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Effort to save bridge ongoing By BAILEY CLINE

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Jenny Bricker isn't giving up on the big blue bridge just yet.

Jay County Council heard from the rural Jay County resident Wednesday about the ongoing effort to preserve the Indiana 26 (Water Street) bridge over the Salamonie River.

Milestone Contractors has been hired to remove the "Blue Bridge," as it is commonly known, and construct a new one in April per a contract with Indiana Department of Transportation. INDOT recently sent a

letter to Jay County Commissioners detailing its decision-making process regarding the bridge, stating it is being replaced to save on future costs and for safety issues.

(Bricker said the steel structure does need repairs but that they would cost significantly less than a new concrete bridge.)

Bricker highlighted various developments, including plans to host a community picture day at 3 p.m. Sunday and send the picture to the state department.

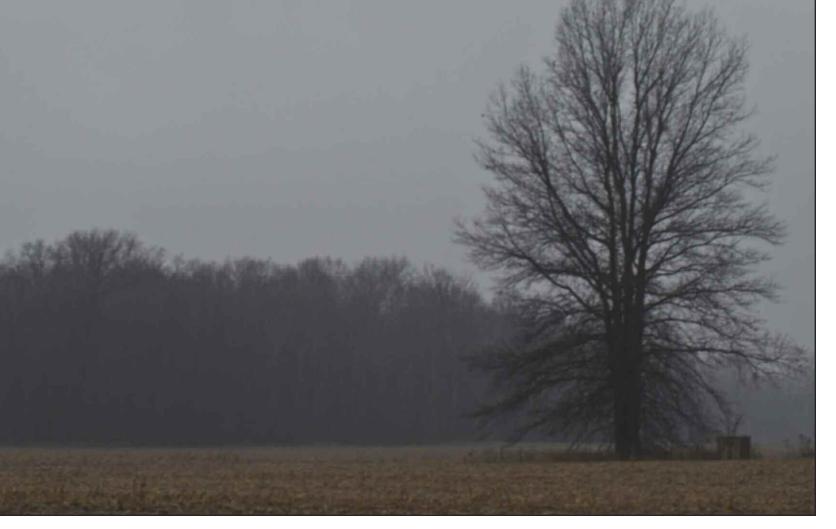
We only have a month or so left to compel INDOT to at least slow down or change course so we have time to look at the options," she said. "And when we show them how much we want to keep our bridge, the more likely we are to save it. We must show them how much the bridge means to a small community

like ours." Bricker Although hopes to come to an agreement to keep the bridge in place, she has been in contact with Jim Sinclair, executive direcof Jay-Randolph tor Developmental Services. (The organization's facility sits just west of the bridge.) See Bridge page 2

Gloomy, gray A dense fog advisory was in effect this morning,

leading Jay County and Fort Recovery schools to be on a two-hour delay. The gloomy conditions were expected to continue throughout the day, with cloudy skies and rain in the forecast. Rain could turn to snow late tonight.

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Chief justice touts the courts

By DAN CARDEN

The Times (Munster) Tribune News Service

A continuing commitment to innovation and serving Hoosiers is making Indiana's judiciary stronger than ever.

That's the message Chief Justice Loretta Rush delivered Wednesday in her ninth annual "State of the Judiciary" address to a joint meeting of Indiana the House and Senate, and executive and judicial branch officials, assembled at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. In her 30-minute speech, Rush positioned Indiana's courts, operating in all 92 counties, as engines of economic development

million annual cases touch pute," she added. "Court on all aspects of life, ranging from adoptions that officially bring forever families together to small claims cases that enable businesses, neighbors and others to peaceably settle their disputes.

sooner a person can get before a judge and resolve differences with a creditor. settle disputes with a landlord, obtain child support, expunge a conviction or be made whole in a lawsuit, the sooner they can get back to their family and back to work," Rush said. "The same is true for

efficiency and fairness are safe community and a strong economy."

Rush said she's particularly proud of the ongoing development of Indiand economically. The which specialize in said. promptly resolving complicated business disputes in a predictable, consistent and fair manner. She hopes Indiana's commercial courts might someday displace the Courts Delaware of Chancery as the preferred venue for companies across the country to

because she said their 2.5 businesses in a legal dis- resolve complex business disputes.

"Business owners see paramount in fostering a these positive outcomes, enabling them to make informed decisions on the costs and risks of potential legal issues. As a result, our commercial ana's 10 commercial courts help make Indi-"Being in court is a par- courts, including the Lake ana an attractive state for ticularly vulnerable time County outlet led by Supe- economic development - personally, emotionally rior Judge John Sedia, and expansion," Rush we still have work to do to

"These courts exemplify all that is good in our judicial system — justice tempered with mercy and based on principles of reformation as set forth in the Indiana Constitution,' Rush said.

"But with over 30 counties without a problemsolving court and many existing courts at capacity, ensure all Hoosiers have Rush equal access to these powerful engines of justice,' she observed. Rush also nudged the General Assembly in its current budget-writing session scheduled to run through April 29 to support additional funding for technology upgrades in the state court system.

Likewise. praised Indiana's 143 problem-solving courts for helping Hoosiers who get involved in the criminal justice system primarily due to drug addiction or mental health issues to get back on their feet and once again become economically productive citizens.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Spencer Platt

Damaged by attacks

Valentina, who has spent her life in Izyum, walks through the heavily damaged town on Wednesday in Izyum, Ukraine. The Ukrainian military said on Wednesday it had repelled Russian attacks at 13 different locations and reported that heavy fighting was continuing in the hard-fought small town of Soledar in the eastern Donbass region.

Aides discover more document

Second set found at separate location

By JORDAN FABIAN and JUSTIN SINK **Bloomberg News**

Tribune News Service WASHINGTON

Biden's efforts to quell a controversy over classified documents in his private possession became more difficult after aides discovered a second set, a development that will intensify scrutiny of the president.

The revelation, reported Wednesday by NBC News and

The New York Times, that records were found at a separate location from the first set are likely to prompt tough questions for the White House and fuel criticism from Republicans — even though they dismiss more serious accusations against former President Donald Trump.

different While the approaches taken by Trump and Biden toward the documents have made it hard for Republicans to draw an equivalence, the string of discoveries will raise pressure on the White House to answer questions it has dismissed.

Aides have repeatedly declined to say why classified material dating from Biden's time as vice president wasn't in the government's possession and why the discovery of the first batch wasn't disclosed sooner.

See Documents page 2

Deaths

George Noble, 94, Portland

Robert Micheau, 67, Port-

Details on page 2.

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Weather

Jay County had a high tem-perature of 50 degrees Wednesday. The low was 37. Rain is expected to continue

tonight with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour and a low of 29. Rain could turn to snow around midnight, with additional snow showers possible Friday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

New candidates recently filed to run for election.

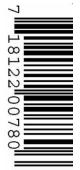
"Watermellon" Jim Phillips filed to run for the Democratic nomination for a Redkey Town Council at-large seat. Republican Krista Scholer filed to run for clerk-treasurer of Pennville.

Friday — Jay County High School's choirs will host competition Saturday.

Coming up

Joe

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



Local/Nation

Obituaries

George Noble

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July 26, 1928-Jan. 11, 2023 George Noble, age 94, of Portland passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.

He was born in Portland on July 26, 1928, the son of Earl and Fern (Scott) Noble. He was married on May 25, 1948 to Betty Peckham and she passed away on Oct. 1. 2020.

George was the owner and operator of Noble's Body Shop in Portland for many years. He was a 1946 Portland High School



Noble Opti-

Eastern mists, Star and band boosters, driving the trailer for the band. He also drove children to the hospital for the Shriners.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda Shull of Portland, (husband: Martha Corwin

Robert) of Dayton and Barbara Watson (husband: Jeff) of Covington, Georgia; daughter-inlaw Dru Noble of Portland; two brothers, Harry Noble and Dale Noble, both of Florida; two sisters, Mary Baucker of Celina, Ohio and Esther Summers of Warren, Indiana; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, George Noble; and two sisters, Martha Butcher and Ruth Noble.

Funeral services will be Mon-

day, Jan. 16, 2023, at 22 p.m. in land, Aug. 22, 1955-Jan. 7, 2022. the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Boggs presiding. A masonic service by Jay Lodge #87 F&AM will start the services. Visitation will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Memorials can be made to *name*, United Methodist Asburv Church or Keystone Hospice.

Condolences be may expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Robert Joseph Micheau, Port-

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Pennville Chapel of Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the of residence, citv birth/death date and *time/date/location of services.*

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Friday 1/13	Saturday 1/14	Sunday 1/15	Monday 1/16	Tuesday 1/17					
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33/21 There's a 30% chance of snow in the morning and afternoon under cloudy skies.	skies, with highs in the mid 30s and a low around 25	cloudy with a slight chance	48/43 Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be rainy, with highs in the upper 40s.	50/36 Mostly cloudy with a low around 36 degrees. The high will be near 50.					

Lotteries

Powerball 4-8-46-47-48 Power Ball: 5 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$404 million	61-62-64-69-72-80 Cash 5: 2-12-33-39-41 Hoosier Lotto: 3-6-11- 16-18-37 Estimated jackpot: \$8 million
Mega Millions	Ohio
Estimated jackpot:	Midday
\$1.35 billion	Pick 3: 2-2-3
	Pick 4: 1-4-3-4
Hoosier	Pick 5: 2-4-1-1-1
Midday	Evening
Daily Three: 3-4-2	Pick 3: 7-5-7
Daily Four: 3-7-8-5	Pick 4: 8-9-6-5
Quick Draw: 9-10-12-	Pick 5: 9-8-8-5-8
14-24-32-34-35-39-43-44-46-	Rolling Cash: 1-8-28-32-
49-50-53-57-64-71-73-77	36
Evening	Classic Lotto: 5-22-28-
Daily Three: 5-2-4	37-45-47
Daily Four: 3-9-2-9	Kicker: 4-7-1-9-7-8
Quick Draw: 1-6-7-9-17-	Estimated jackpot:
21-23-29-31-32-36-37-48-49-	\$3.9 million

Markets

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FAA outage sparks concern **By VALERIE YURK** CQ-Roll Call

Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON - Lawmakers on Capitol Hill will investigate a Federal Aviation Administration outage that caused thousands of flight delays early Wednesday morning as part of their discussions of upcoming islation.

The FAA on Wednesday announced on Twitter an outage of its information and operations notification system, leading the agency to call a "ground stop" that brought over 4,000 delays and 800 cancellations in the U.S.

a.m., thousands of flights remain delayed. Alyssa Black, a United Airlines passenger scheduled to fly out of Dulles International Airport on Wednesday morning, said her gate agents announced the FAA "has zero communication" with them and Although the agency that agents were checking

FAA reauthorization leg- lifted the ground stop by 9 Twitter for updates on the outage.

Although it's not clear vet what caused the outage, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre also tweeted that there is "no evidence of a cyberattack at this point," but President Joe Biden called for a "full investigation into the causes.

Bridge

Continued from page 1 Bricker said he supports the idea of connecting their exercise trail to the Hudson Family Park trail system across the river using the bridge. Bricker hopes to speak with the organization's board of directors about the matter Monday.

In other business, council members Matt Minnich, Cindy Bracy, Faron Parr, Harold Towell, Randy ment. The majority of the other

Dave Haines:

•Appointed Parr as vice president and re-appointed Houchins as president

•Approved several encumbrances totaling \$331,721.74, with the largest amount (\$252,584) coming from the purchase of two Western Stars chassis for Jay County Highway Depart-

May and Jeanne Houchins, absent encumbrances stem from state grants provided to Jay Emergency Medical Service and Jay County Health Department.

•Re-appointed Randy Geesaman and appointed Kelly Herman to Jay County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals per recommendation from assessor Robin Alberson

•Appointed council members to various departments and boards

Portland City Court

Judge Donald Gillespie Fined and sentenced

Pierre M. Souffrant, Deer Park, New York, FMCS violation, \$160.50; Sukhlinder Singh, Sacramento, California, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Miguel Morales, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Xiangchang Wang, Monterey Park, California, failure to obey signs and markings, \$160.50; Austin W. Karungo, Cary, North Carolina, off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Burnell R. Theophile, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Jaswant Singh, Santa Clara, California, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Navjot S. Bajwa, Bakersfield, California, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Abdikarim M. Nur, Sugar Lane, Texas, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Esteban Sanchez, Wasco, California, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance. \$385.50; Paramjit Singh, Thornton, Colorado, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Terry M. Snyder, Dunkirk, driving with expired plates, \$160.50; Colton Holmes, Pneto, speeding 56 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$136.50; Jonathan O. Edde, Portland, driving with expired plates, \$160.50.

Default

Shaina Gunter, Hartford City, driving with a suspended license.

Trials

Karandeep Singh, Indianapolis, speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, continued March 1; Aleksandrs Falba, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, disregarding traffic control device, March 1; Oryan Cochran, Portland, driving without a valid license, continued June 7; Kylie S. Seely, Hartford City. March 1: Clarence Cooper. accumulation of rubbish, storage of junk, overgrown weeds and grass/weeds taller than 8 inches,

Earlier

ter office.

Wednesday,

White House press secre-

tary Karine Jean-Pierre

repeatedly declined to

answer questions about

what efforts the adminis-

tration was taking to

ensure that all classified

materials had been found,

or whether Biden's resi-

dences in Wilmington and

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware,

had been searched. She

also refused to answer why

lawyers were involved in

packing up the Biden Cen-

continued March 1; Joshua Garrison, Pennville, expired plates, continued March 1; Robert D. Davidson, weeds, Portland, overgrown grass/weeds taller than 8 inches and refusal to remove, March 1.

Deferral

Ryan A. Markle, Portland, driving without a valid license; Mary K. Theurer, Portland, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone; Haley R. Bower, Portland, driving with a suspended license; Robert J. Bangiola, Hudson, New York, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone; Riley R. Leavell, Redkey, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Dismissed

Gavin Grady, Redkey, animal atlarge ordinance violation; Susan

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Today in history

In 1777, Mission Santa Clara de Asis, was founded by Padre Thomas Pena. It was the eighth of California's 21 missions along El Camino Real (The Royal Road), between San Diego and Sonoma.

In 1932, Hattie Ophelia Caraway was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate. She had been appointed to fill the senate seat following the death of her husband and then won a special election to finish his term. She won her own term in office in November 1932.

In 1964, Jeff Bezos, founder and CEO of Amazon.com, was born Act toward renovations in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He opened a virtual bookstore — Amazon — starting in his care facility. garage.

In 1966, the TV series "Batman," starring Adam West in the title role and Burt Ward as Robin, made its debut on ABC.

In 1969, the New York Jets upset the Baltimore Colts 16-7 in Super Bowl III. Jets quarterback Joe Namath had famously guaranteed that his team would win the game.

In 2005, Deep Impact, a space probe, was launched by NASA.

In 2022, Jay County Council rescinded its December 2021 decision to contribute \$700,000 in federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan of the former Judge Haynes Elementary School to become a child

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

3 p.m. — Portland Economic Income Tax Advisory session, Resource Center, 118. S. St. Meridian St., Portland. Income Tax Advisory Main St.

Committee, Community Resource Center, 118. S. Development Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Committee executive City Council, fire sta-Community tion, 1616 N. Franklin

7:30 p.m. — Fort 3:30 p.m. - Portland Recovery Village Coun-Economic Development cil, village hall, 201 S.

Nichols, Portland, accumulation of rubbish and storage of junk; Randy J. Wolford, Portland, passing a school bus; Terry M. Snyder, Dunkirk, driving without insurance; Jonathan O. Edde, Portland, driving without insurance.

Document

Continued from page 1 The developments have politically complicated the against Trump, case though Democrats have defended Biden by pointing out that his representatives immediately returned the materials upon their discovery unlike Trump's efforts to fight their return.

Yet Biden's criticism of Trump as "totally irresponsible" over his storage of classified material at his Mar-a-Lago estate has opened the current president up to fresh accusations of hypocrisy. It has also created more fodder for Republicans investigating the president using the powers of their new House majority.

House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer announced Tuesday that the panel was investigating the matter, writing in a letter to the White House counsel that it was only appropriate given Biden's comments about the importance of protecting classified material.

'The committee is concerned that President Biden has compromised sources and methods with his own mishandling of classified documents,' Comer wrote.

The second batch of documents was discovered in a separate location connected to Biden after initial set of classified materials was found by Biden lawyers in a locked closet at the University of Pennsylvania's Biden Center office. The White House

said those documents were prised to learn that classireturned within hours to fied documents had been the National Archives, but found at that office. "But I don't know what's in the documents," the the contents and fate of the second set weren't president added. clear.

It was also unclear when the second batch was discovered, or if it represents the totality of classified materials that appear to have been improperly removed as Biden concluded his tenure as vice president.

The White House didn't respond to a request for comment. The Justice Department declined to comment.

At a news conference in Mexico City on Tuesday, Biden said he was sur-



SERVICES

Thursday

Garr, Leslie: I p.m., Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 2905 Carson Ave., Indianapolis.

Smith, Michael: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland

Lawson, Sylvia: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Friday

Husmann, Anne: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

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

Saturday

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

Sunday Gerson, Janice: 2 p.m., Myers Mortuary, 1502 N. Lebanon St.,

Lebanon Wayne, Ronald: 4 p.m., Reichard Funeral Home, 400 W. Deerfield Road, Union City.

Monday Noble, George: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Tuesday Micheau, Robert: 2 p.m., Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

Family



Amitola Care Farm

A special animal farm in Mooresville offers comfort to women and children dealing with grief, trauma and abuse. Pictured, a minature donkey nuzzles a child.

Farm offers comfort

By TAYLOR BENNETT

WFYI Indianapolis

A special animal farm in Mooresville offers comfort to women and children dealing with grief, trauma and abuse.

Amitola Care Farm founder Katie Wyatt is a skilled therapist who moved from the United Kingdom to the United States five years ago.

"And I was like, OK, what if instead of going into organizations and running workshops, doing one to one sessions, in Indiana," Wyatt said. "What if we created this safe space in nature, that would be really healing and create a magical environment, if you like, with the animals?"

The farm is 8 acres and includes at least 36 animals.

'We started with miniature donkeys,

and we have six miniature donkeys that are just really, really precious and then it sort of evolved to getting some miniature horses. And then we were offered a retired IMPD police horse, Cody, who came to us just over a year ago.'

Wyatt said the farm offers a safe place for women and youth who've experienced trauma, primarily abuse, to come and spend time with the animals.

"You see them just building this connection with an animal and maybe see a smile or just stroking them and that tenderness and just feeling that connection, or just simply building a relationship and, and that's enough for them to want to come back," Wyatt said.

Wife's baseball obsession disrupts marriage

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been together 25 years and had an ideal marriage. She has recently become a dedicated baseball fan, or should I say, obsessed. She has season tickets and attends wearing her team outfit. She got a team license plate and scours the daily sports page for team news first thing every morning. She talks baseball with anyone anytime, including me, incessantly, despite my lukewarm interest.

At home on game day she has multiple TVs on, as well as her laptop and phone dialed to the game, lest she miss one second of play. She can talk about every player on a first-name basis, and their family in minute detail. When her team misses a play or loses, she gets irate and loudly curses at the TV. I worry she takes it too seriously.

games. Needless to say, think- that. Don't wait. Take your room has thrown a curve to son starts again.



our marital bliss. When I bring up the interference, she argues that "most husbands" would be thrilled to be married to a "Gamer-Babe." Can you referee this disputed call? — STRIK-ING OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR STRIKING OUT: Tell your sports-obsessed wife that while most husbands would be thrilled to be married to a "Gamer-Babe," she isn't married to one of them. Tell her you love her, but you are oversaturated with statistics and need her to dial it back. Explain that the portable TV in the bedroom is interfering with your sex life, She's now bringing her and if she values your marital portable TV into bed for late relationship, she will respect ing about baseball in the bed- stand now, before baseball sea-

yourself with new interests of your own because I have a feeling you are going to need them. •••••

DEAR ABBY: I have a lovely life — a wonderful husband and five caring children entering adulthood. I have a successful career I am well compensated for. The problem I face is that at 47, my health is such that I live every day in debilitating pain. I spend my energy getting through my day and evenings, and weekends in pain and recovering from my work week.

My husband is understanding, but friends and family don't understand. I don't know how much longer I can continue this, but I don't know how to give up a well-paying career without which my family's quality of life would considerably change. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — TRY-ING TO REST IN MIDWEST

DEAR TRYING: Whether your friends and family understand" the challenges

the point. I will assume that dating from other women you have talked at length about this with your husband. Your next step should be to talk with your physician about a referral to a pain-management specialist. If you are unable to find relief there, you may have to the financial hit. take Although it may mean your family will have to make do with less, your quality of life is important, too.

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DEAR ABBY: I went through breast cancer a few years ago. My breasts are now two different sizes because of the lumpectomy. I wear a gel prosthetic in my bra to camouflage it, and I'm extremely self-conscious about it. Because of this, I haven't dated in 10 years. How can I get past this fear of rejection? — OUT OF THE GAME IN ILLINOIS

would have received emo- 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

P.S. In self-defense, arm you are dealing with is beside tional support and tips for who have had cancer surgery. Countless women have had breast surgery similar to yours.

> If a potential partner is interested in you as a person, they won't be turned off by the fact that your breasts aren't the same size. Many women are born with asymmetrical breasts and live full, happy lives. A way to get past this fear would be to open up and reach out. Another would be to talk to your doctor or a mental health professional. The only thing you SHOULDN'T do is hide yourself away as though having survived cancer is something to be ashamed of.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as DEAR OUT: I wish you had Jeanne Phillips, and was joined a cancer support founded by her mother, Pauline group right after that Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at lumpectomy. If you had, you www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in the latest products and Monday Community Calendar as space is available. To subemail mit an item, news@thecr.com.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian Saturday 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. INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about

information. JAY COUNTY TRAILS

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

PORTLAND BREAKmeet 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.

Will be EUCHRE -

MUNITY FAMILY MEAL Will be served from 5:30 FAST OPTIMISTS — Will to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Evervone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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.

BRYANT COMMUNITY

CENTER EUCHRE — Will

be played at 1 p.m. each

Tuesday. The public is wel-

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-

Will meet at 5:30 p.m.

GIVER SUPPORT GROUP

the third Tuesday of each

month at Jay County Pub-

lic Library community

room. For more informa-

tion, call Deb Tipton at

(260) 729-2806 or Elasha

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Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

COUNTY LIBRARY — Will

meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at

FRIENDS

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JOB POSTING: FULL-TIME TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

The Full-Time Transportation Coordinator will be responsible for scheduling transportation of Swiss Village residents, assisting with administrative transportation tasks, and transporting residents. This position will work

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

Sunday

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

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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 COM- the library.



JOB POSTING: PART-TIME TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

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If interested, please submit a Resume and Cover Letter to Taylor Lehman, Vice President of HR, by Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

Taylor Lehman, Vice President of HR Swiss Village 1350 W. Main St. Berne, IN 46711 Or email: careers@swissvillage.org

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Program needs to better publicity

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Despite the embarrassment of living with the Indiana General Assembly, Hoosiers can take heart.

Now, please, don't get overexcited about the following good news.

At the bottom of page 12 in the Dec. 30, 2022, edition of the Greater Fort Wayne Business Journal is a story about the Indiana Grown Commission. Apparently, from its website, indianagrown.org has been around for seven years. (I hadn't heard about this commission; had you?)

Its mission is "to promote products that are grown or made by Hoosiers, for Hoosiers!" Makes me proud to know that.

However, because I'm as greedy



as the next economist, I'd like to see them promoting Hoosier products to folks beyond our borders. Yet, who am I to complain about limited aspirations?

For years, I have wondered why apples I buy are labeled from Michigan or Ohio? We all know Idaho potatoes. Even Indiana blueberries come in cartons labeled as originating in Michigan. It's Kentucky bluegrass,

Indiana is a void in the marketing map of America. Seven years, with support from Purdue University, that great generator of self-serving advertising, and this is still an unknown effort?

Nonetheless, the next time I am going to or from Marion on Indiana 18, I'll stop at the Jefferson St. BBQ in Converse to sample their offerings. (Converse - population 1,161 in 2020 — is one of those distinctive Indiana towns, like Batesville and Nappanee, that spills over the border of two counties — in this case, Grant and Miami.)

Also of interest to me was Bee Free snack food, which proudly declares, "Liberated from junk

Georgia peaches and Vermont food." Who could resist such a product? Sadly, no address, phone number or website tells us how to find this firm.

Seven years and this is the product promotion offered by the state?

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who oversees the Dept. of Agriculture, might want to attend the Jan. 25 meeting of this commission and question its members on their performance.

Indiana now has the Destination Development Corporation the IDDC — not to be confused with the IEDC, which provides support (money) to businesses beginning or expanding operations in Indiana. IDDC is intended to be more than just a tourist promotion activity.

In the 2023 budget, IDDC seeks sufficient funding to do its job on a more reasonable scale. It's a good idea because the more Hoosiers themselves know about this state, the better ambassadors they can be for Indiana. That, and my capacious appetite, moved me to get an Indiana Culinary Trails Passport, a guide to Hoosier restaurants.

To get that increased appropriation from the General Assembly may be a struggle. Our elected representatives may be uncom-fortable with "others" knowing anything about us, except for our well-publicized backwardness.

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Rioters must be held accountable Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

The United States has **Guest** long been a model for the world, inspiring people in other nations to throw off oppression and follow our path by creating sta-ble, solid, democratic societies based on the rule of law, featuring the orderly and peaceful transfer of power.

So maybe it shouldn't come as a surprise that some Brazilians tried to take a lesson from the U.S. on Sunday. It was the wrong lesson.

Brazil's far-right election deniers rioted in the capital city of Brasilia on behalf of defeated ex-President Jair Bolsonaro, trashing that nation's seat of government and copying the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection and coup attempt in which President Donald Trump's lies about his election defeat culminated in the sacking of the Capitol by his supporters.

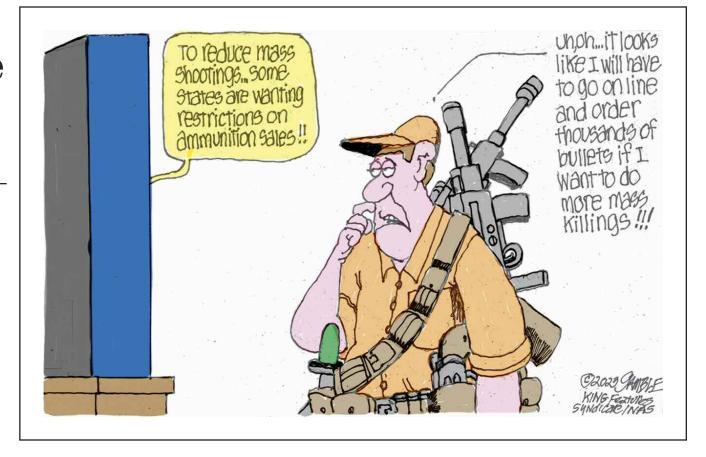
The violent spectacle marked an ignominious day for the South American nation, but it heaps shame as well on the U.S., which is in peril of relinquishing its role as a beacon of democracy and taking its place among nations for which election results are shaky,

Editorial

It's as if Brazil's rioters thought, 'Well, if North **Americans** can believe what they want despite the facts, and act on it, why shouldn't we?'

President Mike Pence and members of Congress were in danger.

In Brazil, Bolsonaro didn't quite deny that he was defeated by Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in the Oct. 30 election, and he agreed to cede the office Jan. 1. But he did follow the Trump template by arguing that the vote was rigged or at least unreliable.



Unsung heroes deserve support

By FIROUZ DANESHGARI Chicago Tribune

Tribune News Service Dr. Aida Rostami, a 36-year-old Iranian physician, was found in dead in December, with her body showing signs of torture. According to news reports, she had lost one eye, and half her face was crushed.

Her crime? Rostami was a doctor committed to her Hippocratic oath. She was tortured to death simply for providing medical treatment to antiregime protesters in Iran. On Dec. 12, she was taking care of several wounded protesters in Ekbatan Disto his rival on time, on trict of Tehran when she left a protester's house to get supplies and was arrested.



Neither is the current situation unique. In the 1980s, when I was a medical student at the University of Tehran in Iran, I treated several activists at their homes or wherever they were hiding from the authorities, with almost no equipment and meager supplies. I was arrested and severely tortured during that time and eventually transferred to a ward crammed with prisoners at Evin Prison. As soon as they found out that I was a medical student, my secret role as a prison doctor began. I was lucky to leave prison alive, considering that I, too, was an activist with MEK. Then, as now, the MEK enjoyed massive support among people from all walks of life, including technocrats and physicians. It has been the clerical regime's archenemy since its inception, and as such, some 120,000 MEK activists, including more than 30% of my classmates, have been executed in Iran over the vears After fleeing Iran, I became a professor of surgery in the U.S. and a surgeon-scientist, but although more than three decades have passed, I've never forgotten the anguish I saw among young activists in Iran, for whom I could do so little. Iranians from all walks of life have risen up against the regime to establish a democratic republic. Once again, I find it encouraging that so many Iranian medical professionals have been defying the regime's efforts to entrap and arrest injured activists. Furthermore, I am proud that the MEK's resistance units have helped coordinate the network of night doctors while also playing a central role in the uprising.

democracy and freedom in Iran. Considering my own experiences, I can well imagine what Iranian doctors and nurses have been going through since the uprising began in mid-September.

By the end of November, it was reported that at least three doctors had been slapped with capital charges including "enmity against God." It became apparent that these charges might lead to the defendants' executions. At least two people have been hanged for their participation in the protests, and authorities have warned that many more could quickly follow. The international community has duly condemned the two known executions and the accompanying death sentences, as well as the reported rapes of women in custody and the mass shootings of protesters in the streets. There is value in those statements, but with Iran's nationwide uprising entering its fourth month, it is becoming ever more important for Western democracies and human rights defenders to take concrete actions in support of the uprising, its participants and the principles of those supporting it, including Iranian medical personnel. The international community should vociferously condemn the Iranian regime's atrocities and take actions such as imposing serious sanctions, halting negotiations with the regime and recognizing the right of Iranians to defend themselves. Medical associations should urge the U.S. government to do whatever it can to help Iranian protesters. Rostami had the courage to risk her life for her commitment to her Hippocratic oath. Countless activists are demonstrating the same courage today — but also waiting to see what the free world will do to support them in their battle against the regime in Tehran. Do our policymakers have the resolve to show the ayatollahs that they can no longer get away with the crimes they have been perpetrating for more than 40 years? I am hopeful

and the real decisions are handed over to mobs and the autocrats or shadowy cabals that try to manipulate them.

Two years out from the U.S. insurrection, following the in-depth hearings and report of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, the evidence shows that then-President Trump compounded his blatantly false claims that he was reelection denied because of voter fraud with plans to overturn the vote and retain office.

The what-ifs are chilling. Evidence presented to the committee shows that Trump weighed plans to install Justice Department officials who would falsely declare there were voting irregularities.

He was asked to consider declaring martial law and collect voting machines. He invited his supporters to Washington and, knowing that many were armed, told them to go to the Capitol. He watched the rioting for more than three the world's most imitated supporters to stop. Vice way.

Unlike Trump, he wasn't on hand for the attack. He was in Trump's home state of Florida.

But those are cosmetic differences. It's as if Brazil's rioters thought, "Well, if North Americans can believe what they want despite the facts, and act on it, why shouldn't we?'

So far, despite the House committee findings, and the prosecution of nearly 1,000 people, neither Trump nor any of his team has been held to answer for the Jan. 6 attack.

If they are held accountable, perhaps the next set of election deniers and insurrectionists elsewhere in the world will be dissuaded by an American model that, when push comes to shove, holds perpetrators to the rule of law.

And if not, maybe the U.S. will once again be hours before telling his nation. But not in a good

Rostami vowed to become a doctor after losing her father to cancer when she was young. She risked her life saving Iranians during the pandemic, only to end up being tortured to death for helping her countrymen through a different kind of crisis.

Iran's anti-regime protests have continued for more than 100 days with slogans such as "death to Khomeini," referring to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, echoing all over the country. Tehran has responded with a heavy and ruthless crackdown. According to the main Iranian opposition movement, the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, or PMOI/MEK, at least 750 protesters, including at least 65 juveniles, have been killed. As many as 30,000 have been arrested.

Accumulating reports describe security forces raiding hospitals and taking away protesters to be tortured and interrogated. A number of hospital managers have revealed that they have been forced to provide lists of patients to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. As such, many protesters have been avoiding hospitals, even after being severely wounded.

This phenomenon has spawned a network of "night doctors" who are dedicated to treating injured protesters outside of the hospital system and out of view of security forces. That network has produced many unsung heroes, and Rostami is not the only one to lose her life.

Heroes such as Rostami are making the ultimate sacrifice to bring about at the start of 2023.

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First Church of Christ 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery David J. Nicholson (419) 375-2860 Services: 10:30 a.m. fccftrecovery.org

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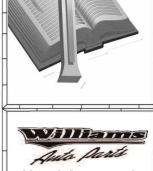


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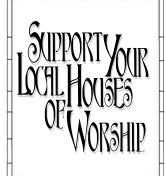


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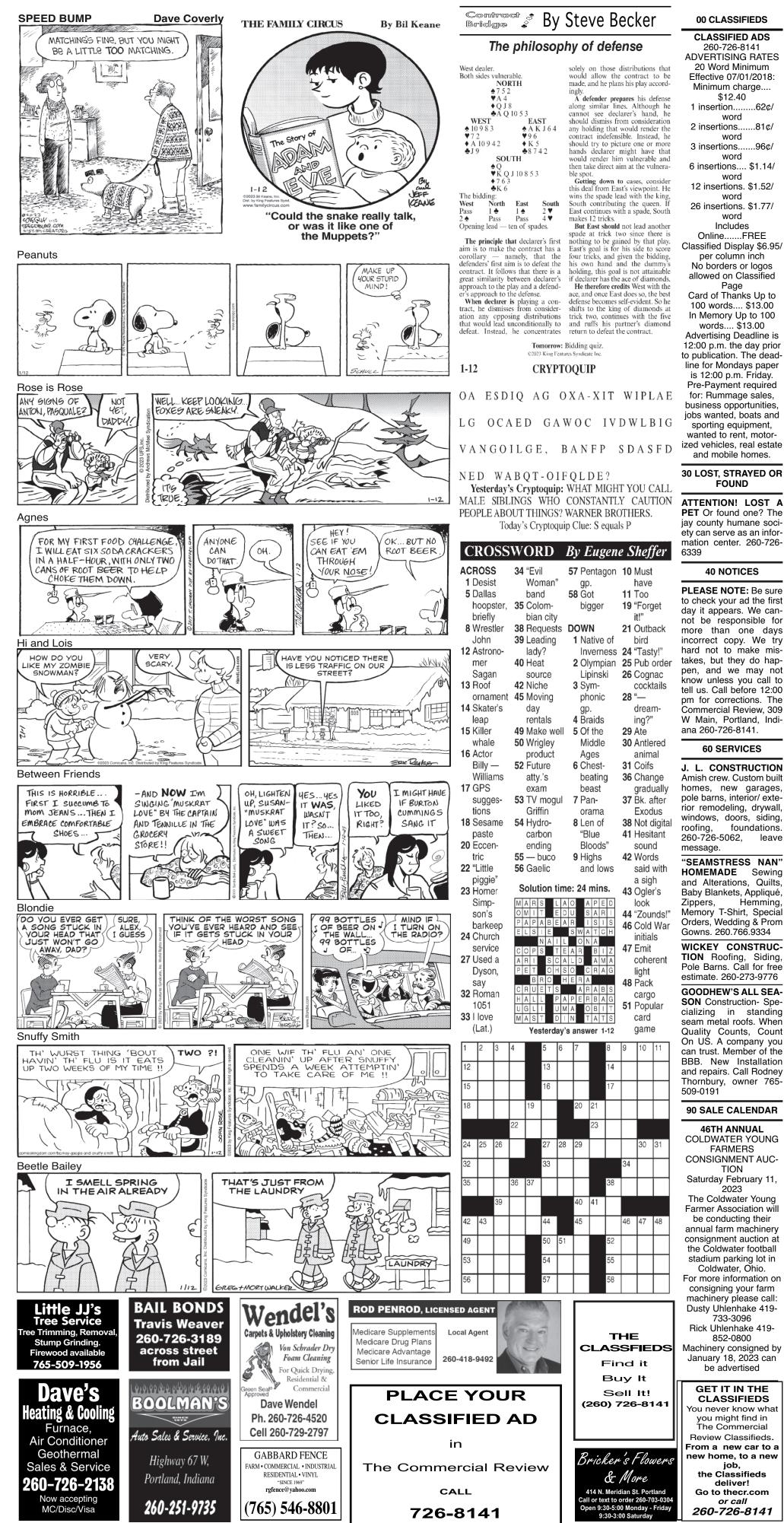
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Mattie Affolder (left) of Jay County locks up with Columbia City's Vivian Parke during Friday's regional tournament. She placed third in the 250-pound bracket in the regional and will open Saturday's state finals against Olivia Durham of Southport.

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Winner, a sophomore who is currently ranked third and is the defending 160-pound state champion, is primed to make a run at her second state title after pinning No. 1 Grace Hiroms of Rochester in Friday's regional championship match at JCHS. She said that victory was a major confidence boost.

She will open the state finals against Claudia Headlee of Sheridan and would likely meet 10th-ranked Emily Eacret of Franklin Community in the quarterfinals.

A potential revenge match looms in the semifinals, where she could meet Centerville's second-ranked Shelby Life. She suffered one of her two losses this season by a 7-4 score to Life in tournament action at Lebanon.

Winner, who suffered a broken leg in the offseason, said she got frustrated in the match and got out of position. The key to beating Life, she added, is to stay focused, know the previous match doesn't mean anything and be confident that she's fully back to 100%.

"She just has to stay focused and determined like she has been, agreed Myers. "She does a really good job of not giving up position. She fights for every little position. ... "She just stays persistent and moving forward and usually finds a takedown or finds a turn."

Other first-round match-ups for the Patriots are as follows:

152 — No. 10 Maleah Parsons vs. Ava Allen of Silver Creek 182 — No. 10 Kiley Williams vs. Jil-

lian Higginson of Mount Vernon 132 — No. 10 Emily Manor vs.

Joslyn Barnett of Attica 250 — No. 9 Mattie Affolder vs.

Olivia Durham of Southport 126 — Lina Lingo vs. Ño. 16 Gelissa

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98 — No. 9 Katie Rowles vs. No. 1 Kendall More of Hamilton Heights

First-round winners guarantee themselves a top-eight finish and a state medal.

Based on state rankings, Parsons

has the clearest path to the semifinals other than Winner for the Patriots. If she is able to beat Allen, she would likely face 13th-ranked Janiah Juarez of Penn in the quarterfinal round.

Williams, Manor, Affolder and Lingo would all likely face top-five ranked opponents in the quarterfinals if they were to attain first-round wins.

After having four wrestlers finish in the top six last season — joining Winner were Tricia Ison (170) in fourth and Lizzie Dollar (106) and Mollie Hines (182) both in sixth — Jay County is looking forward to the opportunity to earn more medals and make a run at the top of the team standings.

"I'm just really proud of all the girls on the team," said Jacks. "We have 14 girls on the team. ... They're all supportive of each other. And they're such good practice partners that it's no surprise that we've got this many (state qualifiers).

'We're just excited for that opportunity to go down there," said Myers.

Candidate

Continued from page 8 On that note, here's a thumbnail look at the five outside candidates known to have received interview requests from the Colts: Aaron Glenn

A first-round pick by the New York Jets in 1994, Glenn played 15 NFL seasons as a cornerback with five franchises and was selected to three Pro Bowls.

The 50-year-old began his coaching career as an assistant defensive backs coach Cleveland with the Browns in 2014 and spent five years with the New Orleans Saints (2016-20) before following Campbell to Detroit as defensive coordinator.

Glenn's unit ranked 28th in scoring (25.1 points per game) and 32nd in total yards (392.4 per game) this season.

Ejiro Evero

The 42-year-old Denver Broncos defensive coordinator was born in England and raised in California. He spent time during the offseason with the Oakland Raiders as an undrafted free agent in 2004 but has no NFL regular season experience.

Evero's first coaching job came as an assistant at his alma mater — UC-Davis — 2005. He in joined the NFL as a defensive quality control coach with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2007.

He made stops with Francisco the San 49ers, Green Bay Packers and Los Angeles Rams before becoming a coordinator for the first time this season.

Despite Denver's 5-12 finish, Evero's defense ranked seventh in yards (320 per game) and 14th in scoring (21.1 points per game).

Ben Johnson

A former walk-on quarterback at North Carolina, Johnson's first coaching job came as a graduate assistant with Boston College in 2009.

The 36-year-old entered the NFL as an offensive assistant with the Miami Dolphins in 2012 and joined the Lions as an offensive quality control coach in 2019. After two years as the tight ends coach, he was per game) and third in promoted to offensive coor-

age of 26.6 points per game and fourth with 380 yards per game.

Despite his youth, he's a hot candidate with interview requests from the Texans and Carolina Panthers.

Raheem Morris

The only candidate thus far with previous head coaching experience, Morris posted a 21-38 record in three seasons with Tampa Bay (2009-11) and an interim stint with the Atlanta Falcons (2020).

The 46-year-old began his coaching tenure as a graduate assistant at Hofstra in 1998 and entered the NFL as a defensive quality control coach with the Bucs in 2002. His first job as a defensive coordinator came at Kansas State in 2006 and he rejoined Tampa Bay's staff a year later.

Morris coached defensive backs with the Washington franchise from 2012-14 and spent 2015-20 with the Falcons. He was part of second his Super Bowl championship last year as the Rams' defensive coordinator.

Morris is expected to be a candidate to become the Rams' head coach if Sean McVay retires.

Shane Steichen

Considered an option to become Reich's offensive coordinator in 2018, Steichen currently works Eagles under head coach Nick Sirianni — who served in the role under Reich for three seasons.

The 37-year-old began his coaching career as an offensive assistant at Louisville

2010 and joined in the NFL as a defensive assistant with the San Diego Chargers in 2011. He spent one year with the Cleveland Browns before rejoining the Chargers in 2014.

Steichen remained with the Chargers through 2020, where he worked alongside Reich, Sirianni and Colts defensive coordinator Gus Bradley at different points.

Sirianni tabbed Steichen as his offensive coordinator when he became Philadelphia's head coach last year.

Steichen's offense ranked third in scoring (28.1 points yards (389.1 per game) this ear, though the plays. also Carolina has requested an interview with Steichen.

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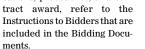
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State contenders Patriots among top teams for IHSGW title

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The Patriots wanted to win a regional championship. Check.

They also wanted to be in position to compete for a state title.

They feel they are.

Jay County High School will send seven wrestlers to the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Championships, which begin at 11 a.m. Friday at Mooresville High School.

"Everybody is good at this point," said Troy Jacks, one of the program's army of assistant coaches that works with the girls team. "We're focusing on our strengths. And we're focusing on having everyone stay positive and scoring as many points as we can to see if we can compete for a state championship this year as a team."

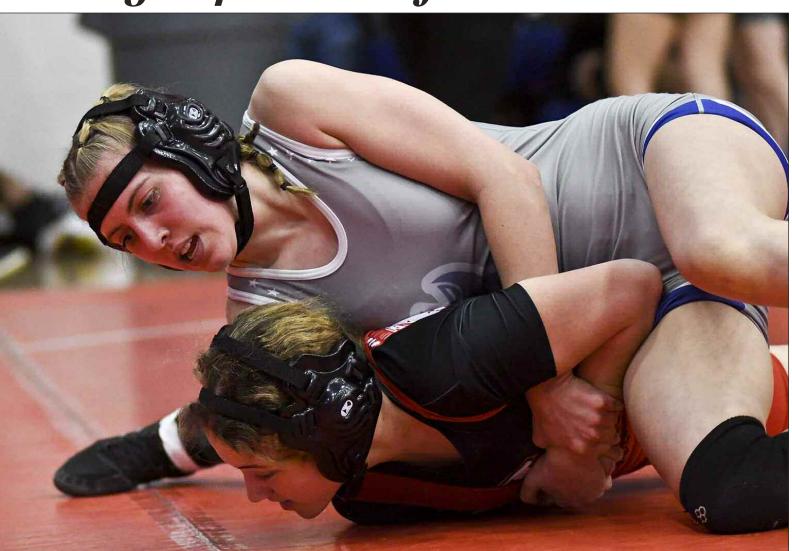
The Patriots are one of a handful of top contenders for the team state championship. Only defending champion Penn (11) and Southport (eight) have more state qualifiers. Warren Central matches Jay County with seven, Kokomo and Rochester each have six and Jeffersonville and Merrillville have five apiece.

"I definitely think that we have a shot at the title or at very least top two," said JCHS coach Eric Myers.

The Patriots were third in the state finals last season, trailing Penn (83) and Southport (61). They finished fourth in 2021 behind Lebanon, Penn and North Montgomery.

"We want to improve on that at the very least," said Myers. win a title.'

Jay County finds itself in position to compete for the state championship by virtue of hav- repeat.



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Jay County High School's Lina Lingo takes control of her 126-pound regional match Friday against Zoey Sparks of North Miami. Lingo is one of the Patriots' seven state qualifiers who will compete beginning at 11 a.m. Friday in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Finals. With only two teams having more state qualifiers, Jay County is hoping to make a run at the team championship after placing third last season.

"But we want to go after it and ing seven state qualifiers, up from five last year. All of them are underclassmen. And only — Mallory Winner — is a one

success from so many new to the sport?

Why has there been so much in they knew that they had a coaches see the potential in access from so many new to big opportunity here," said them and they all knew that. Winner. "They know that girls "I think the biggest thing is wrestling is growing and that believed in them." that everybody when they came we have great coaches. Our

They had somebody that

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Vaughn racks up 23

The Foresters closed 2022 with a loss. They opened 2023 with another.

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Alli Vaughn, who graduated from FRHS in 2021, racked up a career-high scoring total Jan. 7 in leading the Huntington University women's basketball team to a 75-66 victory over Bethel.

Vaughn hit a career-high five 3-pointers en route to a 23-point effort for the Foresters (8-10). She was also 6-of-8 from the foul line. Her previous scoring high was 18 points on Nov. 11 in a loss to Indiana University - Southeast.

The sophomore also had a team-best nine rebounds for HU to go along with two steals and an assist.

Vaughn also had six points, eight rebounds, four steals, one assist and one block as the Foresters won 76-67 Wednesday over Spring Arbor.

Vivienne Kunkler Jay County - 2019

Contributed to a relay victory for the Bethel College women's swim team Saturday in its 129-59 domination of Anderson.

Kunkler teamed with Josefina Gonza-

Candidate list grows

By GEORGE BREMER The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS There are at least two inhouse candidates for the Indianapolis Colts' head coaching position.

Special teams coordinator Bubba Ventrone interviewed for the job Wednesday, and general manager Chris Ballard confirmed a day earlier interim head coach Jeff Saturday also will be in the mix.

It's a process Ballard said will not be rushed, and part of that comes from his previous experience in 2018.

The team first settled on former New England Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels as its next head coach. An agreement was reached and a press conference was scheduled, but McDaniels backed out of the offer hours before he was to fly to Indianapolis for his official introduction.

Ventrone, Saturday are both being considered

landed on former Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Frank Reich, and he led the team to two playoff appearances and three winning records in 4 1/2seasons.

Finalists in both searches included current Tennessee Titans head coach Mike Vrabel and current Detroit Lions head coach Dan Campbell.

After the hiring was finalized, Ballard repeatedly stated Reich was an outstanding candidate he simply overlooked during the first go-around. It's a mistake he's determined not to make again.

"A lot of times what hap-The restarted search pens is you get a vision of

what what you want before - you've made your mind up, and then you might ignore somebody that's really freaking good right in front of your face," Bal-lard said. "We've got a very process detailed put together on the traits and attributes we're looking for in the head coach don't care which side of the ball. And to be patient and take your time and make sure we have a thorough interview with everybody.

Consistent, thorough — I don't care if it takes until mid-February to hire the head coach. It's about getting it right."

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lez, Elisabeth Wolfe and Jaylyn Harrison to take the 200-yard medley relay by nearly two seconds over a group of their teammates in 2 minutes, 0.95 seconds. She also placed third behind Wolfe and Harrison in the 50 freestyle with a time of 26.71.

Val Muhlenkamp Fort Recovery – 2020

Was one of two University of Findlay women's basketball players to reach double figures Saturday as the Oilers lost 58-55 to Cedarville.

Muhlenkamp scored 10 points, trailing only the team-high 20 from Kate Ellis for Findlay. She also had eight rebounds and a pair of assists.

The junior led the Oilers (4-11) with eight rebounds to go along with two points and a steal in a 64-41 loss Jan. 5 to Ursuline.