington Post

An intriguing feature of recent political life has been the sudden discovery by much of the American left of the virtues of federalism. Oh, there has been no conversion to the principle of subsidiarity, that decisions ought to be made at the levels closest to daily life. The leftists' credo still calls for overruling the choices of their benighted fellow citizens regarding labor laws, voting procedures — virtually anything where outcomes can be dictated centrally.

But, at least in cases where it has proved difficult to impose their will nationally, those of the statist persuasion have decided to move ahead in places under their control, and that has some indirect value to us all.

Consider the current case study of California's Proposition 12, which includes a provision whereby the state's voters were persuaded to ban the sale of pork from feeding operations unless they meet standards virtually nonexistent in the industry today.

The proposition, approved in 2018 and effective as of Jan. 1, imposes criminal and civil penalties on anyone selling pork from a facility where sows live in less than 24 square feet or might touch an enclosure when turning around. A trace percentage of the nation's livestock farms meet this test, and those that do serve almost entirely niche local markets.

The Supreme Court is now weighing whether to take a case from the agriculture industry challenging the proposition. (The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit allowed it to stand.) Here is not the place, and the author is not the person, to argue either the scientific merits of California's radical new requirements, or the legal prospects for a rule that would have impacts so large and so far beyond the state's borders.

Suffice to say that both are dubious. The proposition was cooked up not by anyone with expertise in agriculture

Mitch Daniels



or food safety, but by people whose sole concern is animal rights. As the agriculture community's Supreme Court brief says, "The law is based on a human health rationale so patently false that California has declined to defend it."

The extraterritorial reach and burden of the California rule may well lead to its being struck down. The state imports about 99% of its pork, so the entire burden of the new requirements will fall on producers elsewhere, especially small farmers, either to fork over an estimated total of \$300 million to \$350 million for building entirely new facilities, or to forgo selling in California, about 13 percent of the U.S. pork market.

One extraordinary provision of Prop 12 declares that agents of the California Department of Food and Agriculture are to be free to come on the property of producers to inspect for compliance. Visualizing a pony-tailed, clipboard-toting coastal type marching onto a hog farm in Iowa or North Carolina suggests a new entry for one of those "world's most dangerous jobs" lists. A state action more plainly burdensome to interstate commerce would be hard to imagine, and the 9th Circuit has over the years had the highest reversal rate of any federal appeals court.

And yet, the nation could benefit from the ensuing spectacle should the law be allowed to stand. The first to feel the effects will be Californians themselves. Whatever the industry response to the new regime, they will quickly be paying much more for pork, when they can find it at all. As you sow, so shall you reap. Sorry.

The famous phrase "laboratories of democracy" is still the most apt description of our federal system and, along with its protection of local liberties, its greatest advantage. For instance, the legalization of marijuana in many states is furnishing real-world evidence for others to study in making their own decisions.

An activist governor or mayor is constantly watching for successful innovations elsewhere to copy and adopt. But the negative lessons are just as valuable. Most lab experiments fail, and science learns as much from those as from those that finally succeed. The accelerating out-migration from high-tax states (California prominent among them) is an instructive caution to governments elsewhere. The more extreme anti-law-enforcement policies have already demonstrated their absurdity, sadly at a tragic cost in human life.

Occasionally, actions work out so unfortunately that the jurisdiction reverses field itself. Kansas chose to undo tax reductions that went too far, and a number of cities are now refunding the same police they so recently defunded. But even where some poor citizens remain stuck with the consequences, folly in one place serves as a valuable caution to all the rest.

So, if California's ham-handed approach to pig production takes effect, there will be a lot learned. One doubts the results will affirm its wisdom. This latest novelty from the once-Golden State almost certainly will fit in the "for heaven's sake, don't" category. But such mistakes, and the system that permits them and the teaching moments they provide, serve us all very well.

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Vantress joins CR as sports editor

David Vantress has joined The Commercial Review as its sports editor.

Vantress, 55, most recently worked as sports editor at the Janesville Gazette in Wisconsin. He has previously worked for The News-Sun in Kendallville and The Goshen News in Indiana. He has also had stints at newspapers in Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas and North Carolina.

He is a 1994 graduate of San Diego State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in political science.

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Business Roundup

Power has a major transmission upgrade planned for Blackford and Grant counties.

The work, estimated at \$45 million, is expected to start in the fall of 2023 and finish in the spring of 2025.

The project involves updating about 18 miles of power line between Deer Creek substation in Grant County and the Hartford City substation, upgrading the Hummel Creek substation and retiring the Gas City substation.

Deteriorating wood poles from the 1960s will be replaced with modern steel poles. That transmission line has experienced more than 10 separate outages since 2015.

Amazon growth

Amazon will open a 510,000-square-foot sorting center at Franklin's Interstate 65 exit this year, the Daily Journal of Johnson County reported Friday.

The internet retail giant will be opening its fifth facility in Johnson County at the Sunbeam Development Corp. shell building on the northeast side of the interchange. This building is the first built in a series of industrial structures the company plans to build on nearly 550 acres at the interchange.

Amazon says the new location will bring operations close to area customers and create "hundreds" of jobs in Franklin. An exact number of jobs has not been shared with the city at this time, Mayor Steve Barnett told the Daily Journal.

Several types of jobs

related to Amazon's customer fulfillment operations will be created at the facility, including receiving inventory, sorting and shipping customer orders, and supporting network logistics, according to a press release.

The average starting wage will be \$18 per hour for roles in fulfillment and transportation. The company will provide full-time employees comprehensive benefits from day one, up to 20 weeks of paid parental leave, and Amazon's Career Choice program, in which the company will pay full college tuition for its front-line employees, the release says.

There are already three Amazon facilities operating in Greenwood, while another is operating in Whiteland.

In the past 12 years, Amazon has created over 20,000 jobs in Indiana and invested over \$15 billion

across the state, the company said.

Jobs moving

Sony DADC is cutting about 100 workers at a western Indiana plant that began cranking out compact discs in the 1980s and will move all the plant's gaming and disc manufacturing to Austria, The Associated Press reported Friday.

The workforce reduction will likely occur in March and disc manufacturing will end at the Terre Haute plant in mid-2022, said Lisa Gephardt, senior director of corporate communications for Sony Corp. of America.

She said the effected workers will not be offered other positions because the plant is Sony's last disc production facility in the U.S., but they will receive a severance package.

The company plans to retain about 150 workers at the Terre Haute plant,

which will become an assembly and distribution facility for Sony, Gephardt said.

The plant's disc manufacturing capacity will move to Sony DADC's manufacturing hub in Salzburg, Austria. Gephardt attributed the changes to the "continuous move to digital in the home entertainment market."

The Terre Haute plant was the first manufacturer of compact discs in the U.S., beginning production in September 1984 with Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." album, according to the Tribune-Star.

Fewer than 300 Sony employees remain in Terre Haute.

The company cut the plant's workforce in half in 2018 with the permanent layoffs of 375 plant workers. That reduction was made after Sony outsourced its music and video manufacturing.

Retail sales slip after record holiday season

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans overlooked shortages, spiking prices and uncertainty over the omicron variant to break spending records during the critical holiday shopping season. But figures released Friday show that after spending robustly early in the holiday season, consumers sharply slowed their purchases from November to December.

The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, said that sales surged by a record 14.1% from November and December 2020 to the same months in 2021. Those figures blew away the federation's projections for growth of between 8.5% to 10.5%, and more than tripled the average gain over the past five years of 4.4%.

"After a dispiriting holiday season in 2020, most shoppers were absolutely determined to enjoy themselves come what may," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData.

Yet data issued by the Commerce Department showed that by the end of December, spending had trailed off sharply enough to catch economists off guard and raise doubts about the sustainability of retail sales in the face of omicron, inflation and persistent shortages of labor and supplies. Retail sales fell a seasonally adjusted 1.9% from November to December.

Spending fell broadly across numerous sectors: Department store sales fell 7%, restaurant 0.8% and online purchases 8.7% compared with November.

Honda feeling bullish

DETROIT (AP) — Honda expects its factories to make more vehicles this year despite a computer chip shortage and supply chain troubles. But because it's starting the year with so few vehicles at dealers, the company expects U.S. sales to fall below last year's numbers.

The company expects U.S. new vehicle prices to ease a bit from the record of more than \$46,000 in December as automakers increase production, but Executive Vice President of National Operations Dave Gardner said prices won't fall to where they were before the pandemic.

A shortage of new vehicles brought on by the global chip shortage has forced Honda and other automakers to cut factory production at a time when demand is strong. That has crimped the supply of new vehicles, in some cases driving prices higher than the window sticker.

Many economists expect the caution that consumers displayed last month to carry over into this year and potentially slow the economy. Still, with average hourly pay rising and unemployment rate steadily dropping, analysts say spending and growth could pick up, at least modestly, once omicron fades.

"American consumers closed 2021 on a very sour note," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "That said, high household sav-

ings, strong job growth, and improved confidence once the latest COVID wave crests should put consumers back on a high-spending track in the second quarter."

Retailers warned for months that their supply chains had become snarled as the nation swiftly emerged from the pandemic recession, and they urged consumers to shop early for their holiday purchases. It appears that many Americans took heed and, in effect, moved up the

usual holiday shopping period by a month or so.

Commerce Department figure show retail sales jumped 1.8% in October, and on Friday it reported that year-over-year numbers show that retail sales surged 16.9% last month compared with December 2020. For all of 2021, sales spiked 19.3% compared with the previous year.

Some economists caution that the seasonal adjustment of retail sales has been thrown off by the pandemic. Seasonal adjustment is intended to account for the normal spike in shopping in December for the holiday season. This year, though, because many Americans started shopping so early, the seasonal

adjustment might have exaggerated any December spending retreat.

Some analysts also suspect that shoppers who waited until the end of the holiday season and didn't find what they wanted and took a pass or they bought gift cards. That spending won't show up in retail data until those cards are redeemed.

All told, Americans appear to be spending their money differently — and spending more, not less, collectively.

Mastercard SpendingPulse, which tracks all kinds of payments including cash and debit cards, reported late last month that holiday sales surged 8.5% from Nov. 1 through

Dec. 24 from a year earlier. That was the fastest such pace in 17 years.

"Consumer spending will remain the cornerstone of economic growth this year, but the near-term path will be choppy amid surging omicron cases," said Lydia Boussour, lead U.S. economist at Oxford Economics. Boussour said she thinks that after a soft patch in the first quarter, spending should rebound in the spring on the strength of strong wage growth and savings.

Stephen Stanley, chief economist at Amherst Pierpoint, agreed, pointing to a robust job market, pent-up demand and "a mountainous pile of extra cash to spend."

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals S

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

American civil rights

- 1) Who gave the famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963?
2) What landmark 1954 United States Supreme Court case ruled racial segregation in public schools as unconstitutional?

(1) Martin Luther King Jr. (2) Brown v. Board of Education

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals P

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B. 23 19 16 11
C. 24 12 26 11
D. 12 26 15 16 23 1 6 19

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to getting organized.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Choosing a line of play
North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH: A 8 7 6 3, A K 3, A Q 8, J 5
WEST: K Q 9, 10 8 6 4 2, 9 7 6 2, 8
EAST: 10 4, Q J 7 5, K J 10 4, 7 6 3
SOUTH: J 5 2, 9, 5 3, A K Q 10 9 4 2
The bidding: North 1, East Pass, South 3 NT, West Pass.
Opening lead — four of hearts.
It is very common for declarer to have a choice of two or more ways to play a hand. When this happens, the logical solution is to try to select the approach that offers the best mathematical chance of success. You can't do better than choose the line of play that is most likely to win.
Consider this deal where West leads a heart against six clubs. Declarer starts with 11 sure tricks and is looking for a 12th. How should he proceed?
There is one obvious line of play. That is to rely on a diamond finesse:
if it works, South can discard a spade on a heart and can't lose more than one spade trick.
Another possibility is to discard a spade trick with an eye toward establishing dummy's spades by ruffing the third round of the suit. But this would put you in an awkward position if West won and shifted to a diamond. In the actual deal, both approaches would fail, and South would go down one.
But there is a third line of play, far less obvious, that has a much better chance of succeeding. Declarer simply plays the three of hearts from dummy on the opening lead, allowing East to win the trick! This enables South to pin his hopes on a 3-2 spade division (a 68 percent chance) rather than on the location of the king of diamonds (a 50 percent chance).
Let's assume East takes the heart lead with the jack and shifts to a trump. South wins with the nine, plays a spade to the ace, discards the J-5 of spades on the A-K of hearts and ruffs a spade high. Declarer then leads a trump to dummy's jack and ruffs another spade, establishing dummy's 8-7 of spades. South then draws the missing trump, crosses to the diamond ace and discards his diamond loser on one of dummy's spades to secure the slam.

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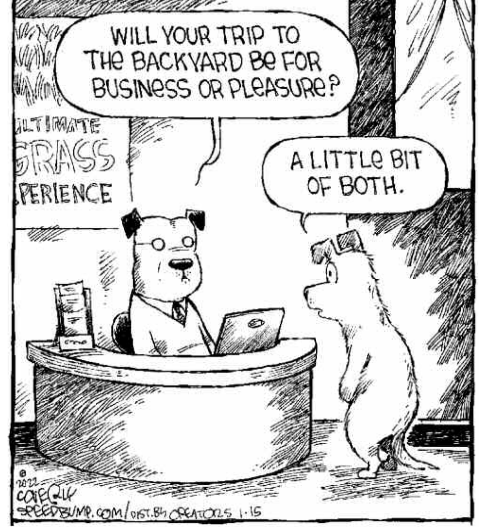
Famous Hand
West dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: J 9, A 9 5 3, K Q J, A J 10 7
WEST: 4 3, K 8 2, 8 5, K Q 9 8 5 2
EAST: 8 7 6 2, J 7 6 4, 10 9 7, 4 3
SOUTH: A K Q 10 5, Q 10, A 6 4 3 2, 6
The bidding: West 1, North 3, East 1, South Pass, North 1 NT, East Pass, South 3, West 4, East Pass, South 5, West 6, East Pass, South 6, West 7, East Pass.
Opening lead — king of clubs.
This deal occurred in the match between Italy and the United States in 1951. It is notable chiefly because both declarers misplayed the hand but made the maximum number of tricks anyway.
The U.S. team gained 750 points because its North-South pair bid seven diamonds while the Italians stopped in six diamonds at the other table. Both Wests led the king of clubs, and after taking the ace, both declarers cashed five diamonds and five spades, leaving South with only the Q-10 of hearts.
On the last spade, West — who had been reduced to the K-8 of hearts and queen of clubs — had to discard before dummy, which held the A-9 of hearts and jack of clubs. West was squeezed, so both declarers finished with all the tricks.
The squeeze succeeded only because West had the king of hearts and the club queen. But there was a much better approach available that would have yielded 13 tricks even if East had held the heart king.
The proper line of play is to win the club lead and ruff a club. Declarer then cashes dummy's K-Q of trump and, after he sees that the missing trumps are divided 3-2, ruffs another club.
A spade to dummy's jack is followed by a third club ruff with South's last trump, the ace. Declarer then crosses to the ace of hearts, draws East's last trump with the jack while discarding the queen of hearts from his hand, and scores the last four tricks with the A-K-Q-10 of spades.
Ruffing dummy's J-10-7 of clubs is better than relying solely on West to hold the heart king — a 50% chance. The suggested line of play will succeed whenever the trumps are divided 3-2, a 68% probability.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

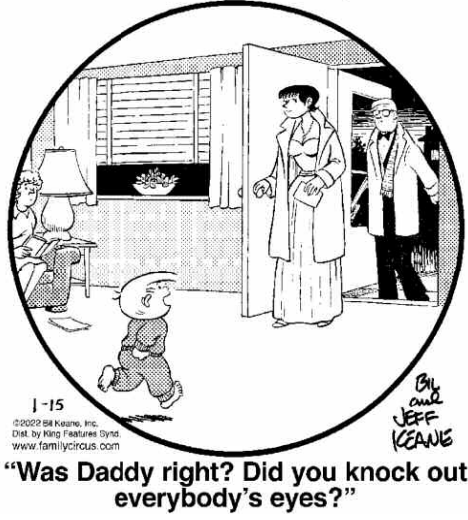
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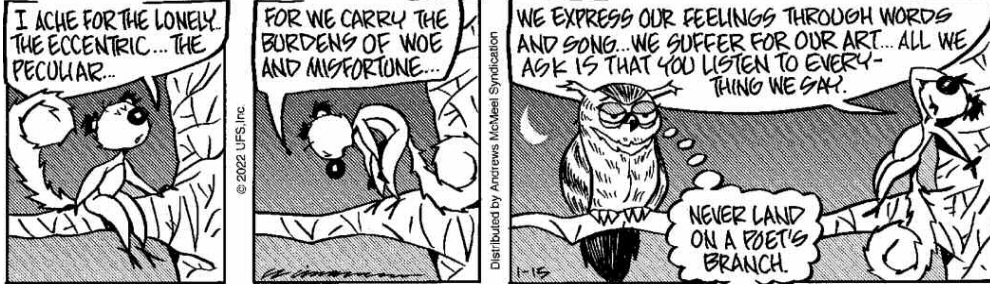
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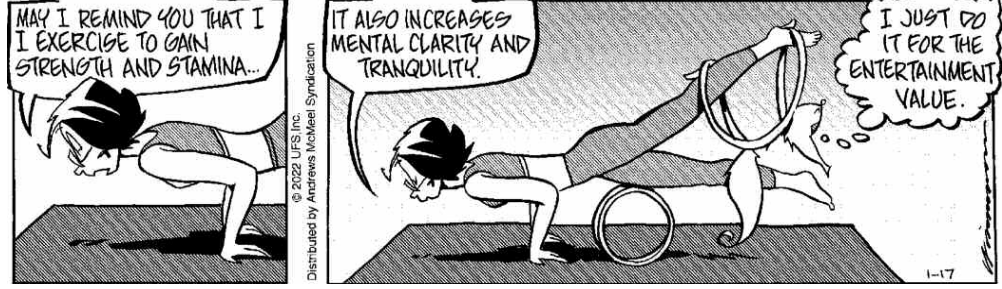
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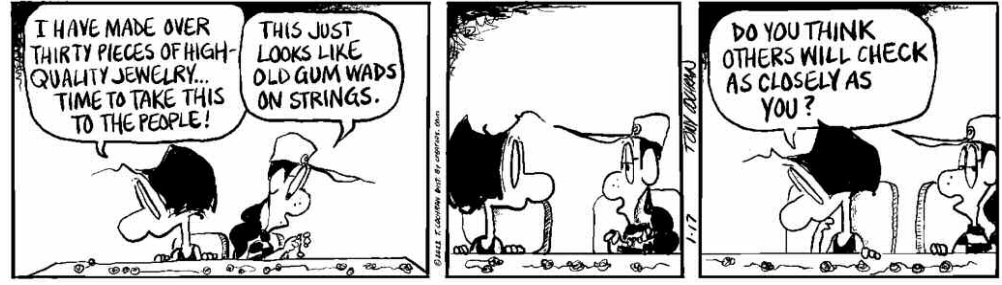
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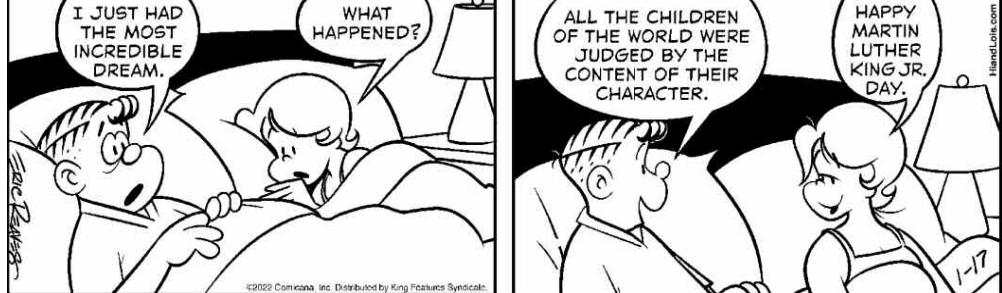
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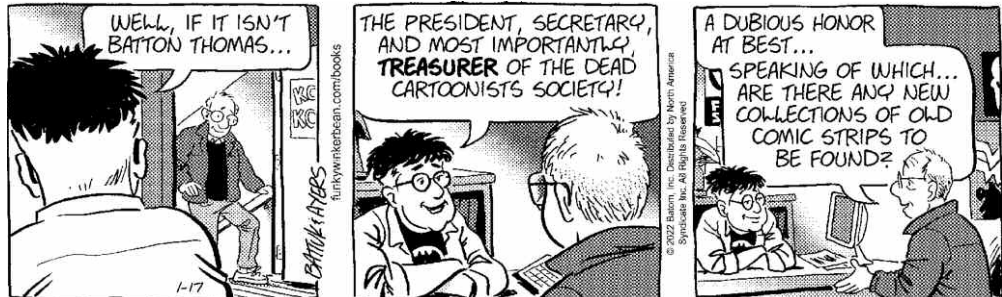
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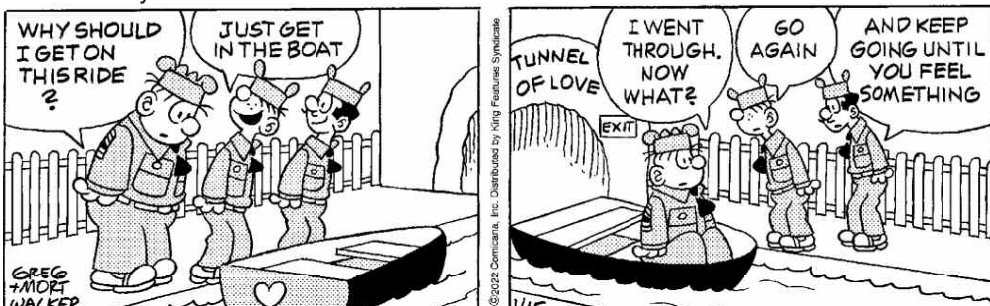
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Located in the Bulp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland
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January 22, 2022
9:30 A.M.

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Bowser 1913 gas pump; Dr Pepper sign; Mail Pouch sign; Moxie sign; GE
Automotive Bulbs display case; Champion Spark Plug display; Champion metal
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double sided sign; Gulf metal cabinet; Coca Cola openers; small anvil; OIL
CANS: Quaker State, Shell, Penray, and Macmillan; several ammo boxes;
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gun; Daisy 2202 – 22 rifle, new in box; Mossburg 20 gauge pump camouflage
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ranging from 1922 thru 1935; 27 Silver Eagle \$1 coins ranging from 2000 thru
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standard; drop cords; air hose; ¾ drive socket set; new parts washer; transmission
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wrenches; C clamps; hole saws; battery tester; air horns; jack stands; die grinder;
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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 38D01-2112-MI-000049
OAKWOOD MHC INDIANA, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
SUSAN VANMATRE,
UNKNOWN OWNER(S) OF ABANDONED MOBILE HOME,
and INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES,
Defendants.
SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT

To the Defendants named and any
other person who may be concerned,
Susan Vanmatre and the Unknown Owner(s) of the Abandoned
Mobile Home who may be interested in the mobile home de-
scribed in this notice you are notified that you have been sued
in the Court above-named cause.
Oakwood MHC Indiana, LLC has filed a Verified Complaint for
Court Order to Issue Mobile Home title regarding a certain mo-
bile home situated at 1237 N U.S. 27 #113, Portland, Jay County,
Indiana 47371 at a manufactured home community known as
Oakwood. The mobile home is described as a 1985 MAKE:
FAIRMONT, MODEL: UNKNOWN, VEHICLE IDENTIFICA-
TION NUMBER UNKNOWN. Title and ownership of the mo-
bile home is unknown. Plaintiff is requesting that title and
ownership of the mobile home be transferred to BSREP II MH
Bayshore Heritage, LLC.
This summons by publication is directed to any person who
may claim an ownership interest in the mobile home and
whose identity and whereabouts are unknown.
This summons by publication is directed to Susan Vanmatre
whose whereabouts are unknown.
An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the
Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney on or
before thirty (30) days after the last publication of notice of the
suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against
you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Responses must be filed at the Jay County Clerk's Office, 120
North Court Street, #11, Portland, Indiana 47371.
The names and address of the attorneys representing the
plaintiff are:
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Lawyers for Plaintiff
Oakwood MHC Indiana, LLC
Date: December 31, 2021
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Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 38C01-2112-MI-000050
OAKWOOD MHC INDIANA, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
DAWN MARIE KNIPP, BARBERA EMERICK, THOMAS EM-
ERICK, UNKNOWN OWNER(S) OF ABANDONED MOBILE
HOME, and INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES,
Defendants.
SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT

To the Defendants named and any other person who may be
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Dawn Marie Knipp, Barbera Emerick, Thomas Emerick and
the Unknown Owner(s) of the Abandoned Mobile who may be
interested in the mobile home described in this notice you are
notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named
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Oakwood MHC Indiana, LLC has filed a Verified Complaint for
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This summons by publication is directed to any person who
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whose identity and whereabouts are unknown.
This summons by publication is directed to Dawn Marie
Knipp whose whereabouts are unknown.
This summons by publication is directed to Barbera Em-
erick whose whereabouts are unknown.
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90 SALE CALENDAR

LAND AUCTION
Saturday, January 29th,
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TIME 10:00 A.M.
AUCTION LOCATION:
Bryant Community Cen-
ter
(107 South Malin
Street, Bryant, IN)
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ings are a part of the
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County, Indiana.
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Wabash Township in
Adams County, Indiana.
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Capitals' Ovechkin returns to practice

By SAMANTHA PELL

The Washington Post
Washington Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin returned to practice Friday after he missed Thursday's because of an upper-body injury and what the Capitals called precautionary reasons.

Ovechkin said Friday he has been dealing with a nagging injury. The Capitals' last game was a 7-3 loss to the Boston Bruins on Monday, in which Ovechkin played 19 minutes and had an assist. He did not participate in practice Tuesday, which the team characterized as "a maintenance day." Washington had Wednesday off. Ovechkin said he is hopeful he can play

against the New York Islanders on Saturday at UBS Arena.

Washington also plays the Vancouver Canucks on Sunday at Capital One Arena.

Ovechkin got off to a record start this season and is seen as an early front-runner for the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player. He has 24 goals and hasn't missed a game this season.

"It doesn't matter how season goes," Ovechkin said. "You don't want to get hurt; you don't want to feel any pain in your body so obviously ... it's kind of sad, but nothing you can do, right?"

Thursday night, Ovechkin was voted captain of the Metropolitan Division team

for the league's All-Star Game on Feb. 5 in Las Vegas. Ovechkin said Friday he was excited about the game. He's skipped the past two all-star games, citing rest.

"Obviously most important thing, I have to get healthy and we'll see," Ovechkin said. "... It's great stuff, you know? You're gonna see lots of great players out there."

Dmitry Orlov and Carl Hagelin are still in coronavirus protocols and will not travel with the team to New York, according to Capitals Coach Peter Laviolette. Hagelin and Orlov entered protocols Monday. Capitals assistant coach Blaine Forsythe entered covid protocols Tuesday.

Visa...

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Hawke's decision casts new doubt on whether Djokovic, a nine-time Australian Open champion, will be allowed to compete for a men's-record 21st major singles title when the season's first Grand Slam event gets underway Monday at Melbourne Park.

Djokovic, who is not vaccinated against the coronavirus, blamed his agent this week for what he called "human error" on his travel declaration, which falsely said he had not traveled internationally in the two weeks before arriving in Australia. He also apologized for interacting with journalists for a French sports publication on Dec. 18 despite learning two days prior he had tested positive for the virus.

Hawke's decision - announced the day after tournament officials had unveiled the draw with Djokovic seeded first - is the next chapter in a 10-

day circus over Djokovic's eligibility. It has roiled Australian citizens, outraged Djokovic's Serbian compatriots, pitted Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison against state officials in Victoria and called into question the impartiality of Tennis Australia, the governing body that runs the nation's Grand Slam event.

If Djokovic is deported, the opportunity to make men's tennis history at this year's Australian Open falls solely to Rafael Nadal, 35, who is tied with Djokovic and 40-year-old Roger Federer (who is not competing as he recovers from knee surgery) with 20 majors.

Hawke's decision represents a blow to Djokovic, the world's No. 1 men's player, on two levels.

It moves him one step closer to being denied one of four Grand Slam title opportunities this season. And although he remains a national hero in his native Serbia, in the eyes

of much of the tennis world, the episode has tarnished his integrity and a legacy he is still constructing.

Djokovic would have entered this year's Australian Open without a hitch, of course, had he gotten vaccinated against the coronavirus, which was required of all players unless they documented an approved medical reason that made them exempt.

Problems arose immediately upon Djokovic's arrival at Melbourne's airport when Australian Border Force officers ruled invalid the medical exemption from vaccine requirements that the player had been granted by Tennis Australia and state health officials in Victoria.

Djokovic's reason for requesting the exemption was that he had a recent case of covid-19, diagnosed in mid-December. That fell short of the national standard.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
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

Tuesday
Jay County — Swimming vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Norwell — 6:15 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Wapahani — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at South Adams — 6 p.m.; Swimming at

Delta (Indiana) — 5:30 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Delta — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Girls basketball at Delta — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Belmont — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Mississinewa — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at St. Henry — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Wrestling in ACAC Championships at Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Swimming hosts ACAC Championships — 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball tripeheader vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. St. Henry — 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Southern Wells — 6 p.m.; Junior high

boys basketball at Adams Central Tournament — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Franklin-Monroe — noon; Boys basketball vs. Fort Loramie — 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 24
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball in ACAC Tourney — TBA; Junior high girls basketball in ACAC Tourney — TBA
Fort Recovery — Swimming vs. Mari on Local at South Adams — 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25
Jay County — Girls basketball at Richmond — 6 p.m.; Swimming hosts quad

meet — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Tri-Village — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
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 basketball: 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)

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located at 333 Blaine pike (former DAV Building), Portland IN, Sunday Afternoon, JANUARY 16, 2022 12:30 P.M.

OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS-TOOLS

Oak rocker; child's horse rocker; Large assortment of rods and reels; Coke and Pepsi cases; whale copper weather vane top; knives; pocket knives; several oil cans including Gulf Pride and Texaco; large assortment of fishing lures; Advertising Thermometers to include Farmers Bank/Salamonia, Main Street Service Station/Portland, and Locker Oil/Portland; Rain Gauges to include Price Implement, Portland Lumber Supply and Laux Grocery; and many other items not listed.

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Located in the Bulp Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN

Saturday Morning January 15, 2022 10:00 a.m.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

Oak ¾ decorative antique bed; Oak dresser with acorn pulls and mirror; Oak secretary; drophead desk; Oak 3 drawer dresser; (2) chairs with tractor seats; lightning rod with cow weathervane; Aladdin lamps; Coleman items; fishing items; local advertising items; spinning wheel; stained glass hanging light; and many other items not listed.

MOWER-TOOLS

Toro push mower with bagger; aluminum step ladder; galvanized funnels; metal work lights; shop vac; small garden tools; and many other items not listed.

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Located in the Bulp Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN

Saturday Morning January 22, 2022 9:30 a.m.

OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS-GUNS

Bowser 1913 gas pump; Dr Pepper sign; Mail Pouch sign; Moxie sign; GE Automotive Bulbs display case; Havoline porcelain double sided sign; 1886 Elgin pocket watch; Moline pocket watch; knives; Hitler photograph/card; old military pins; Sam Holt Arms Co. Belgium double barrel 12 gauge stage coach gun; and other items not listed.

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TOOLS

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LOCATED: Bryant Community Building (107 Malin Street, Bryant, IN)

Saturday, January 29th, 2022

10:00 A.M.

REAL ESTATE

This auction consists of two land offerings; one offering in Adams County, and the other within Jay County. Both offerings are a part of the WRP Program and are excellent hunting and recreational areas! All land will be auctioned from the Bryant Community Building at the address above, but for inquiries or to see the land, contact the auctioneers!

JAY COUNTY OFFERING

This offering consists of 43 +/- acres, located within Section 3 of Wabash Township in Jay County, Indiana. The land is located approximately 1 mile north of Highway 67 on the Indiana/Ohio state line and borders the Wabash River. The area has great opportunities for the outdoorsman and is part of the WRP Program.

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with a 10% non-refundable deposit the day of the auction, and the balance due upon closing. The final sale is not subject to the buyer obtaining financing. The final sale is dependent upon owner approval.

OWNER(S): William & Janet Knapke, and Martin Collins

ADAMS COUNTY OFFERING

128 total acreage locating within Section 17 of Wabash Township in Adams County, Indiana. The land is non-tillable and will be offered as one of three tracts:

Tract 1: 82 +/- acres with a large pond, and frontage on County Roads 850 S and 150 W

Tract 2: 46 +/- acres with ponds, and frontage on County Road 150 W

Tract 3: A combination of tracts 1 & 2

This land is enrolled in both the WRP and CRP Programs, and is prime deer, turkey, and water fowl habitat - Excellent hunting and recreational area!

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Double-header

Patriot boys and girls to face Woodlan for championship

Boys head to ACAC final at Stardome

By DAVID VANTRESS

The Jay County High School boys basketball team punched its ticket to the Adams County Athletic Conference finals Friday night with a convincing 67-31 win over Southern Wells Friday night at home.

The Patriots (10-2) will face Woodlan in the championship contest at South Adams tonight.

They'll be joined by the Jay County girls, who defeated Southern Wells Friday night in a girls semifinal game.

Jay County got off to a bit of a sluggish start in this one, and led just 16-10 at the first stop. But the Patriots found another gear in the second quarter, when they outscored the Raiders, 14-3 en route to a 30-13 halftime lead.

Jay County coach Jerry Bomholt said the Raiders opened the contest trying to slow down the pace.

"Teams don't usually do that against us," Bomholt said. "It took us awhile to adjust."

Once that adjustment happened, however, the Patriots were able to cruise the rest of the way

'It took us awhile to adjust.'

to the win in front of a good-sized crowd.

They led 44-25 at the end of the third.

Jay County exploded for 23 points in the final period to put an exclamation point on the tournament victory.

The Patriots were led by Ethan Dirksen with 17 points. Joshua Dowlen added 13.

Dustin Woodward had 13 points to pace the Raiders.

For Bomholt, one of the keys to the win was controlling the glass: Jay County out rebounded Southern Wells, 40-10.

Woodlawn and Jay County have met once this season: The Patriots defeated the Raiders, 53-35 in an ACAC contest at home Dec 3.

Tonight's boys championship game is slated to tip off at approximately 7:30 p.m., approximately 20 minutes after the end of the girls game.



Trent Alexander takes a free throw for the Jay County High School boys Patriots on Friday night. Both JCHS squads were victorious.

Girls post an easy victory over Raiders

By DAVID VANTRESS

Southern Wells scored the first bucket in Friday night's Adams County Athletic Conference Tournament semifinal contest — but it was all downhill from there for the Raiders, as Jay County responded with 29 straight points en route to a 64-22 victory to advance to tonight's finals.

It was a night when the Patriot starters got some rest, most playing a little over a half.

Jay County coach Kirk Comer said that can be a key factor with games on consecutive nights.

"We wanted to get out to a quick start," Comer said. "We didn't want them to have any hope."

After the blistering first-quarter start, the Patriots outscored the Raiders 19-10 as Comer substituted freely in the second stanza.

Renna Schwieterman led the Patriots with 18 points — 16 of those in the first half. Izzy Rodgers added 11 and Madison Dirksen chipped in with nine.

Southern Wells was paced by Riley Tappy with

'We wanted to get out to a quick start ... We didn't want them to have any hope.'

seven points.

In addition to getting some rest for the Jay County starters, Comer said the lopsided win gave him a chance to get valuable big-game experience for younger players.

"That can pay off down the stretch," Comer said.

The Patriots (15-2) will join the Jay County boys, 67-31 victors over Southern Wells in Friday night's other semifinal contest, in the ACAC finals.

Tonight's girls championship game is slated for a 6 p.m. tipoff at South Adams High School in Berne. The boys title game will follow approximately 20 minutes after the end of the girls game.

Freshman Winner takes a state title

KOKOMO — Jay County freshman girls wrestler Mallory Winner is coming home from the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Association state tournament with the 160-pound championship.

Afforded an opening-round bye after winning the regional championship, Winner had to win three matches in the space of about eight hours on Friday to earn the state title.

In the quarterfinals, Winner pinned Warren Central's Sierra Holder in 53 seconds to advance to the semifinals. In her semifinal match, Winner eked out a tough 2-0 decision over Siera Zambrano of New Albany.

That put her into the finals against Cydney Bas-

sett of Purdue Polytechnic. Winner wrapped up the state title with an 11-2 major decision.

Four other Patriot girls were competing at Friday's state tournament: At 106 pounds, Lizzie Dollar finished sixth. Dollar won her opening round match against Natalia Carrillo, notching a 9-0 major decision. She lost to Emily Anderson of Hamilton Southeastern by pin in the quarterfinals.

That put Dollar in the consolation bracket. She won her first match there, defeating Rylie Austin of Edge, in a 14-4 major decision. She fell to AnnaMae Mosconi of Southport, in the fifth-place match on a 10-3 decision.

At 132 pounds, Lilly Lothridge lost to Kayla

Beauchamp in her opening round match on a pin at 2:32.

At 170 pounds, Tricia Ison finished fourth. She earned a first-round bye and pinned Kasey Cruse in the quarterfinals before falling by pin to Hannah West of Mount Vernon in the semifinals. She lost to Melissa Baradas in the third-place match on a 9-2 decision.

Finally, at 182 pounds, Molly Hines finished sixth. Also receiving a first-round bye, she dropped her quarterfinal match to Madison Hazeltine of Penn by pin in 1:37. She defeated her consolation round opponent, Sydney Molaski, by pin in 2:04 before falling to Grace Harold by pin in the fifth-place match.

Visa revoked again

By LIZ CLARKE

The Washington Post For even exceptionally conditioned tennis cham-

pions, the window for winning Grand Slam titles narrows with age. No amount of experience or

self-belief can compensate for the inevitable physical decline in explosiveness, nor can it forestall the rise of younger challengers with bigger games and comparable conviction.

This is the calculus now facing Novak Djokovic, 34, after Australia's immigration minister, Alex Hawke, revoked his visa Friday, citing "health and good order" grounds amid a falsehood on Djokovic's immigration form regarding international travel he had taken in the 14 days before his Jan. 5 arrival at Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport to compete in the upcoming Australian Open. Djokovic's lawyers are appealing the decision, and a judge agreed at a hearing late Friday not to seek his removal from the country until the court proceedings are resolved. If Djokovic's bid fails, he would be deported.

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