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## Potter gets two years

*Former Minneapolis police officer sentenced for fatal shooting*

By AMY FORLITI, STEVE KARNOWSKI and TAMMY WEBBER

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kim Potter, the former suburban Minneapolis police officer who said she confused her handgun for her Taser when she fatally shot Daunte Wright, was sentenced Friday to two years in prison. Wright's family denounced the sentence as too lenient and accused the judge of giving more consideration to the white officer than the Black victim.

Potter was convicted in December of first- and second-degree manslaughter in the April 11 killing of Wright, a 20-year-old Black motorist. She was sentenced only on the more serious charge in accordance with state law.

Wright's mother, Katie Wright, said after the sentencing that Potter "murdered my son," adding: "Today the justice system murdered him all over again." She also accused the judge of being taken in by "white woman tears" after Potter cried during her pre-sentencing statement.

Speaking before the sentence was imposed, a tearful Wright said she could never forgive Potter and that she would refer to her only as "the defendant" because Potter only referred to her son as "the driver" at trial.

"She never once said his name. And for that I'll never be able to forgive you. And I'll never be able to forgive you for what you've stolen from us," said Wright, who also sometimes uses the last name Bryant.

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## Agriculture outlook



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Michael Langemeir, an associate director for Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture and professor within the Purdue Department of Agricultural Economics, speaks to farmers in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibit Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds on Friday. Langemeir shared information on prospective crop prices and rising costs. Factors such as supply issues and the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, he noted, also make for an uncertain future.

## Input costs, crop prices expected to rise; labor, supply shortages create uncertainty

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Farming input costs are expected to increase, but so are crop prices.

With supply chain issues, there's also some uncertainty looking forward.

Local farmers gathered in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibit Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds on Friday for an agricultural outlook on 2022.

Michael Langemeir, an associate director for Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture and professor within the Purdue Department

of Agricultural Economics, shared statistics and an overall outlook on the agricultural prospects the next year.

"There's always uncertainty in agriculture, but it's really high this year," said Langemeir in an interview after the meeting. "That's because of the world production questions."

He referenced the coronavirus pandemic, as well as labor and chip shortages, which have contributed toward even greater uncertainty.

The average market price for the current crop year of corn

is estimated around \$5.45 per bushel, or a roughly 92-cent increase from crop year 2020-21. Soybeans' average market price for crop year 2021-22 is forecast near \$13, which is a \$2.20 increase from the previous crop year.

Langemeir attributed part of the soybean jump in pricing to shortages in other countries. One example is Brazil, a leading exporter of soybeans. The country initially forecast a record-high crop yield in 2022. Weather conditions have weakened or delayed harvests in the country, causing buyers to look

elsewhere. That has caused a surge in soybean prices in the United States, Langemeir noted.

"The same thing could happen to corn," he said.

Demand for corn for feed and ethanol — as of February, roughly 38% of corn products will be used for feed and about 36% will be used for ethanol — is strong.

"Demand for corn is going to stay relatively strong, perhaps not as strong as soybeans, but it's going to stay relatively strong," he said.

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## Retrospect

### Family marched for Carrie

Twenty-five years ago this week, family and friends gathered to honor the memory of a lost loved one.

The Feb. 21, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of a march in remembrance of Carrie S. Patch, a 17-year-old who had died in an arson house fire in Portland a year earlier.

Family and friends marched in the early evening, both to remember Carrie and in hopes of helping to bring forward whoever was responsible for her death.

A grand jury had investigated the case during summer 1996 but did not return any indictments.

"We feel like it may bring

some justice for Carrie, maybe somebody will see us and come forward," said Carrie's mother, Wanda Langston. "Maybe some other families in Jay County who had murders ... it will help them too."

Carrie was killed when smoke and fire trapped her in the upstairs bedroom of her Massachusetts Avenue home on Feb. 20, 1996.

The marchers held a hand-written sign that read "In Loving Memory of Carrie Patch." A sister-in-law held a picture of Carrie. Others carried lanterns.

A group of about 25 participated in the march, during which silence was occasionally broken as they softly sang the

country song "Love Will Build a Bridge."

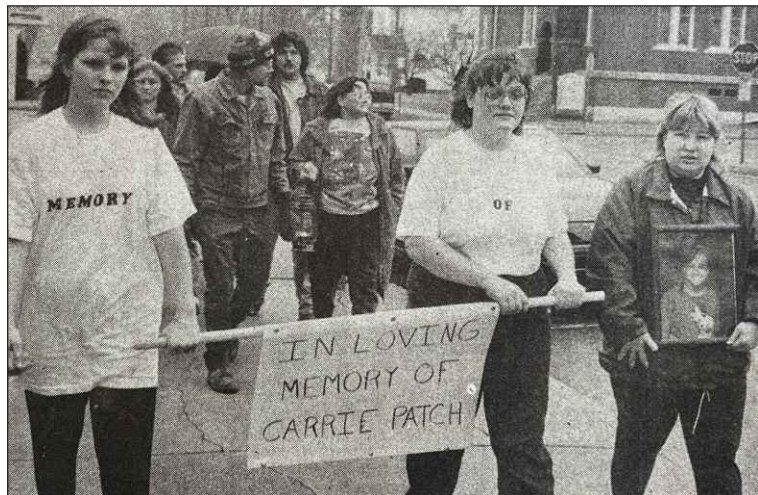
"I just wanted Carrie to know we were at least thinking of her," said her sister, Sarah Patch.

"I think we all kind of feel like Carrie's watching us, too," added Langston. "For the last year, none of us have wanted anybody to forget because she's surely missed ver much."

Carrie's boyfriend, Nathan Billman, said he'd cherish memories of a girlfriend who loved to dance.

He added that he'd be waiting for the person responsible to be tried in court.

"I imagine until the day I'll want something to happen," he said.



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Family and friends marched in downtown Portland on Feb. 20, 1997, in memory of Carrie S. Patch, who had died in an arson house fire a year earlier. Pictured in front are her sister's Danelle and Sarah Patch, and sister-in-law Cicily Patch.

### Deaths

Westley Turner, 69, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's low temperature Friday morning reached 21 degrees.

Wind gusts up to 30 mph are expected today under mostly sunny skies. Windy conditions will continue through Sunday with a high temperature of 45.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Portland Board of Works has scheduled a meeting for 4 p.m. Friday in the mayor's office at city hall. The agenda includes a recommendation to hire a new part-time firefighter.






### Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's IHSAA Wrestling State Finals.

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



# CR almanac

Sunday 2/20	Monday 2/21	Tuesday 2/22	Wednesday 2/23	Thursday 2/24
				
<b>45/34</b>	<b>54/45</b>	<b>57/29</b>	<b>35/23</b>	<b>32/30</b>
Sunny skies are expected Sunday with wind gusts reaching up to 30 mph.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday, with a high near 54.	Rain is likely with a 90% chance of precipitation throughout the day.	Wednesday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies, with a low around 23.	There's a 60% chance of snow Thursday under mostly cloudy skies.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-2-9 Daily Four: 4-1-2-3 Quick Draw: 2-5-6-8-9-10-22-29-37-43-46-49-57-62-63-64-67-72-75-80	Pick 4: 3-0-2-9 Pick 5: 1-3-7-8-1 Rolling Cash 5: 1-14-21-28-33 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 3-8-1 Pick 4: 4-2-8-4 Pick 5: 4-3-5-0-6 Evening Pick 3: 0-4-5	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$31 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$64 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.62 March corn .....6.63 Wheat .....7.76	Wheat ..... 7.87 March wheat ..... 7.87
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.66 March corn .....6.67 April corn .....6.63	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.51 March corn .....6.51 Beans .....15.92 March beans .....15.95 Feb. wheat ..... 7.97
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.56 March corn .....6.56 Beans .....15.90 March beans .....15.90	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.62 March corn .....6.54 Beans .....15.81 March beans .....15.84 Wheat .....7.62

## Today in history

**On Feb. 19, 2008**, an ailing Fidel Castro resigned the Cuban presidency after nearly a half-century in power; his brother Raul was later named to succeed him.

**In 1473**, astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland.

**In 1807**, former Vice President Aaron Burr, accused of treason, was arrested in the Mississippi Territory, in present-day Alabama. (Burr was acquitted at trial.)

**In 1878**, Thomas Edison received a U.S. patent for "an improvement in phonograph or speaking machines."

**In 1942**, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which paved the way for the relocation and internment of people of Japanese ancestry, including U.S.-born citizens.

**In 1945**, Operation Detachment began during World War II as some 30,000 U.S. Marines began landing on Iwo Jima, where they commenced a successful month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

**In 1959**, an agreement was signed by Britain, Turkey and Greece granting Cyprus its independence.

**In 1976**, President

Gerald R. Ford, calling the issuing of the internment order for people of Japanese ancestry in 1942 "a sad day in American history," signed a proclamation formally confirming its termination.

**In 1985**, the British soap opera "EastEnders" debuted on BBC Television.

**In 1986**, the U.S. Senate approved, 83-11, the Genocide Convention, an international treaty outlawing "acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group," nearly 37 years after the pact was first submitted for ratification.

**In 1997**, there was a report of vandalism at First National Bank in Portland. The bank's door was broken, with police reporting it was likely damaged with a sharp object or a pellet gun.

**In 2003**, an Iranian military plane carrying 275 members of the elite Revolutionary Guards crashed in southeastern Iran, killing all on board.

**In 2019**, President Donald Trump directed the Pentagon to develop plans for a new Space Force within the Air Force, accepting less than the full-fledged department he had wanted.

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## Citizen's calendar

**Monday**  
6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.  
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

**Tuesday**  
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

**Wednesday**  
5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

**Monday, Feb. 28**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.

# Obituaries

## Westley Turner

Westley A. "Wes" Turner, age 69, of Portland, passed away Jan. 26 in Fort Wayne at the Visiting Nurse Hospice Home after a long illness.

Wes was an avid fisherman. He loved NASCAR and the Indiana Pacers. He also enjoyed spending time with friends and family. He worked as a steeplejack for many years and for the auction department for Tarter Realty Auction and Appraisal Company.

Wes was preceded in death by his wife, Lesta; parents Russell and Violet Turner; siblings Theo Turner, Rosalee Morris, Mary Clark, Hazel Davis, Lawrence Turner, Paul Turner, Larry Turner, and Marcia Turner; stepson Lester Ball; and stepdaughter Betty Bisel.

Survivors include his daughter, Michelle (Mike) Storie of Portland; three sisters, Fairy Graham of Pensacola, Florida, Betty Wagner of Kokomo, and Teresa Freeman of Madison; and one brother,

Danny Turner of Hanover. Wes is also survived by many grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews.

Wes requested to be laid to rest alongside his loving wife, Lesta, in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery where there will be a celebration of life ceremony at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to be made to the Visiting Nurses Hospice Home of Fort Wayne in Wes's honor.

Cremation arrange-

ments have been entrusted to Liechty Funeral Home.

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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.*  
*They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.*  
*There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

# Two ...

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"Daunte Demetrius Wright, I will continue to fight in your name until driving while Black is no longer a death sentence," she said.

Potter offered an apology to Wright's family, then spoke directly to his mother: "Katie, I understand a mother's love. I'm sorry I broke your heart ... my heart is broken and devastated for all of you."

The judge, who imposed a sentence below state guidelines, called it "one of the saddest cases I've had on my 20 years on the bench." Judge Regina Chu said she received "hundreds and hundreds" of letters in support of Potter. "On the one hand, a young man was killed and on the other, a respected 26-year veteran police officer made a tragic error by pulling her handgun instead of her Taser."

Chu said the lesser sentence was warranted because Potter was "in the line of duty and doing her job in attempting to lawfully arrest Daunte Wright," and Potter was trying to protect another officer who could have been dragged and seriously injured if Wright drove away.

The judge said Potter will serve the standard two-thirds of her sentence, or 16 months in prison, with the rest on parole. She has earned credit for 58 days that she has been in the state's women's prison in Shakopee since the guilty verdict.

Wright's mother later joined a small group of protesters chanting and shouting outside a downtown

building where they believed the judge lived.

Wright was killed after Brooklyn Center officers pulled him over for having expired license tags and an air freshener hanging from his rearview mirror. Civil rights advocates complain that laws against hanging objects from rearview mirrors have been used as a pretext for stopping Black motorists.

The shooting, which happened as Derek Chauvin was on trial in Minneapolis on murder charges in George Floyd's killing, sparked several days of demonstrations outside the Brooklyn Center police station marked by tear gas and clashes between protesters and police.

Potter and Chauvin were convicted in the same courtroom.

Wright family attorney Ben Crump said the family was stunned by the sentence, saying they didn't understand why such consideration was given to a white officer in the killing of a young Black man when a Black officer, Mohamed Noor, got a longer sentence for the 2017 killing of a white woman, Justine Ruszczyk Damond.

"What we see today is the legal system in Black and white."

But the judge said the case was not the same as other high-profile killings by police.

"This is not a cop found guilty of murder for using his knee to pin down a person for 9 1/2 minutes as he gasped for air. This is not a cop found guilty of manslaughter for intention-

ally drawing his firearm and shooting across his partner and killing an unarmed woman who approached his squad," said Chu, referring to Chauvin and Noor. "This is a cop who made a tragic mistake."

For someone with no criminal history, such as Potter, the state guidelines on first-degree manslaughter range from slightly more than six years to about 8 1/2 years in prison, with the presumptive sentence being just over seven years.

Prosecutors initially argued that aggravating factors warranted a sentence above the guideline range, saying Potter abused her authority as an officer and that her actions caused a greater-than-normal danger to others. But on Friday, Prosecutor Matt Frank said the presumptive sentence was proper.

"His life mattered, and that life was taken," Frank said before sentencing. "His name is Daunte Wright. We have to say his name. He was not just a driver. He was a living human being. A life."

Defense attorney Paul Engh asked for a sentence below the guidelines, including probation only, arguing that Wright was the aggressor. He said the testimony of other officers on the scene showed it was a dangerous situation because Wright was attempting to drive away and Potter had the right to defend other officers.

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose office prosecuted the case, said he accepts the sentence and urged others to do the same.

# Outlook ...

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This fall, Langemeir estimated, prices per bushel of corn at expiration in December could average between \$4.86 and \$6.74, and prices per bushel of soybeans at expiration in November could vary between \$12.30 and \$16.19.

"So 2022 looks like it's going to be a fairly good year for crop farmers. That could change, but that's the way it looks right now," he said.

For rotation corn, fertilizer costs may jump to as

high as roughly \$280 per acre in 2022, or about an 86% increase from 2021.

Inflation is another issue. During a discussion with the group, Langemeir referenced the price increases in consumer items.

"You have all money chasing the same amount of goods, what do you expect? You can't turn back economics on its head," he noted.

Higher input costs — labor, fertilizer, cash rent for land and other added costs — are also expected.

# Capsule Reports

The Jay County High School academic team took first place in one discipline Tuesday as it competed in a four-team Eastern Indiana Academic League meet virtually hosted by Monroe Central.

Jay County's fine arts team of Hannah Boggs, Mackenzie Brown and

Emma LeMaster finished in first place. Second-place finishes went to the social studies team of Alex Ardizzone, Tessa Miller and Aaron Witwer, and the interdisciplinary team of Isaac Braun, James Larowe, Emma LeMaster, Lucas Lyons, Brooke Stauffer, Ardizzone and Boggs.

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Today  
**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: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.  
**Pyle**, David: 1 p.m., Green Hills Memory Gardens, 3578 Indiana 38, New Castle.

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

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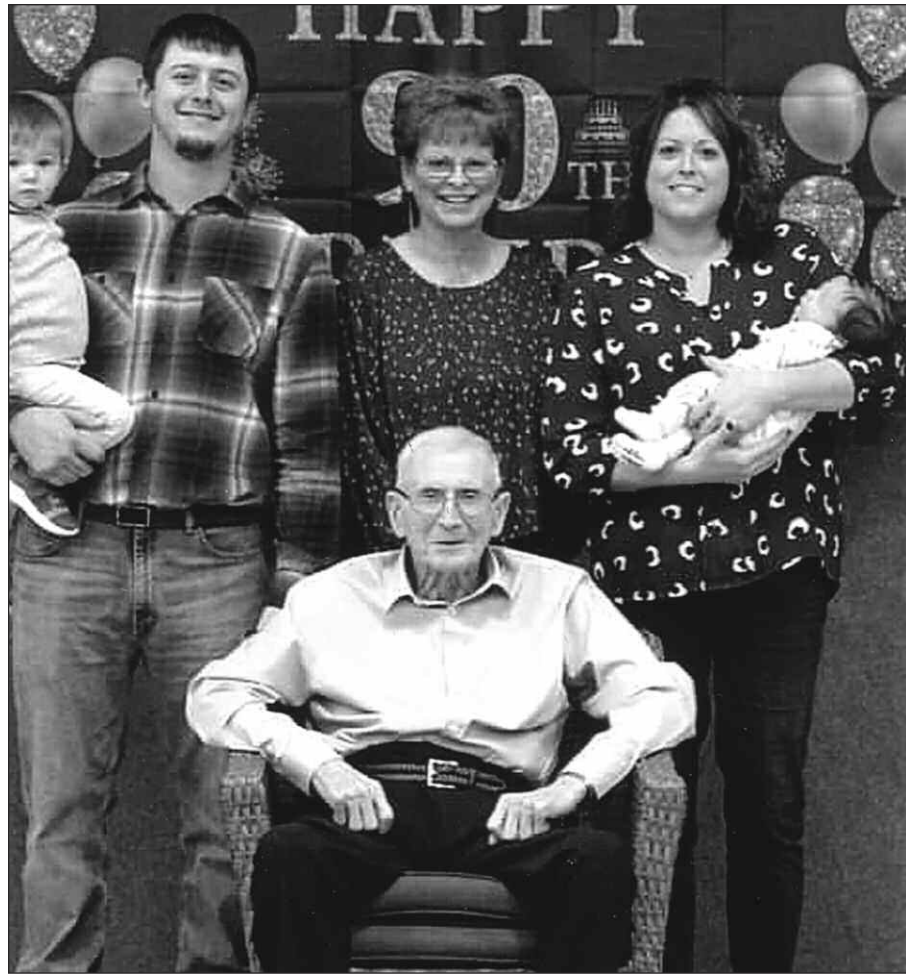


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## Five generations

Pictured are five generations of the Hamilton and Horn families. In the front row is great great grandfather George Horn of Dunkirk. In the back row, from left to right, are Wayland Hamilton with father Nathan Hamilton of Coldwater, great grandmother Linda Lowe of Dunkirk and mother Erin Bailey of Portland with Adeline Rose.

## Success comes from work

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have had some crazy life swings since the beginning of the pandemic, mostly positive. I found a wonderful, well-paying job that I enjoy. In our 16th year of marriage, we have also brought a healthy, happy daughter into our lives. We recently bought a lovely home, and have added another, nicer, used car to our assets. In addition, my job allows my husband to live his dream of being a stay-at-home dad with our daughter.

I come from a very religious family, although I am no longer religious. We don't attend church services with the family, and it seems they have adopted the philosophy of mostly "don't ask and we won't tell." My dilemma is: How should I respond to their constant comments that we are "so blessed" to be where we are?

I have worked extremely long, hard hours to get to this point in my career. I put myself through school with no support from my family and worked my butt off to get us to where we are. Yes, I'm thankful for the people I've worked with who have helped me to grow and reach this point. However, it feels wrong for me to equate my success to being blessed from God.

That statement comes up

Dear Abby



friend, just friends.) My wife asked me how I heard about it, and I shared that one of my friends mentioned it during our Monday night football chat. She said, "You haven't talked to her in more than 40 years. You really didn't know her anymore, but you're going to her funeral?" I said yes. Then she said it is "eerie, strange and weird" and it seems inappropriate. I reminded her that people print obituaries to let people know. I asked the guy who told me what he thought about me going. He said it sounded fine to him, but I shouldn't go stag. I said, "Doesn't 'stag' mean single and looking? I'm an old married man." I'm perplexed about both of these conversations. Am I missing something? AM I a weirdo if I go? Can I go alone? — PAYING RESPECTS IN CALIFORNIA

numerous times during family get-togethers. Normally, I ignore it or say we feel very lucky to have what we do. Should I continue saying that or ignore them altogether? Is there a tactful response I'm not seeing in this kind of awkward situation? — DESERVING IN MICHIGAN

DEAR DESERVING: In the interest of family harmony, smile, nod and agree with the person making the comment. Of course you have worked hard and are deserving of your success. But to announce it in this instance and with those deeply religious people would be braggadocious. This is not a personal putdown, so continue to resist the urge.

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for 32 years. My wife is going to a girls' thing this coming Saturday and asked me what I will be doing. I said I'm going to a funeral for a girl I knew in high school. (We were never boyfriend/girl-

DEAR PAYING RESPECTS: The answers to your questions are no and yes. If you feel the need to pay last respects to a friend from high school, there's nothing "weird" about doing so. Your football friend may have substituted the word "stag" for the word "solo," which means "alone." (I see no reason why you shouldn't attend the funeral alone.)

## ArtSpace/Lima looking for art work

ArtSpace/Lima is looking for art to display in its upcoming spring show.

The facility is calling for submissions to its 70th Annual Juried Spring Show set for March 20 through April 23. The exhibit is open to artists 18 years and older living in Ohio.

Intake dates are from March 10 to March 12 during regular business hours. Those interested can visit [artspacelima.com](http://artspacelima.com), email Sally Windle at [sally.artspace@gmail.com](mailto:sally.artspace@gmail.com) or visit ArtSpace/Lima.

All exhibits are free to the public. The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

## Taking Note

### Library activities

Jay County Public Library is offering various activities throughout February.

The library is hosting two workshops offered by Purdue Extension Office. Heather Caldwell of Fayette County will share information at 6

p.m. Feb. 24 about the benefit of starting flower and vegetable seeds indoors before the gardening season. Amanda Bullion of Jay County Purdue Extension will teach about heart health, such as heart care and food alternatives as well as offer a taste of heart-healthy foods, at 6 p.m. Feb. 28.

A winter reading challenge for all ages is also ongoing through Feb. 26. For each book read, adults and teens will receive one entry into a drawing for prizes.

For each five hours of reading done by a child, they will receive a prize and be entered into a drawing.

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Saturday

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

### Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m.

every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

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

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

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 welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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# House Bill 1116 should be nixed

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

The Indiana Senate has amended House Bill 1116, eliminating some of the more egregious problems with a bill meant to increase restrictions on absentee voting.

To make absentee voting more difficult is all but guaranteeing our voter participation drops even more, which is bad news for a state that ranks 46th in the nation for voter participation.

Instead, we should do everything we can to increase voter participation so that our elec-

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tions most accurately reflect the will of the people.

The Republican focus on election integrity is fueled by former President Trump's insistence that the 2020 election was rigged in favor of now-President Biden.

Despite Trump's best efforts, scant evidence has turned up of significant voter fraud or any major problems in election security.

It is unwise to place additional obstacles in the paths of voters when the claim of election security problems are dubious at best.

The Senate Election Committee has removed the clause that Hoosiers requesting an absentee ballot attest, under penalty of perjury, that they cannot show up to a polling place for the four

weeks of early voting offered in their county.

Not only does this clause needlessly threaten people who are trying to vote, it would be a logistical nightmare to enforce.

The amended bill still would require Hoosiers to provide a driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number when requesting an absentee ballot. This may be a reasonable requirement if there were credible evidence that our system is rife with fraud, which there is not.

The bill also places a burden on county clerks, who would be required to institute a voter verifiable paper audit trail by the 2024 election.

We applaud the state Senate for striking down some of the stronger requirements in the bill, but House Bill 1116 needs to die.

Given where we stand in voter participation numbers, we expect our leaders to focus on increasing voter turnout rather than placing more obstacles in voters' paths.

## Deal must go beyond nuclear

By JASON REZAIAN

The Washington Post

Negotiations between Iran and world powers to get back into compliance with the 2015 nuclear deal are moving very slowly, but a new agreement appears likely. With each passing day, though, the Biden administration's options for dealing with other challenges posed by Iran are narrowing.

Dealing with Iranian threats has always been presented as a binary decision. Acting one way will ensure peace and acting another could inevitably lead to war. That's why President Joe Biden's team is only focusing on Iran's nuclear program right now, ignoring all of Iran's destructive actions directed at the Iranian people and throughout the region. A new deal is likely to ignore shifting realities within Iranian society that should be taken into account. As it takes shape, it's possible it will be less popular with ordinary Iranians — not to mention Republicans, who are already threatening to tank it, and Middle East allies — than the original deal was.

To sell it, Biden will be compelled to provide concessions to placate our allies in Iran's neighborhood, probably in the form of advanced weaponry sales, that will only exacerbate the current regional instability. But none of this appears to register when longtime U.S. officials talk about Iran.

"Russia and China are rational actors, even though their behavior is thuggish," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said this week. "Iran is a theocracy motivated by religion that compels them to purify their faith and have the world submit. The Nazis wanted a master race, and the Iranians want a master religion. People like that cannot be ignored."

Graham made these comments, it must be noted, as the Chinese government is actively engaged in genocide against the Uyghurs and Russia is on the verge of an imperial expansion into Ukraine.

Perhaps sensing push-back, Graham added: "All you need to do is ask the Sunni Arabs, and they'll tell you."

Yes, it's true that Sunni leaders of Gulf kingdoms consider Iran the root of all their problems. If Iran were to get a bomb, it would set off an arms race. Ultimately, the United States would acquiesce to Saudi Arabia having a nuclear arsenal. We would probably even provide them with the technology to develop it. Actually, it looks like we already are.

Jason Rezaian



But if Iran were close to developing a nuclear weapon, Israel would likely jump into action to try to obliterate its capabilities.

Of course we wouldn't be considering these dangerous scenarios if then-President Donald Trump had not pulled the United States out of a deal that, by all official accounts, was working exactly as it was supposed to, limiting Iran's nuclear capabilities and ensuring inspectors access to uranium enrichment facilities, making it impossible to develop nuclear weapons. But that's irrelevant now.

The binary and bellicose discourse on Iran and our hypocritical stance on the Middle East is leading us to a much more dangerous moment. Perhaps unintentionally, Graham's comments made that clear.

Iran's nuclear ambitions are dangerous, but not in the way they're advertised. By overemphasizing that single issue, the U.S. government has boxed itself in.

We will continue to pay a strategic price for that, but the United States should resist the temptation to further embolden other belligerent regional powers.

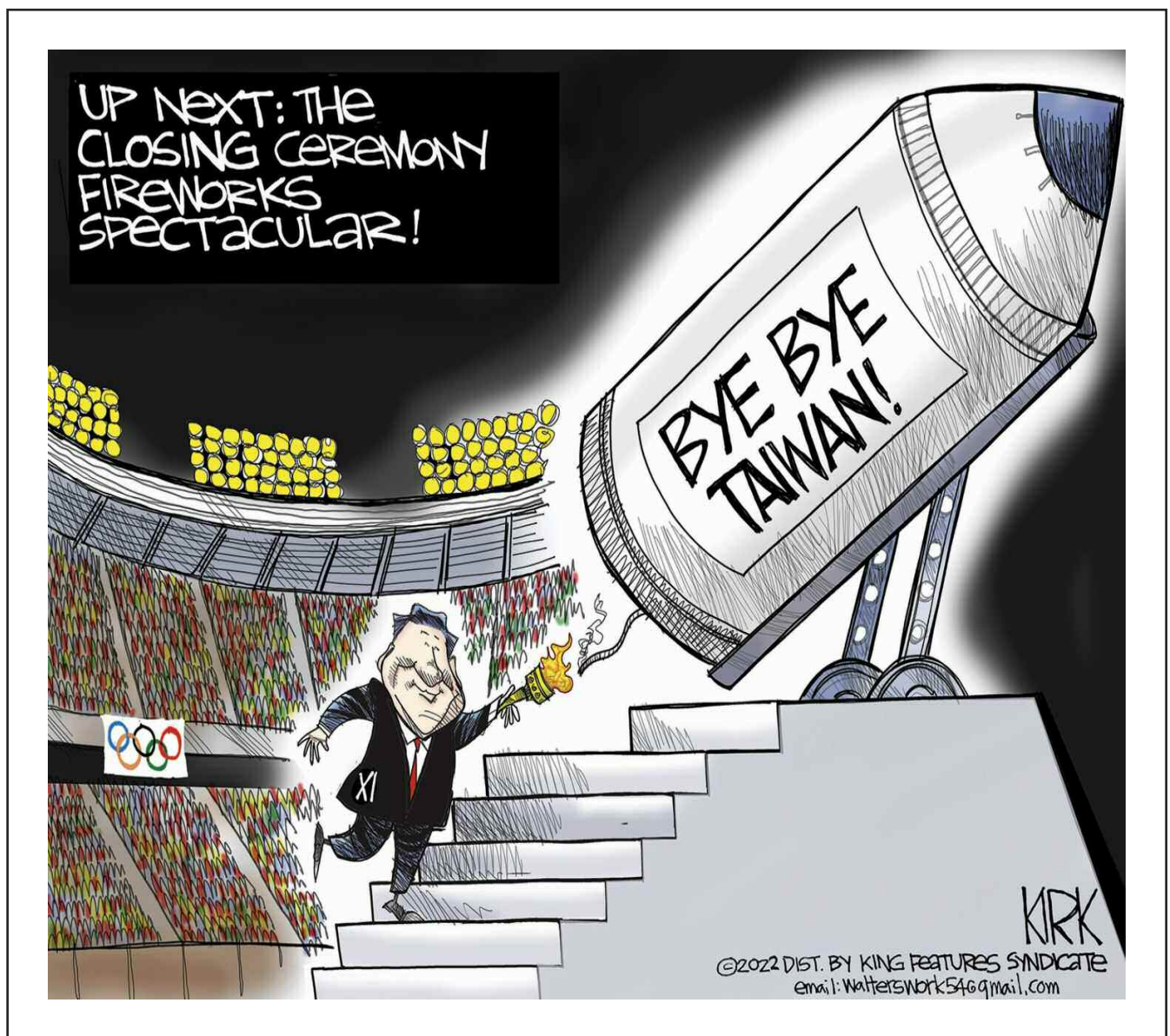
Iran, meanwhile, is floundering under the weight of U.S. sanctions and its own government's inability to manage the country's internal affairs. The regime is facing more internal opposition than at any point since the 1979 revolution.

It's hard to see a way forward with Iran's current leadership, which is precisely why we should have been investing in bolstering Iranian civil society. Trump also set back the possibility of doing that through blanket sanctions and travel bans.

The U.S. approach to Iran should seek to empower ordinary Iranians. But to do that the Biden administration must think beyond tired tropes.

A return to compliance on the nuclear deal is important. But that should be just the start of a broad strategy of engaging with Iranians, and not just the ones currently in power.

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## Volatility presents a problem

By LIAM DENNING

Bloomberg Opinion

For beaten-down energy bulls, the recent surge in oil and gas stocks — just as the technology darlings sell off — can feel like an overdue reversion toward not merely the mean but cosmic justice. Or maybe it's just that oil is back above \$90 a barrel. Helpful as that is, however, it also presents a problem.

Some history: Thirty-odd years ago, the S&P 500 was an oilier pool than it is today.

The technology sector surged past energy in 1995 and eventually comprised more than one-third of the entire index. Years after that particular bubble burst, in July 2008, oil hit its all-time peak and the energy sector came within a whisker of catching up. But that moment passed quickly. Whereas Exxon Mobil used to regularly lead the rankings of the world's market caps, the biggest Western oil major now doesn't even make the top 20.

To a degree, these shifts merely reflect a changed reality across much of the world: Our lives have become relatively more chip-intensive and less oil-intensive. Vehicles aren't merely less thirsty (or outright electric), they are also way smarter than their 1990 ancestors. Nevertheless, global oil and gas consumption has risen by two-thirds, and thus the energy sector might feel it's been judged too harshly.

Two things count against that feeling. First, the industry lacks a sustainable growth story. There's a post-pandemic bounce in oil demand. But normally it grows at sub-GDP levels and now also faces headwinds from decarbonization. There's not much the sector can do about this.

It can do something about the second problem, which is reliability — or, put another way, volatility. Looking back over the past 30 years, it's striking how energy swapped places

with the technology sector in this regard (well before Covid-19 showed up).

As you might expect, this reflects what's happened with earnings. The wild ride of the tech bubble was more than 20 years ago. We now live in a time when Apple Inc., despite being a middle-aged, multi-trillion-dollar behemoth, has grown its earnings more than 2.5 times over the past five years and does bigger share buybacks than Exxon.

Silicon Valley, of course, doesn't have to deal with the mercurial oil market. About 65% of Exxon's well-received jump in annual earnings last year reflected nothing more than a commodities rally. Such (leveraged) exposure is why some investors own energy stocks but also, I would venture, why more gave up on them. That's not to say it's necessarily wrong to bet on a return to triple-digit oil in the near term, especially given the tense situation in Ukraine. But the list of potential scenarios around that is longer than President Vladimir Putin's maxitable.

Moreover, it's debatable how far even higher oil prices would benefit energy stocks. A war-inspired oil spike is apt to be like that last shot before the bar closes; momentarily thrilling but followed by a hangover of economic upheaval and central bank hawkishness. At just over 12 times earnings, energy stocks are in the middle of the 10-15 range that held for much of the decade leading up to the 2014 crash (after which mul-

tiples went haywire). Yet, at about 40%, they trade at close to their deepest discount to the S&P 500 in the past three decades.

Energy stocks could use more insurance against their own product. One way to provide that is to hedge price exposure in the futures market, although investors display a certain ambivalence to this. When oil rallies, aggressively hedged companies get dinged for missing out on the gains. And when oil crashes? "On the downside, I've never seen hedges protect a stock," says Dan Pickering, founder of Pickering Energy Partners, an advisory and investment firm based in Houston.

Ideally, hedging is part of a broader effort at de-risking. At the heart of this is a mantra of discipline on spending, which Pickering, among others, has long called for. It should be embedded in executive compensation plans and enforced by cash payouts to shareholders. Stronger balance sheets are another cushion against volatility. Any oil and gas producer that prioritizes returns to shareholders over playing the commodity cycle may also score (relatively) better on environmental, social and governance grounds, addressing another growing risk.

The objective isn't to do away with oil price swings or the need to decarbonize energy systems — those are facts of life. Rather, it is to recognize that, absent a compelling growth story, the sector's best pitch revolves around offering a smoother ride rather than a fast one. In other words, seizing the gains of periodic oil rallies rather than chasing them. If doing so would close that valuation gap with the market by just half, it may not feel like vindication for the die-hard bulls, but it sure would pay.

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## Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$2,500 to Jay County Humane Society for its capital campaign toward construction of a new animal shelter. Pictured, Dawn Keller of the humane society accepts a check from Michelle Dahlinghaus of First Bank of Berne.



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## Bird flu found at a third Indiana facility

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A strain of avian flu has been found at a third commercial turkey farm in southern Indiana, state officials said Thursday.

Laboratory testing of a commercial flock of turkeys in Greene County has come back as presumptively positive for the virus, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health said. The samples are being verified at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Iowa.

The previous two cases were in adjacent Dubois County.

Pending test results should indicate if the virus is the same as that in the previous cases and if the virus is highly pathogenic.

A high mortality rate led to testing at the third farm. Officials have begun euthanizing birds at the farm to prevent the spread of the disease.

A third 6.2-mile circle has been established around the farm in Greene County and northern Daviess County. Ten commercial poultry flocks within the new control area are under quarantine and will be tested regularly, the board said.

Animal Health Board staff have reached out to known hobby/backyard poultry owners in the new control area to schedule testing of birds there, it said.

The agency said avian influenza does not present an immediate public health concern and no human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the U.S.

# Hyatt moves to Riverview Health

A former hospital leader in Jay County has accepted a new position.

Dave Hyatt, who served as CEO of Jay County Hospital and then president of IU Health Jay, last month became chief operating officer of Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Hyatt was hired as Jay County Hospital's CEO in 2013 and then became president of the facility after its integration with IU Health in early 2018. He moved on to become vice president of system rural strategy for IU Health in mid-2020, while retaining his responsibilities as president of IU Health Blackford.

As COO of Riverview health, he oversees areas including environmental services, food services, facilities and security.

Hyatt, now a Yorktown resident, served as president of operations at IU Health Starke and vice president of strategy and

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ambulatory services at IU Health LaPorte before coming to Jay County.

### AEP donates

Indiana Michigan Power recently announced two grants in support of Muncie Mission.

The company, through the AEP Foundation, provided a \$20,000 grant to support the organization's role in enhancing Muncie's HUB program. An additional \$5,000 grant will go toward Muncie Mission's meals program.

"Year-round, and especially during the winter season, everyone knows how critical these services can be for those with-

out a warm place to sleep or access to a meal," said I&M external affairs manager Rob Keisling in a press release. "This grant from the AEP Foundation helps ensure this organization, which has been operating for over 90 years, continues its crucial programs for those in need in Muncie and Delaware County."

### Ardagh honored

Ardagh, which operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, has earned another honor for its efforts in sustainability.

CDP, an international not-for-profit that helps with managing environmental impacts, gave Ardagh an A rating for its supplier engagement. The award is for the company's level of detail, comprehensiveness, awareness of climate change issues and ... methods and progress towards actions taken on

climate change with suppliers."

### Invenergy names

Invenergy has named Omar Martino as its executive vice president for markets and regulatory.

Martino previously held similar positions with Lightsource BP, EDF Renewable Energy, TerraGreen Power and RES-Americas. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Colorado.

"Omar is a leader with a proven track record for understanding the intricacies of energy industry market policies and effectively delivering thoughtful and innovative solutions," said Jim Shield, Senior Executive Vice President & Development Business Leader at Invenergy. "His vast knowledge of our industry and management experience will provide an important strategic perspective to the Invenergy team and our partners."

Invenergy is working toward construction of Skycrest Solar in north-west Jay County.

### Executive retiring

Dollar Tree executive chairman Bob Sasser announced his retirement Friday.

Sasser has been with Dollar Tree since 1999, first serving as its chief operating officer. He later added the title of president, and then became CEO in 2003. He has led the company's board of directors for the last five years.

"Bob Sasser has left an indelible mark on Dollar Tree as a result of his outstanding leadership skills, business acumen and commitment to excellence," said Dollar Tree president and CEO Michael Witynski in a press release. "He has been the engineer of the company's success and growth over the last 23 years."



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Trivial Review (Answers are printed below, upside down.) About the presidents 1) Who was the first U.S. president to be born after the American Revolution? 2) Which president was the first to throw out the first pitch at an opening-day baseball game? 1) Martin Van Buren 2) William Howard Taft

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Yesterday's answer 2-19

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Swapping horses in midstream South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠A Q 8 6 3 ♥K 9 2 ♦K 8 5 ♣K 5 WEST ♠7 ♥Q J 10 8 5 3 ♦9 4 ♣A Q 10 7 EAST ♠J 10 9 4 2 ♥6 ♦6 3 ♣J 9 8 3 2 SOUTH ♠K 5 ♥A 7 4 ♦A K J 10 7 2 ♣K 5 The bidding: South West North East 1♠ 1♥ 1♠ Pass 3♦ Pass 5♦ Pass 6♦ Pass Opening lead — queen of hearts. Assume you're in six diamonds and West, who overcalled with one heart, leads the queen of that suit. Your prospects are certainly excellent, but after you win the trick with the ace, draw two rounds of trump and play the K-A of spades, West unexpectedly shows out. This is quite a blow, because had the spades been divided 3-3, you would have made all the tricks, while if the spades had divided 4-2, you could have assured 12 tricks simply by ruffing one of dummy's low spades. But there's no use crying over spilt milk, so you try to reorganize your thoughts. One thing that's clear is that if West has the ace of clubs, as he almost surely does for his bid, you can exert tremendous pressure on him by cashing all your trumps, forcing him to make a crucial discard on the last one. So you cash dummy's queen of spades, discarding a heart, and then play three more trumps, producing this position: North ♠K 9 ♥7 ♦6 4 ♣6 4 West ♠J 10 ♥J 10 ♦A Q East Immaterial South ♠7 ♥2 ♦K 5 ♣K 5 When you now play the deuce of trump, West, who cannot spare a heart, is forced to discard the queen of clubs. The nine of hearts, having served its purpose, is discarded from dummy. You then concede the five of clubs to West's ace, and the king of hearts and king of clubs take the last two tricks to make the slam.

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Famous Hand West dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠K 7 5 ♥J 9 2 ♦J 9 7 3 2 ♣Q 5 WEST ♠A J 10 6 2 ♥6 4 ♦10 ♣K 8 6 3 2 EAST ♠8 4 3 ♥8 7 3 ♦K Q 8 ♣J 10 9 4 SOUTH ♠Q 9 ♥A K Q 10 5 ♦A 6 5 4 ♣A 7 The bidding: West North East South 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass Opening lead — ten of diamonds. Bridge is really not that difficult a game — if you put your mind to it. But many players don't think things through, and all too often they discover after a hand is over that they overlooked a comparatively simple bid or play. Consider this deal from a pairs contest played many years ago. The final contract at most tables was four hearts by South, and at practically every table the outcome was down one after the ten-of-diamonds opening lead. Declarer covered the ten with the jack and took East's queen with the ace. After drawing three rounds of trump, South returned the six of diamonds. West showed out, and East, holding the Q-8 of diamonds over dummy's 9-7, won the six with the eight and shifted to a club. Declarer had no choice but to play low on the club even though West was marked with the king for his overcall. So South ended up losing a spade, two diamonds and a club for down one. At one table, however, declarer (Meyer Schleifer) made the contract. Exercising his customary wizardry, Schleifer did not cover the ten of diamonds with the jack and then allowed the ten to win! As a result of this extraordinary play, the contract could not be defeated. West could do no better than shift to a trump, and after drawing three rounds of trump, Schleifer played the ace and another diamond. East won with the king and returned a club, but school was out. Schleifer went up with the ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond, discarded his club loser on the fifth diamond and conceded a spade to the ace — making four. Ducking the ten of diamonds is clearly the right play. West's lead must be either a singleton or from the 10-8 doubleton. In either case, nothing can be lost by retaining dummy's jack and then, after East produces the eight, holding up the ace. The double-duck might be ingenious, but it is also dictated by the circumstances.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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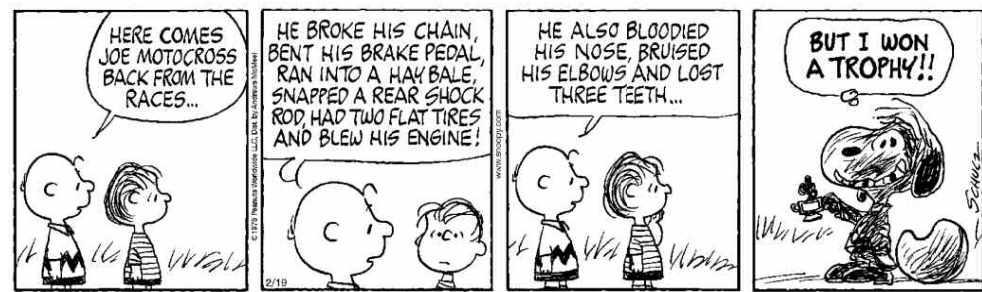
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### Peanuts



### Peanuts



### Rose is Rose



### Rose is Rose



### Agnes



### Agnes



### Hi and Lois



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# Knight threes down Jay's winning streak

OSSIAN — The Knights found a way to beat the zone defense. The Patriots were all but out of contention by halftime. A dozen 3-pointers stymied the Jay County High School boys basketball team in a 71-47 loss to the Class 3A No. 7 Norwell Knights on Friday. The defeat snapped a 10-game winning streak for the Patriots (17-3), while the Knights pushed their stretch of consecutive victories to double digits. It was the

## Seventh-ranked Norwell uses perimeter shooting to top Patriots

first loss of the 2022 portion of the schedule for JCHS. Norwell (18-3) did all of its damage in the first quarter from the 3-point line, going 6-of-8 from the perimeter. Lleyton Bai-

ley hit four of them, while Jake Parker had a pair of triples as the Knights were out front 18-11 at the end of the period. The Knights scored 19 points, including 10 from Luke

McBride, and led 37-19 at intermission. Jay County, which travels to Muncie Central tonight, went point-for-point with Norwell in the third quarter, but by the time the Patriots' offense got going it was too late. Despite being in foul trouble early, Jay County senior Ethan Dirksen led all players with 21 points. Dusty Pearson chipped in 13 points. Bailey led the Knights with 17

points, and McBride scored all 16 of his points over the final three frames. Luke Graft had 13 points while Parker ended with 12 points. Jay County's junior varsity team fell to Norwell 41-35. The Patriots were on top 9-8 at the end of the first but got outscored 23-15 in the middle quarters. Wesley Bihn led JCHS with 11 points, and Abraham Dirksen added nine points.



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Tony Wood, a Jay County High School sophomore, tries to win a scramble with Ka'Mari'Yon Nelson of Castle as the head out of bounds Friday night during their opening-round match in the 126-pound bracket at the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Wood dropped a 7-4 decision to Nelson as his season came to an end.

## Clark ...

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Two wrestlers who Clark beat en route to his semi-state title last week also earned state medals Friday night, as 10th-ranked Dillon Tuttle of Delta and 11th-ranked Julius Gerencser of Daleville won their first-round matches. Clark beat Gerencser in the semi-state semifinals and Tuttle in the championship match. The season ended a day earlier than Wood would have liked, as he had hoped to also be adding his name to the list of JCHS sophomore state medalists. During practice this week, Wood had pointed out that his first-round state opponent — sixth-ranked Nelson (41-1) — liked to attack quickly. He was right, as Nelson scored a takedown just eight seconds into their match and rode out the first

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—Tony Wood, Jay County sophomore

period. Choosing to go neutral to start the second, Nelson took longer but was able to get behind Wood for a 4-0 lead. An unsportsmanlike conduct call on Nelson and a Wood reversal with 42 seconds left in the second period closed the gap to 4-3, and it was 5-4 in the closing moments of the third. But a last-second push for a takedown by Wood instead resulted in two more points for Nelson and a 7-4 final. "Tony wrestled a really solid kid," said Myers. "We gave up an early takedown there. Tony battled all the

way back to the point where he was in a position where he hit his slide by ... but he couldn't quite get it." Wood finished the season at 37-4, including the loss to Nelson and a defeat last weekend to East Noble's unbeaten Aidan Sprague in the semi-state championship match. He repeated as sectional and regional champion and is now a two-time state qualifier. "I definitely improved a lot, especially on my feet," said Wood. "I had a good season. I had some good wins. It just didn't end how I wanted it to."

## Indians fall to Cards in OT

NEW BREMEN, Ohio — The Indians withstood a fourth-quarter flurry. They struggled after regulation. Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team allowed 21 points in the fourth quarter but the Cardinal momentum carried over into overtime in a 55-53 loss to the New Bremen Cardinals. Trailing 36-28 with one quarter to play, Division IV No. 9 New Bremen (17-4, 8-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) rallied to force overtime, and Reece Busse scored all of the Cardinals' points in the extra time to give the home team the win. Fort Recovery (14-8, 5-4

MAC) was ahead 13-7 at the end of the first quarter and went into halftime on top 21-15. New Bremen's offense started to catch stride in the third period but the Indians still had the advantage until the Cardinals caught fire over the final eight minutes. Owen Jutte of Fort Recovery led all players with 21 points, and Logan Homan chipped in a dozen points for the Tribe. Cale Rammel ended with 10 points. Fort Recovery's junior varsity team also lost, 47-41. Reece Guggenbiller and Alex Dues each had 11 points for the Tribe, which also got seven points from Riggs Tobe.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
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); Gymnastics 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.

**Wednesday**  
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball sectional opening round vs. Parkway at St. Mary's Memorial — 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling vs. Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
10:30 a.m. — NASCAR racing: Cup Series — Daytona 500 (FS1)  
Noon — Men's college basketball: TCU at Baylor (ESPN2); Xavier at UConn (FOX); Illinois at Michigan State (ESPN)  
12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Texas Tech at Texas (ABC)  
12:30 p.m. — English Premier League Soccer: Tottenham Hotspur vs. Manchester City (NBC)  
1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Alabama at Kentucky (CBS)  
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Auburn at Florida (ESPN); Illinois State at Bradley (BALLY)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: HBCU Classic (TNT)  
3 p.m. — La Liga Soccer: Deportivo Alaves vs. Real Madrid (ABC)  
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Northwestern at Minnesota (BTN)  
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Georgetown at Villanova (FOX)  
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Florida State at Duke (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas at West Virginia (ESPN); DePaul at Seton Hall (FS1)  
8 p.m. — 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics (USA)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Ohio State at Michigan (BTN)  
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Oregon at Arizona (ESPN); Washington at UCLA (FS1)

**Sunday**  
1:30 a.m. — 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics: Figure Skating (NBC)  
Noon — Women's college basketball: North Carolina at Florida State (BALLY)  
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Purdue at Rutgers (BTN); Tennessee at South Carolina (ESPN2/ABC)  
1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Houston at Wichita State (ESPN); Providence at Butler (FS1); Michigan at Wisconsin (CBS)  
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Cup Series — Daytona 500 (FOX)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: The Genesis Invitational — Final round (CBS)  
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maryland at Michigan (BTN)  
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Marquette at Creighton (FS1); Memphis at SMU (ESPN)  
4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Stanford at Oregon (ESPN2)

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## Comeback Clark

*Patriot comes back from 2021 first-round defeat, ankle injury to become third sophomore in school history to earn a state medal*

By RAY COONEY

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INDIANAPOLIS — Cameron Clark said he felt he could beat any 138-pounder in Indiana with the exception of the three-time state champion.

So far, so good.

Clark became just the third sophomore in Jay County High School history to earn a medal at the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals as he controlled his first-round match Friday night for an 9-2 victory at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

"It feels amazing," said Clark. "Last year I came here, got tech-falled by the state champion. Last year when (then-sports editor Chris Schanz) was interviewing me after, I said, 'I'm going to come back even harder next year and I'm going to place.' And that's what I did."

The season came to an earlier-than-hoped-for ending for fellow Patriot sophomore Tony Wood, who dropped his match in the opening round of the 126-pound bracket 7-4 to Ka'Mari'Yon Nelson of Castle.

Winners from Friday's action advance to wrestle out the top eight places in the state beginning at 9 a.m. today. Semifinals will immediately follow quarterfinals, with consolation matches at 4:30 p.m. and championship matches at 7:30 p.m.

The 16th-ranked Clark (23-3) never gave Mount Vernon's eighth-ranked Carson Johnson (34-5) a chance Friday night. He snagged Johnson's right leg 10 seconds into the match and finished his first takedown 10 seconds later for a 2-0 lead.

"When I jump out in front ... if I get the first points, kids don't beat me usually," said Clark. "And I told my parents today in the



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Jay County High School's 16th-ranked Cameron Clark keeps control of Carson Johnson during their opening-round match Friday night in the 138-pound bracket in the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Clark jumped on top of Mount Vernon's eighth-ranked Johnson early and was in control throughout for a 9-2 win. He became just the third Patriot sophomore to earn a state medal and will return to wrestle in the quarterfinals at 9 a.m. today.

hotel room, 'If I get those first two points, I have it in the bag.'"

The only hiccup in the match came at the 1:20 mark of the first period when Clark's left calf was cramping. He used about a minute of injury time before hobbling back onto the mat.

But, he managed to wrestle out the rest of the period with a 2-1 lead and then scored a reversal at the 1:27 mark of the second. After a Johnson escape, Clark snatched the right leg again for a takedown with just seven seconds on the clock for a 6-2 lead going into the final period.

Clark just continued to stay in control from there, extending his lead en route to the 9-2 victory.

"We had watched some footage," he said. "I knew he was just going to try to shoot singles, and that's what he did. So I stayed low. ...

"Then on bottom I knew he was a leg ride, so I just kept his legs out or grabbed them."

"I just stuck to my game plan and it worked."

The victory guarantees Clark a state medal, making him just the 17th Patriot wrestler to earn a spot on the podium. He is just the third sophomore state medalist for JCHS, joining 2013 graduate Eric Hemmelgarn and 2020 graduate Mason Winner.

"It's pretty awesome, because I know that Cameron was bummed out when he couldn't compete"

(because of ankle injuries)", said JCHS coach Eric Myers. "And then when he could, it took him a bit to get his lungs and shake a little rust off. Now he's at the time of the season where you want to be wrestling your best and he's wrestling outstanding."

With wins already in the tournament over the 11th-, 10th- and eighth-ranked wrestlers in the state, Clark will take another step up in today's quarterfinals as he battles Johnson's Castle teammate, seventh-ranked Ashton Hayhurst (15-1). Hayhurst cruised to a 16-8 win Friday over Merrillville's Lucas Clement.

A win over Hayhurst would send Clark to the state semifinals

against either second-ranked Cole Solomey (41-3) of Kankakee Valley or third-ranked Bryce Lowery (38-0) of Roncalli.

What does he need to do to be successful on Saturday at the state finals?

"Just go out and wrestle like I have been the past few weeks, keep my mindset right no matter who I'm wrestling," said Clark, who would likely face three-time state champion Jesse Mendez of Crown Point if he could make it all the way to the state championship match. "And if I do that, I think it'll be pretty good tomorrow."

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Jay County High School sophomore Nick Lyons swims in the second heat of the 200-yard freestyle during the IHSAA sectional final preliminaries on Friday at Jay County High School. Lyons had a time of 2 minutes, 0.31 seconds, and will be seeded fifth as the finals resume today.

## Three will vie for titles

Three Patriots will swim for championships.

The team title is out of reach.

Senior Kyle Sanders and sophomore Nick Lyons each earned two berths in championship races Friday night for Jay County High School, and Josh Monroe added another, as it hosted the boys swimming sectional preliminaries.

Sanders led the way for the Patriots by picking up a No. 3 seed. Their top relay is seeded fifth.

Delta set itself up as the favorite to win an eighth straight sectional title as it is seeded first in seven events. Norwell will be its top contender, with three top seeds and 19 individual championship berths. The remaining schools in the 10-team field will battle it out for third place and beyond.

The top eight swimmers in each event from Friday's preliminaries — they were postponed from Thursday because of inclement weather — 8 seed.

advance to sectional championship races while those in ninth through 16th compete in the consolation finals. Sectional action resumes today with diving preliminaries at 9 a.m. and swimming and diving finals at 1 p.m. The winner of each swimming event earns a berth at next weekend's state finals while the top four divers will advance to regional competition.

Sanders picked up his No. 3 seed in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.72 seconds. He trailed fellow seniors Jake Kaehr (22.36) of Adams Central and Brad Shue (22.41) of Delta.

In the 100 freestyle, Sanders walked away with the No. 4 seed in 50.32. Shue earned the top seed at 49.51.

Monroe was the only other Patriot to post a top-eight finish to earn a berth in a championship race. He picked up the No. 4 spot in the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.9.

Jay County's top relay effort came in the 200 freestyle event, where Wyatt Kunkler, Sanders, Lyons and Monroe teamed to place fifth in 1:40.6. Konner Sommers joined Sanders, Lyons and Monroe in earning the No. 8 seed in the 200 medley relay, and the team of Wyatt Kunkler, Joseph Down, Kolby Baldwin and Sommers is also seeded eighth for the 400 freestyle relay.

Earning spots in consolation finals for the Patriots were Monroe (11th — individual medley), Kunkler (13th — 200 freestyle, 16th — 100 freestyle) and Sommers (13th — butterfly).

Also competing Friday, Portland's Timo Minnich earned the No. 10 seed in the 100 butterfly and the No. 16 seed in the individual medley for Burris.

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