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Record presentation

Joe Freeman, the father of previous record holder Shannon Freeman, presents the game ball to Jay County High School senior Renna Schwieterman from the Dec. 15 win over New Castle in which she broke the Patriots' all-time scoring record. Schwieterman had 27 points that game to surpass Freeman's 1,458 career points by one.

Redkey council approves property insurance

New policy reflects the increased cost of replacing infrastructure

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Insurance costs are going up.

But not by as much as local officials thought they might.

Redkey Town Council on Thursday approved continuing the town's property insurance through Barnum-Brown Insurance of Dunkirk.

Aaron Walter of Barnum-Brown visited council to explain that there have been some significant inflationary adjustments made on property, specifically noting water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants and water towers. As a result, the town's property coverage went up by nearly 77% to \$13.8 million from the previous \$7.8 million.

"We're finding that the water towers, the water plants, the sewage plants, the replacement value has been quite dramatic," said Walter.

In order to attempt to keep premiums under control, Barnum-Brown made adjustments to deductibles. The result for Redkey was an increase to a \$2,500 deductible from the previous \$1,000. The town's new insurance premium is \$42,661, up from \$38,850.

"I'm surprised it only went up \$3,000," said council member Randy May.

Council members Erik Hammers, Dottie Quakenbush, John Pierce, Gary Gardner and May voted unanimously to continue insuring the town's property through Barnum-Brown.

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Panel releases tax returns

By MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR, JONATHAN O'CONNELL and MICHAEL KRANISH

The Washington Post

The House Ways and Means Committee on Friday released Donald Trump's tax returns, dealing yet another setback to the former president and 2024 White House candidate as he faces multiple federal and state investigations.

The Democratic-led panel released the financial documents for six years, capping a protracted legal and political battle that could have been prevented had Trump followed presidential precedent and released his returns voluntarily.

Supreme Court last month denied Trump's request to withhold the records

Democrats have pushed for more than three years to make Trump's tax returns public, and the documents were finally made available to the Ways and Means Committee late last

month after the Supreme Court denied a last attempt by Trump to withhold the records.

The release marks another blow to Trump, who is struggling to mount a campaign for

president as numerous investigations and controversies continue to swirl around him.

His most recent actions, from dining with avowed white supremacists to suggesting terminating the Constitution, have left many in the Republican Party reconsidering whether he remains the most viable candidate to lead the GOP after midterm voters largely rejected candidates backed by the former president.

The release of Trump's tax information is the most sweeping such action taken by Congress in a half-century.

See Releases page 5

Homeless deaths up

By JILL SHERIDAN

WFYI Indianapolis

More people died experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis in 2022 than in recent years. An annual ceremony remembered 197 individuals. That number is greater than in 2021, when 167 people were honored, and 2020, when 87 were honored.

Homelessness presents many factors that can lead to death — including violence, severe weather, addiction, and chronic health conditions. The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) held its first annual memorial service to honor the dead in 1996. More than 1,300 people have died in Indianapolis while experiencing homelessness since then.

And the number of people living homeless in Indianapolis has been

Annual ceremony remembers 197, up from 167 last year

increasing since the pandemic. The 2022 point-in-time count found a total of 1,761 people without a home. That was a drop from 2021, 1,928. But that drop was not hailed as a victory, and the 2022 number was still higher than pre-COVID numbers.

CHIP Executive Director Chelsea Haring-Cozzi said the count again found more Black people experiencing homelessness.

"And racial disproportionality becomes even

more significant when we look at families," Haring-Cozzi said.

This year saw a 27 percent increase in the number of children without a home.

It did also see a significant decrease — 35 percent — in veterans experiencing homelessness. Targeted housing first strategies and added local and federal funding are credited for that decrease.

The 2023 annual Point-in-Time Count will be held this January.



Tribune News Service/AFP via Getty Images/Genya Savilov

Missile destruction

Rescuers clear debris of homes destroyed by a missile attack Thursday in the outskirts of Kyiv following a Russian missile strike on Ukraine. Russian missile strikes battered Ukraine including in major cities like Kyiv, Kharkiv and Lviv, leaving at least five people injured and cutting electricity in the west.

Weather

Jay County's temperature climbed from a low of 45 Thursday to a high of 57 just before midnight.

Rain is expected tonight with a low of 43. Up to three-quarters

of an inch of precipitation is possible. Expect a high in the mid 40s Saturday with a 50% chance of rain before noon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball game against Muncie Central.

Tuesday — Our annual CR Recommends column provides suggestions for books, music and more.



Some state pharmacies feeling shortage

By SUE LOUGHLIN
Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

Some Terre Haute pharmacies are feeling the impact of a national shortage of over-the-counter fever and pain-reducing medications for ill children. At one CVS in Terre Haute, a sign advised that customers were limited to two units each "to support as many customers as possible." A local Kroger pharmacy was limiting customers to two children's analgesic products such as infant/children ibuprofen and acetaminophen "due to supply constraints," a sign posted in the aisle said.

"It's just demand. We are having so many cases of flu, COVID and RSV at the same time, so there is just overwhelming demand," said Courtney Beards-

ley, a pharmacist with JR Pharmacy located in Baesler's Market.

The pharmacy at Baesler's hasn't had to limit quantities, she said, but "I wouldn't sell 10 [units or bottles] to someone if they came in."

While some of the shelves that normally have children's cold medicine are close to barren, JR's in Baesler's doesn't have signage indicating limits.

"I think it's going to be pretty short lived. ... We didn't want to increase the panic," she said.

Overall, nationally, there is a shortage as far as fever reducers for children, she said.

For those unable to find liquid pain-relief medicine, she suggested chewables could potentially be used for preschool-age chil-

dren. The Tylenol website provides information for appropriate use by age and weight.

Also, "Call around, too, because chances are someone in town might have it remaining in stock," Beardsley said.

While the shortage affects both liquid and chewables, "The liquid kind of goes first," she said.

If families can't find what they are looking for, "I wouldn't panic. Generally, we give fever reducers to make children feel a little bit better. Sometimes people tend to over-treat a fever."

If a child is not feeling bad, "You don't have to treat a fever as long as it's not dangerously high," Beardsley said.

Shelby Jackson, health educator with the Vigo County Health Department, offers similar

advice. "There has been a shortage since early December," she said. "It's supply and demand, always fluctuating."

Locally, "We are experiencing a very high demand for children's Tylenol, that's why some of our shelves are looking a little bare," Jackson said. "There's a limitation on how many you can get per family" at some stores.

Tylenol's website reads as follows: "We continue to experience high consumer demand driven by an extremely challenging cold & flu season. While products may be less readily available at some stores, we are not experiencing widespread shortages of Children's Tylenol," the website states. "We recognize this may be challenging for parents and caregivers, and are doing everything

we can to make sure people have access to the products they need."

The website further states: "There are multiple options within the broader Tylenol product family that may be easier to find and appropriate to use, including Chewables, Dissolve Packs and in some instances products that are indicated for both children and adults, such as Tylenol regular strength 325 mg (indicated for those ages 6 and above)."

The company says it is able to produce and supply the medications, Jackson said. "It's just getting it to our stores right now."

A helpful tool for parents might be the Tylenol website to save them time when looking for medication, so they don't have to drive to multiple stores, she said.

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| 45/33 | 50/42 | 56/50 | 63/42 | 48/30 |
| There is a 50% chance of rain, mainly before 1 p.m. Skies will be cloudy with a high in the mid 40s. | The New Year's Day forecast features mostly cloudy skies with a high of 50. | Expect cloudy skies with a high in the mid 50s and a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. | The temperature will rise into the 60s with a 50% chance of showers in the morning hours. | The forecast calls for a 20% chance of rain with a high of 48. |

Lotteries

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| Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$246 million | 15-17-23-24-33-35-38-45-47-55-59-64-65-70-72 Cash 5: 3-19-24-38-45 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000 |
| Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$640 million | Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-2-8 Pick 4: 0-4-4-1 Pick 5: 8-3-7-2-6 Evening Pick 3: 4-2-8 Pick 4: 0-9-5-9 Pick 5: 0-8-8-3-3 Rolling Cash: 2-3-16-23-28 Estimated jackpot: \$150,000 |
| Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-5-4 Daily Four: 2-6-4-2 Quick Draw: 2-6-12-14-17-27-28-34-38-40-43-49-53-55-58-61-64-68-71 Evening Daily Three: 4-3-5 Daily Four: 2-2-6-4 Quick Draw: 2-3-5-7-10 | |

Markets

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| Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.92 Jan. corn.....6.92 Wheat.....7.00 | Wheat.....7.30 July wheat.....7.74 |
| POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.96 Jan. corn.....6.96 Feb. corn.....6.97 | Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.73 Jan. corn.....6.75 Beans.....15.12 Jan. beans.....15.12 Wheat.....7.74 |
| The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.80 Jan. corn.....6.80 Beans.....15.16 Jan. beans.....15.16 | Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.84 Jan. corn.....6.84 Beans.....14.91 Jan. beans.....15.01 Wheat.....7.29 |

Today in history

In 1803, the British and Maratha chief Daulat Rao Sindhia signed the Treaty of Surji-Arjungaon during the Maratha Wars in India. The wars involved three conflicts ranging from 1775 through 1818.

In 1853, the Gadsden Purchase was signed by U.S. and Mexican representatives in Mexico City.

In 1922, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed in Moscow. The country eventually would include 15 republics and was the largest in the world until it was dissolved in 1991.

In 1972, seven were injured in a four-vehicle collision at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 700 West. Two drivers were parked along the side of Indiana 67 — one trying to help the other after a vehicle stalled — when a truck struck the first car and pushed it into the second. Another vehicle, traveling behind the truck, also failed to stop in time, striking the truck.

In 1984, LeBron James was born in Akron, Ohio. He is considered one of the greatest NBA players of all time, having won championships with the Miami Heat, Cleveland Cavaliers and Los Angeles Lakers.

In 2021, Renna Schwieterman became the fourth player in Jay County High School girls basketball history to reach 1,000 career points, scoring a team-high 21 in a 62-37 victory over South Adams.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

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| Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland Town Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. | 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center. Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, 504 W. Arch St., Portland. |
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Redkey ...

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They also moved forward with plans to pave several town streets with assistance from an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings Grant. Council members signed the grant contract and approved a \$4,000 contract with Choice One Engineering, which handled the grant application, for administration of the grant and bidding of the project.

Redkey was awarded a \$196,100.25 grant to pave Boyce Street between Sycamore and Meridian streets, Bell Avenue between Meridian and Butler streets, Sycamore Street between Indiana 67 and Main Street, Bell Avenue between Meridian and Washington streets, and all of Morgan Drive through Redkey Morgan Park. The grant requires a 25% local match, which will come in at \$57,398.75.

In other business, council:
•Thanked Quakenbush and May for their service.

May is leaving Redkey Town Council after winning a seat on Jay County Council while Quakenbush finished third in a four-way race for two at-large seats on Redkey's council in the November election.

•Agreed on a 4-1 vote, with Quakenbush dissenting, to waive a citation for resident Gavin Grady regarding chickens on his property, provided that the animals are removed by 4 p.m. Tuesday. (Grady is scheduled to be in court for the citation Wednesday.) Clerk-treasurer Mary Eley planned to notify Grady this morning with Hammers to check the property Tuesday and report to town attorney and Jay County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur.

•Tabled Tadeusz Kolodka's request to vacate an alley between Harrison and Butler streets connecting Grandview Avenue and Wayne Street.

•Paid claims totaling \$60,346.08.

Tax rate to drop

The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

Try not to spend it all in one place.

Beginning Sunday, Indiana's income tax rate will drop to 3.15% from 3.23% as part of an effort by the Republican-controlled General Assembly to combat inflation by putting money back in Hoosiers' pockets.

The lower rate means the total state income tax paid by an Indiana worker earning \$50,000 a year will shrink to \$1,575, instead of \$1,615, an annual savings of \$40, or \$1.54 more in each biweekly paycheck — with maybe more to come.

The value of the tax cut varies significantly based on income. A worker earning \$25,000 a year will save just \$20 a year on their taxes, or 77 cents per paycheck, while an Indiana resident paid \$1 million a year will fork over \$800 less in state income tax.

Altogether, House Enrolled Act 1002 potentially drops the state income tax rate to 2.9% over a seven-year period.

SERVICES

Monday
Shaver, Janet: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Jan. 14
Theurer, Donald: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Elephant is new kid at National Zoo

By VICKY HALLETT

Special To The Washington Post

There's a new 9-year-old in Washington named Nhi Linh. She just moved to D.C. with her mom from the Netherlands. She's curious, has a short attention span, likes to eat strawberries and — because she's an Asian elephant — weighs about 5,000 pounds.

That still makes her the smallest one in the Elephant Trails exhibit at Smithsonian's National Zoo, which is home to five other elephants: a 41-year-old male named Spike, a trio of 47-year-old females named Kamala, Swarna and Bozie, and 32-year-old female Maharani.

If they all sound kind of old, that's because they are, explains Elephant Trails curator Tony Barthel. There are only 30,000 to 50,000 Asian elephants on Earth, their natural habitats are growing smaller and the population is aging, he says.

So the hope is that Nhi Linh and her 19-year-old mom, Trong Nhi, will one day have babies that help the species survive. In the meantime, they will make life for Washington's elephants more closely resemble what it's like in wild, multigenerational herds.

They should stand out when they make their public debut Tuesday after spending the past month adjusting to the new habitat. "Nhi Linh is super active, zooming all over the place," Barthel says. Trong Nhi doesn't like to be separated from her daughter, and she's much more



Smithsonian's National Zoo/Skip Brown

Nhi Linh, 9, on left, and her mom, 19, recently moved from the Netherlands to Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

may then help Nhi Linh and Trong Nhi get to know the other female elephants.

Staff members are letting the two new residents set the pace as they teach them how to understand what's happening at the zoo.

"There's school for all of the elephants," Barthel says.

They need to get familiar with medical procedures — such as vaccines and blood draws — and learn zoo routines. Plus, they can play with puzzles to boost their brains. One is a feeder that they have to roll to make the treats come out.

"They understand words and body language, but we mostly talk to their bellies," Barthel adds.

Like many 9-year-olds, Nhi Linh is a pickier eater than her mom and has a sweet tooth. If there are multiple snacks scattered nearby, she'll run around checking out her options before deciding what to munch on. Barthel says zoo staff quickly figured out that her favorite foods are fruit and peanut butter sandwiches.

But there's a lot left to learn about the young elephant, Barthel says. He encourages visitors to watch out for her playful behavior — he recently spotted her kicking a log with her back feet like it was a toy — and how the other elephants react.

"An important part of herd life is to show calves how to do things and correct them," he says. That probably sounds pretty familiar to human 9-year-olds, too.

Family secret leads to havoc

DEAR ABBY: I was married to a man whose family always seemed to be in each other's business. His 18-year-old niece already had two children when she became pregnant again. She hid it from everyone. When she was eight months gone, she came to me and told me she wanted to adopt the baby out to a family who couldn't have children, because she couldn't handle raising another child.

She begged me not to tell anyone except my husband (her uncle) and asked me to watch her two children overnight while she was at the hospital delivering. She also asked to meet the potential adoptive parents at my home and said she planned to have an open adoption without ever telling her parents. I told her she needed to talk with her mother, but

Dear Abby



she told me she was desperate for help, so I reluctantly agreed.

Two months after giving birth and placing the baby for adoption, she told her family about it. They became upset with me. They said I should have told them she was pregnant and it was my fault they "lost" the child. This ultimately led to my husband divorcing me. To this day, the niece is happy with her decision and participates in the open adoption. Was I

wrong to help her and not tell the family? — CONFIDANT IN COLORADO

DEAR CONFIDANT: Your letter proves the truth of the adage, "No good deed goes unpunished." Your ex-husband's niece was an adult at the time her third child was born. You were NOT wrong to help her. That she would betray you shows she wasn't mature enough to handle the responsibilities of parenting yet another child.

You were not responsible for her baby being adopted — SHE was. Her parents have transferred their anger and disappointment in her to you. That it resulted in the failure of your marriage is a shame. I would offer sympathy, but perhaps you should be thankful this dysfunctional family is in the rear-view mirror.

Community Calendar

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

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.

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.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1

p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-

based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

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

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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.

Warmest Thoughts & Best Wishes

Hope the coming year brings a wave of happiness and good fortune your way!

L to R: Megan Huffel, Dustin Huffel, Josh Parker, Dave McGill, Lisa McGill

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Santos should resign from office

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

The man we know as George Santos, if that is indeed his name, is a work of fiction. The character may have been a run-of-the-mill inspiring rags-to-riches story in some low-budget TV drama, where it would have been a tad tedious but ultimately harmless; instead, it manifested in a much more nefarious fashion, having propped up the political campaign of the underlying man and carried him to victo-

Guest Editorial

ry in a congressional district straddling Queens and Nassau County.

To say politicians lie is no earth-shattering statement, but that belies the sheer extent to which Santos manufactured

everything. The New York Times and Forward and others have picked apart almost every aspect of his supposed journey. He didn't go to Baruch or work at Citigroup or Goldman Sachs; his animal charity seems not to exist; there's no record of the gay politician's marriage to a man, with reporters instead finding records of a prior marriage to a woman; and the harrowing story of his Jewish grandparents' escape from Hitler looks like fiction. In fact, there are

questions about whether he's even Jewish. His mom was not in the South Tower on 9/11. Is he really 34 years old? Is he really a Republican? What is true? We know that he's wanted for check fraud in Brazil. He now admits all the lies, so when Santos takes the oath of office on Jan. 3, there's no reason to think it will be worth anything. After all, the trust of his constituents meant nothing to him. Not that he should take any such oath; if Santos

has any shred of decency, he'll step aside now that his con has been exposed, even if some of his voters are standing behind him. We're not holding our breath. If he doesn't, there doesn't seem to be much anyone can do. The lies got him elected, but he has been duly elected. All that's left is for his future colleagues to box him out and investigate him themselves, and wait for the error to be corrected by the voters in two years' time.

In 2023, listen more

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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My Christmas wish is pretty simple: I would like lawmakers to listen to what Hoosiers want. All Hoosiers, not just the loudest slice of their Republican constituents.

Poll after poll and survey after survey shows what Indiana residents are worried about, and what they aren't.

Bellwether Research's latest poll in early December surveyed 1,100 Hoosiers representing both the demographic and geographic layout of Indiana. It asked about their top priorities.

Wishes one and two were lowering health care costs and affordable housing, at 31% and 21% respectively.

Lawmakers have talked big for a few years on health care costs. But it's time to take action beyond transparency in pricing. That approach just isn't working.

A state housing task force worked hard and came up with more than a dozen recommendations for the session. I am optimistic some improvement will be found there.

Next up was increasing K-12 education funding at 17%. Nothing after is in double digits.

You know what Hoosiers didn't say they wanted in that poll? More action on abortion. Just 3% believed restricting access to mailed abortion pills is a top priority.

That shouldn't be a surprise since the GOP's own internal polling shows the majority of Hoosiers support abortion rights. But it was ignored during the special session in which Republicans passed a near-total abortion ban.

That poll was followed up by Ball State's annual Hoosier Survey, which found 56% of Hoosiers believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

That poll also found that 56% of Hoosiers believe marijuana should be legal for personal use and 29% for medicinal purposes. Only 15% say it should not be legal.

Let's be real: Indiana wouldn't be taking some sort of leap, since 39 states have legalized marijuana for medicinal use and 21 states for personal use.

And only 6% of Hoosiers say 'Oversight of K-12 curriculum' is a top priority. Yet some legislators are preparing bills to combat critical

Niki Kelly



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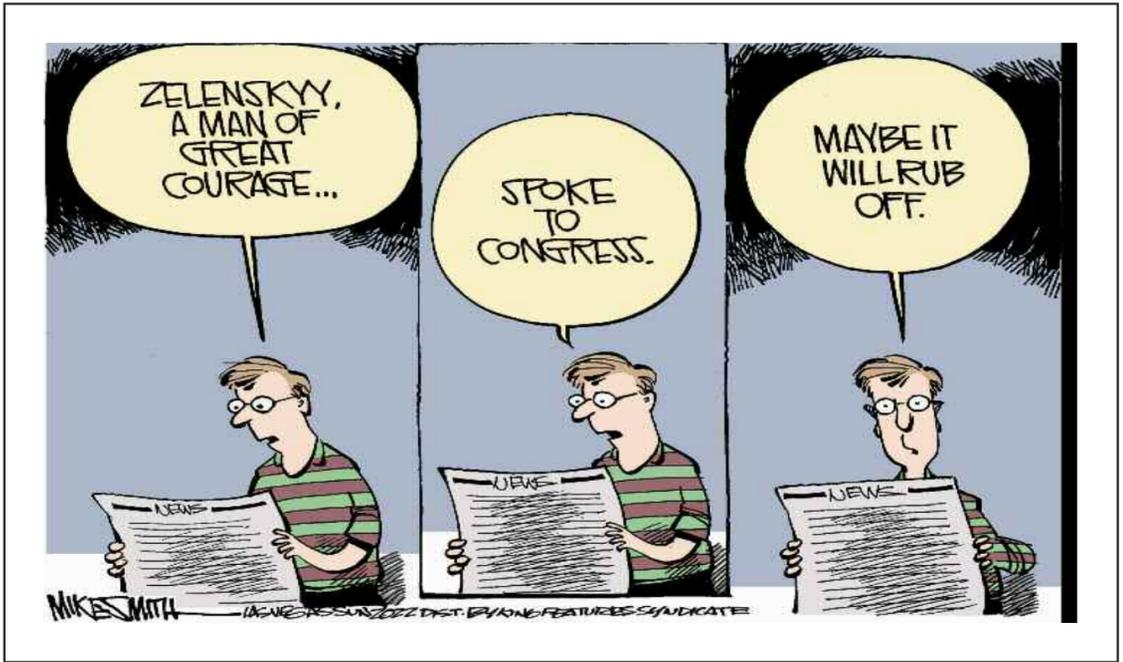
race theory. And House Education Chairman Robert Behning said recently that a "don't say gay" bill about sexual orientation will be offered.

Most lawmakers send out constituent surveys on hot topics that they know will be coming up. They are clearly less scientific than the polls I have mentioned but even when legislators directly hear from their most engaged constituents they ignore the results.

Remember gun licensing from earlier this year? Not a single survey — that journalists could find — supported abandoning the carry permit. In fact they almost all said to keep the system as-is. But legislators tossed the licensing out with the bathwater — against advice of the Indiana State Police superintendent and the majority of law enforcement groups.

Growing up I was always told, "be careful what you ask for." It seems lately the phrase for Hoosiers should shift to, "be careful what you DON'T ask for," because you are increasingly more likely to get it.

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Patients get promising news

By JOSEPH FRIEDMAN

Los Angeles Times
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The U.S. remains in the midst of an ever-worsening drug overdose crisis. Because prescription opioids drove its earlier phases, the nation responded by drastically reducing access to those drugs — with prescriptions dropping by nearly 50% over the last decade. But it's now clear that approach was ineffective at combating overdoses, and it left many patients with painful medical conditions stranded.

Overdose deaths have continued to soar even as fewer opioids have been prescribed. More dangerous drugs filled the gap: At least two-thirds of overdose deaths are now tied to synthetic opioids, mostly fentanyl, a powerful black market opioid. Meanwhile, physicians have had to balance the risk of criminal prosecution for prescribing opioids against their responsibility to treat patients' pain.

Yet there is promising news amid our nation's cycle of failed attempts to tackle the crisis. Two key shifts in federal policy this year hint that the pendulum is beginning to swing back toward more access to opioids for patients who need them.

The first is opioid prescribing guidelines that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated last month. They undo a controversial feature of the agency's 2016 guidance: the cap on opioids at 90 morphine milligram equivalents, or MME, per day. Although this number was never meant to serve as a hard line, law enforcement, regulators and health care providers widely interpreted it as one. The problem is that some patients need more than that amount. The validity of using any MME metric has also come under fire. Recent studies show that there is no universal standard for calculating appropriate MME, and methods to determine cutoffs vary widely; a patient who is considered "high risk" for overdose or addiction when evaluated using one method could be "undertreated" according to another.

But these arbitrary standards changed the landscape. Following the 2016 guidelines, insurance companies began to deny payment for pain management above 90 MME. Physicians faced a climate of mounting fear: Although U.S. law allows physicians to prescribe opioid medications for "legitimate medical purposes," that definition grew more contentious. Law enforcement agencies, including

Joseph Friedman



the Drug Enforcement Administration, cited the 90 MME limit in investigations. While some doctors were financially incentivized to overprescribe opioids, others caught scrutiny simply for providing relief to patients in debilitating pain.

After taking higher doses for years, many patients were rapidly tapered under the limit, no matter how painful their health condition was. Some were cut off entirely, unable to find a doctor still willing to prescribe for their chronic pain.

Since then, extensive research has shown that some health care providers were inappropriately reducing opioid prescriptions even for cancer, palliative and end-of-life patients, who were supposed to be exempt from limits. Tragically, recent studies found that chronic pain patients who are rapidly tapered off opioids have high rates of suicide and overdose, as people turn to desperate measures for pain relief, including seeking illicit street opioids.

In a step forward for treatment, this year's CDC guidelines avoid emphasizing specific thresholds. Recognizing the harms of excessive tapering and limits, they instead discuss ranges of dosages appropriate for different conditions and highlight the need for doctors to use their clinical judgment for each patient.

The second major shift on opioids this year was the June Supreme Court ruling in Ruan vs. United States making it more difficult for law enforcement agencies to prosecute doctors for prescribing painkillers. The decision raises the bar for criminal convictions, requiring that prosecutors prove that physicians knowingly or intentionally prescribed opioids inappropriately, not just that their practices deviated from government-defined standards. This will help give doctors more legal cover to treat pain as they see fit.

These shifts are early signs that the tides are beginning to turn back toward more access to opioids for patients who need them. But achieving that access will not be easy.

Physician willingness to prescribe opioids is a cultural phenomenon. Doctors have reduced their level of opioid prescribing not just from fear of prosecution but also based on trends in the field. Seminars, institutional guidelines and professional organization statements over the last decade have instilled the idea that prescribing opioids is something to be avoided.

Prescription opioids also remain an enemy in the public consciousness. Although the drugs have been overtaken by black market fentanyl in the overdose crisis, lawsuits against opioid manufacturers continue to command a disproportionate amount of big-swing prosecutorial attention. Of course, companies that deceptively promoted opioids in unsafe ways should be held accountable. But lawsuits against them do nothing to address the current fentanyl crisis, and they may give the false impression that prescription opioids still dominate the overdose problem.

Changing these narratives will take time. Similarly, it is not automatic that the Drug Enforcement Administration, other law enforcement, state governments or billing and insurance companies will change their protocols in line with the new CDC prescription guidance.

Tangible improvements for pain patients probably will happen over years, rather than days or months. They will also require attention to deep disparities in pain care and treatment access. My colleagues and I found in a 2019 study that opioid prescription rates in California varied by 300% based on neighborhood income and racial composition (with predominantly white neighborhoods being most likely to receive opioids and other controlled substances). This reminds us that medical guidelines are not neutral and need an intentional focus on equity to be implemented fairly.

Nonetheless, advocates, physicians and researchers working toward the goal of adequate pain treatment have cause for optimism. The question now is how readily doctors, insurance companies and law enforcement will respect the wisdom of current scientific evidence and legal standards.

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COVID surge

Patients with COVID-19 lay in beds today at Tangshan Gongren Hospital in China's northeastern city of Tangshan. The extent of the current outbreak has been difficult to gauge because officials stopped publishing an accurate case count and narrowed their definition of a virus death, forcing researchers to rely on outside estimates and anecdotal evidence.

Senate plans to launch probe

By LISA REIN

The Washington Post

The Senate Finance Committee is preparing to launch a broad, bipartisan inquiry into the Social Security Administration's watchdog division, officials said, as lawmakers grow concerned that management failures are compromising its oversight mission.

The committee is likely to concentrate on allegations of retaliation against whistleblowers, plummeting morale, staff attrition, hiring decisions and a declining number of investigations into fraud in the massive disability benefits program, one of the inspector general's core missions, congressional aides said.

Social Security, an independent federal agency that has historically faced limited oversight from Congress, faces new scrutiny of its \$200 billion disability program following several articles in The Washington Post. Senate Finance Committee investigators in both parties summoned senior attorneys on the staff of Inspector General Gail S. Ennis to a briefing earlier this month to learn more about the tumult inside her office, which includes some 500 auditors, criminal investigators and attorneys, several participants said.

"The committee has grown increasingly concerned about the performance of the Social Security Inspector General's office over the past year, especially allegations of whistleblower retaliation," Taylor Harvey, a spokesman for committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), said in an email. "Chairman Wyden will continue working to ensure the office is able to

perform its critical watchdog role in the months ahead."

A spokeswoman for Sen. Mike Crapo (Idaho), the committee's top Republican, declined to comment.

A spokeswoman for Ennis' office declined to comment on the emerging inquiry. The spokeswoman, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, wrote in an email that while the number of investigations declined during the pandemic as field work thinned, "our investigative performance since then has returned to pre-pandemic levels." She said the office commits resources to "education, prevention, and deterrence," as well as to fighting Social Security-related government impostor scams and fraud in coronavirus aid programs.

The Post has reported that Ennis's office levied unprecedented penalties against more than 100 disabled claimants, then sidelined two senior officials who exposed the practice, they said. The Post reported that Social Security is struggling to provide basic customer service to disabled claimants following prolonged pandemic closures — and described the forces that led to a backlog of more than 1 million pending disability claims in the state offices that adjudicate initial applications for benefits.

In addition, The Post found that Social Security relies on a list of obsolete jobs to deny thousands of claims each year. And The Post disclosed that a senior leader overseeing 9,000 employees in the disability system was found by investigators to be routinely impaired on the job.

Releases ...

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A similar action involving a president has not occurred since 1973, when the IRS turned over President Richard M. Nixon's tax returns to a congressional committee.

The IRS handed over the Nixon tax returns on the day that Congress requested them, a fact noted by House Democrats who were seeking the Trump documents. Republicans denied any similarity. The Washington Post has reported, noting that Nixon requested the investigation into his returns, while Trump fought such a probe.

Trump — who broke with a decades-long tradition of presidential candidates and presidents by refusing to make his tax returns public — has for years falsely claimed that he could not release them while under "routine audit" by the IRS.

Last week, the Ways and Means Committee revealed that the IRS did not audit Trump's returns during his first two years in office, despite a rule mandating such reviews, and never completed any audits while he served.

If the IRS completes its audit work and validates some of the concerns raised by the report, the likelihood that Trump could subsequently face serious legal trouble — something beyond adjustments or fines — appears to be low. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office, which has been conducting a criminal investigation of Trump since the summer of 2018, has had access to Trump's tax returns for more than a year and has not charged him.

Trump's chief financial officer and his company were both convicted of tax crimes after investigators

found that the CFO and another Trump Organization executive had received perks like luxury apartments and Mercedes Benzes while purposely concealing them from tax authorities.

The release comes as special counsel Jack Smith oversees the Justice Department's criminal probe of Trump's possible mishandling of classified documents at his Florida home and his role in trying to overturn the 2020 election. Last week, the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol referred four criminal charges against Trump to the Justice Department: obstruction of an official proceeding of Congress, conspiracy to defraud the United States, inciting or assisting an insurrection, and conspiracy to make a false statement.



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Peanuts

YOU SHOULDN'T BE ASHAMED OF BEING A SCHOOL...

THINK OF HOW MUCH YOU'VE CONTRIBUTED...

I GUESS I'M JUST DEPRESSED

I THINK THE SMELL OF PEANUT BUTTER IS GETTING ME DOWN

Rose is Rose

DADDY! I'M SPENDING NEW YEAR'S EVE AT MEE-MAN'S

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Funky Winkerbean

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CERTAINLY.

GOOD... THEN I'D LIKE TO GET BOTH FOR MY BUDDING WRITER HERE.

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VERY GOOD.

Blondie

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HOW ABOUT IF I JUST SWEEP YOUR KITCHEN?

Snuffy Smith

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Beetle Bailey

BEETLE !!

CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?!

I LOVE MY NOISE-CANCELING PILLOW!

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Double-dummy problem

South to make Seven Hearts. West leads the eight of diamonds.

NORTH
♠A J 7 6 5
♥K J 9 7 5
♦A J 9

WEST
♠K
♥Q 10 8
♦8 7 6 5 4 3
♣K 3 2

EAST
♠Q 10 9 8 4 3 2
♥—
♦—
♣Q 10 9 8 4

SOUTH
♠—
♥A 6 4 3 2
♦Q 10 2
♣A J 7 6 5

Double-dummy problems are a department of bridge some malevolent soul invented to try to drive people crazy. At least, that's the opinion of more than a few players who attempt to solve them.

The double-dummy problem is not necessarily instructive, but it's a good way to while away your time if you have nothing else to do. You're allowed to look at all four hands because you can't find the solution otherwise.

The contract in this deal is Seven Hearts. You have to make all 13 tricks against any line of defense chosen by East-West. West leads a diamond, and you play the ace, knowing it will catch East's king.

If you want to work out the solution for yourself, stop reading at the end of this paragraph—but we caution you that the contract is very difficult to make.

After winning the ace of diamonds, you play the nine of diamonds to the ten and lead a low heart. Assume West plays the eight, in which case you finesse the nine. (If West plays the ten or queen, you win as cheaply as possible.)

Next you lead the jack of diamonds to the queen and again return a low heart. Assume West plays the ten, in which case you finesse the jack.

The king of hearts is now led from dummy, and what you play from the South hand depends upon East's discard on this trick. East, on the first five tricks, has presumably reduced his hand to four spades and four clubs and at this point has to make a crucial discard.

If he throws a spade, you follow low from your hand and then establish dummy's spades by ruffing a spade next and another one later. If he throws a club, you overtake the king of hearts with the ace and establish your clubs by ruffing twice in dummy.

When the third heart is cashed, East is caught in a seesaw squeeze that forces him to unguard one black suit or the other.

Tomorrow: The odds are 20-1.
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12-30 CRYPTOQUIP

D P I K F I Z F Q I Y G M S N T I K Q C
N S S N V P Z L K N Y I K S N Q B L Z F M S Z
S P I G L Q Z H I M H N V T D N L B ,
S P N S ' M I N L L G K X I L L G K X .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MAKE SURE YOU DON'T OVERPAY WHEN SHOPPING FOR A FLOWER-HOLDING ITEM. TAKE IT AT VASE VALUE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Spasm
- 4 Fall bloomers
- 8 Hero
- 12 Green prefix
- 13 Okla-homa tribe
- 14 "East of Eden" twin
- 15 Jessica of "Zero Dark Thirty"
- 17 Gradually withdraw
- 18 "Oops!"
- 19 Diminish
- 20 Taxi ticker
- 22 Info-safety org.
- 25 Hold back
- 29 Chinese chairman
- 30 Postpone
- 31 Brit's restroom
- 32 JFK Terminal transport

DOWN

- 2 Sleuth
- 3 Book col-laborator
- 4 Engine
- 5 Six-sided state
- 6 French pronoun
- 7 Capitol VIP
- 8 Seafood eatery
- 9 Vicinity
- 10 Castle defense
- 11 Green Gables girl
- 16 — butter (Abbr.)
- 19 Lawyer
- 23 Slippery — eel
- 25 Harvest
- 26 Elite athletes
- 27 Debtors' notes
- 28 Inquisitive
- 30 Plumbing problem
- 33 Boob tubes
- 34 Ritzy
- 36 Old Testament book
- 37 Blacken on a grill
- 38 In — land
- 39 Perched on
- 40 Workout venues
- 42 Josh
- 43 Geological period
- 44 Hosp. section
- 45 Snooze

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Challenge ...

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She finished with matching numbers of 10-of-14 from both the field and the line, including consecutive three-point plays early in the second quarter. And she grabbed eight rebounds as she and Schwieterman (12) led JCHS to a 37-22 rebounding advantage.

"She is probably one of the best post players that we've played against, and we play a tough schedule," said Pendleton Heights coach Nick Rogers. His team has lost five of its last seven games, but those losses came against teams with a combined 64-12 record including Class 4A No. 3 Hamilton Southeastern and Class 4A No. 5 Fishers. "She seals well. ... She's got great touch around the rim. She's a great player."

"And when we're in zone, if you're not in the right spots — she caught in the middle of the zone time after time and finished."

Schwieterman followed Bilbrey with 19 points,



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Sophie Saxman, a Jay County junior, is fouled while trying to get a shot up during the second half of the Patriots' win Thursday.

including three 3-pointers. Molly Muhlenkamp dished out five assists.

Kaycie Warfel did all she could to keep the Arabians close, hitting a line-drive 3-

pointer from half-court at the halftime buzzer and finishing with 25 points.

Junior varsity
Jay County owned the

first and last quarters as it stayed perfect with a 45-26 victory over the Arabians.

The Patriots (11-0) built a 15-4 lead during the opening quarter. They

| Box score | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Class 3A No. 5 | | | |
| Jay County Patriots vs. Pendleton Heights Arabians | | | |
| Girls varsity summary | | | |
| Pendleton Heights (7-7) | | | |
| | FG-FGA | FT-FTA | PTS |
| Baldwin | 3-5 | 0-0 | 6 |
| KWarfel | 12-19 | 0-3 | 25 |
| Phillips | 1-4 | 0-0 | 3 |
| Jones | 2-7 | 0-2 | 4 |
| Shelton | 2-8 | 0-2 | 4 |
| Herdon | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Ross | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 |
| WWarfel | 4-11 | 0-0 | 8 |
| Totals | 24-56 | 0-7 | 50 |
| | .429 | .000 | |
| Def. rebound percentage: .440 | | | |
| Jay County (13-1) | | | |
| | FG-FGA | FT-FTA | PTS |
| Muhlenkamp | 0-4 | 4-8 | 4 |
| Saxman | 1-4 | 2-4 | 4 |
| McIntire | 1-3 | 0-0 | 2 |
| Bilbrey | 10-14 | 10-14 | 30 |
| Denton | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Schwieterman | 6-11 | 4-5 | 19 |
| Dirksen | 2-5 | 0-0 | 4 |
| Totals | 20-41 | 20-31 | 63 |
| | .458 | .645 | |
| Def. rebound percentage: .676 | | | |
| Score by quarters: | | | |
| PHHS | 15 | 13 | 14 |
| Jay Co. | 21 | 14 | 13 |
| | 8 | — | 50 |
| | 15 | 14 | 13 |
| | 15 | — | 63 |
| 3-point shooting: Pendleton Heights 2-15 (KWarfel 1-3, Phillips 1-4, Jones 0-4, WWarfel 0-3, Baldwin 0-1). Jay County 3-8 (Schwieterman 3-6, McIntire 0-2). | | | |
| Rebounds: Pendleton Heights 22 (Shelton 5, WWarfel 5, Baldwin 4, KWarfel 2, Ross 2, Phillips, Jones, Herndon, team). Jay County 37 (Schwieterman 12, Bilbrey 8, Muhlenkamp 6, Saxman 6, McIntire 3, Dirksen 2). | | | |
| Assists: Pendleton Heights 2 (KWarfel 2). Jay County 11 (Muhlenkamp 5, Bilbrey 2, Dirksen 2, Saxman, Schwieterman). | | | |
| Blocks: Pendleton Heights 1 (Shelton). Jay County 2 (Bilbrey, Schwieterman). | | | |
| Personal fouls: Pendleton Heights 20 (Baldwin 5, KWarfel 4, WWarfel 4, Shelton 3, Herndon 3, Ross). Jay County 11 (Bilbrey 4, Muhlenkamp 3, Schwieterman 2, Saxman, Dirksen). | | | |
| Turnovers: Pendleton Heights 15. Jay County 17. | | | |

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys basketball vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Lincolnview — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
Noon — College football: Duke's Mayo

Bowl — Maryland vs. North Carolina State (ESPN)
2 p.m. — College football: Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl — Pittsburgh vs. UCLA (CBS)
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Brentford at West Ham United (USA)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Taxslayer Gator Bowl — Notre Dame vs. South Carolina (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College football: Capital One

Orange Bowl — Tennessee vs. Clemson (ESPN)
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester United at Wolverhampton Wanderers (USA)
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Leeds United at Newcastle United (USA)
Noon — College football: Transperfect Music City Bowl — Iowa vs. Kentucky (ABC);

Allstate Sugar Bowl — Alabama vs. Kansas State (ESPN)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at Brighton & Hove Albion (NBC)
3 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
4 p.m. — College football: VRBO Fiesta Bowl — TCU vs. Michigan (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College football: Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl — Ohio State vs. Georgia (ESPN)

Sunday
1 p.m. — NFL football: Indianapolis Colts at New York Giants (CBS)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Nebraska at Indiana (ESPN); Wisconsin at Purdue (BTN)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Providence at DePaul (FS1)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Cincinnati at Temple (ESPN)
4 p.m. — NFL football: Minnesota

Vikings at Green Bay Packers (CBS); Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions (FOX)
5:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iowa at Penn State (BTN)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at Georgetown (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ohio State at Northwestern (BTN)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Islanders at Seattle Kraken (ESPN)

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023
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Tract 1- Located at 204 W. Votaw St. Portland, IN. Going business to include Real Estate and inventory.
Tract 2- Located at 220 W. Votaw St. Portland, IN.
Tract 3- Located at 203 W. McNeil Street, Portland, IN.
NOTE: Real Estate is being offered at 10:00 a.m. at the Bubp Building. Will be offered in parcels and combinations. For a private showing phone auctioneers.
Camper-Skid Loader-Vehicles-Trailers
1998 Chevy Georgie Boy Swinger motor home, 34,500 miles, 2004 Ford Explorer XLT 147,000 miles; West Coast Chopper mini bike (new).
Antiques-Furniture-Household
(2) Duncan Phyfe drum tables; wooden trunk; large lot of Tiffany style lamps; lot of Star Trek Memorabilia; crocks; galv. Washtubs; old bicycles; Coca Cola items; Colts grill; Smoker; and many items not mentioned.
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COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
No. 38C01-2211-EU-000044
2022 TERM In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of:
Barbara A. Lindsey, Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Jeffrey A. Dieringer and William W. Hinkle were, on the 7th day of November, 2022, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of Barbara A. Lindsey deceased, who died on October 17th, 2022.
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 20th day of December, 2022.
HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR
121 W. High Street
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Attorney
Jon Eads
Clerk of the Circuit Court,
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COUNTY OF JAY
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
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38C01-2209-DN-000073
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V.
FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ
Respondent.
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Dated: 9/8/2022
Jon Eads, Clerk
Jay County
NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
The Petitioner has filed a Motion for a Final Hearing which the Court has considered and now grants.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the final hearing for this matter shall be held on 30th day of January, 2023 at 11:30 AM.
CR 12-16,23,30-2022 -HSPXLP

260 PUBLIC AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

LOCATED: Bubp Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds
East Votaw St. Portland, In.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

10 A.M.

REAL ESTATE

Tract 1- Located at 204 W. Votaw St. Portland, Indiana. Going business to include Real Estate and inventory. Real Estate consists of 3 lots zoned commercial in Baker's addition to the town of Portland. Retail building consisting of 1950 square feet, 12'x30' utility shed, paved lot. Inventory includes Willow Tree, Carson wind chimes, cement figurines, candles and more.
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1998 Chevy Georgie Boy Swinger motor home, 34,500 miles, generator, sleeps 6; Mustang 2042 skid steer; 2004 Ford Explorer XLT 147,000 miles; 1995 Ford F250 4x4 w/Western snowplow; 2002 7000 lb. utility trailer w/dovetail and ramp gate; 1984 10,000 lb. utility trailer w/ramps; Wells Cargo 18' enclosed trailer w/barn doors; 16' tandem axle enclosed trailer; 1999 Homesteader 4'x6' enclosed trailer; power unit w/transmission; skid loader forks; 40 gal. air compressor; Snow Flite 5 hp. Snow blower; 2 wheel carts; floor model drill press; 12' fiberglass step ladder; Craftsman roll away tool box; West Coast Chopper mini bike (new); Toro Time Cutter ZTR mower; Huskee Job Box;

Antiques-Furniture-Household

Marble top washstand; (2) Duncan Phyfe drum tables; glass door China cabinets; wooden trunk; large lot of Tiffany style lamps; Remington Corona Underwood manual typewriters; Oval mirror w/ornate frame; Howard Miller mantle clock and grandfather clock; metal child's kitchen set; stain glass; kerosene lamps; Lg. lot of Star Trek Memorabilia; wooden telephone; Lg. lot of crystal and other collectable dishware; metal lawn chairs; garden plows; cc saw; crocks; galv. Washtubs; old bicycles; platform scales; (2) corn shellers; beveled glass dressing mirror; king, full, and half size beds; glass front display cases; Oval dining room table w/6 chairs; 5 drawer dressers; armoire; buffet; 6 gun cabinet; Glider rocker; rocker recliners; 3 cushion reclining sofa; bar stools; Amana washer and dryer; Whirlpool electric range; electric fireplace; shelving racks, display cabinets; Vizio 45" flatscreen tv; Lg. canopy (complete); primitive décor; Coca Cola items; Colts grill; Smoker; and many items not mentioned.

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Sports

No. 1 Purdue rolls to 13-0

WEST LAFAYETTE — The Boilermakers ran out to a 10-2 lead.

That already was too big of a hole for the Rattlers against the No. 1 team in the country.

Purdue University's men's basketball cruised Thursday, leading by 13 over Florida A&M at half-time and then dominating the second half for an 82-49 victory.

After building the early lead, the Boilermakers (13-0) kept the advantage at about 10 points through the remainder of the opening half. They scored the first six points of the second half, pushed the lead to 20 on a 3-pointer by Braden Smith at the 16:51 mark and never looked back.

Purdue was strong across the board, shooting 49.2% from the field while holding the Rattlers to 31.5%. It had a 43-25 advantage on the glass, blocked nine shots and committed just seven turnovers.

Brandon Newman's 18 points off the bench led the Boilermakers, who will shift to Big Ten play next week as they host Rutgers (8-4) and then visit Ohio State (9-3). Zach Edey added 14 points on 4-of-5 shooting and grabbed 10 rebounds. Trey Kaufman-Renn had 11 points and Caleb Furst added 10.

No one reached double figures for Florida A&M (2-9), with Jordan Tillmon and Dimingus Stevens leading the team with eight points apiece.

Purdue has been dominant through the 2022 portion of its schedule, winning all but three of its games by double digits. Its closest challenges were a 75-70 win over Marquette in the Gavitt Tipoff Games, a 65-60 win over Nebraska in overtime and a 69-61 win over Davidson in the Indy Classic.

Challenge met

Bilbrey's late push as part of 30-point effort keys Patriots as they fight off Pendleton Heights



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Gabi Bilbrey, a Jay County High School senior, goes to the basket for two of her career-high 30 points Thursday during the Class 3A No. 5 Patriots' 63-50 victory over the visiting Pendleton Heights Arabians. Bilbrey finished 10-of-14 from both the field and the line.

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The Patriots needed to be pushed.

Pendleton Heights obliged.

The Class 3A No. 5 Jay County High School girls basketball team responded, with senior Gabi Bilbrey scoring a dozen of her career-high 30 points in the final period and sparking an 11-2 run to close out a 63-50 victory over the Arabians.

The Patriots (13-1) saw a 16-point lead slip to four early in the fourth quarter, but took control the rest of the way.

"I thought it was a great effort by our kids," said JCHS coach Kirk Comer. "Not everything went right, but we played hard. When you have good teams playing, there's going to be runs. And there was. Fortunately for us, we had more runs than they did. And every time they made a run, we countered. ..."

"I think that shows great maturity and growth in our maturity. I'm really proud of the girls and the way they played for 32 minutes. ..."

"I can't say enough good things about them tonight. ... I think this was a game that made us better. I'm not sure the last few have."

The Patriots had won each of their last six games by at least 18 points. Some were close at halftime. None were in doubt in the fourth quarter.

That was not the case Thursday, as the Arabians (7-7) came roaring back from a 46-30 deficit by forcing a series of turnovers. A personal 8-0 run by sophomore

Kaycie Warfel got Pendleton Heights back within five, and a put-back bucket by the 5-foot, 3-inch Skylar Baldwin closed the gap to 52-48 with about five minutes to go in the game.

Jay County had seen enough.

Bilbrey sparked the late dominance, coming up with a steal after missing a shot underneath and converting her second chance to start a three-point play. She scored again off of a laser pass from fellow senior Renna Schwitertman from the right wing and then split a pair of free throws — she had made her first nine tries at the line — to extend the Patriots' advantage back to double figures.

Whitney Warfel pulled the Arabians back to within 58-50 before Breanna Dirksen hit back-to-back hoops and Bilbrey sank one more free throw to finish her 30-point effort.

"Oh my gosh, I honestly have no idea," said Bilbrey, who entered Thursday averaging 10.8 points per game, reflecting on where the scoring outburst came from. Her previous high was 16 in the Patriots' Dec. 6 win over Muncie Central. "I couldn't do it without my teammates."

"Nobody was on top of me. I felt like I wasn't really covered much. And it was just wide open. ..."

Bilbrey was 4-of-5 from the field and 5-for-5 at the line in the first half, leading Comer to urge his team to get her the ball in the final 16 minutes. He evaluated her performance in one word — Unbelievable.

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