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## Freeze approved



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Outgoing county attorney Bill Hinkle (right) shakes hands with new Jay County Council member Dave Haines after being presented with a memento of his more than 20 years of service. Hinkle is stepping away from the role at the end of the year — Wes Schemenaur will take over — but plans to continue in private practice.

## Council takes final step to implementing new policy regarding departing employees

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

A hiring freeze is in effect. Jay County Council on Wednesday took the final step to enacting a hiring freeze, passing an ordinance that would eliminate salary appropriations for positions after a period of time unless otherwise directed by county council. Jay County Commissioners had already approved the “elimination of salary” ordinance at their Nov. 28 meeting after agreeing to the procedure at a joint session between council and commissioners earlier that month.

The policy indicates the following requirements:  
•The county’s personnel committee be notified immediately by affected officeholders or department heads when any full-time employee is leaving a position.  
•The position to be vacated will be reviewed by the personnel committee within five working days.  
•A conference will be scheduled between the officeholder/department head and commissioners president for reviewing the position and advising county council.  
•Unless otherwise directed by council within 60 days of the

date the position is vacated, the salary appropriation for that position will be eliminated from the budget.  
Council members Jeanne Houchins, Ted Champ, Faron Parr, Matt Minnich, Harold Towell, Cindy Bracy and Dave Haines approved the ordinance unanimously.  
As part of the process, commissioners on Monday approved a resolution requiring department heads to pursue exit interviews and complete the appropriate exit forms for all outgoing employees.  
Commissioner Brian McCalliard pointed out Wednesday that employees can’t be forced to take

part in that process. County attorney Bill Hinkle noted, though, that it gives outgoing employees the opportunity to discuss why they are leaving and how their department operates.  
Council members also approved the 2023 salary ordinance, which includes raises that were part of the budget approved in October. Those included:  
•Between 12% and 27% raises for employees depending on their position at the sheriff’s office. Council also clarified the chief deputy’s pay as being 75% of the sheriff’s, setting that number at \$86,028.80 for next year.  
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## Writers skeptical about budget requests

Agencies presented their needs to state committee

By WHITNEY DOWARD  
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The Department of Child Services needs to increase rates for foster families and pay stipends for children in kinship care. More money is needed to develop a proposed 12,000 acre technology park in Boone County. These requests for funding continued to filter in this week as the state begins drafting its two-year budget plan. Agencies presented their needs before the State Budget Committee but the allocation of dollars will heavily depend on a revenue forecast due to be released on Thursday.

But key budget writers seem openly skeptical of spending requests, even those that get the nod of approval from Gov. Eric Holcomb.

Previously, Republican leaders questioned the requested increase for public health spending, even as Indiana’s per capita spending lags behind most of the nation.

Every agency will have increases incorporated into their budget presentations following a compensation study commissioned by Holcomb, who argues that the state’s problem with employee turnover is closely tied to its low salaries. Existing funds covered this fiscal year’s increases, implemented following the study’s October release, but continued funding is needed — to the tune of \$160 million from the General Fund.

But many agencies have other projects in need of funding on top of salary increases.

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## Winter storm knocks out power

By BRIAN K. SULLIVAN  
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Tribune News Service

A winter storm that killed two people earlier this week has knocked out power in five states and unleashed tornadoes near New Orleans. About 175,000 customers were without power in Michigan, Minnesota, West Virginia, Louisiana and hardest-hit Wisconsin Thursday as the massive system brought heavy snow, rain and high winds across the eastern U.S., according to PowerOutage U.S. More tornadoes are possible. As much as 8 to 12 inches (20 to 30 centimeters) of snow could fall across interior New York and northern New England through Friday, but the major cities along the Interstate 95 corridor will receive mainly rain, said Zack Taylor, a senior branch forecaster

with the U.S. Weather Prediction Center. Meanwhile, portions of the northern Great Plains and upper Midwest will have another day of heavy snow and blizzard conditions.  
“The worst of it looks like today, tonight and tomorrow,” Taylor said.  
Across the South from Texas to Florida, 52 tornadoes were reported since Monday, killing at least two people in Louisiana and injuring 22 more, according to the U.S. Storm Prediction Center. On Wednesday, several twisters hit around New Orleans, tossing debris and toppling some trees and power lines.  
In Washington, expected ice mainly missed the city, but some did fall in its suburbs. Government workers have a two-hour delay, the Office of Personnel Management said on its website.

## Young solo

Hunter Young performs a solo Sunday afternoon as part of Patriot Edition during the Jay County High School band and choir Christmas concert.



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### Deaths

Carol Landess, 91, Redkey  
Amber Sisco, 74, Dunkirk  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County’s temperature climbed to a high of 48 just before midnight Wednesday. The low early in the day was 37. Tonight’s low will be 29 with isolated snow showers possible. Expect a high of 35 Friday with scattered snow possible beginning in the late afternoon. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

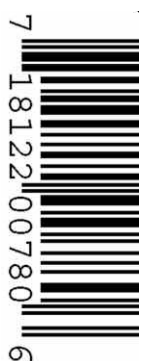
### In review

In November, the A Better Life — Brianna’s Hope podcast ranked 53rd among U.S. non-profit podcasts on Apple, according to podstatus.com. The podcats is available at ablh.org/podcast, on the Brianna’s Hope YouTube channel and on WPGW 100.9 FM.

### Coming up

Friday — Coverage of tonight’s Redkey Town Council meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday’s JCHS girls basketball game at South Adams.



Obituaries

Carol Rees Landess

June 24, 1931 — Dec. 9, 2022
She came, she loved and laughed, she left, was all Carol Rees Landess wanted for her obituary, but there is more to her incredible story.
Born on June 24, 1931, to the late Lefe and Etta Grove Rees, Carol attended Pleasant Vale Christian Church at Powers Station. She also attended Governor I.P. Gray at Mt. Pleasant, Jay County Schools, Indiana, and dropped out after junior year to marry Harry D. Landess at Pleasant Vale Christian

Church at Powers Station, Indiana, on May 12, 1948.
She raised three children and did odd jobs to make her "mad money." In 1966, she went back to school and finished her senior year where all her children attended in Redkey, Indiana.
In 1968, she enrolled at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, earning her bachelor's and master's degrees. She began teaching in 1971 at the age of 40 in Fort Recovery, Ohio. She also



Landess

taught at Coldwater, Ohio, and later Port St. Lucie Middle School in Port St. Lucie, Florida.
Harry and Carol moved to Athens, Tennessee, in 1998 where they became members of the Athens Christian Church.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Darrel Landess; two sons, Robert Kent Landess and Ronald Kris Landess; grandson Kristopher Kent Landess; two brothers, Johnny Rees and Don Rees; and three sisters, Lorena Shatto, Paula Downing and Fern Dawson.
Those remaining to carry on her legacy are her daughter, Paula Kay Whitney of Athens;

grandchildren Tod Allen Landess of Miami, Doretta Kaye Striker and spouse Barry of Athens, Tennessee, and Ronald Kris Landess and spouse Trang of Fremont, California; great-grandchildren Kyle Lee Striker of Athens, Tennessee, Ryan Kristopher Striker and spouse Jessica of Athens, Tennessee, Ian Allen Landess of Miami, and Alex Landess of Fremont; and great-great-grandchildren Karlee Lucretia Striker of Athens, Tennessee, Everleigh Reese Striker of Athens, Tennessee, Liam Kristopher Striker of Athens, Tennessee, and Kaydence Faith McCowan of Athens, Tennessee.

Graveside services and burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice Company of your choice in Mrs. Landess's loving memory.
Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.
Those unable to attend may express condolences at mjsmortuaries.com.
Amber L. Sisco, Dunkirk, June 11, 1948-Dec. 13, 2022. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Day (Friday 12/16 to Tuesday 12/20) and weather forecasts including temperature ranges and conditions like 'Mostly cloudy' or 'Sunny'.

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results for Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, and Ohio, including estimated jackpots and winning numbers.

Markets

Table listing market prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and beans in different regions such as Cooper Farms, POET Biorefining, and Heartland St. Anthony.

Today in history

In 1791, the U.S. Bill of Rights became law after Virginia ratified the first 10 amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
In 1864, under the direction of General George Thomas, Union soldiers defeated General John Bell Hood's Confederate forces in the Battle of Nashville, Tennessee.
In 1925, the first hockey game was played at Madison Square Garden in New York City against the Montreal Canadiens and New York Americans. The Canadiens won 3-1.
In 1939, "Gone with the Wind" premiered in theaters. The film, adapted by Margaret Mitchell's book by the same name, won eight Academy awards and other honors.
In 1942, the first vehicular license plate tabs in the United States were issued in Massachusetts.
In 1955, country singer Johnny Cash released his single, "Folsom Prison Blues."
In 2020, Indiana Supreme Court suspended jury trials statewide through March 1 because of the potential spread of COVID-19. Jay County Circuit Court judge Brian Hutchison estimated his court would need to reschedule about 15 jury trials set for January and February.
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Citizen's calendar

Table listing community events for Thursday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 18, including birth days and anniversaries.

Freeze ...

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Between 6% and 31% raises for positions at the highway department
Between 6% and 21% raises for employees at JEMS
Nearly 17% raises for jail cooks and Jay County Courthouse custodians — council specified they are jumping to \$15 an hour (Cooks work 30 hours a week.)
About 15% raises for both Jay County Health Department's administrator and nurse
About 6% raises for courthouse security and jail maintenance
Also approved were amendments to this year's salary ordinance, changing pay for the Jay County Country Living director/superintendent to \$21.69 per hour and Jay County Emergency Management director to \$24.79 per hour.
Council members also discussed the status of Jay County Country Living (formerly Jay County Retirement Center), with Houchins noting that revenue is up about \$15,000 over 2021 while expenses are down about \$14,000.
McGalliard further explained that the facility should be on track to approximately break even in 2023. He said there are currently 23 residents, all of whom are paying. (Previously there were 17 residents with only eight paying, he said.)
"Council requested we make dramatic changes and improvements

and make it more financially acceptable by the council and commissioners," he said. "I myself feel like we held up our end of the deal."
Towell questioned McGalliard regarding financial losses over the facility over the last 10 years — commissioners on Monday wrote off \$48,373.01 in debt from the facility — asking how that can be justified to the taxpayers of the county. He also questioned how many of the residents at the facility are from Jay County.
McGalliard responded that he can't speak to past performance from before he was in office but that every effort is being made now to allow the facility to be self-supporting. Several council members also spoke in support of the facility and its current direction.
"It's a heck of a lot better today than it was yesterday," said Champ.
Several council members and McGalliard also praised the efforts of current director Melissa Blankley, with Houchins saying the individual in that position is key to the facility's success.
Jay County Commissioners president Chad Aker, on behalf of commissioners and council members, presented Hinkle with a memento honoring his more than 20 years of service as county attorney. Hinkle is retiring from that role at the end of the year, though he plans to continue in private practice.

Champ, who lost his bid for re-election to Republican Randy May, also expressed his thanks to fellow council members and the community for his 10 years in the role, saying it has been an honor.
In other business, council:
Approved, with Towell dissenting, a salary analysis by consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates of Muncie at a cost of \$17,640. Towell said after the meeting that he voted no because council has spent money to have similar studies done previously and not followed the advice given.
OK'd additional appropriations including \$1 million via an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant for paving of State Line Road; \$40,000 to jail — other compensation for overtime; \$26,000 to Jay Emergency Medical Service wages — overtime; \$20,000 to jail — medical hospital; \$10,000 to sheriff — other compensation; \$5,000 each to surveyor — other garage and motor supplies and 911 wages — other compensation; \$3,500 to backhoe repair and replacement; \$3,100 to Jay-Portland Building and Planning for health insurance; a \$2,000 donation for sheriff's office equipment; and \$207 for pauper counsel.
Approved a long list of transfers for various departments to ensure no budget line item will finish the year with a negative balance.

Budget ...

Continued from page 1
Education funding for K-12 schools already is just over half of the state's \$17 billion budget. On top of that, the Department of Education outlined its requests.
Katie Jenner, the state's secretary of education, said the governor's proposed budget would include an increase to the state's tuition support formula following the release of the December forecast on Thursday.
Jenner outlined programs to cover costs for students who fell a few courses short of completing a degree as well as efforts to train teachers for special education and English learning classes. In particular, she said, the state needed to invest in literacy, which fell during the pandemic, at least enough to meet an additional \$10 million matching grant with Eli Lilly.
"We are presently sitting at a place as a state where one in five children are not reading by the end of third grade. I hate sharing that data point with you; our schools don't love that data point either," Jenner said. "We're going to do everything we can to make sure that all of our children can read."
Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-

Bremen, said last week he was skeptical of additional spending when inflation had already hurt the previous cycle's budget, inflating construction costs on capital improvement projects.
Some areas where the legislature had embraced increased spending hadn't met the state's needs, he said.
"We invest more and more money in K-12 but all we read about is how the kids are performing worse," Mishler said.
Dan Rusyniak, the secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), highlighted the unprecedented need for FSSA programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, urging investment to rebuild the agency's systems rather than administer a quick fix.
"When systems are put under stress, particularly when they're put under severe stress, you tend to see where the cracks are," Rusyniak said. "The last couple of years have put our systems ... under tremendous stress and as such have really shown us where we have system-related challenges."
FSSA gets the bulk of its funding from federal sources and oversees the second-largest portion of the budget: Medicaid

SERVICES
Friday
Smith, Mary: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Sisco, Amber: 10 a.m., Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery.
Saturday
Landess, Carol: 1 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.
Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS, 120 N. Meridian St., Portland, Indiana 47371, (260) 726-9201, progressiveofficeproducts.com

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## Treehouse trimming

A treehouse is decorated with holiday lights in front of a house on Dec. 10 in Lincolnwood, Illinois.

## Ex won't leave partner alone

DEAR ABBY: For six months I was in a relationship with a meth addict who cheated on me constantly.

Dear Abby



The woman he left me for has accused him of cheating with ME. Am I wrong to want nothing to do with him? I know it would only end in heartache, or another physical fight where the police will be called again.

He's hit me before, which is why I have blocked him on everything. I don't want to speak to him even if I see him in person. I'm better off, but he won't stop. He tries every couple of months. Help, please. — ADDICT'S EX IN TENNESSEE

DEAR EX: Continue to ignore and avoid this addict.

If he shows up,

remind him that he's out of your life, you want to keep it that way, and if he doesn't stop stalking you, you will file a police report. In light of his violent past, a court order might be the next logical step.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

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# Keep exercising safely through winter

By BRIAN ISON

Living in Indiana during the winter months can have limitations with activity and exercising. The changes in the season not only bring the holidays but can limit opportunities to get outside for exercise and activity. We often find ourselves staying indoors due to cold and blustery weather.

### What are some ways to stay active during the winter months?

If the winter weather prevents you from getting outside, you don't have to limit your activity. Staying active is important all year. Simple exercises with movement of the arms and legs will help to keep the joints moving and limit stiffness from inactivity. If you do not have hand

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weights or exercise bands, you can use bottled water or soup cans to perform resistance exercises. Other indoor activities include stair climbing, active housework such as sweeping or sitting to standing from a chair and walking room to room in your house. There are many other options to get active such as bowling, yoga or walking in a mall or department store. Your local fitness center or community center may also have a variety of exercises classes from begin-

ner to advance cardiovascular workouts.

### How can I safely exercise outdoors in the cold?

When exercising outdoors, it is key to know the signs of hypothermia. Children and elderly may experience these symptoms earlier and need to be monitored closely.

The symptoms include:  
lack of coordination  
mental confusion  
slowed reactions  
slurred speech  
cold feet and hands  
shivering

Seek emergency help right away for possible hypothermia.

Also, anytime you are exercising hydration is important, even when it's cold outside. Drink plenty of water before and after

your exercise routine. Avoid drinking caffeinated and sugary drinks before exercising. Consumption of high calorie-sugary drinks can result in increased thirst and could decrease tolerance for exercise.

Dressing in layers is also important. When deciding to head outdoors to exercise in the cold weather, staying warm, dressing in layers and staying dry is the key. A little preparation can keep you safe from cold weather hazards like hypothermia and frostbite. Cold temperatures, strong winds and damp conditions (like rain and snow) steal your body heat. For example, according to the National Weather Service, a 30-degree day with 30-mile-an-hour winds feels like about 15 degrees. And if you get wet (from rain, snow or per-

spiration) that effect is only magnified. That's why layers of clothing are so important. They help trap the heat and form a kind of insulation against the elements.

Resist layering with cotton. Once cotton becomes wet with sweat or snow, the moisture is trapped and will actually make you feel colder (and heavier). For your first layer, you want something that pulls moisture away from your skin, like the moisture wicking fabrics used in high-performance sportswear. Next, add a layer of fleece; finally, top with a thin waterproof layer.

Resources provided by American Heart Association. Brian Ison is the physical therapy and rehabilitation supervisor at IU Health Jay.

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@theocr.com](mailto:news@theocr.com).

### Today

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

**EN AVANT CLUB** — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

**ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month

in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

**JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY** — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

**PORTLAND LIONS CLUB** — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

**MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF NATIONAL SOCIETY OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** — Will meet on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Jay County Historical Museum. Chapter will give the Citizenship for Outstanding Volunteerism Award. Please

bring non-perishable food items to donate to Trinity United Methodist Church in Portland. This is last chapter meeting until March 2023. Any questions, please call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

**FORGET-ME-NOT** — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

### Friday

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

### Saturday

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — 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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

**MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER** — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is [museumofthesoldier.com](http://museumofthesoldier.com).

### Sunday

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

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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8	1	2	4	9	5	6	7	3
6	5	3	7	2	1	8	4	9
9	3	6	1	7	2	5	8	4
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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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# Help save the city's big, blue bridge

To the editor:

We are hoping that many in our community are now aware of the state's plans to take the Big Blue Bridge down and dismantle it, leaving another iconic piece of Portland, Indiana, gone and forgotten.

The big, blue, steel truss bridge on the east end of Portland is slated for removal this upcoming spring, with a very plain concrete bridge in its place.

This bridge is a piece of Portland's history and identifies our community with a point of interest, along with connecting our community with visitors from Fort Recovery, Ohio, and many who come to visit Portland during the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show, Jay County Fair, Jay County Heritage Festival and many other community events we host.

Our wonderful history museum is just within sight of the

## Letters to the Editor

bridge. How awesome to keep and connect the history museum to this bridge. New ideas often need old buildings and, in this case, a bridge.

Close your eyes and imagine our east end of Portland without this bridge. I know for our family walking the Kelly Baggs Nature Trail and seeing the bridge was always a fun outdoor adventure, coming home from trips that took us east of Portland, our kids would perk up as they saw the bridge coming up. They would shout out, "We are almost home." I can imagine many other families and resi-

dents feel the same when they cross the bridge entering into Portland.

The bridge also has Indiana history. The bridge was built with Indiana ingenuity in 1941 by Yost Brothers of Decatur, Indiana, and Indiana State Highway Commission. American Bethlehem steel plant and its historical H steel beam — you can still see the embossed Bethlehem Steel stamp on the underside of many of the beams.

Please keep this bridge here in Portland, Indiana, and in this location.

There are a few options for this bridge as researched by Jenny Jonas Bricker.

Restoration of the bridge is possible and doable for a fraction of the cost over completely replacing this bridge, if kept in place.

The bridge could be moved over to connect Jay-Randolph

Developmental Services and their fitness trail and east side neighborhoods. Jay County Trails club has a map for a bike pedestrian trail plan in place and could easily include the bridge for pedestrian traffic only and would be willing to help seek grants, if available, with Portland claiming the bridge. We would then have three bridges connecting our wonderful Hudson Family Park and the trail to this bridge for biking, walking, running and pedestrian use. What a tremendous showcase to have in our community to attract new visitors and benefit our residents' quality of life.

Is this doable?

Yes. Many communities have done this and we can too. We do, however, need our community to be very vocal and help save this historical bridge for Portland, Indiana.

Thank you Jay County Com-

missioners for taking notice and taking action.

Help our local officials and State of Indiana/Indiana Department of Transportation reimagine and keep this bridge for our community and visitors to enjoy.

If you need more information, INDOT plans, etc. please reach out to one of us and we can email you information to read. Please sign the online petition at Change.org or at many locations here in Jay County. Please join the online Save The Big Blue Bridge — Portland on Facebook. You can also contact Jenny Jonas Bricker at skybrickerfamily@gmail.com or (260) 251-5596, Jennifer Hartley at jenhart612@gmail.com or jaycountytrailsclub@gmail.com for Big Blue Bridge information.

Sincerely Kevin and Theresa Inman family  
Portland

## Physicians face difficult times

By KELLY HAWES

CNHI News Indiana

It's tough being a physician these days.

Just ask Rob Hoffman, a specialist in hospital care with a practice in Madison, Wisconsin.

"Somewhere along the line, a significant part of the population has become convinced that all COVID treatment is a political issue," he told the Wisconsin Examiner.

Hoffman was responding to a court case involving 60-year-old John Zingheim, who had been admitted to the Aurora Medical Center in September 2021. Two weeks later, he was on a ventilator, and his nephew Allen Gahl was desperate.

Gahl turned to the internet, where he found ivermectin, a drug some suggested might provide a miracle cure. Gahl found a physician willing to prescribe the drug, and he asked the hospital's medical staff to administer it.

His uncle's physicians refused, saying the drug had not been proven to work and might have negative side effects including heart, liver and kidney damage and stroke.

Gahl went to court represented by Karen Mueller, who was then in the midst of a failed campaign for Wisconsin attorney general.

The trial court judge granted Gahl's petition, but an appeals court in May reversed the ruling, concluding that a judge had no legal authority to force a hospital to violate its standard of care.

The case is now pending before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and organizations representing nearly 10,000 physicians have filed an amicus brief.

The American Medical Association and Wisconsin Medical Society note in their brief that their members have treated nearly 2 million patients for COVID-19.

"Their task has been greatly complicated," the brief reads, "by misinformation about COVID-19 and risky treatments touted as miracle cures, like ivermectin."

Ivermectin is a drug used to treat parasites in animals and, in some cases, humans. It has not been approved for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19.

"The overwhelming majority of studies investigating ivermectin have not found it to be an effective

Kelly Hawes



COVID-19 treatment," the brief says, noting that even the drug's manufacturer doesn't recommend its use for such purposes.

Wendy Molaska, president of the Wisconsin Medical Society, told Wisconsin Public Radio that most studies show ivermectin is not only ineffective but dangerous as a treatment for COVID-19.

"The opening line in our brief says it all," she said. "Physicians are 'ethically and legally bound to provide quality, evidence-based medical care to their patients.' Any order compelling a physician or a hospital to do something that falls below even the minimum standard of care goes beyond troubling. It's quite honestly scary."

Pilar Ossorio, a professor of bioethics at the University of Wisconsin Law School, describes the phenomenon.

"There's this idea that whatever a patient wants, they should get," she told the Examiner. "There's a political movement behind it. 'It's my body. We don't care what our doctors think about ivermectin.'" Hoffman has had patients get mad and threaten to take him to court when he balks at their requests for unproven drugs like ivermectin. He rejects the idea that a court should decide such issues.

"It doesn't seem to me that any judge has any qualifications to make that judgment on behalf of the patient," he said. "These medical decisions are extremely complicated. That's why people go through years and years of training."

Appeals Court Judge Lori Kornblum agrees.

"We do not decide the medical question of what the standard of care should be," she wrote in the ruling backing up the hospital and its physicians. "We are not doctors."

She makes an excellent point.

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## Becoming a father changes brain

By JEFFERY M. LEVING

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

For better and for worse, the link between biological parents and their children is well known, from a child inheriting a mother's wit and skill at math to inheriting a father's nose and short temper. It turns out children also cause a change in a father's brain, according to new evidence, improving their ability to empathize and process things visually.

Researchers from the University of Southern California found that women aren't the only ones who go through physical change when they become parents. Men's brains, according to a research study published in the journal Cerebral Cortex, undergo measurable changes after their children arrive.

Those changes involve slight brain shrinkage that contributes to neuroplasticity, which is the brain's ability to create and form new synaptic connections to adapt to new experiences. In layperson's terms, it affects areas in the brain linked to empathy and visual processing.

"Becoming a parent entails changes to your lifestyle and your biology," said Darby Saxbe, the study's senior author and a professor of psychology at USC's Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, in a statement. "And it requires new skills like being able to empathize with a nonverbal infant, so it makes sense but has not been proven that the brain would be particularly plastic during the transition to parenthood as well."

The study examined the brain scans of 40 expectant fathers — 20

Jeffery M. Leving



in the U.S. and 20 in Spain — and also looked at a control group of 17 childless men in Spain. Saxbe and her team found that the most significant changes in the expectant fathers occurred in the cortex, the brain's outer layer that manages attention, planning and executive functioning. By comparing scans made before and after the babies were born, changes where the brain processes visual information and areas that are part of the brain's default mode network were noticed. Conversely, the childless men showed no change.

The default mode network refers to regions of the brain that "light up" when the brain is at rest (not doing a particularly cognitive task), Saxbe told USC News.

"These regions are thought to be involved in mentalizing about other people's thoughts and feelings. The fact that we found changes in that part of the brain both for fathers suggests that there is some remodeling of the social brain taking place," Saxbe said.

Men also go through hormone changes when they become fathers, according to Lauren Cook-McKay, a licensed marriage and family therapist who was quoted in Healthline.

"The man's cortisol and testosterone levels generally dip within the first few weeks of being a father," she said. "This somehow

makes fathers less aggressive, bringing them close to their children. New fathers also experience an increase in prolactin, oxytocin, and estradiol, which causes a man to exhibit nurturing behaviors."

Cook-McKay also said something that I've been writing about for some time, that being with your infant child is beneficial for both child and parents.

"Parental psychological adjustment determines parental involvement," Cook-McKay said. "Parents who have poor parental psychological adjustments tend to be less involved with their children. Engaging with an infant can help produce positive effects in terms of responsiveness and attentiveness."

Engaging with your infant child is vital for fathers because it establishes a strong relationship between father and child early on. I've written several times over the years about the numerous studies that have shown that children tend to do much better behaviorally and emotionally when both of their parents play a meaningful role in their lives.

The USC study shows that there's more research to be done on how the brain reacts to things such as fear, learning and reward when becoming a father, as well as effects from sleep deprivation and stress. While we have known the impact of fathers on their children, it is interesting to learn of the biological impact of children on their fathers.

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**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Extra chance**

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 7 3  
♥ A 10 8 2  
♦ J 7 4  
♣ 9 3

**EAST**  
♠ K 10 8 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 10 9 6 2  
♣ J 7 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ 6  
♥ K Q J 9 7 4  
♦ A K 5 3  
♣ A 2

reached a very reasonable six-heart contract, and West led the king of clubs.  
**Making the slam** appeared to depend on a successful spade finesse as the only way to avoid a club loser. At the first table, South briefly considered the alternative of cashing the ace of spades and ruffing two spades in his hand in the hope that the king would fall, but he correctly dismissed this as nowhere near as good a possibility as the straightforward finesse.

Accordingly, after taking the club ace, he drew trump and led a spade to the queen. East won with the king and returned a club, and that was that — down one.

At the other table, South spotted a superior line of play — one that would give him an extra chance without having to try the spade finesse initially.

He saw that there was no reason to risk the spade finesse if he did not have to lose a diamond. This could happen if either defender was dealt the singleton or doubleton diamond queen — about a 1-in-6 possibility. So, after drawing trump, he cashed the A-K of diamonds. When the queen fell, the spade finesse became unnecessary, and South lost only a club to make the slam.

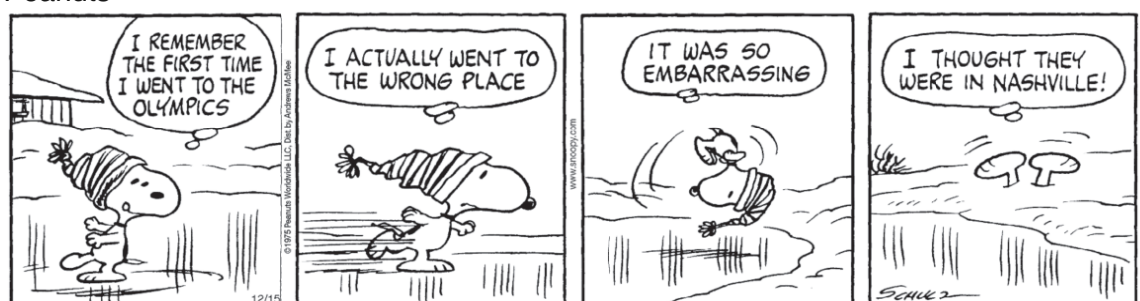
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North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♥ Pass 6♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.  
Stated in the simplest terms, declarer's main job is to give himself the best chance of making his contract. At times, determining the most promising line of play can be extremely complicated, with any number of variables needing to be considered and assessed. In many cases, though, the solution is rather easy to find.

Take this case from a Grand National Teams knockout match. At both tables North-South

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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**Peanuts**



**Rose is Rose**



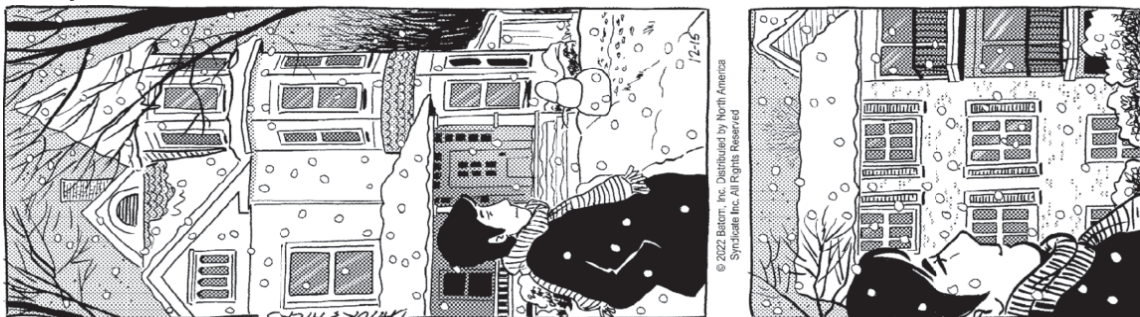
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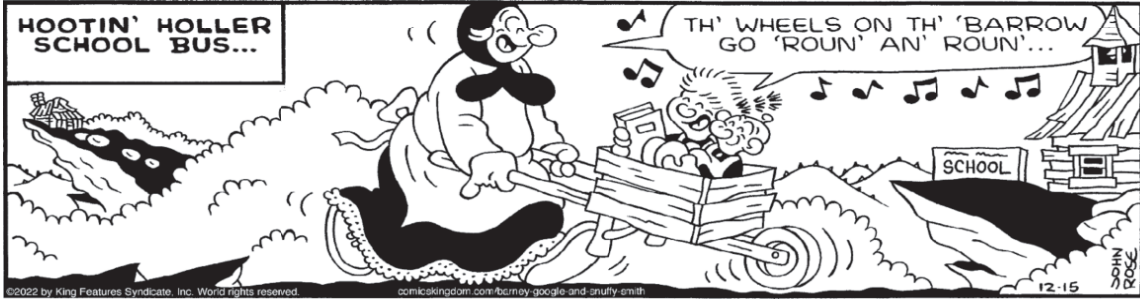
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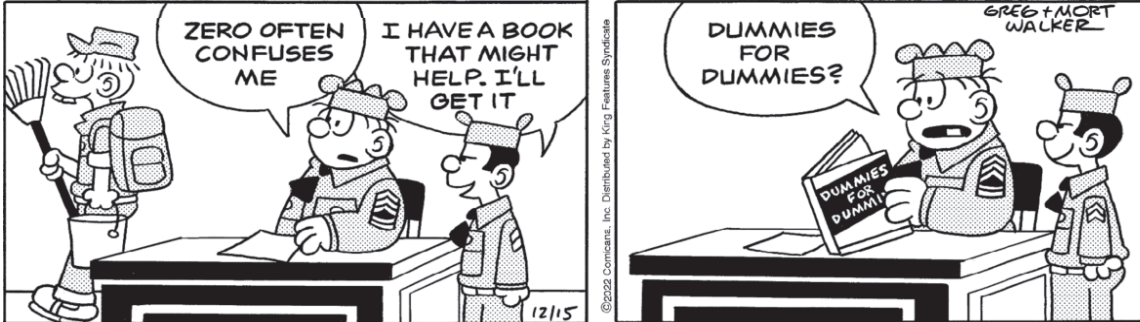
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**12-15 CRYPTOQUIP**

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SRIUORM DKMQ FRORUIR G  
PTQ TB BGE DGUP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A HORSE PROVES VICTORIOUS IN ALL THREE TRIPLE CROWN RACES, IT'S A WIN-WIN-WIN SITUATION.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals G

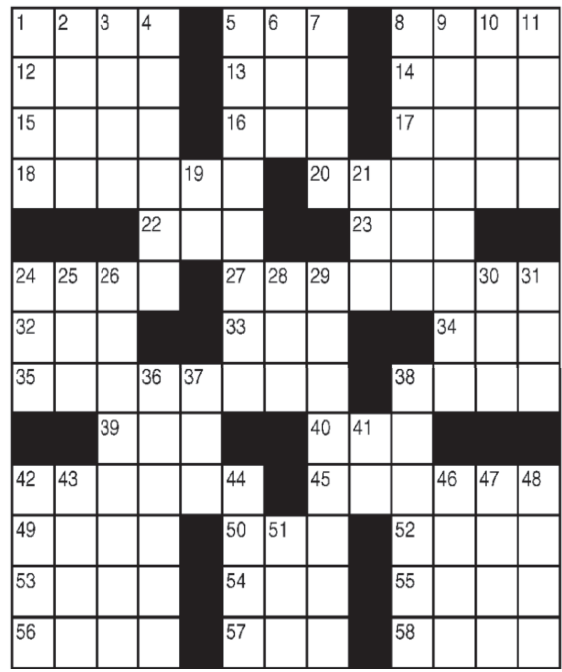
**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                       | <b>DOWN</b>                  |
| 1 Mighty trees                      | 1 Spoken                     |
| 5 Gridiron scores, for short        | 2 Car                        |
| 8 Dance move                        | 3 Shoelace snarl             |
| 12 Ancient letter                   | 4 Old photo tints            |
| 13 "Alley —"                        | 5 Limo alternatives          |
| 14 Sped                             | 6 Female rabbit              |
| 15 At the summit of                 | 7 Detail, in short           |
| 16 Teeny cry                        | 8 Brief jobs                 |
| 17 Victor's skin soother            | 9 County sub-division        |
| 20 Film festival city               | 10 Pennsyl- vania port abbr. |
| 22 Rainbow fractions                | 11 Corrals                   |
| 23 Snapshots                        | 19 Choice word?              |
| 27 Waylaid                          |                              |
| 32 — Mae (Whoopi's role in "Ghost") |                              |
| 33 Aussie hopper                    |                              |
| 34 Neither Rep. nor Dem.            |                              |
| 35 Starbucks order                  |                              |
| 38 Makes a choice                   | 21 Prefix with punctuation   |
| 39 Have breakfast                   | 24 "The Raven" writer        |
| 40 Gingerbread —                    | 25 Check-cashing needs       |
| 42 In disarray                      | 26 South African city        |
| 45 Polynesian island                | 28 Aug. and Sept.            |
| 49 New Mexico resort                | 29 Place of prosperity       |
| 50 Id counterpart                   | 30 Tolkien creature          |
| 52 Scent                            | 31 Driller's deg.            |
| 53 Life — know it                   | 36 Elevated                  |
| 54 Dazzle                           | 37 Time-table abbr.          |
| 55 Spartan queen                    | 38 In phone limbo            |
| 56 Poker holding                    | 41 Battery size              |
| 57 Junior                           | 42 Hexagonal state           |
|                                     | 43 "Apollo 13" org.          |
|                                     | 44 Ever-greens               |
|                                     | 46 Notion                    |
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## Nearing the fall

Ethan Reiley of Jay County High School pushes Norwell's Connor Dreiband toward the mat during their match as part of Jay County's 52-24 victory Tuesday. Reiley's pin in 2 minutes, 44 seconds, was part of a run of seven straight victories for the Class 2A No. 1 (13th overall) Patriots to end the match.

## Pacers ...

Continued from page 8  
Curry scored the Warriors' final 10 points of the first half, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer. He was hunched over on the court before trailing his teammates into the locker room moments later. Exhaustion and frustration seem to set in.

But something clicked during the break. The Warriors found new life in the second half as they flipped the script on the Pacers. During a 10-0 run, Curry did his best quarterback impression, passing the ball down the court to Jordan Poole, who made a transition layup to make it 77-64.

Later on, Curry was fouled on a difficult put-back basket. He made the and-1 to make it 83-80 with 4:16 left in the third. But that was the closest the Warriors would get to the Pacers, who responded with back-to-back 3s.

Tyrese Haliburton led the winning effort for Indiana, going 9-of-17 from the field and hitting half of his 10 3-point tries for 29 points. Rookie Ben Mathurin added 24 points and six rebounds off the bench and Myles Turner finished with 21 points.

# Board clears was for UCLA move to Big 10

By BEN BOLCH,  
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Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service  
LOS ANGELES — After months of haggling over UCLA's end-around move to join the Big Ten Conference, the University of California regents are stepping aside and allowing the departure to proceed as planned. The regents voted during a meeting Wednesday at UCLA to allow the Bruins to join the Big Ten provided they take mea-

sures to mitigate travel and address other athlete well-being issues.

By joining crosstown rival USC as part of an expanded Big Ten that will include 16 teams — stationery be damned — the Bruins will help form the nation's first coast-to-coast conference as well as a worthy foil to the supercharged Southeastern Conference.

The move slated for August 2024 is expected to secure the financial future of a UCLA athletic department swimming in

nine figures of debt while also avoiding the possibility of cutting Olympic sports teams. In just its first year of Big Ten membership, the school is projected to pocket \$65 million to \$75 million in media rights revenue, roughly doubling what it would have made by remaining in the Pac-12 Conference.

UCLA's bolting for greener pastures while leaving its sister school, UC Berkeley, behind as part of a diminished Pac-12 were among the reasons the move caused a massive uproar in polit-

ical and academic circles. A few weeks after the decision was announced June 30, Gov. Gavin Newsom expressed outrage that UCLA would make such a monumental move without fully disclosing its plans to the regents except for UC President Michael V. Drake.

The regents spent several months assessing the proposed move, as well as their ability to thwart its execution if they chose to do so. During a meeting at UCLA's Luskin Center in August, UC system attorney

Charlie Robinson told the regents they retained the authority to block UCLA's departure even though UCLA Chancellor Gene Block had operated within his delegated authority to execute a contract involving his school.

Other critics of the move weighed in, including Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff, UCLA basketball legend Bill Walton and Ramogi Huma, a former Bruins linebacker and executive director of the National College Players Association.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls basketball at New Castle — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Southern Wells — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Versailles — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Girls wrestling at Findlay — 4 p.m.; Boys basketball at Delta — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball (including freshman) at Versailles — 6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Jay County — Boys wrestling at Carroll — 9 a.m.; Girls wrestling at Findlay — 9 a.m.; Girls basketball at South Adams — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Ansonia — 6 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: South Carolina vs. South Dakota State (ESPN2)  
9 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Edmonton Oilers (Bally Indiana)

**Friday**  
11:30 a.m. — College football: Miami (Ohio) vs. UAB (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — College football: UTSA vs. Troy (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (Bally Indiana); Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

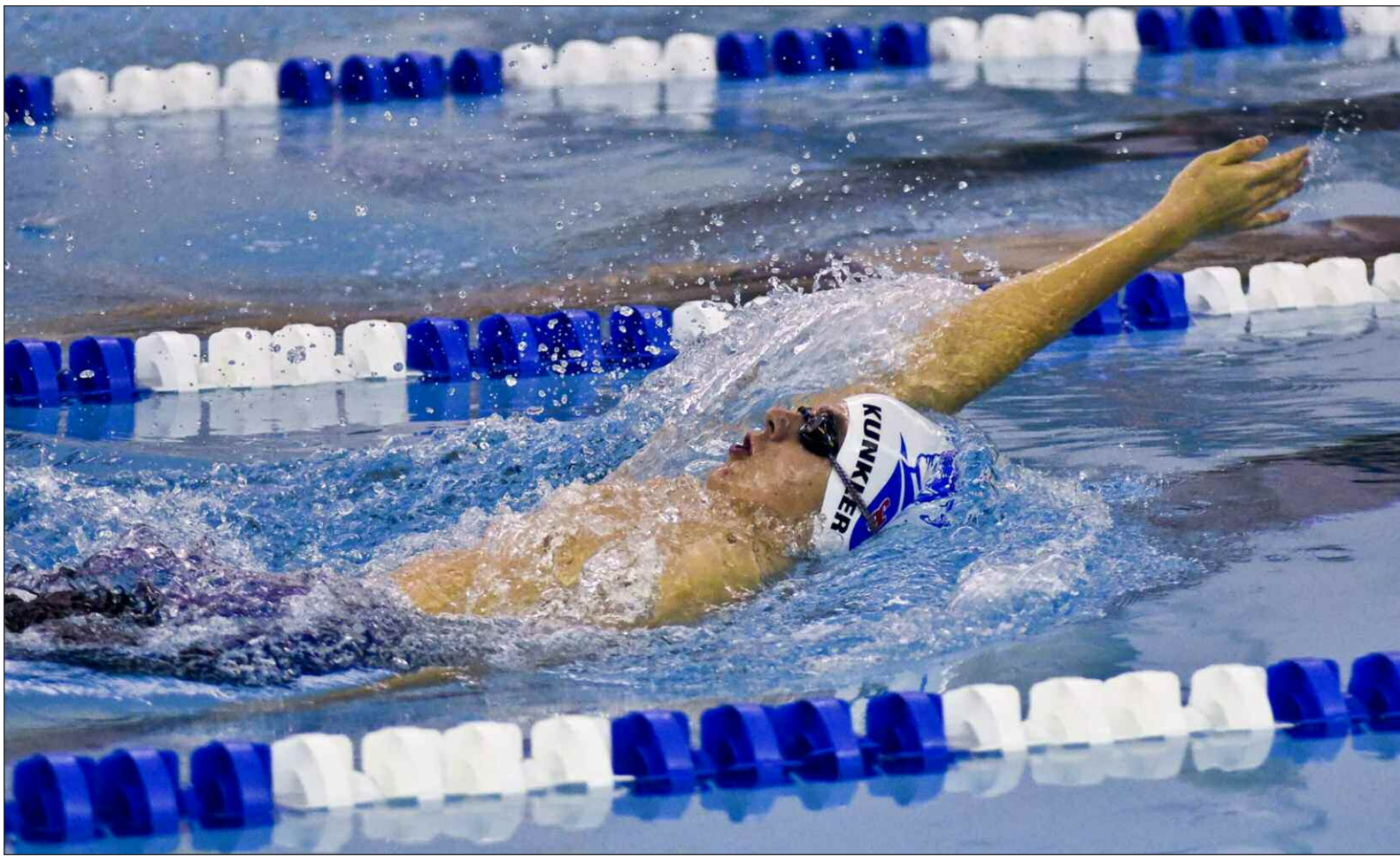
**Saturday**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup bronze medal game — Morocco vs. Croatia (FOX)  
11 a.m. — College football: Cincinnati vs. Louisville (ESPN)  
Noon — College football: Jackson State vs. North Carolina Central (ABC)  
Noon — Men's college basketball: Wake Forest at Rutgers (BTN); Indiana at Kansas (ESPN2)  
2 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour Champions — PNC Championship (NBC)

2:30 p.m. — College football: Florida vs. Oregon State (ESPN)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Washington State vs. Fresno State (ABC)  
4 p.m. — College football: Montana State vs. South Dakota State (ESPN2)  
5:45 p.m. — College football: Rice vs. Southern Mississippi (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: SMU vs. BYU (ABC)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Southeast Missouri State at Iowa (BTN)

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All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 6th day of December, 2022. <b>HINKLE, RACSTER &amp; SCHEMENAUR</b> 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47371 Attorney Jon Eads Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana CR 12-8,15-2022 HSPAXLP	<b>CASH PAID FOR JUNK CARS</b> Any year, any condition. Running or not. We tow away. 765-578-0111 or 260-729-2878. Massey's Towing <b>WE PAY CASH</b> for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. 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# Sports



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Medley reach

Jay County High School senior Wyatt Kunkler swims the backstroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay Tuesday during the Patriots' meet against the visiting Delta Eagles. Kunkler was the runner-up in the 100 butterfly.

## FRHS grad helps Oilers to W

Double-digit rebounding one game.

Double-digit scoring the next.

In various ways, Val Muhlenkamp has been making an impact.

The 2020 Fort Recovery High School graduate's rebounding helped the **Collegiate Check-up** University of Findlay women's basketball team halt a three-game skid Saturday.

Muhlenkamp pulled down 10 rebounds Saturday to lead the Oilers (4-6) to a 44-32 advantage on the glass in an 18-point win over Tiffin. Four of her boards came on the offensive end.

She also scored six points and had one steal.

Muhlenkamp then totaled a dozen points, second on the team to 14 from fellow junior Kate Ellis, five rebounds and a block in a 62-57 loss Tuesday to Hillsdale.

She recorded three points and two rebounds Dec. 8 in a 65-57 loss to Gannon.

Muhlenkamp is the Findlay's No. 2 rebounder at 4.3 per game and is fourth in scoring at 5.9 points per game.

### Lizzy Dollar Jay County - 2022

Went 2-2 for the NAIA No. 10 Indiana Tech women's wrestling team Saturday at the North Central Women's College Open in Naperville, Illinois.

Dollar opened with a loss to Danielle Garcia of King University before bouncing back with consecutive victories over Carthage college's Jennifer Villagomez by technical fall and Wisconsin Stevens Point's Angelica Torres Lima by a 5-4 decision. She dropped her final match by pin to Augsburg's Brinley Cowley.

### Alli Vaughn Fort Recovery - 2021

Started for the Huntington University women's basketball team in a 71-63 loss Saturday to Marion.

Vaughn scored all of her nine points on 3-pointers as she went 3-of-4 from long distance. She also had five rebounds, two blocks, two assists and a steal.

### Lindy Wood Jay County - 2022

Competed for the University of St. Francis women's track team Friday at the Grand Valley State University Holiday Open.

Wood placed 19th in the 800-meter run. She finished in 2 minutes, 34.79 seconds.

## Pacers win as GS loses Curry

By **MADELINE KENNEY**  
The Mercury News  
Tribune News Service

With the Warriors' leader gone, Indiana took advantage.

The Pacers knocked off Golden State 125-119 in a game that Stephen Curry departed with a left shoulder injury.

Curry, who carried the team all night, tweaked his shoulder while trying to strip Jalen Smith at the

2:04 mark of the third quarter. Curry was in severe pain as he grabbed his left shoulder. Coach Steve Kerr called a timeout, and the Warriors superstar went straight to the locker room.

The Warriors announced in the fourth quarter that he would not return to the game. Curry finished the night with 38 points while shooting 11 for 19 from the field and 5 for 10 from 3-point land. He also

had seven rebounds, seven assists, two steals and a blocked shot.

Curry did it all for the Warriors from the start. He scored 15 of the Warriors' 26 first-quarter points to keep them within one of the Pacers.

After a strong first few minutes, things started to fall apart for Golden State.

The Warriors' defense was in shambles, which allowed the Pac-

ers to score in transition and nail open 3s. That was especially notable in an explosive second quarter during which the Pacers outscored the Warriors 47-28. The Pacers went 16 for 24 from the field and 9 for 13 from deep in the final 12 minutes of the first half. None of the Warriors — except Curry — had answers for the Pacers. They looked sluggish and out of sorts.

See **Pacers** page 7

## France moves to World Cup final

By **KEVIN BAXTER**  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

AL KHOR, Qatar — The glass slipper didn't fit. The coach turned back into a pumpkin. The dress ball ended without so much as a date.

Just minutes before the clock struck midnight Wednesday in Qatar, Morocco's Cinderella run in the World Cup ended — and it didn't end happily ever after. It ended the way most everybody expected it would, in a victory that sends France to a second straight World Cup final.

The final score was 2-0, with the goals coming from defender Theo Hernandez in the fifth minute and from second-half substitute Randal Kolo Muani, who scored on his first touch 44 seconds after coming off the bench in the 79th minute.

But if France won, Morocco didn't exactly lose. How could it lose after becoming the first African and first Arab country to reach the final four of a World Cup? How could it lose when just one other

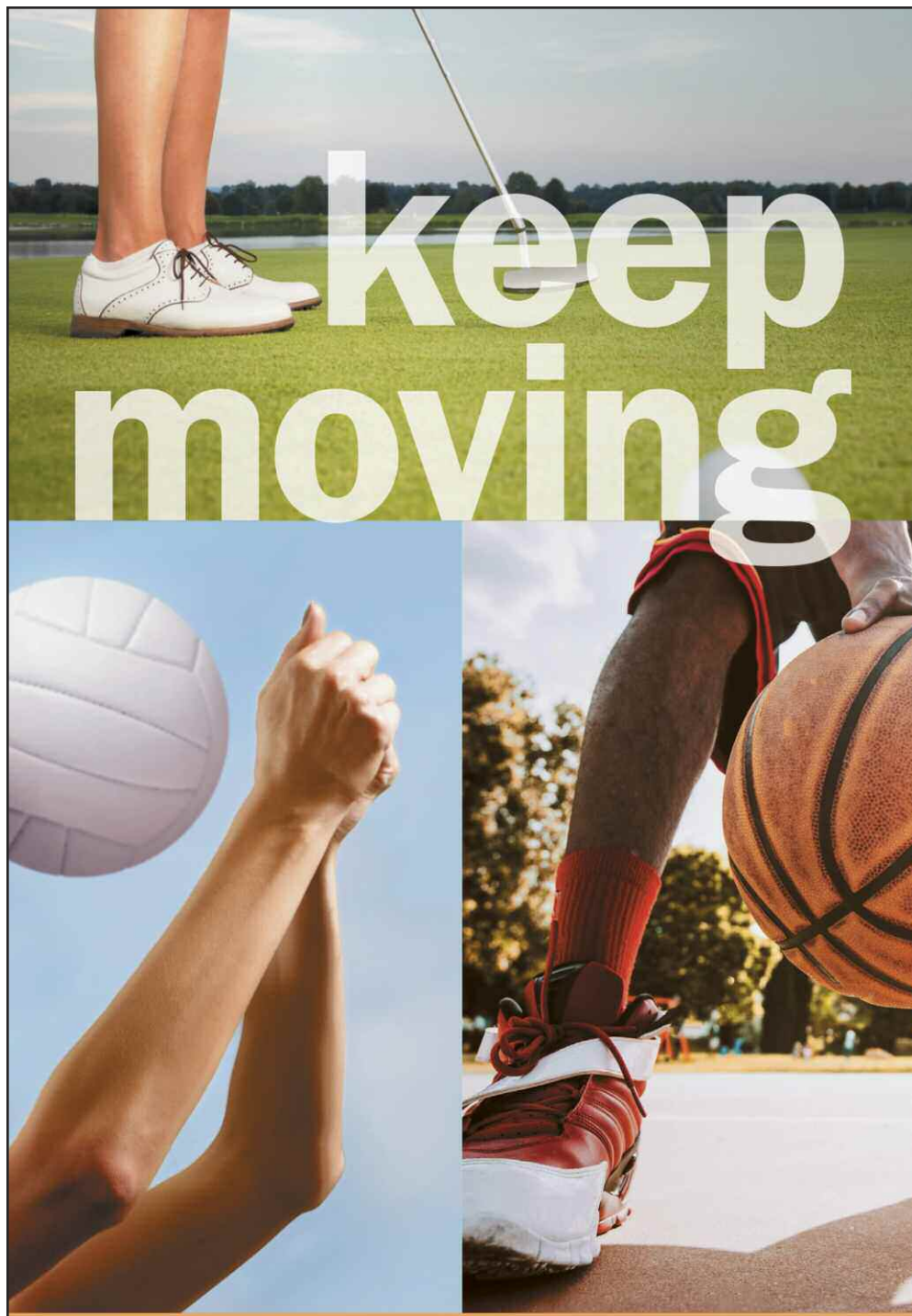
country outside Europe and South America has gotten this far in the last 92 years?

"We gave everything on the pitch. And that's already quite an achievement," Rezagui said. "At a World Cup this was perhaps one step too far. Physically we came up short tonight. We have too many players that were 60, 70% — and have been for some time."

"They got as far as they could. They really wanted to make history. But you don't win the World Cup through miracles."

A win over Argentina in Sunday's final would make France the first men's team to win consecutive World Cups in 60 years. It will also make coach Didier Deschamps the only person to win two titles as a coach and one as a player.

"I'm not the most important thing here, the team is more important than I am," said Deschamps. "Of course, I'm proud, and we know we all have this chance now of defending our title in the final. That's a great achievement already."



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