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Kelly charged with murder

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review
A Portland man has been charged with the murder of his father.

Jeremy W. Kelly, 49, 912 S. Vine St., was charged Tuesday afternoon with the murder of 72-year-old Gary W. Kelly of Portland.

He was also charged with robbery, a Level 2 felony, and Jay County Prosecutor's Office has filed for a habitual offender enhancement.

Kelly is being held on

Portland man allegedly killed his father Friday

unrelated charges in homicide, according to a Tuesday press release from the prosecutor's office. Jay County deputy coroner Dustine Hilfiker explained an autopsy Sunday indicated Kelly suffered blunt force trauma to the head, face and abdomen.

Portland police found Gary Kelly deceased at his 912 S. Vine St. home about 1:12 p.m. Friday. His death was ruled a

homicide, according to a Tuesday press release from the prosecutor's office. Jay County deputy coroner Dustine Hilfiker explained an autopsy Sunday indicated Kelly suffered blunt force trauma to the head, face and abdomen.

gun and shotgun inside of Kelly's car, which was stolen, according to the release. His charges in Wayne County include a Level 4 felony for possession of a firearm by a serious, violent felon, a Class B misdemeanor for criminal mischief and a habitual offender enhancement.

Officers found a hand-

Kelly's criminal history



J. Kelly

in Jay County dates back to 1995. His past charges include domestic battery, strangulation, criminal confinement, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and resisting law enforcement.

In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years, and robbery carries a penalty between 10 and 30 years. A habitual offender enhancement could add anywhere from six to 20 years to either sentence.

Tiles are in, manager job is still open

July 4 is projected opening day for Portland Water Park

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review
The new pool tiles for Portland Water Park have been delivered.

Now it's a matter of getting the tiles installed and finding a new pool manager before summer.

Portland Park Board discussed steps needed in order to open the pool this season during its meeting Tuesday.

The board also selected a bid to level out the dirt at Milton Miller Park and talked about clearing the park's softball diamond to make way for soccer fields.

Portland Water Park has had issues with the tiles surrounding the pool's edge frequently breaking and falling off, leaving behind sharp edges that cause safety concerns. The city purchased a new type of tile recently for roughly \$78,000.

Park board president Brian Ison noted the pool tiles have been received, and hopes are to begin installation in March or April. (There had been concern that the tiles might not arrive until the fall, thus jeopardizing the ability to open the facility this year.) The installation work will be heavily dependent on the weather, he added. The process is expected to take about 70 days, which includes three weeks of curing.

At this point, he said, the projected open date is around July 4.

"Things could always move quicker, things (could) move much slower, but we're trying to be as optimistic as we can, that is the goal, is to open up that pool this year," he said.

The water park's opening is also contingent on finding a new pool manager.

Ison noted the board has not received any applications for the open position. (The previous deadline to submit applications was Feb. 22.) Missy Bader served as pool manager for more than six years before resigning in January.

The delay in opening, said board member John McFarland, may present an issue with finding candidates.

Ison also acknowledged the position will require some training. In the past, the pool manager has held various certifications, such as a ServSafe license for concessions, along with managerial responsibilities.

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Sectional celebration

The Jay County High School student section cheers Tuesday at the conclusion of the Patriot boys basketball team's 44-33 victory over the No. 6 New Castle Trojans in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament. It was the first sectional win for JCHS since the opening round of the 2015 tournament and just its second victory over the Trojans on their home floor. For more on the game, see page 8.

Senate backs narrower vaccine bill

By TOM DAVIES

Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Senate has endorsed a bill allowing administrative steps sought by Gov. Eric Holcomb that could result in the nearly two-year-old statewide COVID-19 public health emergency declaration ending later this week.

Senators voted 32-18 on Tuesday in favor of the proposal that doesn't include provisions pushed by Republican House members that would force businesses to give requested religious exemptions from COVID-19 vaccine requirements "without further inquiry."

Holcomb and Senate GOP leaders have sided with major business groups opposing the broad

Proposal pulls back on stronger provisions

limitations backed by House members as wrongly interfering in business decisions.

The Senate version would require businesses to grant medical vaccine exemptions to workers along with religious exemptions as required by federal law and mandate that employers accept as a vaccine exemption a

worker's medical test results showing some level of "natural immunity" through a previous infection. Employees could be required to undergo COVID-19 tests up to twice a week.

Holcomb has sought legal changes that would enable the state to keep receiving about \$40 million a month in enhanced federal funding for Medicaid and for about 200,000 households to continue receiving an additional \$95 a month in federal food assistance. Another step would let the state health commissioner continue issuing a standing doctor's order for the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations to children ages 5 to 11.

The House and Senate must still agree on a single version of

the proposal before it could go to Holcomb for his consideration.

Republican House Speaker Todd Huston, however, said last week that "you can count on it" when asked whether lawmakers would approve a bill addressing the emergency declaration before the current order's Friday expiration.

An attempt by House Republicans to fast-track employer vaccination limits into law failed in November amid conservative uproar over President Joe Biden's proposed mandate that would have required large employers to have their workers be vaccinated or tested weekly for COVID-19. Federal courts blocked Biden's proposal.

See **Vaccine** page 5

Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 59 degrees Tuesday. The low was 37.

There is a 20% chance of showers tonight as the low drops to 27. Expect partly sunny skies

Thursday with a high of 36. The high is expected to be in the mid 40s Friday before climbing to 66 Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Plan Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. March 3 at Community Resource Center in Portland.

The agenda includes reviewing the final detailed plan from CB Development for a condominium development on county road 75 South and the election of officers for 2022.

Coming up

Thursday — Collegiate Check-up looks at how local athletes are performing at the next level.

Saturday — Thirty years ago this week, the JCHS boys basketball team was celebrating a semifinal win. Retrospect.



Park ...

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The board may want to consider scaling back on concessions to more pre-packaged items, he added.

"I think (it's) just like any other sport activity, and we're not anywhere close to summer, and so a lot of people are not thinking about swim season," he said. "Maybe as we get closer, we can try to spark some of that interest."

The board agreed to continue advertising the job.

Also Tuesday, board members selected a \$2,300 bid from Lawrence Excavating of Portland to fill and level there are

where tennis courts have been removed at Milton Miller Park.

Matt Shauver of the parks department explained in February the work hasn't been completed yet, citing staffing as the major issue. He brought forward quotes from TJ's Concrete and Excavation (\$6,800) and Lawrence Excavating of Portland (\$3,200) to finish the job.

He noted the city could opt to use dirt from the former XPLEX Extreme Competition Park, 710 E. 100 North, in order to decrease the price. It would take about \$900 off the quote if the city chose to do so.

In addition, Shauver also pre-

sented quotes from both entities for them to clear the park's softball diamond and make it into green space for soccer fields. (The facility has fallen into disrepair.) Johnson's bid came in at \$11,050, and Lawrence Excavating's quote was about \$5,330.

Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker spoke in favor of keeping the facility for the public to use. He noted during baseball season it can be hard for families to find places to practice the sport.

"We're running out of spaces to practice," he said. "It does get utilized."

Ison cited a community sur-

vey the park board created last year, which he said designated a need for green space. He also noted there is not a designated Portland park space for soccer.

"If we open that up to a grass area, it could open up to multiple teams playing or practicing," he said.

He suggested park board members first take care of leveling the former tennis court area, which will be funded using some of the \$100,000 the city was allocated from Bitter Ridge Wind Farm economic development funds. (About \$78,000 of that amount was used to purchase the new pool tiles.)

The board agreed to return to the softball diamond discussion at a later date.

Park board member Glen Bryant noted there is a flooding issue at Haynes Park. Tom Leonhard of the parks department explained there had been talk in the past about separating the storm and waste water on Middle Street, but no action was taken on the matter.

Board member Michael Brewster asked if there is a water tile in place. Shauver said he is not aware of one, but in the next few years, the park's restroom will need a new water line.

CR almanac

Thursday 3/3	Friday 3/4	Saturday 3/5	Sunday 3/6	Monday 3/7
36/25	46/36	66/56	70/42	49/29
Partly sunny skies are expected Thursday, with the high reaching 36 degrees.	Friday's forecast also shows partly sunny skies, plus a cool 5 to 10 mph south-east wind.	Another day of partly sunny skies is on the horizon for Saturday, with the high climbing to 66 degrees.	Sunday has a 50% chance of showers, with rain expected throughout the night.	Rain may continue into Monday with a 50% chance of showers. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$73 million	Quick Draw: 2-5-8-11-15-16-18-22-24-28-35-36-41-42-43-46-59-61-66-74 Cash 5: 3-18-24-35-41 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
Mega Millions 18-22-38-39-50 Mega Ball: 18 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$113 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-2-6 Pick 4: 0-6-6-4 Pick 5: 0-1-3-2-4 Evening Pick 3: 7-0-9 Pick 4: 9-1-3-7 Pick 5: 4-1-1-4-7 Rolling Cash: 2-5-17-32-37 Estimated jackpot: \$489,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-1-9 Daily Four: 4-8-3-4 Quick Draw: 1-4-7-12-16-24-25-27-28-36-39-44-50-54-56-57-60-69-71-76 Evening Daily Three: 7-5-7 Daily Four: 8-1-9-5	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.29 April corn7.29 Wheat.....10.12	Wheat 10.41 April wheat 10.49
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.27 April corn7.32 May corn.....7.37	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.23 Late March corn.....7.25 Beans16.16 Late March beans..16.63 Wheat 10.27
The Andersons Richland Township Corn7.24 April corn7.26 Beans16.53 April beans16.62	Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....7.30 April corn7.30 Beans16.31 April beans16.36 Wheat.....10.19

Today in history

On March 2, 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

In 1861, the state of Texas, having seceded from the Union, was admitted to the Confederacy.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1932, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to Jan. 20, was passed by Congress and

sent to the states for ratification.

In 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks' famous act of defiance, Claudette Colvin, a Black high school student in Alabama, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white passenger.

In 1972, the office of Jay County Prosecutor Ardee Helm Jr. was vandalized when two rocks were thrown through a window. It marked the second time the site had been vandalized in a month.

In 1985, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.

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Citizen's calendar

Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, 7:30 p.m. — Fort Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
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Capsule Reports

Submerged

The vehicle a Portland man was driving was submerged in a rural Portland pond after it lost traction at the intersection of county roads 350 West and 100 South about 2 a.m. Friday.

Jose Lizandro Barranco Yanez, 24, was driving south on county road 350 West and approaching the intersection with county road 100 South. Yanez told Jay County Sheriff's Office he tried to stop the 2005 Chevrolet Express he was driving but was unable to do so because the road was slick. He lost control of the van and it continued south through the intersection and into a pond at 3413 W. 100 South, Portland.

Yanez and an unidentified passenger were able to exit the van safely. It was partially submerged when police arrived, with water rising up to the windows, according to an accident report.

The van is registered to Allegiance Staffing of Granger, and it

was towed. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Vehicle rolled

A Fort Recovery teen lost control of the car she was driving, causing it to roll about 5:26 p.m. Monday.

Mackenzie J. Hart, 16, was driving west on Fort Recovery Road just east of county road 700 East when she drove over a bump in the road, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. She lost control of the 1995 Chevrolet Lumina she was driving and it rolled off the road.

The Chevrolet was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Overcorrected

An Ohio man overcorrected while driving through a curve at the intersection of Indiana 67 and Indiana 26, causing the vehicle he was driving to go into a ditch about 10:58 a.m. Sunday.

Travis E. Collins, 32, Ansonia, was driving south on Indiana 67 near the intersection with Indiana 26 when he

overcorrected the 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix he was driving, causing it to go off the east side of the road and into a ditch.

The vehicle is registered to Tina M. Schofner of Portland. It was towed, with damage estimated at less than \$1,000.

Lost control

A Bryant man lost control of his vehicle, causing an Ohio man's car to crash into his truck about 5:50 p.m. Thursday.

Shawn P. Southworth, 42, was driving south on U.S. 27 near Oakwood Mobile Home Park when his 2005 Chevrolet Silverado began sliding on ice on the road. As the vehicle slid, a southbound 2012 Nissan Altima, driven by 73-year-old Allen J. Thwaits of Celina, struck it.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Southworth was cited with an infraction for operating a vehicle without valid insurance.

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Felony arrests

Dealing drugs

A Pennville resident was arrested this morning for dealing drugs.

Phaedra A. Brotherton, 49, 410 E. Max Drive, was preliminarily charged with a Level 2 felony for dealing methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Brotherton is being held on a \$40,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Unlawful possession

Two women were arrested Tuesday for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Brooke A. Bennett, 21, 812 E. Walnut St., Winchester, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was released on a \$10,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Kaitlyn R. Morningstar, 20, 2776 W. 500 North, Portland, was preliminarily charged with a

Level 6 felony and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

Drunk driving

A Muncie man was arrested Friday for drunk driving.

Donald H. Huff, 49, 1609 N. Dartmouth Ave., was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

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

Common nuisance

A Portland man was arrested Monday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Jesse D. Modesitt, 44, 925 N. Franklin St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with another Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He's being held on a \$5,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Today

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

Thursday

Davidson, Edward: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Monger, Phillip: Noon, First Baptist Church, 1601 South A St., Richmond.

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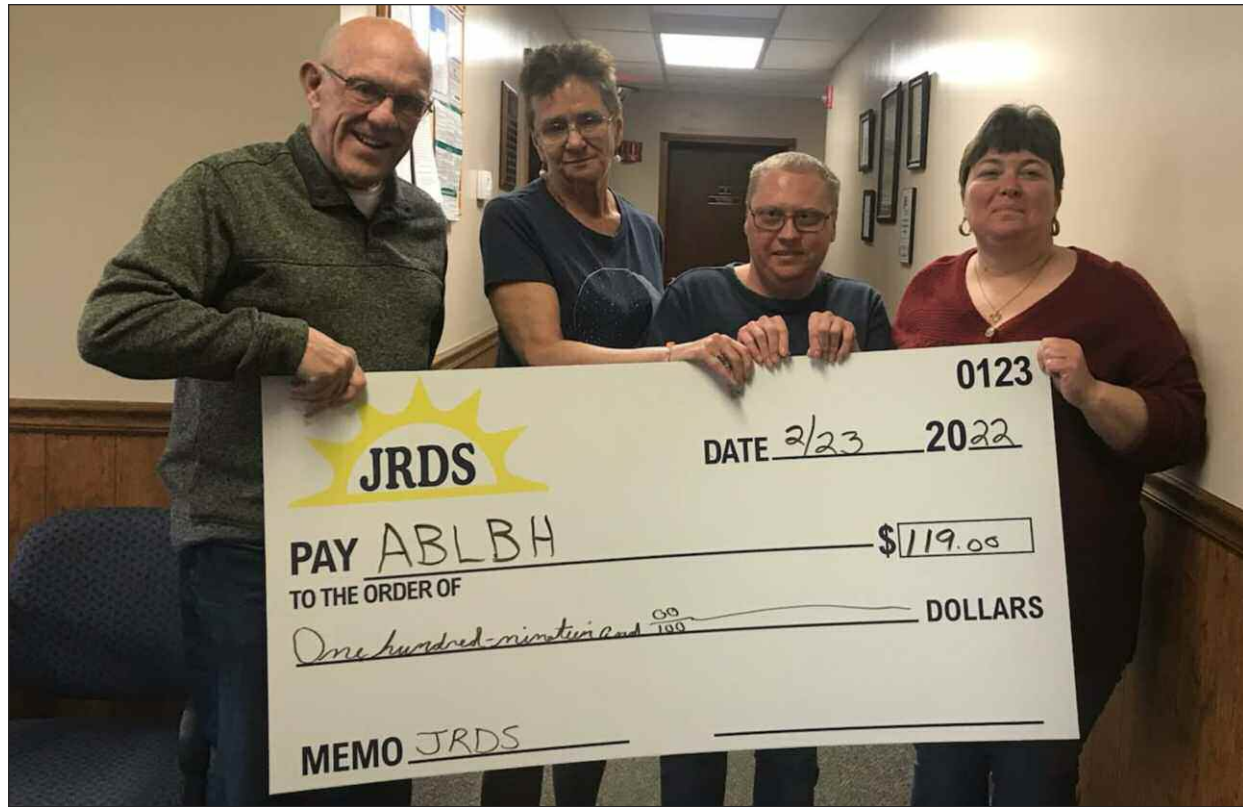


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JRDS donates

Jay-Randolph Developmental Services donated the proceeds from their JRDS Gives Back Valentines Dance to A Better Life: Brianna's Hope. Pictured are Randy Davis, Jenny Main, Kurtis Atkinson, and Traci Gross.

Language can change worlds

By KWAME DAWES

Marwa Helal's poem is anchored by a line of aspiration and effort, "I am trying to tell you something", a line, in other words, that might easily be the mantra of all poets. In "generation of feeling", she seems to say that poetry, language, and words, arranged and rearranged, alter, change the universe. These lines should be reassuring even when we are bewildered and alarmed by the strange

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violence of the first stanza's image: bones, fires, and the pains of growing. She invites us to keep rearranging words to achieve hopeful meaning. Sometimes this is what poetry aspires to.

generation of feeling

these growing pains though
this good will hunting
we
fallen twigs
look like bones
waiting to be lit

i am trying to tell you something about how
rearranging words
rearranges the universe

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Spouse attending singles group

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 31 years. I recently found out my husband belongs to a singles group. The group meets once a week, and my husband never misses a meeting. I went with him to their most recent one and realized it was made up of mostly WOMEN. My husband knew all of them, particularly one named "Lauren," who he said he found interesting. I suspect that he is too interested in her.

Our marriage isn't great. Sex is infrequent because he has ED and does nothing about it. He's obsessed with his weight and works out four times a week. He's not a good communicator and has become secretive. I'm worried that he may have something going on with Lauren and I'm very anxious about it. I don't know what to do. Please advise. We have gone to marriage counseling but it didn't help. — SURPRISED, BUT NOT SURPRISED

DEAR SURPRISED: That a married man would join a singles group is galling. The purpose of singles groups is for ELIGIBLE individuals to meet each other. That this was hidden from you until recently isn't a good sign, but consider yourself lucky you were able to attend that meeting.

Dear Abby



Contact your physician and ask to be screened for STDs in case your husband has "discovered" Viagra since joining the singles group. Because he isn't using an erection enhancer with you doesn't mean he may not have been using it with someone else — Lauren, for instance.

Protect yourself and your financial interests. Consult an attorney and a CPA to establish what and where the marital assets are, and what you are entitled to in case of a divorce. The CPA can help with that if it becomes necessary. Then ask your husband what he expects from socializing with single women and whether he wants to stay married. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating "Karl" a little over a year. Our relationship has been on and off because I haven't been happy with him. Every time we break up, Karl seems to have a way of pulling me right back in. I'm divorced; he's legally separated. He works about 18 hours a day at two jobs, and I get to see him only one day a week. Karl's kids want nothing to do with me, or with him, for that matter. Now for the fourth time, and against my better judgment, I've given him another chance. Guess what? I am right back where we were before.

What's wrong with me? Karl is not a bad guy. He would bend over backward for me. The problem is I am not IN love with him. I feel like I'm stuck in a dead-end relationship. How do I break up with him? It's hard to talk to him about anything because he's always at work. — SAME OLD, SAME OLD

DEAR SAME: End the relationship by telling Karl you are not in love with him, you plan to date others and you don't want to see him again. It shouldn't come as a shock, in light of the fact that you have broken things off several times before. If he wants to see you after that, refuse and stick to it. Because his feelings for you are not reciprocated, it is kinder than stringing him along.

Community Calendar

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

Today
AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (765) 369-2085.

at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance

Thursday
SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winches-

ter, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday
DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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

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It may be time to give up the vinyl

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Is it time to sell?
I'm not talking about the newspaper.
And I'm not talking about our home.

What I have in mind is something in the realm of what the late great comedian George Carlin labeled "stuff."

In this case, to be precise, the "stuff" I'm wondering about is our collection of record albums. You know, the ones boxed up in a downstairs closet that haven't been listened to in years.

Make that decades.
Most of the LPs gathering dust are mine, the results of endless hours browsing through the racks at record stores looking for something new, something original or something cool. But a

Back in the Saddle



smaller number are my wife's and she's as emotionally attached to hers as I am to mine.
If I pull an album out of storage in that closet in my study, it's like climbing into a time machine. I hear the music in my head. I remember where I bought it and maybe when.

These were, after all, my most valued possessions when I was a teenager. When I traveled off to college, I took more record albums with me than clothes.

And when it was time to go back home for Christmas break or the summer, I hauled all of them back with me.

A few of them disappeared over my college years, teaching me invaluable lessons about the perils of lending. But a few of them came back as well.

Not long after we moved back to Jay County, a young woman who had dated one of my best friends approached me with a copy of Bob Dylan's "Blonde on Blonde" album.

"I think this is yours," she said.

And she was right. I'd scribbled my name in one corner of the record jacket and the music had found its way home.

A few others in our collection are slightly damaged. During a move from one apartment to

another in Indianapolis we had relied on friends who were willing to help out as long as there was a promise of beer and pizza at the end of the day. Unfortunately, one of those friends propped up albums next to a baseboard heater which managed to put a nice ripple in the first track. The rest of the album was fine, but that first track was a mess.

So now, here we are, not yet ready to downsize but aware we have way too much stuff in our lives (thanks and another hat tip to George Carlin) and it's a seller's market. People are buying vinyl again, and collectors seem to want a lot of that 1960s stuff we have in the closet. Cream? Got it. Yardbirds? Got it. Joe Cocker? Got it. And more.

Selling our vinyl collection

would also involve selling our turntable. It's excellent, but it simply has not been used.

Instead, we listen to our collection of CDs (subject of a similar column several years from now) or Pandora. Sunday mornings find us listening to Thelonus Monk radio or Diana Krall radio or Sam Cooke radio or something by Bach or Mozart, all via my phone with a Bluetooth connection to an excellent portable speaker.

All of that brings me back to the original question: Is it time to sell?

My guess is that the answer — sometime this spring or summer — will be yes.

At the very least, it would mean a reduction in the amount of "stuff" our kids will have to deal with.

There's no ducking long-term care crisis

News and Tribune

Jeffersonville and New Albany

If a society is judged by how it cares for its most vulnerable, Indiana's lawmakers need to be looking hard at what their legacy will be.

While the clock is ticking on the 2022 General Assembly session, the majority of lawmakers seem incapable of moving beyond playing games of partisan politics.

Meanwhile, as trends in population change become clearer, the financial challenges for aging Hoosier residents and their families are real.

CNHI statehouse reporter Whitney Downard explained in a recent story the struggle of a Hoosier family trying to take care of an aging and disabled relative. The family first turned to a nursing home.

"They would just line him up outside of the nurse's station in the hall with 8 or 10 other people. When you walked by the nurse's station, there would be people crying out for help and nobody, nobody, paying attention. Every time I went there and he was in his room, he was wet (in his diaper)," said Valerie DeBusk, who took on the care of her cousin James "Dougie" Upchurch.

Indiana has more than 500 nursing homes and sits at the bottom of all 50 states in the amount of Medicaid funds it spends on services at home or in the community for long-term care — just 35% in 2019. The nationwide average is 59%.

And, if lawmakers think this problem is going to fix itself, they need to think again. The population of Hoosiers 65 and older was 966,124 in 2015. That number will grow to 1,412,196 by 2030, according to a report by the Bureau of Business Research at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

The U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts in July 2021 reported 11.6% of Indiana residents at the poverty level, a median household income in 2019 dollars at \$4,692 per month and a per capita monthly income of \$2,482. In 2020, Social Security benefits for retired workers nationwide averaged just \$1,555 monthly.

The cost of Indiana nursing facilities on average begins in the \$7,500-a-month range and can go much higher. Income is already painfully shy of the costs associated with

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long-term care. What hope do families have if current trends continue?

The president of the Indiana Health Care Association, which represents hundreds of for-profit nursing homes in the state, estimated that the care of 65% to 85% of residents is paid by Medicaid.

So far during this session of the General Assembly, three bills with significant effect on aging Hoosiers have been filed.

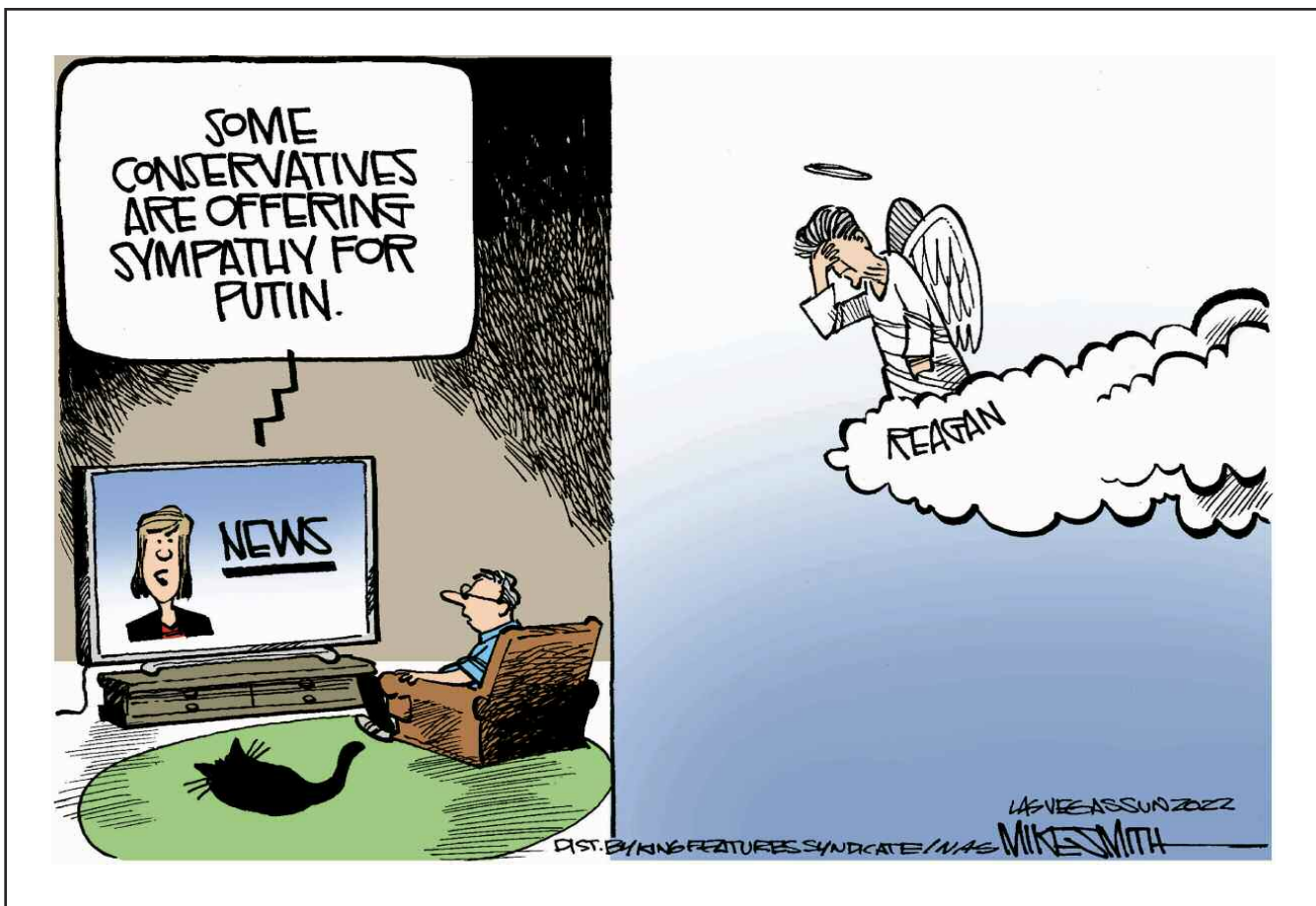
One deals with relaxing existing rules on the number of admissions that can be accepted annually at schools of nursing. The COVID-19 pandemic hit hard at the state's number of nurses and certified nursing assistants in all health care facilities. Of the 21,667 COVID-related deaths reported in Indiana from March 16, 2020, to last Friday, 7,357 were in long-term care facilities. That bill has been returned to the House with amendments.

Another bill, filed Jan. 12, was focused on public disclosure of how the money the state receives is spent in nursing care facilities. That bill was sidelined to the Senate committee on Health and Provider Services and remains there.

A third bill, which set forth new rules governing operations of managed care, was introduced Jan. 12. It made its way to the House Ways and Means Committee after many amendments to the original Senate bill. But, Ways and Means has declined to hear the bill, meaning that bill is now dead.

Census numbers are showing a significant change ahead. The population of the state is growing older, and the birth rate is declining. Where there is population growth, much of that growth could be in historically disenfranchised populations that may never earn the income levels of earlier generations.

If Indiana does not lay the groundwork to ensure the care of its most vulnerable populations, history will judge us harshly. More importantly, many of our fellow Hoosiers will suffer.



Ukrainians are inspiring

By JENNIFER RUBIN
The Washington Post

The Ukrainian flag is everywhere — held aloft by thousands marching in U.S. and European cities, draped from the stands at soccer matches and displayed in light designs on public buildings. Not since we saw spontaneous demonstrations of solidarity with the United States after 9/11 has there been such a unified outpouring of emotion and righteous anger around the globe. If we have been looking for something that might unify polarized, divided democracies, defending Ukraine (and by extension, freedom) from Russian shock troops might fit the bill.

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday sat yards away from his advisers in his marble fortress. He seemed both unshing and diminished, a menacing, soulless figure dwarfed by a giant table. We also witnessed the polar opposite sort of leader in the gritty, heroic Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelensky, out on the streets of Kyiv with his people and defying pleas for his safety. ("I need ammunition, not a ride," he replied when the United States offered to evacuate him from the besieged city.) We have the perfect distillation of good and evil. Freedom and repression. Kindness and cruelty. The authoritarians don't look "smart" or strong; they look scared and befuddled.

On one side, brutal invaders engage in possible war crimes (e.g., assaults on residential buildings). On the other, Ukrainians' bravery moves us to tears and fills us with admiration. Their irreverent and contemptuous reactions to Russian troops bring smiles to our faces. When mothers and old men line up to get rifles to defend their homes, and civilians decide to clear mines, cynical, self-absorbed Westerners find themselves teary-eyed.

Ukrainians have surprised themselves but also the rest of us. Ger-

Jennifer Rubin



many, which until last week had strict prohibitions on the transfer of arms, is now sending 1,000 anti-tank and 500 Stinger missiles to Ukraine. More important, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced a new commitment to spend more than 2 percent (the NATO-targeted percentage) on defense. Ukraine has essentially embarrassed Western Europe into taking action and making sacrifices (e.g., ending the Nord Stream 2 pipeline) that were unimaginable a few weeks ago.

"The moves were part of an astonishing — and sudden — reversal to decades of German foreign policy that have come as European nations join to oppose Russia's invasion of Ukraine," the New York Times reports. "Mr. Scholz described the Russian military action as having 'created a new reality' that 'requires a clear response.'" Ukrainian bravery and Russian mendacity have lit a fire under previously complacent democracies.

The media is having trouble keeping up with the avalanche of sanctions (e.g., kicking some Russian banks out of the SWIFT financial communication system). Switzerland, renowned for its unyielding neutrality, is on the verge of imposing sanctions and freezing Russian holdings. Switzerland.

It's as if we woke up from a slumber not to a dystopian nightmare where selfishness, indifference and moral obtuseness dominate but to an energized atmosphere where collective decency, seriousness and sacrifice can flower. Long overdue

self-reflection and readjustment in our politics have arrived.

Insightful leaders have a unique opportunity. Perhaps now is the time that contented, materialistic citizens are ready to make sacrifices. Gosh, if people are dying for their country, maybe Americans really should pay more for gas to squeeze Russia. We could even commit to systematically weaning ourselves from Russian energy. (Set a goal of reducing by 20 percent a year?)

If Ukrainians are willing to assemble molotov cocktails and die for their country, maybe Americans can bestir themselves to vote — and insist that every legal voter gets access to the polls and every ballot gets counted. American voters might even rethink their priorities, putting defense of democracy at the top.

If Europe can take in hundreds of thousands of refugees, we cannot allow xenophobes and America Firsters to demonize immigrants seeking a better, freer life. We can make a moral statement and increase our own economic vibrancy by expanding the opening for legal immigrants, and perhaps even induce a brain drain from Russia and China.

Isolationism shouldn't be our goal; it's something we should force on our enemies. We solidify alliances not out of charitable instincts but because, properly organized, they become a massive force multiplier for us.

Our leaders have asked too little of us, racing to catch up to the mob's prejudices and fearing to confront them with necessary trade-offs and reasonable sacrifices. We have asked too little of ourselves. We can be more generous, disciplined, empathetic and morally serious. The age of nonsensical cultural meme-creation, fear-mongering and racial resentment must end. We need to be worthy of Ukrainians' respect.

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President Joe Biden is greeted by Democrats after delivering his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday. Biden sought to rally the country against war, inflation and the pandemic during his first State of the Union address, using one of the biggest moments of his presidency to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and pitching a diminished agenda he hopes can win bipartisan support.

Biden vows resolve

By **ZEKE MILLER**
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Addressing a concerned nation and anxious world, President Joe Biden vowed in his first State of the Union address Tuesday night to check Russian aggression in Ukraine, tame soaring U.S. inflation and deal with the fading but still dangerous coronavirus.

Biden declared that he and all members of Congress, whatever their political differences, are joined “with an unwavering resolve that freedom will always triumph over tyranny.” He asked lawmakers crowding the House chamber to stand and salute the Ukrainians as he began his speech. They stood and cheered.

It was a notable show of unity after a long year of bitter acrimony between Biden's Democratic coalition and the Republican opposition.

Biden's 62-minute speech, which was split between attention to war abroad and worries at home — reflected the same balancing act he now faces in his presidency. He must marshal allied resolve against Russia's aggression while tending to inflation, COVID-19 fatigue and sagging approval ratings heading into the midterm elections.

Speech addresses Russian aggression, U.S. inflation and ongoing pandemic

Aiming to build on momentum from the speech, Biden will head to Wisconsin on Wednesday in an effort to show Americans that his domestic agenda is working. His vice president and Cabinet members will fan out around the country to amplify the message.

Biden heads again to an old bridge set to be repaired — increasingly a symbol for his administration, tangible evidence of the nation that he's working to update. This time, it's a wrought-iron bridge that connects Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin, across the St. Louis Bay.

The bridge will be replaced using funds from the massive infrastructure plan signed into law last year, a signature piece of bipartisan legislation and proof — Biden says —

that the GOP and Democrats can still work together.

In Tuesday's speech, Biden highlighted the bravery of Ukrainian defenders and a newly reinvigorated Western alliance that has worked to rearm the Ukrainian military and cripple Russia's economy through sanctions. He acknowledged costs to the American economy, as well, but warned ominously that without consequences, Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression wouldn't be contained to Ukraine.

“Throughout our history we've learned this lesson — when dictators do not pay a price for their aggression, they cause more chaos,” Biden said. “They keep moving. And, the costs and threats to America and the world keep rising.”

Ukraine assault continues

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Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia renewed its assault today on Ukraine's second-largest city in a pounding that lit up the skyline with balls of fire over populated areas, even as both sides said they were ready to resume talks aimed at stopping the new devastating war in Europe.

The escalation of attacks on crowded cities followed an initial round of talks between outgunned Ukraine and nuclear power Russia on Monday that resulted in only a promise to meet again. It was not clear when new talks might take place — or what they

would yield. Ukraine's leader earlier said Russia must stop bombing before another meeting.

Seven days into the war, roughly 874,000 people have fled Ukraine and the U.N. refugee agency warned the number could cross the 1 million mark soon. The overall death toll was not clear, but Ukraine's State Emergency Service said more than 2,000 civilians have died. It was impossible to verify that claim.

Countless others have taken shelter underground, as Russia continued its bombardment.

Another attack came today on Kharkiv, a city with a population of about 1.5 million, and a strike reportedly hit a hospital in the country's

north. A 40-mile convoy of hundreds of Russian tanks and other vehicles advanced slowly the capital of Kyiv, while Russian forces pressed their assault on the strategic southern city of Kherson.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's goals are not clear, but the West has warned he may be seeking to topple the government and install a Kremlin-friendly regime.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has decried Russia's attacks on civilian targets as a blatant terror campaign, while U.S. President Joe Biden warned on Tuesday that if the Russian leader didn't “pay a price” for the invasion, the aggression wouldn't stop with one country.

Vaccine ...

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Holcomb has since issued three monthlong renewals of the emergency declaration and he said last week he would do so again if legislative approval isn't completed before expiration of the current order.

Senate Majority Leader Mark Messmer of Jasper said the Senate's version would protect decision making by businesses while putting into law steps for workers such as recog-

nizing natural immunity that aren't in federal law.

“What's lacking without this bill is any level of protection for employees,” Messmer said. “Without this bill, employees have nothing to stand on.”

Republican Sen. Chip Perfect of Lawrenceburg, however, argued that the proposal was “rearview mirror legislating” as it was responding to the blocked Biden vaccine mandates.

Capsule Reports

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Icy conditions

The vehicle a Portland man was driving lost traction on Blaine Pike about 9:53 a.m. Thursday, causing it to crash into a utility pole.

Joseph G. Hall, 21, was driving south on Blaine Pike when the 205 GMC Canyon he was driving began to slide because of ice on the road. He lost control of the vehicle, which slide off the east side of the road and struck a utility pole.

Damage to the vehicle Hall was driving — it's registered to Meredith B. Sanders of Portland — is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Deer hit

A Dunkirk man's vehicle hit a deer about 7:11 a.m. Tuesday.

Dakota L. Pettus, 25, was driving east on county road 400 South when a deer ran across the road. Pettus wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal with his 2019 Honda Civic, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

His vehicle was towed.

Intersection collision

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Gas City man turned the truck he was driving

into a Portland woman's car at the intersection of Indiana 1 and Indiana 26 about 5:56 a.m. Tuesday.

Sarah E. Hill, 29, was driving her 2017 Dodge Durango north on Indiana 1 and slowed to make a left turn onto Indiana 26. Joe Avendano, 48, was stopped in a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado on Indiana 26 and began turning left onto Indiana 1 at the same time Hill turned, causing a collision.

Both vehicles were towed. The vehicle Avendano was driving is registered to AWP Inc. of North Canton, Ohio.

Parked vehicle

A Redkey man sustained a head injury after driving his car into a parked vehicle on Pleasant Street about 2:20 a.m. Tuesday.

John A. Vore, 75, was driving south on the street and approaching the intersection with North Street when his 2013 Ford Explorer struck a parked and unoccupied 2012 Dodge Caliber.

Vore was transported to IU Health Jay for an evaluation, according to a Portland Police Department report.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. The parked car is registered to Charles A. Winters of Portland.

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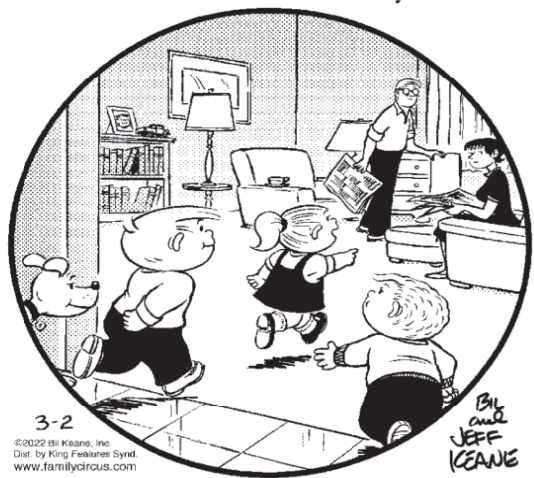
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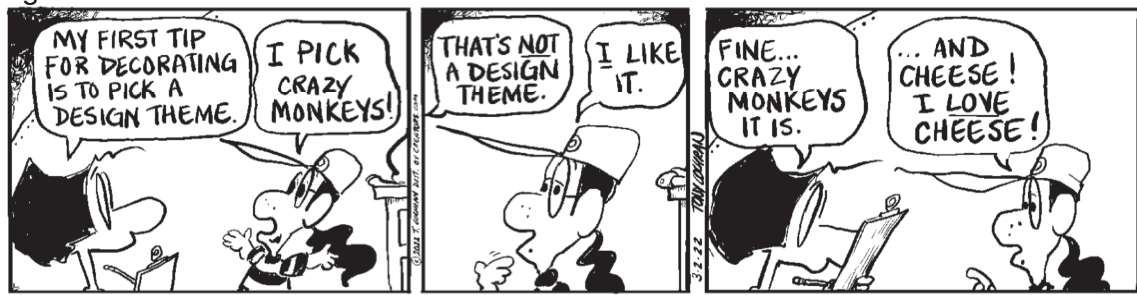
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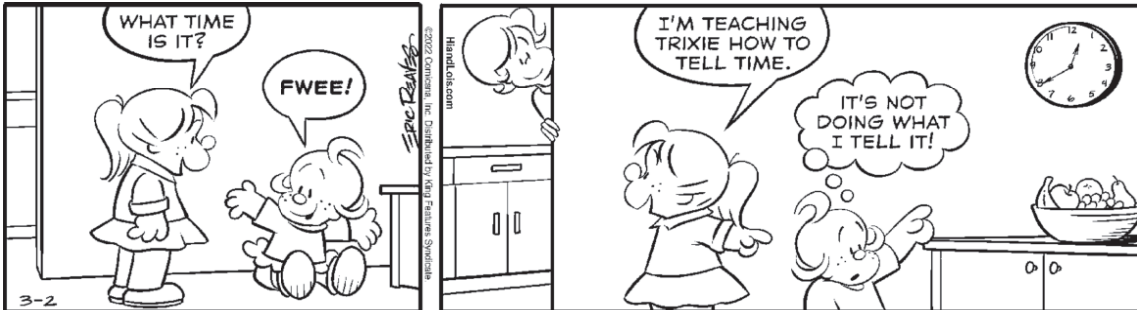
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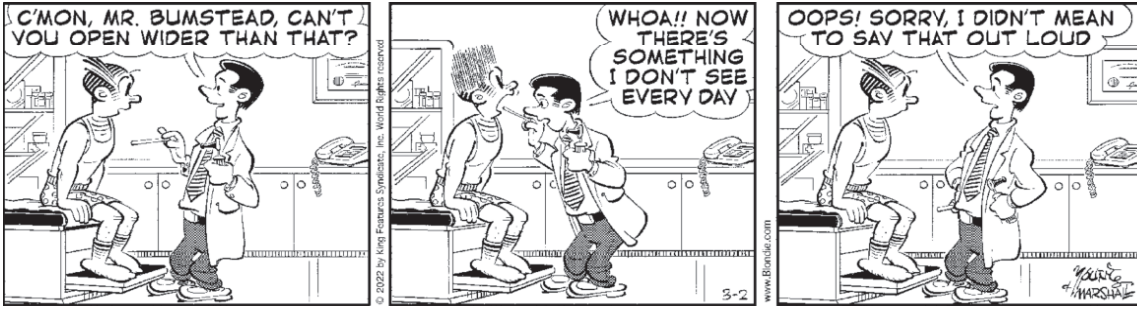
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But with the season hanging in the balance, it was the Jay County seniors who came through.

First Gavin Muhlenkamp drove the lane and hit a layup with 1:19 left on the clock to extend the Patriot lead back to four points. Then he got to the foul line following a miss by the Trojans' Gavin Welch.

The front end of Muhlenkamp's one-and-one opportunity missed and three New Castle rebounders converged on the loose ball, but none were able to corral it. They instead deflected the ball to Dirksen, who laid it in for an easy two points 39-33 advantage.

The Trojans would not score again, while Pearson and Dirksen combined to hit five more free throws to put the game away for JCHS.

"The difference was we decided we weren't going to turn the ball over," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose team had watched a double-digit lead disappear Friday in a 41-40 loss to Bellmont.

Jay County Patriots vs. No. 6 New Castle Trojans				New Castle (19-5)			
Class 3A Sectional 24				FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS			
Opening round				Maddy	4-8	0-0	10
at New Castle				Butler	0-0	0-0	0
Boys varsity summary				Hinton	0-0	0-0	0
Jay County (20-4)				Taylor	3-7	0-0	9
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS		Boatright	0-0	0-0	0
Dowlen	0-3	0-0	0	Frazier	0-0	0-0	0
Muhlnkmp	3-7	2-4	8	Grow	0-1	0-0	0
Alexander	0-0	0-0	0	Miller	0-6	2-3	2
Dirksen	2-4	4-4	8	Welch	2-16	2-2	7
Bogenschutz	0-1	1-2	1	Johnson	0-0	0-0	0
Pearson	4-7	7-9	16	Scott	1-3	3-5	5
Weitzel	4-7	2-2	11	Totals	10-41	7-10	33
Totals	13-29	16-21	44		.244	.700	
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				N. Castle 0 12 10 11—33			
				3-point shooting: Jay County 2-6			
				(Weitzel 1-1, Pearson 1-2, Muhlenkamp 0-1, Dirksen 0-1, Bogenschutz 0-1). New Castle 6-28 (Taylor			
				3-6, Maddy 2-5, Welch 1-10, Miller 0-6, Grow 0-1).			
				Rebounds: Jay County 28 (Weitzel 8, Dirksen 7, Pearson 5, Muhlenkamp 3, Dowlen 2, Bogenschutz 2, team). New Castle 21 (Scott 8, Welch 5, Miller 4, Maddy 2, Taylor, Grow).			
				Assists: Jay County 7 (Dirksen 3, Muhlenkamp 2, Weitzel 2). New Castle 7 (Welch 3, Maddy 2, Taylor, Miller).			
				Blocks: Jay County 1 (Weitzel). New Castle 1 (Welch).			
				Personal fouls: Jay County 11 (Dirksen 3, Alexander 2, Pearson 2, Weitzel 2, Dowlen, Bogenschutz). New Castle 18 (Scott 5, Maddy 3, Taylor 3, Welch 3, Hinton 2, Miller 2).			
				Turnovers: Jay County 9. New Castle 8.			



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Gavin Muhlenkamp of Jay County gets a shot up over New Castle's Dawson Scott during the third quarter Tuesday.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Junior high swimming vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament (BTN)
4:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament (BTN)

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6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Xavier at St. John's (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Rutgers at Indiana (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN); Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at New York Rangers (TNT)

8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Connecticut at Creighton (FS1)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Minnesota at Maryland (BTN)
10 p.m. — Portland Trail Blazers at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wyoming at UNLV (FS1)
Thursday
11:30 a.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament (BTN)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament (BTN)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Penn State at Illinois (FS1); Michigan State at Ohio State (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Boston Celtics (TNT)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iowa at Michigan (FS1)
9 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins

at Las Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Oregon State at Washington State (FS1)
Local notes
Registration dates upcoming
Portland Junior League will have two upcoming registrations for its 2022 season.

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

No. 10 Badgers edge Purdue

By STEVE MEGARGEE
AP Sports Writer

MADISON, Wis. — Chucky Hepburn tried to keep a straight face as the freshman insisted he knew his game-winning 3-pointer was accurate as soon as he took the shot.

The laughter from his teammates told a different story.

Hepburn banked in a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left to give No. 10 Wisconsin a 70-67 victory over No. 8 Purdue on Tuesday night that clinched the Badgers a share of the Big Ten regular-season title.

"I knew we were about to be Big Ten champs after I released it," Hepburn said before breaking out a grin.

The Badgers have plenty of reason to smile.

Wisconsin (24-5, 15-4 Big Ten) has won five straight and now has at least a share of its 20th Big Ten regular-season title. A victory Sunday at home against Nebraska would give the Badgers their first outright conference title since 2015, when they went on to reach the NCAA Tournament championship game.

After Wisconsin's Brad Davison missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, Purdue's Jaden Ivey tied the game by sinking a 3-pointer with 8.9 seconds remaining. The Badgers worked the ball to Hepburn, who calmly fired the winning shot from in front of Wisconsin's bench.

As Purdue tried to set up a desperation 3-point attempt, Wisconsin's Tyler Wahl intercepted Trevion Williams' inbounds pass. Wahl threw the ball aloft as the horn sounded and Wisconsin's students stormed the court. That student section had created a raucous environment all night long.

Ivey scored 22, Zach Edey had 17 and Sasha Stefanovic added 11 for Purdue, which lost its second straight. Ivey and Edey combined to score Purdue's last 28 points.

Start to finish

Patriots shut out No. 6 New Castle in first period en route to ending their seven-year sectional skid



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Jay County High School junior Dusty Pearson shoots over junior Gavin Welch of sixth-ranked New Castle during the first quarter of their Class 3A Sectional 24 opening-round game Tuesday. The Patriots shut out the Trojans 14-0 in the opening period as they won a sectional game for the first time since 2015. Pearson led the way with 16 points.

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

NEW CASTLE — "We were ready to play."

The award for understatement of the night went to Dusty Pearson.

The first quarter was all Patriots as they built a 14-0 lead. And when the pressure was on late, they came through again.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team shut out the sixth-ranked host New Castle Trojans for the first 8:31 Tuesday and then scored the game's final nine points as it earned its first sectional win in seven years, 44-33.

"It felt good," said senior Gavin Muhlenkamp, whose team had lost 49-37 to New Castle in early December. "We've been looking forward to this for a while."

With the victory, JCHS (20-4) tied the school record for wins set by the Class 3A state runner-up squad and match in 2012-13.

The Patriots, whose last sectional win was 46-35 over Wayne on March 6, 2015, advance to the semifinal round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament to take on Hamilton Heights (10-11) at 6 p.m. Friday. The winner will advance to Saturday's championship game against the winner of Friday's other semifinal between Yorktown (8-14) and Burriss (9-12). (Yorktown topped Delta 45-36 in the other opening-round game Tuesday.)

For Jay County, the victory over the Trojans was all about the start and the finish.

Bennett Weitzel got the game's first bucket on an assist from senior Ethan Dirksen, and Pearson followed with a 3-pointer from another Dirksen assist. When Dirksen hit a pair of free throws at

the mid-point of the period, New Castle was 0-for-2 with three turnovers.

It didn't get any better for the Trojans, with Pearson scoring again and then Weitzel hitting a 3-pointer from the top of the key and taking an assist from Dirksen under the basket for the 14-0 advantage.

"We wanted to beat them bad," said Pearson, who paced the Patriots with 16 points that included a 7-for-9 effort from the foul line. "We were ready to play. We came out ready to play and played our game. That's all we had to do."

New Castle (17-5), which had won six of its last seven, started decidedly flat and never truly got out of its shooting funk. The Trojans were 0-for-10, including 0-for-5 from long distance, with three turnovers in the opening period. Their first points came on a corner 3-pointer from Colin Taylor at the 7:29 mark of the second.

They finished at just 10-of-41 (24%) from the field, with their top three scorers going a combined 3-of-25 (12%). Those three players totaled just 14 points Tuesday after averaging 34.9 this season.

"Against a zone like that, you're not going to live in the paint," said New Castle coach Daniel Cox. "So you're going to have to make some shots to loosen it up a little bit. When shots aren't falling, that puts a ton of pressure on you."

The Trojans fought to come back, cutting their deficit to nine at halftime and five after three quarters before getting to within 35-33 when senior Sam Maddy — he led his team with 10 points — hit a 3-pointer with 2:11 left in the game.

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