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Boyd trial to be moved again

Proceedings had been scheduled to begin Monday

The trial for a Portland man charged with murder has been delayed again.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison reported to The Commercial Review Roger L. Boyd Jr's trial for the Sept. 5, 2020, murder of James P. Miller that was scheduled to begin Monday has been postponed.

Jay County Prosecutor's Office on Wednesday filed a motion for a continu-

A new trial date has not yet been set. (The trial, which was originally set to begin in February 2020 but was delayed because of coronavirus pandemic restrictions, has been moved several times.)

Along with the murder charge, Boyd also faces a charge of criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weapon, a

Level 3 felony. Boyd was arrested by police shortly after Miller, 49. Montpelier, was shot in the early hours of Sept. 5, 2020, outside the house at 1215 S. Bridge St. Portland. Miller was pronounced dead at the scene.

A probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case says that, according to police, Boyd to shooting Miller. Police said Boyd told them the shooting was self defense and that he believed Miller had a weapon. No such weapon was found, court documents show.

girlfriend. Miller's Nicole L. Burke, was later found in the basement of the house. court documents say she told police she was standing in the driveway after the shooting and Boyd ordered her to go in the house and into the basement.

Brittney Shewmake, Boyd's girlfriend, who owned the 1215 S. Bridge St. property at the time of the incident, is charged with criminal confinement, a Level 3 felony, in connection with the incident. Her trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 14. (She has since been charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony, and maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony, in a separate case.) Court documents indicate she was inside the house with two children, ages 3 and 5, at the time of the shooting.

Boyd is a former law enforcement officers, first Dunkirk Police Department and then with County Sheriff's Office. He was fired from his job at the sheriff's

See Trial page 2

Still hazardous



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Staff from Ohio Valley Gas was working about 7 a.m. today to clear the sidewalks and street parking in front of their business and others along Main Street on the west side of Portland. Jay County remained under a travel warning as of this morning, meaning travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only and residents should refrain from driving.

City streets are mostly clear, but county roads remain a concern after additional snow Thursday

By BAILEY CLINE and RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review The worst of the biggest winter storm thus far this winter has passed.

Now it's just a waiting game until roads are cleared.

Snow continued to fall across Jay County and the surrounding area Thursday, dropping an additional inches of snow from 6 a.m. through the rest of the day and left Jay County continuing to deal with a travel warning.

As of press time, Jay County remained under a travel warning, which means travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only and residents are directed to "refrain from all travel." Adams, Blackford and Randolph counties were also under travwarnings, while Wells Delaware and counties were under travwatch, travel is allowed today.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

only to and from work

and for emergencies.) Mercer County was under a level three snow

Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Amy Blakely noted the county will likely shift to a lower el watches. (Under a advisory level sometime

public, on industry, so we are aware of that and we will modify things in a safe way as soon as we possibly

can," she said. Local estimates show an additional 6 inches of snow fell during a windy Thursday. After Thursday.

"We do understand compacting overnight, the effect this has on the there was about 8 inches of snow on the

ground in Portland. There is a chance of additional snow showers between 10 p.m. tonight and 4 a.m. Saturday. There is currently no more snow in the forecast through at least

Extreme cold will be the issue for the next 24 hours, tonight's low dropping to zero with wind chill values at negative 10. The temperature Saturday will range from 9 to 18, with wind chills falling as low as negative 15.

A Portland street

Commerce Street at its

intersection with Main

Street on Thursday

snow from

worker

department

aπernoon.

plows

See Hazardous page 6

Storm moves on to PA, New England

By KATHLEEN FOODY

and JILL BLEED Associated Press

A major winter storm that already cut electric power to about 350,000 homes and businesses from Texas to the Ohio Valley was set to leave Pennsylvania and New England glazed in ice and smothered in snow Friday, forecasters said.

The storm disrupted flights at major hubs in the U.S. on Friday morning, including airports in New York City, Boston and Dal-

More snow was forecast, but it was the ice that threatened to

Rick Otto, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in College Park, Maryland.

"Snow is a lot easier to plow than ice," he said.

Even after the storm pushes off to sea late Friday and Saturday, ice and snow were expected to linger through the weekend because of subfreezing temperatures, Otto said.

Parts of New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont had snowfall reports of a foot or more Friday morning, according to the weather service.

About 350,000 homes and busiwreak havoc on travel and elec-nesses lost power from Texas to before the storm heads out to sea rain and snow weighed down hit by the wintry weather a day

Weather

late Friday and Saturday, said tree limbs and encrusted power earlier because roads remained lines, part of a winter storm that caused a deadly tornado in Alabama, dumped more than a foot of snow in parts of the Midwest and brought rare measurable snowfall to Texas.

> The icy weather is blamed for widespread power outages in the Memphis, Tennessee, area, where more than 125,000 homes and businesses were without power Friday morning, according to the website poweroutage.us, which tracks utility reports. Nearly 85,000 homes and businesses in Ohio were without electricity.

tric service in the Northeast Ohio on Thursday as freezing remained closed Friday in areas planet warms.

icy and temperatures never rose above freezing.

Along the warmer side of the storm, in western Alabama, Hale County Emergency Management Director Russell Weeden told WBRC-TV a tornado that hit a rural area Thursday afternoon killed one person, a female he found under rubble, and critically injured three others. A home was heavily damaged, he said.

Tornadoes in the winter are unusual but possible, and scientists have said the atmospheric conditions needed to cause a tor-Many schools and businesses nado have intensified as the

See **Storm** page 6

Deaths

Four to 6 additional inches of snow fell during the day Thursday. The high temperature was 28

degrees and the low was 21. Tonight's low will be zero with wind chill values as low as negative 10. Saturday's high will be 18,

with wind chill values as low as negative 15. After a low of 9 Saturday night, the temperature will climb to a high of 29 Sunday

under sunny skies. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's girls swimming sectional preliminaries at JCHS.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



Nilah Amadio, 92, Berne Todd Wolford, 56, Browns-

Details on page 2.

Trial

Continued from page 1 He is one of five Jay County residents who was charged with murder in 2020 stemming from three different incidents. The other four defendants have all either been convicted of murder or pleaded guilty to lesser charges. Esther J. Stephen and Shelby Hiestand, both of Portland, were convicted by Jay Circuit Court juries last year for the January 2020 death of Shea Briar of Portland and were each sentenced to 55 years in prison. A third woman, Hannah Knapke of Fort Recovery, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in connection with Briar's death and was sentenced to 17.5 years in prison.

month to voluntary manslaughter with a 55 years.

Sunday

New date has not yet been set

habitual offender enhancement for the Aug. 22, 2020, fatal shooting of 47-year-old Shanna Jones. He was sentenced to 47.5 vears in prison.

In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of Cory Jones, 45, pleaded guilty last 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of

Pet of the week

Olaf, a male cat that is neutered, is available for adoption from Midwest Pet Refuge. The fee is \$50. Adoption applications available midwestpetrefuge.com.



Photo provided

CR almanac

Monday

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	18/9	29/15
	Skies will be mostly sunny, with wind chill val- ues reach as low as -15 degrees.	Sunday is expected to be sunny. There will be a cool 10 mph southwestern wind as well.

Saturday

27/7 Monday's shows mostly cloudy skies, and the low may dip to around

Mostly

sunny skies are on the horizon Tuesday. The reach

Tuesday

27/19

cast

Another cloudy skies is in the fore Wednesday.

35/22

Wednesday

2/9

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$137 million

Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$22 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 1-8-8 Daily Four: 6-9-2-1 Evening Daily Three: 8-4-0 Daily Four: 8-6-5-9 Quick Draw: 1-3-9-10-13-14-15-16-19-21-27-32-48-49-57-59-61-64-65-68

Cash 5: 2-6-17-21-36 Estimated jackpot: \$95,000

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 5-1-0 Pick 4: 4-6-4-2 Pick 5: 6-7-8-1-5 Evening Pick 3: 2-3-2 Pick 4: 4-0-8-0 Pick 5: 9-6-4-4-0 Rolling Cash: 7-14-26-

Estimated jackpot: \$140,000

Markets

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The Andersons **Richland Township**

Corn	6.19
March corn	6.19
Beans	15.30
March beans	15.30

Wheat	7.41
March wheat	

Central States Montpelier

Corn	6.14
Late Feb. corn	6.16
Beans	15.31
Late Feb. beans	15.34
Feb. wheat	7.51

Sunrise St. Anthony

Corn	6.22
March corn	6.14
Beans	15.17
March beans	15.22
Wheat	7.16

Today in history

On Feb. 4, 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1801, John Marshall was confirmed by the Senate as chief justice of the United States.

In 1861, delegates from six Southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1913, Rosa Parks, a Black woman whose 1955 refusal to give up her seat on an Alabama city bus to a white man sparked a civil rights revolution, was born Rosa Louise McCauley in Tuskegee.

In 1972, Portland High School basketball coach Harold Schutz earned his 200th career victory as

the Panthers clobbered host Monroe central 98-

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 19, was kidnapped in Berkeley, California, by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1976, more than 23,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala with a magnitude of 7.5.

In 1977, eleven people were killed when two Chicago Transit Authority trains collided on an elevated track.

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, California, found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

In 2004, the social net-

—AP and The CR

Obituaries

Nilah Amadio

Nilah June Amadio, 92, of Berne, passed away peacefully, Thursday, Jan. 27, surrounded by her surviving four children.

A native of Portland, Indiana, she was born to the late Harold and Mabel (Hines) Bost.

June's legacy includes her children, Linda Gifford, Decatur, Rita (Tom) Hough of Wellington, Flori-

da, Joan Lane of Fort Wayne and John (Cathy) Gifford, of Berkley, Michigan; grandchildren Sarah June (Bob) Corral, Luke (April) Walsh, Melissa Hough, Hannah (Joshua) Mazur, Jackson and Cassidy Gifford; and great-



grandchildren Isaac, Jacob and Ethan Corral, Charlie and Hadley June Walsh, and Madison and Selah Winston.

She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Valerie Lynn;, and dearest granddaughter Christi Mae Lane.

She maintained treasured close relationships with her many nieces, nephews and cousins.

June graduated valedictorian of Governor I.P. Gray in 1948. She was an accomplished classical pianist from a young age and throughout her life had an "innate ear for music." Gratefully, her talent and appreciation for music was passed along to her children. From a young child, she was a most eloquent writer, composing poetry and a completed autobiography, and personally creating memory books gifted to each of her five children. Her creative and personal birthday/occasion cards for her family and friends became a yearly treasure including the family birthday calendar. June engaged in and enjoyed lively conversations, being well versed in many subjects including politics, religion, philosophy and current events.

One of her most treasured writings was "Desiderata," plus several favorite life descriptive phrases including, "Aha moments," "Serendipity" and "NAMASTE," along with her favorite symbols, butterflies, hummingbirds and rain-

In her early life years, June was a well-known local resident of

raising her children while being involved in many local civic and church organizations. In October 1970, she moved to Fort Wayne and joined JC Penney SouthTown Mall management team where she remained until September 1973 when she was promoted to the New York Corporate offices as salary cost analyst. When the corporate offices moved to Plano, Texas, some years later, she transferred, built a custom designed home and lived until her retirement in 1996, when she was honored with special recognition of her longstanding contributing performance. After retirement, she moved to Wellington, Florida, where she resided until March 2021, when she moved back to Indiana to be closer to her loving fami-

Her close family and friend connections over the miles, along with her creative writing projects continued up to the time of her passing. A truly inspiring, beloved matriarch, her strong faith and prayers for her family continued to sustain until the very end. She will be greatly missed, yet the precious memories of her held dearly, will remain in the hearts of many whose lives she touched over her lifetime.

"... there may be times you miss me, I guess I sort of hope you do, but smile when you think of me, remembering, I love you.

Now there are many things for you to do, and so many ways to

So get busy, be happy and live your life!

Miss me dear ones, but let me go!! ~ Blessings on your way!"

Preferred memorials may be sent to Visiting Nurse Hospice Care, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 (memo June Amadio): Wellington Cares Inc., 11924 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 10A-223, Wellington, FL 33414 (memo June Amadio); or United Servants Abroad, 14530 Rolling Rock Place, Wellington, FL 33414 (memo June Amadio, Peru)

Cremation arrangements entrusted to Liechtv Funeral Home.

A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Todd Wolford

April 2, 1965-Feb. 1, 2022

five burg, Indiana, passed away Feb. 1, 2022, at home. Todd was born in Jackson, Michigan, on April 2, 1965, to Max L Wolford, who preceded him death, and Bernadine (Maitlen) Virginia.



in Wolford Wolford,

Brownsburg. Todd also has a sister, Beth Byrum, from Virginia Beach,

Todd graduated from Jay County High School in Portland, Indiana, in 1983. He attended Purdue University, where he obtained a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. In 1998, Todd earned his professional engineering license.

Todd married his high school sweetheart and best friend Loreen (Grady) Wolford on Aug. 20, 1988.

Todd spent several years in the automotive industry for Subaru Isuzu in Lafayette. He also spent part of his work career at Alcoa HC industries in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and then at Dana in Danville, Indiana.

In 2005, at the encouragement of family and friends, Todd started Home Changers Home Improvement.

Todd and Loreen have two daughters, Haley and Mallory Wolford, both of Brownsburg.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, at New Hope Christian Church, 5780 S. Main St., Whitestown, IN 46075. Funeral services will be at the Church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Visitation will also be held from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland, Indiana. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Hillcrest Cemetery, 7230 S. Indiana 1, Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Hope Christian Church.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral Todd D Wolford, 56, of Browns- homes or mortuary services.

Five file

Jay County Clerk's Office

has five new candidates file

Wednesday to run for their

party's nomination in the

Wednesday were Terry

Rigby for Jackson Town-

ship Advisory Board, Joelle

Rinker for Knox Township

Advisory Board and Carrie

rats Billy Bailey and Don

Whitenack for Greene

Township Advisory Board.

Also filing were Democ-

Petro for state delegate.

filing

May primary election.

Republicans

SERVICES

Today Meyer, Richard: 7 p.m.,

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday Green, Helen: 2 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

Monday

Hutson, Harriett: II a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. **Fuller**, Denny: 4 p.m. MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St.,

Thursday Wolford, Todd: I p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, 7230 S. Indiana I, Redkey.

Service listings provided by **PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

Capsule Reports

Rebecca L. Tow, 39, was

driving her 2018 Chevrolet

Equinox north on Harri-

son Street and stopped at

the intersection with High

Street. She told Portland

Police Department she

looked both ways but didn't

see the oncoming 2011

Chevrolet Malibu, driven

by 60-year-old Duane A.

Stocker, and proceeded into

the intersection. Tow's

vehicle struck Stocker's

car, causing between \$2,500

and \$5,000 in estimated

damage.

Fire destroys

A fire devastated a house and pickup truck in Bryant on Thursday night.

Portland, Bryant, Pennville and Geneva fire departments responded to a call from Dusti Gillum's home at 304 W. Main St. about 8:40 p.m.

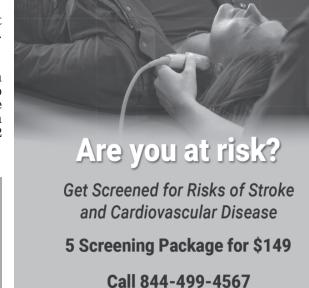
Bryant fire chief Mike Kimmel said the fire appeared to start in the living room. Gillum told the department she believed a candle caught the curtains on fire. There were also oxygen tanks in the room.

"The house was pretty much engulfed when we arrived," said Kimmel.

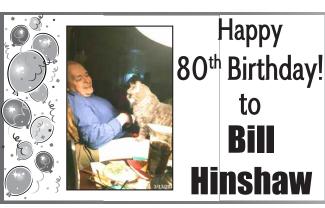
Bryant fire fighters spent about three hours on scene.

Intersection crash

A Portland woman crashed her vehicle into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Harrison and High streets about 10:02 a.m. Tuesday.



LIFE LINE SCREENING.



working website Facebook had its beginnings as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg launched "Thefacebook."

Main St.

Citizen's calendar

Monday

5:30 p.m. — Portland cil, village hall, 201 S. City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

6 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

7:30 p.m. — Fort land.

Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Jay County

Recovery Village Coun-

Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Port-



Members honored

Portland Lions Club members Brandon Kloer and Brittany Bridges-Kloer recently celebrated 10 years of service in the club. Pictured are the Kloers holding letters from Lions Club international president Douglas Alexander.

Husband seeks a partner

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 40 years. Fifteen years ago, she was diagnosed with cancer and given 18 months to live. Well, she is still around. Because of the illness and experimental medications, she was bedridden, and dementia grew steadily worse. Left with no other options because of problems with insurance, I placed her into a nursing facility six years ago.

I am still at an age at which I have, I hope, many active years ahead of me. I visit her often, but I have a need for companionship that she obviously can no longer fulfill. I'm friends with a few women (usually friends of friends), and from time to time have the urge to become closer. I go out to dinners, music venues, art shows, etc.

I am torn about whether to live my remaining days in loneliness or pursue the possibilities. Is it wrong to want companionship in my situation? At what point should I explain my situation without scaring off a nice lady friend? Your opinion would be helpful to me as another perspective. — ANONY-MOUS, OF COURSE

DEAR ANONYMOUS: What happened to your

Dear Abby

wife is unfortunate, and you both have my sympathy. Wanting and needing companionship are normal. It is important to ask yourself: If situation were reversed and YOU were in a nursing home suffering from dementia, to what extent would you want your wife to go on with HER life? Whatever you decide after that, it is crucial you not forget you have a responsibility to make sure she is being well cared for. This means visiting her often to ensure it, because dementia patients do better when they know someone loves them.

As to how to explain to women that you are married, well, the ones who are friends of friends already know that. And those you meet who don't know should be told during the course of your first serious conversation. It's the honorable thing to do.

DEAR ABBY: For the last four or five years I have been receiving holiday cards from an ex-girlfriend of mine. I haven't had contact with her since meeting my wife. My wife and I have been together for six years, married for two. The cards keep coming and it's starting to make my wife uncomfortable.

How do I respectfully tell my ex to quit sending them? I don't have anvthing in common with this person other than that we used to be boyfriend and girlfriend back in high school. — MARRIED NOW IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MARRIED: This old flame may be simply trying to be friends, and not intend to pose a threat to your marriage. A way to discourage her might be to send her holiday greetings from you AND YOUR WIFE with a picture of the two of you, your kids if you have any, pets, etc.

If you don't send Christmas greetings, perhaps a snapshot of you and your wife on vacation would suffice or a wedding picture may get the message

Blazing Fast

FR students make the list

Fort Recovery High School students were named to the first semester honor roll. Making the list for receiving all A's are:

•Seniors Paige Bihn, Miley Briner, Jalyn Bruns, Caleb Evers, Abbie Francis, Emma Fullenkamp, Marissa Gaerke, Grace Guggenbiller, Olivia Hawk, Alyssa Heinrichs and Abigail Lauber

•Juniors Danielle Braun, Megan Diller, Chase Kaiser, Abigail Knapke, Megan Knapke, Alayna Laux, Isaac LeFevre, Megan Metzger, Miranda Metzger and Faith Wendel

•Sophomores Natalie Brunswick, Chloe Bubp, Alex Dues, Alex Evers, Megan Evers, Teigen Fortkamp, Carson Grube, Paige Guggenbiller, Trevor Heitkamp, Troy Homan, Abby Keller, Allison Knapke, Ella Kremer, Saige Leuthold, Mara Pearson, Marissa Schoen, Brynn Stammen

Kahlig, Joelle Kaup, Bailie Muhlenkamp, Keegan Muhlenkamp, Homan, Kennedy

Mara Wenning and Emma Will Students who received all A's and

B's are:

•Seniors Shelby Acheson, James Adsit, Bailey Bergman, Matthew Bruns, Ashlyn Dilworth, Ben Dues, Korbin Dues, Makena Ellenberger, Marcus Gaerke, Ben Grieshop, Chloey Grisez, Faith Grube, Kim Hart, Bruce Heitkamp, Isaiah Heitkamp, Jackie Homan, Ellie Hummel, Owen Jutte, Makayla Kaffenberger, Emma Kahlig, Ray Keller, Aubrey Knapke, Isaac Knapke, Logan Knapke, Madelyn Knapke, Lyvia Kunk, MaKenna Laux, Melissa Laux, Lilie Leuthold, Summer Lofton, Alissa O'Connor, Aiden O'Dell. Kalib Post, Mitchell Post, Whitley Rammel, Devin Schoenlein, Hailey Stammen, Chloe Sutton, Faith Weagant, Hannah Weigel, Ben Wellman and Kendrik Wendel

•Juniors Elizabeth Alig, Betsey •Freshmen Drew Backs, Layla Braun, Audra Bubp, Ethan Evers, Bihn, Nicole Braun, Kassidy Dues, Mia Fisher, Allysen Fullenkamp, Heitkamp, Kyle Huntsman, Eva Grover, Maddie Guggenbiller, Jacob Hartke, Jacob Heitkamp, Paul Makensie Kaffenberger, Muhlenkamp, Karlie Grace Klingshirn, Parker Kling-Niekamp, Ben Reinhard, Anna shirn, Pete Klingshirn, Derek Roessner, Ella Schoen, Eowyn Vela, Lennartz, Jen Litmer, Sophie Pear-

son, Landon Post, Caleb Rammel, Ava Schoen, Caleb Schoenlein, Zane Shauver, Amy Stammen, MacKenzie Steinbrunner, Caitlin Weitzel, Alexis Wendel, Lindsey Wendel, Alaina Will and Taylor Will

•Sophomores Lucas Acheson, Wes Bechtol, Myah Breen, Katie Bruns, Kensey Clark, Kenadie Ervin, Kensey Gaerke, Reece Guggenbiller, Jenna Hart, Liz Hartings, Addy Jenkins, Lydia Kahlig, Conner Kaikala, Drew Langenkamp, Joscelyn LeFevre, Rex Leverette, Kiana Garland, Carmyn McEldowney, Liberty Pohlman, Matthew Romer, Libby Schlarman, Cole Shoemaker, Olivia Smith, Tiffany Taft, Britney Tebbe, Riggs Tobe, Cali Wendel, Sage Wendel, Ella Westgerdes and Brooklyn Wyerick

 Freshmen Madison Bihn, Samantha Brackman, Tucker Brockman, Calleigh Crabtree, Mason Diller, Brennan Dues, Gavin Dues, Ava Englehardt, Evan Evers, Gavin Evers, Sarah Fritz, Riley Grieshop, Caden Marlee Fiely, Ava Grisez, Kayla Amalia Gimenez-Martin, Wyatt Grisez, Brooke Hart, Cody Klenke, Gabe Knapke, Lindsey Knapke, Emily Lauber, Caden Marchal, Norah Meyer, Aleigha Overman, Kylie Post, Olivia Rammel, Zach Schoenlein, Kruise Siefring, Bella Taft, Reid Timmerman and Brooklyn Wycuff

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Community Calendar

an item, news@thecr.com.

Friday

Notices will appear in A support group for any-Community Calendar as one suffering from memspace is available. To sub- ory loss, will meet at email 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the noon Friday, Feb. 4, at meet at 1 p.m. the first Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Vil-SOFT SHOULDERS — lage in Berne. For more

589-3173. CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at PORT GROUP

Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY 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

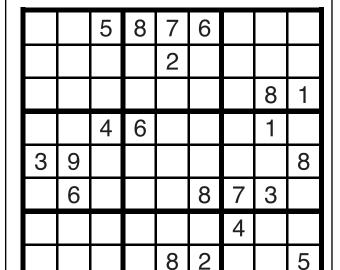
information, call (260) Community Center, 125

Hoover St., Dunkirk. CAREGIVER — Will Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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



1815 N Granville Av, Muncie 765-747-8103



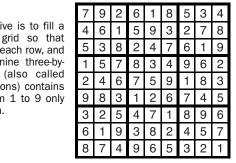
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Sudoku

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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



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Become a registered organ donor

To the editor:

Looking back at 2021, I can't help but reflect on where Indiana Donor Network has been, where we are now and where we're going.

When I started with the organization 22 years ago, I would've never imagined the massive growth and incredible achievements we've experi-

As the federally designated organ recovery organization for 85 of Indiana's 92 counties, Indiana Donor Network has increased the number of organ transplants by 43% since 2019. Transplants in 2021 were 10% higher than in 2020, which was also a record-setting year.

In 2021, despite the challenges of a persistent global pandemic, Indiana Donor Network facilitated donation for 276 organ donors, a record-breaking amount. We transplanted 949 a record-breaking

Letters to the Editor

than 800 patients — that's a record number of organ transplants for this organization in its 34-year history.

During this record-breaking year, we demonstrated we're a catalyst of innovation by utilizing our new Organ and Tissue Recovery Center to better serve families and hospitals throughout Indiana. We deployed a state-of-the-art kidney perfusion program that includes eight kidney pumps to better assess the health of a recovered kidney and ensure better transplantation results. Indiana Donor Network is a leader among U.S. organs to save the lives of more organ procurement organiza-

tions in utilizing these innova- tions and activations, engaging

tive kidney pumps. In 2021, Indiana Donor Net-

work also: •Cared for 1,357 tissue and

cornea donors. •Supported 2,345 family members of organ and tissue donors

through its aftercare program. •Conducted 109 organ recovery surgeries at Indiana Donor Network's onsite Organ and Tissue Recovery Center, which opened in

•Added more than 120,000 new Hoosiers to the national donor

•Flew a record 677 organ transport flights through TxJet, our nonprofit subsidiary aviation

Also, Hoosier advocates for organ and tissue donation volunteered 12,857 hours on behalf of Indiana Donor Network in 2021. In communities throughout Indiana, we led 851 school and community educational presentamore than 145,000 Hoosiers.

We have more than 250 mission-driven team members at our headquarters in Indianapolis, in our offices in South Bend, Fort Wayne and Evansville, and in communities throughout Indiana. Each team member contributed to our organization's successes in saving and healing lives in 2021. Indiana Donor Network remains dedicated every day to growing, improving and challenging each other to think big, serve well and be remarkable.

My gratitude for our team, as well as for the donor heroes who saved and healed lives, cannot come close to matching the appreciation of all the patients who received a lifesaving organ transplant in 2021 and the countless more who received a healing tissue transplant through Indiana Donor Network.

Organ donation saves lives. Nationwide, more than 106,000 people are on the national waiting list for a lifesaving organ transplant and more than 1,000 of those patients are Hoosiers. Every nine minutes, another person is added to the waiting list. Unfortunately, about 16 people die in the U.S. each day because the organ they needed did not become available in time. If you are registered to become

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Thank you so much for supporting Indiana Donor Network's mission.

Kellie Tremain President and CEO Indiana Donor Network

Nadal has been good for tennis

By SEBASTIAN FEST

Whenever I've been asked to use a word to describe Rafael Nadal, the one that seems to fit best is

'respeto.' The entire career of the Spanish champion, who on Sunday captured a men's record 21st Grand Slam title, has revolved around respect — something he radiates so strongly that it has effectively taken over some of his rivals and the entire sport of tennis. His respect has also lifted Spain, a country that at times relies on a narrative of victimhood, mistrust and conspiracy on the global stage. Nadal did not achieve this last part alone: The Spanish national soccer team, the basketball player Pau Gasol and the Formula One driver Fernando Alonso have all played key roles. But none have Nadal's record — 18 years of being a successful

Nadal has always displayed the utmost respect for his sport, his rivals, the tournaments he plays, the countries he visits. Few his levels of positivity and French minister sportsmanship for so long. "Gracias" seems to be his favorite word — he always thanks the ballpersons, the chair umpires, the journalists, the sponsors, his

rivals.

and positive example.

Nadal has never publicly destroyed a racket in frustration, something very common in the sport. Even his eternal friendly rival Roger Federer has done it. Nadal might give his rivals hell on the court, but he makes sure to always show his respect before and after a game. He even consoles those he defeats in a great match. He never gloats. He plays each match like a final, giving it all.

Nadal's attitude and his friendship with Federer created a new era of peace and camaraderie in tennis the opposite of what defined the sport in the decades when John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl or Boris Becker were the dominant figures. If the rivalry between Nadal and Federer heated up, it

always cooled off quickly. course, Djokovic seems to be the heir of those difficult personalities — something his refusal to get vaccinated has amply highlighted but he stands as the exception. He might have his sup- Rings.

Sebastian Fest



porters, but Nadal has put an end to the "bad boy" era. Tennis's DNA mutated thanks to Nadal and Federer. This has been widely

Spain has always struggled with a kind of inferiority complex, despite the achievements of the past four decades. The country emerged from Franco's dictatorships to become a successful European democracy with a vibrant economy.

Nadal showed Spaniards that the world is not out to get them. France, Spain's great historical rival, saw him win 13 Roland Garros titles. The French are "cold" toward Nadal, Spanish media often bemoaned. True or not, he succeeded in becoming a household

some friction with the athletes have maintained French Open, and a former accused him of doping, but Nadal tried to defuse the situations and did what he does best: play to win.

> athletes the power of mental discipline, something the public also admired in the national soccer team when it won the World Cup in South Africa in 2010 and European Championship in 2008 and 2012.

> is known, showed that Spain didn't need to embody the stereotype of a wounded and angry global power always eager to show its virility.

Nike, Nadal's longtime and respect yourself.

In that sense, watching Novak Nadal has been good for good for life in general.

It's also true there was

Nadal showed Spanish

Nadal and the Spanish 'Fury," as the soccer team

sponsor, uses a bull as his symbol. It might represent his bold style, but today it feels simplistic. Nadal and other athletes of his generation have shown that Spain is much more than a bull. That there's strength in emotional intelligence and patience. That you must always respect others

tennis, good for Spain and

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Fest is a correspondent for the newspaper El Mundo and editor of Around the



Ukraine is ready to fight

By OLGA TOKARIUK Special To The Washington Post

As Russia and the United States clashed at the United Nations on Monday over Ukraine, all I could feel was anger. That has been the predominant feeling these past few weeks here in Kyiv.

Because of the actions of a madman, it's as if we Ukrainians have ceased to exist: We cannot worry about raising children, do the work we love, make plans, build our future. preserving. Instead, we are forced to pack go-bags, make evacuation plans and spend our weekends studying how to survive in an occupied city — and learning first

We have a lot to lose. Most people don't stop very often to think about independence and sovereignty, but those things were hard-fought achievements. The Ukrainian nation, with its language and rich culture, has existed for centuries. Millions of lives were lost just in the 20th century as a result of failed attempts to create an independent Ukrainian state.

But since official independence was gained in 1991, a whole generation has come of age. It's a generation that witnessed two revolutions and a war, and that refused to give up in the toughest times. And it's precisely this determination, resilience courage that scare Vladimir Putin the most.

I am a part of this generation, and my personal story is closely interconnected with that of an independent Ukraine. I was born in 1985, six years before the Soviet Union collapsed. The same year, the Ukrainian poet and dissident Vasyl Stus died in a Soviet gulag. He was yet another victim of a Soviet repressive machine, active until the last days of the U.S.S.R.

When I was 6 years old, on Dec. 1, 1991, my parents took me to the polling station on the day of the referendum for Ukraine's independence. As we walked hand in hand, I was feeling very proud: I knew my parents were going to vote in favor of

Olga Tokariuk



feeling that independence was something precious, worth cherishing and

My turn to do that came when I was 19. The Orange Revolution began in 2004, when a wave of mass protests exploded following an attempt to rig presidential elections in favor of a pro-Kremlin candidate. On the day of voting, I was working as an election observer in the Luhansk region, bordering Russia. I saw with my own eyes brutal electoral violations and intimidation of supporters of prodemocracy candidate Yushchenko, who was poisoned during the campaign but miraculously survived. I was kicked out from the polling station using a false pretext before the vote count even began.

The day after the election, thousands flocked to Maidan Square in Kyiv. I joined them as a volunteer, distributing leaflets with the latest news to thousands of protesters camped on the square in freezing temperatures. Those people didn't just want their candidate to win; they demanded free and fair elections, and they believed in a democratic Ukraine. And they won: After three weeks of peaceful protesters, another round of elections was ordered, Yushchenko won.

At 28, I witnessed yet another revolution: the Euromaidan, or Revolution of Dignity. It began in late 2013, when pro-Russian president Viktor Yanukovych, who came to power in 2010, refused to sign an association agreement with the European Union. People's outrage with Yanukovych's corrupt regime — which reversed Ukraine's course toward the West, concentrated power in his hands and it. My family was able to transmit the cracked down on democracy, just as European Policy Analysis.

his role model in the Kremlin had done — poured into the streets. I was there too, with a smartphone, livetweeting the Euromaidan for the world to know. This time, the protests lasted for three winter months and ended in bloodshed. In late February, the regime's special forces started shooting protesters with live rounds, killing about a hundred people. I cried with tens of thousands Ukrainians at Maidan Square, when the "heavenly hundred," as those killed became known, were bid the last farewell. That tragic moment marked the end of peace in independent Ukraine.

It soon became clear we were facing a much stronger enemy than Yanukovych: Just a few days after his escape to Russia, Putin launched the war against Ukraine. It began with the annexation of Crimea, which caught Kyiv and its Western partners by surprise. It continued in Donbas, where Russian special forces seized government buildings and instigated an armed insurgency. Russia continues to send soldiers, weapons and money to nurture this conflict, which has already killed more than 14,000 people. And that's where we are today: facing a Moscow bent on keeping Ukraine poor and corrupt, undemocratic and divided. But the Ukrainian people have shown more than once they will have the last word on their future.

We might have regarded independence as a gift when we were children, but later in life we realized that it was not just given to us; we had to protect it with our lives. We have been hardened but never broken. We might be angry and frustrated, but never defeated. I know my generation will prevail again. I know Putin's plans for Ukraine, whatever shape they take, are doomed to fail. Millions of Ukrainians stand united, once again,

ready to resist. •••••

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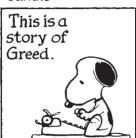
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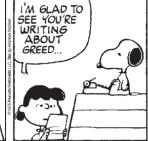


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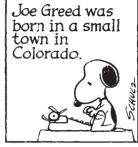
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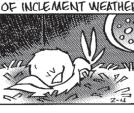










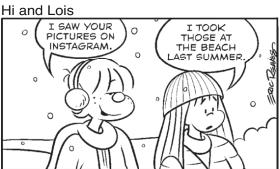


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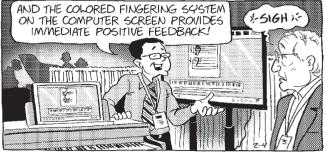






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You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:

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1. Partner bids One Diamond, and you respond Two Spades. Partner bids Three Diamonds, and you bid Three Hearts. Partner says Four Diamonds. What would you

2. Your right-hand opponent bids
One Diamond, which you double.
Your partner responds One Heart.
What would you bid now?

2. After the presence your right.

3. After two passes, your right-hand opponent opens One Club, which you double. Your partner responds Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

4. You open One Spade, and part

ner bids Two Notrump (13-15 points, balanced distribution). You bid Three Hearts, and partner bids Three Notrump. What would you bid now?

1. Four Notrump. Partner obviously likes diamonds and probably has seven of them headed by the A-Q or A-Q-J. How many tricks your side can make depends on

how many aces he has.

It is therefore best to bid four notrump, which in this sequence is Blackwood even though no suit has been directly agreed upon as trump. If partner responds five spades (three aces), you plan to bid seven notrump (or seven diamonds); if he

appeared in The Bridge World magazine, a panel of 45 experts voted as follows: 22 for three clubs; 16 for four hearts; five for four notrump; two for two spades.

Those favoring three clubs (a cue-

responds five hearts (two aces), you'll bid six diamonds; and if he responds five diamonds (one ace),

you'll pass.

2. Three Hearts. You can't bid

four hearts, since partner might have a worthless hand, but your hand is too strong for a raise to

only two hearts. Three hearts, invit-ing partner to carry on to a game with a smattering of values, is just

3. Three Clubs. When this hand

bid) or four notrump were obvi-ously more slam-minded than those who leaped to four hearts, basically a closeout bid. It does seem that if partner has two aces, a slam is probable, and for that rea-son this writer favors three clubs or four notrump, in that order.

4. Four Notrump. Twelve tricks might be laydown if partner has the right values, even though the com-

bined point count cannot be 33.

Four notrump is invitational in this sequence, and partner does not have to respond. It asks partner to bid six notrump if he has a maxi-mum for his initial two-notrump bid, and has nothing to do with

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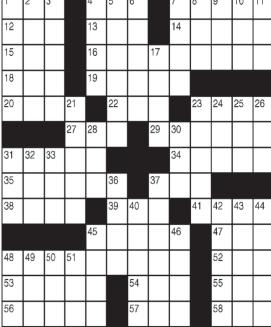
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Jeremy Roessner pushes a snowblower around a building at the intersection of Blaine Pike and Water streets Thursday morning.



Hazardous

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Corn said he had another early morning, starting his plowing duties again at 3 a.m. Most of the highway department's work this morning consisted of clearing east and west-facing county roads, which he said were mostly impassable during the night.

The wind died down tremendously, so I think today we'll be able to get (the roads) all open and passable, and tomorrow we'll focus on widening (them)," he said about 8 a.m this

Jay County Sheriff Dwane Ford spent part of his morning checking out county roads. He anticipated the cold temperatures would be one of the largest concerns over the week-

"The roads are slick," said chief deputy Ben Schwartz.

Streets in Portland had been significantly cleared as of this morning.

Blakely emphasized that members of the public wait for snow plow drivers to finish clearing the roads before venturing outside. Local officials also praised the community for refraining from driving Thursday.

"I want to thank the public for staying off the roads for us, because it's

had a few 911 calls during the night. Highway superintendent Donnie Highway department workers plowed a path down county road 400 South for Jay County Emergency Medical Service to respond to a call from Salamonia about 6:20 p.m. Thursday.

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jay School Corporation announced that buildings would be closed for the third consecutive day today. Fort Recovery Local Schools followed with the announcement of today's closure about an hour and a half later.

Portland and Jay County non-emergency government offices are closed again today.

Jay County and Fort Recovery school sporting events slated for Thursday were also called off.

The girls swimming sectional preliminaries at JCHS were moved to tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m. No make-up date has yet been announced for the Patriot boys basketball game against Southern Wells.

Fort Recovery's girls basketball game against Minster was moved to 6 p.m. Monday, with the Midwest Athletic Conference middle schools boys basketball tournament opening round shifted to Saturday.

Fort Recovery village administrator Randy Diller noted so far, there been a big help," Corn said. hadn't been any acciden Jay County Sheriff's Department scale issues in the village. hadn't been any accidents or large-

"(The) streets are pretty well clear, all passable," he said just after 9 a.m., estimating parking areas should be available by noon. "We're just in the process now clearing downtown."

Precipitation in Jay County began with rain before sunrise Wednesday and continued throughout the day. It had shifted to a wintry mix by 5:40 p.m. Wednesday, with snow beginning to accumulate about 20 minutes later.

About 4 inches of snow had fallen in Portland by 10 p.m. Wednesday, with 2 more inches on the ground by 6 a.m. Thursday morning. After a brief break, snowfall resumed and continued throughout the day before finally tapering off as midnight approached.

This morning, Blakely was waiting on the National Weather Service to release official information on the amount of inches in snow the county received over night.

"It could be because it was such a widespread storm, there's so much data to collect, so I would imagine it's just gonna take a little time to get some good news," she said. Jay County was under a travel advi-

sory beginning Wednesday evening, with that shifting to a watch about 7:15 a.m. Thursday. It was then bumped up to a travel warning at 12:22 p.m. Thursday.

Russia and China push against U.S.

By KEN MORITSUGU Associated Press

BEIJING — The leaders of Russia and China pushed back against U.S. pressure on Friday, declaring their opposition to any expansion of NATO and affirming that the island of Taiwan is a part of China, as they met hours Winter before the Olympics kicked off in Beijing.

Russia's Vladimir Putin and China's Xi Jinping issued a joint statement highlighting what it called "interference in the inter-nal affairs" of other states, as both leaders face criticism from Washington over their foreign and domestic policies.

"Some forces representing a minority on the world stage continue to advocate unilateral approaches to resolving international problems and resort to military policy," it read, in a thinly veiled reference to the U.S. and its allies.

The two leaders are looking to project themselves as a counterweight to the U.S.-led bloc, as China growingly shows support for Moscow in its dispute with Ukraine that threatens to break out into armed conflict.

China and Russia are committed to "deepening back-to-back strategic cooperation," Xi was quoted as telling Putin.

"This is a strategic decision that has far-reaching influence on China, Russia and the world," Xi said, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

Faced with a "complex and evolving international situation," the two sides "strongly support each other" in confronting what Xi called "regional security threats" "international strategic stability," without directly naming the U.S

Putin is the highest-profile guest at the Beijing Games following the decision by the U.S., Britain human rights abuses and its treatment of Uyghurs and other Muslim minori-

ties. Putin praised "unprecedented" close relations with China, in his opening remarks to Xi carried by

Russian television. Relations "are developing in a progressive way with a spirit of friendship and strategic partner-ship," Putin said. "They indeed become have unprecedented."

Putin highlighted close economic ties, including a new contract to supply China with 10 billion cubic meters of gas per year from eastern Russian.

"For our meeting today, our oilmen have prepared very good new solutions for the supply of hydrocarbons to the People's Republic of China, and another step forward has been taken in the gas industry," Putin said.

Russia has long been a key supplier of oil, gas and coal for China's massive economy, now the world's second largest, along with food stuffs and other raw materials.

China's state-run news agency reported the two leaders met at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse Friday afternoon, but gave no details. They did not appear to shake hands when greeting each other due to COVID-19 precau-

Putin also recalled his presence in Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics, and the Chinese delegation's attendance at Russia's 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, calling exchanges "to a certain extent a tradition."

The discussions mark their first in-person meeting since 2019 and come as China and Russia increasingly align their foreign policies bilaterally and in world bodies such as the United Nations, in opposition to the Western bloc and others not to send offiand other major powers.

Storm

Continued from page 1 showed more than 9,000 flights in the U.S. schedthe storm began.

For a second straight night, Dallas-Fort Worth especially affected Thurs-International Airport officials mobilized to accommodate travelers stranded at the American Airlines hub overnight by flight port on Thursday. Nearly cancellations. Wednesday all Thursday afternoon while those who lost elect the night in residential night, the airport provided and evening flights were tricity spent a cold night at neighborhoods.

pillows, blankets, diapers canceled at the Louisville The flight-tracking serv- and infant formula to an FlightAware.com estimated 700 marooned travelers and were ready Thursday night "to prouled for Thursday or Fri- vide assistance in anticiday had been canceled, on pation of customers who top of more than 2,000 can-may need to stay in the tercellations Wednesday as minals," according to an airport statement.

The Ohio Valley was day, with 211 flight cancellations at Cincinnati/Northern Ken-

tucky International Air-

Muhammad Ali International Airport. UPS suspended some operations Thursday at its Worldport hub at the airport, a rare move.

Hundreds of flights were canceled or delayed Friday at LaGuardia Airport in New York, Boston's Airport Logan and Newark Liberty Airport.

In Memphis, crews worked Friday to remove trees and downed power lines from city streets,

home, or sought refuge at hotels or homes of friends and family. Public works and utility officials in Memphis said it could take days for power to be restored in the city.

Freezing rain and sleet that caused ice accumulation on trees — making them sag and lose heavy limbs that dropped onto streets, homes and cars stopped Thursday But evening. banging sounds from falling tree limbs continued through

Felony arrests

Drug charges

were arrested Tuesday on drug-related charges.

Jalen D. Blaylock, 23, 1739 E. 36 St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug and a Class A misdemeanor for dealing

marijuana. He Two Anderson residents released from Jay County Jail on a \$13,000 bond.

Sunshine R. Allmond, 22, 325 Edgemound Drive, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for dealing marijuana. She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

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Tourney starts **Saturday**

ROCKFORD and VER-SAILLES, Ohio — The Tribe's quest for a conference title kicks off Saturday.

Fort Recovery School's seventh grade boys basketball team begins the Midwest Athletic Conference tournament at 1:15 p.m. Saturday against New Knoxville at Versailles.

The eighth graders begin

on Tuesday.

(The seventh grade Indians were scheduled to begin tournament play Thursday, but games were called off because of inclement weath-

Fort Recovery's seventh grade team is the No. 7 seed, and they'll be the home team as they play the Rangers on Saturday afternoon. The winner advances to the quarterfinal against No. 2 seed Coldwater at 5 p.m. Monday.

Winner of that quarterfinal will meet either No. 3 seed St. John's or No. 6 seed St. Henry in the semifinal at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Top-seeded Marion Local received a bye to the quarterfinal and awaits the winner of No. 8 seed Minster and No. 9 seed Parkway (they play at noon Saturday). The other quarterfinal game pits No. 4 Versailles against No. 5 New Bremen, with the first semifinal slated for 5 p.m. Tuesday.

First-round through semifinal tournament games will be played at Versailles. The championship — 10 a.m. Feb. 12 — will be at Parkway in Rockford.

The entirety of the eighth grade tournament will be played at Parkway. Fort Recovery, which is the No. 5 seed, opens action with a quarterfinal matchup against No. 4 seed St. Henry at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday. Earlier in the evening, top-seeded St. John's will square off against either No. 8 Coldwater or No. 9 New Bremen.

Quarterfinal winners advance to the semifinal at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

The other first-round game has No. 7 Parkway against No. 10 New Knoxville at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, with the victor meeting No. 2 Minster at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

No. 3 Versailles and No. 6 p.m. Tuesday, and the winner moves on to the second semifinal set for 6:45 p.m. Thurs-

The eighth grade tournament final will be 11:30 a.m. Feb. 12.

Half dozen favorites

Jay County High School sophomore Cameron Clark, right, competes against Dominic Litchfield Bellmont in their their 138-pound championship match of the IHSAA

sectional tournament Saturday at JCHS. Clark, a returning state qualifier, and 10 other Patriots

Saturday's regional, also at JCHS.

will wrestle



Six Patriots primed for first-round victories and a berth in the Feb. 12 semi-state

The Patriots sent wrestlers to Allen County War Memorial Coliseum a year ago.

They will have a chance to match, or surpass, that total this year.

Six Jay County High School wrestlers are favored to win their opening-round matches Saturday as the Patriots host the regional tournament beginning at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). Another is involved in a pick 'em match, based on records. Four more would need to score upsets to advance.

The top four athletes in each weight class will advance to next weekend's semi-state at the coliseum in Fort Wayne. That means the opening match of the his first semi-state berth after day is key — winners earn a spot in the semi-state while those who lose have their season come to an end.

The JCHS favorite list for Saturday features sectional champions No. 7 Tony Wood at 126 pounds, No. 11 Cody Rowles at 113 and Bryce Wenk at 182, sectional runners-up No. 16 Cameron Clark at 138 pounds and Taye Curtis at 120, and sectional third-place finisher Ethan Reiley at 132.

Wood (31-2), the 2021 regional 20 in the state. With a 16-2 Bravo and 220-pounder Conner

six champion at 120 pounds and a record, he starts his day against returning state qualifier, will open his regional day against Yorktown sophomore Justin Boone (26-8). A win would give him a semifinal match against either Blake Luginbill (16-8) of Bellmont or Dawson Brooks (21-8) of Daleville.

Rowles (30-1), who won the 2021 regional title at 106 pounds and also qualified for state last season, has a first-round match against Winchester freshman Isaiah Spurlin (21-7). His potential semifinal opponents are Bowen Keith (21-4) of Cowan and Tate Krueckeberg (14-12) of Bellmont.

Wenk (31-4) will be looking for his opening-round losing regional match last season. He starts his day against Yorktown's Thomas Price (8-16), with Cowan's Dalton May (22-4) and Bellmont's Isaac Friedt (14-5) as potential semifinal opponents. His bracket also includes fifth-ranked Hunter Page (36-1) of Monroe Central.

One of the most interesting brackets of the day is at 138 pounds, where Clark is one of four wrestlers ranked in the top

Winchetser's Zach Bates (27-5). The 2021 state qualifier could meet 10th-ranked Daleville senior Julius Gerencser (21-1) in the semifinals, and No. 6 Dominic Litchfield (33-1) of Bellmont and No. 11 Dillon Tuttle (29-3) of Delta are on the opposite side of the bracket.

Though he placed third in the sectional, Reiley (28-7) carries the better record into the regional as he meets Delta sectional runner-up Ben Edwards (22-12) of Yorktown in the opening round. A win would likely give him a semifinal match against 10th-ranked Landon Bertsch (27-1) of Bellmont.

The toss-up match of the opening round for JCHS features junior Daniel Moore (19-6), who placed second in the sectional, against Yorktown's Joey Cline (26-8). If he wins and earns a semi-state berth, he would meet No. 15 Ayden Bollinger (29-2) of Delta or Wesley Lehman (22-6) of Adams Central in the semifinal round.

Each of the remaining four Patriots 145-pounder Cameron Gage, 160 pounder A.J. Myers, 195-pounder Ramon Specht — all face tall tasks in the opening round.

Gage (19-14), who qualified for the regional last year but lost in the opening round, faces perhaps the most difficult of the opening-round matches. He will have to square off against unbeaten Cowan senior Tony Abbott (26-0), who is ranked fifth in the state.

Specht (23-13) and Bravo (25-10) also face state-ranked opponents in their first-round matches. Specht will have to deal with Monroe Central's No. 14 (36-1) while Bravo takes on Daleville's No. 19 Jackson Ingenito (23-4).

Myers carries a 26-10 record into the regional tournament and will meet Monroe Central's Jonah Jones (35-2) in the first

JCHS is looking to continue a strong season that has included championships in the Allen County Athletic Conference duals, the Franklin Invitational, the Carroll Super Duals and the East Central Indiana Classic. The team was also the runner-up in the Class 2A Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association team state tournament.

Marion Local will play their quarterfinal matchup at 6:46 Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls swimming hosts sectional preliminaries – 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Minster - 6 p.m.

Saturday

Jay County - Wrestling hosts regional – 9 a.m.; Girls swimming hosts sec-

tional finals - 9 a.m. Fort Recovery — Boys baskeball at Ridgemont - 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Tri-Village - noon; Freshman boys basketball vs. Coldwater - 10 a.m.; Seventh boys basketball in Midwest Athletic Conference

Tournament vs. New Knoxville at Versailles - 1:15 p.m.

TV schedule

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers (BALLY) 7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Seton Hall (FS1) 7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: NHL All-Star

Skills Challenge (ESPN) 8 p.m. — Women's college basketball

Texas at Baylor (ESPN2) 9 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

San Diego State at Colorado State (FS1) 10 p.m. - NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Dallas Mayericks (ESPN) 11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nevada at Fresno State (FS1)

Saturday

Noon — Men's college basketball: Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (ESPN2); UConn at Villanova (FOX)

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