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Man dead, Dunkirk officer injured

Shooting incident occurred on northeast side of city

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — A man is dead this morning after shots were fired on the northeast side of the city.

Police said this morning that a man was fatally wounded at 223 E. Mt. Auburn St. A Dunkirk officer also sustained a minor injury.

According to a Portland police call log, the officer was injured with a knife and the man was shot.

Names of the man who was shot and the officer who was injured were not available at press time.

Officers from Portland Police Department and the sheriff's office responded to the area about 8:50 a.m. this morning. Jay County Sheriff Dwane Ford, captain Patrick Wells and others were still in Dunkirk around 10 a.m., and chief deputies from Jay County Coroner's Office planned to arrive about 10:30 a.m.

Both Ford and Wells said Indiana State Police were on the way to the scene and will be handling the investigation.

According to the county's geographic information system, Harding Ledford Gene owns the property where the shooting occurred.

This morning's incident comes less than a week after Gary W. Kelly, 71, was found dead at his Portland home Friday afternoon. His son, Jeremy W. Kelly, has been charged in Jay Circuit Court with his murder and robbery, a Level 2 felony. Jay County Prosecutor's Office also filed for a habitual offender enhancement.



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Swingin' visit

Five-year-old Deacon Tomlinson swings while his father, Josh, pushes at Haynes Park on Wednesday afternoon. The Tomlinsons live in Alabama and were visiting Portland to reconnect with friends and family.

Jay at low risk for first time since August

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

For the first time in more than six months, Jay County is at the lowest risk level for the spread of coronavirus.

In Indiana State Department of Health's update Wednesday, Jay County

was rated "blue" (low risk for the spread of coronavirus).

The county was last rated blue in the Aug. 4 update. It had been rated "orange" (high risk) or "red" (extreme risk) ever week since Aug. 18.

Jay County's COVID-19

numbers have plummeted since the beginning of the month. Its cases per 100,000 residents, a number that was above 1,300 in early February, is down to 48 this week. Its seven-day positivity rate, which had clear 30%, has dropped to 4.75%.

After recording double-digit cases for 32 consecutive days from early January through Feb. 3, the county hasn't had more than four in a single day since Feb. 15. Of the 215 new cases of COVID-19 reported in February, there were 185 in the first

half of the month and just 30 in the second half.

The state as a whole has experienced similar declines, with the bulk of the state map colored "yellow" (moderate risk) or blue this week. Twenty-one counties, including Adams, Wells and Randolph, joined

Jay County at the blue level this week. Sixty-five, including Blackford and Delaware counties, were rated yellow, and five were rated orange. (During the first week of February, every county in the state was rated red.)

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Photo provided

Clarinets in concert

Members of the clarinet section perform Sunday evening during the Fort Recovery middle school and high school band concert.

GOP seeks to revive gun bill

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Republican legislators on Wednesday revived a proposal to repeal Indiana's handgun permit requirement that has drawn strong objections from major police organizations.

The proposal was sidelined last week by Republican Senate leaders after a Senate committee approved an amendment that supporters complained gutted the bill. That action came after State Police Superintendent Doug Carter pointedly told committee

members that if lawmakers "support this bill, you will not be supporting us."

Republicans on a House-Senate conference committee on Wednesday inserted the permit repeal provisions into an unrelated bill.

Committee Chairman Sen. Eric Koch, a Republican from Bedford, allowed no testimony on the bill, saying afterward that the issue had already gone through lengthy public hearings earlier in the legislative session.

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Deaths

Eileen Schmitz, 92, Fort Recovery
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 59 degrees Wednesday. The low was 30.

Skies will be mostly cloudy tonight with a low of 23. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high in the mid 40s. Saturday's high is expected to climb to near 70.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's Jay County junior high swim meet against Bluffton.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council and Fort Recovery Village Council meetings.



Gun ...

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The House in January approved the permit repeal provisions along party lines.
"I'm very confident that this issue has been thoroughly vetted," Koch said.
The provisions would 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. Supporters argue the permit requirement undermines Second Amendment protections by forcing law-abiding citizens to undergo police background checks that can take weeks.
Democratic Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Bloomington, criticized the move by Republicans who dominate the

Legislature as a "jam job" to give new life to a proposal that missed the Senate's deadline for passage and will prevent any further public testimony.
"If this bill was such a priority to them, you would think that they would have just been able to move it through their normal process," Pierce said.
Indiana currently requires people to obtain a license to carry a loaded handgun outside their own homes, businesses and cars, although people can generally carry rifles and shotguns without a permit. Twenty-one other states allow residents to carry handguns without permits, which gun rights advocates call "constitutional carry," in reference to the Second Amendment.
The House and Senate would

have to approve the repeal before the expected adjournment of this year's legislative session next week. Passage in the Senate isn't a certainty as Republican senators did not take up a similar House-approved bill last year, citing the opposition from police groups.
The committee action on Wednesday deleted a bill with bipartisan support that would add several synthetic opioids to the state's list of illegal drugs.
Democrats said it appeared Republicans were more concerned about making a political move to push through the permit repeal than updating drug laws.
"Drug trafficking and drug overdoses, drug use is such a big issue in Indiana, much more than people being concerned about not being able to get a permit in time,

which is what was their whole premise for this bill," said Democratic Rep. Ragen Hatcher of Gary.
Leaders of the state Fraternal Order of Police, police chiefs association and county prosecutors association have joined the state police superintendent in criticizing the permit repeal proposal, arguing that it would strip officers of a screening tool for quickly identifying dangerous people they encounter who shouldn't have guns.
State Police Maj. Rob Simpson, an assistant chief of staff for the agency, told committee Democrats after Republicans adjourned Wednesday's meeting that he believed the proposal would lead to more people carrying firearms openly in stores and other public places.

Obituaries

Eileen C. Kaiser Schmitz, Fort Recovery, Aug. 9, 1929-March 2, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery.

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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

Friday 3/4	Saturday 3/5	Sunday 3/6	Monday 3/7	Tuesday 3/8
46/37	69/58	66/39	45/30	42/28
Skies will be mostly sunny Friday. The high is expected to be around 46 degrees.	Saturday will be warm and windy, with wind gusts as high as 30 mph possible. At night, showers are likely.	There's a 40% chance of rain continuing into Sunday. Showers are likely after 1 a.m.	More rain is in the forecast Monday with a 60% chance of showers. Snow is possible late.	Partly sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday. The low may dip to 28.

Lotteries

Powerball 19-37-48-61-63 Power Ball: 12 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$85 million	Hoosier Lotto: 5-11-13-18-22-28 Estimated jackpot: \$7.8 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$113 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-9-6 Pick 4: 8-6-6-4 Pick 5: 2-7-0-5-6 Evening Pick 3: 8-1-4 Pick 4: 7-8-8-5 Pick 5: 3-4-6-9-9 Rolling Cash: 2-5-7-9-36 Classic Lotto: 2-12-19-40-45-49 Kicker: 8-2-7-3-8-4 Estimated jackpot: \$23.1 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-9-2 Daily Four: 1-7-6-5 Evening Daily Three: 5-1-1 Daily Four: 5-2-2-1 Quick Draw: 4-7-10-11-20-21-22-24-29-30-32-40-43-44-50-55-56-60-64-79 Cash 5: 4-15-41-43-45	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.33 April corn7.37 Wheat.....10.86	April beans16.69 Wheat 11.16 April wheat 11.24
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.32 April corn7.40 May corn.....7.45	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.28 Late March corn.....7.30 Beans16.69 Late March beans..16.71
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.30 April corn7.32 Beans16.60	Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....7.30 April corn7.30 Beans16.42 April beans16.47 Wheat.....10.79

Today in history

On March 3, 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.
In 1791, Congress passed a measure taxing distilled spirits; it was the first internal revenue act in U.S. history.
In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.
In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.
In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.
In 1943, in London's East End, 173 people died in a crush of bodies at the Bethnal Green tube station, which was being used as a wartime air raid shelter.
In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.
In 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz, a day after they had finished filming the last episode of "The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show."
In 1972, the defending Division IV boys basketball state champion Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team defeated Immaculate Conception (Celina) to win the sectional tournament.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, 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., Fort Recovery, Ohio.
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Risk ...

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The number of patients hospitalized because of COVID-19 has also been on a precipitous decline. District 6, which includes Jay County, saw hospitalizations drop to below 100 this week for the first time since summer 2021. The peak was 380 in mid-December.
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to indicate that vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Boosters are recommended for everyone 12 and older. (The CDC also recommends that masks be worn indoors in areas of "substantial or high transmission.")
Walk-in vaccinations are available at Jay County Health Department from 9 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays.
At-home COVID-19 tests are

Hospitalizations are at lowest level since July 2021

available for free from the federal government. They can be ordered at covidtests.gov.
Jay County continues to rank sixth-lowest in vaccination rate among Indiana's 92 counties. Its rate is 39.9%.
Marion County is highest in the state at 79.1%.
Coronavirus is mainly spread through droplets or particles from

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

Superior Court

Judge Gail Dues Cases dismissed
Indiana v. Bradley P. Lemaster, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Robert A. Songer Jr., criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Cody J. Barger, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Dawn M. Ragsdell, criminal misdemeanor
Cases filed
Indiana v. Kaitlyn R. Morningstar, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Samuel D. Pitman III, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Brooke A. Bennett, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Ryan M. Langenkamp, criminal misdemeanor
Crown Asset Management v. Beth Meinerting, civil collection
Indiana v. Keesha C. Taylor, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Dustin P. Covert, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Andrew J. Lessing, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Douglas B. Henderson, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Jadeh C. Hildebrandt, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Noe R. Castillo, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. David A. Giltner, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Brendan D. Reed, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Deanna E. Brenner, criminal misdemeanor
LVNV Funding v. Galen Byers, civil collection
Indiana v. Cynthia A. Giltner, criminal misdemeanor
LVNV Funding v. John Lex, civil collection
LVNV Funding v. Shawna Vanhorn, civil collection
American Express National Bank v. Dale Schwieterman, civil collection
Indiana v. Edward E. Dines, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Juan C. Patino-Gomez, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Juan A. Roman-Molina, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Angeliz Roman-Patino, Level 6 felony
Onemain Financial Group v. Menno Schwartz, civil collection
Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Mark Lake, civil collection
Credit Acceptance Corporation v. James Alley, civil collection
Midwest Carpenters & Millwrights FCU v. Cyber Ruble, civil collection
First Financial Bank v. Dusti Gillum, civil collection
Indiana v. Dustin J. Pfeifer, Level 5 felony
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Monger, Phillip: Noon, First Baptist Church, 1601 South A St., Richmond.

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Schmitz, Eileen: 1 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery.

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Caregiver needs to quit her job

DEAR ABBY: I'm conflicted about a relationship I have developed with a 77-year-old lady I'll call "Martha." I have been acting as her caregiver.

Dear Abby



For the first three years, I was addicted to pain pills, which Martha and I both get. I was so strung out I didn't realize what kind of person she was. She expects me to be there every free minute, which, under different circumstances, would be fine. But I have a husband and a dog. I have since gotten sober, while Martha is still strung out.

She threatens to destroy my life if I won't do what she wants, and I'm scared to quit because we have loans together.

How do I start having a healthy balance with her and my life? Now that I'm sober, I realize how badly she has been treating me the whole time. Can you please advise me how to distance from her? — SOBER WOMAN IN GEORGIA

DEAR SOBER WOMAN: For the sake

of your sobriety, your relationship with Martha must end. Do not allow yourself to be blackmailed into continuing one with her.

She needs to find another caregiver, and you need to find another job. Because your name is on those loans, you may be obligated to pay them off if she doesn't.

This is why you should discuss this mess with an attorney. That Martha still abuses her meds means you may have some leverage.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

49th anniversary

Larry and Judith VanSkyock

Judith A. VanSkyock and Larry VanSkyock are celebrating 49 years together today.

The Portland couple married March 3, 1973. Larry has operated L. VanSkyock and Sons Construction since 1973. Judy retired from Pennville Elementary School in 2005 after teaching for 38 years for Jay County School Corporation.

Their children are Kim VanSkyock, Monna VanSkyock, Lonna VanSkyock, Alisa Blount, Becky Wellman, Andy and Jenni VanSkyock and Laramie and Brandy VanSkyock. Their grandchildren are Bralee (pictured), Laramie and Logan VanSkyock.



Judy, Larry and Bralee VanSkyock

Sudoku

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		5		6	7			2
						5		
9	3							

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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

Class of '72 planning reunion

Graduates of the Class of 1972 from Portland High School are planning a reunion.

The class will celebrate its 50th anniversary from June 17 through 19.

Email addresses may be sent to either alicemiley23@gmail.com or wsanders317@gmail.com.

More information will be announced at a later date.

Taking Note

Lawn care

Spring is less than a month away. In preparation for maintaining

yards this season, Jay County Purdue Extension educator Justin Curley will host a presentation on lawn care at 6 p.m. March 10 at Jay County Public Library. Curley will share information on fertilization, weed control and best lawn management practices.

For more information, call the library at (260) 726-7890 or the extension office at (260) 726-4707.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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 - BRINNA'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, Winchester, 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. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, March 4, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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Immersive experience

Program gives students full year in the classroom

By **SPENCER DURHAM**
Kokomo Tribune

Jake Wilson has spent more time as Mr. Wilson at Pipe Creek Elementary and Maconaquah Middle School this year than he has as a student at Indiana University Kokomo.

Wilson is a resident in IUK's Teachers in Residency program. The program affords education students the opportunity to student-teach for an entire year, instead of just one semester.

While other students were enjoying the final days of summer before heading back, Wilson was attending faculty meetings, introducing himself to parents and preparing for the school year at Maconaquah.

"The students have the opportunity to open a school year and close it down," said Sarrah Grubb, assistant professor of education at IUK. "This residence has them embedded in the classroom for two semesters in a row."

Wilson saw the value in starting a school year — basically double the experience — not to mention the stipend provided to student-teachers in the program.

"That was a big incentive," Wilson said. "It really doubled the value in my mind."

Education students typically complete their student-teaching during the spring semester, hopping on board with a school corporation after Christmas break.

Wilson started the year at Pipe Creek teaching first grade. This semester, he's in a special education classroom for sixth through eighth graders at Maconaquah Middle School.



Kokomo Tribune/Tim Bath

Indiana University Kokomo student-teacher Jake Wilson is shown with student Addie Walker during class Tuesday. Wilson is participating in IUK's Teachers in Residency Program, which places student-teachers with a school district for an entire year.

"Last semester was amazing, this semester has been just the same," Wilson said.

A more immersive experience is meant to better prepare student-teachers for their first

year teaching on their own, and prevent burnout and turnover.

Grubb said it can be a mental grind. Resident teachers take a course during the second semester, which is essentially

real-time support. The professor compared it to a mentorship.

"We're hoping to make them feel much more supported so it's a smoother transition into the profession," Grubb said.

Student-teachers in the IUK program are paired with a host teacher, who offers guidance. Wilson is co-teaching this semester with special education teacher Brigitte Kintner.

Kintner said Wilson took to the class easily.

"He really is very natural," she said. "He seems really equipped for the classroom."

Kintner said Wilson is good at connecting with students, especially those who face emotional challenges. He also knows his way around technology, which his host teacher appreciates.

In a profession that is increasingly female-dominated and in a socioeconomic climate where more and more students are raised by single mothers and grandparents, having a male role model in the classroom has been a welcome sight. "We need male teachers more than anything," Kintner said. "They really gravitated toward him as a male role model."

Maconaquah is one of two school districts participating in the IUK program. The school corporation received a grant from the Indiana Commission of Higher Education that covers the student-teacher's stipend, funding for a partnership with IUK and pay for staff who work with the student-teacher.

Maconaquah received \$15,000 for each of its resident teachers. It's an opportunity to fill a

teaching need in the short term, and maybe even the long term.

"They of course see it as a strategy in addressing the staffing shortages they have," said Leah Nellis, IUK's dean of education.

Taylor Sampson was a member of the pilot group of IUK students who participated in the Teachers in Residency program last school year. She taught third grade at Green Meadows Intermediate School in Frankfort. Before the year was over, she was hired by the school district.

Maconaquah wouldn't mind keeping Wilson around past this spring.

"I couldn't be happier," said middle school Principal Craig Jernagan. "He's a great teacher candidate and one we'd like to keep in the district if possible."

Jernagan said special education teachers are hard to find. Wilson, originally from Elwood, might have a few schools vying for his services.

Teachers in Residency is in its second year, though demand is growing. Maconaquah has applied to host three student-teachers next year.

Nine school districts have applied for grant funding. Nellis said there could be 11 districts participating in the program next year, if all secure funding.

"People are signing on quickly," Grubb added. "They want to have those experiences in their districts."

Wilson enjoys the deep conversations he has with his students. He also likes being goofy and personable in the classroom.

He's wanted to teach since he was a kid. Now, he's sure.

"This has already solidified it for me," Wilson said.

Meetings bill goes to governor

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A bill that seeks to require public comment at school meetings advanced to the Indiana governor's desk after lawmakers gave their final approval Wednesday.

The bill mandates that school boards offer an oral public comment period at all public meetings, including those conducted virtually. The legislation was proposed after confrontational or disruptive school board meetings over the last year saw some boards suspend or restrict public comment sessions.

If signed into law by Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb, the measure would go into effect on July 1.

An original version of the bill would have applied to the governing body of any state or local public agency, like city and county

councils. It also guaranteed a minimum of three minutes to each individual who wants to speak.

That language was rolled back, limiting the bill to just school board meetings.

Lawmakers additionally removed the time requirement provision in response to pushback from dozens of Indiana school board officials, who testified that such a rule would increase the workload for district officials and result in "unreasonably" lengthy school board meetings.

The final version of the bill states that school board can adopt "reasonable rules" to accommodate public comment and maintain order in meetings. That includes setting time limits for those who speak, and removing a disruptive person from the meeting.

Superior Court

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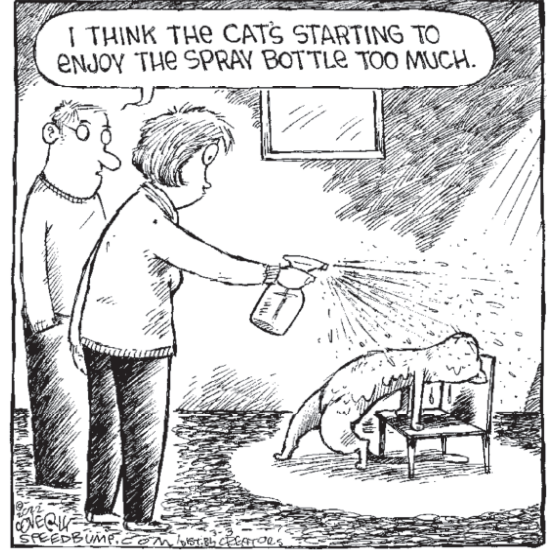
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Clues and conclusions

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: K9, J109, K107, Q10952. WEST: 7543, A862, 643, A8. EAST: J1062, Q754, A95, 63. SOUTH: AQ8, K3, QJ82, KJ74. The bidding: East South West North Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT. Opening lead — two of hearts. A defender should not permit himself to be governed by rigid rules. He should not always return the suit partner led; he should not always play second-hand low or third-hand high; he should not always cover an honor with an honor. Rather, he should be prepared to deal specifically with each brand-new situation as it arises. What it really boils down to is that good defensive play is mostly a matter of plain common sense. Consider this case where it would be easy to go wrong. West leads a heart, on which dummy plays the nine. If East makes the mistake of playing the queen, South makes two heart tricks instead of one and easily makes three notrump. The defense cannot recover once the queen has been played. But if East ducks the nine of hearts (at the same time signaling with the seven to show interest in the suit), South must eventually lose three heart tricks and the two minor-suit aces for down one. Ducking the nine violates the general rule of third-hand high — but the situation calls for it. East knows from the lead of the deuce that West has precisely four hearts, leaving declarer with two. These can be either A-K, A-x, K-x or x-x. In the first and third cases, playing the queen costs a trick; in the second case, East's play does not matter because South scores two heart tricks whatever East plays. The only time the queen play gains is when declarer has x-x, but this possibility is remote, considering that South opened the bidding with one notrump. It therefore follows that playing the seven of hearts will, in the long run, prove far more successful than playing the queen.

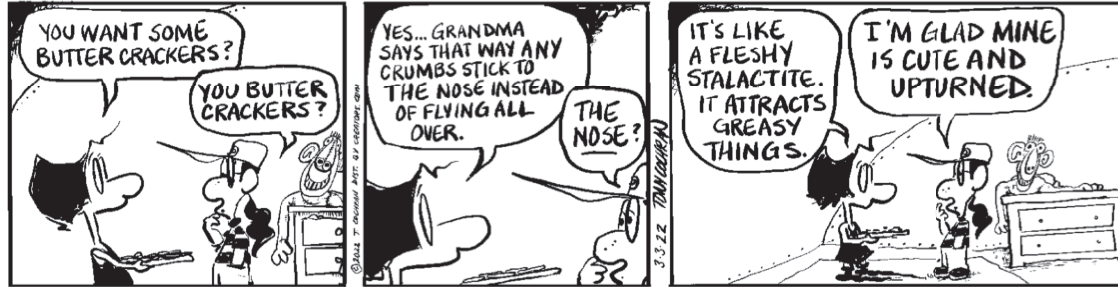
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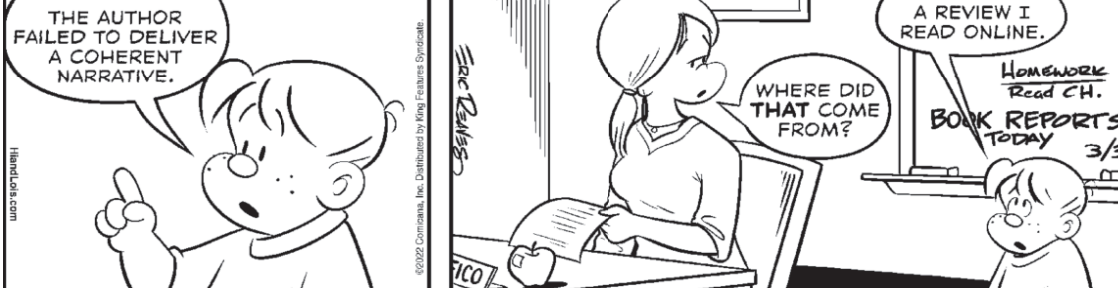
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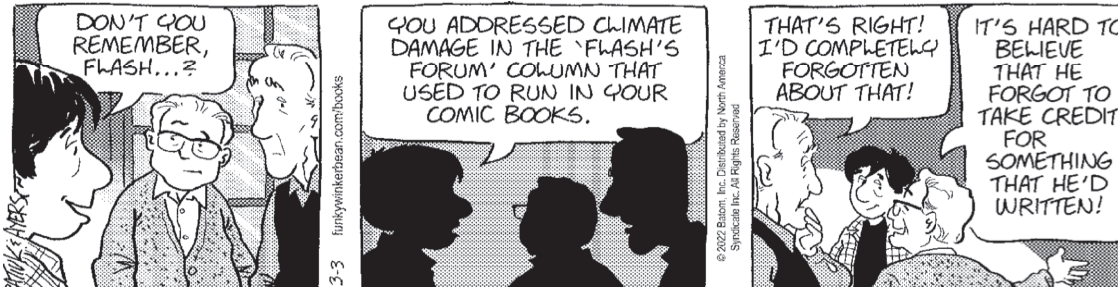
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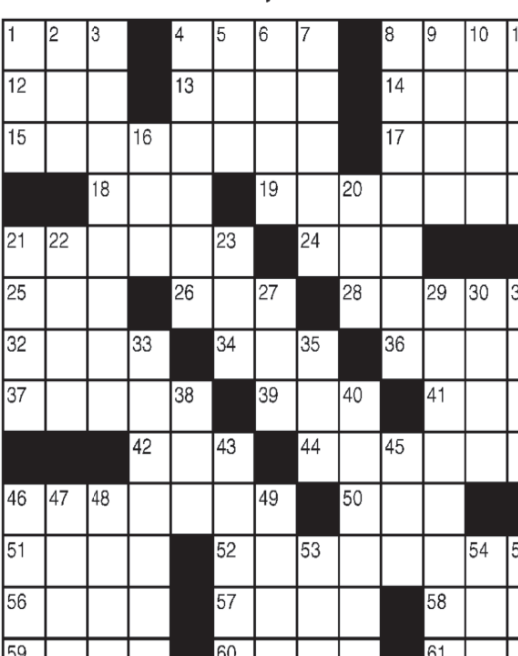


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Loftier goals

After ending a seven-game sectional drought, the Patriots are now focused on finishing the job

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Playing their game.

That's the focus for the Patriots as they head into what they hope will be a weekend of celebration.

What does playing their game mean?

Shooting well.

Getting everyone involved.

Taking care of the basketball.

Executing their Zorro defense.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team is hopeful that if it can do those things, it can bring home a sectional championship for the first time in 11 years.

"I think it would be awesome, bringing it back to the community with all the support that they've had all year," said junior Blake Bogenschutz at practice Wednesday. "It would just be awesome."

"It would be amazing," agreed senior Trenton Alexander.

After knocking off host No. 6 New Castle 44-33 Tuesday for their first sectional victory since 2015, the Patriots (20-4) will meet Hamilton Heights (10-11) in the semifinal round at 6 p.m. Friday. Yorktown (8-14), which topped Delta in Tuesday's other opening-round game, will play Burriss (9-12) in the other semifinal, with the winners advancing to play in the championship game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Jay County High School's Gavin Muhlenkamp (left), Bennett Weitzel and Josh Dowlen (right) converge on Sam Maddy of New Castle during the first half of Tuesday's opening-round game in Class 3A Sectional 24. One of the keys to success for the Patriots as they play in the semifinal round at 6 p.m. Friday at New Castle is to force Hamilton Heights to play against their Zorro defense rather than allowing the Huskies to score in transition.

Jay's Bader fourth at MAC

Alex Bader opened the final swim meet of her collegiate career with a record.

She closed it with a win, and in between proved to be one of the best 100-yard breaststroke swimmers in the conference.

Bader, a 2018 Jay County High School graduate, placed fourth for the **Collegiate Check-up** State Uni-

versity women's swim team in the 100 breaststroke Friday at the Mid-American Conference Championships at Bowling Green and then won the consolation heat of the 200-yard breaststroke Saturday.

On Friday, Bader improved on her preliminary time by 0.07 seconds, matching her career-best time to finish fourth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:01.69. She trailed third-place finisher Andrea Fischer of Akron by 0.44 seconds.

The senior was strong in the final race of her career, bettering her seed time in the 200 breaststroke by more than a second and a half to take the consolation heat in 2:16.17 for ninth place overall. Tenth-place finisher Taylor Harris of the host Falcons followed in 2:16.91.

Bader was also 27th in the 50 freestyle Thursday after opening the meet Wednesday by teaming with Shelby Crist, Hannah Jones and Apsara Sakbun for a school-record time of 1:40.01 in the 200 medley relay for a fifth-place finish.

Kierra Wendel FRHS - 2021

Led the undefeated Edison State Community College women's basketball team in assists Sunday in its 86-78 victory over Lakeland.

Wendel started and dished out six of the Chargers' 22 assists in the win. She hit three field goals for six points, grabbed five rebounds and recorded four steals.

Wendel also had four points, one rebound and one assist in seven minutes of action off the bench Saturday as Edison State (27-0) topped Bryant and Stratton 88-80.

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Indiana rallies for OT victory

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Malcolm Brogdon hung around until the finish and was the difference for the Indiana Pacers against Orlando.

Brogdon, had 31 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists as the Pacers overcame a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter and beat the Magic in overtime, 122-114 on Wednesday night.

Brogdon had sat out Monday night's loss, also in Orlando, and missed the end of the preceding game against Boston because of an Achilles injury.

"Tonight was the night to really push it and see

how it responded, and I thought it responded very well," Brogdon said. "It's a lot of fun to come back and win a game like that when you're not playing really well."

Brogdon had 14 points in the fourth quarter, which started with Orlando leading 91-76.

"He was the best player on the floor tonight," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "He's the best all-around player on our team, and when he plays it's a different ball game."

Tyrese Haliburton, who finished with 21 points and six assists, scored five of Indiana's 12 points in OT.

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