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## Swarming Vormohr

Luke Vormohr of the Jay County High School boys basketball team is swarmed by teammates Wesley Bihn (32), Brady Davis and Blake Bogenschutz (right) at the conclusion of Tuesday's 83-46 victory over the visiting Winchester Golden Falcons. Vormohr, who has Down syndrome, started the game and made a layup, then returned to the court in the final minute to hit a pair of 3-pointers. For more on the game, see page 8.

## Trash change passes on 1st reading

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The city's trash policies may be changing.

Portland City Council passed an update to its trash ordinance that would incorporate the use of 96-gallon trash totes. In order to go into effect, the ordinance would need to pass again on second reading at its next meeting.

Portland Board of Works in January approved the purchase of 96-gallon trash totes for each residence, citing ease of pick-up, safety and other improvements with the new system. The city's current trash trucks are already equipped to pick up totes, he said it would make the process safer and more efficient. Rather than picking up trash bags or trying to pull out bags that have been stuffed into trash cans, workers would instead wheel the totes to the rear of the truck. The truck would then pick up and empty totes automatically.

Residents would put both trash and recyclables into the totes, with the recyclable items still separated into their green bags.

The updated ordinance would require residents to get a permit from city hall — at a cost of \$10 to 1 — to have large items that do not fit in the totes such as furniture or mattresses to be picked up. (Fees are set at \$10 for a chair and \$15 for a mattress.) Also, the city would accept large items free of charge at the street department building once a quarter. (Appliances would still be picked up free of charge.)

Council members brought up a variety of questions about the changes, including what would be done if a tote is lost or stolen, details about the pick up of large items and how yard debris will be collected. Council member Don Gillespie advocated for a meeting to be held in order to get feedback from the public.

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## Hospitals less stressed as surge passes

By TOM DAVIES

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Officials at Indiana's largest hospital system said Tuesday that its hospitals have weathered the worst of the latest COVID-19 surge although they are still treating hundreds of patients with the illness.

The update from IU Health officials came as Indiana has seen steep declines in the past month in COVID-19 deaths, hospitalizations and new infections from the

surge brought on by the delta and omicron variants.

The total patient counts have improved enough that a U.S. Navy team left IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis on Tuesday, two months after the 23-member team arrived there to help staffers exhausted from the surge in COVID-19 patients.

IU Health chief clinical officer Dr. Chris Weaver said the system's 16 hospitals across the state

now have about 250 COVID-19 patients after peaking at more than 600 last month.

The total COVID-19 patients at all Indiana hospitals has dropped to about 1,100 people, down about two-thirds from mid-January, according to state health department tracking. Indiana's rate of COVID-19 deaths is now about 30 a day, down from about 75 a day about a month ago.

IU Health officials said they expect hospitals to have high

patient counts for several months as they treat those who've had surgeries or other medical care delayed because of the pandemic.

Those patients are keeping hospitals "extremely busy," said Dr. Mark Luetkemeyer, chief medical officer of IU Health's Adult Academic Health Center.

"We're not stretched to the point that we were in January," Luetkemeyer said. "That wasn't sustainable for us."



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

McKenna Vore, right, and Matt Lingo line up during a rehearsal of Jay County Civic Theatre's "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" performance. The show originally scheduled for April 2020 was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Tickets are on sale now for the performance, which has shows scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

## Finally, a 'Spelling Bee'

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Nearly two years after the coronavirus pandemic delayed a local musical, the cast is finally taking it to the stage.

Jay County Civic Theatre will be performing "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" this week. Showtimes are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place.

The current production originally scheduled for April 2020 was postponed in response to the ongoing pandemic. Civic theatre returned after two years away from the stage with a Christmas show — "Elf: The Musical," which ran Dec. 7 through Dec. 12.

The cast of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is now ready to finish what it start-

### JCCT production hits stage this week after a two-year wait

ed about 22 months ago, said director Joseph Bailey.

"(We're) ready to get it on the stage and go into it," he said.

Even after the long delay, the pandemic still impacted civic theatre. During practices in January, Bailey noted, several cast members came down with coronavirus.

Those who were out are now back and eager to perform.

"(Cast members) always come in with great attitudes, they've been working really hard on this

show and I know they're really excited to perform it," said Bailey.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is about a group of elementary and middle school students competing in the county spelling bee, explained Bailey. One by one, students are eliminated from the match until it comes down to two contestants.

"It's a struggle to see who's going to spell the word wrong first," he said.

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### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 59 degrees Tuesday. The low was 32.

The forecast calls for a low of 24 tonight with a slight chance of snow showers after midnight. Thursday's high will be 33 with snow expected in the

afternoon and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.

More snow is in the forecast for Thursday night, with a total of 1 to 4 inches of accumulation possible.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins announced last week that his State of the City address will be at 6 p.m. March 22 at West Jay Community Center. Robbins will speak along with the heads of each of the city's departments.

### Coming up

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

**Saturday** — Results from the JCHS boys basketball team's game at Bellmont.



# Felony arrests

## Drugs

Two Portland residents were arrested Monday on drug-related charges.

Nancy J. LeMaster, 57, 425 S. Meridian St., Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 2 felony for dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a

Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being held on a \$53,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Paul M. LeMaster, 67, 425 S. Meridian St., Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of mari-

juana. He was released on a \$4,500 bond from Jay County Jail.

## Theft

A Portland woman was arrested Monday for theft.

Carol Vanalst, 57, 120 N. Commerce St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for theft, along with two Class A misdemeanors for public intoxication and resisting law enforcement.

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

## Failed to appear

A Dunkirk woman was arrested Tuesday for failing to appear in court.

Rebecca L. Keener, 47, has two original Level 6 felony charges for possession of methamphetamine and possession of a legend drug, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misde-

meanor for driving with a suspended license.

She's being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

## Drunk driving

A rural Portland man was arrested this morning for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Chad D. Carpenter, 43, 129 W. 300 North, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

# CR almanac

Thursday 2/24	Friday 2/25	Saturday 2/26	Sunday 2/27	Monday 2/28
<b>33/24</b>	<b>29/14</b>	<b>31/22</b>	<b>35/13</b>	<b>31/18</b>
Snow is likely Thursday after 1 p.m. with a 70% chance. Wind gusts may reach as high as 20 mph.	There's a chance of snow before 1 p.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy with a low around 14.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Saturday, with a high near 31.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is on the horizon for Sunday. The low may dip to 13.	Monday's forecast includes sunny skies with a high around 31.

## Lotteries

**Powerball** Estimated jackpot: \$45 million  
Quick Draw: 2-5-14-17-18-20-21-29-35-37-51-52-60-63-64-66-68-69-72-73  
Cash 5: 2-7-10-27-30  
Estimated jackpot: \$146,500

**Mega Millions** 6-17-22-57-62  
Mega Ball: 3  
Megaplier: 3  
Estimated jackpot: \$87 million

**Ohio**  
Midday  
Pick 3: 7-8-0  
Pick 4: 0-1-0-9  
Pick 5: 1-5-0-6-5  
Evening  
Pick 3: 1-1-4  
Pick 4: 9-4-6-8  
Pick 5: 3-7-7-4-4  
Rolling Cash: 11-17-20-31-36  
Estimated jackpot: \$153,000

**Hoosier**  
Midday  
Daily Three: 0-8-1  
Daily Four: 8-3-1-2  
Quick Draw: 2-3-4-6-11-14-19-20-29-34-36-39-41-53-55-63-65-72-73-76  
Evening  
Daily Three: 1-1-4  
Daily Four: 9-6-1-2

## Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....6.84  
March corn.....6.85  
Wheat.....8.37

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....6.88  
March corn.....6.89  
April corn.....6.90

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn.....6.78  
March corn.....6.78  
Beans.....16.53  
March beans.....16.53

Wheat.....8.48  
March wheat.....8.48

**Central States Montpelier**  
Corn.....6.73  
March corn.....6.73  
Beans.....16.54  
March beans.....16.56  
Wheat.....8.59

**Sunrise St. Anthony**  
Corn.....6.82  
March corn.....6.82  
Beans.....16.41  
March beans.....16.41  
Wheat.....8.32

## Today in history

**On Feb. 23, 1954**, the first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students were vaccinated.

**In 1685**, composer George Frideric Handel was born in present-day Germany.

**In 1822**, Boston was granted a charter to incorporate as a city.

**In 1836**, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

**In 1861**, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.

**In 1903**, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an agreement with Cuba to lease the area around Guantanamo Bay to the United States.

**In 1942**, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese

submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing little damage.

**In 1945**, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised two American flags (the second flag-raising was captured in the iconic Associated Press photograph).

**In 1998**, 42 people were killed, some 2,600 homes and businesses damaged or destroyed, by tornadoes in central Florida.

**In 2011**, in a major policy reversal, the Obama administration said it would no longer defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act, a federal law banning recognition of same-sex marriage.

**In 2012**, the Jay County High School boys basketball team set a new regular-season record with its 17th victory by topping the Belmont Braves 49-24.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

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

**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, com-

missioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

## Pet of the week

Bear, a mastiff that is neutered and vaccinated, is available for adoption from Jay County Humane Society. He can be adopted for \$100 from Jay County Humane Society, 1313 Shadeland Ave., Portland. The shelter can be reached at (260) 726-6339.



Photo provided

## Circuit Court

### Judge Brian Hutchison

#### Fined and sentenced

Chelsea L. Crossland, 26, 1237 N. U.S. 27 Lot 39, Portland, pleaded guilty to invasion of privacy, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to six months in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Crossland was placed on probation, fined \$1 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Scott C. Miller, 45, 502 N. Grand St., Portland, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with 58 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Miller was placed on probation for six months, imposed a \$1 fine, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level equivalent to 0.15% or more was dismissed.

### Cases dismissed

Indiana v. Kenneth L. Ausland, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. Aaron J. Herbert, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. Rita K. Micheau, Level 2 felony  
Indiana v. Robert J. Micheau, Level 2 felony  
Indiana v. Justin D. Eal, Level 5 felony  
Indiana v. Curtis W. Mock, Level 6 felony

### Dissolutions

Kylie Armstrong, Portland, and James Armstrong, Bryant  
Victoria Towell, Bryant, and Travis Towell, Portland

Ashton Mangas, Redkey, and Robert Curtis, Berne

Walter R.S. Smith, Portland, and Michelle L. Smith, Tiffin, Ohio

Rachel D. Reff, Portland, and Lucas D. Bost, Portland

Casey Cline, Portland, and Misty George-Cline, Geneva

Amanda Stant, Portland, and Thomas Stant, Montpelier

Davene Baynes, Pennville, and Bradley Steen, Berne

Aaron Wilhelm and JoeAnn Wilhelm

Christina Bilderback, Bryant, and James Starr, Hartford City

### Cases filed

Jason M. Kable v. Barretts Auto Parts, civil collection

Nicci Littler v. Jason Bemis, civil tort

Indiana v. Brianna D. Newton, Level 2 felony

Indiana v. Kamron W. Petty, Level 2 felony

Crossroads Financial Federal Credit Union v. Brittany Somers-Meadows, civil collection

Indiana v. Kip A. Haffner, Level 3 felony

Indiana v. Jose E. Lima Del Cid, Level 4 felony

Indiana v. James L. Mosley, Level 5 felony

Indiana v. Zachary B. Combs, Level 5 felony

Indiana v. Roger R. Oberlin, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Amber L. Oberlin, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. April R. Snyder, Level 3 felony

Indiana v. Johnny R. Morgan, Level 4 felony

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## SERVICES

**Thursday**  
May, Rosemary: 10:30 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery.  
Harshman, 10:30 a.m., Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.  
Bailey, Vernia: noon, Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

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

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# Series continues next week

Another installment of the senior learning series kicks off next week.

A presentation about the "History of the Ball Jar" is scheduled for noon March 3 at John Jay Center for Learning. Speakers from Minnetrista will share the history behind the famous glass containers.

Prior to the presentation, a lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for the lunch must be made in advance.

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

## Taking Note

### Classes offered

Free adult education classes are available.

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

Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

### Deadline extended

The deadline has been extended for Hoosier Homestead farmers to submit their farm history for publication.

Material for "Hoosier Homestead Farms," a book celebrating nearly 6,000 Indiana farms, is now due by March 30. Any farmer with a Hoosier Homestead Award can submit up to 300 words about their farm history, along with

a photo of the farm, family, farm sign or anything else of significance.

Information requested includes the year your farm started, how many generations have worked or owned it, types of crops grown, places your crops are sold and the year your farm was inducted as a Hoosier Homestead Farm. The publisher's website at acclaimpress.com has a page for farmers to fill out their history.

Copies of the book can be purchased on the website or by calling (573) 472-9800.

# Voicing memory can be difficult

By KWAME DAWES

It is not entirely clear what has arrived, here in this poem "PSALM FOR ARRIVAL". What is clear, is the familiar sense that sometimes, after a long effort, we are able to "find sounds/ for words"—to articulate, the difficult stuff of memory. And perhaps this is what has arrived, the voicing of the difficult things. In the end, however, Khaled Mattawa

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finds no great relief in speaking these words. Somehow the deadening effects of memory can be persistent, despite our necessary efforts to disavow "old sentiments".

### PSALM FOR ARRIVAL

By Khaled Mattawa

When we find the sounds  
for words we need, their death  
rattle begins to echo in our throats.

Memory creeps up on old sentiments,  
finds them lurking like blind fish  
in the twilight of our blood.

Dead and living on—ancient prophecies  
or frozen microbes—something we disavow  
continues to feed on us.

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# Ex-husband's return is unwelcome

DEAR ABBY: I was married for 10 years before I found out my ex was living a double life — other women, children, etc. We divorced, and afterward, I provided the best possible life for our three children.

My ex was the typical deadbeat dad — never there for his children. Twelve years later, my children are adults, and he has decided to show up and start a relationship with them. Anytime they have milestones with church, college, jobs, weddings, etc., he is there.

I have stepped back and let them decide what kind of relationship they want with him. Even worse, my ex has also rekindled his relationship with my parents and siblings. He's turning my family against me, although we have both remarried. When I try to talk to them about it, they say, "I'm sorry you feel that way," "He's changed," "Why can't you forgive him?"

Abby, my ex stole his business partner's money to live his double life. If he has "changed," why is he once again trying to turn my family against me? What do I do? Must I divorce myself from my parents and siblings? — NEVER RID OF HIM

**DEAR NEVER RID: A man who lives a double life, neglects his responsibilities as a parent and steals from his business partner without trying to make amends**

## Dear Abby



to ALL of them doesn't appear to have "changed." Your children, parents and siblings have "chosen" to forgive and welcome him back into the fold regardless of how it affects you. (He must be one heck of a salesman.)

It's time to look into your heart and decide how much of this togetherness (!) you can tolerate. Some discussions with a licensed mental health professional could be helpful in this regard. If, after that, you conclude that less contact with your parents and siblings under these circumstances would be healthier for you, then do what is best for yourself.

DEAR ABBY: My stepson is being released from prison after assaulting his 9-year-old stepdaughter in my home. He plans on living here with us, with his dad's blessing. A few years ago, I was sexually assaulted, and I still suffer from

PTSD because of it. It's getting worse as the release date approaches.

My stepson has problems with drugs and alcohol as well as anger issues. He expects us to pay for whatever he wants. We have spent a third of our retirement money on his legal expenses, and there are no plans for him to pay us back. He has mistreated my dog several times, and I do not trust him.

Am I wrong for not wanting him in my home? My husband has turned a deaf ear to my concerns. I guess blood is thicker than water. — DREADING IT IN THE WEST

**DEAR DREADING IT: Trust your instincts. Because your husband has chosen to ignore your concerns about his son living with you, the time has come for you to take care of yourself. Consult an attorney about protecting whatever assets you still have before they are completely depleted, take your dog and get out of there NOW. Believe me, you have my sympathy.**

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

# Community Calendar

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

### Today

**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) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

mation, call (260) 726-8229.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

**STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS** — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

### Thursday

**LAWYERS NON-BELIEVER CREDITS WORK, NOT 'BLESSINGS,' FOR SUCCESS**

**IN LIBRARIES** — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

**PTSD SUPPORT GROUP** — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### 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 break-

fast 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.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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

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# AUCTION

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm ET

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# Reminder is always close at hand

By JACK RONALD  
The News and Sun

Cora now has a place on my wrist.

A couple of years ago, my wife gave me a wonderful Father's Day present.

It was a leather bracelet with four silver-colored metal bands on it. The bands were about the size used when banding a bird for identification. Each band bore the name of a grandchild: Julian, Johanna, Gabriel and Beatrice.

I thought it was marvelous. But I was brought down to earth when my old buddy Ron Cole suggested that the bracelet's purpose was to help me remember their names as I move with frightening speed into my dotage. He had a point.

## Back in the Saddle



The only real problem was the clasp. I had trouble getting the thing on and off and needed Connie's help.

After a few months, I decided to just wear the thing 24/7, in the shower, while asleep, or swimming in the lake in the summertime.

That worked fine until two things happened.

The first was that the leather started to shrink. At my age, I

knew my wrist wasn't growing. But the bracelet began to get tighter and tighter. It wasn't yet uncomfortable, but it was heading in that direction.

The second was — in October — the arrival of another grandchild, Sally's second daughter Cora.

And so the hinting began.

You know, I would say, I'm going to need another one of those metal bands on my bracelet so Cora isn't left out.

You know, I'd say, the leather has shrunk and the bracelet's too tight. It could be time for a new one.

You know, I'd say, I've got a birthday coming up in November.

My wife would roll her eyes, muttering something like I-

know-I-know-I-know under her breath.

My birthday passed. Wonderful gifts.

But no bracelet.

I figured that had been rectified when, a few weeks before Christmas, the UPS guy dropped off a small package that seemed to be just the right size.

I can't remember what was in that box on Christmas morning, but it wasn't a grandkid-name bracelet.

More hinting followed, even though it was unseemly so soon after the holidays.

More eye-rolling also followed on my wife's part. The message had been delivered, so it was time for me to shut up about it.

Finally, just about the time I had resigned myself to waiting until Father's Day, there was a box at my place at the kitchen table on Valentine's.

And it was perfect. The metal bands are shinier, but they will dull over time. And the leather is a better fit for my wrist.

Best of all, every grandchild is represented.

Connie, for her part, put my old bracelet on. It fits her better than it fit me. She's going to have an additional band made with Cora's name on it.

That way, as we continue to move into what used to be referred to as our Golden Years, both of us will have reminders at hand of all the grandkids' names.

# EU can get tough with its members

The Washington Post

Faced with creeping autocracy, Europe's highest court has rendered a landmark ruling, along with a warning, intended mainly for Hungary and Poland: By flouting democratic norms, your economies might face a massive and potentially crippling loss of subsidies from your European partners.

Now that the European Court of Justice has handed down its decision, the question is whether the European Commission will use its new power to penalize the organization's miscreant members that thumb their noses at the organization's core values: fair elections, judicial independence, human rights and freedom of expression.

It should. If the commission fails to act, having now been empowered by the court to do so, it will signal that it intends to continue supporting democracy's subversion by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban and, to a lesser extent, the nationalist government in Poland.

At stake are tens of billions of dollars in aid, major leverage that, until now, leaders of Europe's major countries, acting through the commission, have been reluctant to use against Hungary and Poland, among the poorest of the E.U.'s 27 member states. As those leaders have dithered, the governments in Hungary and Poland have shown their contempt for the principles, including rule of law, that define the European Union and the continent's postwar order.

The autocratic Orban presents the clearest threat. He has earned his status as a pariah in Europe by twisting voting rules to favor his own chances in upcoming elections; harassing and spying on enterprising journalists; and bullying once-independent media outlets and universities. His government has tinkered with procurement rules, prompting concerns that E.U. funds are being disbursed corruptly to benefit his friends and allies.

In Poland, the No. 1 recipient of E.U. funding, officials denounced the ruling, but they have brought it on themselves. The government has made a mockery of judicial independence by threatening and disciplin-

## Guest Editorial

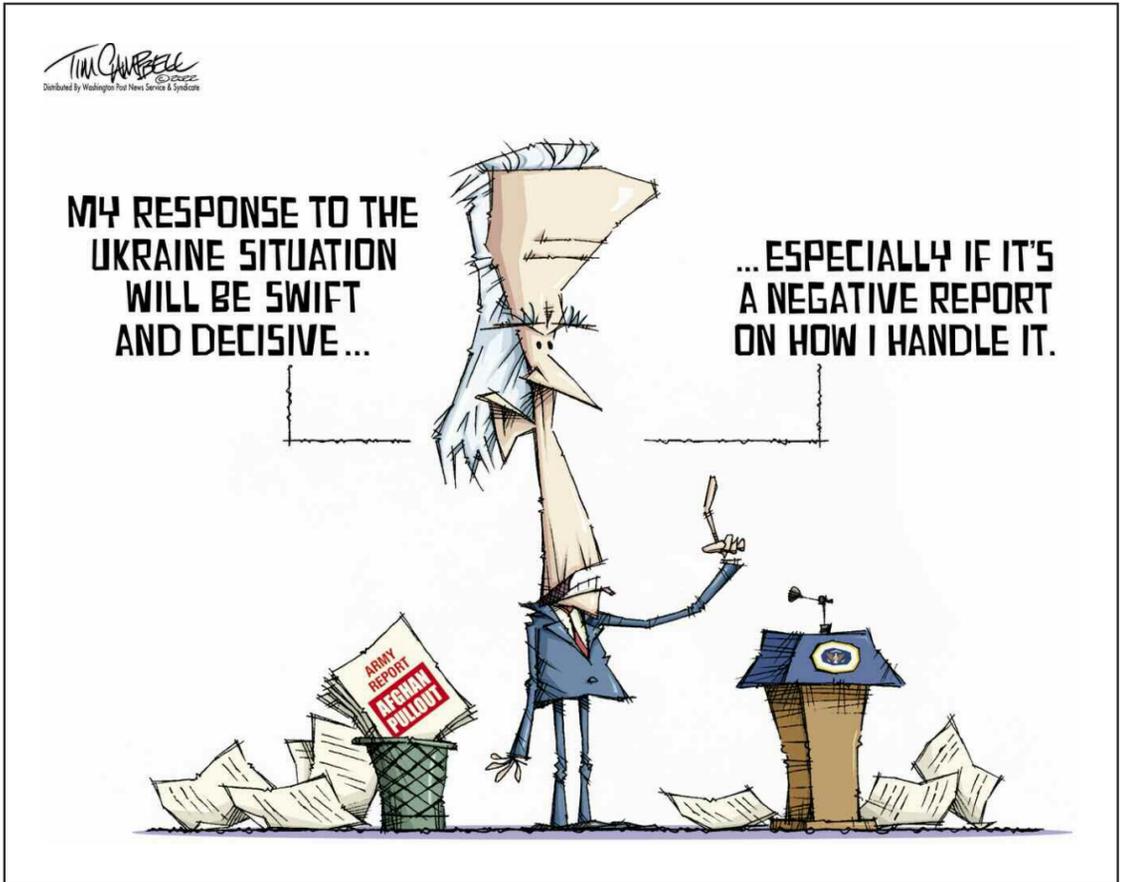
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ing judges who fail to do its bidding. It, too, has damaged freedom of expression, turning state media into propaganda outlets and pressuring independent newspapers and television channels. Though the government has recently edged toward concessions to Brussels, they remain inadequate.

With its ruling, the court has handed a powerful stick to the commission, which acts as the E.U.'s executive arm. Hungary, a country of fewer than 10 million people, is eligible in the E.U.'s current budget period, which ends in 2027, for more than the \$45 billion it received in the most recent five-year budget. Poland, with a population of 38 million, received a staggering \$118 billion in the most recent budget and is in line for more now.

The ruling sends a loud message to Hungarians. They will vote in national elections April 3 that represent the greatest threat in years to Orban, who faces a stiff challenge from a six-party coalition. Hungarians are heavily pro-European; their country's good standing in the E.U., and its economic prospects, are now in question as never before.

If the commission starts the process to withhold funding before the elections, Orban will surely accuse the E.U. of meddling in Hungary's internal affairs. Yet, if it drags its feet, that might be taken as further evidence of the E.U.'s long run of unwarranted tolerance for Orban's defiance. That would be a poor signal.



# Farmer helped save lives

By JOHN GREEN  
Special To The Washington Post

Here is what I want you to know about Paul Farmer: He simply did not accept the idea that inequality of health-care access is natural or inevitable. Because of his belief, and because of the nonprofit health organization Partners in Health that he co-founded, millions of people in some of the poorest nations on Earth are alive today.

News came on Monday of his sudden death, at age 62, in Rwanda. Paul was a father and a husband and a friend and a mentor to countless people. I was among them, and am devastated by his loss.

I don't really believe in heroizing individuals, but Paul was, for me and for many, a hero. As a medical anthropologist and physician, he was deeply committed to the belief that all human lives had dignity and that every person deserves access to high-quality health care. He lived this belief for his entire career.

As a clinician, he often walked miles to make house calls to ill patients; as an advocate, he worked tirelessly to expand health-care access; and as an author, he wrote many invaluable books.

In 1999's "Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues," he explored how poverty drives infectious disease and ill health, especially multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis, or MDRTB, and HIV. "Opposition to the aggressive treatment of MDRTB in developing countries may be justified as 'sensible' or 'pragmatic,'" he wrote, "but as a policy it is tantamount to the different valuation of human life, for those who advocate such a policy . . . would never accept such a death sentence themselves."

And by refusing to accept these "sensible pragmatisms," Paul helped

save countless lives. In 2001, the head of the U.S. Agency for International Development told Congress that he opposed efforts to extend antiretroviral medication access to poor people around the world. He said such an initiative to treat HIV would inevitably fail, because for the treatment to be effective, the medications must be taken on a schedule, and that in impoverished communities, "people do not know what watches and clocks are."

The head of the United States' largest health aid organization really said that. To Congress. But by then, this despicable lie had already been exposed. In 1998, Paul and Partners in Health (PIH) had launched the HIV Equity Initiative in Haiti, one of the world's first programs to provide comprehensive care, including antiretroviral therapy, to people in impoverished communities.

Using a network of community health workers, PIH proved that with adequate support and accompaniment, HIV treatment could achieve outcomes in poor countries similar to those in rich ones. Today, more than 12,000 people receive HIV treatment in Haiti through PIH-supported facilities. In Sierra Leone, PIH reports that the monthly average rate of HIV patients returning for ongoing care is over 99.9 percent.

This is what Paul did his entire career. Of course, he was never alone — partners is built into the name of

Partners in Health and is deeply embedded in the way Paul worked. Partnering with hospitals and health ministries and philanthropists and, most of all, with fellow clinicians working in the communities. Paul talked a lot, but his genius was listening — listening to the needs of his patients, and the communities where they lived.

The world said, "A country like Haiti can never have a world-class teaching hospital," and Paul said, "Yes, it can," and led the way to founding the University Hospital in Mirebalais.

The world said, "We must accept a world where 1 in 17 women die in childbirth in Sierra Leone," and Paul said, "No, we don't," and so PIH is now partnering with that country's health ministry to build a world-class maternal care hospital in Sierra Leone's Kono District.

Over and over and over, the world said that improving struggling health-care systems is too logistically complicated, or too expensive, or too inconvenient. And Paul would respond: But what if this was your mother? Your kid? Your friend? Then it wouldn't be too anything.

Today, the global mortality rate for children under age 5 is the lowest it has ever been. Health-care systems are getting stronger even in extremely poor communities. But profound health inequities persist, and Paul Farmer was never satisfied with progress in a world where such injustice persisted. We shouldn't be, either. Instead, we must carry forward his legacy.

Green is the author of several books, including "The Fault in Our Stars" and "The Anthropocene Reviewed" and is a longtime supporter of Partners in Health.

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# Finally ...

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On a deeper level, the show also highlights different characters and their life struggles.  
Jennifer McGraw plays Olive Ostrovsky, a reserved child who deals with absent parents. She's actively waiting on her father to arrive during the spelling bee.  
"If you're really paying attention during the show, there are

other characters who say things about Olive's character that gives you clues as to a little bit more about her than what is overtly said," McGraw said. "It's kind of a sad backstory to the character."  
Matt Lingo, who joined civic theatre to spend time with his daughter, Lina, performs as Leaf Coneybear. This is Lingo's third show, having previously per-

formed in "Christmas Kaleidoscope" and "Elf: The Musical." He explained his character is a homeschooled child who placed third in his local spelling bee and, through a series of circumstances, qualified for the finals.  
"(He's) really a free-spirited, aloof, goofy character, completely opposite of what I am," Lingo said. "It's a lot of fun when you go

out there and play the middle school aged kids."  
Another aspect of the show also allows audience members to volunteer themselves in the spelling bee and join the cast on stage.  
Tickets can be purchased at [bit.ly/JCCTSpellingBee2022](http://bit.ly/JCCTSpellingBee2022), by visiting Jay County Campus of Arts Place during regular busi-

ness hours at 131 E. Walnut St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-4809.  
"I just encourage people to come see the show," Lingo said. "It's a fun, funny show, I've sat here and watched it over and over and over again, and still, there are lines and scenes that I can't help myself but laugh."

# Change ...

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"I'm for it in the sense that I think it's better for our workers," said council president Kent McClung. "But I would ask that we communicate with the citizens a little better as to what we're expecting of them."

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips noted that the updated ordinance would be published in the newspaper, displayed on the city's website and made available in print at city hall.

Council eventually passed the ordinance on first reading, with Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden, Mike Aker and McClung in favor. Janet Powers and Don Gillespie voted against it.

"I'm voting 'aye,' but I really want us to look at this again," said Golden. "It's obvious from listening ... that we need to educate our (residents) ... and as time goes by make adjustments ..."

Portland Mayor John Boggs also asked that council contribute all of the city's \$1.355 million in federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act toward the city's planned Meridian Street storm sewer project. The sewer work is focused on mitigating downtown flooding by adding a new storm line running under

Meridian Street from south of Race Street to the Salamonie River. It would drain water from that area of Meridian Street and allow for current pipes, which run to the Millers Branch line to the east, to be disconnected. (The Millers Branch line has frequently been overloaded during heavy rain events, leading to water backing up onto Meridian Street.) The project is designed to eliminate problems during what is referred to as a "10-year flood."

Boggs said Tuesday the full cost of the project, with engineering costs and other contingencies, is estimated at \$2.62 million. Thus far, the city was awarded a \$780,450 State Transportation and Stormwater Grant from the State Water Infrastructure Fund for the project and Portland

Redevelopment Commission has also committed \$350,000.

Boggs asked that the American Rescue Plan Act Funds be used to cover the remainder of the cost, with any leftover reverting back to council. Council will consider the issue with plans to vote at its next meeting.

Also Tuesday:  
•Council approved closing Main Street between Meridian and Pleasant streets May 21 for the Arch Bridge Kroozers car show and closing a section of Morton Street for the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show from Aug. 23 through 28.

•Boggs agreed to donate \$675 from the mayor's annual golf outing to The Journey Home, a non-profit organization based in Winchester that helps provide housing and services to veterans. Eldon

Solomon, who attended the meeting representing The Journey Home, requested \$5,000 to be used for its veterans outreach programs. Council members agreed to consider the request and discuss it at their March 7 meeting.

•Council agreed to recognize police officer Jeff Hopkins' years of services with Dunkirk Police Department. Hopkins joined the Portland force in 2019. (The city's board of works had agreed to recognize the service time at its last meeting.)

•Boggs reported that the city plans to apply for a grant to help with the removal of the Bailey Building on Main Street on the west side of the downtown area. A task force working on the removal of the blighted structure plans to meet Friday to discuss options.

*'I'm voting 'aye,' but I really want us to look at this again. It's obvious from listening ... that we need to educate our (residents) ... and as time goes by make adjustments ...'*

—Dave Golden, Portland City Council

# Capsule Reports

## Lost control

A Winchester teen lost control of the vehicle she was driving on county road 700 South, causing it to go into a ditch and strike a culvert about 2:42 p.m. Monday.

Katy Hampshire, 17, was driving east on county road 700 South when the 2011 GMC Terrain she was driving got too close to the edge of the road, causing it to go into a ditch and hit a culvert. (At the time of the accident, the dirt road was muddy and had standing water, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Department report.) The vehicle rolled and came to a rest on its top.

Hampshire and her passenger, Chance Staton of Portland, both refused medical treatment, according to the report. The vehicle she was driving is registered to Max St. Myers of

Winchester, and it was towed.

## Deer hit

Two Portland residents crashed their vehicles into animals recently.

Travis J. Osterholt, 25, was driving east on county road 400 South just west of county road 400 East about 3 a.m. Saturday when a deer ran in front of his 2015 Chevrolet Malibu. Osterholt wasn't able to avoid the collision, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage to his vehicle's bumper and headlights.

Michael R. Wallace, 35, was driving west on county road 100 North near the intersection with county road 100 East about 7 p.m. Monday when his 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee struck a deer. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

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Jay County EMS v. Dawn Ragsdell, civil collection  
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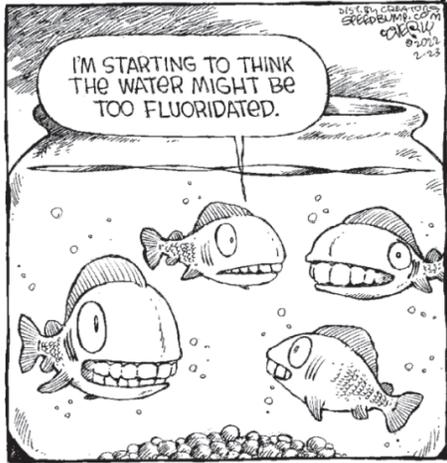
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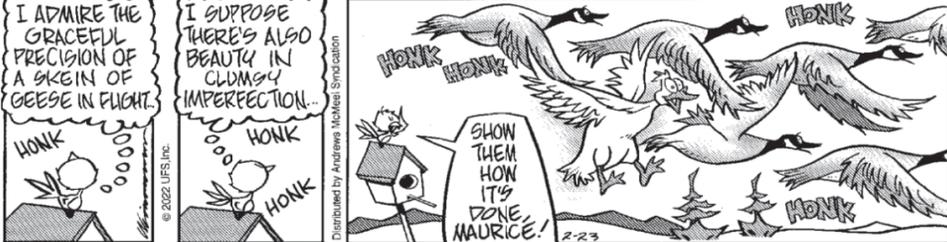
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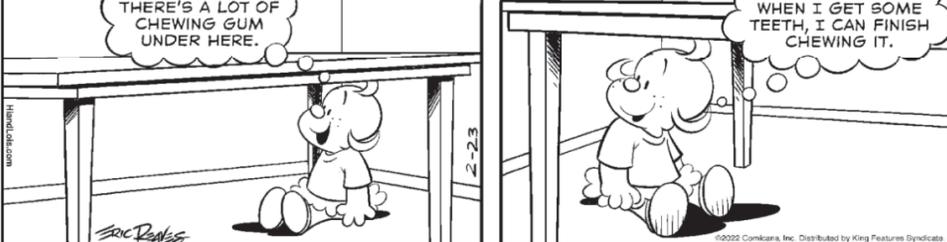
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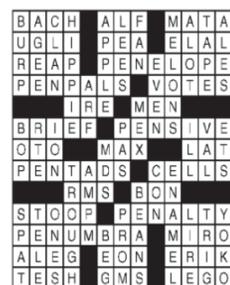


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## Cost ...

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Scherzer and Cole are on the union's eight-man executive subcommittee, which supervises the negotiations. Among others in the union's leadership group, the daily price comes to \$172,043 for Francisco Lindor, \$134,409 for Marcus Semien, \$75,269 for Zack Britton, \$32,258 for James Paxton and \$20,161 for Jason Castro. Andrew Miller, the other member, is among the hundreds of players who remained unsigned heading into the transaction freeze that began with the lockout.

Stoppage costs would compound in future seasons due to the major league service time that wouldn't be accrued. Once 15 days of the regular season are missed, the free-agent eligibility of some players would be delayed by one year unless management agrees to give credit in an eventual agreement, which it hasn't done in the past.

That would delay free-agent eligibility for Shohei Ohtani from 2023 to 2024, Pete Alonso from 2024 to 2025,

Jake Cronenworth from 2025 to 2026 and Jonathan India from 2026 to 2027. Others in danger of delayed free agency after 15 missed days — players currently with major league service ending in .000 days — include Tejay Antone, Jordan Hicks, Cristian Javier, Brad Keller, Isiah Kiner-Falefa, Chris Paddack, Brady Singer, Andrew Vaughn and Garrett Whitlock.

In Lindor's case, because of deferred compensation in his contract, he would lose money both this year and a decade from now. He would forfeit \$145,161 each day from the \$27 million he is owed this season and \$26,882 each day from the \$5 million due on July 1, 2032.

Players also may find it more difficult to reach provisions in their contracts to guarantee future seasons triggered by statistics such as plate appearances, games and innings, but the sides have agreed to prorating those in past settlements.

Clubs would lose broadcast revenue and ticket money, though the

impact is somewhat uneven. Some teams generate less revenue from April games than they produce in the summer, and there likely are different contractual arrangements regarding the flow of broadcast fees, credits, refunds and delayed/forfeited payments.

In addition, a large percentage of broadcast revenue is for the postseason. MLB gave the union a slide two years ago that contracts called for \$787 million in media money from the 2020 postseason: \$370 million from Fox, \$310 million from Turner, \$27 million from ESPN, \$30 million from MLB Network and \$50 million from international and other.

The prospect of an extended stoppage to some degree is likely to have depressed ticket sales among fans wary of purchasing tickets for games that may not be played.

And there is no public knowledge of debt financing among the clubs and how much liabilities increased during a pandemic that caused a huge revenue loss.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Tuesday**  
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.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball tripe-header at Bellmont — 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Gymnastics sectional at Concordia — 11 a.m.; Junior high wrestling hosts Jay County Invitational — 9:30 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional opener vs. New Castle at New Castle — 6 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Tuesday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at St. John's (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Duke at Virginia (ESPN); Northern Iowa at Indiana State (BALLY); Rutgers at

Michigan (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Tampa Bay Lightning (TNT)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at Seton Hall (FS1)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: LSU at Kentucky (ESPN); Wisconsin at Minnesota (BTN)  
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Arizona Coyotes (TNT)  
10:30 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions League Soccer: Deportivo Saprissa vs. Pumas UNAM (FS1)

**Thursday**  
5:30 p.m. — High school basketball: Vertical Academy vs. Oak Hill Academy (ESPN2)  
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Michigan State at Michigan (BTN)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Temple at Memphis (ESPN2); Maryland at Indiana (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Brooklyn Nets (TNT)  
8 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Iowa at Rutgers (BTN)  
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Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Commissioners, Jay County, IN.  
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Anna Culy  
Jay County Auditor  
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(In compliance with Indiana Code Sec. 3-13)

On Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., a Caucus will be held at the John Jay Center for Learning Café, 101 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana, for the purpose of electing a Jay County Auditor to fill the resignation of Jay County Auditor Anna Culy.

In accordance with the State law, the chairman of the Caucus will be Jenae E. Horn Blasdel, Republican Party Chairman, and the eligible voters will be the Precinct Committeeman in Jay County or designated Vice Committeeman. Precinct Committeemen may designate their Vice Committeeman as their substitute at the Caucus by informing the Chairman in writing no later than 72 hours prior to the Caucus.

Candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy with Chairman Jenae E. Horn Blasdel no later than 72 hours prior to the Caucus in order to be an eligible candidate.

Jenae E. Horn Blasdel, Chair  
Republican Party of Jay County  
1873 W 500 N  
Portland, IN 47371  
(260) 251-2439  
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 9th day of March, 2022 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

	Amount Approved
COUNTY GENERAL	
1000-008-30-0011 Professional Services	\$33,750.00
SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC DEFENDER	
1200-001-30-0046 Miscellaneous Expenses	\$5,000.00
FIREARM FUND	
4906-001-40-0057 Bulletproof Vests	\$4,881.04
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT	
8106-001-20-0011 Office Supplies	\$148.64
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT	
8107-001-10-0127 Deputy Director	\$47,824.89
8107-001-10-0048 Executive Director	\$60,266.15
8107-001-30-0044 Utilities	\$1,850.00
8107-001-30-0026 Telephone	\$2,100.00
8107-001-30-0012 Travel & Training	\$594.80
8107-001-10-0048 PERF	\$12,106.20
8107-001-10-0049 Health Insurance	\$13,800.00
8107-001-10-0017 FICA	\$8,268.96
Total	\$190,590.68

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.

Anna Culy  
Jay County Auditor  
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Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021

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		Jan 1, 2021	Receipts	Disbursements	Dec 31, 2021	
<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
1	Federal Revenue Sharing	\$4,963.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,963.68	
2	Fire Fighting	\$54,025.61	\$16,109.38	\$11,500.00	\$58,634.99	
3	Rainy Day	\$10,605.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,605.24	
4	Township	\$83,444.18	\$42,896.14	\$32,053.67	\$94,286.65	
5	Township Assistance	\$155,550.01	\$22,301.49	\$24,283.57	\$153,567.93	
		\$308,588.70	\$81,307.01	\$67,837.24	\$322,058.47	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						
State of Indiana						
SS: Jay County						
I, David Champ, Trustee of Richland 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 paid to me or 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.						
David Champ, Richland Township Trustee Telephone: 765-768-1047						
Date this report was to be published, 2-23-2022 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Richland Township at its annual meeting this 17th day of February, 2022						
Robert Ford, Richland Township Board Chairman This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 17th day of February, 2022.						
Richland Township Board: Robert Ford, Joe Lloyd, Gary Glogas CR 2-23-2022 - HSPAXLP						

# Sports

## Surreal, special

### Vormohr starts, scores first points for Patriots, returns to hit a pair of 3-pointers in final minute

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Luke Vormohr was the last name called in the starting lineup. He scored the Patriots' first basket with a layup before heading to his spot on the bench.

For his Jay County High School classmates, it was not enough.

As the clock ticked past four minutes remaining in the game, they started chanting, "We want Luke. We want Luke."

They got him.

Vormohr, who has Down syndrome, returned to the court and buried a pair of 3-pointers in the final minute in an 83-46 victory over the visiting Winchester Golden Falcons in a game in which the scoreboard didn't matter all that much.

"It's more than basketball," said senior Ethan Dirksen, who led the Patriots with 28 points. "It was awesome. Luke's been there for us all year. ... He's just a special person. He's always there. He keeps a smile on everybody's face. Keeps the mood light. So it was awesome to have him go in there."

"That was a really, really special moment, probably the most special moment I've ever had in coaching," added JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, red-faced and choking back tears. (Bomholt is in his 41st year of coaching.)

Vormohr, who has served as a manager for the Patriots this year, was in the starting lineup Tuesday night wearing number one. He was in the center circle for the opening tip and, after Winchester tallied the first points of the game, made a layup to even the score before heading to the bench.

Jay County was up by 30 when the first "we want Luke" chant got started. It died down, rose again with about 2:30 left on the clock and then faded.

The student section cheered when JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt eventually walked down the sideline to send Vormohr in the game.

It would only get louder.

Vormohr missed his first attempt from beyond the arc on the left wing, but teammate Wesley Bihn grabbed the rebound and got the ball right back to him. His second try hit nothing but net, launching the crowd into a frenzy as he pumped both arms, high-fived teammates and urged the crowd to get even louder.

After a Winchester miss on the other end, Brady Davis fed Vormohr again. He delivered, with the ball going through the net at the 23.5-second mark and sending him high-stepping back down the court.

"It was surreal," said Dirksen. "It was awesome. It couldn't have been a better night for him."

As the clock ran out, teammates swarmed Vormohr. Then the student section rushed the floor.

"It was good to have people in the crowd for me," Vormohr said. "The band was going crazy. My family is proud of me. My teammates are



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Luke Vormohr of Jay County High School watches one of his 3-point attempts, along with Patriot coach Jerry Bomholt, junior Josh Dowlen and assistant coach Aaron Daniels behind him, during the final minute of Tuesday night's game against Winchester. Vormohr, who has Down syndrome, was in the starting lineup, scored the Patriots' first points on a layup and then went 2-for-3 from long distance in the final minute to finish with eight points.

proud of me. My coaches are proud of me."

He finished 3-for-4 from the field, scoring eight points in less than two minutes of play.

The fact that he made the triples at the end, though, was no surprise.

"If that kid has shot one three since the beginning of the season, he's shot 1,000," said Bomholt, referring to how Vormohr spends his time in his first-period recreation class. "Every day he goes out there, he gets a ball, he puts it up. ..."

"His dream ... was to do what he did tonight, be able to play in a game. ... I told him, 'If you stay with us ... you do what you're supposed to do, you work hard, at some point in time I'll give you the opportunity to participate.' And, man, tonight was just a feel-good moment."

It was a feel-good night all around for the Patriots (19-3), who

have now won back-to-back games following Friday's loss to sixth-ranked Norwell are one victory away from tying the school record set by the state runner-up 2005-06 team and matched by the 2012-13 squad.

Jay County was in control throughout Tuesday but still only had a 10-point halftime lead as the Golden Falcons stayed within striking distance thanks to Brooks Burelison, who hit five 3-pointers and scored all of his team-high 21 points in the first 16 minutes. The advantage slipped to seven when Drew Loyd of the Golden Falcons hit a 3-pointer to open the second half. But, the Patriots outscored Winchester 21-3 over the rest of the third quarter and then tacked on the first six points of the fourth to put the game well out of reach.

Josh Dowlen followed Dirksen for the Patriots with 14 points. Blake Bogenschutz and Bennett

Weitzel joined them in double figures with 11 and 10, respectively.

#### Junior varsity

Jay County was able to overcome a rough second quarter for a 42-35 victory over the Golden Falcons.

After building a four-point lead at the end of the first quarter, the Patriots manage just two points in the second. They trailed 18-13 at halftime but outscored Winchester 13-4 in the third quarter and were able to hold the lead in the fourth.

JCHS got 11 points from Parker Nichols to lead the way. Wesley Bihn followed with nine points, Liam Garringer had seven and Abraham Dirksen scored six on a pair of first-half 3-pointers.

Graydn Moyer hit four 3-pointers and scored a game-high 19 points for Winchester. Ethan McHolland followed with six points, and Lucas Tarter scored four.

## Delay could cost real \$

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Sometime soon, lockout costs become real: Max Scherzer would forfeit \$232,975 for each regular-season day lost, and Gerrit Cole \$193,548.

Based on last year's base salaries that totaled just over \$3.8 billion, major league players would combine to lose \$20.5 million for each day wiped off the 186-day regular-season schedule.

Major League Baseball has told the players' association a labor deal must be reached by Monday in order for opening day to come off as scheduled on March 31 and a 162-game season to remain intact. The union hasn't said whether it believes that deadline, and there likely is some leeway based on timing after the 1990 lockout, the 1994-95 strike and the 2020 pandemic delay.

Talks resumed this week in the second-longest work stoppage in baseball history, which started Dec. 2.

A player at management's proposed \$630,000 minimum would lose \$3,387 for each day he's not on a big league roster, the amount rising to \$4,167 under the union's offer of a \$775,000 minimum.

While medical insurance would expire after March 31 for players in the major leagues when last season ended, the union would pay COBRA payments to continue their coverage and also will cover the subsidy usually paid for the medical coverage of former players.

It's harder to calculate what owners of the 30 teams would lose if games are lost, but a similar amount is likely. While players received about half of industry revenue that reached a high of \$9.7 billion in 2019 (a percentage that includes spending on draft picks and international amateurs), they are paid during the regular season, and teams receive a substantial percentage of revenue from the postseason.

For players, the cost is clear: Each earns 1/186th of his base salary each day.

See Cost page 7

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## IndyCar opens with new stars

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The stars of IndyCar crowded into Indianapolis Motor Speedway to celebrate an upcoming season of opportunity for America's open-wheel racing series to further cement its legitimacy and expand its popularity.

The party to mark the 100-day countdown to the Indianapolis 500 went off course amid word Michael Andretti was again trying to acquire a Formula One team. Mario Andretti, the 1978 F1 world champion, wrote that Andretti Global had applied for an expansion team to launch in 2024 — news so very indicative of IndyCar's peculiar dilemma.

IndyCar has weathered the pandemic under Roger Penske, who had the misfortune of purchasing the series and IMS about two months before the global shutdown. Despite the challenges, Penske enters his third season at the top with all critical metrics trending upward.

IndyCar's growth can be attributed to a crop of young stars — a Dutch driver, a Mexican, a Spaniard and 21-year-old Colton Herta of California —

who won races and new fans. IndyCar's growth has made it a respectable and even desirable landing spot for top drivers around the globe, but the bright young lights of IndyCar's resurgence all happened to grow up dreaming of F1.

If Michael Andretti ever does get an F1 team, he is almost certain to take Herta from Andretti Autosport with him as the next American driver. Herta was a central figure in last year's failed Andretti talks to purchase Sauber, and as he prepares this Sunday to defend his St. Petersburg victory from a year ago, he's again in the headlines for the wrong series.

"It's the same as how I was with the Sauber stuff, it doesn't really make too much of a difference to me," Herta told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "My main goal this year is IndyCar and that's what I'm focused on. If something were to happen with Formula One, I'd have to take a good look at it. But when I'm contracted to drive something, that what I put 95% of my energy into."

Pato O'Ward, a 22-year-old Mexican, races for McLaren in IndyCar and seems to already have one foot

out the door. He tested the F1 car for McLaren in December and could be the team's reserve driver at select 2022 races.

Herta and O'Ward, teammates in January on a class victory at the Rolex 24 at Daytona, have established themselves as motorsports' new guard. Losing them to F1, the hottest property in motorsports right now, hangs over an IndyCar community banking on all the new faces to carry the series forward.

"I want people to enjoy me in IndyCar, I want them to know what IndyCar has to offer, the racing," O'Ward said of the line he must toe. "Whenever I go to Formula One, or if I ever go to Formula One, just for now enjoy me in IndyCar."

It's a lot of attention on a pair of drivers who both fell short of the IndyCar championship and are both still scraping together the points the FIA requires to get an F1 driver's license. And of all the emerging stars, the one to finally dethrone six-time IndyCar champion Scott Dixon last season was neither Herta or O'Ward, but instead Alex Palou — Dixon's Chip Ganassi Racing teammate.