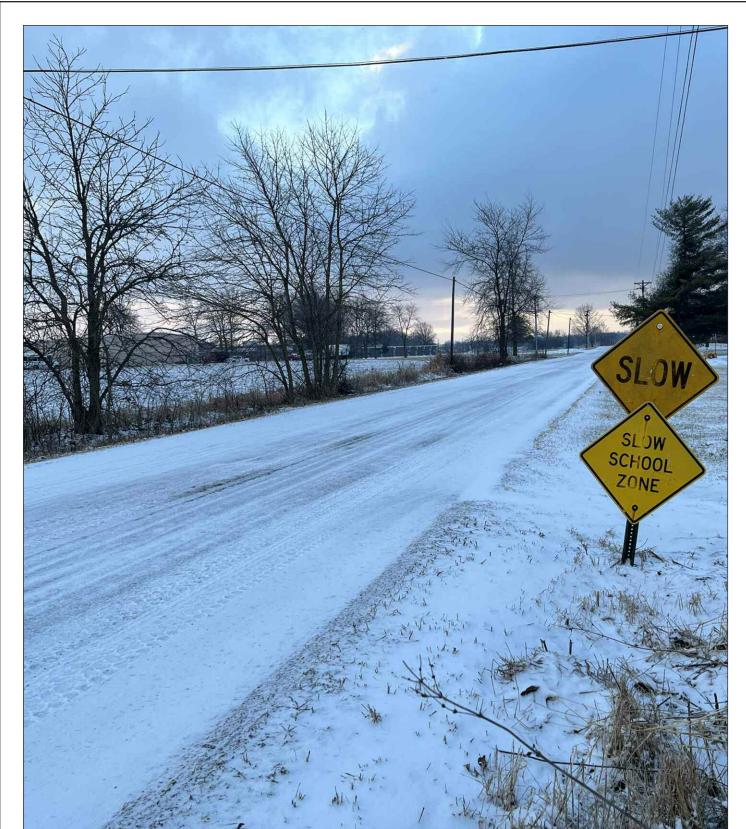
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Iced out

Rain turned to freezing rain, sleet and snow as temperatures dropped Thursday evening. Though there was less than an inch of snow accumulations, most county roads were left icy with a coating of snow on top — pictured above on county road 75 South just west of Jay County Junior-Senior High School — leading to treacherous driving conditions. The preliminary round of the boys swimming sectional at JCHS that was scheduled for Thursday was postponed to tonight, and Jay Schools were closed today.

School COVID measures are lifted

Indiana State **Department** of Health updated guidance Thursday

Following an update on guidance from Indiana Department of Health, local schools have lifted COVID-19 control measures.

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley announced the change early afternoon in an email to staff and parents.

"Effective immediately, contact trac-ing and all remaining COVID-specific control measures are ended within the Jay School Corporation," the letter said.

Gulley's announcement came after Indiana State Department of Health announced earlier Thursday that it was changing COVID-19 guidance for schools and childcare programs. While a majority of the state's counties, including Jay, remain rated "red" (extreme risk for the spread of coronavirus), case numbers have dropped dramatically over the last two weeks.

The changes in guidance for schools from the state department of health include:

•Conducting contact tracing is no longer required.

•Positive cases do not need to be reported to the state department of health

•Students exposed to COVID-19 are not required to be quarantined

•Those who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for five days and may return on the sixth day if they have been fever-free for 24 hours without medication as long as symptoms are improving.

These changes reflect the rapid decline in COVID-19 cases as we emerge from the omicron surge and the fact that all school-age children have been eligible to be vaccinated since November," said state health commissioner Kris Box. "While they do not remove the need for continued vigilance, they will ease the reporting burden on schools and help ensure that children can stay in school." Schools are still expected to continue working with local health departments with notification in case of outbreaks. They are also encouraged to share information with families to allow parents to monitor symptoms.

Council considering options for ARPA \$

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Town council is looking into what it can do with its American Rescue Plan Act monies.

director of Jay County Devel-

opment Corporation, shared He provided a packet of health as it relates to coron-information with Redkey information to council com-Town Council on Thursday plied by the Indiana Office of mitigation, vaccination or about what it can do with its nearly \$289,500 in federal funding. (The town has Travis Richards, executive received about half of its allotment as of Thursday.)

Community Rural and Affairs.

Some options he highlighted for Redkey include: •Responding to public

mitigation, vaccination or testing programs

•Pursuing investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure

See **Considering** page 5

See **COVID** page 2

ullback was a ruse **BV ELLEN NAKASHIMA.**

SHANE HARRIS, **ALEX HORTON** and MICHAEL BIRNM The Washington Post

U.S. officials have obtained intelligence that Russia's announced milipullback from tarv Ukraine's border was a deliberate ruse to mislead the United States and other world powers, four officials said Thursday, as President Joe Biden offered a bleak warning that the Kremlin will launch an attack "in the next several days."

The souring optimism that it would be possible to avoid conflict came just days after a flicker of hope, when Russian leaders signaled they would begin to draw down the more than 150,000 troops they have massed at Ukraine's border. That cials said, and shelling announcement was accompanied by Kremlin-

Intelligence officials say Russian announcment was intended to mislead

produced videos of what increasingly gloomy atti-they claimed were tanks tudes in Washington and and other heavy equipment leaving border areas by rail car. U.S. officials now believe it was an effort to mask Russia's true intentions in the region.

All four officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive intelligence.

tinued to increase near Ukraine's frontier, offiescalated eastern in Ukraine, adding to

European capitals that had hoped to forestall war. Russia is continuing military exercises in Belarus, in easy reach of Ukraine's border, that intelligence officials fear could give the cover for an invasion. The exercises are due to end Sunday.

Biden told reporters at Russian forces have con- the White House that the threat of invasion remains "very high" and that Russia may be creating an excuse to do so. See Ruse page 5



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Campfire cooking

Scouts BSA members of Portland Troop 202 prepare to cook ramen Saturday. Each of the seven troops present competed in the timed event in which scouts had to start a fire, boil noodles and eat the ramen as quickly as possible.

Deaths

Brian Brown, 48, Portland Harriett Hutson, 80, Pennville

Darrell Ford, 74, Greenfield

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 57 degrees early Thursday before dropping to 27 last in the day.

Tonight's low will be 17 with a 30% chance of snow and winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. The county remains under a flood warning until 4:30 p.m. Saturday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Rob-

bins announced Thursday

that his State of the City

address is scheduled for 6 p.m.

March 22 at West Jay Commu-

nity Center.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Fort Recovery School Board meeting.



Felony court news

Theft

A Union City man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to theft, a Level 6 felony.

Bluford L. Brock, 30, 6625 E. 800 North, Union City, was sentenced to 540 days in Jay County Jail with all but 270 days

credit for time served. Brock was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 270 days. He was also ordered to pay \$8,574 in restitution to Josh Wendel.

suspended and given 86 days ment, a Level 6 felony charge operating a vehicle as a habitu- served. (His original charge of resisting law enforcement was dismissed.

Habitual violator

As part of his plea agree- guilty in Jay Superior Court to

al traffic violator, a Level 6 felony.

Paul E. Carpenter, 47, 332 S. Main St., was sentenced to 912 A Montpelier man was sen- days in Jay County Jail with tenced to jail after pleading all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time

was filed as a Level 5 felony, and he pleaded to a lesser offense.)

Carpenter was assessed \$185.50 in court costs and placed on probation for 910 davs.

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	Saturday Sunday 2/19 2/20		Monday 2/21	Tuesday 2/22	Wednesday 2/23					
-	22/13	46/36	***	59/29	37/21					
	Mostly sunny skies are expected Saturday, with wind gusts as high as 30 mph.	Sunday should be sunny, with more wind	Washing- ton's birthday should be partly sunny,	Showers will likely con- tinue through Tuesday with an 80% chance of rain. Snow is possible late.	There's a chance of snow Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.					

Cash 5: 17-29-32-34-35

Ohio

Midday

Pick 3: 5-0-7

Pick 4: 4-5-2-1

Estimated jackpot:

jackpot:

CD almana

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$31 million \$115,000

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$64 million

Hoosier

Pick 5: 3-3-1-4-6 Midday Evening Daily Three: 7-1-4 Pick 3: 8-3-7 Daily Four: 0-2-7-8 Pick 4: 1-5-1-2 Evening Pick 5: 9-7-6-2-4 Daily Three: 6-2-9 Daily Four: 7-8-6-3 Rolling Cash: 7-12-15-25-28Quick Draw: 1-8-12-14-15-18-19-25-28-35-36-40-50-Estimated 52-57-60-64-73-79-80 \$100,000

Markets

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Wheat7.85	Montpelier Corn6.54
POET Biorefining	March corn6.54
Portland	Beans15.94
Corn6.67	March beans15.97
March corn6.68	Feb. wheat 8.10
April corn6.64	
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March corn6.58	Beans15.84

Richland Townsh	qin	Corn	6.64		
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March beans1	5.91	Wheat	7.74		

Obituaries

Brian Brown

July 3, 1973-Feb. 16, 2022 Brian Brown, age 48, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at his home in Portland.

Brian was born on Julv 3, 1973, in Portland, the son of John Wetendorf and Juanita (Brown) Clark. He graduated from Jay County High School in 1992 and was a truck driver for High Tech Express in Dunkirk.



Brian married Melissa "Missy" Roser on Feb. 15, 1997, and she passed away on April 11, 2018.

Survivors include:

One son — Mikey Brown (wife: Melissa), Portland, Indiana

Two daughters — Christine Brown, Dunkirk, Indiana, and Summer Brown, Portland, Indiana

Four brothers — Steven Brown (wife: Jeannie), Hartford City, Indiana, Derious Clark, Jr. (wife: Tammy), Portland, Indiana, Patrick Clark (wife: Sara), Hartford City, Indiana, and James Clark (fiancé: Miranda Montero), Eaton, Indiana

His parents: John Wetendorf (wife: Angela), Portland, Indiana, and Juanita Clark (fiancé: Randy Buckner), Hartford City, Indiana

Grandmother: Phyllis Brown, Dunkirk, Indiana

Four grandchildren — Corbin, Addison, Reign and Miley

He was preceded in death by his wife, Missy; his step-father Derious Clark Sr.; and his grandfather Arvin Brown.

Burial will be held at Antioch Cemetery, southeast of Portland at a later date.

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

Condolences may be sent expressed at williamsonspencer.com. field, Indiana, passed away Wednes-

COV Continued from page 1

Gulley noted in his press release that the school's students excluded from COVID-19 exclusion policy school. Measures were liftwill now match the same ed 16 days later.

bilitation. She was born on May 13, 1941, the daughter of Max Peer and Fern (Clear) Love. She was married on Nov. 23, 1958, to Gordon Hutson and he

Harriett had worked at Jay Garment, Jay

Products and Community Care West as an aid and housekeeping. Harriett had a love

Harriett Hutson

May 13, 1941-Feb. 1, 2022

nville, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 1,

2022, in Parker Healthcare and Reha-

Harriett L. Hutson, age 80, of Pen-

of crafts, teaching Arts and Crafts to the handicapped going to craft shows, weaving and making jewelry. She also enjoyed gardening. She was a member of Jay County Artists Association.

Hutson

Surviving are two sons, Patrick Hutson (wife: Tina) of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Thomas Hutson (wife: Pamela) of Hannibal, Missouri; one daughter, Mellissa Hall (husband: Jeff) of Portland; four grandchildren, Joshua Hutson (wife: Florence) of Anderson, Jamie Navas (husband: Carlos) of Zionsville, Joseph Hall of Portland and Matthew Hall of Portland; and four great-grandchildren, Mason DeVinney, Mavis Navas, Maylee Navas and Maven Navas.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with family receiving guests from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to Arts Place or Youth Service Bureau.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Darrell Ford

July 16, 1947-Feb. 16, 2022 Darrell Vaughn Ford, 74, Greenday, Feb. 16, 2022, at Regional Hancock Hospital.

Darrell was born on July 16, 1947, in Portland, Indiana, to Dar-rell M. and Sarah (Shawver) Ford. Darrell is a 1965 graduate Portland High of



Ford

School. After high school, he also attended and graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He married his love Linda Kelly on Nov. 4, 1967.

Darrell worked as both a banker and as a farmer. He put his blood, sweat and tears into all he did. He loved music as well as watching TV and movies with his wife Linda. He was very family oriented and was attentive to all of his children's and grandchildren's needs and would additionally keep tabs on them via Facebook.

Darrell will forever be remembered for his great sense of humor. He attended Bluff Point Friends Church in Portland for many years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Linda; their children, Gary (Christine) Ford, Andy (Colette) Ford and Julia (Sean) Sample; awesome grandchildren Jakob Ford, Jackson Sample, Marcus Ford, Madison Sample, Alyssa Ford, Wesley Ford and Franklin Ford; and siblings Linda Sipe, Don Ford and Dennis Ford.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Susan Schneider.

Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Greenfield, has been entrusted with arrangements. There will be a Celebration of Life Service held at a later date and time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

If you would like to sign the online guest book or send condolences to the family, you may do so by visiting stillingerfamily.com.

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Fhursday

passed away on Sept. 9, 2018. Brown

Today in history

On Feb. 18, 2001, auto racing star Dale ceased to be the state Earnhardt Sr. died in a religion of Italy. crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

1564, In Rome.

1885, Mark In Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time (after being published in the world record in the Britain and Canada).

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were ery Village Council found not guilty of con- approved preliminary spiring to incite riots at plans for construction the 1968 Democratic national convention; housing addition being five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those con- ers. victions were later reversed).

In 1972, the California Supreme Court

tle's Chinatown in what became known as the of parole.) Wah Mee Massacre. (Two men were convicted of the killings and were sentenced to life in prison; a third was Daegu claimed 198 found guilty of robbery and assault.)

Vatican signed an in 2004.) accord under which

Roman Catholicism

In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in artist as an associate justice Michelangelo died in of the U.S. Supreme Court.

> In 1994, at the Winter Olympic Games in Norway, U.S. speedskater Dan Jansen finally won a gold medal, breaking 1,000 meters.

> In 1997, Fort Recovof the Indian Heights II developed by local group KDRK Develop-

In 2001, veteran FBI agent Robert Philip Hanssen was arrested, accused of spying for struck down the state's Russia. (Hanssen later death penalty. pleaded guilty to espi-In 1983, 13 people onage and attempted were shot to death at a espionage and was sengambling club in Seat- tenced to life in prison without the possibility

In 2003, an arson attack involving two South Korean subway trains in the city of lives. (The arsonist was sentenced to life in In 1984, Italy and the prison, where he died

-AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

6:30 p.m. — Fort school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Main St.

Tuesday

3:30 p.m. — Jay Coun-Recovery School Board, ty Solid Waste Manageconference room, high ment District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Recovery Village Coun- City Council, council cil, village hall, 201 S. chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

standards used for influenza and other viral illnesses County Health Departfever free for 24 hours and without symptoms.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic beginning in March 2020, the last disease outbreak declared for Jay Schools was for chickenpox at Bloomfield Elementary School in early 2018. The outbreak was

Capsule Reports

Eads attends

Jay County clerk Jon Eads recently attended the Association of Indiana Counties' 2022 Legislative Conference.

The conference provid-

SERVICES

Friday

Moser, Terri: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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.

Monday

Hutson, Harriett: II a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Pyle, David: I p.m., Green Hills Memory Gardens, 3578 Indiana 38, New Castle.

February 27 Fiely, Joseph: 3 p.m., The Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago.

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Also ment announced upcoming changes to its walk-in coronavirus vaccination clinic, which has been open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginning March 1, it will be open on Thursdays only, with hours from 9 to 11:430 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.



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General Assembly. It was held at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis.

ed county officials with

the opportunity to meet

with legislators regarding

local government issues.

Legislative staff also

briefed county officials

about legislation being

discussed by the Indiana



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Family

Websites allow counterfeiting

By ANA MONTEIRO and ERIC MARTEN

Bloomberg

The U.S. added Chinese messaging platform WeChat and online marketplace AliExpress to its list of notorious markets for counterfeiting and piracy, an annual compilation of the worst intellectualproperty abusers and counterfeiters

Alibaba Group Holding-owned AliExpress and Tencent Holdings's WeChat are "two significant China-based online markets that reportedly facilitate substantial trademark counterfeiting," the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative said in a statement accompanying the release of the 2021 review Thursday.

The USTR first started publishing the annual standalone list in 2011 to increase public awareness and help market operators and governments prioritize intellectual-property enforcement efforts. The 2021 review identifies 42 online and 35 physical markets that are reported to engage in or facilitate substantial trademark counterfeiting or copyright piracy.

Pinduoduo, one of the largest online retailers in China, continues to be listed after first being included in 2019. Alibaba's Taobao, together with Baidu Inc. cloudstorage service Baidu Wangpan and e-commerce service provider DHgate.com Inc. are also still on the list. Nine physical markets located within China that are

known for the manufacture, distribution, and sale of counterfeit goods are included.

The world's two largest economies share the biggest bilateral trade relationship, but it has been fractious since 2018, with the Trump administration imposing tariffs on more than \$300 billion in imports from China, ranging from footwear and clothing to electronics and bicycles and even pet food under section 301 of the Trade Act.

The report listed China as the top country of origin for counterfeit goods seized by U.S. Customs and Border protection as well as the country with the greatest number of products made with forced labor, including state-sponsored forced labor.

FFA activities begin Monday

day.

Jay County High School FFA members have various activities planned each day next week.

Some of the events scheduled at the high school include the following:

 Horse races and agriculture trivia starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday during the boys basketball game

•A brownie breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Thursday for FFA members

Agriculture •The Olympics at 6 p.m. Thursday. Activities may include an egg toss, hauling grain, High School.

FFA week kicks off Mon- milk chugging, pedal tractor races, pie eating, blowing bubble gum and tug of war

•A tractor drive-in Friday

There are also plans to have a daily dress-up theme and host activities, such as cornhole and pedal tractor races, during lunch each day.

Some FFA members will visit the Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday during school hours. A "district fun night" for FFA members is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday at Blackford

Grandmother isn't shy about playing favorites

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of three wonderful children. My oldest boy (who is from a previous marriage) is 11. My two younger ones are 2 (a girl) and 7 months old (a boy). My mother-inlaw, "Nancy," is the grandma of my two younger ones. She is good to all of my children, except for one thing.

Nancy had two daughters and a son, and she has mentioned that she preferred her girls over her boy. Other family members have also mentioned how she plays favorites. She had a favorite child and grandchild before my kids were born. I believe my daughter has now become Nancy's new favorite. She has said it repeatedly, and other people have referred to my daughter as "the new



favorite." Nancy used to bring little toys and clothes over for her all the time, but stopped when I told her she needs to bring gifts for all my children if she's going to continue to bring things. She still buys things for my daughter, but leaves them at her house so when I take the children over there, it's filled with little girl clothes and toys.

Nancy has been in my life for

that's two years of birthdays and holidays with her. I am noticing that she buys my daughter double what she gets for my other children — double the items and twice the money she's spending. I have considered buying extra things for the boys to make up the difference, but I don't want my daughter to think I am favoring them. Luckily, they aren't old enough yet to really notice this. Is this something I should address or let go? I have had to address things in the past with Nancy when it comes to the children, and she doesn't take it well. I'm worried that if I do, it will cause problems. — EQUAL LOVING MOM

more than two years now, so is correct. It WILL eventually cause problems — unless another child is born who becomes her next "favorite." Talk with your husband about this. If you do, perhaps he will talk to his mother and get her to change her ways. If, however, it doesn't help, you will have to lay down the law. Repeat what you have already told her and make clear that the children will not be visiting her if they are not treated equally.

DEAR ABBY: My niece met a guy. Two months later they got engaged. A week after that, she married him. Now, a year later, she wants to have a wedding. Is DEAR MOM: Your thinking this proper? Does she just want a congratulations.

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big show and gifts? People are laughing about it, and it is not what I was raised to do. Am I wrong in thinking this is an PROPER LADY IN NORTH CAR-OLINA

DEAR PROPER LADY: This is not an embarrassment to your family. It's an embarrassment to your niece. The ship has sailed as far as her fantasy about a "big show and gifts" is concerned. If she wishes to throw a party to celebrate her first anniversary (once the rules about gatherings and social distancing have eased), she should go ahead and do it. But I doubt she will receive anything in addition to warm

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in every Monday, Wednesday Community Calendar as space is available. To suban item, email mit news@thecr.com.

Friday

CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS Harmony Cafe in Port-

and Friday.

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

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

CARE PREGNANCY CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is LEAGUE — Will meet at located at 216 S. Meridian noon Friday, Feb. 18, at 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 accept-BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY 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 wel-TAKE OFF POUNDS meet at 7 a.m. for break- SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 BRYANT AREA COM- p.m., in the fellowship hall MUNITY CENTER — at Evangelical Methodist Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. Church, 930 W. Main St.,

Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONY-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.

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

more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283 2107.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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 MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women month at Richards 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.



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land.

Saturday

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

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK- come. FAST OPTIMISTS — Will fast at Richards Restaurant.

Sudoku								
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1			9	2				6
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Thursday's Solution

Level: Advanced

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

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

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

THE LANDING — A 12step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 Fellowship Nazarene Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For

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EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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.

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Opinion

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Pooh used up another of his lives

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

My boyfriend, Justin, has owned the same cat for nearly half his life.

Pooh Kitty — his name is a reference to Winnie the Pooh because of his yellowish-orange coat — is at least 14 years old.

Knowing his age, we're well aware of Pooh's mortality. When the time does come, we hope we get to spend his last few moments together.

That's why we lost our cool when he went missing last week.

I stopped by the house that day to drop off some groceries before heading to an appointment. My dog, Beauty, greeted me at the door. As I unpacked the car, I wondered why I hadn't seen that familiar orange ball of fur rubbing my ankles or lingering by the door.

I quickly searched his usual hiding spots. He wasn't perched in the windowsill. Nor was he snuggled under my duvet or



cuddled up in a corner of my closet.

Pooh was nowhere to be found.

"I can't find Pooh," I texted Justin. He must have snuck out the door when we left for work that morning or when I let the dog out late at night.

My thoughts turned to the animal shelter, so I dialed Jay County Humane Society's number. Dawn Keller cheerfully answered. When I described our Pooh Kitty, I could practically hear Dawn frowning from across the line.

"Oh no," she responded. My stomach sunk. Was he dead

Dawn explained he was found - alive — that morning on a porch, his fur wet and his body temperature dangerously low. She rushed him to Coldwater Animal Clinic, where they wrapped him in blankets, placed him on a heating pad and hooked him up to an IV.

Even if he was alive, his condition didn't sound promising. I told her we would head there as soon as possible.

Justin called to let me know he'd be home in less than five minutes. As soon as his car rolled up to the house, I hopped inside and we left for Ohio.

At first glance, Justin seemed calm. He reminded me Pooh was originally a stray and had escaped several times throughout his life as a house cat.

When they were living in the country, he recalled, Pooh disappeared for six months. As soon as Justin came to terms with the fact his cat was probably dead, Pooh showed up on their doorstep again.

But he was about 10 years vounger then.

Pooh is an old cat. Justin doesn't expect him to live forever.

we drove, his eyes As remained focused on the road, and the speedometer steadily increased speed.

It's OK to be scared, I reminded him. My hand slipped into his

We sat in silence for a few moments. But as we rounded a curve, the car suddenly started

wiggling out of control. "Oh no," Justin said in a small, strained voice.

Our tires had lost traction on a patch of ice.

My eyes remained glued on the road as we drove through the other lane and plowed into several inches of snow in a cornfield. After a few seconds, the car slowed to a halt, roughly 30 feet away from the road.

Justin grabbed his head and chided himself for not slowing down.

"Are you OK?" He looked over at me, and I nodded.

We both inspected the car there was no damage besides the tire needing rebalanced — and hugged out of relief. We were lucky there wasn't any oncoming traffic when we lost control.

A few good samaritans pulled over and helped push us back onto the road. Within 15 minutes, we arrived at the animal clinic and greeted Pooh. He woke up and started purring

Pooh had used another of his many lives, it seemed. A quick examination the next day would deem him healthy once again.

We were thankful it wasn't Pooh's time yet, but we also learned something that day. As we drove to the clinic following our slide off the road, my mind jumped to a different scenario.

If someday we have a child in critical condition at a hospital, I told Justin, we should make a point not to get into an accident on our way to see them. He agreed.

Trip is of no value to Hoosiers

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute) Taxpayers funded Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's trip to the nation's southern border

last month. His reason for traveling 1,400 miles, according to his post on Facebook, was to investigate the impact of illegal immigration on Hoosiers, the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette reported. Texas Republican Gov. Gregg Abbott invited Rokita and 11 other state attorneys general - all Republicans — to attend a "border security briefing," a two-day event in south Texas.

As luck would have it, Rokita received face time on Fox News. Maria Bartiromo, a Fox Business host, interviewed the Indiana attorney general and two others. Rokita was also able to tour the Rio Grande and pose for photographs with Border Patrol agents.

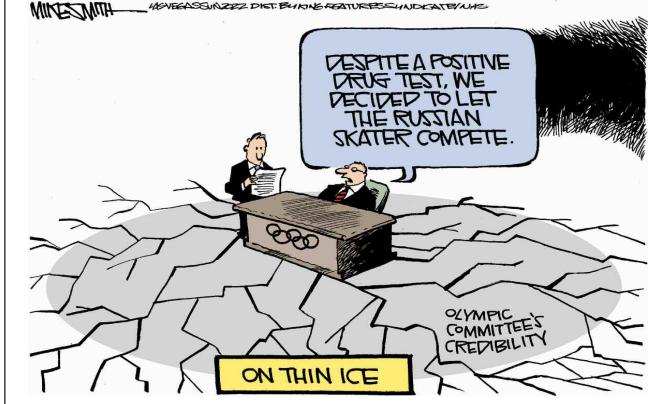
His luck didn't stop there. Former President Donald Trump was holding a "Save America Rally" at Conroe, Texas, right along his drive back took his son along, stopped in and attended the event. Trump noted Rokita's presence and hailed him as "another man who has done a fantastic job," the Journal Gazette reported. By Tuesday, Rokita had distributed a fundraising email featuring the accolade from Trump. Rokita humbly explained on Facebook, "I toured the Rio Grande River today and saw firsthand the lawlessness incentivized by the Biden [administration's] refusal to uphold the law. Crime and drug use will keep climbing if leaders refuse to act." Coincidentally, Rokita with nose to the grindstone — also announced that same day he and seven other state attorneys general were suing the Biden administration for giving illegal immigrants special privileges." value to Hoosiers in Rokita's trip — which his office acknowledged was paid for by the state. Indiana did not need him to travel ers, on Hoosier soil, to Texas. Indiana already has two U.S. senators and him busy.

Hoosier **Editorial**

Rokita is focused on burnishing his credentials for a higher office, and letting *Hoosiers* pay for his resume padding.

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kraine can learn from Finland **By CLIVE CROOK**

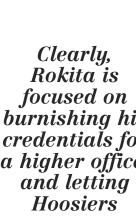
Bloomberg Opinion

Diplomatic efforts to forestall Russia's threatened attack on Ukraine still aren't over — and it appears that discussing Ukraine's future relationship with NATO isn't quite as unthinkable as the U.S. and its allies to Indiana. Rokita, who credentials for a higher have maintained. That's good. Makletting ing a success of any such approach won't be easy but, if the alternative is war, it's worth a try. Shuttling between Moscow and Kyiv last week, French President Emmanuel Macron reportedly told journalists that "Finlandization" was "on the table." He later denied having said it, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said he hadn't heard Macron use the term (an interestingly narrow denial). In any event Macron has said that some Russian security concerns should be addressed. Evidently, the prospect of Ukraine's joining NATO is one. On Sunday Ukraine's ambassador to the U.K. told the BBC that his country might agree not to join NATO if that's what it would take to avoid war. He too subsequently clarified his remarks, pointing out that Ukraine has a constitutional commitment to join the alliance (without noting that constitutions can be changed or that constitutional commitments to do something sometime can be indefinitely set aside). Certainly it would be wrong for Macron or the leader of any other NATO country to discuss Ukraine's future with Putin unless Ukraine's government was a consenting and fully informed participant in the process. The question, however, is what Ukraine would or should want if it had been frankly apprised of where it stands with respect to the alliance.

Clive Crook



cial Times says, "Don't mention that word to a Finn." The term refers to the decades of the Cold War, when Finland was heavily influenced but not controlled by the Soviet Union. Finns object to the term and the idea, Spiegel writes, because it fails to recognize their long-term orientation toward the West or acknowledge that Helsinki had agency during the Soviet period. Now the same goes, he says, for Ukraine (except presumably that Ukraine's Western orientation isn't, as yet, very long-term). The main thing is that Ukraine wants to be seen as an independent sovereign nation, not a Russian appendage. Quite right, but might Finlandization not serve that purpose? A New York Times report with the headline "Finns Don't Wish 'Finlandization' on Ukraine (or Anyone)" ends this way: "The word may be front of mind now for those looking for a solution to the Ukraine crisis, but in Finland not everyone knows it well. "I heard the term Finlandization on the 10 o'clock news last night,' said Marleene Rytioja, 35, as she chased her two-vear-old son in the children's section of the library, next to dozens of neatly parked strollers. 'I had heard the term in school but I don't know what it means. "She said it seemed to have a negative connotation but that the idea of Russia determining anything in her life seemed completely foreign to her reality. "'I feel Western of course,' she said. I might be missing something, but doesn't this suggest that Finlandization worked pretty well?



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A summary of the Indiattorney general ana duties appears on the state's official website.

It reads, "The Indiana Attorney General is the attorney for the State of Indiana. The Office represents the State of Indiana in cases involving the state's interest and provides legal defense to state officials or agencies in court, advises the Governor, members of the Legislature, other state officials, and county prosecutors on legal issues, gives formal legal advisory opinions on constitutional or legal questions at the request of designated public officials and represents teachers in court in school discipline lawsuits where they were acting within their school policy."

Indiana has 6.7 million It is hard to see any residents, 92 counties, a governor, 150 state legislators and thousands of teachers. Rokita's responsibilities to them and othshould be plenty to keep

As I argued recently, if it isn't in



seeable future, it shouldn't be encouraged to gamble on the possibility that this might change. If, by suspending its NATO ambitions, Ukraine loses nothing of actual value and gives Putin an off-ramp from this crisis, that's a course it might rationally choose.

To clarify, this shouldn't be a matter of NATO affirming that Ukraine would never join. The deal might be that Ukraine would agree not to seek membership for the time being and only for as long as certain other conditions — including guarantees of its territorial integrity and, say, agreements between NATO and Russia on force deployments near borders were satisfied. There are many ways of codifying an understanding that Ukraine isn't joining NATO anytime soon.

Moreover, being asked to make such a choice does not infringe Ukraine's sovereignty. Sovereignty does not include an entitlement to join alliances that choose not to have you as a member. And sovereignty isn't power (as opponents of Brexit never tired of pointing out). Ukraine is weak because of its location and history, and because Russia is in a position to make demands. If NATO was willing to make Ukraine a member and spend the blood and treasure required to defend it, Ukraine would be much less weak. But NATO isn't willing to do that.

Why then is it wrong to say Finlanfact going to be admitted in the fore- dization? Peter Spiegel of the Finan-

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Ruse ..

Continued from page 1 "We have reason to believe that they are engaged in a false-flag operation to have an excuse to go in," Biden said. "Every indication we have is they're prepared to go into Ukraine, attack Ukraine." He added that "my sense is it will happen in the next several days."

Biden's pessimistic view coincided with fresh intelligence assessments about Russia's intentions.

Washington obtained "credible information that Russia's claims may be part of a disinformation campaign designed to mislead" the United States, said a U.S. official. Two other U.S. officials and one European official independently confirmed they were familiar with the intelligence.

When Russia made the pullback claims Tuesday, NATO leaders were initially skeptical. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said he had seen no evidence of a drawdown.

Two of the U.S. officials said there was additional intelligence indicating a false flag by Russia would involve the use of a chemical agent that would immobilize civilians, then use cadavers to make it appear as though the Ukrainians had gassed and killed civilians.

U.S. officials have yet to produce much of the evidence that underlies their assertions about troop movements or false-flag operations. It would be highly unusual for intelligence officials to reveal such sources and methods. But the Biden administration has disclosed satellite imagery that shows Russian troop movements. And commercial satellite companies and independent investigators have corroborated that information from their own sources, many which are publicly of available.



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Superior saxophones

Saxophone player Lucy Raines performs Sunday during the Jay County High School band's winter pops concert. The saxophone section was featured during the show.

Considering

Continued from page 1 •Covering medical expenses related to coronavirus or behavioral health care activities

•Giving assistance to households, small businesses, nonprofits or industries impacted by COVID-19

•Offering premium pay for eligible workers providing essential work — examples include occupations in health care, emergency response, maintenance, grocery stores — through the pandemic

Richards noted he has been meeting with representatives from Choice One Engineering to discuss potential projects for which the funds could be used. Council gave Richards the OK to continue those discussions.

Also Thursday, council heard a Chance Retter of Redkey Junior League is drafting a letter for council to re-form a park board.

Town attorney Wes Schemenaur noted the park board was disbanded at least five years ago because it had difficulty finding and keeping members. The board would consist of two Republicans, two Democrats and one representative appointed by Jay School Board. He suggested putting together a park advisory committee instead of a park board.

Retter and council member Randy May approached Jay County Council on Feb. 9 for confirmation that the town's \$50,000 allotment of Bitter Ridge Wind Farm funds can be used for park repairs to Redkey Morgan Park. (Council encouraged using the funds on the park. Portland and Dunkirk are each using their \$100,000 allotments for pool and park repairs.) Retter explained he would like to purchase new playground equipment and make other upgrades to the park.

Richards noted earlier in the meeting that council previously discussed using its \$50,000 allotment for a Community Crossings grant in order to repave roads. If the town decides to go through with paving, it will need to decide on the streets and begin paperwork for the process in coming months.

In other business, council members John Pierce, Dottie Quakenbush, Erik Hammers and Randy May, absent Gary Gardner:

•OK'd a request from Mark Leavell to host Second Harvest food tailgates at Redkey Morgan Park.

•Purchased an aerator blower motor from WesTech for roughly \$4,500 and agreed to pay up to \$3,600 for Peerless Midwest to install the equipment at the wastewater department.

•Bought a \$630 motor from Colby Equipment for the water department.

•Learned Watson's Excavating donated three body cameras — estimated at roughly \$15,000 — to the police department.

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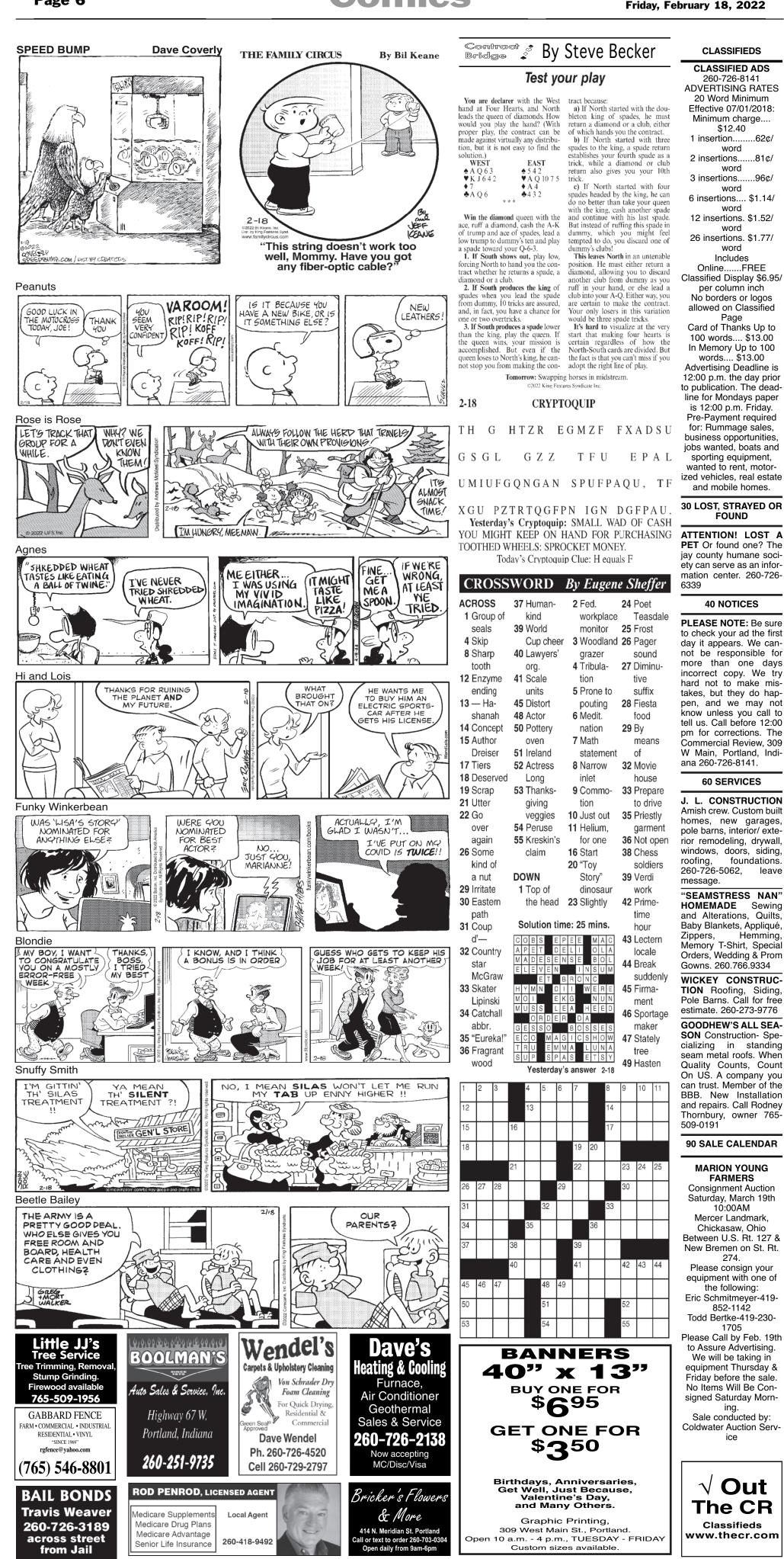


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Howell Keith F. (deceased) to Geneveb S. Howell, deed affidavit — Section 29, Jackson Township, 3.320 acres

Jeffrey and Karen Hitchens to Jacob Potter, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 12, Block 37, original plat of Dunkirk

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WJH to KT Real Estate Investment, warranty deed — Lot 10, Quincy Place

Windgate Proprties to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Section 5, Greene Township, 0.088 acres

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FINANCING IF NEED-ED PRIOR TO AUC-TION. FINAL SALE SUBJECT TO OWNER CONFIRMATION. OWNER: Rodney K. Weesner Estate by Katelyn Weesner (Executor) SHAWVER AUCTION-EERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 **AUCTIONEERS** Zane Shawver AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver AU19700040 260-726-5587 More Photos available at www.auctionzip.com & www.auctionsoft.com

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Public Notice

Notice of Public Hearing Jay County Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the Jay County Planning Commission on

Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jay County Court-house Auditorium, 120 N. Court Street,

Portland, Indiana 47371 to consider the following Petition: SFES2022-02-08, Sun Chief Solar Farm LLC requests a Development Plan Approval to develop a Solar Farm Energy System (SFES). The Sun Chief Solar Farm

SFES project area general location:

1) South of 400 S, north of 550 S, east of State Road 1, and west of 600 W.

2) Northeastern Richland Township and northwestern Jefferson Township, Sections 12 and 13 in Township 22 North, Range 12 East, and Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18 in Township 22 North, Range 13 E

A copy of the Petition for Development Plan Approval and all plans pertaining thereto are on file and may be examined prior to the Public Hearing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays, in the Office of Jay County Building & Planning, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian Street, Suite E, Portland, Indiana 47371. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may offer written comments in sup port of or in opposition to the Petition prior to or at the Hearing. Written comments prior to the Hearing are filed with the Planning Director of the Jay County Building and Planning Department.

If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in the Public Hearing, please call the Jay County Building & Planning Department (260) 726-6904 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Hearing to make special ar rangements Mary E. Solada, Attorney for Sun Chief Solar Farm LLC Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP 10 W. Market St., Suite 2700 Indianapolis, IN 46204 mary.solada@dentons.com CR 2-18-2022 - HSPAXLP

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Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY SUPERIOR m COURT CAUSE NO. 38D01-2112-CC-000239 FORUM CREDIT UNION Plaintiff,

LOGAN J. NORRIS; FIRST BANK OF BERNE; HARBIN LLC;

Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants named above and any other person or persons who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above. The nature of the suit against you is: Foreclosure of real estate mortgage on:

The South One Hundred Forty (140) Feet off the entire south end of lot number one (1) in Evan Evan's Addition to the Town of Redkey, in Jay County, Indiana.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) ose whereabouts are known: First Bank of Berne

Harbin LLC

and to the following defendant whose whereabouts is unknown: Logan J. Norris

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must respond to the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the third Notice of Suit is published, and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Jay Superior Court PADGETT LAW GROUP By /s/ Caryn M. Beougher ELYSSA M. MEADE, Attorney for Plaintiff CARYN M. BEOUGHER, At torney for Plaintiff CARYN M. BEOUGHER, 23887-29 ELYSSA M. MEADE, 25352-64 PADGETT LAW GROUP 10475 Crosspoint Blvd. Suite 250 Indianapolis, IN 46256 INattornev@padgettlawgroup.com CR 2-18-2022 - HSPAXLP

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Spanner Wrenches, Three (3) Life Belts and Operation Man uals and Records.

Questions or to schedule an Inspection, Contact Mike Weitzel Portland Fire Chief; 260-726-4500 or mweitzel@thecityofportland.net

Bid forms can be picked up at City Hall, 321 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at 4:00 on March 3, 2022 by the Portland Board of Public Works and Safety. The Board of Public Works and Safety reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive informalities in bidding due to errors.

Lori Philips Clerk Treasurer City of Portland CR 2-18,19,25,26-2022 - HSPAXLP

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Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana Cash & Investments combined Statement - 2021 Beg. Cash End Cash Local Fund and Inv. Bal. and Inv. Bal. Local Jan 1, 2021 Receipts Disbursements Dec 31, 2021 Fund Name Number Governmental Activities Fire Fighting \$40,102.91 \$16,021.74 \$9,881.00 \$46,243.65 \$3,676.18 2 Rainy Day \$3.676.18 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$14.370.86 \$11.021.88 3 Township \$58.447.68 \$51.796.66 Township Assistance \$53,706.10 \$5,125.57 \$58,831.67 \$0.00 4 \$20,902.88 Total All Funds \$155,932.97 \$35,518.17 \$170,548.16

A complete abstract that contains the statement of receipts showing their source; and a statement of expenditures; showing the combined gross payment, according to classification of expense to each person is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

Certification:

State of Indiana SS:

Jay County

I, Virginia Cline, Trustee of Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township

Virginia Cline

Noble Township Trustee

Telephone (260)335-2233

Date this report was to be published: 2-18-2022

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmned) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Noble

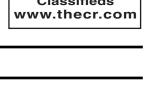
Township at its annual meeting, this 22th day of January, 2022. Eldon Campbell, Township Board Chairman

Option 1

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 22h day of January, 2022 Noble Township Board:

Emily Daugherty

- Eldon Campbell
- Jeffery Oveholser
- $\mathrm{CR}\ 2\text{-}19\text{-}2022\text{-}\mathrm{HSPAXLP}$



Pick up Saturday's paper for coverage of tonight's **IHSAA** wrestling state finals Friday, Feburary 18, 2022

Sports

Diving sectional is 9 a.m. Saturday with swimming finals set for 1 p.m. Saturday

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Schwieterman is HBM all-state A Jay County standout Most Valuable Player for

Roush back in

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. were in good shape that

lane for the first time 60th and final lap of the

whole race."

leader

rate.

"We have good hot rods tore up our car and kind

here," Buescher said. of puts us in a spot as a

"They are fast and they race team. It's just a dumb

victory lane

her cap.

Jay County High School 30 became just the third was recently junior, named first team all-state by Hoosier Basketball Magazine.

39 players statewide. her first three seasons and Schwieterman, a 6-foot guard, was one of 12 juniors to be named first team all-state.

The Purdue Fort Wayne commit led the Patriots to a 20-4 record, including a perfect 6-0 mark in Allen County Athletic Conference play and the league tournament title. She averaged 18.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per game, was named Hilliard Gates

(AP) — Brad Keselowski

took Jack Roush to victory

since 2017 as their

rebranded team showed

its ready for the Daytona

Buescher won the 150-mile

qualifying races at Day-

tona International Speed-

way on Thursday night to

put them side-by-side

starting from the second

row in NASCAR's sold-

out, season-opening spec-

handle good. I knew we mistake.'

Keselowski and Chris

500.

tacular.

keeps adding feathers in the ACAC tournament in January — her second Renna Schwieterman, a such honor — and on Dec. player in program history to score 1,000 points for her career.

Schwieterman has The honor was given to scored 1,222 points over is on pace to pass Shannon Freeman as the school's all-time leading scorer (1.458).

Hoosier Basketball Magazine is an annual digest comprised of comprehensive information about the state's boys and girls basketball programs. It has been in publication for 52 years, and the organization also sponsors player showcases.

He won the race on the

second qualifying race for

the Daytona 500 when

Joey

wrecked trying to block

Buescher's run. Logano,

who was visibly angry

after wrecking his Team

Penske Ford, said he mis-

judged Buescher's closing

That's really all there is to

it," Logano said. "It's my

fault. It stinks because it

"Driver screwed up.

Logano

Tribe trounces Tigers

Indians to meet Minster in sectional final on Saturday

SPENCERVILLE, Ohio — The Indians didn't even need to play the final three quarters.

Next they'll get a matchup with a familiar rival.

Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team opened the Division IV Wapakoneta District tournament play by trouncing the Waynesfield-Goshen Tigers on Thursday in the sectional semifinal.

The Tribe advances to the sectional final at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against Midwest Athletic Conference rival Minster.

Fort Recovery (7-16), which is the district's No. 6 seed, broke the game open from the get-go by outscoring the Tigers 25-8 in the first quarter. The Tribe backed off a bit before halftime, scoring just 11 points while going into the break ahead 36-15.

Waynesfield-Goshen, which was seeded eighth, had a 12-5 margin in the third quarter but the deficit was too much to overcome.

Whitley Rammel, who earlier in the day was named second team All-MAC, led the Indians with her 14-point effort. Karlie Niekamp was second with 13 points, and Cali Wendel joined them in double figures with 10 points.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp followed with seven points, and first team All-MAC player Mara Pearson ended with six points.



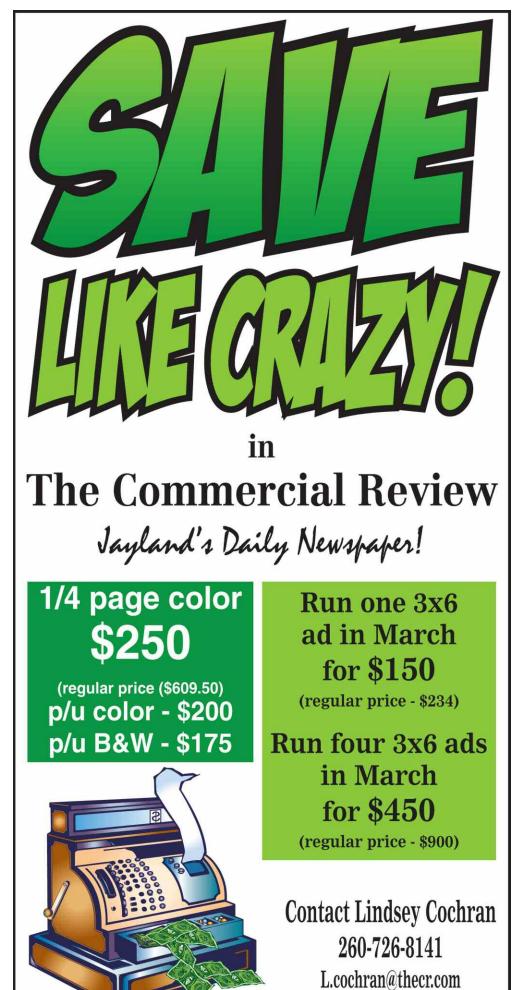
The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Fort Recovery High School senior Whitley Rammel tries to shoot through a Celina defender during their game Feb. 8 at Fort Site Fieldhouse. Rammel and the Indians opened the Division IV district tournament with a 60-21 victory on Thursday against Waynesfield-Goshen.

Grace tion, finished with four points.

Feb. 7 at Fort Site Fieldhouse, seed Hardin Northern at 5:30 p.m. with Minster emerging victori- Thursday at Wapakoneta.

Guggenbiller, who ous 42-38. The winner of Saturearned All-MAC honorable men- day's contest advances to the district semifinal against either No. Fort Recovery and Minster met 1 seed New Knoxville or No. 12



Purdue knocks off NW **By JAY COHEN** After watching his team get its eighth AP Sports Writer

EVANSTON, Ill. — Purdue looked a little tired. Jaden Ivey struggled. Same for Trevion Williams.

win in nine games, coach Matt Painter acknowledged the toll the stretch had on his Boilermakers.

"It catches up to you. You just don't talk about it as a coach," he said. "You try to do

Fortunately, the Boilermakers have one of college basketball's deepest rosters.

Zach Edey had 14 points and eight rebounds, and Purdue moved into first place in the Big Ten with a 70-64 victory over Northwestern on Wednesday night.

Capping a stretch of eight games in 21 days, the Boilermakers (23-4, 12-4) shot 45% from the field and committed 14 turnovers in a rugged performance by one of the country's most efficient teams. But they held the Wildcats to 35% shooting and controlled the glass with a 39-34 rebounding advantage.

Mason Gillis and Eric Hunter Jr. each scored 11 points as Purdue moved a halfgame ahead of No. 12 Illinois for the top spot in the conference. The Boilermakers swept their season series against the Illini.

'We got 10 guys that can go on a minute's notice, so it's always the next man up mentality," Gillis said.

things to help them. You know, have shorter practices, challenge them, try to keep them on edge. ... It's not all physical. The mental piece is so important.'

Robbie Beran had 13 points for Northwestern (12-12, 5-10), and Pete Nance finished with 12. The Wildcats have dropped their last 11 games against the Boilermakers, also losing 80-60 in their first meeting of the season on Jan. 23.

"I think they're a really good team," Beran said. "They've got obviously two really good guys down low. It kind of sets the tone. They have some good guard play, kind of push it in transition. Ivey is a oneman fast break."

Northwestern held Ivey to eight points on 2-for-12 shooting, and the 6-foot-10 Williams finished with just four points. Ivey was averaging a team-high 17.4 points coming into the game.

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