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## Concerns raised about project

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Some Portland residents were unhappy about a 2019 proposed Indiana Department of Transportation project.

A group of area residents visited Portland City Council on Monday to express their concerns about the updated version of the project that is planned for year.

Jeff Upp, Ryan Myers and Rodney Miles spoke in opposition to the project, which would reduce the number of lanes on Meridian Street (U.S. 27) between Water and Votaw Streets and install bump outs.

### INDOT proposal calls for reducing lanes on Meridian in downtown Portland

The basics of the project are as follows:

- Reducing through lanes from two to one in each direction, with an alternating turn lane in the middle
- Creating “well-defined par-

allel parking” in both directions

- Installing curb extensions at each intersection
- Providing “community areas” such as seating, plants or art, near curb extensions.

INDOT indicated that a crash study has shown “a higher than expected frequency and severity of crashes” and that the reduction in lanes would improve safety.

Upp expressed concerns about the reduction of lanes resulting in more traffic on other streets, the ability for large trucks and safety vehicles to navigate effectively, issues with snow removal and less effective parking in the downtown area. He also addressed the removal of traffic lights at the intersections with Walnut and High Streets, which was part of the project

when it was initially discussed at public meetings in 2019.

Ryan Myers, former superintendent of the city's street and parks department, and Rodney Miles, who serves on Rescue 19 and runs a business that includes snow removal, noted similar concerns.

They asked that the mayor and city council write a letter or otherwise push back against the proposed project.

Council members Janet Powers and Dave Golden both said they had already reached out to INDOT, with Golden reading the response he received.

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## Just Treble 4th at ISSMA state

INDIANAPOLIS — In its first trip to the state finals, Just Treble proved it more than belongs with the best in Indiana.

Just Treble, Jay County High School's all-girl show choir, placed fourth Saturday at the Indiana State School Music Association Small School Finals at Franklin Central.

Patriot Edition, the JCHS co-ed group, placed sixth.

Just Treble finished fourth in the women's division behind Emerald Suites of Pendleton Heights, Starlights of Northridge and City Lights of Columbia City. Emerald Suites earned awards for best vocals and best choreography, while Starlights won for best band.

Finishing behind Just Treble in the field of nine choirs were groups from Fairfield, Huntington North, New Palestine, East Noble and Monrovia.

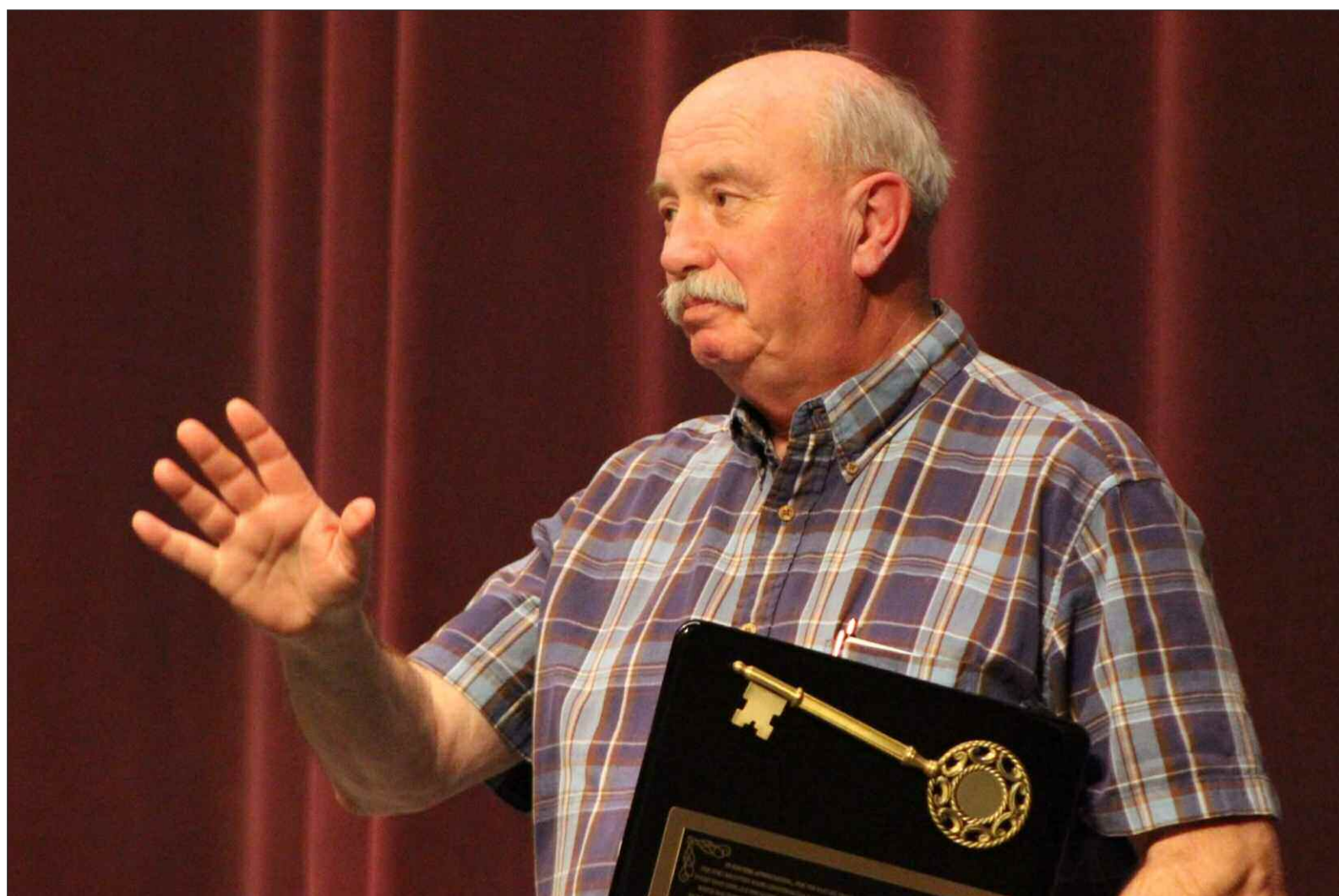
In the mixed division, Jay County's Patriot Edition was sixth ahead of Fairfield, New Palestine and Columbia City groups. (The group had placed eighth at the 2019 state finals. The event was canceled each of the last two years because of the coronavirus pandemic.)

The Pendletones of Pendleton Heights finished first while earning awards for best vocals and choreography, with Northern Lights of Northridge second and Varsity Singers of Huntington North third. Churubusco's New Era was fourth while New Castle's Red Hot Blues finished fifth.

The fourth-place finish for Just Treble closed out a season in which it won the Pendleton Heights Arabian Spectacular and the Garrett Railroader Rush Invitational.

It was also second at the Carroll Classic and third at the Churubusco Show Choir Invitational.

Patriot Edition won at the Homestead Classic Showcase. It was third at Pendleton Heights, Carroll and Garrett.



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### Gala honored

Neal Spencer waves while receiving the Mayor's Outstanding Community Service award for the Fort Recovery Radio Christmas Gala Committee during the Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce awards banquet on Sunday. Other awards included: Janice Fiely, Citizen of the Year; Tess Kaup and Chuck Hein, Hall of Fame inductees; Wendel Poultry Service, Business of the Year; Marisa Gaerke, Chamber of Commerce/Rabe scholarship; Pat Wendel, Best Landscaping; Tyler and Kendra Thobe, Most Improved Residential Property; and Ted and Allison Homan, Most Improved Dwelling.

## Arts Place reaches campaign goal

The goal has been reached.

Arts Place announced Monday that it has surpassed its \$2.4 million capital campaign goal thanks to another gift from John Young.

Young, a former Jay County resident who died last month, provided an additional \$75,000 to the campaign. That pushed the total to \$2,401,889.

“John was an integral part of the campaign,” said campaign chair Mindy Weaver in a press release.

“He was determined that we reach the goal and

### Gift from Young pushes total past \$2.4 million

worked very hard to that end. I am very grateful for his service to Arts Place.”

Young, who was a member of Arts Place's Legacy Capital Campaign Cabinet, and his wife Gretchen had already contributed about \$260,000 to the campaign.

The bulk of the capital campaign project is already complete. It included the construction of the new Hudson Center for the Visual Arts — at 2,100 square feet, it houses a 2-D art room, 3-D art room, storage, a waiting room and space for small-

er exhibits — addressing drainage issues, installing new lighting and reconfiguring the Performing Arts Center to provide more effective rehearsal space and create a larger reception area featuring The Weaver Community Gallery. (The corridor that features music rehearsal rooms was named the Young Music Education Wing in honor of John and Gretchen.) Landscaping and parking lot improvements were also made.

“With John's most recent gift, we are now able to fulfill the final

major components of the Legacy Capital Project,” said Arts Place executive director Eric Rogers. “In the coming weeks, commitments will be signed for installing new lighting and sound equipment in Hall Moser Theatre, along with a number of other equipment and musical instrument purchases.”

The theatre work will bring to a close a capital campaign and project that have been in the works for eight years. Planning began in 2014 with the launch of the capital campaign in September 2017.

## FR board approves staffing plans

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Next year's staffing plan is all about adjusting to fill gaps.

Overall, not much is changing.

Fort Recovery School Board discussed and approved its 2022-23 staffing plan Monday.

Superintendent Larry Brown

explained Fort Recovery Local Schools won't be adding new positions or removing staff next year. Instead, it will reassign one elementary school teacher in order to meet rising enrollment numbers. Also, a preschool aide will be taking over for Mary Diller, the current preschool program director, grant administrator and lead teacher who

has worked in the school system for more than 30 years, following her retirement at the end of the school year.

“We're not cutting staff, we're not adding staff,” Brown said following the meeting. “We're just pretty much keeping the balance.”

Second grade teacher Michelle Stammen will be reas-

signed to first grade. (The current first grade class has 56 students, and the current kindergarten class has 92 students.) Courtney Westgerdes, who worked alongside Diller, will become head preschool teacher/grant administrator. Both staffing changes will be effective Aug. 1.

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### Deaths

Juanita Groce, 56, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Monday. The low was 43.

More rain is expected tonight with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. The low will be 51. Rain and windy conditions are expected to continue Wednesday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Throughout this week, Jay County Public Library has blank puzzle pieces available for children to decorate. Following spring break, the puzzle pieces will be connected together to form collaborative art.

### Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of tonight's Dunkirk State of the City address.

Friday — A preview of Fort Recovery High School's spring sports teams.



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He read, in part: "The intent of this project is to improve the pavement condition on U.S. 27 and improve safety and pedestrian accessibility in The City of Portland."  
"INDOT is currently in the planning and development stage of this project in coordination with the mayor's office ... and project alternatives are still being evaluated. We understand citizens are concerned with specific elements of this project ..."  
Boggs responded, saying INDOT has not been in contact with him.  
"They have not returned my

phone calls or come up here to see me," he said.  
He added that he hopes to have a face-to-face meeting with INDOT's project team soon.  
"I've got a lot of reasons to sit down and talk to them, find out what their reasoning is and let them know what they're causing by this plan," said Boggs. "I promise you, I'm going to be very active on this."  
Powers noted that anyone can issue comments to INDOT by visiting INDOT4U.com or calling (855) 463-6848.  
Boggs also reported that the city has started discussions with design and planning firm Run-

dell Ernstberger Associates regarding updating the city's economic development plan. (The existing plan was developed in 2002 and approved in 2004, he said.)  
The mayor added that he plans to put together a steering committee and meet with elected officials, business owners and others, likely in late May or June, to begin the process.  
"The strength of Rundell Ernstberger is the implementation stage," said Boggs. "They get on the ground with you and make sure it isn't a study that sits on the shelf."  
In other business, council:

- Voted to reestablish the city's cumulative capital development fund. The fund already existed, but by law required a council vote to keep it in place.
- Approved the following additional appropriations: \$100,000 to the motor vehicle highway, street and alley fund; \$35,000 for animal control (for 2021 and 2022); and \$25,350 for sidewalk repairs and improvements.
- Heard from Boggs that his State of the City address will be at noon June 28 at Portland Lions Club Civic Center. Those interested in attending can RSVP by calling Jay County Chamber of Commerce at (260) 726-4481.

## Obituaries

**Juanita Groce**, Portland, Aug. 22, 1965-March 15, 2022. There will be no services.  
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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.*  
*There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

## CR almanac

Wednesday 3/23	Thursday 3/24	Friday 3/25	Saturday 3/26	Sunday 3/27
<b>66/44</b>	<b>51/39</b>	<b>47/34</b>	<b>43/26</b>	<b>45/29</b>
Rain is expected Wednesday, with thunderstorms possible in the late morning and afternoon.	There's a 40% chance showers will continue Thursday, with wind gusts reaching up to 25 mph.	Another chance of rain Friday coupled with mostly cloudy skies. The high may reach 47.	Rain and snow are possible before 10 a.m. Saturday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Sunday, with the low dipping to 29 degrees.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 1-15-26-63-65 Powerball: 16 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$167 million	64-66-69-72-73-79 Cash 5: 2-16-32-36-41 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$39 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-4-9 Pick 4: 8-4-9-0 Pick 5: 3-8-9-4-8 Evening Pick 3: 2-0-3 Pick 4: 5-0-4-5 Pick 5: 8-5-0-7-9 Rolling Cash 5: 10-11-18-24-32 Estimated jackpot: \$297,000 Classic Lotto: 9-18-23-29-31-32 Kicker: 0-4-8-8-9-0 Jackpot: \$24.2 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-2-1 Daily Four: 2-2-8-0 Evening Daily Three: 1-9-4 Daily Four: 6-7-3-5 Quick Draw: 4-8-9-16-21-23-24-36-40-42-44-47-57-58-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.11 April corn.....7.11 Wheat.....9.00	Wheat ..... 10.29 April wheat ..... 10.29
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.16 April corn.....7.26 May corn.....7.36	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.15 April corn.....7.15 Beans.....16.70 April beans.....16.70
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.01 April corn.....7.01 Beans.....16.68 April beans.....16.68	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.06 April corn.....7.06 Beans.....16.34 April beans.....16.41 March wheat.....9.78

## Today in history

**On March 22, 1894**, hockey's first Stanley Cup championship game was played; home team Montreal defeated Ottawa, 3-1.  
**In 1765**, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.)  
**In 1882**, President Chester Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.  
**In 1963**, The Beatles' debut album, "Please Please Me," was released in the United Kingdom by Parlophone.  
**In 1978**, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.  
**In 1988**, both houses of Congress overrode President Ronald Reagan's veto of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.  
**In 1993**, Intel Corp. unveiled the original Pentium computer chip.  
**In 1997**, Tara Lipinski, at age 14 years and 10 months, became the youngest ladies' world figure skating champion in Lausanne, Switzerland.  
**In 2007**, Portland Board of Works chose Cincinnati-based Rumpke as its new provider for curbside recycling collection services.  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Wednesday</b> 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building 131 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water District, USDA office, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	missioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building 131 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, com-	

## Staffing ...

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School board members Anne Guggenbiller, Sean Kahlig, Jake Knapke, Nick Wehrkamp and Don Wendel approved the 2022-23 staffing plan and teacher reassignments unanimously.  
In other business, board members:  
•Recognized Paul Homan, a junior at Fort Recovery High School, for getting a perfect score on the annual American Legion Americanism and Government test taken by sophomores, juniors and seniors. Homan received and went on a free trip to Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg from Feb. 28 through March 4 with other high-scoring students from Ohio.

- Heard from Fort Recovery Middle School principal Ryan Steinbrunner the school will host its science fair in the elementary/middle school auditoria from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday.
- OK'd two overnight trips for students. The FFA Wildlife Judging team will attend the state Wildlife Judging competition April 1 and 2 at Hocking Technical Community College in Nelsonville, Ohio. FFA members will attend the state FFA convention from May 4 through 6 at Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus.
- Heard from treasurer Deanna Knapke the board will review its five-year forecast at 6 p.m. May 16.
- Approved a service agreement

with Mercer County Educational Service Center for the 2022-23 school year.  
•Hired Kourtney Diller as a high school assistant track coach.  
•Accepted bus driver Tony Homan's resignation, effective March 10.  
•OK'd Matt Minor to replace outgoing Fort Recovery Library trustee Jerry Stammen. Minor will serve a term of seven years on the library board.  
•Accepted a \$680 donation from Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters for field winterization and a \$225 donation from Fort Recovery Academic Booster Club for middle school state testing snacks.

## Capsule Reports

**Drunk driving**  
A Portland man was arrested for drunk driving after the vehicle he was driving crashed into a mailbox and utility pole at the intersection of Park and Race streets about 9:16 a.m. Sunday.  
Jose J. Ruiz, 54, 1136 Wayside Place, was driving a 2016 Jeep Patriot north on Park Street and passing the intersection with Race Street. He told Portland Police Department he reached for his phone and drove off the

western side of the road, hitting a mailbox and a utility pole.  
Ruiz was arrested and preliminarily charged with a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated in a manner that endangers a person and a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He's being held on a \$1,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

**Drove off road**  
An Ohio man drove off

Indiana 67 and into a sign about 4:12 p.m. Sunday.  
James Cathcart, 73, St. Marys, was driving northeast on the highway just southwest of county road 500 South when the 2018 Ford Fusion he was driving went off the road and struck a sign.  
The vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. It is registered to GLM Transport of Rockford, Ohio.

**Fence struck**  
A Portland teen lost con-

trol of the vehicle she was driving and struck a fence about 5:58 p.m. Saturday.  
Kadence Nibarger, 17, was driving south on county road 300 West just south of county road 200 South when the 2008 Mercury Milan she was driving hit a rock. She lost control of the wheel and drove into a fence.  
The vehicle Nibarger was driving is registered to Laura Garringer of Portland. It was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

## Felony arrests

**Theft**  
A Portland woman was arrested Friday for theft.  
Lisa M. Nock, 50, 121 S. Wayne St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.  
She was booked into Jay County

Jail and later released on a \$3,000 bond.  
**Drunk driving**  
A Salamonia man was arrested Sunday for drunk driving.  
Douglas H. Hudson, 49, 5901 E.

400 South, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony and a Class C misdemeanor on two counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.  
He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

## Deeds

Janet S. and John Cain to Alex P. and Malarie K. Krieg, warranty deed — Part of Section 13, Greene Township, 1.5 acres  
Steven E. Schwieterman to Gregory J. and Stephanie J. Owen, warranty deed — Section 33, Greene Township, 79.546 acres  
Tamara D. Tighe (also known as Tamara D. Wiemer) to herself and Kevin M. Tighe, warranty deed — Part of Lots 1, 2 and 3, R A Andrews Addition of Redkey  
Lucinda A. Welch to herself, death deed — Lots 39, 40 and 41, Grisells Third Addition  
John W. Rigby (deceased) to Mary H. Rigby, deed affidavit — Part of Section 24, Greene Township  
Mary H. Rigby to herself, death deed — Part of Section 24, Greene Township  
Christopher J. and Jill M. Miller to Katie R. and Noah A. Schwartz, war-

ranty deed — Part of Section 17, Jackson Township, 5.84 acres  
Phyllis Trinidad to Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, deed affidavit — Part of Lot 318, Shank Addition  
Brenda Martin, Cindy Nelson and Phyllis Trinidad to Eric E. Parker, warranty deed — Part of Lot 318, Shank Addition  
G and W Properties to Gaerke Properties, warranty deed — Woodlawn Park Addition  
Maureen D. Grady (deceased) and Jack F. Grady to Jack F. Grady,

death deed — Lot 44, Grays  
Farmers and Merchants State Bank to Pamela S. Lamontagne, corporate warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Madison Township, 1.25 acres  
Glen Funk Family Trust and Janice Funk Family Trust to J. Frank and Marcie L. Vormohr, trustee deed — Part of Section 29, Wayne Township, 0.18 acres  
J. Frank and Marcie L. Vormohr to Glen Funk Family Trust and Janice Funk Family Trust, quit claim deed — Part of Section 29, Wayne Township, 0.18 acres  
CGJ Properties to Larry D. Johnson, warranty deed — Lot 12, Cadwallader and Edger Second Addition  
Lone J. Kunkle Revocable Trust to Cameron Kunkle, trustee deed — Section 9, Madison Township, 91 acres  
John A. Hogg Revocable Living Trust and Rosemary E. Hogg Revocable Living Trust to Bradley A. and Patricia A. Daniels, warranty deed — Part of Lot 2, Block 5, original plat of Portland

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(260) 726-9201  
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Ads must run five consecutive publication days.

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# Anniversaries are for recalling earlier times

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

We helped a cousin and her husband celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this past weekend. They are a year or two younger than me.

They invited us to get together with their children, grandchildren, extended family and friends. They rented a building at their local fairgrounds to contain the crowd. Thankfully it was as warm inside as it was chilly and rainy outside.

We didn't know many people there so we introduced ourselves and had a very nice evening. Toward

## As I See It



the end of the party the DJ turned up the music. The younger attendees began showing the toddlers and preschoolers how to do the chicken dance. It was funny to watch them. I was almost expecting the happy couple to join in but they didn't.

It was still raining when we left and the drive home

reminded us that we have become uncomfortable driving at night in the rain. It was a relatively short trip but it seemed much longer because of the rain.

I am amazed that the happy couple has been married for half a century. There was a time when I couldn't imagine living long enough to be old enough to have a 50th celebration, let alone be married to the same person for that long.

I remember when my in-laws celebrated their 50th anniversary. They had a party in the neighbor's basement. Their

friends came and went all evening. When I think back on it all the adults seemed so old.

All of the in-laws are gone now. That must mean that we are the ones who are old. When did that happen? I certainly don't feel that old. Wait a minute — there are times when I do feel old. Parts of me that I didn't know I had ache. I find myself hanging onto the banister when I go up or down the stairs. If I am weeding then I make sure there is something within reach to help me get up. I can't stand loud music. I have found myself wanting to

say "back in my day we never..." to whatever it is that is getting on my nerves.

In a few weeks we will celebrate our own anniversary. It will be our 43rd, not 50th. That is more than half our lives. I never once expected to be married that long. Now I am not sure where he leaves off and I begin.

Marriage can be a beautiful thing. For some it can be ugly. For yet others it can be deadly. I am one of the lucky ones. I have a friend who is willing to drive in the rain to be with a relative and her husband who are celebrat-

ing a milestone in their lives. At one point their wedding album was passed around. The bride and groom were so young in the pictures. The groom's hair was long and full. The bride's hair was lighter and longer than she wears it now. There was a veil of innocence over the entire wedding party.

None of us are innocent any more. Too many years have passed by.

But as long as young people are teaching their little ones how to do the chicken dance at a 50th anniversary party, there is hope for the world.

## Man isn't invested in relationship

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Brent" for four years. Prior to meeting him, I was divorced with two children. Brent shows little interest in my kids' lives. He doesn't want us to live together before the kids are out of the house, and he never plans to get married. (My youngest is 10.)

Even if he would agree to move in now, I don't want to move to his city because my kids need to be close to their school, their friends and their father. Brent doesn't want to relocate because it's heavily populated and he thinks my town is geared more toward a younger generation.

I really would like to take our relationship to the next level. I have been trying to do it for four years, but he ignores my subtle hints. I can't imagine life without him. I have even considered getting pregnant to make this relationship go further, in spite of knowing he doesn't want a baby. Advice? — GETTING DESPERATE IN THE HEARTLAND

DEAR GETTING DESPERATE: You have wasted four years of your life on the wrong man. Brent is centered on himself and would be a negative, disruptive influence in your children's lives. Your first responsibility must be to

## Dear Abby



them. If they were miserable, you would be too. Trust me on that.

As to the idea of "trapping" him by becoming pregnant in spite of the fact that he doesn't want to be a father — I DON'T RECOMMEND IT! You could get a rude awakening and end up parenting a child you didn't really want all by yourself. So start imagining a life without him. It will be a happier one that way.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker I enjoyed talking to and being around. I'm 27, and she is 41. We used to sit together at lunch and during our break. All of a sudden, she stopped sitting with me during the first break but she still ate with me at lunch. Then she stopped eating with me at lunch!

I asked her if I said or did anything wrong and she said no. I asked her if she was avoiding me

or had found something wrong, and she insisted there was nothing wrong and I worry too much. So now I sit alone and she sits somewhere else by herself with her phone. I was nice to her. We talked about our day and sometimes shared snacks during the break. All that is gone now.

I know people grow apart, but it stings. Being an adult means moving on, but when something happens for no apparent reason, there has to be an explanation. Can you share your insight on this dilemma? — LUNCHING ALONE

DEAR LUNCHING ALONE: There is always a reason. Perhaps you should believe your co-worker when she says you didn't do or say anything wrong. What may have changed are her circumstances.

You mentioned that rather than sit with you, she now sits alone with her cellphone. It's possible that something is going on with her family — or her personal life that requires her attention.

I know it stings, but you have to let it go. Find someone else to socialize with during breaks. It would be less painful if she explained it to you, but your co-worker may be a private person.

## TV show will film in Indiana

A popular television series will be returning to Indiana in May.

"American Pickers," a documentary series on The History Channel about the search for valuable antiques, will be filming episodes in the area.

"As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way," a press release from Cineflix Productions says.

The show is currently looking for leads, such as someone who owns a large, private collection or has an accumulation of antiques, according to the press release. Those interested may send their name, phone number, location and a description of their collection with pho-

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tos by email to americanpickers@cineflix.com or on Facebook to @GotAPick. They may also call (646) 493-2184.

## Classes offered

Free adult education classes are available.

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

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

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

## Community Calendar

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

### Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, sur-

vivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship

Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

### Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

## Sudoku

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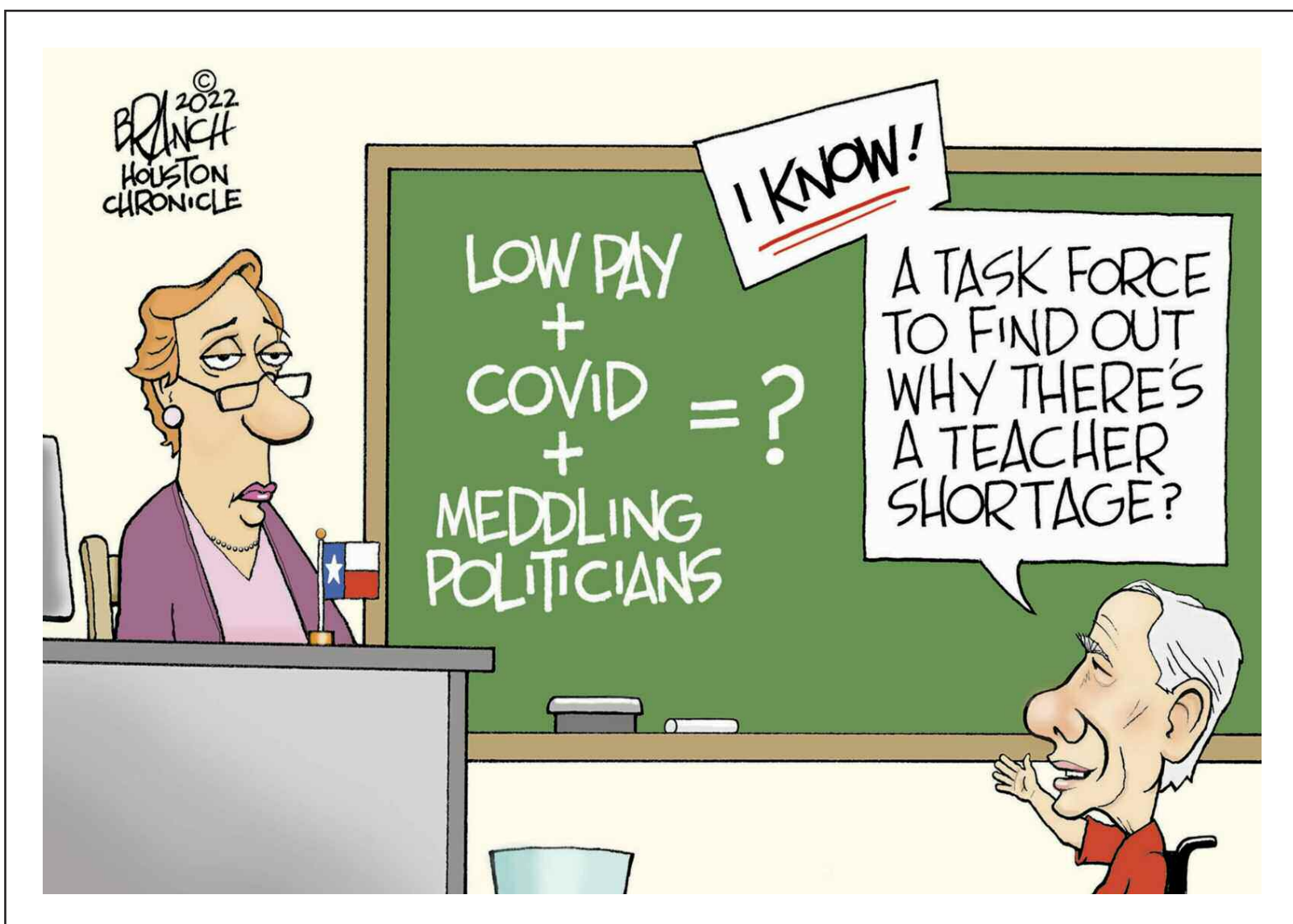
## Letters to the Editor

Over the years, we have been able to help hundreds of people, hundreds. Middle school students, cancer patients and survivors, graduating high school students, have all helped thanks to the generosity of this wonderful community.

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We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Roger and Charlene Theurer  
Jay County



# Truth is despots' kryptonite

By JENNIFER RUBIN  
The Washington Post

Few Americans can imagine the bravery it took for Marina Ovsyannikova to burst onto the set of Russia's Channel One this week and hold up a "no war" sign. BBC reports, "She said she had been questioned for 14 hours and not slept for two days, and was not given access to legal help."

She was also fined for a video she made in which "she called on the Russian people to protest the war, saying only they have the power to 'stop all this madness.'" That may be not be the end of her troubles. BBC reports: "It is not clear if she will face separate charges relating to her protest on live TV, and there had been fears she would be prosecuted under a more serious, new criminal law that bans calling Russia's military action in Ukraine an 'invasion' or spreading 'fake news' about the conflict."

Ovsyannikova's determination to tell the truth in an autocracy fueled by lies puts herself and her two children in grave danger. Her message is a threat to the Kremlin because she points a finger directly at Russian President Vladimir Putin and punctures his lies. As she explained, "What is happening in Ukraine is a crime, and Russia is the aggressor. The responsibility of this aggression lies on the shoulders of only one person: Vladimir Putin." Even more dangerous to Putin, she reminds ordinary Russians they have a choice: "Only we have the power to stop all this madness. Go to the protests. Don't be afraid of anything. They can't imprison us all."

Despots rely on enforcing an atmosphere of inevitability that makes resistance to the regime seem futile. Ovsyannikova directly refuted that message. She is inarguably correct: Even Russia's police state cannot arrest everyone.

Arnold Schwarzenegger made a similar appeal to the Russian people this week. In a remarkable video posted on social media on Thursday, the former California governor,

## Jennifer Rubin



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movie actor and bodybuilder spoke directly to the camera, declaring, "[T]here are things that are going on in the world that have been kept from you, terrible things that you should know about. Let me tell you the truth about the war in Ukraine."

Like Ovsyannikova, he told Russians that their government fed them lies:

"The world has turned against Russia because of its actions in Ukraine," he said. "The destruction that Russian bombs are raining down on innocent civilians has so outraged the world that the strongest global economic sanctions ever taken have been imposed on your country. ... This is not the war to defend Russia like your grandfather or your great-grandfather fought. This is an illegal war!"

He candidly invoked his father's Nazi past in the German army attacking Leningrad so as to appeal to Russian troops. "When my father arrived in Leningrad, he was all pumped up on the lies of his government. When he left Leningrad, he was broken — physically and mentally. ... To the Russian soldiers listening to this broadcast: You already know much of the truth that I'm speaking. You've seen it in your own eyes. I don't want you to be broken like my father."

Schwarzenegger also extolled the bravery of average Russians who risked their lives to protest. "The world has seen your bravery. We know that you've suffered the consequences of your courage. You have been arrested, you've been jailed, and you've been beaten. You are my new heroes." He told them, "You have the true heart of Russia."

No one should think such messages can be kept from Russians. Russia is not North Korea. As The Washington

Post reports, "In the weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine and imposed new laws penalizing speech that knocked major news sites offline, Russians have flocked to the app stores, tech workers there said." They are downloading "virtual private networks for connecting across borders and such messaging apps as Telegram, WhatsApp and Threema, all of which are major ways of sharing unapproved news." This new media, combined with old technology such as shortwave radio, can provide uncensored news to a significant number of Russians.

Meanwhile, hackers continue to wreak havoc with Russian state media. The Post reports: "Wednesday evening, the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry website was defaced by hackers, who altered its content. Notably, the hack replaced the department hotline with a number for Russian soldiers to call if they want to defect from the army — under the title 'Come back from Ukraine alive.'"

Truth and personal agency are despots' kryptonite. Messages such as those from Ovsyannikova, Schwarzenegger and the army of prodemocracy hackers are spreading across Russia, overwhelming a desperate and humiliated regime. To them we can say, well done.

Rubin writes reported opinion for The Washington Post.

# Public notices remain essential

News and Tribune  
(Jeffersonville & New Albany)

For years, legislatures across the country have been searching for any excuse to remove public notices from newspapers of record.

For years, those same government bodies have been making headway. During that same span, newspaper readers have been lulled into believing that the governmental motive of "saving taxpayer dollars" is pure.

Pure in motive? Hardly.

Pure nonsense? More likely. Fact: Newspapers count public notices (also called legal notices) as a revenue stream. Revenue used to pay for the service of delivering important information about actions of government to its constituency without editorial spin or editing — as prescribed by state law or regulations.

Fact: Newspaper print circulation continues to decline. Overall readership, however, thanks to digital access, is increasing.

Fact: Other forms of information dissemination have grown since the advent of a printed newspaper edition.

Many publishers make the mistake of hanging their hats on the argument that removing public notices from newspapers of record will be financially devastating. In truth, nobody cares about that — except newspaper publishers. The reality is that we have been adjusting our business model for years to remain relevant. If, God forbid, legislatures are successful in removing notices from newspapers, we'll reinvent ourselves yet again.

For those still reading, here's what you need to know ... government bodies, by and large, really don't want you to know what they are doing behind closed doors. They'd rather you remain ignorantly blissful.

Some of those entities feel that way because, frankly, they don't want the hassle of hearing you complain about how they spend your money. Others have more devious intentions, like punishing the news media for less than positive coverage.

A recent example of the latter is the Florida legislative action that calls for public notices to be stripped from some Florida newspapers in favor of county websites.

According to a report in the Tampa Bay Times, critics of the move think it's a jab at publications that sometimes publish sto-

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ries and editorials critical of the Republican leadership in Florida. Proponents, however, counter that it shouldn't be the state's job to make local governments subsidize newspapers.

Right here in Indiana, legislators continue to pull similar shenanigans with the same arguments.

Public notices in Hoosier newspapers cost each taxpayer just \$1.06 per year, according to a study by the Hoosier State Press Association.

For individual government bodies in every county across the state to effectively and efficiently post public notices online, they would have to create a website for placement and hire staffing to ensure every public notice is posted.

As it stands today, newspapers of record — with circulation in print and online — have a longstanding, accessible, verifiable, archivable and, most importantly, independent process to inform the citizens of Indiana.

According to HSPA representatives, it is "unduly burdensome to expect people to seek out numerous government websites to be updated on the ongoings of their local government." Newspapers have always provided public notices in a consistent, consolidated, and manageable location — and are the experts on the legal requirements for effective public notices.

Public notices in newspapers inform Hoosiers of actions of their government to ensure accountability, encourage participation and protect the government from the perception of partiality. And, HSPA operates indianapublicnotices.com, which aggregates all of the public notices from the 140-plus member newspapers.

To offer them on government-run websites or social media as an alternative would be akin to the fox guarding the henhouse.

And what should be most important to our elected officials is that 63% of Hoosier adults believe public notices should appear in local newspapers even if it costs them several thousand dollars a year.

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# Ukraine retakes key Kyiv suburb

By NEBI QENA and CARA ANNA  
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine said it retook a strategically important suburb of Kyiv on Tuesday, as Russian forces squeezed other areas near the capital and pressed their attack on the embattled southern port of Mariupol.

Explosions and bursts of gunfire shook Kyiv, and black smoke rose from a spot in the north. Intensified artillery fire could be heard from the northwest, where Russia has sought to encircle and capture several suburban areas of the capital, a crucial target.

Residents sheltered at home or underground under a 35-hour curfew imposed by city authorities that runs to Wednesday morning.

Russian forces also continued

their siege of Mariupol after the southern port city's defenders refused demands to surrender, with fleeing civilians describing relentless bombardments and corpses lying in the streets. But the Kremlin's ground offensive in other parts of the country advanced slowly or not at all, knocked back by lethal hit-and-run attacks by the Ukrainians.

Early Tuesday, Ukrainian troops drove Russian forces out of the Kyiv suburb of Makariv after a fierce battle, Ukraine's Defense Ministry said. The regained territory allowed Ukrainian forces to retake control of a key highway and block Russian troops from surrounding Kyiv from the northwest.

Still, the Defense Ministry said Russian forces were able to partially take other northwest sub-

urbs, Bucha, Hostomel and Irpin, some of which had been under attack almost since Russia's military invaded almost a month ago.

Russia's invasion has driven more than 10 million people from their homes, almost a quarter of Ukraine's pre-war population, according to the United Nations. The U.N. has confirmed 953 civilian deaths while saying the real toll is probably much higher.

Estimates of Russian military casualties in the grinding war have been hard to come by and vary, but even conservative figures by Western officials are in the low thousands. Russia has not given an update since it said March 2 that 498 soldiers had been killed in action in Ukraine. Russia's pro-Kremlin Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper, citing the Defense Ministry, briefly

reported Monday that almost 10,000 Russian soldiers had been killed. The report was quickly removed, and newspaper blamed hackers. The Kremlin refused to comment on Tuesday.

Beyond the terrible human toll, the war has shaken the post-Cold War global security consensus, imperiled the global supply of key crops including wheat, and repeatedly raised worries it could set off a nuclear accident. Ukraine's natural resources minister said wildfires near the Chernobyl nuclear power plant have been extinguished and radiation levels in the area are within norms. Fires are not uncommon in the area, but raise concern about the potential release of radiation from fallout from the 1986 explosion and fire at the plant.

Concerns have been expressed for safety at the decommissioned plant since it was seized by Russian forces last month. The power supply was temporarily cut amid fighting earlier this month, and Ukraine's nuclear regulatory agency said Monday that radiation monitors around the plant had stopped working.

Facing unexpectedly stiff resistance, Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces are increasingly concentrating their air power and artillery on Ukraine's cities and the civilians living there. A senior U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the military's assessment, said Russia had increased its air sorties, carrying out as many as 300 over a 24-hour period.

# Transgender ban vetoed

By TOM DAVIES  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's governor on Monday vetoed a bill banning transgender females from participating in girls school sports.

Opponents of the transgender sports bill argued it was a bigoted response to a problem that doesn't exist, with the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana saying it planned a lawsuit against what it called "hateful legislation."

Republican sponsors of the bill said it was needed to protect the integrity of female sports and opportunities for girls to gain college athletic scholarship but pointed out no instances in the state of girls being outperformed by transgender athletes.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb signaled support for the bill last month but said in his veto letter that the legislation "falls short" of providing a consistent statewide policy for what he called "fairness in K-12 sports."

Holcomb also signed a bill eliminating the state's permit requirement to carry handguns in public.

Holcomb's decisions come after both measures faced intense opposition before being approved by the GOP-dominated legislature that embraced what have become a pair of conservative causes across the country.

The governor stayed on the sidelines as legislators debated both issues and made his decisions just before his Tuesday deadline to act.

Holcomb, on the transgender sports bill veto, also pointed to the Indiana High School Athletic Association, which has a policy covering transgender students wanting to play sports that match their gender identity and has said it has had no transgender girls finalize a request to play on girls team.

"The presumption of the policy laid out in HEA 1041 is that there is an existing problem in K-12 sports in

*Governor says there's 'no evidence' for claims; bill eliminating handgun permits signed into law*

Indiana that requires further state government intervention," Holcomb said in his letter. "It implies that the goals of consistency and fairness in competitive female sports are not currently being met. After thorough review, I find no evidence to support either claim even if I support the effort overall."

Indiana lawmakers can override the governor's veto with simple majorities in both the House and Senate. A veto override vote could happen as soon as May 24, which legislative leaders have scheduled as a tentative one-day meeting.

The Indiana law would prohibit K-12 students who were born male but who identify as female from participating in a sport or on an athletic team that is designated for women or girls. But it wouldn't prevent students who identify as female or transgender men from playing on men's sports teams.

Eleven other Republican-led states have adopted such laws.

Democrats argued Republican lawmakers were following a national conservative "culture war" with the transgender girls sports ban.

In signing the handgun permit requirement repeal, Holcomb went against the vocal opposition of his state police superintendent to the further loosening of the state's lenient firearms laws.

The permit repeal, called "constitutional carry" by gun-rights supporters in reference to the Second Amendment, was criticized by

major law enforcement groups who argued eliminating the permit system would endanger officers by stripping them of a screening tool for quickly identifying dangerous people who shouldn't have guns.

At least 21 other states already allow residents to carry handguns without permit — and Ohio's Republican governor signed a similar bill last week.

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter joined leaders of the state's Fraternal Order of Police, police chiefs association and county prosecutors association in speaking out against the change.

Carter, wearing his state police uniform, stood in the back of the Senate chamber as the bill was being debated. He said after the vote that approval of the measure "does not support law enforcement — period."

Holcomb said in a statement that the permit repeal bill "entrusts Hoosiers who can lawfully carry a handgun to responsibly do so within our state."

"It's important to note that if a person is prohibited, under federal or state laws, from possessing a firearm before this law goes into effect, that person will still be prohibited," Holcomb said.

The firearms law, which will take effect July 1, will allow anyone age 18 or older to carry a handgun in public except for reasons such as having a felony conviction, facing a restraining order from a court or having a dangerous mental illness.

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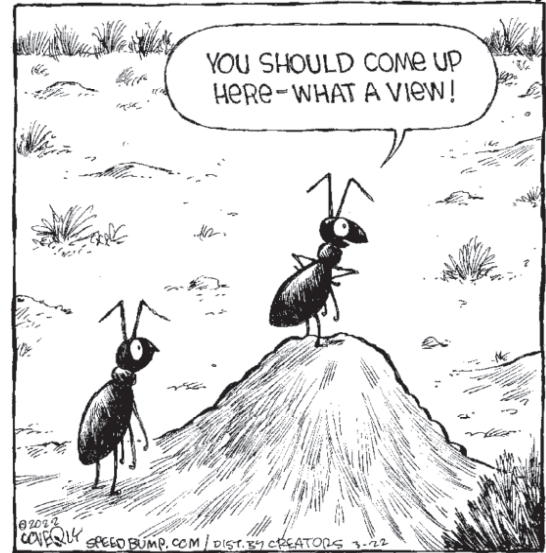
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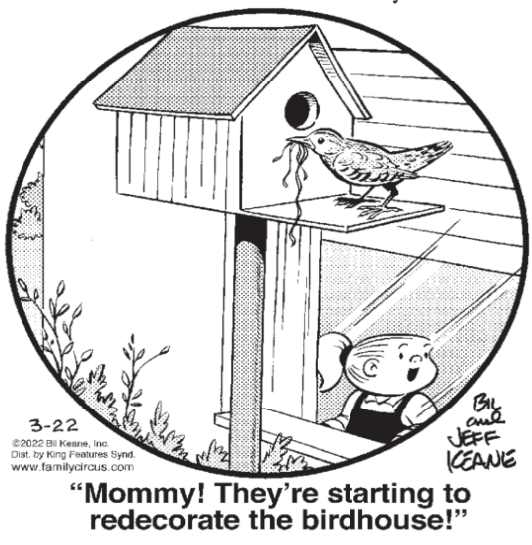
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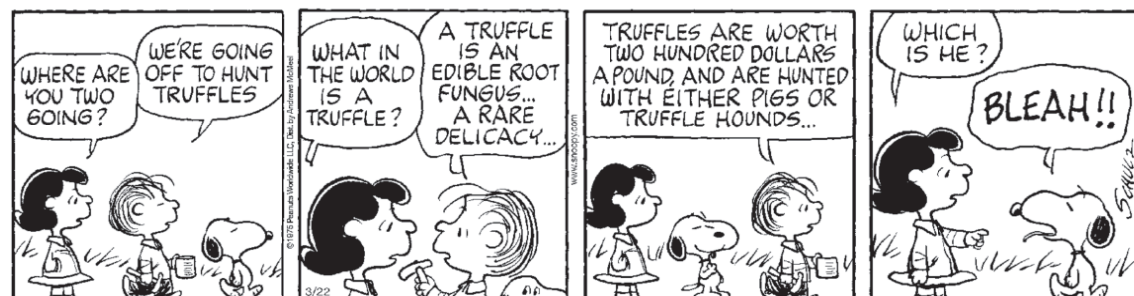


Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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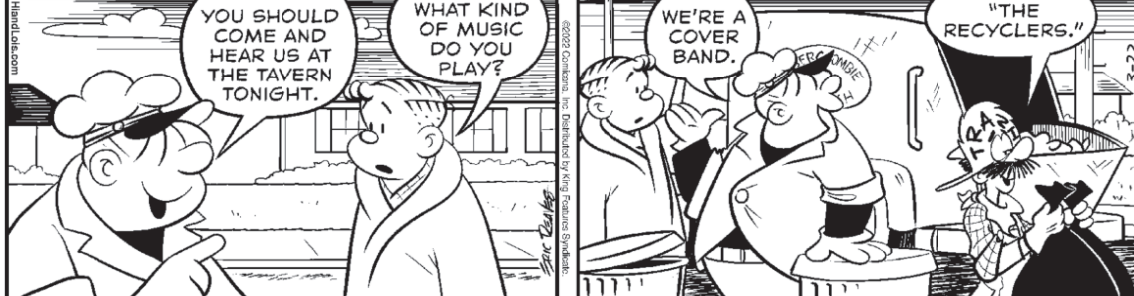
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# Sports

## Colts trade for QB Matt Ryan

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts may have found another short-term answer at quarterback by trading for Matt Ryan.

How much longer the soon-to-be 37-year-old, four-time Pro Bowler sticks around isn't clear.

On Monday, Indy acquired the 2016 NFL MVP from Atlanta for a third-round pick in this year's draft (No. 82 overall).

The Falcons wasted no time finding Ryan's possible replacement — announcing they'd signed free agent Marcus Mariota to a two-year contract.

For Indy, the deal completes a two-week search for a successor to Carson Wentz, who was traded to the Washington Commanders after just one season with the Colts.

For Indianapolis general manager Chris Ballard, it's also the latest attempt to plug a hole created by Andrew Luck's surprise retirement at age 29 just before the start of the 2018 season.

"Matt's leadership and skill set will complement our roster's growth and success," Ballard said. "He's long been a great ambassador for the NFL and the Atlanta Falcons, and we're excited he can continue his accomplished career in Indianapolis."

For the Falcons, it was the end of an era.

Ryan had started all but three games for the

### Falcons to receive third-round pick from Indy

team since he was drafted No. 3 overall in 2008, leading Atlanta to only the second Super Bowl appearance in franchise history.

His fate was effectively sealed when the Falcons made an ill-fated bid for Deshaun Watson as their new quarterback.

"Matt Ryan has been the epitome of a franchise quarterback," team owner Arthur Blank said. "It is difficult to overstate what he has meant to me personally, our organization, his teammates and our fans."

But the Falcons decided to move on with a major rebuilding job that was only made more difficult by Ryan's onerous contract, which was restructured multiple times in recent years as the team kept pushing a difficult decision down the road without drafting a possible successor.

The Falcons will carry a roughly \$40 million cap charge in dead money this season, while Ryan's salary cap hit for the Colts is a reported \$23.75 million in 2022, rising to \$28 million if he's still on the team next year.

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### Getting ready

Fort Recovery High School freshman Ella Schoen makes a play on a ground ball while warming up for a junior varsity softball scrimmage Monday. The FRHS varsity squad will open its season at home Monday against Ansonia.

## Jay's Dollar makes history

MOORESVILLE — Lizzie Dollar made girls wrestling history this weekend.

Dollar, a Jay County High School senior, became the first Patriot girl to compete in the Indiana vs. Illinois Girls Classic Duals on Sunday at Mooresville High School.

The top finishing senior wrestler from each weight class in the state tournament is selected to

represent the state at the event. Dollar, a four-time state medalist for JCHS, placed sixth at 106 pounds this year.

(Tricia Ison also qualified for the event, but was unable to compete because of a prior commitment.)

This marked the inaugural year for the Indiana vs. Illinois Girls Classic Duals, while the boys has

been active for nearly 30 years.

Dollar came up just a bit short in her march Sunday as she took on Dutchess King of Thornton Fractional South High School.

King, who was the Illinois state runner-up, defeated Dollar 10-7.

Prior to her sixth-place state finish this year, Dollar was the state runner-up in 2019 and '20. She finished fourth in the state in 2021.

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## JJ's Indy 500 hype begins

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — Oh, JJ, if only you had run IndyCar's ovals from the start.

That was the sentiment following Jimmie Johnson's sixth-place finish Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway, where he ran his first career open-wheel race on an oval track. He had barely crossed the finish line before race engineer Eric Cowdin was already in his ear with the newest goal: "Now let's go win the Indy 500."

Hyperbole? Johnson certainly thought so as soaked in the forgotten feeling of a successful race.

"I feel like that's an aggressive statement, for sure," said Johnson, who then paused to consider his odds. "But why not? Why can't we? The 500 is a special race. We've seen favorites win. We've seen the race won by strategy, first-time winners, a variety of different things."

And just like that, Jimmie Johnson is now considered a contender for "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." It seems absurd considering he went to Texas last weekend with a pair of back-to-back 17th-place finishes to close his rookie season as the highlights of his move to IndyCar after a NASCAR career spanning two decades.

The transition has been hard, even for a seven-time NASCAR champion and future Hall of Famer with 83 career Cup Series victories. Everything in IndyCar has been brand new to Johnson, from the car, the street and road circuits, the rules, even where to find the bathrooms at the tracks.

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