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# **Early voting** set to begin

## **Ballot** features races for commissioner and sheriff

## By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Jay County voters can begin heading to the polls Tuesday.

Early voting for the May primary election begins Tuesday with Jay County voters having choices in three county-level races and two state representative contests for Republican nominations.

No Democratic nominations are contested in Jay County.

available from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the voting room at Jay County Courthouse.

Commissioner (Middle District) and Jay County Sheriff highlight the GOP ballot locally.

Commissioners president Chad Aker, who is finishing his first term in office, is facing a challenge from former school board member Bryan Alexander. Aker has indicated support for a new facility for Jay Emergency Medical Services and Jay County Health Department, a continued push to convert 79 for voters in Penn, Jackroads to hard surface and a desire to be involved in planning how the county will spend its about \$4 mil- ford City was the lone lion from the federal Amer- Democrat to file to run for ican Rescue Plan Act. state representative in Dis-Alexander has focused on trict 33. No Democrats filed the need to attract new residents, plan on how to invest money to best spur growth and push for broadband internet access in rural areas while questioning the need for additional child care services. Democrat to file to run for the commissioners seat.

ment experience — are in the race for sheriff. Newton, a former two-term sheriff, has been critical of the sheriff's office shutting down programs because of the coronavirus pandemic and said he wants "to bring back leadership and professionalism to the department." Wells, who has worked at the sheriff's office since 2003, has placed his focus on increasing pay and morale among officers in an effort to attract and keep employees. And Lennartz, who has been with the sheriff's office since 2007, said he'd like to see an increase in officer training opportunities and offering substance abuse rehabilitation programs.

Democrat "Watermellon" Jim Phillips is uncontested for his party's nomination for sheriff.

The other contested race at the county level is for auditor, where incumbent Early voting will be Emily Franks is facing off against Kristi Morningstar. Franks was selected last month to fill the remainder of the current term after Anna Culy Races for Jay County resigned to take a position with Indiana's Department of Local Government Finance. (Culy could not seek another term because of term limits.)

Races for state representative pit incumbent J.D. Prescott against Brittany Kloer in District 33, for voters in Noble, Wayne, Greene, Knox, Richland, Jefferson, Pike and Madison townships, and incumbent Matt Lehman against Russ Mounsey in District Bearcreek son. and

Wabash townships. John Bartlett of Hartto run in District 79. Republican Travis Holdman is uncontested for the nomination for state senator in District 19. No Democrats filed to run in the primary. Three Republicans — Joel Bowers was the lone former council member Dave Dudelston, Chance Retter and Floyd Life are running for two nominations for at-large seats on Redkey Town council. See Voting page 2



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## Award time

Jay County FFA chapter officers Regina Muhlenkamp (left), Kelsey Frantz and Laci McGinnis present awards to FFA members during the organization's annual FFA banquet Friday. FFA announced various awards received by its members, along with naming Max Chenoweth as the 2022 Agriculture Hall of Fame inductee.

## Suits allowed to continue INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Law-

suits that students at Indiana University and Purdue University filed seeking tuition and fee refunds after both schools switched to online classes early in the COVID-19 pandemic can proceed to trial, the state appeals

IU, Purdue students are seeking refunds after switch to online classes during coronavirus pandemic

Three candidates Tony Lennartz, Ray Newton and Patrick Wells, all of whom have law enforcecourt ruled.

A three-judge panel of the appellate court ruled unanimously Thursday there's a sufficient basis for the plaintiffs to pursue their claims that the schools failed to deliver on their contracted promises to provide an in-person learning experience, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

Both IU and Purdue stopped inperson instruction and moved to online learning in March 2020, with two months left in the spring

Eric Holcomb declared COVID-19 a that the schools were unjustly statewide public health emergency.

Students at the universities filed class-action complaints alleging the schools breached their contractual promises for in-person instruction, services, activities, housing and meals.

They are seeking prorated refunds of tuition, student fees and room semester, after Republican Gov. and board fees as damages, alleging

enriched by retaining those funds.

The lawsuits note that both universities, which eventually resumed in-person instruction, offer "in-person, hands-on programs," as well as "fully online distance-learning programs," which are marketed and priced "as separate and distinct products."

See Suits page 2

## Retrospect

## Jay Garment workers prepared to depart

week, workers at a local factory were contemplating their final days on the job.

The April 1, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about longtime Jay Garment Corporation workers who were coping with the reality that their jobs would be gone in just a couple of weeks.

Meridian Street and Wayne Street in Portland were both set to close by mid May of that year.

When Mary Smith, a 16-year employee of the company, went to work March 31, she didn't follow her usual habit workers and management to

laps around the warehouse.

"This morning I didn't do this," she said. "I just didn't have the spirit to come in, let alone walk.'

Smith and about 120 other union workers for the plants learned the facilities would close. The Meridian Street plant was going to shut down April 16, with the Wayne Jay Garment factories on Street facility to follow a month later.

Jay Garment had a rich history in the community, making it through the Great said Beth Colvin. "They took Depression and other difficult economic times, but efforts from the union representing

Twenty-five years ago this of arriving early and walking to keep plants in Portland and Tennessee did not come to fruition.

Homer McCoy, who had worked at the firm for 15 years while his wife had been there for 25, said they would have to put their plans of building a new home on hold.

"It's going to be financially tough," he said.

Much of the talk in the break room in the final weeks on the job involved looking for new employment.

"This is a family place," care of you while you were here. I really enjoyed working here. ... We just have to move on.'



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Women who worked at The Jay Garment Corporation's factory on Meridian Street in Portland chat in the plant's cafeteria April 1, 1997, before starting work. The factory was set to close 15 days later.

## **Deaths**

### David Wilson, 39, Jay County Details on page 2.

## Weather

The high temperature in Jay County topped out at 39 degrees Friday. Today's high will be 48 with

winds gusting to 20 miles per hour and rain expected after 5 p.m. The low tonight will be 35. Expect a high of 52 Sunday under partly sunny skies.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

## In review

IU Health Jay will reopen its Jay Cafe to the public beginning April 11. Those who want to eat there should enter door A. House will be 7 to 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m.

## Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council.

Wednesday — Special section previews the JCHS spring sports season.



## Local/World

## Voting

Continued from page 1 Incumbent Dottie Quakenbush is the only candidate on the Democratic side of the ballot. (Randy May, the other incumbent, chose not to run for re-election in favor of trying for a seat on Jay County Council, where he is uncontested for the Republican nomination.)

Uncontested candidates for their party's nomination for county-wide office are Democrat incumbent Wes Schemenaur of prosecutor, Republican incumbent Robin Alberson for assessor, Democrat incumbent Ted Champ for Jay County

Council (District 1), Republi- are: Republicans James Brew- Ronald Paxson in Penn; Dennis can incumbent Harold Towell for county council (District 2), Republican Melanie Upp for recorder, Democrat Kelly Stipp for county council (District 2), Republican incumbent Faron Parr for county council (District 3) and Republican Cindy Bracy for county council (District 4).

Candidates for nominations for Pennville Town council are **Republicans Alicia Corwin and** Branda Manns and Democrat Millie Ellis.

ster (Wayne), Angela Moeller (Jefferson), Steven Cash (Penn), Virginia Cline (Noble), Rex Pinkerton (Jackson), Jason Rosenbeck (Wabash), Jenny Cline-Wagner (Knox) and Scott Hilfiker (Madison), and Democrats Nancy Cline (Greene), David Champ (Richland) and Crystal Laux (Bearcreek).

Township advisory board candidates are as follows:

Republicans — Tammy Horn, Scott Coy and Jeff Alberson in Pike, Kathy Mosser; Matt Cast-All township trustee candi- er and Terry Rigby in Jackson; dates are uncontested. They Janet Confer in Jefferson,

Rodgers and Joelle Rinker in Knox; Jeff Overholser, Emily Daugherty and Eldon Campbell in Noble; Greg Shreeve in and Madison: Carrie Shaneyfelt, Michelle Jones, Michael Shreeve and Phillip Zarate in Salamonia.

Democrats — Richard Nixon in Jefferson; Robert Bailey, Alvin Cassel, Don Whitenack and Billy Bailey in Greene; Gary Glogas and Joseph Lloyd in Richland; and Shelli Rigsbee Haffner and James in Bearcreek.

Candidates for Democratic James Phillips.

Left to cherish his memory are

parents Clarence Dave and Brenda

Wilson; one brother, Jason Melton;

nephew, Camden Bush; and three

children, Brayden Wilson, Emma

He was preceded in death by his

grandparents, Roy and Bertha Hall

and Arvil and Betty Melton; and a

cousin. Ashlev Melton, parents

Wilson and Jameson Wilson.

Scott and Tammy Hall.

precinct committeeman are Brett Darby (Wayne 1), Bart Darby (Wayne 2), Nancy Cline (Greene), James Phillips (Redkey) and Fred Bailey (Wayne 7).

Running for Republican state convention delegate are Jenae Blasdel, Jon Eads, Goldsworthy, Lenny Matt Muhlenkamp, Michael Brewster, Jeff Hopkins, Missy Elliott, James C. Phillips, Amy Schilchter, Chad Schlichter, Ilze Koch, Carrie Petro and Oakland Gaerke. Running for Democratic state convention delegate are Fred Bailey and

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<b>52/40</b> Partly sunny skies are on the horizon for Sunday with a high near 52.	and early after-	40% chance of rain is expected Tuesday in the afternoon and	<b>61/42</b> Showers are in the forecast for Wednesday with a 70% chance of rain.					

## **Lotteries**

### Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 7-0-8 Daily Four: 2-6-6-6 Quick Draw: 9-10-11-13-14-17-28-33-34-35-42-43-48-50-51-58-60-62-69-70

## Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 0-6-3 Pick 4: 0-8-2-5 Pick 5: 2-8-3-9-6 Evening Pick 3: 0-7-8

## Pick 4: 7-6-1-3 Pick 5: 7-8-1-5-2 Rolling Cash 5: 6-11-12-17-23Estimated jackpot:

## **Powerball**

Estimated jackpot: \$222 million

## **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

Wheat ..... 8.90

May wheat ..... 8.90

May corn.....7.09

Beans ......15.61

May beans .....15.61

Wheat ......9.04

**Central States** 

Montpelier

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## **Markets**

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## **Obituaries**

## **David Wilson**

March 6, 1983-March 28, 2022 David Joseph Wilson, 39, passed away unexpectedly Monday, March 28, 2022, at his residence.

He was born March 6, 1983, in Jay County and was a life long resident of Jay County. He attended Jay County schools.

Joey loved spending time with his three children, and also loved fishing and doing woodworking.

## **Capsule Reports**

## **Tumbling trash can**

A trash can blew into a Hartford City man's vehicle on Indiana 18 in Jay County about 6:49 a.m. Thursday.

Dustin D. Heiser, 35, was driving east on Indiana 18 near 6137 W. Indiana 18 when a trash can hit his 2020 Jeep Cherokee.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000and \$2,500. The trash can belonged to William Paxson.

## Failed to yield

A Union City man failed to yield to oncoming traffic at the intersec-

2:04 p.m. Thursday.

sister-in-law Deidre Wilson; one es death notices for those with a

of charge.

Thomas D. Lynch, 38, Union City, was driving south on State Line Road when he stopped at the intersection with Fort Recovery Road. Lynch to avoid colliding with told Jay County Sheriff's Office he saw the 2018 tion of State Line Road Ford Explorer — it was and Fort Recovery Road, driven by 52-year-old Glo-

causing a collision about ria J. Osterholt of Portland — headed west on Fort Recovery Road but forgot she did not have to stop at the intersection, so he continued forward. Osterholt wasn't able Lynch's 2010Ford Fusion, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

## Numbers reach record IOW

### By BEN FINLEY and **KIMBERLEE KRUESI** Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. - COVID-19 hospitalization numbers have plunged to their lowest levels since the early days of the pandemic, offering a much needed break to health care workers and patients alike following the omicron surge.

The number of patients hospitalized with the coronavirus has fallen more than 90% in more than two months, and some hospitals are going days without a single COVID-19 patient in the ICU for the first time since early 2020.

people died." The freed up beds are expected to help U.S. hospitals retain exhaust- Hospitalizations are now at their cer for the Kettering Health hospied staff, treat non-COVID-19 lowest point since summer 2020, tal system in western Ohio.

patients more quickly and cut when comprehensive national data down on inflated costs. More family members can visit loved ones. And doctors hope to see a correction to the slide in pediatric visits, yearly checkups and cancer screenings.

"We should all be smiling that the number of people sitting in the hospital right now with COVID, and people in intensive care units with COVID, are at this low point," said University of South Florida epidemiologist Jason Salemi.

But, he said, the nation "paid a steep price to get to this stage. ... A lot of people got sick and a lot of

first became available. The average number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the last week nationwide dropped to 11,860, the lowest since 2020 and a steep decline from the peak of more than 145,000 set in mid-January. The previous low was 12,041 last June, before the delta variant took hold.

The optimistic trend is also clear in ICU patient numbers, which have dipped to fewer than 2,000, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We're beginning to be able to take a breath," said Dr. Jeffrey Weinstein, the patient safety offi-

<b>Richland Township</b>
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## **Today in history**

On April 2, 2005, democracy." (Congress Pope John Paul II died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

passed the Coinage Act, which authorized U.S. Mint.

President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

In 1912, the justcompleted RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days from Rome to Athens, before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

Woodrow Wilson asked saying, "The world Center. must be made safe for

declared war four days later.) 1982, several In

In 1792, Congress thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland establishment of the Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from In 1865, Confederate Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986, four American passengers, including an 8-month-old girl, her mother and her grandmother, were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route Greece.

In 2012, Jay County Commissioners dis-In 1917, President cussed the possibility of extended City of Congress to declare Portland water lines to war against Germany, Jay County Retirement

–AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

### Monday

City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

### Tuesday

4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County 5:30 p.m. - Portland Public Library Board, Room, Community library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

7 p.m. – Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

## Ukraine, Russia talks resume

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Ukrainian aircraft pene-

ceived as creating comfort-

able conditions for the con-

tinuation of the talks."

Kremlin spokesman Dmit-

trated Russian airspace.

KYIV. Ukraine (AP) -Talks to stop the fighting in would be the war's first ing upwards of 150,000 of Ukraine resumed Friday, as another attempt to rescue civilians from the encircled city of Mariupol failed and the Kremlin accused the Ukrainians of launching a helicopter attack on a fuel depot on Russian soil.

Ukraine denied responsibility, but if Moscow's ry Peskov said, five weeks

Continued from page 1 ruling Thursday's affirming the students' lawsuits involved a consolidated appeal the Terry Crone wrote in the schools filed over rulings in which trial court judges either entirely or partially denied their

## **SERVICES**

Today

Stump, Mark: 11 a.m., First Church of the Nazarene, 920 S. Shank St., Portland.

Moneysmith, James: noon, Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

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

McFarland, Jack: 2 p.m., Elm Ridge Funeral Home, 4600 W. Kilgore Ave, Muncie.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com motions to dismiss the students' claims, the Indiana Lawyer reported. Appeals Court Judge court's ruling that the students' complaints "are sufficient to state a claim that the universities intended to bind themselves to providing inperson education in exchange for retaining plaintiffs' entire tuition payments for traditional on-campus degree programs."

The universities contend that Holcomb's executive orders made it legally impossible for them to fulfill their end of any bargain for in-person instruction, according to court records.

But in his ruling, Crone said that's a defense for the universities to offer at trial.

He also rejected the schools' attempt to invoke a state law enacted in 2021 by the Republican-controlled General Assembly that retroactively shields businesses and other institutions, including universities, from lawsuits by people blaming them for contracting COVID-19.

- claim is confirmed, it after Moscow began sendits own troops across Ukraine's border.

Meanwhile, Russia con-"Certainly, this is not something that can be pertinued withdrawing some of its ground forces from areas around Kyiv after saying earlier this week it would reduce military activity near the Ukrainian capital.

Thank you St. Jude St. Anthony GL







## Family

## Inlaws' hypocritical behavior causes strife

DEAR ABBY: I once hosted a holiday dinner for which I had made a ham and a turkey with all the sides and three different pies. I even made a special mince pie for one of the guests. The guests — my brothers-in-law, my brother and his family of four and his mother-in-law — all showed up carrying empty Tupperware. At the end of the day, all I had left was dirty dishes.

The same family then invited me and my husband for a holiday dinner. My husband wasn't feeling well and couldn't go. When I asked my sister-in-law if I could take a plate home for him, she said, "Nope! If he doesn't want to come to the house, he can't have any of the food." Yes, Abby, she was serious.

My sister-in-law cooks the meat she received as a gift from her employer, and the rest of the guests prepare the sides and desserts. I NEVER go emptyhanded. At the end of the meal, she transfers any leftovers to their own Tupperware and gives



us back the cleaned bowls. If I ask for a little of something to take home, she protects her leftovers like they were her children.

What's your take on leftovers? Is asking for a little fruit salad off limits? Is relieving your host of the burden of storing all of their leftovers out of line? Are there rules of etiquette here? — HOP-ING FOR A SANDWICH LATER

DEAR HOPING: If you would like the living, breathing definition of presumptuous guests and ungracious hosts, look no further than vour in-laws' contact file. The fault, however, may not lie solely with them. If this has happened more than once and them. I don't know how to tell can imitate a train whistle, and I hearing at risk.

you cannot summon the them anything because, in the like doing it. I learned how to do courage to tell these greedy folks to put away their Tupperware and help with the dishes, you can't blame them for assuming you don't mind being imposed upon in this wav.

As to the sister-in-law who refused to allow you to bring any of her food to your sick husband, I wouldn't blame you if you chose not to grace her table again after telling her the reason why.

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DEAR ABBY: I am an adopted 17-year-old high school senior, and I live with four people who all have a disability. I want to move out when I'm 18 if I am able to. I have several older brothers and sisters, but they each have a family to take care of. My oldest brother is in his 60s, and my youngest in his 40s.

I don't want to seem selfish for wanting to live independently, but I don't know how to tell

past, they haven't listened to me. If you have any advice on how to tell them, I would be very grateful. — NERVOUS GIRL IN NEW YORK

DEAR NERVOUS GIRL: I wish you had mentioned when you will be turning 18, because at that point you will be legally entitled to live wherever you wish, and your parents and siblings will HAVE to "listen to you."

Because you are determined to move, it is crucial that you start preparing now. You will need to find a job so you can afford a security deposit and pay for rent, food, etc. You may also have to find roommates until you can afford a place that is all your own. A counselor at school may be able to guide you, particularly if you plan to continue your education.

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DEAR ABBY: I love trains. I

it about 10 years ago by listening to trains whistle for many years. I'm in my 30s now. I know there are places I shouldn't do it. Some people I know like to hear me do it anywhere. Others say I should do it only outside. Still others say don't do it at all.

When I see and hear a train. I will sometimes automatically whistle. It's not the best thing to do, I suppose, but it's not the worst either. I don't drink, smoke or do drugs, and I'm fairly healthy. What do you think of my imitating a train whistle? Have you ever heard of anyone doing this? — WHISTLING IN WIS-CONSIN

DEAR WHISTLING: Congratulations. Your letter is a first. I have never heard of someone imitating a train whistle who was over the age of 8. I see no harm in doing it as long as it doesn't annoy the people around you by startling them or putting their

## **Interaction is at heart of exhibit** By VANESSA H. LARSON

The Washington Post

The human body is something we all know very well — we each have a body through which we encounter the world. Yet each person's experience is unique.

These differences and shared experiences are explored in a fun, interactive format in "You — The Inside Story," an exhibit that opened in November at the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore. The exhibit engages all five senses through more than 30 activities that kids can try themselves.

"People relate to this exhibit differently than they do to space, to physical science, to paleontology or any other science," says Pete Yancone, senior educator at the museum.

Stare at the spinning spiral for 30 seconds and your brain chemistry will adapt to the movement. Then, whatever surface you look at next –such as your hand or a wall – will also appear to have a pulsating spiral on it, because your brain hasn't readjusted yet.

in one corner appears to shrink to a remnants, all magnified by a microfraction of the size of a person in scope. Other stations demonstrate the opposite corner, who looks comically large. This is because the appearance of the chamber has been distorted to trick your brain into thinking it's a normal square room, when in fact, one corner is much farther away from the viewer than the other.

"It's such a powerful illusion that even when you know how it works, it still works," Yancone says. (The room is named after American ophthalmologist Adelbert Ames Jr., who came up with the concept in 1946.)

Also popular is the bed of nails, a long-running experience at the center that has remained on view. You might be surprised to discover that lying on the bed of nails isn't painful. Because the weight of your body is distributed across 4,788 nails, your skin's pain sensors aren't activated, and you'll probably feel only a mild tickly sensation.

The gross-out section features a The Ames room offers a more fas- kidney stone, a tooth, hair, nail cinating optical illusion: A person clippings and other human body

how parasites can be removed from the body, and how a Punnett square (a diagram used in genetics) can predict whether a child will inherit the gene for wet or dry earwax from their parents.

The fart simulator, where kids can manipulate buttons connected to tubes of compressed air to make all sorts of fart noises, might be the highlight for some. The fake flatulence doesn't come with a smell, but the exhibit doesn't neglect that sense. A separate station offers blind sniffing, where you can try to identify several common scents without seeing what they are.

Additional activities let visitors compare their balance, grip strength and startle response with those of others. You can test your reaction time pressing lit-up buttons in a game similar to whack-amole.

As Yancone puts it: "What we're providing here are things that should provoke curiosity and wonder about the human body, and especially your human body.





## **Community Calendar**

Notices will appear in

MUSEUM OF THE SOLspace is available. To sub- to 5 p.m. the first and third p.m. the first Monday of

CAREGIVER SUPPORT step program for those in Community Calendar as DIER — Is open from noon GROUP — Will meet at 1 sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each

an item, email mit news@thecr.com.

### Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORI- MUNITY CENTER from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on a.m. every the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewel-St., Dunkirk.

Saturday and Sunday of each month at Portland the month. It is located at Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. 510 E. Arch St., Portland. For more information, call The webs mofthesold

### Monday

PORTLA FAST OPTIMISTS — Will Hoover St., Dunkirk. meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COM-CAL SOCIETY — Is open Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon ry building, 113. S. Main each Monday at Jay Community Center.

site is museu-	(800) 589-1121.
dier.com.	EUCHRE — Will be
	played starting at 1 p.m.
	each Monday at West Jay
AND BREAK-	Community Center, 125
	Hoover St Dunkirk

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL – Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship at Evangelical hall Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

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

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

## Tuesday

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

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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 - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 Fellowship Nazarene Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk, For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.



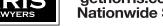
## **CANCER: LUNG, THROAT, COLON**

If you worked at Sheller Manufacturing before 1982, you may have been exposed to asbestos. You could be entitled to multiple cash settlements from special asbestos trusts.

If you have been diagnosed with lung cancer (even if you are a smoker) or another cancer, or know someone who died from one of these cancers call



Analysis



Birmingham, Alabama attorney Robert Norris helps injured claimants, nationwide, collect case benefits from Asbestos Trusts. "No representation is made that the quality of legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers."

Sudoku									
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**Friday's Solution** 

Level: Advanced

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

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## Opinion

# Seven-hour gap should spur action

The Washington Post An 18 and one-half minute gap in President Richard M. Nixon's Oval Office tapes fueled suspicions of a Watergate coverup and remains one of the most infa-mous symbols of White House malfeasance. A gap of seven hours and 37 minutes in President Donald Trump's White House phone logs might be even more ignoble.

The Washington Post's Bob Woodward and CBS News's Robert Costa revealed Tuesday that the White House call records turned over to the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack are stunningly incomplete, showing no calls between 11:17 a.m. and 6:54 p.m. – that is, when a pro-Trump mob smashed its way into the Capitol. But Trump was not incommuni-Voluminous reporting cado.

## Guest **Editorial**

established long ago that he reached out to Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala., and spoke with House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-California, during this period.

Did Trump or his aides purge the records, or did the then-president avoid using official channels to skirt record-keeping? In either case, how — and why? The White House records gap underlines questions about who else Trump spoke with, or tried to, and what he said.

These are not idle questions.

ing. Did he hope that the violence would intimidate then-Vice President Mike Pence into attempting to illegally overturn the 2020 presidential election results? Did he expect this to occur as he told his throngs to "show strength" that morning, or did he welcome the violence after it started?

The public needs answers. Even if Trump or one of his enablers does not run for president in 2024, history requires a complete record of Jan. 6's horror. The Capitol invasion was itself dreadful; the apparent indifference, or perhaps even approval, of the commander in chief, who should have acted swiftly to protect Congress, was another national tragedy that can never be repeated.

They speak to Trump's state of mind as he failed to call off the mob he had riled up that mornignore or evade record-keeping requirements with impunity, they could engage in extensive wrongdoing and bet that investigators will never find enough evidence to expose them.

The Jan. 6 committee must redouble its efforts to establish the definitive story about one of the darkest days in the nation's history — and any possible attempt to manipulate the record. The panel will require more help from the Justice Department and the courts. Prosecutors must bring swift cases against all those held in contempt for failing to cooperate with the committee. Judges must adjudicate these cases with all possible speed. If Republicans retake the House in this Novem-

Any kind of corrupt White ber's elections, they will quickly shut down the committee. If Trump-aligned witnesses defy legitimate congressional subpoenas and simply wait out the clock until the majority shifts, Congress's ability to investigate even the gravest of matters might be irreparably hobbled.

The latest revelations should also remind lawmakers that the circumstances that led to Jan. 6 remain largely the same. Specifically, the Electoral Count Act, which governs the process for tallying presidential electoral votes, is vague, enabling those seeking to overturn election results far too much room to argue that the law would permit it. A bipartisan group of senators is discussing long-needed reforms but has made little progress. They must get on with it.

## **Busted bracket** doesn't stop fun

## **By RYAN TRARES**

Daily Journal of Johnson County Madness took over our household this past week. I'm a firm believer that the annual NCAA Basketball Tournament is the best sporting event of the year, particularly the first four days of games. From noon until after midnight, it's nothing but basketball all day long.

You have busted brackets and buzzer beaters and Cinderella stories. Nothing beats it.

Watching the tournament has been a tradition for my wife and me since we started dating, and it's continued every year after (not including the canceled 2020 tourney.) We fill out our brackets the week leading up to those first Thursday games, then turn into unabashed couch pota-toes for the rest of the weekend.

Since Anthony was born, we've included him in this annual tradition, though his interest has been more fleeting — a couple of seconds here, a basket or two there. His attention span just couldn't stay put for a full basketball game That all this year. Sud- bored parsing out every changed ed in the sport: making my opinion: "Who do you signs for whatever team was playing in the final weeks of the regular season, watching conference tournaments with excitement and ensuring that Selection Sunday, when the bracket was revealed team-by-team, was appointment viewing. Anthony also insisted on filling out his own bracket this year. We sat together on our kitchen island, and team by team, went through the games. His initial strategy was seeing how the mascots would square off. There was a lot of debate between who would win between a Panther or a Bulldog, a Horned Frog or a Pirate, a Gael or a Hoosier? personal favorite teams. ing dunk, and hop He picked the Buckeyes to roll to the Final Four, mostly because they're my favorite team but also because we took a family trip to Columbus last year. As we always vacation in Michigan in the summer, he had the Wolverines moving on in the first round. Eventually, he grew for the Daily Journal.



To see our child yell and scream at the TV, shout after a long 3-pointer or thundering dunk, and hop around as the underdogs win has been great fun.



## 'Wisdom' about \$ is wrong

### By HELAINE OLEN The Washington Post

When it comes to marriage or longterm partnerships and money, many experts say to keep a bit - or more than a bit — on the side. It allows for increased autonomy for partners, the advice goes, and protection in case things go wrong. "I would never, ever have just one joint account," counsels personal finance guru Suze Orman.

There's only one problem: It's bad



by many women who were depend-

nate finances can create opportunities for disagreement, too.

There are, of course, serious reasons to keep finances separate. Couples in which one partner has a large debt ought to think very hard before merging money. Older couples with families from previous relationships are also often counseled to keep stuff separate.

There's no simple formula to deter-

denly, he was fully invest- game and just deferred to relationship advice. have winning?"

Big mistake. Heading into the second weekend of the tournament, my bracket was already in tatters. Massive upsets took out my main winners, while underdogs I was rooting for didn't have enough to get the victory.

But that hasn't Anthony's derailed enthusiasm. He still has a number of teams in his bracket, and will probably win our family's little competition.

Better than that has been the time we've gotten to spend as a family reveling in March Madness' magic. To see our child yell and scream at the TV, shout after a long Anthony also had his three-pointer or thunderaround as the underdogs win has been great fun.

And Anthony will take a valuable lesson out of this March — listen to Dad when making your picks, and go the opposite direction.

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Trares is a senior reporter and columnist

If you want to maximize your chances of happiness and togetherness, merge vour finances. That's the upshot of a paper recently published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, which found that joint financial resources are more likely to lead to greater relationship stability.

"People who pooled everything were the most satisfied. People that pooled nothing were the least satisfied. The people who had this hybrid where they pooled some (money) and not other — were in the middle," says Emily N. Garbinsky, an associate professor at Cornell University's business school and one of the study's three authors.

It sounds like so much common sense. So why did we ever think otherwise? The early advice can be traced at least to the 1970s, when feminist progress met self-actualization. Only with passage of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act in 1974 did married women get the right to establish credit apart from their husbands.

True, it was whispered wisdom that a wife should squirrel away cash just in case, but that was a far cry from maintaining semiseparate finances.

As women entered (and reentered) the workforce, some were encouraged to place earnings in separate accounts. It would give them security if the marriage ended — the divorce rate peaked in the late 1970s and early 1980s — and avoid the significantly weakened financial position endured int on their nusbanus.

But this practice of making people feel safe financially has the perverse effect of actually leaving them less so. Married couples who pool their funds are less likely to divorce. A study published in the journal Family Relations more than a decade ago of how low-income couples found that "joint bank accounts are associated with higher levels of relationship quality" and that women, especially, were less satisfied when the finances were arranged in what the researchers called an "individualistic" way. (And, yes, if you pool money and then go to separate accounts, that is a red flag.)

This thinking has broken down along generational lines over time. Millennials, for instance, are increasingly inclined to favor separate finances: Almost one in three couples that generation keep their of finances separate, compared with a little more than 10 percent of Gen Xers and baby boomers, research conducted by Bank of America found in 2018.

As couples form at older ages, the research found, they've established separate financial lives and don't want to fully merge them. There's also the fact that many women under 30 earn more than men the same age.

But conflict over finances is also the leading cause of squabbles between couples. Keeping some things separate appears likely to reduce arguments — no need to men-tion the cost of those scalped Coachella tickets to the partner! — but the need to proactively coordi- *ions*.

mine how much couples should contribute to joint expenses or even what constitutes a cost that should be shared. Couples rarely earn the same amount, and which person pulls in the larger salary can change over time. It's easy for things to somehow appear unfair to one partner, but not the other.

When writing a personal finance column, I heard for years about the tensions negotiating over expenses caused. I also learned that power plays by the partner bringing in more are not uncommon. More often than not the female partner eventually finds herself on the losing end when that happens. That's not surprising because it's usually women's pay that takes a hit when a couple has children and child care is often the female partner's responsibility (evidenced once again by the large numbers of women who left the workforce after COVID-19 hit).

Often I found myself advising people that if someone was irresponsible or controlling with money, they weren't going to change simply because their partner kept some financial independence — and that this was probably a warning sign of problems down the road.

A partnership is an expression of dependence and trust, of being in life together and facing the world as one. If you can't commit your finances to your other half, or vice versa, it might be time to think on why one of you isn't fully invested.

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So you cash the A-K of trump. play a trump to dummy's nine and discard your diamond loser on the jack of spades. Next you ruff dum-my's last spade before leading two more rounds of trump to produce this position: North

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So you next lead the queen of clubs, forcing West to win with the king and return a club from his 10-8 into your A-9, and the slam is home.

By Steve Becker

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This hand was the very last one played in the match between Eng-land and the United States. It brought to a dramatic climax the 108-board confrontation, which the Americans won by 3,660 points.

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The principal interest of the hand lies in the bidding. England's Joel Tarlo opened one club, doubled by Sam Stayman. After Nico Gardener's one-spade bid, George Rapee jumped to four hearts. Tarlo, not nine winners i

five clubs. Sta sum, then bid only five hearts. He was confident that a slam in hearts could be made, but he didn't want to give the show away by bidding six directly, which might encourage East-West to sacrifice at seven clubs. The thing to do, Stayman decided, was to ease into the slam.

a slam. He intended to bid six if Rapee (who was obliged to take some action) doubled.

But Rapee came through with a six-heart bid, and Tarlo was now up against it. He knew he could not go down more than four at seven clubs doubled (-700 in those days), but he also knew the save would be foolish if six hearts, bid so reluctantly, could not be made. So he left the decision to his partner. Gar-dener passed, and six hearts was duly made for a score of 1,530 points (including 100 honors).

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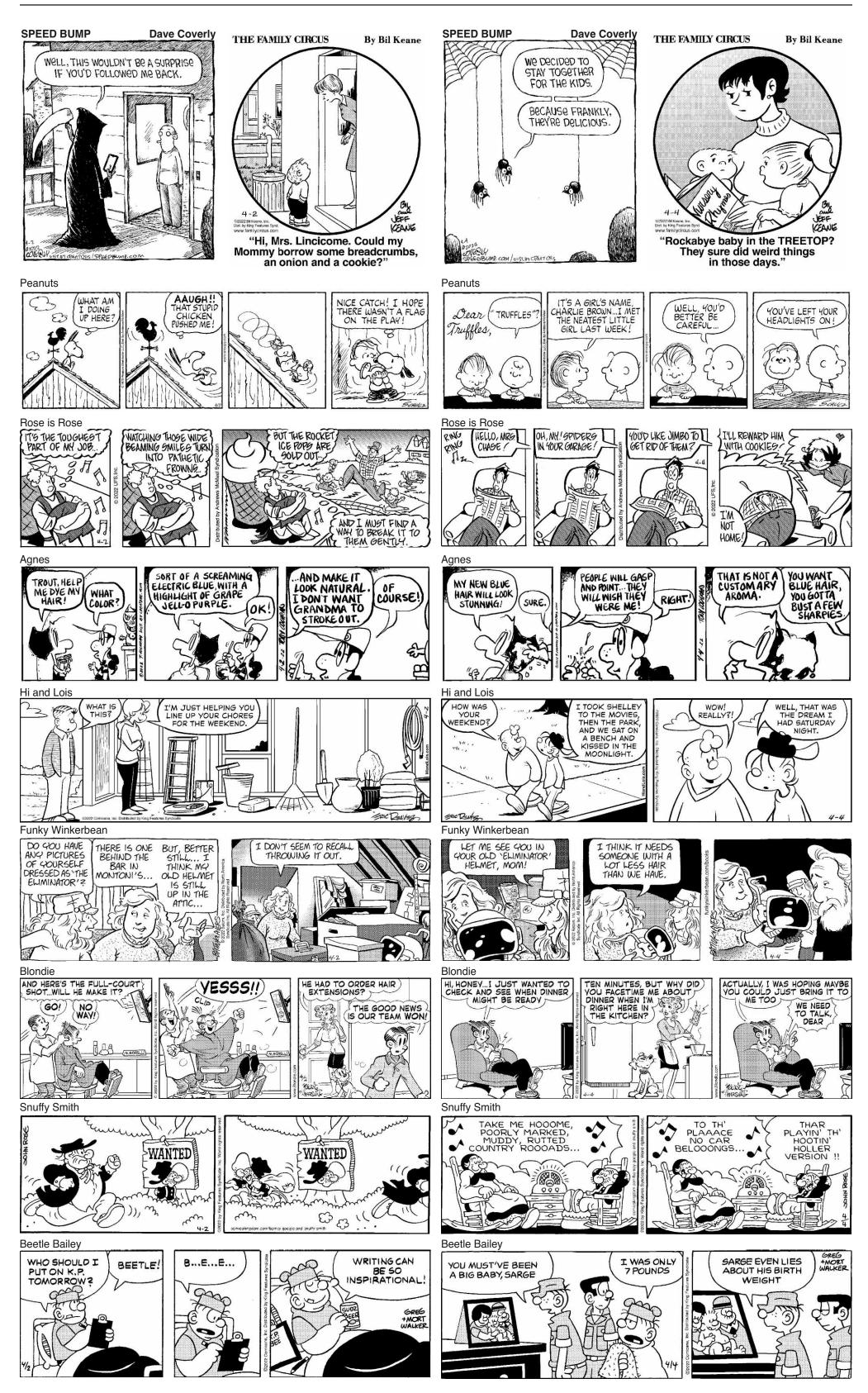
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## Comics



Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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## **Sports/Classifieds**

## Produce

Continued from page 7 He struck out the side in the

third inning and allowed his only hit on an infield single to Caleb Trobridge in the fourth.

Dues closed out the game, sitting down Mississinawa Valley in order in the sixth inning and then striking out the side in the seventh.

"That's what we're hoping Brock can do and Landon (Post) can do, just come in at the end of the game and shut things down,' said Eyink. "He did a nice job of that. .

"(Bihn) started out slow," he added of the junior who struck out six while walking four in five innings. "I went out and visited him early, talked to him about just calming down and getting everything directed at the plate and he corrected himself and found the strike zone. He did a great job the rest of the game.'

The Indians had just enough to overcome a complete-game effort from the Blackhawks' Xavier Manning, who racked up 12 strikeouts.

The only Tribe hit other than the Homan double and the Dues infield single was a double to right field in the second inning from

## Flock

Continued from page 8 But Duke fans Denise and Steve Simpson, their daughter, Stephanie Owen (a UNC fan), and grandchildren Kylee Hartupee and Brody Owen were happy to sit through two practices before the teams they really came to see took the floor.

"We brought our granddaughter for her high school graduation; she'd never seen Coach K because of COVID," said Denise Simpson, referring to Hartupee, 17, who was wearing a Duke jersey. "We decided this was as good as it was going to get."

Steve and Denise Simpson are college basketball junkies from St. Louis who've long rooted for Missouri, but transformed into ardent Duke supporters when Chris Carrawell, who is also from St. Louis, played for the Blue Devils in the late 1990s.

But Stephanie, who played youth basketball, loved Michael Jordan. Although she was too young to remember his college career, he was the reason she developed an enduring affinity for the Tar Heels.

Her son followed suit, and



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Troy Homan of Fort Recovery lays down a sacrifice bunt Friday during the fifth inning. His bunt moved Landon Post to third base before Brock Dues drove him in with a two-out infield single. The Indians won 2-0 to give coach Kevin Eyink his first victory after nine years as an assistant.

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## Sports on tap

## Local schedule

Today Jay County — Baseball scrimmage vs. Bellmont – 11 a.m.; Softball scrimmage at Winchester - 11 a.m.

Fort Recovery -Softball at Lima Bath – 11 a.m.; Baseball at Crestview noon; JV softball at Lima Bath – 1 p.m.

### Monday

Jay County — Softball at Blackford – 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Blackford – 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Blackford – 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Lehman Catholic – 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Celina – 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Russia – 5 p.m.; Junior high track at New Bremen - 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday** Jay County — Track vs. Blackford 5:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Bellmont – 5:30 p.m.; JV softball at South Adams – 5 p.m. Fort Recovery — Track at Parkway 4:30 p.m.; Softball at Anna – 5 p.m.

### Thursday

Jay County - Softball at Delta - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Bellmont – 5 p.m.; Track at Adams Central – 5:30 p.m.; Baseball at Elwood - 5:30 p.m.; JV softball at

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Delphos St. John's – 5 p.m.; JV softball at Fort Loramie – 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Delphos St. John's - 5:30 p.m.

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3:30 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Texas Open – Third round (NBC)

4 p.m. — NWSL Soccer: Angel City at San Diego Wave (CBS) 6:09 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

NCAA Tournament Final Four - Villanova vs. Kansas (TNT)

- 8 p.m. Major League Soccer: Seat-tle Sounders at Minnesota United (FOX)
- 8:49 p.m. Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament Final Four North Carolina vs. Duke (TNT) 10 p.m. - NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues
- at Calgary Flames (BALLY)

### Sunday

College baseball: Texas at 1 p.m. -Oklahoma (ESPN); Northwestern at Indi-ana (BTN)

1 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Milwaukee Bucks (ABC) 1:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball

Miami Marlins vs. New York Mets (MLBN) 2 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Texas Open -Final round (NBC) 3:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver

Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers (ABC) 3:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Cup

Series – Toyota Owners 400 (FOX) 4 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Islanders at New Jersey Devils (TNT)

- 4:05 p.m. Major League Baseball Colorado Rockies vs. Chicago White Sox
- (MLBN) - NBA basketball: Detroit Pis 5 p.m. tons at Indiana Pacers (BALLY)

### Monday, April 4

12:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets vs. Houston Astros (MLBN) 8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Arizona Coyotes

teur - Women's final round (NBC)

at St. Louis Blues (BALLY) 9:20 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament Championship (TNT)

well aware that the Superdome was also the place where Jordan made a game-winning shot in the 1982 NCAA finals "that changed him from Mike to Michael.'

They all came to New Orleans without tickets because they knew that with pandemic restrictions being recently lifted in New Orleans, they'd at least get to see the open practice and check out the Fan Fest in the nearby convention center.

"It's so fan friendly," Denise Simpson said. "This is phenomenal. If you can't get to a game, this is the very next best thing. You get to see them come out and shoot around and just have fun."

in line, they found tickets for Saturday night's semifinals. They'll be sitting together when Duke and UNC clash for the first time in an NCAA Tournament in the second semifinal game.

"I love them," Denise Simpson said of Stephanie and Brody Owen, "Even if they have bad taste.

## **Hometown favorite**

Villanova guard Caleb Daniels Stephanie Owen said they were grew up in New Orleans and is get-

ting a lot of attention — and local support — as he tries to lead the Wildcats to a title in the stadium where his family came for Saints games or Bayou Classic festivities such as the "Battle of the Bands." For Daniels' parents, Roland and

Connie, this is a whole new way to enjoy the hulking, downtown stadium that's been a regular part of their lives.

Now their son will be competing on the elevated court built at the center of 70,000-plus seats ringing the action on three levels.

"He's on stage where he's part of what's going on," Roland Daniels said after Villanova's open practice in the dome. "To have everybody from New Orleans to support him. It's a huge deal.'

Caleb Daniels played at St. Augustine High School, where NFL and former LSU stars Leonard Fournette and Tyrann Mathieu played football.

He started his college career at Tulane before transferring.

Growing up in New Orleans Daniels liked to eat local staples like red beans and rice, seafood gumbo, fried shrimp po'boys dressed and wedding cake-flavored snowballs.

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## **Produce, then perfect** Fans flock

## By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

UNION CITY, Ohio — Brock Dues didn't exactly crush the ball

In fact, he never hit it out of the infield. Just putting it in play was

enough. Dues drove in both runs for the Fort Recovery High School baseball team and then closed the game with two perfect innings on

the mound as the Indians knocked off the host Mississinawa Blackhawks 2-0 Friday for their first win of the season.

"He got both our runs in," said FRHS coach Kevin Eyink, who picked up his first victory as coach of the Indians after nine years as an assistant under Jerry

Kaup. "That's what we've been telling them, just put the ball in play and good things happen. So, we've got to keep getting better at that. Brock did a nice job.

He said it was great to get a win after dropping a 3-0 decision in the team's season opener Monday at Celina.

"Hopefully that gets us in the right direction and we keep playing well and get on a roll," he added.

Fort Recovery (1-1) got the only run it would need in the first inning after Troy Homan lofted a one-out double to right field. Homan advanced to third base on a passed ball and then Dues drove him in with a ground out to first baseman Seth Kiser.

The Blackhawks (1-2) had a chance to respond in the bottom of the first inning when they loaded the bases with just one out thanks to two walks and a field-

play to get out of the inning.

"The double play was huge," Evink said. "That was a big play. some things with guys at second

and third. "Alex Dues, great defense at short, made a lot of plays. ...

"Just great defense all around."

the fourth and fifth innings. "It's frustrating," said Mississi-nawa Valley baseball coach Kyler Guillozet, whose team left eight runners on base in the loss. "We got them on. We got them over. We just couldn't get them in. Sometimes you have it like that."

The score remained 1-0 until The Tribe was also able to the fifth inning when Post drew a

base. Homan laid down a sacrifice bunt to move him over to third and then Dues drove him in with an infield single.

Fort Recovery High

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The two runs supported a combined one-hit shutout for Wyatt Bihn and Dues. The former started slowly - his first seven pitches were out of the strike zone but he settled in after the double play ended the first inning. See **Produce** page 7

to see AP Sports Writer

a family with split lovalties lined up outside the Superdome a little after 9 a.m. Friday, nearly an hour before fans were allowed in the stadium for open practices at the Final Four.

The moment they entered the stadium, 14-year-old Brody the concourse and bench, where he saved seats for other family members.

Before long, several thousand fans many wearing gear from all four semifinal teams, and some in business attire who had strolled over from nearby office towers during lunch — filled the vast lower-level stands behind the benches.

The open practices, which were free and held without attendance restrictions, marked the beginning of full fan participation in Final Four activities for the first time since the 2019 NCAA Tournament — the last before the COVID-19 pandemic.

And this year's open practices had an added curiosity factor; it was one of the last chances to see Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski — who'll retire as the NCAA's

School senior Brock Dues tosses a pitch Friday during the sixth inning of the Indians' 2-0 victory Mississinawa Blackhawks. Dues closed out the game with two perfect innings on the mound and also had both of the Tribe's RBIs. The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Alex Dues turned a 4-6-3 double ing two runners on base in both

"Several times we got out of

er's choice. But Landon Post and escape unscathed despite allow- one-out walk and stole second



ation, I have come to the Butler fired coach LaVall decision that a change in Bulldogs from 1998-2001, make it back in 2020 before Horizon League. Jordan on Friday after the leadership of our and Collier was his coach the tournament was can-Jordan had just two straight losing sea- men's basketball program his first three years. Jor- celed because of the sons and a second consec-utive finish near the bot-tom of the Big East Con-"These decisions are ing all-conference honors, return the Bulldogs to the

Jordan had just one winning record in Big East play, and the Bulldogs lost six of their last seven









tom of the Big East Conference.

The Bulldogs were 14-19 this season and tied for ninth in the Big East at 6-14

"After a thorough evalu- well for many years."

"These never easy, but are incredibly more difficult when it ing stops over a decade impacts a high-character Bulldog who has represented our university so

and he made four coachbefore Collier hired him as head coach in 2017.

The Bulldogs played in the 2010 and 2011 national the 2018 NCAA Tourna- championship

unprecedented heights achieved under Brad Stevens, who led the team to surprise appearances in games

games. Seven of their Big East regular-season losses this season were by 15 points or more, including a 40-point road defeat to a Villanova team reached this weekend's Final Four.

Jordan is only the second Butler men's basketball coach to get fired in nearly a century. The other was Joe Sexson, who was let go in 1989.

all-time leader in victories this season directing the Blue Devils in person.

practices The didn't begin until late morning, starting with Villanova, folstarting lowed by Kansas, North Carolina and finally Duke.



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