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Nitness: Cameras were removed

The Commercial Review Prosecution testimony indicated a Portland man charged with murder removed and hid cameras that had been installed at the property where the shooting took place.

Defense attorneys sought to sow doubt by saying witnesses agreed to testify in exchange for leniency in other cases and questioning police procedure.

The murder trial for Roger L. Boyd, 36, Portland, continued Wednesday with the prosecution presenting witnesses who were at St., Portland, that resulted in the Level 3 felony, for allegedly forc-

Prosecutors continue to present case; defense calls investigation into question again

the scene of the crime and state death of 49-year-old James P. ing Miller's girlfriend to stay in in the investigation.

police officials who were involved Miller of Montpelier. He also faces a Level 3 felony charge of Boyd is on trial for the Sept. 5, criminal confinement while 2020, shooting at 1215 S. Bridge armed with a deadly weapon, a case at 8:30 a.m. today.

the basement following the shoot-

The prosecution resumed its

Brittney Shewmake, Boyd's

girlfriend at the time of the incident, testified Wednesday that he had used cameras he had installed at the home she owned, where the shooting occurred, to view Miller when he arrived on the night of the incident. She said those cameras had later been removed and hidden.

Shewmake explained that she, Boyd, Michael Malyska, Kelsey DeVoe and Stephen Ping were ingesting methamphetamine in the basement early Sept. 5, 2020, when Miller and his girlfriend, Nicole Burke, arrived.

See Cameras page 2

Purchase OK'd



MicroVote

Jay County Council on Wednesday gave county clerk Jon Eads the OK to factor and additional \$90,000 into his department's 2023 budget for the purchase of new voting equipment. The county's current equipment is nearly 20 years old and the state has mandated that all such devices have voter verifiable paper audit trail machines by 2024.

Council gives blessing to budgeting extra funds in 2023 for new electronic equipment for the county

The Commercial Review New voting machines are on

the horizon. Jay County Council OK'd clerk

Jon Eads on Wednesday to factor in an additional \$90,000 into his budget next year to purchase more voting equipment.

Indiana requires all polls have voter verifiable paper audit trail machines by 2024. The state has already purchased 20 of those devices for the county. At a Jay County Commissioners meeting May 31, Eads explained its current machines date back to 2004, meaning it's time for an upgrade.

The new models are easier to assemble and disassemble. Along with a few additional fea- account for the cost, meaning he

privacy, the machines also print year's plan. barcodes onto each ballot for an easier audit process.

Indiana will contribute \$76,750 toward more equipment for Jay County, meaning it will need to pay \$140,000 toward purchasing another 30 voter verifiable paper audit trail machines and 50 voting machines from Microvote Corporation. (The county has not vet officially entered into a

written

Hinkle suggested commissioners do before moving forward.) Eads explained Wednesday he already has \$50,000 in his budget he can move around to help

agreement

Microvote, something which

Council OK'd Eads to factor in

the additional amount. In other business, council:

 Discussed a resolution passed by Jay County Public Defender Board in January allowing a \$5,000 retention bonus for its employee. (Questions arose if the decision should be ultimately up to council, which handles county pay.) Council noted if it were to OK the bonus — it was made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic — then it would also need to offer the same to other departments. County attorney Bill Hinkle said he would look

•Were reminded by Travis tures, such as a single plug-in still needed to incorporate an Richards of Jay County Develop- Department.

into the matter.

cord and flags that pop out for additional \$90,000 into next ment Corporation about the upcoming community forum concerning American Rescue Plan Act funds, scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday at John Jay Center

for Learning •Recognized Hinkle will be retiring at the end of the year, meaning the county will need to hire a new attorney. Hinkle has worked in the job for roughly 20 years, along with serving as the city attorney for Portland for about the same amount of time. (He retired from that job last year.) He previously operated as the city attorney at Dunkirk for 40 years.

•Made a \$250,000 additional appropriation for stone and gravel at Jay County Highway

Congress showing unity vs. big tech

By ALICIA DIAZ and MARIA CURI Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

A bipartisan group of lawmakers defended a bill to rein in big technology companies, signaling that momentum is building for the first major piece of leg-

islation to curb the power of giant online platforms.

Senators Amv Klobuchar and Chuck Grassley and Representatives David Cicilline and Ken Buck in a Wednesday conference press addressed concerns brought up by tech groups and their supporters about a measure that would prohibit companies like Apple Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Alphabet Inc.'s Google, Microsoft Corp. and Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. from favoring their own products over

"For too long, big tech companies have said 'just trust us' while putting profits ahead of their users," Klobuchar said. 'We're coming together to say the era of 'just trust us' has ended.'

those of competitors.

The bill, which is sponsored by Klobuchar, a Minnesota Democrat, and Grassley, an Iowa Republican, would prohibit companies from giving an advantage to their own products over those of smaller competitors that depend on their platforms.

This is the best way to address the problems of big tech's power over what we buy, what we see, what we read, what we say online," said Grassley.

The appearance of the bipartisan pairs of Senate and House lawmakers at a joint press conference about a bill aimed at putting guardrails on tech giants was unprecedented, indicating the rising stakes involved in moving the controversial measure forward.

Tech giants and industry groups argue that the bill would jeopardize cybersecurity and harm popular products like Amazon Prime and Google Maps. Recently, Amazon attempted to rally thirdparty sellers in an online forum to oppose the legislation, claiming it would harm business.

The lawmakers denied those concerns, saying the measure would increase innovation through competition, improve national security and wouldn't eliminate services such as Amazon Prime and Google

See **Congress** page 2

Prison stabbing draws murder charge

The Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

Tribune News Service A federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted an inmate on a charge of first-degree murder in connection with a 2019 stabbing at the federal prison in Terre

inmate at Federal Correctional Complex Terre Haute when he killed another individual on Jan. 12, 2019, by stabbing him in the neck, face, chest and elsewhere with a metal weapon, prosecutors said in a news release.

Lawrence Taylor, 41, was an maximum penalty of life impris- Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. onment. Taylor will make his initial court appearance in the Southern District of Indiana entered on Taylor's behalf, and a before a U.S. magistrate judge at a later date.

U.S. Attorney Zachary Myers announced the indictment. The If convicted, Taylor faces a FBI is investigating the case.

Warden is prosecuting.

An automatic not guilty plea was

trial date of Aug. 8 before Judge James R. Sweeney II was set, according to online court documents. A federal community defender is to be appointed.

Weather

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 the JCHS boys golf team at the regional tourament.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Jay County had a high temperature of 76 degrees Wednesday. The low was 55, and there was about 0.2 inches of rain.

The forecast calls for a low of

55 tonight. Friday's high will be in the mid 70s with showers expected after 2 p.m. See page 2 for an extended out-

Local/Nation

ameras

Continued from page 1 She said Boyd pulled up an app connected to the cameras and the video showed Miller at the door.

She said at one point while Miller was knocking, she was going to answer the door herself to tell him to leave. She said Roger told her not to go.

About 10 minutes after Miller first arrived, they heard the door open and Kurt Banter arrived. (Defense attorney Spenser Benge previously alleged Banter told Boyd to deal with Miller and get his gun.) Boyd did a "big line" of methamphetamine, she said, before going upstairs. She heard gun shots, she added, and then Boyd brought Burke inside and asked Shewmake to calm her

Shewmake said when she went to look for the cameras, she noticed all but one had been removed. She said she later found them in her son's dresser. She then saved the video of the incident onto an SD card and gave it to Boyd's mother, who later gave the video to his attorneys.

Defense attorneys, who say the shares a child. shooting was self defense,

alleged Shewmake was testifying in hopes of receiving favor from prosecutors in her own pending court cases. She denied it.

"I've made mistakes in my life, and if that's the case, I have to pay for it," she said. (She will return to the courtroom at 1 p.m. today, per the defense's request.)

Chief deputy prosecutor Zec Landers said Shewmake was not offered a bargain in her testimo-

Malyska also testified Boyd pulled up video footage of Miller standing at the door that night. Soon after, he watched Boyd leave with a gun he pulled from a hidden safe in the basement. Malyska added that Boyd took down a camera following the shooting and handed it to Malyska, who took it home with him. Malyska later returned the camera to Shewmake.

Malyska confirmed he wouldn't have testified Wednesday without an offer to set aside a conviction on a separate case. He's also now dating and living with Shewmake, with whom he

Two Portland police officers

who responded to the scene, along with state police and forensic specialists, also testified Wednesday.

The prosecution showed video footage taken from the body cameras of Portland police officers Dustin Mock and Dustin Garringer. Mock's video showed Boyd, while being handcuffed, explaining the situation as a break-in. Split into three videos, the footage also showed him checking Miller's body for a pulse, taping off the garage and briefly interviewing Shewmake. Garringer's video depicted him transporting Boyd to the police department and sitting in an

Benge again questioned each individual's thoroughness in the case, relating back to concerns he voiced with Portland Police investigator Jeff Hopkins' handling of the investigation. (He noted Tuesday that Hopkins did not wear a body camera or recording device while on scene and mentioned a conflict of interest. Years prior to the murder, Hopkins had a sexual relationship with a woman who was

seeing Boyd at the same time.) He pointed out Mock's footage was split into three videos, meaning he turned his camera on and off at different points -Mock clarified when questioned by Landers that he did so to conserve battery life — and noted Garringer didn't have his body camera on until Boyd got into the police car. Benge suggested Boyd mentioned concerns about Hopkins covering the case during that unrecorded time.

James Stevens, a crime scene investigator for Indiana State Police, testified he collected evidence, including the 9mm pistol on the doorstep. He also checked the garage door frame and other places for signs of forced entry, but could not find any.

Stevens found bullet casings in the northeast corner of the garage, along with bullet casings in a four-wheeler and a cartridge in the wall. He also found a bullet near the front right tire of a Pontiac G6.

He noted a "defect" in the hood of the Pontiac.

Benge asked if it could have resulted from something other

than a bullet, such as a metal

"If there had been a metal pipe, would have documented it, Stevens said.

John Petro, a crime scene supervisor for Indiana State Police who helped with the investigation, confirmed the defect in the car appears to have characteristics of a bullet strike.

Stevens and Petro both testified they did not notice any soot or gun residue on Miller's clothing, indicating the altercation did not occur within close proximity.

Stacey Hartman, a lab manager in Fort Wayne and former forensic scientist in the firearms unit for Indiana State Police, showed bullets retrieved from Miller's body and the garage. She said they matched with the 9mm pistol found at the scene. One bullet, she noted, had secondary scratching, likely result from hitting a surface harder than the bullet itself.

In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years. A Level 3 felony carries a sentence of 3 to 16 years.

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Lotteries

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Cash 5: 11-17-35-37-40 Hoosier Lotto: 26-33-

Estimated jackpot: \$13.4 million

jackpot: Ohio Midday

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Today in	history

In 2008, Ken Griffey Jr. of the Cincinnati Reds hit his 600th career home run. At that time, he was the sixth player in Major League Baseball history to do so. He finished his career with 630 home runs, seventhmost all-time.

In 2012, Jay County High School boys basketball coach Craig Teagle led the Indiana Senior All-Stars to an 83-73 victory over Kentucky at Banker's Life Field-

house. Hamilton Southeastern's Gary Harris, who now plays for the Orlando Magic, won the MVP with 17 points and five steals.

In 2021, Jay County Council approved a tax abatement for Invenergy's Skycrest Solar facility. The planned million, \$150 155megawatt project is planned for 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson townships.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday

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

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. room, courthouse, 120 N. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Court St., Portland.

Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Wednesday

2:30 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Commitcommissioners'

Congress

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Time is running out for Congress to pass major legislation. With only seven weeks left before the August recess, lawmakers are facing a barrage of competing priorities, including potential measures on climate change, gun safety, and a package to bolster U.S. competitiveness.

The narrowing window has sparked a flurry of lobbying as industry and consumer groups press their concerns before lawmakers pivot to campaigning for the November midterm elections.

Apple, Amazon, Google and Meta spent \$16.7 million lobbying in the first three months of 2022, according to lobbying disclosures filed with Congress, with all four identifying the antitrust bills as their top priori-

Tech-backed trade groups have also opposed the bills. The Computer and Communications Industry Association spent \$22 million last week on broadcast and cable TV ads, according to Ad Impact, and another \$2.8 million on Facebook and Instagram ads since the beginning of the year.

The bill is "more focused on advancing a political agenda than promoting competition," said Neil Bradley, chief policy officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has promised to bring the bill to a floor vote in upcoming weeks.

"As long as Schumer is willing to bring it up, I think we've got it tweaked so that we can get it moving now," said Senator Grassley in an interview with Bloomberg News. "It's pretty much up to Schumer at this

Solar farm moves forward

By ED SEMMLER

South Bend Tribune

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph County commissioners have approved a revamped development agreement for a solar farm that's proposed for about 1,100 acres of farmland on the west side of the county.

Lightsource BP is proposing to spend \$164.7 million for the project that would create three to five permanent jobs and start generating 150 megawatts of clean power — enough for about 24,500 homes by early 2024.

The project also would generate \$27 million in additional tax dollars for taxing units included in the Olive Township site over the life of the 25-year agreement while still providing \$37 million to the developer from total taxes owed.

If the property remains as farm land, conversely, it would generate only about \$1.9 million over the 25-year life of the proposal.

Original language in the development

agreement, which was previously

approved by the Redevelopment Com-

mission, encouraged the company to employ as many local workers as possible during the construction phase of the project, which still could get underway late this year.

But the revised agreement says the company will aim to hire 75% of the estimated 150 to 200 construction workers from St. Joseph County or its immediate neighbors, said Chris Brown, an economic development specialist for the



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Localities will be part of settlement

The Times (Munster) Tribune News Service

All Indiana local governments that filed lawsuits in recent years against three opioid drug distributors and one opioid drug manufacturer have agreed to participate in a single, statewide settlement — instead of continuing to pursue their legal claims

on their own. Attorney General Todd

Rokita, a Řepublican originally from Munster, confirmed Wednesday that every Indiana county, city and town seeking reimbursement of their expenses linked to the opioid abuse crisis has joined the agreement settlement reached by the state against Cardinal Health, McKesson, Amerisource-Bergen and Johnson & Johnson.

Many localities last year opted out of the \$507 million agreement after the Republican-controlled General Assembly devised a distribution scheme for the money in House Enrolled Act 1001 that left most spending decisions in the hands of state officials.

A new state law enacted in March, House Enrolled

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Stults, Jama: II a.m, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Act 1193, restructured the distribution settlement plan by enabling local leaders to control how more of the money is spent.

Either way, the agreement requires a substantial majority of the funds go toward opioid treatment and prevention programs.

"Today marks a milestone victory in our battle against drug addiction," Rokita said. "This scourge has inflicted such unspeakable pain on so many Hoosiers. We are fighting daily for our families, friends and neighbors. By all of us working together, we can ensure a brighter day is coming.'

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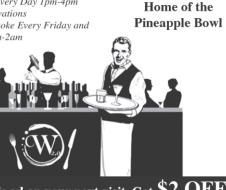
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Improve hospital stay using key tips

By ASHLEY HUNTER

A hospital stay can cause fear and anxiety for many people, but there are some things you can do to help prepare for a more successful hospital

Have your current medical information

It is important to have a current list of your medications (including dosages), a list of any medical conditions, any allergies, surgeries, and family history as well as





the contact information of your health care providers.

Identify a decisionmaker

In the event you are

someone you trust to nal documents at home. make decisions for you. This could be a family member, a friend or a acquaintance. Make sure you have discussed your wishes with the person you have identified as your decision

Legal documents such as a living will or power of attorney should name decision-maker. Have several copies made unable to make your own to give to your health care

health care decisions, it is providers and caregivers important to identify so you can leave the origi-

Bring someone with

During a hospital stay, a lot of information is provided from admission to discharge. It is helpful to have another person receive this information. If this person cannot be at the hospital with you, ask the care team to call and discuss your care with vour friend or family member.

Ask questions

It is so important to form relationships with health providers and caregivers and to fully understand your care. Ask questions about your diagnosis, your medications and dosages and side effects, any procedures and tests that will be done and why, along with follow-up care. Fully understanding your care can help prevent complications and returns to the hospi-

With the permission of your doctors and nurses, stay as active as possible while hospitalized. Multiple days in bed can lead to unexpected weakness. If you are able, ask to go on walks around the unit or perform seated exercises to make a transition out of the hospital smoother.

Hunter is an associate director for the hospitalist program in the East Center Region and chief of staff at IU Health Jay Hospital.

Comments are tiring

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old woman in a healthy, loving relationship with my boyfriend of 2 1/2 years. We talk about marriage and kids and are committed to each other. We know we are each other's special one. He recently bought a home, and we live together. My issue is with my mother. I feel she won't be happy with me until I'm married and have children.

She and Dad met and were married within six months, so to her, any relationship that lasts longer than that without marriage or an engagement must not be the real deal. It has been extremely frustrating over the past couple of years. She slips in judgmental comments all the time and clearly doesn't respect my relationship with the man I have chosen. If I try to defend my life and our relationship, she says I'm too defensive and must be unhappy. If I say nothing, which has been my approach for the past six months or so, her snide comments continue. I want a good relationship with her, but I am not sure where to go from here. Marriage and kids are in our future but not for some time. We are enjoying our own timeline. Help! - IT'S MY LIFE IN COLORADO

DEAR I.M.L.: At 29, you are well into adulthood, so perhaps it's time to draw the line. Tell your mother you know she loves you and is concerned for your welfare, but you do not plan to marry anyone on her timeline. Then say, calmly, that her Abby



comments are hurtful, and vou need her to quit the needling, or she will be seeing a lot less of you. Be prepared to follow through.

DEAR ABBY: Thirty years ago, my wife and I moved from New York City to Albuquerque. I have four brothers. One has visited once, another has visited three times, but two brothers have never come out to see us. We have gone back east for weddings, funerals and reunions. When I ask these two brothers why they don't visit, they say going to New Mexico is not on their bucket

I feel hurt and abandoned. Should I not care, or just not deal with them? — WAITING FOR 30 YEARS **DEAR WAITING: Not all siblings**

list or that their wives don't like to fly.

are equally close. You are blessed with two brothers who want to remain close and make the effort to do so. Your life will be happier if you concentrate on the relationships you have with them and their families, and spend less time brooding about the others.

FR middle school names students to the honor roll

School announced its fourth nine weeks honor roll.

Making the list for receiving all A's are sixth Brooke Bihn. graders Bihn, Emily Jocelyn Boeckman, Alivia Brunswick, Jackson Dues, Haley Easton, Mackenzie Evers, Claire Gaerke, Paisley Hart, Cora Pearson, Kendall Ranly, Ally Roessner and Eliza Smith.

Also seventh graders Kenna Dues, Tyler Dues, Cadence Eber, Brady Evers, Carter Fortkamp, Alexis Grisez, Sophia Guggenbiller, Russell Hart, Makenna Huelskamp, Meredith Jones, Breaker Jutte, Grace Lochtefeld, Ian McCain, Jake Meyer, Cameron Muhlenkamp, Isaac Roessner, Kiera Stump, Amber Jennifer Timmerman, Wendel, James Westgerdes, Brynn Willmann and Jase Wuebker.

Also eighth graders Evvian Briner, Elisa Grube, Evers. Alivia Jameson Heitkamp, Madison R. Heitkamp, Brylee Kremer, Reece Wendel and Georgia Wenning.

recently for making A's and B's are sixth graders Layla Arm-Addison strong, Brunswick, Kyra Brunswick, Riley DeRoo, Evan Diller, Braylon Dilworth, William Faller, Grisez, Malia Guggenbiller, Madeline Hardwick, Elizabeth Heitkamp, Riley Heitkamp, Trip Huntsman, Henry Jutte, Elizabeth Kahlig, Courtney Klenke, Liza Knapke, McKinlee Kremer and Mason Laux.

Also sixth graders Madeline Muhlenkamp, Andrew Niekamp, Hudson Overman, Stella Patch, Charity Pohlman, Madilyn Reinhard, Liana Schlarman, Hoyt Schmitz, Ali Siegrist, Charlie Stammen, Lilah Thien, Kolton Thompson, Livy Timmerman, Huntly Ward, Madelyn Weigel and Jadyn Wyerick.

Also seventh graders Brody Tyler Barga, Bertke, Owen Boeckman, Deanna Brown, Kendall Buckland, Reese Diller, Destiny Ervin, Grant Fortkamp, Ava Fullenkamp, Aubree Μ.

Named to the honor roll Heitkamp, Madelyn N. Heitkamp, Sydney Jutte. Hudson McAbee, Trinity Rammel, Coby Schmitz, Emma Schmitz, Madelyn Schoenlein, Angel Serio, Cara Shoemaker, Aubrey Shuttleworth, Siegrist, Riley Stammen, Ava Timmerman, Ivy Tobe, Kaylor Wendel, Reed Westgerdes, Will Westgerdes and Trevor Wycuff. Also eighth graders

Gabriel Acheson, Ella Bechtol, Brunswick. Ryker Brunswick, Rylee Bubp, Garrett Diller, Kylia Dues, Zoe Dues, Zackary Ervin, Mallory Evers, Lucas Fortkamp, Carson Fullenkamp, Alex Gaerke, Brodie Hart, Aubrie N. Heitkamp, Caden Homan. Jenna Homan Maleiah Kaffenberger.

Also eighth graders Cayson Kaikala, Wesley Keller, Dylan Klenke, Olivia Knapke, Cora Kremer, Reece LeFevre, Autumn Leuthold, Anthony Roessner, Danielle Schmitt, Hayden Siefring. Caleb Smith, Cletus Timmerman, Megan Weitzel, Tyler Wendel and Leah Wuebker.

Community Calendar

space is available. To sub-

Reunions

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome.

Jay County High School Class of 1997 will hold its 25th reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jay County Event Center.

Today

ERY — A 12-step Christian land.

Notices will appear in recovery program meets at Community Calendar as 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each AUXILIARY POST 211 -Thursday at A Second Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursmit an item, email Chance At Life Ministries, day at the post at 211 W. 228 S. Meridian St. in Port- Walnut St., Portland. land. For more informa-(260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at El Camino Real restaurant, CELEBRATE RECOV- 220 NW Lincoln Ave., Port-

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

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

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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.

Monday

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

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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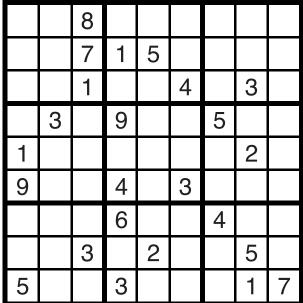
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Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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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Vhere did inflation come from?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Mather Marcus, the preacher in our family, is telling me, "It's the Feds who've caused all this inflation. Why a \$20 bill today buys only about what \$17 bought five years ago. We've been robbed of three dollars. And who benefits from that?

"You know," he continues, "it's the same old story: too much money chasing too few goods."

'Indubitably," I respond. "Inflation is once again the result of the government, with the Federal Reserve System, trying to do the right thing."

"The right thing?" he bellows in his Almighty voice.

"Yos." I say with dignified

"Yes," I say with dignified calm. "COVID caused many people to lose their jobs because other people became sick and Eye on the Pie



stopped buying so much stuff. So the government put out an additional \$509 billion in 2020 to help the unemployed directly. This was on top of the more usual \$27 billion paid out for unemployment compensation in 2019."

"Was this misdirected government action?" I ask.
"Certainly not," Mather pro-

claims with certainty.
"Yet," I continue, "that sum

was just 46% of the relief the more from the banks for more

"Because so many people fell ill, hospitals and health care providers received an extra \$77 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payments for 2020 over what they were paid in 2019. Was that too a mistake?'

"Most clearly not," Mather says with gravity of voice.

"And buying \$250 billion of corporate bonds and notes," I say, "the Fed protected the banks, which could then lend money to home buyers. With the repayment of mortgages from the proceeds of selling, money went back into the banks. Many home sellers were not desperate victims of federal stimulus spending COVID. They then borrowed showed an increase of 35%, but

ing existing homes."
"Nothing wrong there," Math-

er asserts. 'Except," I note, "the builders could not get enough workers to satisfy the increased demand for

houses and remodeling."

'But inflation?" he questions. Yes, inflation starts with the home buying, followed by the supply chain problems and the reluctance of people to return to their old jobs at the old pay rates. Then there's Ukraine and a spike in energy prices which boosts still other prices," I explain. "Can't we stop inflation?"

Mather asks, panic in his voice. "Yes," I'm very calm. "In 2020, only 8% in 2021. That's slamming

government provided in the expensive houses or remodel-face of the COVID pandemic. expensive houses or remodel-ing existing homes." on the brakes, slowing the addi-tion of stimulating funds from tion of stimulating funds from \$1.1 trillion to \$360 billion.'

Mather's concern persisted. I tried again.

"Bringing U.S. consumer spending to a slower rate of growth is like slowing a big truck," I said. "Too much pressure on the brakes and it can jackknife."

'You're putting the blame for inflation on consumers?" he asked, incredulous at my audaci-

"Yes," I respond, "but don't tell anyone. It's not polite to be disrespectful of consumer sovereign-

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Don't go to Saudi Arabia

The Dallas Morning News Tribune News Service

Last week's news that the European Union has reached an agreement to sharply curtail the purchase of Russian oil is a welcome development that signals the continent is not only united against the attack genocidal Ukraine but that its political leaders are prepared to make hard choices in response.

It's a choice worth remembering as Americans labor under high gas prices this summer. And it's a reminder of why we need a robust domestic industry energy includes the continued development of oil and gas production as well as investment in renewable energy research and infrastructure.

According to The Associated Press, European Union nations rely on Russia for 25% of their oil and 40% of their gas. Last week's decision involved only oil. Weaning off gas will be far harder.

Still, we hope and expect this will lead to a rising Russian price for Vladimir Putin's war. The sooner he is brought to heel the better off the whole world will be.

But we also recognize that higher prices will be borne by us all. Reports early last week suggested President Joe Biden would travel to Saudi Arabia in hopes of persuading its leader to put more oil into the market. The president dialed that down later in the week when he said he had "no direct plans at the moment.

The president shouldn't go at all. The Saudi regime is a pariah state. U.S. intelligence under Biden determined Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was personally responsible for the murder of Washington Post journalist Jamal In March, Khashoggi. Human Rights Watch reported that the Saudi regime killed 81 men in a mass execution. More than half of those were of the Shia Muslim minority.

Opening the OPEC oil machine might be a fast path to relief at the pump, but it would come at the price of cozying up to petrol tyrants. How about, instead, this country do all it can to support domestic production?

No, that wouldn't have the same immediate effect on prices at the pump. But it would be a better longterm strategy than spending time with the Saudi prince.

Guest **Editorial**

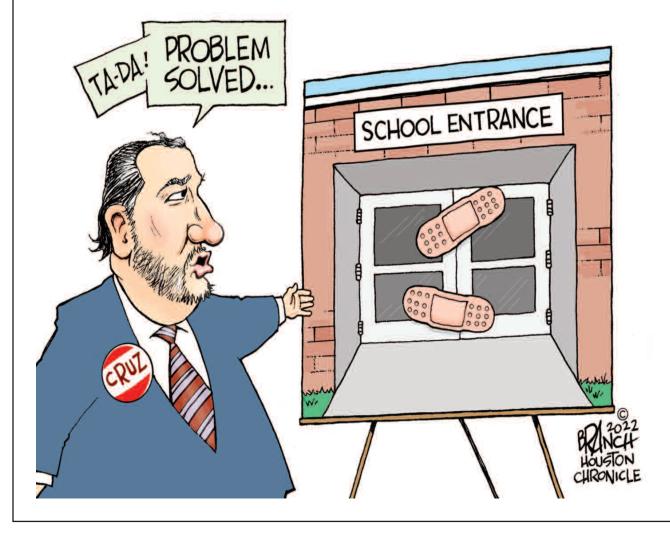
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production U.S. already high. The country produced 11.6 million barrels of crude per day in March, the most recent figure listed by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. That's lower than the record high of 12.9 million barrels per day in November 2019. But the average daily production so far this year is higher than any production level before 2018.

We are taking advantage of this resource. But more could be done to ensure it continues to flow.

Meanwhile, high prices for gas and oil represent an opportunity for the development of renewables: bringing greater renewable resources online, increasing battery production and research and moving more quickly from fossil fuel dependency.

Instead of getting on a plane to Saudi Arabia, the president would do better by the country if he stayed home and worked on delivering a domestic energy policy that maximized all of our resources and generated a more powerful American future.



Gun owners have an opportunity

By MARTIN SCHRAM Tribune News Service

Thursday night at the White House, speaking to America with grim emotion, President Joe Biden used a single statistic to sum up two decades of national pain and revulsion we have all endured.

His one statistic also seemed to sum up the horror of our last two weeks of mass-killings — in the Buffalo grocery store, the Tulsa hospital and especially the heart-wrenching record slaughter of 19 children and two teachers in the Uvalde, Texas, elementary school.

One statistic: "Over the last two decades, more school-aged children have died from guns than on-duty police officers and active-duty military combined," Biden told America. "For God's sake, how much more carnage are we willing to accept? How many more innocent American lives must be taken before we say 'enough'? Enough."

'Enough" — Biden used the word 12 times in a 17 minute speech that was probably the most purposeful and powerful of his presidency. Yet, the very next day we began to see signs that even his best-ever speech

may not have been "enough." On Friday, in suburban Buffalo, first term Republican U.S. Rep. Chris Jacobs became the first such sign — a blinking neon sign so glaring that even a pundit down in Washington can't miss it. Jacobs was a Trumpand NRA-endorsed winner in 2020, a champion of the Second Amendment who had issued thousands of gun permits when he was the Erie County clerk. But after the grocery store mass-shootings 10 miles from his district (by an 18-year-old with an assault-styled rife), Jacobs called for an assault weapons ban and other reforms that Biden just urged. And he got politically pummeled by fellow

Martin Schram



Republicans. ("Caved to the gun-grabbers," tweeted Donald Trump Jr.). Jacobs ended his reelection bid Fri-

And that brought me back to what I was really thinking as Biden began speaking Thursday. I hoped he would attempt something most untraditional — because this was the one topic where he just can't be his own best messenger.

I wanted Biden to seek to enlist as his ally in safeguarding America the one group that is most persuasively armed for the job: America's patriotic and law-abiding gun owners. They are most capable of convincing the Senate's reform-killing Republicans to finally end their fatal gridlock-byfilibuster.

Biden recognizes this. And he started to say so Thursday, albeit sounding defensively: "For so many of you at home, I want to be very clear: This is not about taking away anyone's guns. It's ... not about vilifying ... gun owners. In fact, we believe we should be treating responsible gun owners as an example of how every gun owner should behave. I respect the culture and the tradition and the concerns of lawful gun owners.'

Too bad Biden's team didn't convince him to be more Bidenesque. Working with adversaries has always been Biden's best insider skill. This is the moment when we need our best people to rise up and lead our failing leaders in Congress. Imagine if, Thursday night, Biden had tried to martin.schram@gmail.com.

mobilize our gun owners by saying something like this: Tonight I want to especially speak

to those of you at home who own guns and are proudly patriotic. America needs you to do what you are best capable of doing to safeguard us all. We need you to convince our leaders to help you keep America safe.

'When America's parents send their children to school each day, they are all in the same bus. And as parents and families, we are essentially in the same boat. We all fear for the safety of our children in their schools and loved ones everywhere. Now more than ever, we all want to prevent dangerous people from obtaining deadly weapons that were designed for our military to massively kill in wartime — but are being used to kill our loved ones. As law abiding gun owners, you know best that we need improved background checks and red-flag alerts. I favor a national ban on military assault-style weapons. But if you don't want that, you still know our loved ones would be best protected by a national 21-year-old age limit for buying military-style semi-automatic rifles.

"You, as gun owners, can be America's most powerful persuaders. I hope you will act urgently to lead our leaders in Congress. Convince them to end their gridlock that has put us all in danger. Convince them to take the common-sense steps you know are needed to safeguard your loved ones and your communities.

"You may also be America's last hope for ending our mass-shooting nightmare. Godspeed.'

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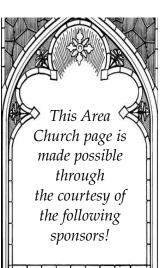
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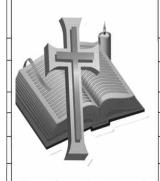
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80 E. 650 South Services: 10 a.m. Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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209 S. Hendricks St. Paul VanCise (260) 997-6231 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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1209 S. Shank St., Portland Bob Graham (260) 726-7777Services: 10:20 a.m., 6:30

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of Prophecy

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Church of the Brethren

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

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South Broad Street, Dunkirk Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

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

Cornerstone Baptist

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

Dunkirk Nazarene

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

Evangelical Methodist

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

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

Faith Community

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

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Ronald Willis (260) 726-4844 Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday thefamilyworshipcenter.o

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

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United Methodist 100 W. Line St., Geneva Barry McCune (260) 368-7655

Services: 9:30 a.m.

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

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Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren Indiana 1 and Indiana 26 Earl Doll (260) 731-4477

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435 High St., Geneva Rev. Joseph Hampton (260) 368-7233 Services: 9 a.m.

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

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Chuck Hollandbeck (765) 369-2676 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

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

Mount Tabor United Methodist

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

Mount Zion United Methodist

County roads 600 East and 200 North Rev. Darrell Borders (260) 726-4786 Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church

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

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

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New Mt. Pleasant **United Methodist**

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9945 N. 800 East, Union Bruce Bryan (765) 964-3664 Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m. mypleasanthillchurch.org

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Sunday school: 9 a.m. **Praise Chapel**

Church of God 4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line) Rev. Josh Canfield (765) 584-7045 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Malin and Elm streets,

Bryant Father Dan Layden (260) 997-6787 Services: 9 a.m.

Redkey Faith Ministries

9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey Rev. Craig and Robin Cotherman (765) 369-2920 Services: 10 a.m. RedkeyFaith.org

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River of Life

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1605 N. Meridian St., Portland

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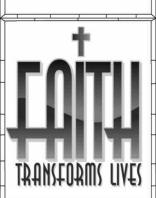
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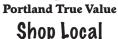
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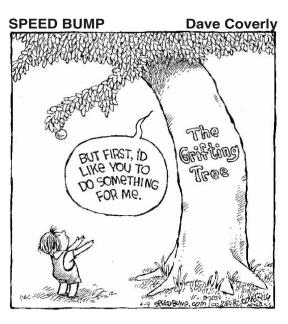
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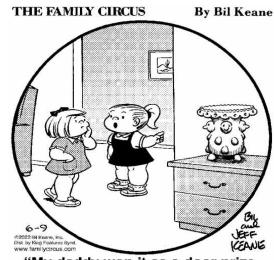
mond bid also showed first-round

controls. Then came the bid South hoped to hear — four spades, indi-

cating second-round control (usu-ally the king) of that suit.

From then on, it was easy. South





"My daddy won it as a door prize. It's called a monstrosity.

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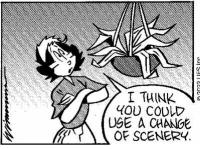








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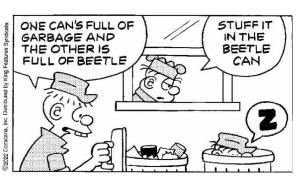
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North dealer.		of spades, 13 tricks - six hearts,
Both sides vulner	able.	four spades, the ace of clubs, the
NO	RTH	ace of diamonds and North's sec-
♠ K 8		ond king - could be counted.
♥ 07		Reluctant to jeopardize the small
♦ J 8 5	5	slam, South settled for six hearts.
♣ A K	92	When he saw the dummy, he chided
WEST	EAST	himself for being such a pessimist.
♦ 10 9 6	↑ 7 5 2	At the other table, the auction
♥ J53	♥8	began the same way, but on the
♦ Q 10 6 4	♦ K 9 3 2	second round, South chose not to
♣ Q 75	♣J 10 8 6 3	use Blackwood immediately and
SOU	JTH	instead tried to elicit more precise
A A O	14	information from his partner

♥A K 10942 The bidding: South West 4 NT Pass Pass South's three-spade cuebid indi-cated first-round control of that 5 NT four of diamonds

Opening lead — four of diamonds. Cuebidding as a means of explor-ing slam possibilities is an art that has not been sufficiently cultivated by the general bridge-playing pub-lic. As a case in point, take this deal from a team contest.

At one table, the bidding went as shown. After South's jump-shift and North's heart raise, South immediately invoked Blackwood. Upon learning that North had an ace and two kings, South had to guess which two kings his partner held. If one of them was the king

learned via Blackwood that North had an ace and two kings — just as his counterpart had — but South knew one of the kings was the king of spades, so it was easy to bid the grand slam. Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Sports/Classifieds

Stars

Continued from page 8 She quickly grabbed a rebound and went on to score her first points off an assist from Bailey Kelham of Garrett with 46 seconds left for a 29-17 lead. (The juniors led most of the game — just over 34 minutes compared to only two minutes in the lead for the seniors.)

The seniors closed the gap to six points at the half and pulled ahead in the fourth quarter, only to fall behind again on an Ashlynn Shade of Noblesville steal and lay-in with 1:43 to play. But the juniors never scored again.

Westfield's Alyssa Crockett responded with four points to put the seniors ahead and North Central's Tanyuel Welch hit a free throw for a threepoint lead. A desperation 3point try for the juniors at the buzzer from Riley Makalusky of Hamilton Southeastern bounced off the front of the

Schwieterman was one of three juniors to finish with six points in support of scoring leaders Asia Donald (20) of Hobart, Makalusky (17), Shade (14) and Karsyn Norman (11) of Bedford North Lawrence.

rebounds and blocking a couple of shots.

"It's just more intense, more fast-paced," said Schwieterman. "It's a lot different than regular high school ball.

They're a lot faster, bigger, stronger. You've just got to play a lot harder. You've got to play defense. You can't just let them go by you, because they're gonna score ...

"It's a good environment. It's good to see the different players and what different people can do.'

Schwieterman, who is committed to play college basketball at Purdue-Fort Wayne, averaged 18.3 points per game during her junior season. She led the Jay County girls to a 20-4 record and Allen County Athletic Conference championships while also averaging 5.8 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.4

She is already the No. 2 scorer in Patriot history with 1,222 points and is on pace to eclipse Shannon Freeman's record of 1.458. (Shannon's dad Joe was on hand for the all-star game Wednesday.)

JCHS coach Kirk Comer the entire team and coaching staff was in attendance — She shot 3-of-7 from the field looked at the game as a chance while also grabbing a pair of for Schwieterman to test her-

self against the best talent Indiana has to offer.

"It gives her an opportunity to play against top-level players in the state of Indiana that are all going to go play Division I basketball somewhere," Comer, who coached the junior all-stars in 2019. "So it's a great test for her as a junior. I think she learned a lot tonight.

"It's just credit for the hard work she's put in. She's being rewarded for all the time that she's been in the gym ... working on her game. It's very deserving.'

Schwieterman and her fellow junior all-stars practiced for about an hour together prior to Wednesday's game, working on basic offensive sets and inbound plays.

The game was part of a series of all-star events. A different combination of the 18 junior all-stars played the Kentucky junior all-stars Sunday. On Friday, Indiana's senior allstar teams will play Kentucky's squads at Owensboro Sportscenter in Kentucky and then they will meet again Saturday at Southport High School in Indianapolis. Schwieterman and her fellow junior all-stars will get to attend Saturday's game and be recognized at half-



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Renna Schwieterman of Jay County defends against Blue River Valley's Ally Madden during Wednesday's Indiana Junior-Senior All-Star Game at Mount Vernon. Schwieterman had a couple of blocked shots for the juniors.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

TodayJay County Summer Swim Team at
Wells Community – 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today 12:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona Diamondbacks at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana) 2:45 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Nations League – Czech Republic at Portugal

8 p.m. - NHL playoffs: Eastern Con-

ference Finals - Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers (ESPN)

Friday Noon — College baseball: NCAA Tour-

nament Super Regional - Texas vs. East Carolina (ESPN2) 2:45 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Nations

League – France at Austria (FS1) 3 p.m. — College baseball: NCAA Tournament Super Regional - Oklahoma vs. Virginia Tech (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — College baseball: NCAA Tour nament Super Regional – Notre Dame at Tennessee (ESPN2) Warriors at Boston Celtics (ABC) Local notes

JCHS baseball hosting camp The Jay County High School baseball program will hold its camp for kindergarten through eighth graders June 13 through

9 p.m. — NBA Finals: Golden State

Sessions will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m. for kindergarten through third graders, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for fourth and fifth graders and 1 to 2:30 p.m. for sixth through eighth

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Chamber outing set Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing July 22 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. It will be limited to 20

Registration forms are available at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St., Port-

land or by emailing tabby@jaycountychamber.com. The deadline is July 11.

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Tennis camp scheduled The Jay County High School boys and girls tennis program will hold a camp for

third through ninth graders June 20 through 24. The camp will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

daily at the JCHS tennis courts. It will include a visit from Indiana northern district United States Tennis Association representative Sarah Stanchin

The registration fee is \$30 and forms are available at JCHS or CrossRoads

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p.m. Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds Registration is \$20.

Other races in the circuit include the

Hudson Family Park Half Marathon and 5K on June 18, the Firecracker 5K on July 4, Sculpt Fitness 5K on July 16 and the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

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cil of the City of Portland, Indiana that Chapter 77, golf carts is hereby amended to add the following section: Section 77.10 Registration and Fee All golf carts which are operated on a city street shall be registered with the City annually. The Portland Police Department shall inspect and register each golf cart upon the owner applying for registration and the golf cart is inspected to confirm that it complies with all requirements of this Ordinance. Upon being registered, a registration sticker shall be issued by the City and the sticker shall be affixed to the rear bumper of the golf cart.

A registration fee of \$35.00 shall be charged annually for privately owned golf carts who have a Portland address. A registration fee of \$18.00 shall be charged annually for privately owned golf carts who have an out-of-town address. All registrations shall be renewed annually on or before May 1. Fees collected shall be deposited into the Police Continuing Education

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana on this 16th day of May, 2022. CR 6-3.4.7.8.9-2022 -HSPAXLP -HSPAXLP

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Section 77.01 Definitions

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77.04 Financial responsibility 77.05 Time of operation 77.06 Place of operation

77.07 Occupants

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§ 77.01 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a differ ent meaning.

"GOLF CART." A vehicle with four wheels originally designed for operation on a golf course and powered by a battery or in-

ternal combustion motor. "DRIVER'S LICENSE." A valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Indiana or any other state.

"FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY." Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State

(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) § 77.02 OPERATION OF GOLF CART. The operation of a golf cart within the City of Portland is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated and equipped in full

compliance with this chapter. (Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77. 99 § 77.03 OPERATOR.

Only persons over 16 years of age and holding a driver's license may operate a golf cart. (Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77. 99

§ 77,04 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. The financial ability of the operator or owner notwithstanding, the operator of a golf cart must show financial responsibility when operating a golf cart. Written proof of financial responsi-

bility must be available either on the golf cart or carried by the operator at all times.

(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77.99 § 77.05 TIME OF OPERATION. Golf carts shall not be operated on city street during one-half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise unless the golf $\,$ cart is equipped with two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart) and two operating tail lights

with brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which are visible from a distance of 500 feet. (Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77.99

§ 77.06 PLACE OF OPERATION. Golf carts may be operated on city street which have a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less. Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks or on the following national or state highways except to cross those highways at intersections in a path 90 degrees to the highways: SR 67 (Votaw Street), US 27 (Meridian

Street) or SR 26 (Water Street). (Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77.99

§ 77.07 OCCUPANTS. The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated.

(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77. 99 § 77.08 TRAFFIC RULES,

The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Indiana and the City of Portland which govern the operation of motor vehicles. (Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77.99

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§ 77.99 PENALTY.

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Three Patriots named All-ACAC

Faulkner, **Pearson** receive first-team honors

Three Patriots have been recognized as among the best in the conference.

Jay County High School's Quinn Faulkner and Dusty Pearson were named to the All-Allen County Athletic Confer-Myers earned honorable mention.

Faulkner, a senior innings.

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named to the first team as an infielder, led the Patriots (15-9, 3-3 ACAC) with a .405 batting average this year with a teambest 30 hits. He hit a team-high four home runs, scored 20 times and drove in 19 runs.

Pearson, a first-teamer as an outfielder, had the most RBIs of any JCHS player this year with 23. The junior batted .382 with 26 hits, a team-best seven doubles, and 13 runs.

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Among the stars

Jay County's Schwieterman scores six for junior all-stars

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review FORTVILLE — Indiana's best high school basketball players were gathered together Wednesday night.

A Patriot was among

Renna Schwieterman, who finished her junior year at Jay County High School last month, played for the Indiana Junior All-Stars in an 89-86 loss to the Indiana Senior All-Stars in their game at Mount Vernon.

"It's amazing," said Schwieterman. "It's definitely an awesome opportunity. ... It's amazing that I was able to come here and do this.

"And, fingers crossed, hopefully I'll get another opportunity next year. That's the goal."

Schwieterman started the game on the bench and got on the court for the first time at the 5:03 mark of the first quarter when coach Bob Lapadot of Garrett made wholesale substitutions.

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Jay County High School's Renna Schwieterman tries to drive past Hope Fox of East Central during the Indiana Junior-Senior All-Star game Wednesday at Mount Vernon. Schwieterman scored six points for the juniors in an 89-86 loss to the seniors.



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