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Chillin' in Jay Swindell will headline 2022 fair By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Cole Swindell will be chillin' in Jay County this summer.

Jay County Fair Board on Tuesday announced that Swindell, a country music artist whose hit songs include "Chillin' It," will be the featured performer at the 150th

Jay County Fair in July. Swindell — he will be joined by fellow country music artists Tyler Rich and Ashley Cook for a concert that kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday, July 15 — headlines a schedule of fair entertainment that also includes a Christian music concert at the grandstand for the second year in a row, bookend Saturdays of demolition derbies and one new attraction.

The Swindell performance will be the second of back-toback concerts this year, as Faith Night at the Fair will also return. It will feature Christian music group Cain, with Jay County native Vernon Piercey as the group's opening act.

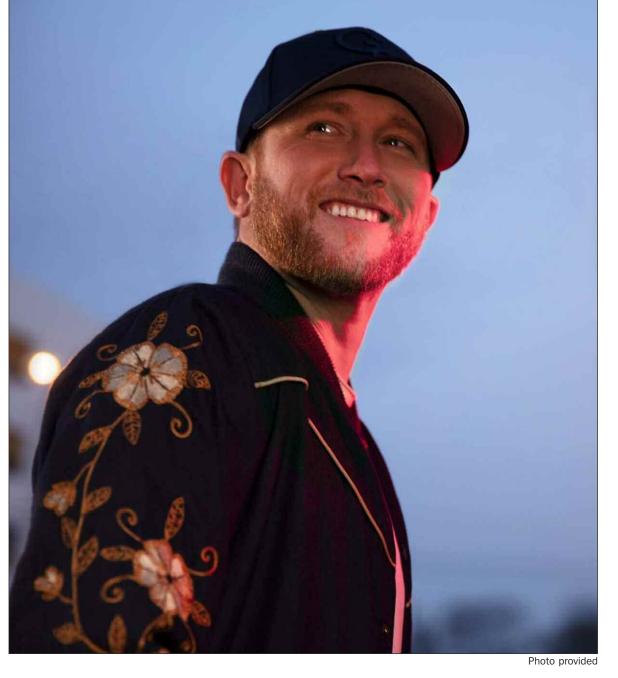
Tickets for both concerts will go on sale at 8 a.m. Monday at jaycountyfair.com.

For the Swindell concert, tickets are \$40 for the grandstand, \$50 for side box seats and general standing room only on the track, and \$65 for center box seats and the "party pit" in front of the stage. (There will be no reserved seating on the track for the show.)

Tickets for Cain are \$15 for the grandstand, \$20 for track reserved seating and \$25 for the

"party pit." Swindell broke into the country music scene with his selftitled debut album in 2014, with "Chillin' It" rising to the top of the U.S. country charts. He was named the Academy of Country Music's best new artist in 2015.

nation was for ACM song of the anthems." year for "Break Up in the End in 2019. And his fourth album, "Stereotype," is set to come out in April. Since releasing his debut album in 2014, Cole Swindell has established himself as an adept songwriter and engaging performer," Annie Reuter of 'Sounds Like Nashville" said in a review of previous album, "All of It." "(He) has established himself on the heart



Cole Swindell, whose new album "Stereotype" is scheduled to be released in April, will be the featured performer for the 2022 Jay County Fair. His concert, which will also include Tyler Rich and Ashley Cook, kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday, July 15. Tickets go on sale Monday.

His most recent award nomi- also well versed in the party Jordan Feliz and The Frye Fam- stand entertainment schedule

ily Band performed last sum- is as follows:

 Demolition derbies on Saturdays July 9 and 16

School board hires broker Jay School Board hired a

real estate broker and received updates regarding the current Indiana legislative session and the SAT at its meeting Monday.

The school corporation received three proposals from real estate firms for handling the sale of the former Westlawn Elementary School building in Dunkirk. Only two of the firms met the require-ments set forth by the corporation, and the board on Monday voted to hire Loy Real Estate and Auction to handle the sale. The firm had the lowest commission rate of 1.79%.

The building ceased operations as an elementary school following the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year in May. Students shifted to the former West Jay Middle School building this year.

Jay Schools superin-tendent Jeremy Gulley noted that the corporation still has the option to donate the building to a municipality or non-profit organization if a viable proposal is made.

At Dunkirk City Council's meeting Monday, Gloria Hamilton discussed the possibility of the city acquiring the building and splitting it into sections. She has talked with addiction recovery organization A Better Life – Brianna's Hope and Building Blocks Academy about possibly providing services in the former Westlawn building. She said she hopes to be able to have a proposal for the school board next month.

Gulley also provided the board with the most recent update on state legislation Indiana School from Boards Association. He encouraged board members to reach out to state legislators regarding school-related bills and informed them that 10 members of Jay Classroom Teachers Association will be attending Indiana State Teachers Associations Pack the House, which continues through Thursday. See Board page 2

Cain is a group made up of siblings Taylor, Madison and Logan Cain of Alabama. The band has been performing since 2012 and is coming off of a year when it was nominated for the American Music Award for favorite artist in the contemporary inspirational category and new artist of the year in the Gospel Music Association Dove Awards.

This will be the second year wrenching ballads, but he's of Faith Night at the Fair after

mer.

"We thought it was a really good success last year. something we want to continue to grow with," said fair board sec-retary Travis Theurer. "It's something a little different than what we've done in years past. We're just trying to reach more people throughout our community and bring them to the fair. We had a lot of positive feedback.'

The rest of the fair grand-

 Micro wrestling on Sunday, July 10

•A monster truck show on Monday, July 11

 Autocross racing on Tuesday, July 12

•Harness racing on Wednesday, July 13

All grandstand events begin at 7 p.m., with the exception of a 4 p.m. start for harness racing. See Fair page 5

Heading to DLGF

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

After more than seven years serving as auditor of Jay County, Anna Culy is leaving county office early for a position in state government.

Culy is resigning as Jay County Auditor effective March 5. She starts orientation for her new position as a budget field representative at Indiana Department of Local Government Finance two days later.

"It is weird. It's very not be in the courthouse, but it doesn't necessarily mean I (won't) be around," Culy said.

She won't be moving for her new job. Instead she plans to commute from Jay County and work from home when needed.

Culy resigning as auditor March 5 to take job in state government

auditor's office in various roles since 2003. She started as part-time help, and within five years she became the weird to think that I will first deputy. In 2015, she took office as county auditor and has served just short of two terms, with her second term to end Dec. 31. (She was unable to run for re-election because of term limits.)

With Culy departing, a Republican caucus will

Culy has worked in the choose someone to fill out the rest of her term.

> Two Republicans, current first deputy Emily Franks and Kristi Morningstar, are running for their party's nomination for county auditor in the May primary election.

> (No Democrats filed for the primary, but the party could slate a candidate for the general election later this year.)

See **DLGF** page 5



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Anna Culy, who has served as auditor of Jay County for more than seven years, is resigning effective March 5. She's joining the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, where she'll be helping counties across the state with their budgets. Pictured, Culy sits at her desk in the auditor's office at Jay County Courthouse on Tuesday.

Deaths

Mary Clear, 90, Portland Gloria Kelly, 80, Montpelier

James Wilder, 90, Decatur Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 37 degrees Tuesday. The low was 18.

Tonight's low will be 50 with rain expected to begin after midnight and winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. Jay County is under a flood advisory until 7 p.m. Thursday.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

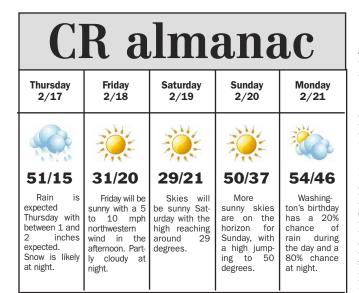
Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Thursday — An update on the coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS wrestlers at the state finals.





Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$20 18-19-22-27-28-29-30-34-41million

Mega Millions

2-4-15-21-63 Mega Ball: 19 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$64 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 3-2-0 Daily Four: 9-7-7-2 Quick Draw: 1-5-11-14-18-24-25-31-34-40-42-48-49-50-51-58-59-61-65-70 Evening Daily Three: 0-1-2 Daily Four: 2-2-4-2

Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-7-1 Pick 4: 6-1-0-3 Pick 5: 7-1-7-1-4 Evening Pick 3: 8-1-7 Pick 4: 5-9-5-8 Pick 5: 1-9-8-5-8

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Today in history

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Obituaries

Local

Mary Clear

Jan. 30, 1932-Feb. 14, 2022 Mary Joan Clear, age 90, a resident of Portland, passed away on Monday, Feb. 14, 2022 at Cardinal Care in Muncie.

Mary was born on Jan. 30, 1932, in Portland, the daughter of Philo and Minnie (Wallace)

Bailey. She graduated from Portland High School in 1950 and worked as a phone operator in Portland for many years. Mary was a member of West Walnut Street Church of Christ in Portland.

Clear

She married Richard Clear on Oct. 7, 1951, and he passed away on Sept. 15, 2000.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be directed towards West Walnut Street Church of Christ in Portland.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Gloria Kelly

April 17, 1941-Feb. 13, 2022 Gloria "Jean" Kelly, 80, of Montpelier, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born on April 17, 1941, in Montpelier to Raymond and Edna Chenoweth. Jean graduated from Montpelier High School in 1959. She formerly worked at Sheller

Globe and Dollar General. Jean enjoyed crocheting, being outside, her fur babies and especially spending time with her family.

include her daughters Penny (Jerry)

Pennville, Indiana, and Brenda (Jeff) McVicker, Marion, Indiana; son Ron (Linda) Smith, Bluffton, Indiana; grandchildren John McVicker, Echo McVicker, Sarah McVicker, Jeffery



Zachary McVicker, Devin McVicker. Derek Smith. Courtney Smith. Eric Coleman, April Coleman, Jessica Reitenour and Jeanette Garringer; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry Wayne Kelly Sr.; her parents; her brother Donnie Chenoweth; and her sister Judy Addington.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, from 5 to 8 p.m.

A service to celebrate Jean's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, with the Pastor Curtis Banks officiating. Interment will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials may be sent to Pennville Fire Department, P.O. Box 252, Pennville, IN 47369.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

James Wilder

Dec. 10, 1931-Feb. 14, 2022 James E. Wilder, 90, of Decatur passed away on Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, at his residence.

He was born in Decatur, Indiana, on Dec. 10, 1931, the second of the 12 children of the late Arthur B. and Helen I. (Trick-

er) Wilder. On May 4, 1957, he married Imogene A. "Jean" Miller.

He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Assumption the Catholic Church and a member of its Holy

Name Society. He was a 1952 graduate of Decatur (St. Joseph) Catholic High School, where he played varsity basketball

Jim proudly served his country during the Korean War in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin as a petty officer third

He worked in production at Central Soya from 1952 to 1995, retiring after 42 years of service. His main love was farming their land and enjoyed it until his health made McVicker, him cease in 1989. He was also a *al homes or mortuary services*.

Wilder

for four years.

class from 1952 to 1956.

member of the American Legion Post 43 and the Adams County Senior Citizens.

He was a diehard Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan and never missed a football or basketball game.

He enjoyed tinkering around his property with his toys and working in his barn. Jim also cherished the 21 years with his family on Long Lake in Colon, Michigan.

He is survived by his spouse of 64 years, Imogene "Jean" Wilder of Decatur; three sons, Steven J. (Charlene) Wilder of Portland, Indiana, Duane E. (Julia) Wilder of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Robert A. (Pam) Wilder of Celina, Ohio; three daughters, Joyce A. (Amos) Lavy of Berne, Indiana, Vicki K. (Ron) Neuenschwander of Kingman, Arizona, and Sheri J. (Robert) Harrison of Roanoke, Indiana; two brothers, David (Deb) Wilder and Paul (Janet) Wilder; two sisters, Louise Hoffman and Lynnette (Larry) McChessney; 17 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Edward Wilder, D. Joseph Wilder, Glenn Wilder and Arthur Wilder; and three sisters, Charlene White, Rosalie Homan and Jeanine Rue.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, at Haggard-Sefton-Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home, with a reciting of the Holy Rosary 2:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, with visitation one hour prior in the St. Mary's Parish Hall from 9 to 10 a.m. Father David Ruppert will be presiding and burial will immediately follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post 43 Color Guard.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Building on Our Heritage.

To sign our guest book, visit hshfuneralhome.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 funer-

SERVICES

Today Edwards, Mark: 5 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

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Dunkirk Public Library statehouse to oppose for March 2. That day of Soliant Health for speech

Board

Continued from page 1 The ISTA is encourag- iors. ing teachers to visit the

Loving survivors

gencio Batista.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson in Tennessee ended as some 12,000 soldiers Confederate surrendered; Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the moniker "Unconditional Surrender Grant."

proclaimed its independence from the Russian Empire. (Lithuania, which was occupied by the Soviet Union, then Nazi Germany, then the Soviet Union again during World War II, renewed its independence in 1990.)

In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist Howard Carter.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1960, the nuclearsubmarine USS Triton departed New London, Connecticut, on the first submerged circumnavigation by a vessel.

In 1961, the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite.

In 1996, eleven people were killed in a fiery collision between an Amtrak passenger train and a Maryland

Taipei, Taiwan crashed, killing all 196 people on board, plus seven on the ground.

In 2001, the United Britain States and staged air strikes against radar stations and air defense command centers in Iraq.

In 2009, in Stamford, In 1918. Lithuania Connecticut. a 200chimpanzee pound named Travis went berserk, severely mauling its owner's friend, Charla Nash; Travis was shot dead by police.

In 2011, bookstore chain Borders filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and said it would close nearly a third of its stores. (Borders closed all of its remaining stores in September 2011.)

In 2012, Frank Kenyon, former photographer for The Graphic and The Commercial Review, died at the age of 88.

In 2019, the Vatican announced that former Cardinal Theodore powered radar picket McCarrick, who served as archbishop of Washington, D.C., had been found guilty by the Vatican of sex abuse and had been defrocked; McCarrick was the highest-ranking

churchman and the first cardinal to face that punishment as the church dealt with clerical sex abuse.

Recovery School Board,

7:30 p.m. — Fort

Recovery Village Coun-

cil, village hall, 201 S.

-AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday

6 p.m. — Redkey Town conference room, high Council, park cabin, 200 school, 400 E. Butler St. S. Mooney St.

Monday

6:30 p.m. — Fort Main St.

House Bill 1134. The bill would ban

schools from teaching "divisive concepts" of race and racism and from anything that would makes students feel guilt or discomfort because of their race or ethnicity. It would also require teachers to post all coursework online, seek approval for any new material and come up with alternate lesson plans for parents who choose to opt their children out of lessons.

"I think it's important to try to keep these decisions as local as possible," Gulley said Tuesday morning. "I think com-munity school boards and teachers associations know our kids. I think when it comes to school matters, the more local the better."

Jay County Junior-Senior High School assistant principal Mike Crull reported to the board about the SAT, which is

school will be normal for and language services; seventh through 10th graders. Juniors will take the SAT, and seniors will be excused from anapolis from March 13 school for college visits, job shadowing or other activities related to their education or work after high school.

board:

•OK'd the transfer of surplus funds to the rainy day fund. The corporation plans to transfer \$500,000, which would bring the rainy day fund balance to about \$1.75 million.

•Approved the following: Updates to policies on a variety of topics including school transfers, staff evaluation, property inventory and transportation; an update to the overnight and out-of-state field trip policy to allow Gulley to approve such field trips when time does not allow them to come before the now a state-required test board; the appointment of the school year.

and field trips for the business club to state competition in Indithrough 15 and band students to Taylor University for band camp July 25 through 29.

•OK'd the following In other business, the extra-curricular assignments: Lori Reece as high school yearbook sponsor, Chrissy Krieg as senior class sponsor, Olivia Dues as National Honor Society sponsor, Andrew Wood as a baseball assistant coach, Chantel Beiswanger as junior high track coach and Blaik Duran as high school science academic team sponsor.

> •Accepted the resignation of West Jay Elementary School Lifeskill instructional assistant Robin Williams.

•Approved the retirement of high school secretary/treasurer Linda Gray, effective at the end

Thursday

Welch, Lucinda: 4 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

Friday

Kelly, Gloria: II a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Saturday

Wilder, James: 10 a.m., St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 414 Madison St. Decatur

Clear, Mary: 2 p.m., Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

February 27

Fiely, Joseph: 3 p.m., The Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago.

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Apply online at www.swissvillage.org or send Resume to:

Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist Swiss Village 1350 W. Main St., Berne, IN 46711 Or email: careers@swissvillage.org



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Optimist argues love is abundant

BV KWAME DAWES

Here is what one might call a most witty anti-Valentine's Day poem, which, tellingly, turns out to be an exuberant and witty pro-love poem. Kalamu Ya Salaam's "civilization" should be

read as an over-protestation against sentiment, for in the end, "AS SERI-OUS AS A HEART Salaar ATTACK," is a lovely and Orleans.

Life in Poetry

American

defiantly optimistic celebration of the abundance of love. Salaam is from New

AS SERIOUS AS A HEART ATTACK

i have never been fully domesticated but i have been civilized

by women taught that the heart is more than a muscle

a life drum whose function is both physical blood pumping and spiritual longing to be embraced

but love, ah love is a river we may get wet but we can never drink it all love always flows on more than we can ever swallow

no matter how thirsty we claim to be

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Husband prioritizes ex-wife

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for more than 30 years. We have no kids together, but he has three adult children from a previous marriage. All of them are in their 30s. He and his ex had a bad breakup, and she has never given up on him coming back to her.

In my opinion, he has strung her along. He buys her the moon and pretends our marriage doesn't exist for the "sake of seeing the kids." We used to be close, but since the pandemic I have learned he has been going to "their house" every day before he goes to work. He pays her mortgage and does everything there for her. I pay our house bills because he needs to "support her and the kids."

They have grown super close now, and recently had a grandchild. He is too involved with her. He takes her everywhere she wants, and when I get upset or angry, he tells me I'm a selfish, childless b-word and if I had kids I would understand.

I love him, but I have reached the point where I have no selfesteem. I have asked him more than once why he doesn't go back to her. He tells me I am insecure and paranoid. Abby, I am a smart, successful woman, but I am afraid to give up what we had. I am also afraid of being alone. Am I overreacting about his closeness with her? What do I do? ---BEATEN DOWN AND FED UP

Dear Abby

DEAR BEATEN DOWN: The man you married is emotionally abusive, selfish and dishonest. I don't know how long this scenario has been playing out, but it's as though he never really divorced his first wife. Has he been "visiting the kids" all this time, or did it start when the COVID quarantines began?

Start NOW to rebuild your sense of self-esteem by talking with a licensed mental health professional. Once you are stronger you will be in a better position to decide what you want to do. If you reread your letter, you will notice a glaring omission. Not once did you mention anything positive he does for YOU. There are worse things than being alone, and what you have described is calling 202-467-8180. close to it.

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DEAR ABBY: Our 14-year-old granddaughter came out as a boy four months ago. The situation has been terrifying because he had thought about suicide. He or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA was hospitalized and now sees a 90069.

therapist and psychologist and is taking anxiety meds.

This has been a trying time for us as well. I love my grandchild but I'm having a very hard time with this. So is my husband. I don't know how to tell my sisters and their husbands about this. One set is pretty understanding; the other set is extremely right-wing and over-the-top conservative.

We want to accept our grandchild as who he is identifying as, but we are still bewildered. Thank you for any suggestions you might have for us. THROWN IN TEXAS

DEAR THROWN: I don't think you should rush to share this news with your sisters and their husbands. The announcement should come from your grandchild when he is ready. As to how you and your husband should "handle" it, the organization PFLAG has recently come out with a free publication titled, "Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Grandchild." It's a quick and easy read, and you may find the information it contains helpful. Find it at pflag.org or by

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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

FFA activities are next week

National FFA Week is almost here. FFA of Fort Recovery High School has a list of activities and events scheduled for Tuesday through Feb. 25

The annual program is meant to build awareness of agriculture education, according to a press release from the organization.

This year's activities include:

•A tractor drive-in on Tuesday and a truck drive-in on Feb. 25. FFA members can bring their vehicles to participate in each competition for various prizes.

•Community breakfast for local business and community leaders, FFA alumni, teachers, FFA parents and FFA members from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Wednesday

Taking Note

•A "Food For America" program for teaching elementary kids about farm and all-terrain vehicle safety Wednesday

•A petting zoo for preschool through second graders to learn about agriculture and animals from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Thursday in the agricultural shop. Community members with young children are welcome to attend

High school students will also participate with dress-up themes throughout the week.

Classes offered

Free adult education classes are available.

John Jay Center for Learning is offering free classes for adults to receive a High School Equivalency diploma. The state has also supplied funding to help students pay for their final High School Equivalency Test in 2022.

Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.



Community Calendar Notices will appear in each Wednesday at Harmo- Pastor Randy Davis at Rock Church, 1605 N. *Community Calendar as* ny Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St. (765) 369-2085. STRESS AND ANXIETY Come early for a meal. For AL-ANON FAMILY space is available. To sub-CLASS — Meets each more information, call mit an item, email GROUP - New Beginnings, a support group for Wednesday at 2nd Chance (260) 766-2006. news@thecr.com. at Life Ministries, 228 S. friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at Meridian St., Portland. Friday Today 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday For more information, call WEDNESDAY MORNin the Zion Lutheran (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-ING BREAKFAST CLUB Church, 218 E. High St., 0534.— Will meet at 8 a.m. in Portland. For more inforthe east room of Richards mation, call (260) 726-8229. Thursday Restaurant. All women EN AVANT CLUB -A BETTER LIFE – BRIare invited to attend. ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-Meets at 1 p.m. on the Includes activities and based recovery group for third Thursday of each Dunkirk. devotional time. all kinds of addictions, month. PING PONG — Will be will meet from 6:30 to 8 SENIOR CITIZENS played from 11 a.m. to noon p.m. each Wednesday at CARD CLUB - Will meet on Wednesdays at West Jay Redkey United Methodist at 1 p.m. on the first, sec-Community Center. Church, 122 W. Main St. ond, third and fifth Thurs-PORTLAND ROTARY Come early for a meal. For day of each month at Jay **Saturday** Community Center. CLUB — Will meet at noon more information, call ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room. (260) 729-2532. COUNTY JAY HUMANE SOCIETY Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome. PTSD **SUPPORT** GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Level: Intermediate each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more The objective is to fill a information, call Brenda nine-by nine grid so that Eads at (260) 726-9625 or each column, each row, and Dave Keen at (260) 251each of the nine three-bythree boxes (also called 8792. blocks or regions) contains A BETTER LIFE – BRIthe digits from 1 to 9 only ANNA'S HOPE — A faithone time each. based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The



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Opinion

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Everything is better with brownies

By JACK RONALD The Commercial Review

Brownies always make things better.

I lost track of how many times I shoveled our sidewalks during February's snow.

For the first couple of days, we received about an inch every night. A half hour or 20 minutes clearing off the overnight snow was a piece of cake. It didn't require much in the way of exertion, but it provided a nice dividend of virtue and righteousness.

Then the real snow hit.

When the shoveling had been easy, I'd kept the sidewalk pathways wide enough for two people. When the real snow hit, I figured a single-file path was good enough.

Even that proved hard to keep up with.

Old snow would compact, new snow would arrive, some of that would melt and some of it would drift the single-file pathway closed.



and drifting temporarily not a problem, it was time to address things properly.

I took one snow shovel and my wife took the other.

She concentrated on getting to her SUV, figuring she could drive up and down the driveway to create a good enough path.

I concentrated on the sidewalks – again. And this time, it was rough going for an old guy.

News stories about men my age

task. At the end of the poem, the poet and the Buddha go inside for hot cocoa.

It was a pleasing image, a heck of a lot more pleasing than those news stories about guys in their 70s dying with snow shovels in their hands.

I was making good progress when I heard a noise from across the street. Then I heard it again. After about the fifth time, I figured out what it was: Someone was attempting to start a snowblower.

Just about the time I figured out what I was hearing, the snowblower took off and was ready to go to work.

Grandpa Bob to the rescue, I thought.

Sure enough, our neighbor across the street whose name has been omitted to protect his privacy, had fired up his equipment and was ready to put winter in its place.

I waved to my wife and pointed

and laid-back approach to the Bob was already sending tornados of snow into the air as he cleared the family driveway.

Grandpa Bob sports a beard that would make Santa proud. And I usually encounter him in winter, which would be appropriate for Santa as well.

We've cleared walks together me with my puny shovel and Grandpa Bob with his mighty snowblower — a few times over the years. It's mostly work, not conversation. But we have noted that we were probably the oldest guys on the block, doing the winter work while younger folks stayed safely inside.

In a matter of a few minutes, Grandpa Bob had cleared his family's sidewalks and drive while his granddaughter delighted in the flying snow.

Then he did what he has done in the past. He did what good neighbors do.

Grandpa Bob crossed the street and set to work on the snow-filled driveway behind across the street, where Grandpa Connie's SUV. Then he widened

my single-file path on the sidewalk at the street, making it safer for pedestrians. Then he went back across the street and cleared the sidewalks for a couple of other houses.

As he worked, I went back inside to warm up and to try to find that Billy Collins poem I'd been thinking about.

Connie went back inside and immediately did the right thing: She baked brownies.

Later, after Grandpa Bob was done and the snowblower had been put away and the brownies had come out of the oven and cooled, she took a plate of them across the street.

"That's not necessary," Grandpa Bob told her.

Of course not, she said, just as he wasn't obligated to clear our driveway.

Doing the right thing when it's not necessary is the whole point. It may be, in fact, the greatest lesson winter can teach us.

That, and the fact that brownies always make things better.

Pence needs to do more

The Republic (Columbus)

Former Vice President and Columbus native Mike Pence made news last week for a statement that in a more rational time would not need to have been made.

"President Trump is wrong," Pence said. "I had no right to overturn the election.'

Think about that. Pence made news for saying that he "had no right" to subvert the will of the American people. Of it's widely course. believed that Pence is running for president in 2024. For good or ill, Pence's relationship to Trump defines him at this moment, and Pence made a political calculation to finally say this now, more than a year after the deadly Capitol insurrection.

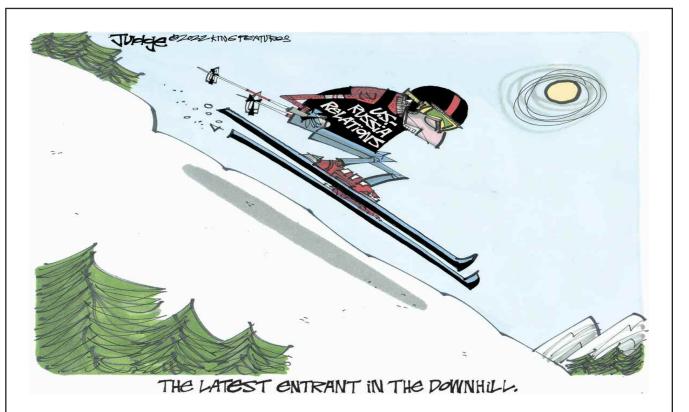
This remains, at this moment, the United States of America. We dent by electors, who Trump denies the possi reflect the will of the voters in each state, based on the votes that are counted in every precinct, in every county, and certified by every state.



not an automatic conveyor if obvious signs of voter fraud or irregularities exist.'

The "obvious signs of voter fraud or irregularities" exist only in Trump's delusions. He refuses to even entertain the possibility that he lost, let alone concede that he did. He went to court more than five dozen times on these bogus fraud claims. He couldn't convince a single judge — even some he himself appointed — that his fraud claims had any merit.

Yet Trump's pathology is now orthodoxy for a dangerous faction of what now constitutes the remain a democratic Republican Party and republic of 50 states, who refuse to call Joe which chooses its presi-Biden the president. enough for them. But terrible for our country. Meanwhile, we are slowly learning that the only actual election fraud in 2020 was that Trump's which stooges tried to coerce Pence to engage in. They wanted him, in his ceremonial function in certifying the election, to reject the legitimate slates of states' electors, or delay them, while conconscripted spirators phony slates of electors from key states, thereby delaying or denying the lawful and peaceful transfer of power to Biden. The January 6 commit-As is his custom when tee is gathering evidence of this treacherous and seditious plot that was in the shadows of the deadly insurrection at the Capitol. "Hang Mike Pence," rioters chanted when thing with respect to the they learned he would Electoral Vote Count, not, in fact, go along and overturn the election. It's good that, at last, the Old Crow Mitch Pence is speaking the McConnell to get Biden truth. He should testify to elected President as the Jan. 6 committee. quickly as possible," Pence owes history, and Trump fumed in a state- the American people, his ment. "Well, the Vice version of these critical



Washington ignores suffering

By JAMES DOWNIE

The Washington Post On Sunday, the White House deployed national security adviser Jake Sullivan and Pentagon spokesman John Kirby to the Sunday talk shows for interviews on the urgent Russian threat to Ukraine. But as one war looms, those shows still a few questions regarding the bility, and that's good end of another: last summer's disastrous U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. CNN's Jake Tapper from even ended "State of the Union" with a commentary on a U.S. Army review of the exit, first reported by The Washington Post. More of that is needed. America's Afghanistan withdrawal from deserves all the attention and study it can get. The Army report provides pages and pages of evidence that policymakers badly misread conditions on the ground. But U.S. politicians media frequently and treat Afghanistan these days like a TV series that had its finale in 2021. Even the stories most focused on Afghans, such as George Packer's must-read feature for the Atlantic, usually end their tales when American boots leave the ground. But Afghans' suffering is very much ongoing, and American decisions continue to make it worse. "Afghanistan has become the world's largest humanitarian crisis," the New Yorker's Jane Ferguson reported last month. "Half of the country's population needs humanitarian assistance to survive, double the number from 2020. More than twenty million people are on the brink of famine." The U.N. World Food Program estimates that 95% of Afghan families lack enough to eat. The U.N. Development Program projects that by the summer, the poverty rate could be as high as 97%. Of course, much of the blame must fall on the Taliban: As its members commit widespread human rights from policymakers. One goal of the digital opinions editor.

James Downie



United States was to help rebuild a stable government for the Afghan people. By that standard, the situation on the ground was almost never acceptable. But politicians and media outlets perpetuated the incompatible view that Afghanistan was only in crisis when America's soldiers and image were in imminent danger. That helped the war drag on long past any chance of stopping the Taliban, supporting a functioning Afghan state or any other measure of success. The everyday signs of failure were kept out of sight and out of mind for most Americans. A different approach, one that treated Afghan suffering like American suffering, would have almost certainly brought a quicker end to the quagmire. Sadly, if a new way of thinking is ever to come out of the Afghanistan disaster, it seems unlikely to come from this White House. "Did you learn the lessons of Afghanistan?" CBS's Margaret Brennan asked Sullivan on "Face the Nation." "Are you applying them now?" Rather than answer the question, Sullivan disputed The Post's story. On "Fox News Sunday," Kirby was more respectful toward the Army report but still played down its findings. And no wonder, when the president flat-out rejected the report's conclusions. "Did you learn the lessons of Afghanistan?" is a question many American institutions — politicians, military, media — should continue to ask themselves for the foreseeable future. And no lesson can be learned if the true cost is downplayed. If the United States is to avoid the next great quagmire, if some yet-unknown country's people is to avoid the terrible fate that has befallen millions of innocent Afghans, the Biden administration — and the rest of these institutions — will need a better answer.

collapsing in the snow flashed through my head. I tried to concentrate on a Billy Collins poem that's a favorite of mine. In it, the poet imagines shoveling snow with Buddha, who takes - not Finally, with the wind abated surprisingly — a very Buddhist

And it's worked like this for not quite 250 years.

Until Donald Trump. Pence made news for saying what he did because the former president refuses, to this day, to accept the reality that he lost the 2020 election. Lost by 7 million votes. Lost the Electoral College by a margin of 306-232. Lost by a margin even greater than the electoral "landslide" he claimed he achieved in 2016.

someone speaks the truth about him, Trump lashed out.

"Just saw Mike Pence's statement on the fact that he had no right to do anyother than being an automatic conveyor belt for President's position is events. violations, the government denies the scale of the famine. But that famine is a direct consequence of the United States' failure to create a selfsustaining economy there over two decades. More recently, the Biden administration's decision to freeze billions in Afghan government assets as the United States withdrew exacerbated the resulting economic crash. Since then, humanitarian groups have begged the White House to release the money as aid. Last week, Biden finally ordered the release of the \$7 billion held in U.S. banks — except he also ordered half held for Sept. 11 victims' legal claims against the Taliban.

That decision is indefensible both logically and morally. First, that money doesn't belong to the Taliban - indeed, that was the Biden administration's argument for freezing it in the first place. To now say that it should go to Sept. 11 victims, deserving as they are, is a complete flip-flop. Second, with half the money going to Afghanistan in aid anyway, there's no possible argument that this arrangement is about keeping money out of the Taliban's hands. Finally, and most important, however many lives \$3.5 billion in aid will save, \$7 billion would save that many more.

But neither Sullivan nor Kirby fielded a question on the Sunday talk shows about the seized funds.

This American-centric framing isn't just an abstract failing. A wider view may have led to better decisions

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Fair

Continued from page 1 The new attraction on the list is micro wrestling, which features a WWE-style show featuring performers shorter than 5 feet. The Micro Wrestling Federation, which was founded in 2000 and produces the shows, is based in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

"We're just always looking for something different," said fair board treasurer Aaron Loy. "A lot of times you can just get in a routine of just doing the same shows, and we try not to do that. ... We feel like we have a pretty big wrestling and WWE fan-base in the area ...

The fair board is working on additional plans to celebrate the 150th fair, including hosting a community picnic. It also plans to recognize various fair-related groups - former queens, services groups, former fair board members, etc. — each night. And the fair will close with a fireworks display.

"We really just want to highlight the strong tradition and history that we have," said Loy.



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Sledding starts

Scouts BSA members take off from the start line during a sledding competition Saturday at Jay County Scout Facility. Scout Troop 72 from Monroe finished in first place.

Capsule Reports

Highway crash

A Dunkirk woman and child and a Montpelier woman were taken to the hospital after their vehicles collided on Indiana 1 about 3:15 p.m. Friday.

Jacob R. Ross, 26, Muncie, told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was driving his 2002 Pontiac Sunfire east on county road 400 South and stopped in front of the intersection with the highway. According to a report from the sheriff's office, he proceeded east and pulled in front of a northbound 2000 Ford Focus, driven by 39-year-old Jennifer M. Parson, and the two vehicles collided.

Parson sustained a chest injury and was transported to IU Health Ball Memorial of Muncie. Ross' passengers, 25year-old Breanna L. Fierstos and a two-year-old child, also sustained injuries and were taken to IU Health Ball Memorial.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between

son was driving is registered to Mary N. Vazquez of Geneva.

Lost control

An Ohio man drove off the side of Indiana 26 about 8:30 a.m. Saturday, causing his vehicle to flip on its top in a southern ditch.

James A. Arnett, 66, Celina, was driving west on Indiana 26 near county road 850 West when he drove off the south side of the road for an unknown reason, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. His 2003 Ford Ranger continued into a ditch, causing it to roll onto its top.

Arnett was trapped in his vehicle when police arrived. He sustained a head injury and was transported to IU Health Ball Memorial of Muncie.

His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Troublesome trashcan

A Portland woman crashed \$10,000 and \$25,000. The car Par- her car into a trashcan on Indi-

ana 18 near Bryant about 12:20 p.m. Thursday.

Local

Leeann E. Miller, 39, Portland, was driving her 2017 Honda Odyssey west on Indiana 18 near county road 550 West when she drove into a trash can. Miller told Jay County Sheriff's Office she didn't see the container on the road until it was too late.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The trash can belonged to Andrew Paxson.

Backing collision

A Fort Wayne truck driver backed into a Geneva woman's car on Court Street in Portland about 3:10 p.m. Friday.

Terry L. Hakes, 44, told Portland Police he was backing up a 2015 Isuzu and got out of the vehicle to make sure he had enough room. He said he thought he didn't hit any cars and left the scene, but he later discovered he hit a parked 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee registered to Madelyn R. Miller.

\$1,000 and \$2,500. The vehicle Hakes was driving is registered to Office Three Sixty of Indianapolis.

Walmart crash

A Portland woman backed into a sign in the Portland Walmart parking lot about 1:40 p.m. Saturday.

Rhonda J. Henry, 63, told Portland Police she was backing her 2011 General Motors Terrain out of a parking spot at 950 W. Votaw St. and didn't notice the sign behind her. Her vehicle crashed into the sign.

Henry's vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Walmart accident

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Hartford City woman drove out of the Portland Walmart parking lot and into oncoming traffic about 6:20 p.m. Monday.

Madison A. Franks, 18, Port-Damage is estimated between land, told Portland Police she \$5,000 and \$10,000.

was driving west on Votaw Street and passing the intersection with Williams Street when a 2009 Chevrolet Impala, driven by 23year-old Elizabeth A. Reynard of Hartford City, pulled out of the parking lot at 950 W. Votaw St. and in front of her 2007 Honda Accord. (There is no stop for Votaw Street at the intersection.) Their vehicles collided and were later towed.

Fled the scene

An unknown driver crashed into an Ohio woman's vehicle at the intersection of Votaw and Wayne streets and left the scene about 8 p.m. Monday.

Ruby M. Kelley, 61, Fort Recovery, told Portland Police she stopped her 2021 Jeep Renegade on Votaw Street at the intersection with Wayne Street. As she continued forward, a small red car hit her passenger side. The unknown driver fled the scene in their vehicle.

Damage is estimated between

Continued from page 1 up a job in a similar field. roll.

The main aspect of her

Culy is excited to pick al budget and issuing pay-

"A lot of people don't going to leave, we just new job will be helping know what this office didn't think it was going does, but it's essential to

putting together an annu- them over the years, she added.

"We (knew) she was to be this soon,' she saiu.



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counties across the state with the "back end" of their budgets.

'I like the budget," she said. "And so I get to learn more about the miss having her in the other side of it."

She'll also serve as a communication guiding other auditors through the process.

office handles finances for the county, such as

county operations," she added.

Her coworkers expressed they would office.

e as a "She's a great leader, all link, around," said Amy Davis. Franks said she's glad Culy is entering a similar The county auditor's career field. She and her coworkers will miss the woman who helped teach

Working for the state also appealed to Culy because she may be able to help with parts of Jay County's budget in future years. She hopes to concontributing tinue toward the area however she can.

"I don't want to stop being a part of this county. It is my home," she said.

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Felony arrests

Child molestation

A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for child molestation.

James L. Cordell, 62, 1207 N. Franklin St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 3 felony, along with two Level 4 felonies for incest and child solicitation.

He's being held on a \$35,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Theft

Two Dunkirk residents were arrested Friday for theft.

Jason L. Newman, 46, and Yvonnea M. Newman, both of 333 S. Indiana St., were each preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for receiving or possession of stolen property. Yvonnea Newman was also preliminarily charged with a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Jason Newman is being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail, and Yvonnea Newman is being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

Drunk driving

A Muncie man was arrested Monday for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Donald H. Huff, 49, 1609 N. Dartmouth Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with another Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Common nuisance

A Portland woman was arrested County Jail.

Tuesday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Heather L. Sawyer, 38, 752 E. 450 South, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with another Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

She's being held on a \$5,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Dependent nonsupport

A Redkey man was arrested Tuesday for nonsupport of a dependent child.

Jason C. Miller, 48, 900 W. High St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

He's being held on a \$500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

Two Portland residents were arrested this morning for drug possession.

Noah W. Teeter, 55, 520 E. Walnut St., was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and obstruction of justice, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Halley N. Clark, 27, 416 E. High St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony for escape, two Level 6 felonies for obstruction of justice and possession of methamphetamine, two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being held on a \$22,500 bond in Jay



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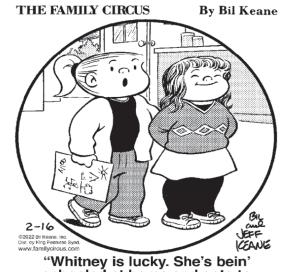


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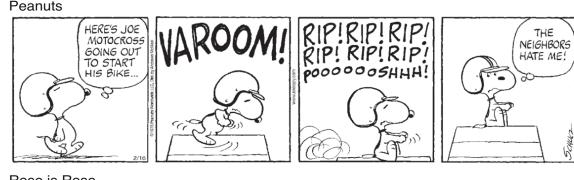
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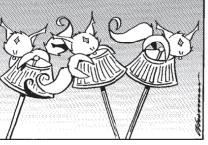
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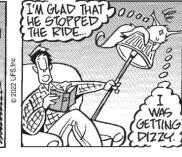


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North-South vulnerable. NORTH

▲ 10 5 3 ♥K J ♦ K Q J 9 ♣Q J 10 4

SOUTH

♦J ♥A Q 10 9 2

♦ 10 8 5 3 ♠A K 6

Opening lead - king of spades.

It is normal for suits not to break

as well as declarer would like them to. However, there are many coun-

termeasures a declarer can employ

to overcome an unfavorable divi

such a problem. Consider this deal where West

low spade to East's ace. Declarer

Pass

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EAST

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♣8 7

North

2 ♦ 3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

A precautionary measure

ruffs, and, whether or not he is aware of it, he is now at the critical point of the play. Let's say he decides to draw the opposing trumps at this stage, as many players would do. Because of the 4-2 trump division, South is forced to exhaust his remaining

trumps in the process. The best declarer can do after this is to cash his four club tricks and lead a diamond. This gets him nowhere when East takes his ace of diamonds and returns a spade, whereupon West cashes two spade tricks to put the contract down one. But if declarer appreciates at the outset that — in accordance with percentages — the opponents' trumps are more likely to be divided 4-2 (48%) than 3-3 (36%), he makes the contract simply by leading a diamond to the jack at trick three. If East ducks the jack, declarer draws trump and cashes his clubs draws trump and cashes his clubs to secure 10 tricks. So let's assume East wins the dia-

mond and returns a spade. In that case, South discards a diamond in order to guard against a 4-2 trump division. West wins the spade with the queen — it is the third trick for the defense — but is then helpless. If he leads another spade, it can be ruffed in dummy, while any other sion in a key suit, so a substantial part of his thinking should be devoted to seeking a solution to leads the king of spades against four hearts and continues with a return also gives South the rest of the tricks.

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Dealing drugs

A Portland resident was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine, а Level 3 felony.

Teresa R. Young, 41, 418 W. Main St. Apt. 3, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing in methamphetamine, а Level 3 felony. She was sentenced to nine years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served since Aug. 10. Young was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. The court also recommended her for purincarceration, poseful meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court will consider modifying her sentence. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for possession of an altered firearm, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

Common nuisance

Five Indiana residents were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Chanelle R. Gierhart, 30, 6769 W. 400 South, Port-

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with all but 38 days suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Gierhart was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 507 days. As part of her plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Aaron M. Darr, 40, 4913 Arlington Ave., Dunkirk, was sentenced to 730 days in Indiana Department of Corrections and given 262 days credit for time served. Darr was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Blake M. Dodd, 20, 414 S. East St., Winchester, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Dodd was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 361 days. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for dealing marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Brittany D. Pullins, 22,

land, was sentenced to 545 117 S. Broad St., Dunkirk, days in Jay County Jail was sentenced to 180 days suspended. Stewart was

in Jay County Jail and given 86 days credit for time served. Pullins was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, two Class A misdemeanors for domestic battery and possession of marijuana were dismissed.

Cheryl Johnston, 47, 612 W. Arch St., Portland, was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given 144 days credit for time served. Johnston was assessed \$185 in court cost. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Unlawful possession

Three Jay County residents were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay courts to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony.

Adam D. Reynolds, 33, 205 E. 4th St., Ridgeville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given 18 days credit for time served. Reynolds was placed on probation for 550 days and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Adrian T. Stewart, 23, 1112 N. Franklin St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court. He was sentenced to two and half years in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence costs.

Joseph A. Winget, 31, 19 North Oak St., Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 240 days in Jay County Jail and given 240 days credit for time served. Winget was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of a narcotic drug and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Bret A. Trissel, 24, 931 W. Votaw St. Apt. 2, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 194 days suspended given 194 days credit for time served. Trissel was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 171 days.

Dependent neglect

Two Portland residents were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 felony.

Korey L. Ellsworth, 34, 322 N. Pleasant St., was sentenced to 365 days in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days of his sentence suspended and given eight days credit for time served. He was placed on probation for 275 days, fined \$1 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of

assessed \$185 in court his plea agreement, the charges of maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony, and possession of marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor, were dismissed.

Misty D. Ellsworth, 33, 322 N. Pleasant St., was sentenced to 365 days in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days of her sentence suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Ellsworth will spend the remainder of her sentence on house arrest. She was ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. Ellsworth was placed on probation for 275 days and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Nonsupport

Two Jay County residents were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to nonsupport of a dependent child.

Curtis W. Mock, 39, 8179 W. 550 North, Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended.

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Mock was placed on probation for 730 days and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Jack E. Nerone Jr., 37, 1350 W. Meadow Lane, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with four years suspended and given credit for time served since June 17. He was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay \$30,776.57 in restitution.

Drunk driving

A Winchester woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony.

Rhonda K. Hunt, 57, 4821 W. 200 South, was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail with all but 364 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Hunt was placed on probation for 546 days, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend Hunt's license for 180 days retroactive to June 28. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle after being a habitual traffic offender and a Class B misdemeanor for leaving the scene of an accident were dismissed.

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Sports

JCHS boys swim to host sectional prelims Thursday, see Sports on tap

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Triple threat

Jay County High School senior Ethan Dirksen launches a 3-pointer late in the Patriots' 76-29 victory Monday over Southern Wells. Dirksen was fouled on the shot — had it gone in, it would have been his 10th 3-pointer of the night to set a new single-game school record — and went to the line to make both free throws to complete his 33-point effort.

Giannis pours in 50 to beat Pacers

Giannis Antetokounmpo It was the fourth 50-point scored a season-high 50 game of his nine-year points, two off his career career, including the postbest, and pulled down 14 season. rebounds to lead the Milwaukee Bucks past the shrugged off the accomskidding Indiana Pacers plishment.

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Fourth powers Fort boys

MINSTER, Ohio — The Indians the season while Minster dips to 5-17 game-high 15 points in the final quarhad a tough time shaking the Wildcats for three quarters.

The final eight minutes did the trick.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team used a 16-11 margin in the fourth quarter to overtake and then pull away from the Minster Wildcats on Tuesday,

The win pushes the Tribe to 14-7 (4-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) on

(1-8 MAC).

Neither team gained much control after the first quarter, but the host Wildcats went into intermission leading by one, 18-17. Fort Recovery didn't allow Minster to get any separation, and the score was knotted at 26 with one quarter to play.

But that's when the Indians went 7of-9 from the free-throw line.

Cale Rammel scored six of his with 11 points.

ter. Caleb Evers joined him in double figures with 10 points, and Owen Jutte was close behind with nine points. Logan Homan was the only other Tribe player to score, and he put in eight points.

Fort Recovery's junior varsity team topped Minster 45-38. Reece Guggenbiller led the way with 13 points for FRHS, and Alex Dues was second

Jay swimmers sweep Muncie

Maisey Keller, Lauren event wins. Fisher and Sophia Hoevel each had a pair of wins. Peyton Yowell and Raif Beiswanger did too.

The Patriots owned the relays as well.

Jay County Junior High School's boys and girls swim teams both dominated a combined Muncie Community Schools team Tuesday.

The girls won every event but one for a 141-101 triumph, while the boys got a 153-130 victory behind 10

Keller's victories came in the 200-yard freestyle and 100 backstroke with times of 2 minutes, 36.3 seconds, and 1:28.76, respectively. Fisher's wins were in the 50 freestyle (28.92) and 400 freestyle (5:44), while Hoevel was first in the 50 butterfly (36.81) and 100 freestyle (1:10.14). Kaitlyn Fisher (100 individual medley - 1:27.42) and Avery Wentz (100 breaststroke - 1:35.89) had single wins.

Wellman, Nevaeh

Mikalah Shawver, Kaitlin Clamme (50 freestyle Fisher and Ariel Beiswanger won the 200 medley relay. Lauren Fisher, Hoevel, Wentz and Keller teamed to win both the 200 freestyle and 300 freestyle relays.

Yowell topped his competitors in both the 100 IM (1:24.19) and 50 butterfly while (35.63),Raif Beiswanger was the best in the 100 freestyle (1:04.58) and 400 freestyle (5:39.69).

freestyle – 2:31.64), Lincoln a victory.

29.69) and Rocky Beiswanger (100 breaststroke - 1:29.54) picked up individual victories.

The 200 medley relay team of David Keen, Rocky Beiswanger, Fisher and Yowell came in first, as did Cooper Glentzer, Rocky Beiswanger, Raif Beiswanger and Clamme in the 200 freestyle relay.

Raif Beiswanger, Fisher, Clamme and Yowell ended Matthew Fisher (200 the 300 freestyle relay with



128-119 on Tuesdav night.

The Bucks (36-23) swept the four-game season series from the Pacers and have won eight straight against their Central Division foe.

Antetokounmpo, who didn't play in Milwaukee's loss to Portland on Monday night because of a sore left ankle, showed no ill effects as he racked up 12 firstquarter points that included a pair of thunderous

dunks and a 3-pointer. "I felt way better," Ante-tokounmpo said. "I was rested.'

Antetokounmpo set a career high with his seventh 40-point game of the season and scored 50 for the first time since the memorable title-clinching game in the NBA Finals last season against Phoenix, which gave the Bucks their first

feeling to have 50, you'll always remember it, but I care about the win. I want to win games," Antetok-ounmpo said. "We have another one on Thursday. We'll try to finish and go to the All-Star break on a good note. As long as we're winning, I'm good. You do whatever it takes. If you are thinking about let me get to 50, let me get mine, it doesn't work that way. You have to focus on winning games."

Milwaukee bounced back after consecutive doubledigit losses to hand Indiana (19-40) its seventh consecutive defeat.

Antetokounmpo scored 12 points in the first quarter, six in the second, 13 in the third and 19 in the final period.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Thursday

Jay County — Boys swimming hosts sectional preliminaries – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Muncie Southside -5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery - Girls basketball sec tional opening round vs. Waynesfield-Goshen at Spencerville - 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Jay County — Wrestling state finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse – 6 p.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader at Norwell – 6:15 p.m

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at New Bremen - 6 p.m.

Saturday

Jay County — Wrestling state finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse – 9 a.m.; Boys swimming hosts sectional finals – 9 a.m. (diving) and 1 p.m. (swimming); Gymnas tics at New Castle - 11 a.m.; Boys basketball at Muncie Central - 6 p.m.

Monday

Jay County — Junior high swimming at Norwell - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County - Boys basketball vs. Winchester - 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today — UEFA Champions League 3 p.m. soccer: Liverpool at Inter Milan (CBS) 7 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Illinois at Rutgers (BTN) 7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Wash-

ington Wizards at Indiana Pacers (BALLY); Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Florida Panthers at Carolina Hurricanes (TNT) 8 p.m. - NASCAR racing: Dual at

Daytona – Qualifying (FS1) 8 p.m. — 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics: Freestyle Skiing (NBC)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Purdue at Northwestern (BTN); Baylor at Texas Tech (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Vegas Golden Knights (TNT)

11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Gonzaga at Pepperdine (ESPN2)

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