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# We need to plan



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Denny Spinner, executive director of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, speaks about the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program to Jay County Council on Wednesday. Jay County is one of the first three communities involved in the 52-week-long program created to help communities devise plans for their allocation of American Rescue Act Plan monies. "This community is a leading community," he said. "You're going to be an example for others to come."

# Jay County Council hears from OCRA, JCDC about need to create, hone in on 'legacy' projects

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

Jay County will be receiving additional funding through multiple avenues for the next several

Hopes are to invest those dollars in long-term projects.

Creating common goals, officials say, is a key component in the process.

discussions Wednesday about how to allocate incoming dollars.

The county is receiving just

under \$4 million in federal federal government has set for the Hoosier Enduring Legacy American Rescue Plan Act funds. It was also selected for the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program, which includes the opportunity to get up to another \$1 million through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

director of OCRA, shared his each pathway.) Jay County Council continued hopes for the program with county officials Wednesday.

the funds that are coming your way," said Spinner.

Those goals, also known as pathways, are advancing e-connectivity, enhancing quality of life, promoting community wellness and strengthening the local economy. (Local committees will Denny Spinner, executive be formed to generate ideas for

community," Spinner said, not-county has multiple avenues of "What we're trying to do is ing Jay County is one of the first funding coming its way. align you with the goals that the three communities involved in

Program. "You're going to be an example for others to come."

He added that his office will also be learning how to navigate the new program as time progresses. The process is expected to last through the end of the

Travis Richards, executive director of Jay County Develop-"This community is a leading ment Corporation, noted the

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# **COVID** numbers continue to get better

Jay has had one or zero new cases every day this month

**By RAY COONEY** 

The Commercial Review The COVID-19 outlook

continues to improve. Jay County was rated "blue" (low risk for the spread of coronavirus) for the second week in a row in Indiana State Department of Health's update Wednesday.

Prior to last week, the county had not received the blue rating since Aug.

Jay County's COVID-19 numbers continue to decline, with its cases per 100,000 residents dropping to 29. It was 48 last week and had been above 1,300 a month ago.

The local seven-day positivity rate, which was 4.75% last week and had cleared 30% in early February, was down to 3.6% this week.

After recording doubledigit cases for 32 consecutive days from early January through Feb. 3, Jay County has had one or zero new cases every this month thus far.

The entirety of the state was rated either blue or "yellow" (moderate risk), with Adams, Wells and Randolph counties joining Jay on the list of 56 that were rated at the lowest risk level. Blackford and Delaware counties were among 36 that were rated yellow. (During the first week of February, every county in the state was rated red.)

See **COVID** page 2

# Airstrike draws ire

By EVGENIY MALOLETKA and MSTYSLAV CHERNOV Associated Press

MARIUPOL, Ukraine — A Russian airstrike on a Mariupol maternity hospital that killed three people brought condemnation down on Moscow on Thursday, with Ukrainian and Western officials branding it a war crime, while the highest-level talks yet yielded no progress in stopping the fighting.

Emergency workers renewed efforts to get food and medical supplies into besieged cities and get traumatized civilians out.

Ukrainian authorities said a child was among the dead in Wednesday's airstrike in the vital southern port of Mariupol. In addition to the dead, 17 people were wounded, including women waiting to give birth, doctors, and children buried in the rubble.

Images of pregnant women covered in dust and blood dominated news reports in many countries and brought a new wave of horror over the 2-weekold war sparked by Russia's invasion, which has killed thousands of soldiers and civilians, shaken the foundations of European security and driven more than 2 million people from Ukraine.

# Russian attack on hospital denounced as a war crime

Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelenskyy told Russian leaders that the invasion will backfire on them as their economy is strangled. Western sanctions have already dealt a severe blow to the economy, causing the ruble to plunge, foreign businesses to flee and

prices to rise sharply. "You will definitely be prosecuted for complicity in war crimes," he said in a video address. "And then, it will definitely happen, you will be hated by Russian citizens — everyone whom you have been deceiving constantly, daily, for many years in a row, when they feel the consequences of your lies in their wallets, in their shrinking possibilities, in the stolen future of Russian children.'

Millions more have been displaced inside the country. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said Thursday that about 2 million running short.

President people — half the population of the capital's metropolitan area - have left the city, which has become virtually a fortress.

"Every street, every house ... is being fortified," he said. "Even people who in their lives never intended to change their clothes, now they are in uniform with machine guns in their

Bombs fell on two hospitals in a city west of Kyiv on Wednesday, its mayor said. The World Health Organization said it has confirmed 18 attacks on medical facilities since the invasion began.

Western officials said Russian forces have made little progress on the ground in recent days. But they have intensified the bombardment of Mariupol and other cities, trapping hundreds of thousands of people, with food and water



The Washington Post/Salwan Georges

A child is carried on board as Ukrainian women and children, along with some men who came to say goodbye before going back to fight, rush for a train to Lviv from the station in Odessa.

# **Deaths**

Ann Klopfenstein, 94, Hypoluxo, Florida Details on page 2.

# Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 43 degrees

Wednesday. The low was 32. Tonight's low will be 29 with a chance of snow beginning after midnight. Snow is expected Friday with 1.5 to 3 inches of accumulation possi-

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

# In review

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold its organizational meeting for 2022 at 6 p.m. March 17 at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

# Coming up

**Friday** — Results from junior tonight's wrestling match.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



# **Obituaries**

## Ann Klopfenstein

Dec. 26, 1927-Feb. 25, 2022 Ann (Stafford) Klopfenstein, 94, of Hypoluxo, Florida, died Friday Feb. 25, 2022, after a short illness.

Born Dec. 26, 1927, she was the daughter of Frank and

merly co-owner of Klopfensteins' Hardware in Portland.

Ann was a graduate of Portland High School and attended Indiana University. Before relocating to Florida, they had moved to Goshen, Indiana, from Portland.

She was co-owner and co-Edith (Coldren) Stafford. She operator with her mother of was married on Jan. 17, 1948, to the City Launderette in Port-Wendell Klopfenstein, who died land. Later in life, she sold coson Aug. 29, 2000. He was for- metics in department stores,

retiring from Macy's in Boynton Beach, Florida, at the age of

She is survived by one son. Klopfenstein James Hypoluxo, Florida; and one daughter, Jane Walsh of Boynton Beach, Florida; four grandchildren, Neil Klopfenstein of Santiago, Chile, Zoë Klopfenstein of Worcester, Massachusetts, Peyton Walsh, of Saint

one great-grandson. Aurelio Klopfenstein of Santiago, Chile.

Services are set for Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be made to Augustine, Florida, and Taylor St. Jude Children's Research es.

Walsh of Tampa, Florida; and Hospital. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary servic-

# CR almanac

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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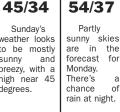
#### 39/18 **25/16** 90% chance

# snow Friday, more snow expected at night.

# Saturday mid 20s.







sunny skies are on the for horizon Tuesday. Lows may dip of in the

53/34

# **Lotteries**

## **Powerball**

13-22-34-51-67 Power Ball: 10 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$112 million

## **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

#### Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 0-2-7 Daily Four: 1-2-7-4 Evening Daily Three: 3-6-8 Daily Four: 9-7-1-3 Quick Draw: 3-9-12-19-20-24-27-31-32-33-35-36-46-47-51-56-57-58-60-70 Cash 5: 23-27-28-31-32

Hoosier Lotto: 6-7-9-14-Estimated

jackpot: \$8.2 million

#### Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 3-5-3 Pick 4: 5-9-1-7 Pick 5: 0-9-5-4-0 **Evening** Pick 3: 8-5-6 Pick 4: 8-3-8-8 Pick 5: 4-8-8-6-5 Rolling Cash: 6-14-22-31 - 32

Classic Lotto: 13-15-19-35-39-41

Kicker: 3-0-8-0-0-9 Estimated jackpot: \$23.5 million

# **Markets**

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Wheat	8.72

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Corn	7.23
April corn	7.23
May corn	7.28
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#### **The Andersons Richland Township**

Corn	6.97
April corn	6.97
Beans	16.64
April beans	
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#### Wheat ...... 10.32 April wheat ...... 10.32

#### **Central States Montpelier**

Corn	7.04
Late March corn	7.04
Beans	16.49
Late March beans	16.51
March wheat	9.33

# Sunrise

<b>St. Anthony</b> Corn	
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Beans16.2	7
April beans16.3	

Wheat .....9.22

# **Today in history**

On March 10, 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tennessee, to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea, maintaining his innocence until his death.)

In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln Ulysses assigned Grant, who had just received his commission as lieutenant-general, to the command of the Armies of the United States.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you" from the next room of Bell's

Boston laboratory. In 1906, about 1,100 miners in northern France were killed by a coal-dust explosion.

In 1913, former slave, abolitionist and Underground Railroad "conductor" Harriet Tubman died in Auburn, New York; she was in her 90s.

In 1965, Neil Simon's play "The Odd Couple," starring Walter Matthau and Art Carney, opened

on Broadway.

In 1972, Judith A. Clark, 19, Dunkirk, was killed when the car she was riding in was struck by a vehicle being driven by a drunk driver. Clark's 6-month-old daughter also seriously was injured in the crash.

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for 13 months, died at age 73; he was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev.

In 1988, pop singer Andy Gibb died in England at age 30 of heart

inflammation. —AP and The CR

# Citizen's calendar

# **Today**

6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Council executive session, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

# **Monday**

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

2 p.m. — Jay County 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.



Photo provided

Birthplace of the

**Charlie Burger** 

# **Proclaimed**

Portland Mayor John Boggs visited Jay-Randolph Developmental Services this week to sign a proclamation proclaiming March as Disabilities Awareness Month in the city. Pictured with Boggs are Angie Whitenack, Jim Sinclair, Kameron Woodbury, Sam Glessner, Traci Gross and Amanda Bailey.

bers for District 6, which rate is just under 40%. includes Jay County, have Marion County is high hovered around 70 this est in the state at 79.1%. week. (The peak was 380 in mid-December and the number dropped below 100 last week for the first time since summer 2021.)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to indicate that vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Boosters are recommended for everyone 12 and older. (The CDC also recommends that masks be worn indoors in areas of "substantial or high transmission.)

Walk-in vaccinations are available at Jay County Health Department from 9 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays.

At-home COVID-19 tests are available for free from the federal government. They can be ordered at covidtests.gov. (Those have already received at-home tests from the government are now eligible to order again.)

Jay County continues to rank sixth-lowest in

# **SERVICES**

Friday

Archer, Connie: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Sunday Klopfenstein, Ann: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home,

221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

Continued from page 1 vaccination rate among Hospitalization num- Indiana's 92 counties. Its

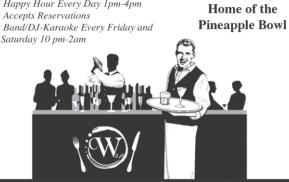
Coronavirus is mainly spread through droplets or particles from an infected person coughing, talking sneezing, breathing.

The virus causes a range of symptoms, including fever or chills, cough, shortness breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure.

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# Annie Sellick, Hot Club to perform

A Nashville-based group is

coming to Portland.

Annie Sellick and the Hot Club of Nashville will be performing at 7:30 p.m. April 2 at Jay County Campus of Arts

The group's performance is an homage to the "Hot Club"

genre — also **Taking** known as "gypsy swing" known Note – popularized

by Django Reinhardt in the 1930s and '40s, according to an Arts Place press release.

Sellick was voted Best Jazz Artist by readers of the Nasvhille Scene five years in a row, and she has toured around the world, performing or recording with music celebrities such as Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing, Tommy Emmanuel and Joey DeFrancesco. The Hot Club, which includes Richard Smith of Britain and guitarist Pat Bergeson, features fiddle, upright bass and percussion. Audience members can expect original material and songs reminiscent of old swing, according to the

Tickets are available at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., by phone at (260) 726-4809 or online at myartsplace.org.



Photo provided

Pictured are Annie Sellick and members of the Hot Club of Nashville. The group will be performing at 7:30 p.m. April 2 in Jay County Campus of Arts Place.

Fiber festival starts Friday press release. Homemade food fibers to be cleaned and

The fiber arts festival returns Friday.

20th annual Fiber Arts Festival on Friday and Saturday at Jay Community Center. Over the be classes, hands-on activities and demonstrations, according

will also be available.

Jay County Visitor and artists of varying types of Tourism Bureau will hold its fibers, everywhere from wool, cotton, silk and flax to mohair, register for classes, call (260) angora, alpaca and buffalo. Related items for fiber-crafting jaycounty.com. course of two days, there will needs, such as sweater yarn, spindles and equipment, will Art needed also be up for sale. Visitors to a visitor and tourism bureau may bring raw wool or other for art this week to display in (260) 729-5525.

processed and may learn about The festival will feature different types of fibers and their uses, the release says.

For more information, or to 726-3366 or email info@visit-

ArtSpace/Lima is looking

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

Intake started today and goes until Saturday during regular business hours. Those interested can visit artspacelima.com, email Sally Windle at sally.art-

Space/Lima. All exhibits are free to the

space@gmail.com or visit Art-

The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

#### **Classes offered**

Free adult education classes are available.

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

Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call

# Marriage reeling after family's tragic loss

house burned down a year ago, and we lost everything. My husband, "Jeff," tried desperately to get to our 2-year-old daughter, but she per-ished in the fire. I managed to get our 3-year-old son out while he was trying to save our daughter. Jeff ended up in a burn unit on a ventilator for nine days because he and stepdad for a bit until burned his lungs. When we found a place, but as

Dear Abby



he was released from the hospital, things got worse. We lived with my mom

started hitting me and take it anymore. When calling me a cheating slut. We have been together 20 years, and I have been faithful. If I go to the store or to run errands, he gets mad at me for being gone a little too long. If I try to explain what held me up, it's automatically because I'm cheating, but Jeff feels he can leave and be gone for hours, and it's OK for him.

I love him, but I can't husband than sear his because his physical our son acts out and starts being mean to me, Jeff tells him to respect me, but I think to myself, "How can you tell him to respect me when you don't?" Abby, please help me. — SO LOST IN THE EAST

DEAR SO LOST: The fire and tragic death of your daughter has done more damage to your remain married to him line.org. Do it NOW.

lungs. It has also taken and emotional abuse an emotional toll. It is important that you no longer allow him to take out his anger and self on you.

at all in your relation- to contact the National ship, insist he seek help from a licensed mental health professional. If he refuses, you cannot

may continue to escalate, and seeing it will affect your son.

Have an escape plan frustration with him- in place before you confront him. A safe way to If you have any power formulate one would be **Domestic Violence Hot**line. The toll-free number is 800-799-7233 and the website is thehot-

# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

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# Wednesday's Solution

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the digits from 1 to 9 only	8	1	3	7	5	4	6
one time each.	1	2	8	4	9	5	9
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# **Community Calendar**

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as mit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Richards Restaurant in Portland.

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

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

PORTLAND AMERI-CAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion post, 211 W.

Walnut St., Portland. A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

space is available. To sub- ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock PIKE FRIENDS AND Church, 1605 N. Meridian NEIGHBORS — Will meet St., Portland. Come early at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

# **Saturday**

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

# **Monday**

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

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing 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.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG **PREVENTION** COALI-TION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL PING PONG — Will be — Will be served from 5:30

played from 9 a.m. to noon 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., support during and after Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

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

REDISCOVERING JOY A support group for widows and widowers meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Monday of each month at R&R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. Ohio State University Extension agent Danny Rethman will be speaking about gardening. For more information, call or text Judy at (419) 733-5629 or Mary at (419) 678-8830.

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# Dinner supports trip for students

A spaghetti dinner is being held Friday to support a local school.

Those interested in donating to the cause or buying tickets for the dinner and

**Letters to** silent auction, which the Editor run

from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, can call Ashley Keen at (260) 251-5660. Tickets are \$7, and all proceeds will be going to the Jay County Christian Academy for the students to attend a field trip to Washington, D.C., this year.

Many of these kiddos are attending this great school on scholarship vouchers and the trip is impossible without the help of the community.

Thank you, Margaret Cardenas Portland



"I THOUGHT MASKS WERE NO LONGER NECESSARY."

# White helmets are ready

By JOSH ROGIN

The Washington Post

Russian President Vladimir Putin expands his murderous attacks on civilians across Ukraine, regular citizens are becoming front-line troops. Syrians, who have been facing Russian military attacks for seven years, are ready to help Ukrainians organize their first responders. Ukrainians will need all the help they can get to save as many innocent lives as possible in what could be a long struggle.

Since 2015, when Putin dispatched his troops to Syria to help President Bashar al-Assad maintain his hold on power, the Russian military has been attacking civilians in opposition-held areas, reportedly committing war crimes on a regular basis by targeting hospitals, schools and critical infrastruc-

Those tactics are now being used in several Ukrainian cities, complete with attacks on fleeing families and credible speed to an attack site. Don't reports of illegal weapons such establish any large or permaas cluster bombs.

Last week, the International Criminal Court said it would "immediately proceed" with an investigation into alleged Russian war crimes in Ukraine.

The Syrian Civil Defense Internet force, known as the White Helmets, has been working to rescue, evacuate and give emergency care to civilians under attack since 2014. The all-volunteer force says it has saved more than 100,000 civilian lives and that at least 252 of its members have been killed in the process. Now, the White Helmets are turning their attention to Putin's latest victims.

Ukrainian brothers and sisters in any way we can," Raed Al Russian planes attack civilsive strength and bravery. I Saleh, the leader of the White ians, wait for first responders to there's still a long way to go. Helmets, told me in an interview. Putin's goal is to break the will of the civilian population, he said, and there are no limits to the savagery of his troops. "The Russian military has no principles. They respect no human rights. They have no standards or ethics," Saleh said. "The Ukrainians are facing the most ferocious, unethical, crimseven years."

Josh Rogin



help Ukrainian civilians learn civil defense tasks, such as how to handle unexploded rockets or how best to evacuate a building under attack. They are also preparing lists of supplies and equipment Ukrainian rescue and evacuation teams will need. They're even ready to send in

Meanwhile, Ukrainians can learn from the White Helmets' experience. Saleh recommends, for example, that the Ukrainians organize their civil defense forces inside each city by separating them into small teams of four or five people, dispersed geographically with small, quick vehicles that can easily nent neadquarters, ne warned, because they, too, will become targets for Russian bombs.

Short-range walkie-talkies are best for communications, he said, rather than cellular or communications, which can be tracked by the Russians and might not work in an attack zone anyway. Also, some team members should be deployed to monitor the skies for planes, because that's often a better early warning system than radars or sirens.

military's cruel tactics can also save lives, Saleh said. For example, the Russian air force is "We are here to help our notorious for what are called 'double tap" strikes.

arrive and then attack the first responders.

"One thing that we learned is, after the initial attack, you've got about seven to nine minutes. tops, to be able to do anything in that area, before they can hit it again," Saleh said. "So, those zens that is the strongest seven to nine minutes are really important."

The Ukrainians should estabinal killing machine that exists lish small medical outposts in the world today, which we around the city that can handle have been facing for the last minor injuries and take the The White Helmets are Saleh said. But keep those al security. Rogin is also a politipreparing a series of videos to secret and move them often, he cal analyst for CNN.

warned, or they will be targeted by the Russian military as well.

Despite being widely recognized in the West for their hero-ism and bravery, the White Helmets have been the constant target of a massive disinformation campaign by the Russian gov-ernment and the Assad regime, falsely accusing them of being terrorists. Saleh said Putin hates them not just because they save lives, but because they document Russian war crimes in the process.

The GoPro camera is the best way to fight Russian disinformation," he said. "Remain truthful. Report the reality on the ground. Because at the end of the day, the facts are the facts.'

There are some things the Syrians have learned not to do. Do not give GPS locations of medical facilities to the United Nations, which may claim it needs the information to keep them safe. The Russians will use that information to target them. Never let Moscow have any say or control over how humanitarian aid is distributed, even when it's a U.N. program. The Kremlin will use that power to starve out civilian populations, as it is doing in Syria now.

So how do you persuade thousands of people to put their own lives on the line to help others? "There is no greater honor than doing this work," Saleh told me, adding that it's the duty and privilege of the rescue workers to save people who represent the future of their country.

Even though some Syrians Understanding the Russian are reportedly being recruited to fight for Russia in Ukraine, the vast majority of Syrians are ready to help Ukrainians fight the Russian invaders, he said. Ukrainians are showing impres-Russian planes attack civil- sive strength and bravery. But

"For the last seven years, the Syrian people have stood up to Russia and have yet to be defeated. So we believe the Ukrainians can also resist for a very long time," Saleh said. "At the end of the day, it is the will of the citiweapon, even against the mightiest militaries in the world.'

Rogin is a columnist for the Global Opinions section of The Washington Post. He writes pressure off larger hospitals, about foreign policy and nation-

# State legislature oversteps limits

By MORTON J. MARCUS
It's ugly and unfair to compare Vladimir Putin with the leadership of the Indiana General Assembly. But how else can we explain the crass stupidity and irresponsible bullying Hoosiers have ignored from a super-majority now bent on destroying civility and democracy in Indiana?

How does democracy thrive? By educating people, then encouraging the desire and enabling the opportunity to govern. Over the past few decades, our legislature has allowed education to deteriorate, and pressed down hard on the ability for local communities to enjoy self-government.

Just consider the recent proposal to have the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) take tax revenues from local governments and use them for what the IEDC defines as "economic development."

It took resolute action by the House to modify this over-reaching legislation. However, the final bill has not passed and this "Father Knows Best" legislature is not done with revisions.

All this from an elected body that has crippled local schools and governments by denying them the property taxes they could legally collect. The same solons deny localities a share of sales taxes paid in their jurisdictions.

Localities are treated like children, out-of-control incapable of functioning and requiring strict regulation and unbending discipline.

Yes, many local governments have indolent, illinformed commissioners, mayors, and council members. There are plenty of township trustees board members believe road signs are only useful to thieves from nearby cities. "If you don't know where you are, you don't belong here."

Indeed, we have officials at all levels on-the-take, if they are enterprising, or AWOL in body and/or mind. Inefficiency is our expectation of local government and the basis for infirmity.

Eye on the Pie



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much Hoosier humor. Why? Because we have allowed too much decisionmaking authority to be centralized in a sponge that absorbs money and power.

Local government is often weak because its muscles have atrophied. When annexation or consolidation is discussed, it happens only with intervention by the General Assembly. Voters fear local government because they do not respect or trust it. Yet, there is little reason to trust or respect the power-hungry Indiana state legislature.

Local government has little voice in the State House. The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns has been so ineffective for decades that it now hides under the name AIM (Accelerate Indiana Municipalities) with a Board of 25 members. Now there's a model of lean and mean for you!

Ask yourself, how often does a mayor become a member of the state legislature? How often has a mayor been elected governor of this State?

Indiana has two political parties, and one dominates. The Governor gets TV time to offer the State of the State, but where is the rebuttal from local government officials? It's not D vs. R in Indiana. It's centralized egotism vs collective

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Continued from page 1 Along with American Rescue Plan Act dollars and possible funding through the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program, Jay County is a part of the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership, a group comprised of eight counties that was awarded \$15 million in December for projects across the region. It also has economic development dollars still rolling in from Bitter Ridge Wind Farm and will receive about \$5 million in economic development payments from incoming solar farms — they are Skycrest Solar, Rose Gold Solar and Sun Chief

Richards expressed similar points to Spinner and encouraged county officials to pursue "legacy" or long-term projects. The county will be creating a strategic investment plan through the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program, he added. Speaking on behalf of Jay County Development Corporation, he said, Richards advocated local officials develop a countywide strategic plan for all additional funds and tatives from the state to learn

work together to ensure those dollars are used with common goals in mind.

(Spinner) mentioned that you want to run all your boats together in the same direction," he said. "I think that's really important. We've got a lot of boats here ... let's take this opportunity to engage with the state partners and use their expertise to figure out what the county really (wants) to do over the next 10 to 15

County officials have been discussing potential uses of American Rescue Plan Act monies since June. Project ideas include developing infrastructure for housing, creating a countywide daycare (or helping in some capacity to solve the issue of child care in Jay County) and constructing a facility for Jay County Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office.

Council president Jeanne Houchins and Jay County commissioner president Chad Aker have been meeting with represen'Let's take this opportunity to ... figure out what the county really (wants) to do over the next 10 to 15 years.

Travis Richards, JCDC executive director

more about how federal dollars ommended commissioners hire may be used in the community. (There are stipulations and guidelines to how the funds are allocated, with a large aspect tied to coronavirus relief.)

"We look forward to helping Jay County thrive," said Spinner.

Richards noted he would also like for the county to place an emphasis on marketing itself. His suggestions include creating a landing page website for Jay County with links to cities, towns and other important information and having active social media accounts. Marketing should be directed not only toward the outside world, he said, but also to current residents and business-

Melissa Blankley as full-time director at Jay County Country Living (formerly known as Jay County Retirement Center) starting March 27. Blankley, a registered nurse, is currently serving as a part-time director. She was hired on a temporary basis after former director Hope Confer resigned Jan. 23.

County officials will likely revisit Blankley's compensation to reflect her additional duties not previously included in the job description during the budgeting process later this year.

In other business, council members Faron Parr, Ray Newton, Harold Towell, Mike Rockwell, Ted Champ and Jeanne Also Wednesday, council rec- Houchins (absent Matt Minnich):

•OK'd the towns of Bryant, Pennville and Salamonia to each receive \$50,000 in previously allocated funds for community projects. Each town submitted letters requesting the monies with a description about what the funds would be used for. Bryant is developing a new park. Pennville will use the money to pave the alley leading from Indiana 1 to Pennville Library's parking lot, repair the concrete floor at Pennville Fire Department and replace and install panic hardware on the door to the chlorine room at the water treatment facility. Salamonia plans to make repairs to its Schoolhouse Community Center and Park.

·Learned from Richards construction on Pennville Library should be completed within the next few months.

•Made the following additional appropriations: \$138,690.68 in grant monies for Jay County Community Corrections, \$33,750 in fees related to a tax appeal case and \$5,000 to Jay County Public Defender's Office.

# awmakers abandon ban effort

**By CASEY SMITH** 

Associated Press/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A provision that aimed to restrict Indiana students from accessing "harmful materials" at libraries was killed for a final time after lawmakers voted down the language in the last minutes of the Legislative session Wednesday.

Republican lawmakers made the last-minute decision to ditch the provision, which was inserted in a bill that originally sought to modify sentencing procedures for inmates

That was after they defeated other contentious education proposals earlier in the legislative session. All were part of a push by Republican lawmakers to make school curriculum transparency a top priority amid the national conservative movement against teaching concepts in K-12 schools such as critical race theory. The concept has become a catch-all term for the idea that racism is systemic in the nation's institutions and that they function to maintain the dominance of white people in society.

Senators killed the bill 21-29 despite House members earlier voting 65-32, largely along party lines.

The language would have removed "educational purposes" as a reason that public schools and libraries could claim legal protection for sharing "harmful material" Provision would have restricted access to 'harmful materials' from libraries

with minors. That included books and other materials deemed to be obscene, pornographic or violent. Democrats argued that the lan-

guage would lead to a ban on books of educational value that are only deemed "harmful" or "offensive" by some. They also noted that libraries and schools already have a process in place for contesting and removing concerning materials.

Rep. Matt Pierce, a Democrat from Bloomington, said the provision defied the First Amendment would create a "chilling and effect."

"You're going to have people work in public libraries, schools, educational institutions — they're going to be nervous that somebody is going to come after them because they don't like something in a book. And then they might be on the hook," Pierce said. "What they're going to do is they're going to stay away from anything that might remotely offend someone.'

Democratic Rep. Tonya Pfaff of Terre Haute added the language gets too heavy to move forward.'

would institute "a backdoor book ban," which she said could force librarians to have to guess which materials are appropriate.

Republican Rep. Chris Jeter of Fishers pushed back, saying the proposal "sends a clear message that we're going to protect kids" from materials they shouldn't have access to.

"It's going to move material that should be (for adults) to an adult section where kids cannot get their hands on it without their parents,'

Lawmakers in the Senate did not debate the bill before voting it down. Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said they had "several different reasons" to reject the proposal, noting that the bill serving as a vehicle for the language "started to take on a lot of water" as last-minute additions were made.

"Any bill has a barb or two," Bray said. "The bottom line is, when you add a lot of ideas, sometimes a bill





# Capsule Reports

**Pole snapped** 

A Portland man turning a vehicle onto Garfield Street in Portland struck a pole about 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Christopher E. Lutes, 31, was driving a 1997 Mack semi truck and turned north onto Garfield Street near Main Street from an alley. As he was turning, the back truck into a pole in the Portland \$2,500 and \$5,000.

of the semi clashed with a utility Walmart parking lot about 4:20 pole. The pole broke in half.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. The semi Lutes was driving is registered to Crown City Logistics of Portland.

**Drove into pole** A Portland man crashed his

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p.m. Wednesday.

Brice M. Barrett, 50, was in his 2009 Dodge Ram in the parking lot at 950 W. Votaw St. He told police he looked down to buckle his seatbelt and crashed into a light pole in front of him.

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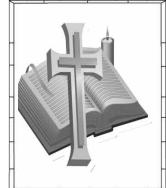
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1217 W. Votaw St., Portland Michael Burk (260) 726-4282

Services: 10:30 a.m.

#### **Bellefountain United Methodist**

440 S. 600 East Gordon Jackson Services: 9 a.m.

#### **Bethel United** Methodist

Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk Scott McClain Services: 10:45 a.m.

#### **Bluff Point Friends**

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#### **Calvary United Methodist**

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#### Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)

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**Church of God** of Prophecy

# 797 N. Creagor Ave., Por- Geneva Nazarene

tland Nanette Weesner (260) 766-9334 Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m. nanybell@yahoo.com

# **Church of the Brethren**

Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland Kevin McClung (260) 729-7295 Services: 10 a.m.

#### Church of the Living God

South Broad Street, Dunkirk Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Fri-

# **Collett Nazarene**

450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27 Billy Stanton (260) 251-2403 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

# **Cornerstone Baptist**

211 E. Main St., Portland Wayne Ward (260) 726-7714 Services: 10 a.m.

# **Dunkirk Nazarene**

226 E. Center St., Dunkirk Tom Fett (765) 768-6199 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

# **Evangelical Methodist**

930 W. Main St., Portland Steve Arnold (260) 251-0970 Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

#### **Fairview United Methodist/Jay County**

2875 E. 200 South Gordon Jackson Lay leader: Beth Stephen (260) 726-9184 Services: 10:15 a.m.

# **Faith Community**

9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk Joe Schmit (260) 251-5254 Services: 10 a.m.

# **Family Worship Center**

200 E. Elder St., Portland Ronald Willis (260) 726-4844 Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday thefamilyworshipcenter.org

# Fellowship Baptist

289 S. 200 West **Hugh Kelly** (260) 726-8873 Services: 10 a.m. pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

#### **First American Baptist** 427 S. Main St., Dunkirk

Dan Coffman (765) 768-7157 Services: 10:40 a.m., 5

# **First Church of Christ**

1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery David J. Nicholson (419) 375-2860 Services: 10:30 a.m. fccftrecovery.org

# **First Community**

**Baptist** 341 S. Meridian St., Red-Everett Bilbrey Jr.

Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

#### First Free Will Baptist 12369 W. 600 South,

Dunkirk Marion Donathan Sunday school: 10 a.m. Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

#### First Presbyterian

402 N. Ship St., Portland Rev. M. Rex Espiritu (260) 726-8462 Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school: 10:15 a.m. firstpcportland.org

#### **Fort Recovery Church** of the Nazarene

401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff (419) 375-4680 Services: 10:30 a.m. frnaz@frontier.com

#### **Fort Recovery United Methodist**

309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery Rev. David Porath Rev. James Stilwell (419) 678-2071

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# **Geneva First**

**United Methodist** 100 W. Line St., Geneva Barry McCune (260) 368-7655 Services: 9:30 a.m.

225 Decatur St., Geneva (260) 525-8609 Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday school: 9 a.m. Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

**Gilead Church** County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec

Services: 10:30 a.m. **Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren** 

Indiana 1 and Indiana 26

## Services: 10:30 a.m. **High Street**

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**United Methodist** 435 High St., Geneva Rev. Joseph Hampton (260) 368-7233

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# 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant

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County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1 Rev. Ruth Funk (260) 251-8581 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

#### **Immaculate Conception Catholic** 506 E. Walnut St., Port-

land

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#### **Kingsley Full Gospel** 4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk Stuart Phillips

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p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

of Christians 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery Rev. Ned Brown (419) 375-4153 Services: 4:30 p.m. Satur- The ROCK day, 9:30 a.m.

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### Mount Tabor **United Methodist**

216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk John Retter (765) 768-7273 Services: 9 a.m.

# **Mount Zion**

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#### **New Beginnings Holiness Church** of Blaine

4017 W. 200 South Randy Smith (260) 251-2406 Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m. nbholiness.com

#### **New Covenant Fellowship**

1238 W. 450 South Chuck Myers (260) 251-0063 Services: 10:30 a.m.

#### **New Life Ministries** 415 S. Helen St., Port-

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#### New Mt. Pleasant **United Methodist**

5905 S. Como Road Tim Wallace (765) 499-7838 Services: 10:30 a.m.

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1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery Rev. Ned Brown Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

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517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery Rev. Ned Brown Services: 8:30 a.m. Sunday

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## pastorrobino@gmail.com **Trinity United Methodist**

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# **Union Chapel Church** of the Nazarene

County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line) Fred Stevens Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

#### **Walnut Corner** County roads 200 North

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**West Walnut** 

and 500 West Steve Rogers (260) 251-1113 Services: 10:30 a.m. Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

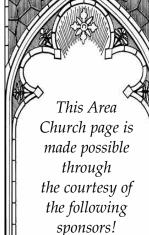
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**United Methodist** 

**Church of Christ** 204 W. Walnut St., Portland Gil Alicea (260) 726-4691 Services: 10 a.m. westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

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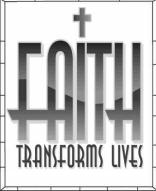


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# Artists featured

Traveling exhibit includes work from Red Skelton and Jim Davis

By JILL ERWIN

Vincennes Sun-Commercial

Inside the large archive room at the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy, executive director Anne Pratt sorts through stacks of Skelton's sketches and hand-drawn

From one stack, Pratt pulls out a proof copy of a 1960s era Gravette Giant Story Coloring Book — this one featuring cartoon ducks.

"Red was actually a cartoon artist, and he did these big coloring books back in the 1960s and 1970s, Pratt said. "He did all the artwork and the poems himself.'

A table of archives reveals page-after-page of Skelton's various duck characters — a "lame duck" walking with a cane, a "duck out of water," wandering through a desert filled with cacti.

"He was so witty," Pratt said, looking at the cartoons with a

The director says she and the museum's collection consultant and curator, Mark Kratzner, are carefully sifting through the collection of cartoons and sketches in preparation for a new exhibit, set to open March 15.



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Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy Executive Director Anne Pratt sorts through stacks of Red Skelton's sketches and hand-drawn cartoons Monday afternoon, ones that will be set up alongside traveling exhibit From Pencils to Pixels. The exhibit examines the life and work of some of Indiana's most famous cartoonists.

eling exhibit drawn from the collections of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana State Library, among other institutions, and examines the life and work of some of Indiana's most famous cartoonists.

Pratt says the Indiana Historical Society's cartoon-inspired exhibit is a good fit for the museum.

This particular exhibit has a clear connection to Red Skelton's own work as a cartoonist — he had that passion within him," she said, looking for just the right pieces of Skelton's to display alongside the traveling exhibit.

From Pencils to Pixels is a 7-foot tall, freestanding exhibit, full of color and designed to both amuse and intrigue visitors while high- museum.org.

From Pencils to Pixels is a trav-lighting many beloved Hoosier cartoonists.

Muncie's Jim Davis and his fatcat creation, Garfield, will be on prominent display, as well as the editorial musings of Pulitzer Prize winning artist John McCutcheon, who was an adamant opponent of America's entry into World War II.

Other features include the cracker-barrel philosophy of Brown County's Abe Martin, editorial cartoonist Karl Kae Knecht of Evansville, and Henry Jackson Lewis, the first African American political cartoonist who worked for the former Indianapolis Free-

For more information about the traveling exhibit, visit redskelton-

# Lawmakers seek a special session

The vast majority of Indiana's Republican state legislators have signed a letter asking the governor to call them back into special session later this year if the U.S. Supreme Court rolls back the limits states can place on abortion.

The letter was sent to Gov. Eric Holcomb on Tuesday as lawmakers were wrapping up work on this year's nine-week regular legislative session that ended early Wednesday.

Anti-abortion legislators decided to hold off on major action during the session until they see the Supreme Court's decision secretary, Erin Murphy.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — on a Mississippi law that they hope will overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that affirmed the constitutional right to an abortion. That ruling isn't expected until perhaps June.

"We have a responsibility to Hoosiers to ensure that our state laws are aligned with the Supreme Court's decision if Roe v. Wade is wholly, or partially, overturned," said the letter signed by 100 of the 110 Republican legislators.

Holcomb "is absolutely considering" the option of a special legislative session while awaiting the court ruling, said his press

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# Woman out of prison

A woman convicted in a 2018 crash that killed three highway to board a school bus was released from prison Wednesday, after Lowe, serving just over two

years. Alyssa Shepherd, 27, was released from the Correctional Rockville Facility, Fulton County Prosecutor Michael Marrs 2022, but an additional six told WNDU-TV. She now months of her sentence faces about three years of were shaved off when she a painful reminder that no home detention with a completed a prison Bible amount of punishment or **GPS-monitoring** bracelet, followed by three years of probation, he said.

Shepherd was sentenced to four years in prison in December 2019 after being ruled against that move in convicted on three counts November after prosecu-

of reckless homicide in the tors and members of the pickup truck crash that killed 9-year-old Alivia siblings who were crossing Stahl and the girl's 6-year-a rural northern Indiana old twin half brothers, Xzavier and Mason Ingle.

A fourth child, Maverik was seriously injured and underwent more than 20 surgeries.

Based on Indiana's time served credit rules, Shepherd was slated to be incarcerated until September ankle study course.

Shepherd was eligible to be released into a community transition program in December, but a judge

victims' families opposed

"We obviously wanted more time, executed at the time of sentencing. The judge sentenced her to what he did, which was a 10-year sentence with four years executed, and then she got the time cut,"

Marrs said Wednesday.

Michael Schwab, the grandfather of the three siblings who were killed, said Shepherd's release is time will bring back his grandchildren.

"The story never ends for the family," Schwab told the South Bend Tribune. "This is a life sentence for our family.'

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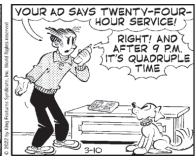


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West led the king of clubs, and East signaled with the seven to

encourage a club continuation. West continued with the ace of

clubs, on which East played the four and South the jack.

It was not difficult for West to

conclude from the bidding that East had started with the 7-4 of

clubs rather than the Q-7-4. South could not have had a 15- to 17-point

opening notrump bid without the

queen of clubs.

West therefore led a third round

of clubs. Declarer ruffed with dum-my's queen — he would have gone down immediately had he ruffed

with the eight — and led the deuce of trump to his jack.

West took the jack with the ace and returned yet another club.

South did the best he could by dis

carding a heart from dummy, but East, fully in tune with his partner,

ruffed with the ten of spades.

This well-aimed uppercut put
South out of commission. He over-

ruffed East's ten with the king, but

in the process, West's nine of trump

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable NORTH **♦**Q8542 **∀**KQ106 ♦ A J WEST EAST **★**103 **♥**9853 **♥**J4 ♦ 10 8 6 3 2 ♣A K 10 9 5 2 SOUTH **♦** K J 7 6 **V**A 7 2 ♦ K Q 5 **♣**Q J 6 The bidding: North

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3 ♣ 4 ♠ Pass Opening lead — king of clubs. A good part of the skill in card play consists of establishing tricks that do not exist naturally. For a prime example, consider this deal where it might seem that declarer can easily make four spades. His and the ace of trump. Yet the contract went down one, and South could do nothing about it. East-West's perfect defense was more than South could withstand.

losers appear to be two clubs

became the setting trick. And so, even though the spade nine had not seemed at all significant at the start of play, it eventually became the card that did South in. Tomorrow: Test your play.

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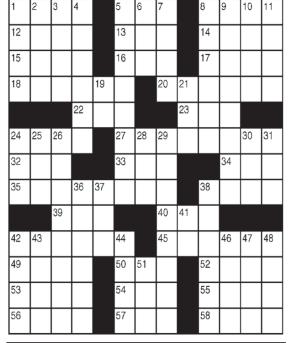
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# **Sports/Classifieds**

# Collegiate ...

Continued from page 10 On March 3, Kunkler was part of a pair of Pilot relay records. She joined Josefina Gonzalez, Kayla Logeais, Elisabeth Wolfe for times of 4:00.63 in the 400 medley for 10th place and 1:39.76 in the 200 freestyle for 11th place. The same quartet finished 12th in the 200 medley relay in 1:50.68 Fri-

She was also 36th in the 50 freestyle.

#### **Wyatt Geesaman Jay County - 2019**

Earned a victory in relief Friday for the Lincoln Trail Community College baseball team.

Geesaman entered the game with one out in the third inning and Statesmen (5-11) leading 9-1. He went the rest of the way, allowing four runs — three earned on six hits and four walks. He struck out three batters.

#### **Kierra Wendel** Fort Recovery - 2021

Tied for the team lead in assists Saturday in the Edison State Community College women's basketball team's 74-55 victory over Bryant and Stratton.

Wendel played 27 minutes off the bench of the Chargers (29-0) and dished out four assists to match starter Maddy Bakosh. She also had four points, three rebounds and a steal.

The freshman also totaled three rebounds and a steal March 3 as Edison trounced Terra State

#### **Max Moser Jay County - 2018**

Scored the game-winning run Saturday for the Huntington University baseball team in its 6-5 victory over Saint Francis.

Moser was hit by a pitch in the top of the ninth inning with the game tied. He advanced to second on a wild pitch and moved to third on a ground out by Nick Davit. He then tagged up on a fly out by Jaden Deel and scored to give the Foresters (4-8) the lead.

Saint Francis went down 1-2-3 in the bottom of the ninth.



Photo courtesy Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame

This iconic Indiana high school basketball photo shows Crispus Attucks head coach Ray Crowe (holding ball) with his 1955 starters, from left, Oscar Robertson, Sheddrick Mitchell. Willie Merriweather, William Hampton and Bill Scott.

# inducted Crowe to

Ray Crowe, the legendary boys basketball coach who guided Crispus Attucks High School to four state finals appearances in the 1950s, will be inducted posthumously into the National High School Hall of Fame this summer.

Crowe, the first Indiana high school basketball coach to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame, is part of the 2022 Hall of Fame class which also includes Notah Begay, the Walter Payton, Sanya Richards-Ross, and Thurman Thomas.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on July 1 in San Antonio, Texas, as a highlight of the annual Summer Meeting of the National Federation of State High School Associ-

Crowe, who passed away in 2003 at the age of 88, took over the reins of the Crispus Attucks boys basketball team in 1951 installing an uptempo, aggressive style of play and established what would become one of the greatest eras of Indiana high school basket-

He taught his Attucks teams to

play with discipline and sportsmanship; players were not allowed to trash-talk or complain to game officials while facing blatant racism and discrimination from opposing teams, fans and game officials.

After reaching the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals in 1951, his first year as coach, he guided Crispus Attucks to three consecutive state championship games in Indiana's famed single class basketball tournament. In 1955. Crowe became the first African-American coach and Attucks became the first African-American school in the country to win an open state title. He then coached the Hoosier state's firstever undefeated state champion in 1956 (31-0) and state runner-up in 1957. The "Flying Tigers" went 61-1 during their two championship seasons.

During his seven seasons (1950 to 57), Crowe coached the Tigers to a 179-20 record (.899) including a state record 45- game winning streak. Remarkably, all this success came despite playing all their games on the road or at a neutral site because they did not have a suitable school gymnasium to host games.

Crowe coached several players speaking role but played the part that went on to great careers including the legendary Oscar Robertson (the Big O and 1983 National High School Hall of Fame inductee), Hallie Bryant and Willie Gardner, both of Harlem Globetrotters fame, Willie Merriweather, Albert Maxey, Ed Searcy, Bill Brown, Bob Jewell, and Bailey "Flap' Robertson.

Following his final game as coach in 1957, he became the Crispus Attucks High School athletics director for 11 years during which he helped lay the groundwork for a modern gymnasium. Its playing floor is now named Ray Crowe Court and he holds a prominent place in the Crispus Attucks Museum which sits adjacent to the school gym. Beginning in 1967, he was

elected to the Indiana House of Representatives (1967 to 75). In 1976, he became director of the Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation. He also served on the Indianapolis City-County Council from 1983 to 1987.

Inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1968, Crowe was also cast in the movie, Hoosiers. He didn't have a

of the South Bend Central coach in the state championship game and could be seen consoling his players during the post-game scenes.

In 1991. Crowe was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governor Evan Bayh. The award is the highest honor an Indiana governor can bestow and is a personal tribute to someone who has rendered a distinguished service to the State or to the Governor.

A residence hall at the University of Indianapolis was renamed in 2012 for Crowe and his brother — Ray & George Crowe Hall where they both graduated when it was known as Indiana Central College. Ray Crowe Elementary School in Whiteland, Indiana, was dedicated in July 2021 near the family farm he grew up on in Johnson County just south of Indianapolis. He graduated from Whiteland High School in 1934 where he was a two-sport star lettering in basketball and baseball.

Crowe becomes the 18th individual from the state of Indiana to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**Jay County — Junior high wrestling vs. Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.

Jay County — Junior high swimming hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Championships – 5 p.m.

# TV schedule

at Michigan (BTN)

Noon — Men's college basketball: ACC Tournament - Quarterfinal (ESPN); Atlantic 10 Conference Tour-

nament - George Mason vs. Fordham (USA): Big East Tournament - Butler vs. Providence (FS1) 12:30 p.m. — Men's college bas-

ketball: Big 12 Tournament – TCU vs. Texas (ESPN2) 2:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Big East Tournament - Marquette vs. Creighton (FS1); Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament – La Salle vs. St. Louis (USA)

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Baylor (ESPN); Big East Tournament -St. John's vs. Villanova (FS1) 7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers

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ment (BTN) 7 n.m. — Men's college basketball: Big 12 Tournament - Semifinal (ESPN2); ACC Tournament – Semifinal (ESPN) 8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

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11:30 p.m. — Pac-12 Tournament -Semifinal (FS1)

#### Local notes Registration dates upcoming

Portland Junior League will have a registration session Saturday for its 2022 season.

The session will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday 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 ag through 15.

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the Estate of: Barbara Stuteville, Deceased NOTICE OF ADMINISTRA-TION

Notice is hereby given that Susan Stuteville was, on the 7th day of March, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Barbara Stuteville deceased, who died on January 19, 2022

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be for-Dated at Portland, Indiana, this

7th day of March, 2022. HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR

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ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given the tax payers of the City of Portland, Jay  $\,$ County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of the City of Portland at their meeting place at the City of Portland Council Chambers, 1616 North Franklin Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, on March 21 at 5:30 p.m. will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year. 2520-001-325 Sidewalk – Repair & Maintenance

1101-003-326.5 Animal Control \$35,000 2201-001-443 MVH - Street & Alley Material \$100,000

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

Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC City of Portland

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Jay County High School graduate Vivienne Kunkler earned National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American honors in two events at the NAIA National Championships. Kunkler placed eighth in the nation in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200 breaststroke for Bethel College, setting school records in both events.

# Three-time All-American

# Kunkler earns honor again at **NAIA National Championships**

A former Patriot is an All-American, again,

Vivienne Kunkler, a 2019 Jay County High School graduate, earned National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American honors for the third consecutive year as she finished in the top eight for the Bethel College women's swim team at the national championships in both the 100-yard breaststroke and 200 breast-

Kunkler, a member of the

# **Collegiate Check-up**

inaugural class of the Pilots' women's swimming program, had already helped set multiple program records at the NAIA National Championships in Columbus, Georgia, before taking to the pool Friday in the 100 breaststroke. She set another record with a time of 1 minute, 5.19 seconds, in the preliminary round of the event and went on to place eighth in the championship heat in 1:05.92 to become an All-American again.

The junior continued her outstanding performance at nationals a day later, also placing eighth in the 200 breaststroke with a school-record time of 2:23.12.

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# **Colts agree** to deal Wentz

By STEPHEN WHYNO and MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writers

The Indianapolis Colts are moving on from Carson Wentz after one season, sending him to a team he's familiar with from his days in the NFC East.

The Colts agreed to trade Wentz to the Washington Commanders, according to a person with direct knowledge of the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of Wednesday anonymity because the deal cannot be finalized until the start of the new league year next week.

Washington is getting the 47th pick in the draft along with Wentz and sending Indianapolis Nos. 42 and 73 this year and a 2023 conditional thirdrounder that can become a second based on Wentz's playing time, according to a different person with direct knowledge of the move. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the trade had not been announced.

Wentz, 29, has three years remaining on his contract with salary cap hits of \$28.3, \$26.2 and \$27.2 million consecutively. The 2016 second overall pick of the Philadelphia Eagles spent just the 2021 season with Indianapolis, with the team going 9-8 and missing the playoffs.

This will be the sixth consecutive year the Colts will have a different opening day starter, though Jacoby Brissett took over Andrew Luck when missed the entire season in 2017 and again in 2019 when Luck abruptly announced his retirement in August.

While coach Frank Reich urged the Colts to acquire his former Eagles pupil 13 months ago and continued to support Wentz throughout the season and offseason.

'Stability is ideal, continuity is ideal, you long for that," Reich said last week at the NFL's annual scouting combine. "I believe in Carson. I stuck my neck out for him last year. I was a big part of that decision to get him here and I believe he's going to have a lot of success as a quarterback whether that's here or somewhere else.'

General manager Chris Ballard was not convinced. In January, after Indy lost its final two games to miss the playoffs, Ballard said he wanted to have a quarterback who could play 10 to 12 years, while acknowledging it doesn't

always work that way.

spoke at the combine, Ballard told reporters he wanted a quarterback he believed could be a longterm solution — before quickly explaining his words were not intended to suggest he didn't believe in Wentz.

"As a long-term answer for us, I'm just not there yet," Ballard said. "You've got to be right (at quarter-back) and even if you're not right, you've got to keep firing away until you get it right. We've got to get it right.

It's unclear where Ballard and Reich will turn next, though there are a plenty of names being bandied about for trades and in free agency, which begins next week.

Washington coach Ron Rivera evidently believe in Wentz. The move to acquire a former face of a division rival is the once-storied franchise's latest attempt to shore up a quarterback situation that has been in flux for decades.

Washington has started 12 different QBs since acquiring veteran Alex Smith from Kansas City in 2018. That includes Smith. who broke his right leg 10 games into his tenure

there. Adding Wentz likely relegates previous starter Taylor Heinicke to a comwith petition Rivera favorite Kyle Allen for the backup job.

Wentz has played against Washington eight times, going 5-3 with 2,223 yards passing, 17 touchdowns and six interceptions. In six NFL seasons, he has thrown for 3,008 yards, 140 TDs and 57 INTs.

The North Dakota State product has been dogged by injuries most of his career. Most notably, Wentz tore the ACL in his left knee in 2017, paving the way for Nick Foles to take over and lead the Eagles to the first Super Bowl title in franchise his-

The injuries followed him to Indy, too. He missed almost the entire preseason after having foot surgery, sprained both ankles in Week 2 and then struggled late following testing positive for COVID-19 after failing to get vaccinated.

Washington, which last month rebranded as the Commanders, has not won it all since 1991 under Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs. Rivera has been given almost total control of football operations by owner Dan Snyder, who is being investigated after former employees made sexual harassment claims.



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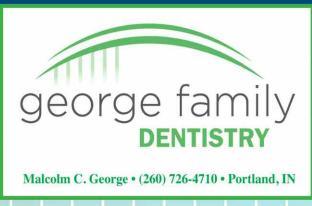
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