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Pals with a pig

Fort Recovery Elementary School kindergartener Ivan Boeckman grins while holding a piglet Thursday. Fort Recovery FFA students hosted a petting zoo — complete with horses, calves, goats, piglets, puppies and a bunny — for elementary students and community members at Fort Recovery High School. There were no chickens or ducks present this year because of the ongoing Avian Influenza (bird flu) outbreak in the United States.

Fund is offering ukuleles to 5th graders

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
Ron Shoemaker loved the arts.

He was a member of Jay County Community Band. He performed with Jay County Civic Theatre.

Through his generosity, he's now helping to pass on an appreciation for the arts to local students.

The Shoemaker Charitable Gift Fund, through Arts Place, is providing a ukulele for every fifth grader in Jay School Corporation.

Jan Rittenhouse, a music teacher for Jay Schools, explained that Julie Tarr of the Shoemaker fund reached out to her about doing something in support of arts education for elementary school students.

"She thought that putting an instrument into as many students' hands as they could is what they wanted to do," said Rittenhouse.

They discussed the options and settled on ukuleles.

"We have a classroom set that we had gotten a couple of years ago, which the kids love," said Rittenhouse. "And now they get these, that each student is provided a ukulele that they get to take home and keep."

Arts Place got involved in order to facilitate making the instruments gifts directly to the students, explained executive director Eric Rogers. (The school corporation had previously accepted a grant through Arts Place for the purchase of nearly \$32,000 in instruments that will be owned by the schools.)

In total, about 270 ukuleles will be purchased this year at a cost of more than \$20,000.

See **Ukuleles** page 5

Police leader blasts permit repeal

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A proposal aiming to repeal Indiana's handgun permit requirement was at least temporarily sidelined in Legislature on Thursday amid ongoing objections of major law enforcement groups and officials, including the head of the State Police.

The Republican-dominated Senate Judiciary Committee advanced the

bill late Wednesday during an eight-hour meeting that ended with three GOP senators joining committee Democrats in approving an amendment that a Republican supporter said "guts the bill completely." Senate leaders killed that particular bill Thursday afternoon, but said the issue would still be debated and possibly adopted in the final weeks of this year's legislative session.

The committee's action followed testimony from officers with the Evansville and Fort Wayne police departments and leaders of the state Fraternal Order of Police, police chiefs association and county prosecutors association. They argued that eliminating the permit system would strip police of a screening tool for identifying dangerous people who shouldn't have guns.

State Police Superintendent Doug Carter, a Republican who previously served as sheriff of Hamilton County, was unusually pointed in his criticism of the Republican push to repeal the permit requirement.

"It's often so easy to talk about your support for public safety," Carter said. "But if you choose to support this bill, you will not be supporting us."

Indiana currently

requires people to obtain a license to carry a loaded handgun outside their own homes, businesses and cars, although people can generally carry rifles and shotguns without a permit. Twenty-one other states allow residents to carry handguns without permits, which gun rights advocates call "constitutional carry" in reference to the Second Amendment.

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Biden set to nominate Brown

By COLLEEN LONG,
MICHAEL BALSAMO
and ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden today will nominate federal appeals court Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, the White House said, making her the first Black woman selected to serve on a court that once declared her race unworthy of citizenship and endorsed segregation.

In Jackson, Biden delivers on a campaign promise to make the historic appointment and to further diversify a court that was made up entirely of white men for almost two centuries. He has chosen an attorney who would be the high court's first former public defender, though she also possesses the elite legal background of other justices.

Jackson would be the current court's second Black justice — Justice Clarence Thomas, a conservative, is the other — and just the third in history.

Biden planned to introduce Jackson in remarks at the

White House this afternoon, where Jackson was also expected to speak, the White House said.

She would also be only the sixth woman to serve on the court, and her confirmation would mean that for the first time four women would sit together on the nine-member court.

The current court includes three women, one of whom is the court's first Latina, Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Jackson would join the liberal minority of a conservative-dominated court that is weighing cutbacks to abortion rights and will be considering ending affirmative action in college admissions and restricting voting rights efforts to increase minority representation.

Biden is filling the seat that will be vacated by Justice Stephen Breyer, 83, who is retiring at the end of the term this summer.

Jackson, 51, once worked as one of Breyer's law clerks early in her legal career.

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Icy bales

Bales were coated in ice and snow this morning on the north side of Indiana 26, east of Portland. Sleet, freezing rain and snow started falling Thursday evening, leaving vehicles encased in a frozen layer. Both Jay School Corporation and Fort Recovery Local Schools are closed today.

Deaths

Bessie Jackson, 84, Pennville
Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County hovered between 25 and 30 degrees Thursday. Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 17. Skies will be mostly sunny Saturday with a high of 33.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Civic Theatre continues its production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at 7 p.m. tonight, 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.
Tickets for the musical comedy are available at Arts Place in Portland, by calling (260) 726-4809 or by visiting myartsplace.org.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from the FRHS boys basketball team's sectional championship game.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners and Dunkirk City Council meetings.



Obituaries

Bessie Jackson

Feb. 4, 1938-Feb. 23, 2022
Bessie L. Jackson, 84, of Pennville, Indiana, passed away Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, 2022, at IU Health Jay hospital in Portland, Indiana.
She was born on Feb. 4, 1938, in Stewart County, Tennessee, to Willie and Annie (Kirkland) Green. Both parents preceded her in death.

Bessie married Gus H. Jackson on Dec. 23, 1955, in Corinth, Mis-

issippi. He survives in Pennville, Indiana.

Bessie worked for Archway Cookies in Fort Wayne for 17 years, Coopers Rest Home in Bluffton and Gateway Restaurant. She was a member of the Sugar Grove Nazarene Church, Portland, Indiana. Bessie enjoyed cooking and baking. She was known for her biscuit making,



Jackson

writing poetry, card playing and family camping trips. She loved sharing the word of Jesus to others. She was a devoted Sunday school teacher for 10 years.

In addition to her spouse, Bessie is survived by three sons, Wade (Denise) Jackson of Ossian, Roy E. Jackson of Markle and M. Dennis Jackson of Pennville; three daughters, Karen (Tom) Shatzer of Roanoke, Teresa (Charles) Brown of Pennville and Kim (Scott) Nash of Markle; six grandchildren, Travis Jackson,

Allison Alford, Chase (Leah) Nash, Connor (Karley) Nash, Cayden Nash and Caitlyn Nash; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Bessie was preceded in death by five brothers, Allan Green, James Green, Monroe Green, Lester Green and Billy Green; three sisters, Delia Jones, Gerline Cherry and Gladys Keatts; one granddaughter, Misty Kent; and one great-grandson.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, from 2 to 6

p.m. at Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel 3220 E. Indiana 124, Bluffton, Indiana. Services will be held Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Pastor Travis Tackett will officiate. Burial will follow Hovestock Cemetery in Zanesville.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences can be expressed at goodwincaleharnish.com.

CR almanac

Saturday 2/26	Sunday 2/27	Monday 2/28	Tuesday 3/1	Wednesday 3/2
33/22	38/16	37/26	41/26	39/23
Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Saturday with a 5 to 10 mph western wind.	Sunday's weather looks to be sunny. Wind gusts may reach as high as 20 mph.	Another day of sunny skies is in the forecast for Monday, with a high near 37.	Tuesday's forecast shows partly sunny skies with low of 26.	More partly sunny skies are predicted Wednesday. The low may reach 23.

Lotteries

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$58 million
Cash 5: 31-34-35-39-42
Estimated jackpot: \$80,000

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$87 million
Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 2-9-0
Pick 4: 1-8-4-8
Pick 5: 7-1-5-2-8

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 2-1-1
Daily Four: 6-8-4-0
Evening
Daily Three: 6-4-6
Daily Four: 8-5-8-0
Quick Draw: 2-5-7-11-15-18-20-27-35-43-46-47-48-50-53-67-69-75-77-78
Estimated jackpot: \$215,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....6.60
March corn.....6.60
Wheat.....8.35
Wheat 8.53
March wheat 8.53

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....6.68
March corn.....6.68
April corn.....6.72

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn.....6.64
March corn.....6.64
Beans.....15.91
March beans.....15.91

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....6.65
March corn.....6.65
Beans.....16.00
March beans.....16.02
Feb. wheat 8.66

Sunrise St. Anthony
Corn.....6.58
March corn.....6.58
Beans.....15.66
March beans.....15.66
Wheat8.31

Today in history

On Feb. 25, 1964, Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavy-weight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent per gallon.

In 1954, Gamal Abdel Nasser became Egypt's prime minister after the country's president, Mohammed Naguib, was effectively ousted in a coup.

In 1957, the Supreme Court, in *Butler v. Michigan*, overturned a

Michigan statute making it a misdemeanor to sell books containing obscene language that would tend to corrupt "the morals of youth."

In 1972, William E. Lapa, a Winchester resident, announced his candidacy to run for state representative in the newly formed 54th district, which included Jay County.

In 1973, the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater.

In 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday
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.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Tuesday
5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-house Community Center.



Photo provided

FFA week

Portland Mayor John Boggs signed a proclamation declaring this week FFA Week in the city. Pictured with the mayor are Jay County FFA members Lucas Lyons, Kelsey Braun and Joseph Kunk.

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Portland teen crashed the vehicle she was driving into an Ohio woman's car on county road 800 East about 4:15 a.m. Thursday.

Natalie A. Link, 16, was driving a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu east on county road 200 North and stopped at the intersection with county road 800 East. She continued into the intersection, striking a 2000 Toyota Avalon driven by 48-year-old Rebecca J. Thatcher of Rockford, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Both vehicles were towed.

Lost control

A Portland woman was

taken to the hospital after losing control of her vehicle on county road 100 North about 4:18 a.m. Sunday.

Emily J. Chenoweth, 18, was driving east on the road and crossed the intersection with county road 500 East when she lost control of the 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix she was driving. The vehicle went into a southern ditch and rolled four times, throwing Chenoweth out of the car.

She was flown to Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne for a face injury. The vehicle she was driving was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Backing accident

A Portland woman backed her truck into another vehicle on 7th Street in Portland about 5:40 p.m. Thursday.

Laura J. Wimmer, 50, Portland, was backing her 2016 Chevrolet Silverado out of a parking space at Circle K, 729 S. Meridian St., and into the street. She didn't see the 2006 Chrysler Pacifica, driven by 29-year-old Anthony T. Orr of Portland, and her truck hit the passenger side of Orr's vehicle.

Orr's vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Mirrors mashed

A Dunkirk woman and Redkey man driving on county road 1150 West collided side-view mirrors about 8:10 p.m. Wednesday.
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SERVICES

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

Monday
Jackson, Bessie: 10:30 a.m., Goodwin - Cale and Harnish Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. Indiana 124, Bluffton.

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FR Charities raised \$17,900

Charities in Fort Recovery raised more than \$17,900 last year. Fort Recovery Combined Charities recently released its 2021 campaign report, which listed \$17,943 total in donations — that's an increase of \$1,202 from 2020.

The Center for Neurological Development received \$2,415. The Cancer Association of Mercer County received \$2,156, Mercer County Right to Life received \$1,774, Fort Recovery Friends of the Library received \$1,760 and Fort Recovery Community Foundation received \$1,591. Other distributions included Fort Recovery Historical Society at \$1,488, State of the Heart at \$1,361, Fort Recovery Academic Boosters \$1,300, Project Recovery at \$808, Fort Recovery Girl Scouts at \$777, Fort Recovery Ministerial Association at \$765, Fort Recovery 4-H Club at \$764, Our Home Family Resource Center at \$517 and M.A.V. (Mercer, Auglaize and Van Wert counties) Youth Mentoring at \$467.

Teen feels overwhelmed

DEAR ABBY: I'm a teen girl having some trouble right now. I was in an abusive family. Most of my life, I was bullied because I separated from them because they were doing drugs. I have serious depression, and my foster family hasn't noticed. I have given them plenty of signs (I have trouble talking about my feelings), but they ignore them.

Dear Abby



adviser. If you are afraid to do that with your own priest, pastor, rabbi, etc., make an appointment to talk with one in a different community. While you may be racked with guilt, believe me, nothing you confess is something they haven't heard before. I hope it helps you to stop flogging yourself.

I had a best friend who helped me through the pain, but she started showing her true colors and turned out to be a jerk. I am also having trouble finding someone who will love me, because I want to be in love.

looking for. While most people want to find someone to love who will love them back, I think you would be wise to put that on the back burner until you are stronger emotionally. If you can do that, you will make better choices in the future.

Everyone treats me like a little kid, even though I'm the oldest. Sorry for dumping all my problems on you, but I really need help. It's not fun crying myself to sleep every night. — DEPRESSED GIRL IN IOWA

DEAR ABBY: I committed a sin with my husband's brother many years ago that I have regretted ever since. I have confessed to God, but I need to tell someone. (I know you cannot absolve my mistake.)

DEAR DEPRESSED GIRL: I am sure it's not fun. You have had some hurdles to climb, but you are in your teens and not a "little kid." You should not be keeping your sadness bottled up inside. That's why it's important you find a trusted adult you can talk with about your feelings.

My husband was not very affectionate, but we went on to have a family and many good years together. I guess I don't feel I deserved all those blessings. How can I get rid of this feeling of guilt for what I did? — EVIL LADY IN THE SOUTH

If you are in school, a counselor or teacher you trust may be able to provide the support and understanding you are

DEAR LADY: Because you won't allow me to absolve you from the "one sin you committed many years ago," please discuss it with a religious

DEAR ABBY: Please clear this up for me. My mother recently passed away. My family and I miss her every day. Her funeral was prepaid, so there were no additional expenses for my family. In the funeral notice, we asked that people give memorials of money to the charity listed, or a charity of the donor's choice.

My co-workers collected money and gave it to me. Was the money intended to be a charitable donation from them in my mother's honor, or was it meant for me personally? I'm confused. — CONFUSED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR CONFUSED: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. Because your co-workers didn't specify otherwise, assume they followed the guidelines in the obituary and the money is for charity.

Thank them for their generosity and leave it at that.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email 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 pregnan-

cy 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 COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS

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

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.

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To the editor:

This week (Feb. 20 through 26) is Tri Kappa Week in the state of Indiana.

Portland is fortunate to have an active and an associate chapter. Founded in 1901, Tri Kappa gives approximately \$1.5 million dollars every year to local and statewide projects in the areas of charity, culture and education. All chapters support Riley Children's Hospital, The Mental Health Association of Indiana, ARC of Indiana, Indiana Special Olympics, Best Buddies of Indiana, the

Letters to the Editor

Hoosier Art Salon and many more worthwhile projects.

The Portland Beta Theta Chapter, founded in 1915, supports many organizations including Arts Place, 4th of July Committee, Community and Family Services, Jay Coun-

ty Historical Society, Pregnancy Care Center, United Way of Jay County, Winterfest, Jay Community Center, the Jay County Public Library Summer Reading Program, Jay County Summer Swim Team, the Jay County Law Enforcement Camp, Jay County Head Start, Reading is Fundamental, Jay County Special Olympics and Youth Service Bureau.

Annually, we give \$3,000 in scholarships to Jay County High School seniors and Christmas gifts to each resident at Jay County Retirement

Center and the county nursing and group homes.

The sorority would like to thank the public for supporting our annual fundraisers: Terri Lynn nuts/Abbot Caramels, the Vera Bradley/Thirty-One Bingo (this year's is April 25 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School) and the slushie sales at the Jay County Fair. Thanks also to those who buy advertisements that we announce at the fair.

The girls of Tri Kappa have fun working together to do projects for the betterment of

our community. We meet new people that we normally wouldn't cross paths with, both locally and throughout the state.

Jay County is a great place to live and raise a family, in part because of the support of several philanthropic organizations in our community. Please consider getting involved in an organization that gives back to our community.

Sincerely,
Jodi McKee
President
Tri Kappa Sorority
Beta Theta Chapter

Threat extends beyond Ukraine

By JENNIFER RUBIN
The Washington Post

Russian President Vladimir Putin made clear on Monday that, despite threats of crippling sanctions, he has begun the dismantling of the free and independent country of Ukraine. And in a fiery speech sounding like Soviet leaders of the past, he underscored that his unbridled aggression and extensive ambitions do not end with Ukraine.

In precisely the sort of war-provocation scenario the Biden administration anticipated, Putin signed orders recognizing two breakaway regions of Ukraine — Donetsk and Luhansk — as independent. More ominous, he deployed Russian forces into the territories. This is unmistakably an invasion of a neighboring country. Putin's deployment of troops without defining the borders of the two regions creates ambiguity as to how far Russian forces would venture.

In a background briefing for reporters on Monday, a senior official had resisted using the term "invasion." He promised, "We are going to observe and assess what Russia does in the hours ahead and overnight, that we are going to respond to any actions that Russia takes in a way that we believe is appropriate to the action." The official added, "And if Russia takes further actions, I suspect we would take further actions in response to that." By Tuesday, any ambiguity was gone.

On Monday, President Joe Biden announced sanctions that applied to only two regions. In a written statement concerning new sanctions, the White House declared,

"President Putin's action contradicts Russia's commitments under the Minsk agreements, refutes Russia's claimed commitment to diplomacy, and undermines Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity." The sanctions, the White House said, are "distinct from the swift and severe economic measures we are prepared to issue with Allies and partners in response to a further Russian invasion of Ukraine." Britain also declared it would issue sanctions, and European allies joined in condemning Russia's actions. Most critical, Germany announced the suspension of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, a diplomatic success for the administration that had pressed Germany to take this step.

As frightening as the actions Putin ordered were, his crazed speech was even worse. He deplored Russia for having "allowed" former states to break away

Jennifer Rubin



and claimed Russia had "created" Ukraine, denying the country ever had a "genuine" tradition of independent statehood. His declared intent to reverse the breakup of the Soviet Union would apply not only to Ukraine but also every former Soviet state, including the Baltic states. In other words, it was Putin's justification to redraw the map of Europe in effect for more than 30 years. Putin was never going to be diverted by other "security" discussions. This is someone who regards himself in grandiose historic terms as willing to do whatever it takes to return Russia to its former glory.

The administration and its allies must be prepared to address several challenges. First, the Biden administration has no excuse to delay implementation of crippling sanctions. Excessive delay will embolden Putin further and suggest that the West's commitment to preserving Ukraine's territorial integrity is less than ironclad.

Second, Russian expertise in disinformation, ambiguity and setting up "false flag" operations requires a degree of unity among allies and within the United States that we have not been able to achieve in recent years. Right-wing stooges of Putin who misread this event as merely about Ukraine's NATO membership rather than Russian revanchism will make it more difficult to project unity and resolve. Republican leaders in Congress must reaffirm their solid and unwavering support for the West's response to Russian aggression.

Finally, despite critics the imminent invasion does not show that efforts to deter Putin's aggression "failed." Rather, Putin has shown that he is not taking calibrated risks or considering rational arguments of the harm that will befall Russia. He is avenging perceived historic wrongs.

All the West can do now is to reaffirm international norms, act in stalwart defense of all NATO members (and consider extending membership to countries such as Finland and Sweden) and deter further aggression by dealing a crushing blow to the Russian dictator.

Rubin writes reported opinion for The Washington Post.



Biggest threat is nullification

By BILL KETTER
CNHI

The political fight about voting rights has heated up with the 2022 midterm U.S. Senate and House elections less than 10 months away.

Ants in pants anxiety over state voting rules has mostly focused on efforts to curtail the liberal ballot access procedures put in place for the pandemic-year election of 2020.

New laws to restrict mail balloting, use of drop boxes, early voting days and handing out water or snacks in Election Day voting lines are deserving of concern.

But far more frightening, less publicized changes could let partisan actors in some states nullify votes and overturn elections if they don't accept the results as valid.

They open the door to sham elections like those in authoritarian-governed countries where the dictators dictate election outcomes so they never lose.

Could this happen in America, the world's oldest democracy?

It almost did in the last presidential election. Incumbent Donald Trump, the clear loser, attempted to stay in power with strong-arm tactics to reverse the results under the false claim of a stolen election.

What's more, he continues to peddle his electoral lie. Sadly, a recent public opinion poll revealed 50% of registered Republicans believe it. Trump's conspiracy theories are trusted more than evidence that no widespread fraud occurred.

The most dangerous effect of the believers of that lie is playing out in states with Republican legislatures influenced by Trump. They are considering, and a few have passed, partisan election review laws.

Georgia is a prime example. Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger heroically refused Trump's coercive attempts to alter the twice-confirmed elec-

tion results giving Democrat Joe Biden a 0.2% victory margin in Georgia.

Yet Georgia's Trump-friendly legislature was not so valiant. Last year, it diluted the secretary of state's election oversight powers by removing the office from heading the State Election Board. Instead, the chair is now appointed by a majority of state legislators or, if they are not in session, the governor.

Additionally, state lawmakers expanded the board's powers to let it intervene in county election board and probate judge election certification and voter eligibility responsibilities if those office holders "underperformed."

So if a candidate contests election results and wants them changed to his or her advantage, the partisan mechanism is in place to nullify ballots and change outcomes, provided the candidate's party controls the State Election Board.

Georgia Republicans insist it is not a return to Jim Crow-era voting laws. But if it looks like Jim Crow, flies like Jim Crow, and caws like Jim Crow, then it probably is Jim Crow.

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University's School of Law reported this month that similar legislation to manipulate election outcomes for partisan gain are under consideration in 13 states, many of them key battlegrounds such as Arizona, Florida, Pennsylvania and South Carolina.

Alan I. Abramowitz is a political science professor at Emory University in Atlanta and a senior columnist for Sabato's Crystal

Bill Ketter



Ball, a political analysis newsletter produced by the University of Virginia Center for politics. He believes public fears that voter access restrictions suppress voter turnout are misguided. Abramowitz bases his conclusion on his comparative study of state election turnouts in the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections. In both instances, he said, passion for or against the candidates drove voter participation.

Abramowitz's research found only marginal differences in the percentage of voter method preferences between 2016 and 2020 in comparing mail-in ballots, early days voting, ID requirements and in-person voting — even though several states relaxed absentee voting requirements due to the pandemic in 2020.

"Voting rules did not appear to have much impact on turnout and had no measurable impact on vote margins at the state level in the 2020 presidential election," he said in a recent article titled, "Why Voter Suppression Probably Won't Work." Current efforts by Republican legislatures to suppress turnout among minorities and other Democratic-leaning voter groups "by imposing restrictions on absentee voting, early in-person voting and use of drop boxes or by requiring that voters present photo identification in order to vote are unlikely to bear fruit," opined Abramowitz.

He did acknowledge, however, in an interview with CNN host Michael Smerconish last week that the greater threat lies in votes lawfully cast being counted and results accepted by election officials, by the candidates and by their parties.

When all is said and done, our democracy depends on it.

Ketter is senior vice president of news for CNHI, an organization that runs print and digital news organizations in 22 states.

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Under attack

A fire damaged building following a blast at around 4 a.m. during Russian artillery strikes today in Kyiv, Ukraine. Russian forces closed in on Ukraine's capital and its embattled leadership as President Vladimir Putin shrugged off a barrage of sanctions imposed by the U.S and Europe and pressed deeper with his invasion.



Bloomberg/Erin Trieb

Capsule Reports

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Debra Dornberger, 66, was driving her 2005 Ford 500 east on county road 600 South just east of county road 1150 West. At the same time, Billy Taylor, 83, was driving his 1994 Ford Ranger west on the road. As they passed each other, their side-view mirrors collided.

Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000.

Permit ...

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Rep. Ben Smaltz, a Republican sponsor of the bill from Auburn, said repealing the permit requirement would mean “the law-abiding citizen is not required to go through a process of asking permission, submitting to government investigation, supplying their fingerprints to enjoy a right.”

Carter blamed the “outside influence of national associations or political posturing” for pushing the permit repeal issue in the Legislature, where Republicans have better than two-thirds majorities in both the House and Senate.

“This is the problem with the supermajority. It stifles, prohibits and oftentimes limits public debate,” Carter said. “I sure hope you choose to show deference to law enforcement professionals who understand the magnitude and the front-line effects of this legislation, rather than the possibility of getting reelected or unelected the next primary.”

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb's office didn't immediately reply to a request for comment about where he stands on the proposal and Carter's remarks.

Nominate ...

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She attended Harvard as an undergraduate and for law school, and served on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, the agency that develops federal sentencing policy, before becoming a federal judge in 2013.

Her nomination is subject to confirmation by the Senate, where Democrats hold the majority by a razor-thin 50-50 margin with Vice President Kamala Harris as the tie-breaker. Party leaders have promised swift but deliberate consideration of the president's nominee.

The next justice will replace one of the more liberal justices, so she would not tip the balance of the court, which now leans 6-3 in favor of conservatives.

The news comes two years to the day after Biden, then struggling to capture the Democratic presidential nomination, first pledged in a South Carolina debate to nominate a Black woman to the high court if presented with a vacancy.

“Everyone should be represented,” Biden said. “We talked about the Supreme Court — I'm looking

forward to making sure there's a black woman on the Supreme Court to make sure we in fact get everyone represented.”

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin has said that he wants the Senate to move quickly on the nomination. Senators have set a tentative goal of confirmation by April 8, when they leave for a two-week spring recess. Hearings could start as soon as mid-March.

That timeline could be complicated by a number of things, including the ongoing develop-

ments between Russia and Ukraine and the extended absence of Democratic Sen. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, who suffered a stroke last month and is out for several weeks. Democrats would need Lujan's vote to confirm Biden's pick if no Republicans support her.

Once the nomination is sent to the Senate, it is up to the Senate Judiciary Committee to vet the nominee and hold confirmation hearings. After the committee approves a nomination, it goes to the Senate floor for a final vote.

Ukuleles ...

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“Our mission is to nurture the creative spirit in our community,” said Rogers. “Arts in public education is a big deal for us. We've been advocates for making that the public knows and that the administration knows that arts education is critical to a well-rounded education.

“This is one way that we

could help. ... It fits right with our mission.”

The instruments, which will be used in classes with elementary school music teachers LaVetha Loucks, Rachel Arnold and Rittenhouse, will be put to use quickly.

They hope to have students perform with their new ukuleles at their spring concert this year.

And while students already had access to a limited number of ukuleles in the classroom, Rittenhouse noted the benefits of the new instruments being the property of the students.

“We want them to have the opportunity to experience music outside of the classroom,” said Rittenhouse. “We're hoping this will give them an opportu-

nity to enjoy it for a lifetime.”

Shoemaker, who died in November 2018 at the age of 76, was a Portland resident who spent his career teaching math at Fort Recovery High School. He graduated from Portland High School in 1961 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Earlham College and master's

degree from Ball State University.

His estate previously donated \$1.52 million to Fort Recovery Community Foundation for scholarships for Fort Recovery students and provided a gift of \$400,000 to The Portland Foundation for the development and maintenance of recreation trails in Jay County.



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“My son has returned home to his wife and child – he has learned a great deal, is continuing therapy and family therapy, and there is hope.”

Contact to Sign Up: jake@jcdpc.org or allyssa@jcdpc.org
260.251.3259

Location & Groups: Starting February 28th, every Monday from 5:30-6:30 until May 16th at the JCDPC Office

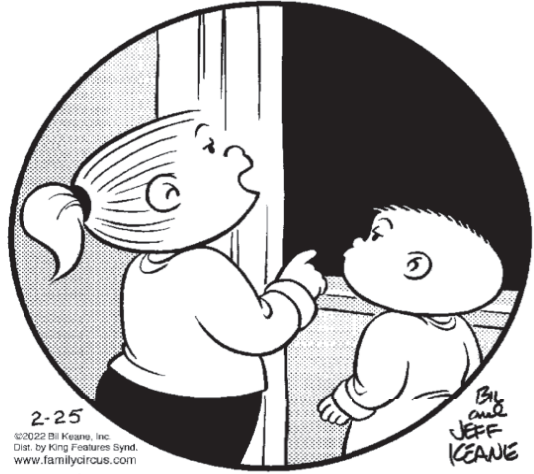


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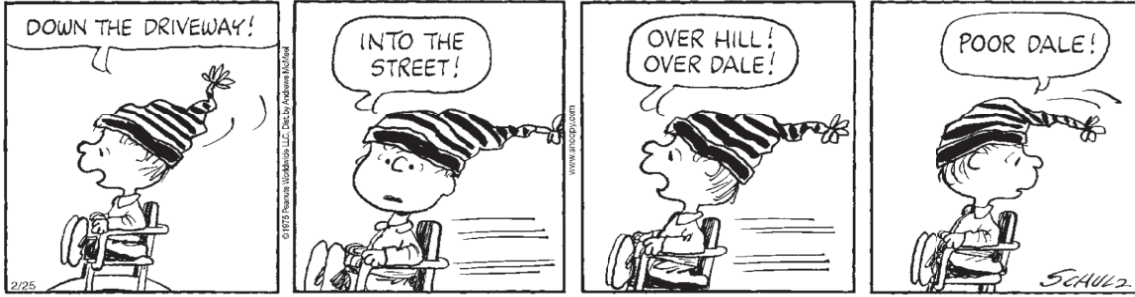
Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone: West North East South 1♦ 1♠ Pass ?

1. Two spades. It might first be best to define partner's one-spade bid. Most overcalls on the one-level are based on eight to 12 high-card points and a good suit...

your three-spade bid invites partner to continue on to four spades if his overall is above the minimum range. Some partnerships play that a cue-bid of two diamonds in this situation would be an invitational spade raise...

Peanuts



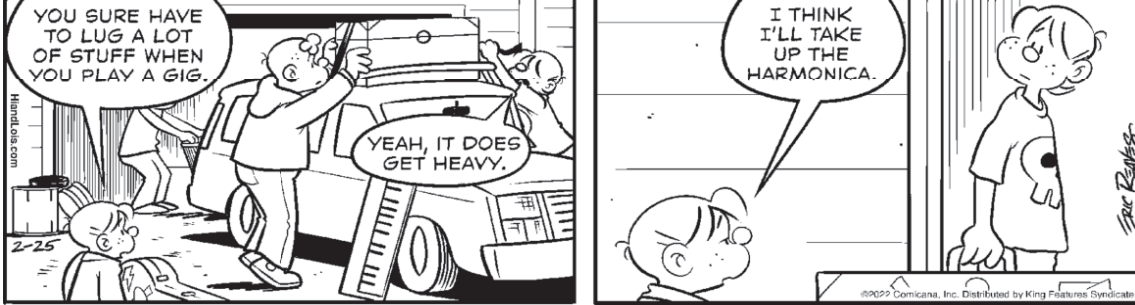
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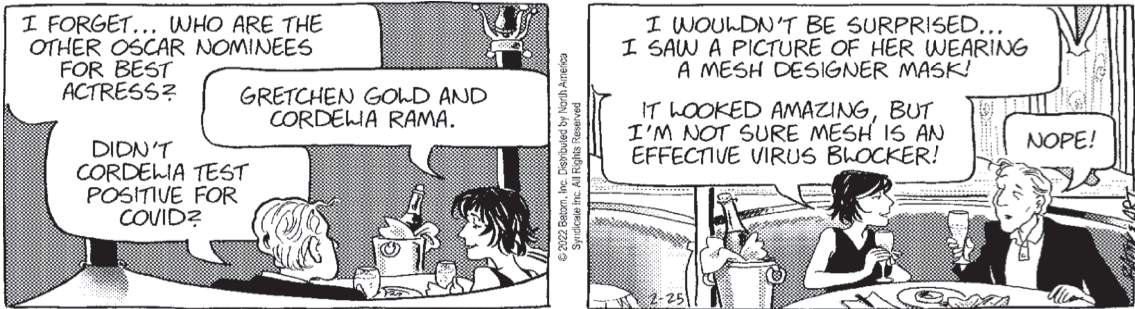
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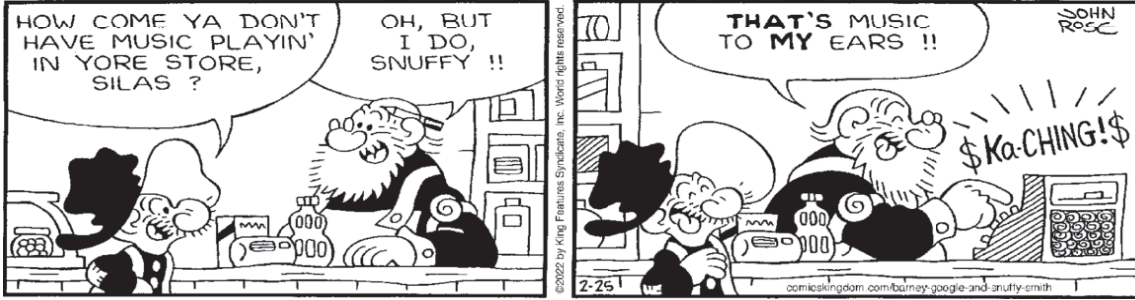
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 2-25

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Jay Superior Court

Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced

Jordan K. Gilbert, 22, 856 N. Jefferson St., Berne, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor, and leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 32 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Gilbert was placed on probation for 333 days, assessed \$370.50 in court costs and fined \$1. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 102 days retroactive to Oct. 11. In a separate case, Gilbert also pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — He violated the terms of his conditional discharge and

was subsequently sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but 36 days suspended and given six days credit for time served. Gilbert was also placed on probation for 329 days.

Shaina L. Gunter, 35, 305 W. Hoosier St., Berne, pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Gunter was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and placed on probation for 178 days. As part of her plea agreement, a Class A infraction for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

Terry A. Coby, 37, 4415 E. Treaty Line Road, Portland, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endanger-

ing a person, a Class A misdemeanor, and leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Coby was placed on probation for 363 days, fined \$1, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. The court recommended to Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend Coby's license for one year, retroactive to Jan. 4.

Jamison B. Bogle, 30, 1120 S. Shank St., Portland, pleaded guilty to domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all

but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Bogle was placed on probation for 361 days, fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling.

Brandon L. Smith, 4816 S. Mount Pleasant Road, Portland, pleaded guilty to domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 112 days suspended and given 112 days credit for time served. Smith was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence, prevention and treatment fee. He was also placed on probation for 253 days.

Daniel C. Hester, 34, 116 W. Chestnut St. Apt. A,

Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Hester was placed on probation for 178 days, fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Robert G. McDowell, 51, 106 S. 4th St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to battery, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but 30 days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Robert was placed on probation for 150 days and assessed \$185 in court costs. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

Brett A. Stevens, 42, 1065 E. 100 South, Portland,

pleaded guilty to public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 110 days in Jay County Jail and given 110 days credit for time served. Stevens was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Brent A. Walter, 25, 1451 Irish Hills Court, Richmond, pleaded guilty to domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Walter was placed on probation for 361 days, fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence, prevention and treatment fee. As part of his plea agreement, two Class A misdemeanors for carrying a handgun without a license and resisting law enforcement were dismissed.

90 SALE CALENDAR

LAND AUCTION
Monday, February 28th, 2022

TIME 5:00 P.M.
LOCATED: On 500 E, just south of 400 S, in Hartford City (Millgrove) REAL ESTATE

Land consists of 60 acres located in Section 4 of Jackson Township, Blackford County, Indiana. Land is practically all tillable and buyer will have possession at closing. Drive overs are welcome dependent upon the weather. Auction will be held on site. For any questions, contact the auctioneers!

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Saturday Morning, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 10:00 A.M.

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Oak bookcase secretary; Oak 4 stack bookcase; Oak 3 stack bookcase; Oak 2 stack bookcase; barber's chair; smoker's stand; dresser with marble insert and mirror; pitcher pump lamp; (2) doctor's cabinets; fishing lures; Red Comet glass ball fire extinguisher with holder; copper tea pot; metal airplane; Filling Station sign; Red Man Tobacco porcelain sign; Budweiser round sign; Redkey advertising calendars to include Appenzellers, Hoosier Cleaners and Devlin Drugs; metal truck carousel toy; white porcelain; Kiddie Kar Classics items; Buffalo nickels; .177 cal. Crosman pellet pistol w/holder; and many other items not listed.

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland IN.

Saturday Morning, MARCH 5, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

(2) Lazy Boy couches; wing back chair; Tonka payload; Tonka firetruck; HARLEY DAVIDSON: motorcycle models, clock, bag, stein, and oil can gift set.

MOWER – TRAILER - TOOLS

Simplicity Hydrostat riding lawn mower with 48" deck, snow blower, wheel weights and chains; 3 1/2' x 8' 2 wheel trailer; County Line pull behind sprayer; Generac 3500XL generator; Fleet 3000 lb. hydraulic jack; Ryobi 10" table saw; Makita 12" miter saw with stand; Craftsman 7 1/4" circular saw; motorcycle mover; motorcycle helmets; air tools; come-along; small vise; pull behind broadcaster; canopy of XMark mower; and many other items not listed.

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HELP WANTED CITY OF PORTLAND

Position: Waste Water Department – Distribution Service Person. The City of Portland is accepting applications for the position of Waste Water Department Distribution and Maintenance Person. Minimum job requirements are high school diploma or its equivalent. A CDL B license or greater or able to obtain such license in a reasonable amount of time. General outline of duties: Install and maintain sewer taps, lines and catch basins according to requirements. Complete smoke and dye testing procedures and locate sewer lines. Lab duties will also be required. Equipment

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

Public Notice: The City of Portland (321 N. Meridian Street, Suite 250, Portland, IN 47371) is submitting a Notice of Intent to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements under the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge storm water from construction activities for the Meridian Street Drainage project. The receiving waters for the project area include the City of Portland Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and the Salamonie River. The project area includes portions of Meridian Street from Race Street to the Salamonie River; Walnut Street from Meridian Street east to Harrison Street; High St. from Meridian Street east to Harrison Street, and Arch Street from Meridian Street. east to Harrison Street. Questions can be directed to cityclerktreas@thecityofportland.net or (260) 726-9395 ext. 224
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Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 45672
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION BY ROSE GOLD SOLAR, LLC FOR CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS BY THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ITS JURISDICTION OVER PETITIONER'S ACTIVITIES AS A GENERATOR OF ELECTRIC POWER
Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 9:30 a.m. on April 19, 2022. This hearing is open to the public.
If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317.232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY 317.232.2701
BY: IURC – Jennifer Schuster, ALJ
DATE: February 21, 2022
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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO. 38D01-2112-CC-000239 FORUM CREDIT UNION Plaintiff, Vs. LOGAN J. NORRIS; FIRST BANK OF BERNE; HARBIN LLC; Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the defendants named above and any other person or persons who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above. The nature of the suit against you is: Foreclosure of real estate mortgage on: The South One Hundred Forty (140) Feet of the entire south end of lot number one (1) in Evan Evan's Addition to the Town of Redkey, in Jay County, Indiana. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are known: First Bank of Berne Harbin LLC and to the following defendant whose whereabouts is unknown: Logan J. Norris In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must respond to the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the third Notice of Suit is published, and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. ATTEST: Clerk of the Jay Superior Court PADGETT LAW GROUP By /s/ Caryn M. Beougher ELYSSA M. MEADE, Attorney for Plaintiff CARYN M. BEOUGHNER, Attorney for Plaintiff CARYN M. BEOUGHNER, 23887-29 ELYSSA M. MEADE, 25352-64 PADGETT LAW GROUP 10475 Crosspoint Blvd. Suite 250 Indianapolis, IN 46256 INattorney@padgettlaw-group.com CR 2-18-2022 - HSPAXLP

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Jay County Public Library, Jay County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021						
Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal.		Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec. 31, 2021
		Jan. 1, 2021	Jan. 1, 2021			
Governmental Activities						
100	Library Operating Fund	\$628,633.29	\$1,022,956.36	\$966,896.94	\$684,692.71	
101	Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
102	Change	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	
200	Gift	\$178,986.93	\$3,629.52	\$13,033.63	\$169,582.82	
201	Rainy Day	\$183,353.14	\$867.65	\$0.00	\$184,220.79	
226	Endowment Allocation	\$65,708.48	\$13,031.69	\$4,525.61	\$74,214.56	
276	State Technology Fund	\$0.00	\$3,642.55	\$3,642.55	\$0.00	
278	LSTA Cares Act Fund	\$0.00	\$1,837.15	\$1,837.15	\$0.00	
279	ARPA Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$435.00	-\$435.00	
400	Library Improvement Reserve	\$619,048.12	\$156,676.40	\$50,000.00	\$725,724.52	
801	Evergreen Indiana	\$13.85	\$244.24	\$195.60	\$62.49	
802	Withholding Funds	\$0.00	\$102,543.69	\$102,543.69	\$0.00	
809	Flexible Benefit	\$0.00	\$1,499.94	\$1,351.69	\$148.25	
Total All Funds		\$1,675,993.81	\$1,306,929.19	\$1,144,461.86	\$1,838,461.14	

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Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021						
Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal.		Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec 31, 2021
		Jan 1, 2021	Jan 1, 2021			
01	Withholding	\$438.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$438.00	
2	Cumulative Fire	\$39,781.17	\$8,254.60	\$0.00	\$48,135.77	
3	Levy Excess	\$67.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67.00	
4	Rainy Day	\$3,630.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,630.52	
5	Township	\$21,073.67	\$11,170.96	\$10,127.20	\$22,117.43	
6	Township Assistance	\$16,439.19	\$2,036.69	\$1,000.00	\$17,475.88	
Total All Funds		\$123,250.56	\$29,285.83	\$16,518.20	\$136,018.19	

IC 36-4-13 Detailed Receipts & Disbursements available at auditor's office.

State of Indiana SS: Jay County I, Scott Hilfiker, Trustee of Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or 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.
Scott Hilfiker, Madison Township Trustee Telephone: 260-726-5135
Date this report was to be published February 25, 2022
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Madison Township at its annual meeting this 17th day of February, 2022
Patty Starr, Madison Township Board Chairman
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 17th day of February, 2022.
Madison Township Board:
Patty Starr
Charlene Theurer
Greg Shreeve
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Sports

Pacers face new challenge after break

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — When Rick Carlisle started job hunting last summer, Indiana quickly emerged as a favored destination.

The Pacers had an experienced roster; playoff aspirations and a hungry group eager to fulfill its full potential.

Eight months later, a rash of injuries, COVID-19 absences, and a flurry of trade-deadline moves changed the plan. Expectations were lowered dramatically with a suddenly fresh-faced team hovering near the bottom of the Eastern Conference standings and trying to rebuild on the fly.

It's forcing everyone to embark on a new journey.

"You kind of scale down the menu of things you're doing offensively. You get to the core of what's most important and you kind of rebuild based on personnel," Carlisle said. "It's been a little bit of a whirlwind for these guys, but it's a great opportunity for them and for us."

This is not uncharted territory for Carlisle, the Dallas Mavericks career wins leader.

Coaches who stick around the league for two decades, like Carlisle, have been down this course multiple times. They've endured the midseason swaps, the changing philosophies, the mixing and matching of rotations as each game becomes a new audition — and survived.

For Indiana, though, this is a stark departure from standing operating procedure.

Since the early 1990s, Indiana's decision-makers — Donnie Walsh, Larry Bird and president of basketball operations Kevin Pritchard — largely kept the cornerstones in place and tinkered around the edges to stay competitive.

But multiple injury-riddled seasons, a franchise-record nine straight playoff losses, no playoff series victories since 2013-14 and the likelihood of a second straight postseason absence convinced Pritchard to pull the plug. Sagging attendance and the possibility of a second straight losing season at home only expedited it.

So Pritchard sent two-time All-Star Domantas Sabonis to Sacramento and starting guard Caris LeVert to Cleveland. Guards Justin Holiday and Jeremy Lamb and forward Torrey Craig also were dealt away.

They've been replaced in the rotation by 3-point specialist Buddy Hield and two recent first-round draft picks, forward Jalen Smith and an emerging star in 21-year-old point guard Tyrese Haliburton.

"I think there's a journey starting here, a journey with some younger players, a journey with some existing players, but I do feel the best I've felt in a long time about the direction of this team," Pritchard said after also adding two potential top-40 draft picks.



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Josh jolts

Josh Monroe of the Jay County High School boys swim team jolts through the water in the backstroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley during the IHSAA swimming and diving sectional championships on Saturday at JCHS. Monroe had a time of 2 minutes, 21.35 seconds, to finish 11th in the consolation final as Jay County placed sixth as a team.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys basketball triple-header at Belmont — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball sectional final vs. Lima Perry at St. Marys — 7:30 p.m.

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

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Louis at Richmond (ESPN2); Northwestern at Penn State (FS1)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Indiana Pacers (BALLY)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Miami Heat at New York Knicks (ESPN)
8 p.m. — Women's college basket-

ball: Indiana at Maryland (BTN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Texas State at Troy (ESPN2); Iowa at Nebraska (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: San Jose State at San Diego State (FS1)

Saturday
10:30 a.m. — High school girls basketball: Tecumseh vs. Lafayette Central Catholic (BALLY)

Noon — Men's college basketball: Purdue at Michigan State (ESPN); Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (CBS); Florida at Georgia (ESPN2)
Noon — NASCAR Racing: Xfinity Series — Production Alliance 300, Qualification (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — High school girls basketball: Forest Park vs. Frankton (BALLY)
1 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Butler at Marquette (FOX)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kentucky at Arkansas (CBS)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Virginia Tech at Miami (BALLY)
3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Seton Hall at Xavier (FOX)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Oregon State (CBS)

5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Xfinity Series — Production Alliance 300 (FS1)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Duke at Syracuse (ESPN); Texas Tech at TCU (ESPN2); Wisconsin at Rutgers (BTN)

6 p.m. — High school girls basketball: Silver Creek vs. South Bend Washington (BALLY)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Nashville Predators (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New England Revolution at Portland Timbers (FOX)
8 p.m. — High school girls basket-

ball: Franklin Community vs. Noblesville (BALLY)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas at Baylor (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Milwaukee Bucks (ABC)

Local notes

Registration dates upcoming
Portland Junior League will have two upcoming registrations for its 2022 season. They will be from 9 a.m. to noon March 5 and 12 at Jay Community Center. Forms can be picked up at JCC, or online registration is available at the Portland Junior League's Facebook page. PJL is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 15.

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