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Playing pickleball

Bill Hampson (foreground) and Steve Liggett rush to the ball during a game of pickleball this morning at Jay Community Center. Jay County Pickleball Club offers its members time on the court from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through Fridays and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Roussey to join Arts Place as center director

JCHS grad will lead organization's campus in Jay County

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Shawnda Roussey thought she'd never get the opportunity for a career in the arts that she had hoped for when she departed Jay County High School.

At the end of the month, she'll start a newly created position at a local arts facility.

Arts Place on Tuesday announced that Roussey, a Portland resident, has been hired as the center director for the Jay County Campus of Arts Place.

"It's interesting how life takes you," said Roussey. "I didn't think I would ever get a chance or opportunity to revisit my goal of getting back into music. And I feel like God gave me this opportunity."

She will step into a new role that was created as part of some restructuring following the retirement of longtime Arts Place executive director Eric Rogers last summer. It will involve managing the facilities, participating in fundraising and managing staff, all specific to the Jay County campus. She'll also be part of a collaborative effort on planning programming. It's a combination of duties that used to be handled by the executive director, director of development and administrative assistant. (The latter two of those three roles have been eliminated.)

Carducci touted Roussey's combination of experience as a good fit for the new role.

"She has arts experience," said Carducci, noting Roussey's participation in band and choir in high school and her involvement with Jay County Civic Theatre. "But she also has management and leadership experience ... It's a nice blend of those abilities that are important."



Roussey

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Chamber releases annual report

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County Chamber of Commerce released its 2022 summary and financial report Tuesday and announced that nominations are open for the 2022 Jay County Community Awards.

The financial report showed total income of \$106,279.36 for 2022 with total expenses of \$103,451.81, resulting in net income of \$2,827.55.

Chamber executive director Tabby Sprunger noted during

Membership is up to 339; nominations open for awards

an interview this morning that the organization welcomed 19 new members in 2023 to bring its total to 339. It hosted 14 ribbon-cutting ceremonies for

new or expanding businesses and led three shop local campaigns.

"We had a really good year," said Sprunger.

She added that the chamber has worked to focus more on partnering with its members and helping them promote their organizations, promotions and events.

"The JCCC leadership has heard from the members that we need to focus more on our members and the benefits received for their membership investment," Sprunger said in the report. "We are more than ever living out our mission and vision."

Meeting is set

By PAUL M. KRAWZAK
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — When Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-California, meets President Joe Biden on Wednesday to discuss the debt limit, there are some structural advantages in favor of emerging from the fight this summer without tanking financial markets that didn't exist in 2011, a similar moment in U.S. political history.

The talks are starting with plenty of time to reach agreement before the Treasury Department's supply of cash and accounting maneuvers runs out, possibly in June. When House Republicans and then-Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, took control in early 2011, they spent months battling the Obama administration and Democratic leaders

over unfinished fiscal 2011 spending bills before even turning to the debt ceiling.

That debate over stop-gap bills to avoid a partial government shutdown was occurring even as the Obama Treasury Department was warning of a debt limit breach by mid-May, in which bondholders and every beneficiary of government spending were at risk of missed payments.

Serious talks to resolve the debt ceiling standoff didn't even begin until mid-April, though by that

time Treasury had pushed its "x date" back to July, and ultimately to Aug. 2.

President Barack Obama met with House Republicans on June 1 to discuss the budget and debt limit, and he played golf with Boehner later in the month. But Obama and Boehner didn't really get down to their own private negotiations until July, after negotiations led by then-Vice President Biden and then-House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Virginia, collapsed June 23.

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McCarthy and Biden will discuss debt limit



Tribune News Service/Los Angeles Times/Irfan Khan

Remembering partner

A woman who identified herself as Shally and said her dance partner died in the shooting at Star Ballroom Dance Studio in Monterey Park, pays her respects at a makeshift memorial outside the dance hall Tuesday in Monterey Park, California.

In review

Two more candidates have filed to run in this year's municipal elections. Incumbent Democrat Mary Eley filed to run for Redkey clerk-treasurer. Carrie Minnich, a Republican, filed to run for Bryant clerk-treasurer.

The deadline to file to run is noon Friday.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 24 degrees Tuesday. The low was 13.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 17. Expect mostly sunny skies with a high of 37 Thursday and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour.

For an extended outlook, see page 2.

In review

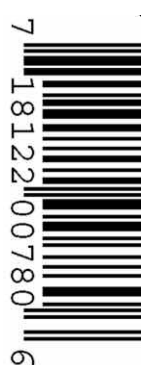
The Portland Foundation is accepting nominations for the Jack Cole Award for Volunteerism. Nominations should be sent to the foundation office, 107 S. Meridian St., Portland. The deadline is March 16.

For more information, call The Portland Foundation at (260) 726-4260.

Coming up

Thursday — Preview of regional wrestling tournament at JCHS.

Saturday — Roundup of those who have filed to run for election.



Chamber ...

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Also Tuesday, the chamber opened nominations for the Jay County Community Awards. Those interested in making a nomination can do so by filling out the form at form.jotform.com/230025403392141 or picking up a form from the chamber office in Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Nominations will be open through Feb. 28. Finalists will be announced in April with winners to be announced at the Jay Coun-

ty Community Awards Banquet and Ceremony set for May. The chamber's board of directors elected Josh Stewart president, Ben Vance vice president and Dylan Franks secretary. Other elected members are Steve Zielinski, Dru Hall, Tami Vormohr, Seth Scott, Debi Gillespie, Mark Valentine, Pat Daniels, Randy Stephen, Shauna Runkle, Kenci Grayson and Zach Chenoweth. (Several elected positions are vacant, including representatives for Dunkirk, Pennville, Redkey and Bryant, and one at-

large seat.) Ex-officio members are Portland Mayor John Boggs, Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins, Jay County Commissioner Brian McGalliard, Jay County Council president Jeanne Houchins and Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards.

Also recognized in the chamber report released Tuesday were the following chamber member anniversaries being celebrated this year:

160 Years — First Financial Bank

140 Years — Town of Redkey
130 Years — First Merchants Bank
75 Years — Manpower and Portland Motor Parts
70 Years — Fullenkamp Machine and Jay Community Center
40 Years — Second Harvest Food Bank
30 Years — Accelerated Curing, Jacks & Associates Financial Services, Portland Veterinary Clinic, Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County and West Jay Optometrist Club

25 Years — May Financial Group
20 Years — CrossCountry Mortgage, Dalton & Co. Cleaning Supply, Hearing Air Outlet, IOM Grain, Moser Motors of Portland, National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture and Sharlette's Fudgery & Candies
15 Years — Carts & Parts, Clear Choice Chiropractic and Second Chance at Life Ministry
10 Years — Alcove, Corle Pond Insurance and Nasby Chainsaw Art

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Thursday 2/2	Friday 2/3	Saturday 2/4	Sunday 2/5	Monday 2/6
37/13	20/11	35/32	46/27	48/40
Mostly sunny skies today, with wind gusts reaching up to 25 mph.	There's a chance of snow flurries in the morning. Otherwise, windy and partly sunny.	Partly cloudy Saturday with the temperatures staying in the mid to low 30s.	Another day of partly sunny skies is in the forecast for Sunday.	Monday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with a high of 48.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$653 million	Quick Draw: 9-18-19-21-34-35-36-39-42-51-56-58-59-61-63-65-71-74-75-78 Cash 5: 5-17-23-25-26 Estimated jackpot: \$607,000
Mega Millions 7-9-18-29-39 Mega Ball: 13 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-5-8 Pick 4: 1-6-8-9 Pick 5: 4-4-9-6-9 Evening Pick 3: 5-4-4 Pick 4: 4-7-2-4 Pick 5: 7-2-5-0-0 Rolling Cash: 23-28-31-36-38 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-2-1 Daily Four: 7-5-9-5 Quick Draw: 1-8-12-14-23-25-27-28-29-33-40-42-45-46-59-62-63-72-74-80 Evening Daily Three: 6-3-9 Daily Four: 6-8-5-7	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.89 March corn.....6.89 Wheat.....7.37	Wheat.....6.92 July wheat.....7.40
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.93 March corn.....6.95 April corn.....6.99	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.77 March corn.....6.77 Beans.....15.15 Feb. beans.....15.24 Wheat.....7.42
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.87 March corn.....6.87 Beans.....15.12 March beans.....15.22	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.45 March corn.....6.50 Beans.....14.91 March beans.....14.96 Wheat.....7.10

Today in history

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court first assembled in New York City. Chief Justice John Jay, for whom Jay County is named, postponed the court's first session because some of the justices were unable to reach New York because of travel issues.

In 1902, writer and poet Langston Hughes was born in Joplin, Missouri. He was known for his poems, stories and other writings about Black American Life. His most famous works include "The Weary Blues" and "The Big Sea."

In 1960, four African Americans began a sit-in at a Woolworth's lunch counter in North Carolina to protest segregation. Its success led to a wider sit-in movement across the South.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up about 40 miles over Texas, resulting in the deaths of all seven members of its crew. The accident was attributed to foam breaking loose during the launch and damaging insulation tiles.

In 2004, Kurtis Hess won the 135-pound title in the sectional wrestling tournament at Jay County. He defeated Andy Myers of Adams Central, rolling out to an 8-3 lead in the first period and pinning him in the second.

In 2022, the Class 3A No. 6 Jay County High School girls basketball team lost 36-33 in overtime to eighth-ranked Hamilton Heights in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament at Yorktown. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works executive session, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland. 4:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.	chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council	Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Testimony mixed on bill

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

A bill aimed at lowering health care costs for Hoosiers received mixed reviews in committee on Tuesday, from provisions penalizing hospitals for high prices to curtailing the use of non-compete agreements.

Rep. Donna Schaibley, R-Carmel, introduced the measure's components before the House Public Health Committee, though the panel agreed to hear testimony this week and amend the bill next week before a vote.

She said the bill, along with a companion piece of legislation that will be heard on Wednesday, are the result of a lack of action on the part of health care entities and insurers to lower prices.

"Indiana has a highly concentrated market with a high number of physician groups being employed by hospital systems," Schaibley said. "This is something that is much needed in Indiana."

Hospitals whose cost of service is more than 260% of the federal Medicaid reimbursement rate would be fined in an attempt to

lower health care costs across the board.

"It does focus on the large not-for-profit hospitals," Schaibley said. "I would say most of them have extremely large reserves and I think they're capable of absorbing them."

Brian Tabor, president of the Indiana Hospital Association, warned of the unintended consequences that could come from the "punitive elements" of the bill, urging legislators to work with hospitals when it came to setting a fair price.

See Bill page 7

Capsule Reports

Lost control
A Minnesota man lost control of the semi he was driving, causing it to go off Indiana 67 and into a ditch about 10:50 a.m. Monday.

Muhumed H. Abade, 64, Eden Prairie, told police he was driving a 2006 Peterbilt 387 west on the highway when he lost control because of the slick road and drove into

a ditch. (A Jay County Sheriff's Office crash report indicates an officer noticed the road was not ice-covered or slick following the crash.) Damage is estimated

between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The semi, which is registered to Abdiselam R. Hajinur of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, was towed from the scene.

Felony arrests

Child molestation
A Portland man was arrested Monday for child molestation. Nathan M. Ross, 40, 920 W. High St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 1 felony, along with a Level 4 felony for child solicitation.

He's being held on a \$65,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Child solicitation
A Portland man was arrested Monday for child solicitation. Brenton B. Witt, 19, 6521 S. 600

West, was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony for child solicitation as well as a Class A misdemeanor for inappropriate communication with a child. He's being held on a \$16,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Roussey ...

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"We're excited to have her come and bring her experiences here. ... She has a lot of enthusiasm and excitement."

Roussey is part of an evolving staff at Arts Place after Carolyn Carducci became executive director last month — she had been leading the organization on an interim basis for about the previous two months — and Allison Smiley was hired as visual arts director last week.

The 2001 JCHS graduate, who was a drum major for the Marching Patriots, initially intended to pursue a degree in music education or music ministry at Indiana Wesleyan University. When the cost of college proved a bit overwhelm-

ing, she returned home to work for her family's business and later took a job in the office of Dr. Stephen Myron. For the last 15 years, she had supervised billing and scheduling for Adams Physical Therapy's Portland and Winchester locations.

"This is a complete paradigm shift for me," said Roussey, whose first day

in her new role at Arts Place will be Feb. 27.

She said she hopes to be able to help Arts Place expand current programs such as MusicWorks, ArtWorks and Arts in the Parks and see growth and/or revival of groups like music ensembles, the community band and the community choir.

"I am really excited to serve Jay County and the surrounding areas," Roussey said. "I feel like Arts Place has such great programming and a chance for kids, adults, everyone of all ages to participate and really just invest in the creative heart that they may have. I feel like there's such a diversity that Arts Place provides that literally anyone can probably find a program that fits their creative aspect of their mind."

SERVICES

Today

Miller, Dorothy: 2 p.m., Hip-peeel Funeral Home, 822 N. 9th St., Lafayette.

Friday

Phillips, Helen: 11 a.m., Kiplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

Saturday

Ludwig, Jerry: 3 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

May 13

Warrick, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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Student with gun apprehended

Post-Tribune (Merrillville)
Tribune News Service

An alert Hammond Central High School teacher spotted a student entering an unauthorized door Tuesday with a backpack later found to contain a handgun.

The teacher quickly notified the main office and security personnel located the student trespasser. When the student saw a security officer, he fled and

gave his backpack to another student.

Administrators found the student with the backpack, while security officers nabbed the trespasser. Upon searching the backpack, an administrator found the handgun.

No students or staff were harmed and officials praised the immediate response from Hammond Central staff and security officers.

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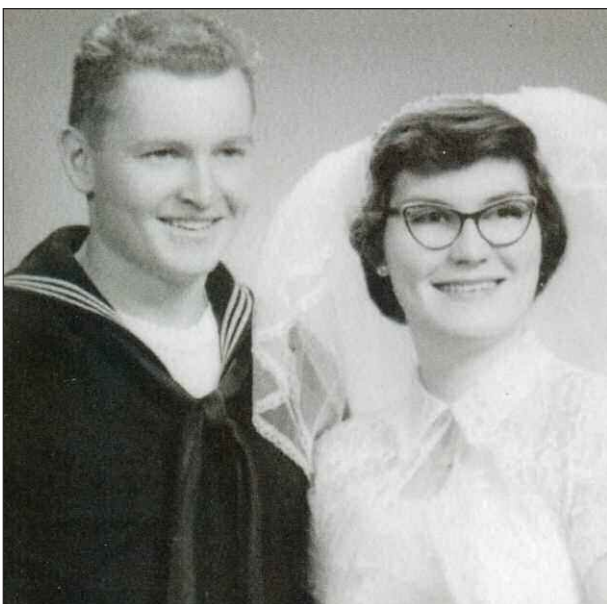
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65th anniversary

Charlene and Max Blowers



Max and Charlene Blowers - 1958

Max and Charlene Blowers are celebrating 65 years of marriage today.

Charlene Barcus and Max Blowers were wed Feb. 1, 1958, at Union Chapel Church in rural Bryant.

Max served in the United States Navy for three years in New Jersey. After returning to Jay County in 1961, he worked as a diemaker at Fisher Body in Marion until 1974, when he and Charlene began farming at their property in rural Bryant. Charlene also worked at Jay Garment for about a year.

They retired from farming in 2014. Charlene and Max have four children, eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



Charlene and Max Blowers - 2023

Young adult walks around house in underwear

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do about my 18-year-old niece. She walks around the house in her underwear. She's been doing it for the last two or three years. It wouldn't matter, I suppose, if it were just in front of immediate family living there, but she also does it in front of workmen, the cleaning women, answering the door, going out to get the mail, etc. I'm really disgusted. I spoke to my brother (her father) briefly about it. His response was, "She lives here." Is there anything I can do or say to get her to keep herself a little better covered? — MODEST IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MODEST: Yes, there is. If her family doesn't object

Dear Abby



to her walking around the house in her underwear; that's their prerogative. But "someone" should remind your niece that doing it in front of workmen, household staff and the mail carrier is DISRESPECTFUL TO THEM. How their neighbors feel about it is anyone's guess, but if she's built like Jennifer Lopez or one of the Kardashians, they may be enjoying the view.

DEAR ABBY: My friend is always sending me pics of food and beverages he thinks look appetizing. The problem is, the cut of steak he usually eats is cheap and unhealthy-looking. I try to tell him that better-quality meat often has less fat and cholesterol, but he tunes me out. He drinks a lot of wine, too, and I don't think that's good either. I'm trying to help him because I am concerned about his health. He is 56 and has gained a lot of weight. How can I keep him from a cardiovascular emergency? — HEALTHIER EATER

DEAR HEALTHIER: Your friend is an adult. You can't "keep him" from doing anything. Because he isn't open

to your helpful suggestions and the photos make you upset, quit looking at them. Accept that when he makes the decision to change his eating and drinking habits, the motivation has to come from within (or from his doctor). You may be able to lead him to exercise with you. If you do, be sure to start SLOWLY.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a very small town where everybody knows everything. I own my home and attend a church with a small congregation. When a food pantry opened, I reluctantly began going in to supplement my food budget. The volunteers

are all locals, and I know many of them. One woman, who also attends my church, volunteers there as well. This woman has adopted a smirk and a hard stare in my direction when she sees me now. While I work hard at not caring about what people think, this is a tough one. How should I handle her? — SHAMED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR SHAMED: Handle it by discussing it with whoever has organized and manages that food bank. Also mention it to your pastor. If the church member is behaving as you say she is, she should be told to stop embarrassing you, because it is unchristian and uncalled-for.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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 Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

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

Friday
DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.
SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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9	4	3	6	8	1	7	5	2
8	5	6	2	9	7	1	3	4
7	3	4	9	6	5	8	2	1
2	6	1	4	3	8	9	7	5
5	8	9	7	1	2	4	6	3

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Some don't know answer to etiquette

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Feb. 4, 2004. We've all found ourselves in a room where something like this story Jack shared has happened. What's surprising is that even almost 20 years later, some have still not figured out cell phone etiquette.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

It's inevitable, it seems. Gather a couple of dozen people together for more than an hour or so in a single room, and somebody's cell phone will go off.

Usually it's no big deal. A couple of weeks ago, it was my honor to present the Portland Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award. At one point, citing prior award winners, I mentioned Bonnie Maitlen, and her phone

Back in the Saddle



went off as if on cue. It was a funny moment, and I kidded her about whether it always went off when her name was said aloud.

In concerts or movies, it's something else entirely, a truly irritating 21st century moment.

But as time goes on, cell phone users are getting better about electronic etiquette.

At least I thought so until last Friday.

The occasion was a Hoosier State Press Association meeting in Indianapolis. Cell phones had

been ubiquitous throughout the event, with editors and publishers routinely having to excuse themselves to take calls from the office.

Some took some kidding for their flamboyant choice of tunes to signal incoming calls. Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" seemed a bit much and didn't really translate well to that computerized beeping tone.

Others put their cell phones on a vibrating mode, so they could be aware of calls without disturbing anybody else.

At Friday's noon luncheon, for instance, the publisher from Monticello had to get up and leave the table three times to handle work-related calls that were silently signaled on his phone.

Others, however, still have a long way to go when it comes to

understanding the rules of simple courtesy.

The HSPA was honoring the late Frank O'Bannon, a governor who had roots in the newspaper business and who was a good friend of many of us in the room.

Denny Huber, publisher of the O'Bannon family's Corydon Democrat, spoke first. He was followed by HSPA legal eagle Steve Key. Then Anne Mullins O'Conner, the state's first public access counselor, spoke.

Finally, with tears in her eyes but a gracious smile on her face, Judy O'Bannon took to the podium to accept the award on Frank's behalf.

It was a tender moment, perhaps her last official contact with the state press association.

And just as she finished her

last few phrases of thank-you, a cell phone chirped.

Every person in the room suddenly had the same thought: Turn the darned thing off.

Every person in the room except one.

As we shuddered in embarrassment, the bonehead lifted the phone to his ear.

And as the governor's widow went on bravely, we heard the idiot mumble the dreaded word. "Hello," he said.

Seconds later, we were on our feet for a standing ovation. And if it went on longer than usual, it was partly because of the group's affection for Frank O'Bannon.

But I suspect it was also to keep our hands busy so we couldn't strangle the guy with the cell phone.

Hello?

Let's set goals for our next U.S. Rep.

News-Sun (Kendallville)

In two years, Rep. Jim Banks will no longer be representing northeast Indiana's 3rd District.

The four-term rep is making a run at the state's open U.S. Senate seat. So, like Rep. Marlin Stutzman before him, the 3rd District will be open as our rep goes after a higher office.

The race to replace Banks, however, is already starting. Just this week, we heard that State Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, is already mulling a run. A local Republican chair said several names have already come up, although none have gone official yet.

Last time the seat was open in 2016, it was a six-way race in the Republican primary and you could barely watch TV at night without being bombarded by political ads. We suspect 2024 is going to be much of the same.

Banks has proved popular in northeast Indiana during his tenure — although the district is so reliably conservative literally anyone who runs with an "R" next to their name on the ballot can win 60%-plus of the vote. We have no illusions that whoever comes out on top on the Republican ticket in May 2024 will be a shoo-in to the seat in November.

That being said, Republicans nowadays come in many flavors, ranging from old-school conservatives (like Banks used to be) to Trump-era populists (like Banks is now).

So what should residents in northeast Indiana look for in their next rep? Here's our list of suggestions:

•A fiscal conservative with realistic goals and expectations. Debt and deficit are a concern. Democratic spending has spiraled up, but Republicans did no favors either when they passed the deficit-increasing Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, either.

Politicians like Sen. Mike Braun will say we can just cut our way back to balance. But that's not likely, considering the annual deficit is more than 100% of non-military discretionary spending.

We doubt any conservative is going to endorse more taxes, but we need to hear realistic and honest ideas for how to control debt and deficit.

•Someone accessible. Banks hasn't held a public event in the northeast corner in years. Outside of pay-to-attend Lincoln Day Dinners, we rarely see him.

His office also used to

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communicate regularly with media — sending out press releases, offering interview opportunities, sending invites to site visits around the area — but that has mostly stopped too.

That wasn't always the case. We used to see and hear from him a lot in his freshman and sophomore days.

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•Someone focused on pocketbook issues, not culture wars and political bickering.

While some Hoosiers don't think Sen. Todd Young is enough of a fighter because he doesn't spend his time pounding culture issues, Young is the kind of conservative who is focused on solutions, reaching consensus and getting legislation done. Voters should want someone cut from that cloth.

As the race heats up, we'll do our best to find out what each candidate stands for and what their ideas are so that voters can make an informed decision come 2024.

It's not every day that we get a new representative, so let's all do our best to find a solid public servant.



It's time for a paradigm shift

By **JERALD MCNAIR**
Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

Six-year-old children should be learning to read, identify new words by matching letters to sounds, count to 100, and do basic addition and subtraction. But now we have a 6-year-old who allegedly shot his teacher in Newport News, Virginia.

Unfortunately, school shootings are not uncommon. There have been more than 1,300 school shootings in the U.S. since 1970, according to data from the government-sponsored Homeland Security Digital Library. Since the Columbine High School shooting in 1999 in Colorado, where two teens killed 13 people, there have been well over 500 school shootings. The shooting in Uvalde, Texas, in May, where 19 children and two adults were killed, was the most recent school massacre to shock the nation.

Sadly, we are growing too accustomed to school shootings, which speaks to the need for change in our system. However, the news of a 6-year-old allegedly shooting his teacher did shock us all. Of all the shootings at schools, none of the offenders has been this young.

We have a dilemma on our hands: How do we address this issue from a legal and educational standpoint? Common law recognizes the innocence of youth at this age under the doctrine known as infancy defense. It holds that children younger than 7 should not be prosecuted for a crime because they are too young to form criminal intent.

Unfortunately, no one envisioned a century ago, when common law was formed, that our youths would have this kind of exposure to the world. Social media didn't exist, and neither did the internet. The world was significantly different. More than half our youth younger than 11 own a cell-

phone, according to data from Common Sense Media, and therefore access to the world.

Parents and other stakeholders are concerned over children's use of technology and the impact it's having on them. The rates at which our youths are using phones and other technological devices continues to grow. With this exposure, it's conceivable to think that they may experience behavioral changes, as was revealed in a study of about 1,600 first graders in Japan in 2018. The study found a link between the use of smartphone technology and behavioral development.

While the legal system works out the unprecedented school shooting in Virginia to determine what contributed to this horrific act, school doors across the country must continue to open daily. The problem is that it's not a matter of if there will be another school shooting — but when. Historically, school districts have not had to worry about young elementary students carrying out shootings but those outside the school, who are known as external threats.

Now that conversation has to change, and so should the practices. One practice to consider is putting metal detectors in every school across the country or at least having each school district seriously consider it.

In this era of polarization, where it's more difficult than ever to get consensus on policy matters, one thing we all share is a desire to keep our

kids safe. No matter our race, ethnicity or religious affiliation or whether we're Democrats, Republicans or independents, we all want our children to have productive lives.

Far too many of our children are being negatively affected by violence. While we focus on the 6-year-old who allegedly shot his teacher and we hope he gets counseling, what about the children who were in that classroom? What about the teacher? They have to live with this trauma for the rest of their lives.

Metal detectors may be able to prevent some of these senseless acts. There are well over 13,000 public school districts and more than 30,000 private schools in the U.S., which shows how complex the situation is. School shootings can happen in any one of these districts, whether the community is rural, suburban or urban.

How metal detectors will be funded may cause some communities pause. But that should be the least of our worries. The lives of our children and teachers must take precedence over politics. With the help of federal and state funding, resources can be found. Political difficulties should not prevent any attempts to make it happen. Some children are concerned about attending school because they are afraid for their safety, and far too many teachers are leaving the profession.

Students and teachers have a right to feel assured when they go to school. Parents have a right to expect that their children will not be shot at school and will return home unharmed. Metal detectors may help save lives and deter those who may desire to take part in such tragic events.

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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

I FOUND YOUR MEMOIR TOTALLY BELIEVABLE UNTIL THE PART AT THE END WHERE I AGREE TO PUBLISH IT.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"I'm glad February got cheated out of days and not one of the summer months."

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Missed opportunity

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 6
♦ A 8 7
♣ 10 8 3

WEST
♠ K 4 3
♥ K J 9 4
♦ Q J 9 6 2
♣ 5

EAST
♠ Q J 10 6
♥ A 10
♦ K 10 5 4 3
♣ 7 2

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ Q 7 5 3 2
♦ —
♣ A K Q J 9 6 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♠
Pass 2♥ Pass 2♣
Pass 3♦ Pass 3♥
Dble 4♣ Pass 5♣
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

This deal was played in the final of the Spingold team championship in 1976. The best contract is obviously three notrump, but at both tables South wound up in five clubs.

At the first table, declarer won the diamond lead with the ace and discarded a heart. He then led a heart from dummy, covered by the ten and queen and won by West with the king.

West correctly shifted to a trump

in order to reduce declarer's potential heart ruffs in dummy, and this left South without recourse. He took the trump return in dummy and led another heart, but East won with the ace and led a second trump, and declarer had to go down one because he could ruff only one of his two remaining hearts in dummy.

The play started similarly at the second table. The diamond lead was followed by a heart to South's queen and West's king. But here West failed to return a trump at trick three. As a result, declarer was able to ruff two hearts in dummy and so make the contract.

The deal provides a fine example of the rewards of thoughtful defensive play. But it is also instructive because the fact is that both declarers misplayed the hand! They could have made five clubs after winning the diamond lead with the ace. All they had to do was to cash the ace of spades, ruff a spade and then lead a heart.

Assuming a trump was returned, South could win with dummy's eight, ruff another spade and lead a second heart. Declarer could then win East's trump return with dummy's ten and ruff another spade to establish the nine of spades as his 11th trick, with a heart ruff with dummy's remaining club serving as his entry to dummy.

Tomorrow: The logic of defense.
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Peanuts

MOVE OVER, CHUCK... YOU'RE TAKING UP TOO MUCH ROOM!

KLUNK!

SORRY, MA'AM

MY DESK PARTNER, HERE, ISN'T VERY COORDINATED...

Rose is Rose

WE DID IT!

WE MADE IT TO THE SUMMIT.

LET'S GO BACK TO MY HOUSE AND CELEBRATE!

WE'LL HAVE HOT COCOA AND THEN WE'LL WORK ON OUR SCIENCE PROJECT.

MY HOUSE IS THE OTHER WAY.

IT'S LONELY AT THE TOP FOR THE SCHOOL ENTHUSIAST.

Agnes

I HEARD A JOKE, AND IT IS HILARIOUS! LET'S SEE. IT GOES, THIS GUY WALKS INTO A BAR OR CHURCH OR SOMETHING... MAYBE A WOOD SHOP. I DON'T KNOW.

ANYHOO, HE HAS THIS THING ON HIS HEAD... WAIT... A BOIL ON HIS NOSE... NO, THAT'S NOT IT. OH! IT WAS A DOG WITH A BADLY POKED EYE! OR A FISH...

BE PATIENT WITH ME. IT'S WAY FUNNY AT THE END!

THAT JOKE OFFENDS ME.

Hi and Lois

I'LL JUST COLOR IN THESE EMPTY BOXES.

TRIXIE! WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY CROSSWORD PUZZLE?

I FINISHED IT FOR YOU!

Between Friends

I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT HAPPENED EXACTLY...

- BUT ONE DAY I REALIZED CHOCOLATE GIVES ME A HEADACHE... SPICY FOOD GIVES ME HEARTBURN...

- AND RED WINE MAKES ME FLUSHED AND SLEEPY

SO DON'T CONSUME THOSE THINGS

BUT I ENJOY THEM!

Blondie

EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THE BREAK ROOM IS?

YOU BET I CAN!

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

OH NO, I JUST WANDERED INTO THE BUILDING TO LOOK AROUND

YOU LOOK LIKE A GUY WHO PROBABLY KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE THE BREAK ROOM IS

THANK YOU!

Snuffy Smith

INFLATION MUST BE GETTIN' BETTER, LUKEY !!

WHAT MAKES YA THINK SO?

MAW'S IN THAR PAYIN' OUR TAB, AN' HER COMPLAININ' IS DOWN AT LEAST FIVE DECIBELS FROM LAST MONTH !!

Beetle Bailey

THE GENERAL IS REALLY MAD AT ME

WHY?

I TYPED HIS EMAIL TO THE PENTAGON IN A CARTOON FONT

2-1 CRYPTOQUIP

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ZVIRMK WIJ FLMM PCPSG
KSBEIW. ZITP JVLWEZ BSP
NPJJPS MPXJ RWZMBGPK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT DATA IS PRETTY VULGAR, COULD YOU CALL IT CRASS-IFIED INFORMATION?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals K

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	41 Mini-plateaus	DOWN	22 Regrets
1 Cruise of "Top Gun"	43 New Mexico	1 Aberdeen hats	23 Pick up the tab
4 Sail support	44 Abrupt	2 Gumbo need	25 Decorate anew
8 Swedish car	46 Hunk of cheese	3 Hurt severely	26 Composer Satie
12 Alias abbr.	50 Waterway in Egypt	4 Inlaid tile designs	27 Fan publication
13 Killer whale	55 Scepter	5 Noah's boat	28 Pesky email
14 Gymnast Korbut	56 Russian river	6 High-school subj.	29 Desire
15 Hosp. scan	57 Billy of "Titanic"	7 Tart flavor	30 Roger of "Cheers"
16 Body lotion	58 Miner's find	8 Fruity frozen dessert	31 Austen novel
18 Pago Pago's place	59 Take the bait	9 Pub pint	35 Grimaced
20 Prattle	60 Starting lineup?	10 Khan title	38 Stupefy
21 Grime	61 Corral	11 "Kapow!"	40 Sugary suffix
24 Actress Rosie		17 Upper limit	42 Pouch
28 Miracle drug, maybe		19 Poem of praise	45 Mideast strip
32 Garr of "Tootsie"			47 Let fall
33 Opposite of "post-"			48 Clinton's vice president
34 Appears			49 Genesis garden
36 Cacophony			50 U-boat, for one
37 On in years			51 Swiss canton
39 "You Send Me" singer			52 Dig in
			53 Collar
			54 Mandela's org.

Solution time: 23 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 2-1

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Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal. Jan 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec 31, 2022
Governmental Activities					
001	Portland City Court	\$7,052.24	\$157,137.77	\$148,000.93	\$16,189.08
002	Criminal Investigative Funds	\$1,319.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,319.87
101	GENERAL FUND	\$3,874,228.45	\$4,384,990.41	\$3,629,852.82	\$4,629,366.04
176	ARP GRANT FUND (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN)	\$677,543.38	\$682,672.60	\$0.00	\$1,360,215.98
201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$690,569.70	\$1,104,241.82	\$1,092,178.55	\$702,632.97
202	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$35,571.26	\$43,948.67	\$7,423.82	\$72,096.11
203	MVH RESTRICTED	\$209,218.62	\$120,209.05	\$133,241.49	\$196,186.18
204	PARK & RECREATION	\$275,596.71	\$371,154.50	\$286,885.98	\$359,865.23
205	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX	\$1,062,618.07	\$272,121.02	\$145,808.67	\$1,188,930.42
206	INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
207	SURPLUS NONREVERTING POOL CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$1,020,532.90	\$896,004.51	\$1,318,751.87	\$697,785.54
208	PARK DONATION FUND	\$95,829.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95,829.00
209	PARK DONATION FUND	\$2,059.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,059.40
209	PORTLAND MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE DONATION	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
210	MAYOR'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING	\$683.60	\$7,907.00	\$7,992.25	\$598.35
211	POLICE CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$26,487.57	\$29,022.24	\$7,148.27	\$48,361.54
212	POLICE BENEVOLENCE DONATION FUND	\$5,170.65	\$0.00	\$450.12	\$4,720.53
213	TRADING CARD FUND	\$71.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.45
215	RIVERBOAT WAGERING TAX REVENUE	\$383,309.39	\$35,539.51	\$0.00	\$418,848.90
216	CONCESSIONS	\$97,445.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97,445.34
217	PORTLAND FORFEITURE FUND	\$706.47	\$240.00	\$128.85	\$817.62
218	TIF 2007	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
219	TIF 2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$875,759.53	\$348,275.75	\$416,650.68	\$807,384.60
220	TIF 2007 DEBT SERVICE	\$46,618.56	\$416,736.07	\$416,650.68	\$46,703.95
220	TIF 2007 DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND	\$192,411.96	\$356.04	\$0.00	\$192,768.00
221	TIF 2007 BOND & INTEREST	\$336,848.18	\$360.95	\$163,937.50	\$173,271.63
223	FIRE DEPT. INVESTIGATIVE FUND	\$43,054.95	\$14,800.00	\$12,463.03	\$45,391.92
224	EDIT DOWNTOWN FACADE PROGRAM	\$60,742.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,742.03
225	TIF DOWNTOWN FACADE PROGRAM	\$27,582.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,582.31
2257	OPIOID SETTLEMENT	\$0.00	\$5,759.29	\$0.00	\$5,759.29
226	PARK BOND & INTEREST	\$152,759.60	\$134,095.97	\$126,698.95	\$160,156.62
228	REVOLVING LOAN FUND	\$106,231.21	\$1,577.86	\$11,832.17	\$95,976.90
242	DARE DONATION FUND	\$9,281.43	\$0.00	\$1,892.54	\$7,388.89
243	DNOR GRANT - TRAILS PROJECT	\$72,205.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,205.25
244	SMOKE DETECTOR DONATION FUND	\$440.07	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$990.07
249	LOIT PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$282,752.19	\$225,934.24	\$200,788.38	\$307,898.05
2521	PORTLAND STREET DEPT. NON REVERTING	\$0.00	\$34,619.00	\$0.00	\$34,619.00
2528	PENNVILLE CITY FINES	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
2541	WATSON - RETAINAGE	\$0.00	\$14.05	\$14.05	\$0.00
257	LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION	\$8,828.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,828.04
262	DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND	\$3,963.94	\$39,507.04	\$38,158.00	\$5,312.98
263	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION FUND	\$9,235.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,235.86
320	SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION FUND	\$84,176.54	\$26,193.58	\$64,820.78	\$45,549.34
325	BUILDING DEMOLITION FUND	\$27,965.17	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$37,965.17
356	LOCAL ROAD & BRIDGE MATCHING GRANT FUND (CCG)	\$76,035.85	\$427,390.84	\$473,017.72	\$30,408.97
357	HUDSON FAMILY PARK	\$184.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$184.05
358	HUDSON FAMILY PARK DONATION	\$301.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$301.92
359	CHRISTMAS PARTY DONATION FUND	\$375.55	\$1,720.00	\$906.58	\$1,188.97
401	CUM CAP IMP - CIG TAX	\$124,328.13	\$11,470.66	\$0.00	\$135,798.79
406	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$566,418.43	\$193,533.63	\$94,574.35	\$665,377.71
407	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RATE	\$822,590.43	\$171,256.11	\$156,769.72	\$837,076.82
408	PORTLAND FIRE DEPT NON REV. EQUIPMENT	\$285,563.03	\$123,346.42	\$17,074.27	\$391,835.18
429	AIP 3-18-0068-15 Runway Design Phase 2	\$2,295.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,295.37
430	AIP 3-18-0068-019-2020 RUNWAY EXT GR/ DR; PAV/ LTG	\$0.00	\$221,150.56	\$221,150.56	\$0.00
4531	AIP 3-18-0068-023-2022	\$0.00	\$17,508.00	\$17,508.00	\$0.00
4532	AIP 3-18-0068-021-2021	\$0.00	\$2,898,386.11	\$2,898,386.11	\$0.00
4600	DONATION FUND - SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX	\$0.00	\$16,600.00	\$15,354.00	\$1,246.00
500	RAINY DAY FUND	\$443,588.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$443,588.29
609	SANITATION FUND	\$347,810.83	\$204,509.16	\$299,431.24	\$252,888.75
610	RECYCLING FUND	\$34,701.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,701.65
622	AVIATION	\$401,723.47	\$186,478.72	\$226,502.12	\$361,700.07
663	AVIATION FUEL FUND	\$194,301.76	\$433,500.51	\$411,891.44	\$215,910.83
699	REDKEY CITY FINES	\$0.00	\$20,753.00	\$12,853.00	\$7,900.00
700	DUNKIRK CITY FINES	\$50.00	\$1,112.15	\$1,024.15	\$138.00
702	FIRE PENSION FUND	\$197,336.36	\$111,295.37	\$117,043.86	\$191,587.87
703	POLICE PENSION FUND	\$79,742.45	\$73,512.79	\$65,827.29	\$87,427.95
705	COURT COSTS DUE COUNTY	\$434.00	\$10,816.00	\$10,172.00	\$1,078.00
706	USER FEE FUND COURT CONT EDUCATION	\$631.18	\$2,924.00	\$2,820.00	\$735.18
707	CASH CHANGE & PETTY CASH	\$1,175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,175.00
708	COURT CLERK'S RECORD PERPETUATION	\$29,546.65	\$3,845.00	\$3,000.00	\$30,391.65
709	COURT DEFERRAL PROGRAM	\$459.00	\$4,654.00	\$4,887.00	\$226.00
807	PAYROLL FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	\$0.00	\$282,731.36	\$282,731.36	\$0.00
808	PAYROLL FICA/SS WITHHOLDING	\$0.00	\$237,804.99	\$237,804.99	\$0.00
809	PAYROLL MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	\$0.00	\$87,933.02	\$87,933.02	\$0.00
810	PAYROLL STATE WITHHOLDING	\$0.00	\$105,513.38	\$105,513.38	\$0.00
811	PAYROLL COUNTY WITHHOLDING	\$0.00	\$75,522.60	\$75,522.60	\$0.00
812	PAYROLL PERF	\$0.00	\$316,522.60	\$316,522.60	\$0.00
813	PAYROLL POLICE PENSION	\$0.00	\$135,186.78	\$135,186.78	\$0.00
814	PAYROLL FIRE PENSION	\$0.00	\$95,207.76	\$95,	

Daniels opts against Senate run

By DAN CARDEN
The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

Former Gov. Mitch Daniels will not compete for Indiana's 2024 Republican U.S. Senate nomination after all.

The two-term Hoosier chief executive and 10-year leader of Purdue University said Tuesday, "after what I hope was adequate reflection," he's not interested in spending the latter half of his 70s living and working in Washington, D.C.

"With full credit and respect for the institution and those serving in it, I conclude that

it's just not the job for me, not the town for me and not the life I want to live at this point," Daniels said in a statement.

Public opinion polls conducted after U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, filed paperwork in November to run for governor next year instead of reelection showed Daniels likely would have easily claimed the state's Republican U.S. Senate nomination had he chosen to run.

His exit leaves northeast Indiana U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, an acolyte of Republican former President Donald Trump,

as the only declared GOP candidate in the Senate race.

Daniels acknowledged part of his reasoning for opting out is his preference for and experience in executive roles, including U.S. Office of Management and Budget director under President George W. Bush and president of operations at Indianapolis-based drug maker Eli Lilly and Co.

"My one tour of duty in elected office involved, like those in business before and academe after it, an action job, with at least the chance to do useful things every day," Daniels said.

"I have never imagined that I

would be well-suited to legislative office, particularly where seniority remains a significant factor in one's effectiveness, and I saw nothing in my recent explorations that altered that view," he added.

However, Daniels said had he chosen to run, he would have done so strictly on a one-term basis focused entirely on "causes I think critical to the long-term safety and prosperity of our country."

"These issues include saving the safety net programs, so that we can keep promises we have made to older and vulnerable

Americans and avoid a terrible national crisis of confidence and betrayal; in so doing, to avoid crushing our economy and today's younger citizens with the unpayable debts we are on course to leave them; to confront firmly the aggression of a would-be superpower who holds in contempt the values of personal freedom and individual dignity central to our national success and our view of a just society; to secure our borders without depriving the nation of the talent and energy that grateful immigrants can bring," Daniels said.



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Union members and supporters march along Whitehall during a day of national strikes on Feb. 1, 2023, in London, England. Public sector union members in education, the civil service and the Railways are taking part in strike action across the UK today. Teachers are walking out for the first time over pay and conditions joining 100,000 civil servants who are also seeking a pay rise. ASLEF and RMT train drivers are continuing a long-running strike and will also walk out on Friday.

Strike shuts schools in UK

By EAMON AKIL FARHAT
Bloomberg News
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Swathes of office staff were forced to work from home Wednesday as widespread industrial action closed schools and crippled Britain's rail network, while hundreds of members of the armed forces were drafted in to cover for strikes at the border.

As many as 475,000 union members are on strike, demanding raises that do more to combat the cost-of-living crisis. Many were given increases of less than 5% last year, even as inflation climbed above 10%.

"We want to have further talks with the unions, some of those discussions have been constructive," Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesman Max Blain said Wednesday. "The government will continue to take responsible action to

ensure public sector workers are paid fairly but that it's also affordable for the taxpayer."

The public should be prepared for disruption at airports and ports, he said. The government has provided 600 armed forces and around 180 civil servants, as Border Force officials are among the public sector workers on strike.

Major train stations in London are completely closed, including Victoria, Cannon Street, Marylebone and London Bridge, while more than a dozen key commuter rail lines aren't running any services.

Still, there was some good news for passengers as the RMT union said it would consider a new offer from Network Rail. It is currently considering a separate offer from Britain's train companies, who have also proposed a

deal to the TSSA, another major labor group. Wednesday's strike is because of walkouts by drivers belonging to the Aslef union, which is expected to hold out longer for a more generous pay hike.

Mick Lynch, the RMT's general secretary, said at a picket line that the wave of industrial action "started this summer with rail workers and has reached a crescendo today."

Some 85% of schools in England and Wales were estimated to be closed or partly shuttered, according to the National Education Union. However, Education Secretary Gillian Keegan said Wednesday morning that "the majority of schools" are open, with more precise figures to be published later today.

The day of coordinated industrial action is likely to be Britain's most severe

day for over a decade, piling pressure on Sunak's Conservative administration to resolve disputes with workers by making more generous offers on pay. Train drivers, teachers, university staff and civil servants are all protesting together.

Mass strikes may have cost the UK around £1.5 billion (\$1.85 billion) in the final quarter of the year, according to Bloomberg Economics, with the economy expected to go backward in the first three months of 2023.

Even the UK's markets watchdog is in the midst of a pay battle. A survey of 500 Financial Conduct Authority staff in January found that more than half of the regulator's employees are considering leaving their jobs as a result of a recent pay deal, according to a press release Wednesday by the Unite union.

Bill ...

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"We believe that there is a path forward to achieving the national average in price as long as it is measured fairly and not distorted through some of the other measures that we see out there," Tabor said.

Tabor, in his testimony, argued that painting hospital prices as above average is misleading and that Indiana actually sits closer to the middle and could get there without government intervention.

"These are very complex institutions, very complex negotiations. If legislation constrains that, I think it would make it very difficult to meet that goal," he said. "But if we move away from this (in the General Assembly) toward more of a commission — more of longer-term oversight with accountability type of model — I think we can get there."

Executives with some of the state's leading health care providers told the committee that prices weren't a result of their policies — but rather a combination of the pre-existing poor health of Hoosiers, high staffing costs, drug prices and medical devices.

"We end up providing bills to people on things that we buy elsewhere and just pass them along — pharmaceuticals, devices, various therapies — we don't set those prices," said Bryan Mills, the president and CEO of Community

Health Network. "We have limited leverage as well so I'm not here for sympathy. I'm just saying it's not quite that simple."

Mike Schroyer, president of Baptist Health Floyd in New Albany, said his hospital operated in the red, providing \$14 million in charity or unreimbursed health care annually. This bill, he said, would cost his health care system an estimated \$30 million it doesn't have.

"I need not remind you that our friends in the insurance market have enjoyed extraordinary profit margins for years and I would guess would be happy to absorb the increased costs under this bill," he said during his testimony.

In particular, delays waiting for prior authorization burdens the system, Schroyer said, as patients sit in beds that could be used for someone else.

Prior authorizations were initially billed as a way for providers and health payers — insurers or individuals — to collaborate and guarantee payment. Over time, the use of prior authorizations has created more administrative burdens for both sides.

CEOs down to primary care physicians noted the poor return for doctors treating Medicaid patients — something both Chairman Brad Barrett and committee member Rep. Rita Fleming, both retired physicians, can understand.

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The Obama-Boehner talks then faltered after Boehner couldn't sell tax increases to his conference and Obama was hemmed in by a bipartisan Senate agreement that called for higher taxes than he'd agreed to with Boehner.

House Republicans have already floated the option of disarming the debt limit, at least temporarily,

through a series of short-term suspensions while negotiations are ongoing. McCarthy has declined to publicly comment, saying he won't negotiate in the press, but he's clearly stated that "default" is not an option.

Biden and top Democrats are refusing to negotiate as part of the debt limit talks — calling instead for a "clean" increase without conditions.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE
Jay County Indiana
Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time,
March 8, 2023
Commissioners' Room
STATE OF INDIANA
Jay County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Jay County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments. The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Jay County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3), by public auction on 03/08/2023 at 10:00 AM Courthouse Time at Commissioners' Room. At the discretion of local officials, the tax sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are being placed, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b)10 at www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com prior to the tax sale. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of

State. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request. A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate. If the certificate is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus. Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax

sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive. The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale. Dated: 1/18/2023
382200005 38-01-27-404-054.001-011 \$130.17 MYERS JENNIFER 5 'A' 66' X 103' VACANT LAND 250 E MAPLE ST PENNVILLE 47369
382200006 38-01-34-101-049.000-011 \$81.72 ROWLES CHARLES L N 1/2 OF LOT 11 WALLING ADD 110 S BROADWAY ST PENNVILLE 47369
382200007 38-09-04-300-029.013-014 \$325.54 BIGGS INC PT SW 1/4 S4 T22 R12 QUINCY PLACE (DRIVE) QUINCY PLACE ADD SOUTH PART OF HART DRIVE DUNKIRK 47336

382200008 38-09-04-300-030.030-014 \$380.75 BIGGS INC PT SW 1/4 S4 T22 R12 QUINCY PLACE (DRIVE) QUINCY PLACE ADD NORTH PART OF HART DRIVE DUNKIRK 47336
382200012 38-09-08-101-070.000-014 \$290.81 BOWLER ERIC T PARCEL B PT OF O L 2 .12A PT OF O L 3 GEORGE B SULLIVANS ADD VACANT LAND NE OF MT AUBURN ST & W OF ALLEY DUNKIRK 47336
382200013 38-09-08-101-085.000-014 \$794.60 GREAT FUTURE LLC 45' W PT LOT 7 BLK 32 O P 210 W NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200014 38-09-08-101-113.000-014 \$1,191.36 GREAT FUTURE LLC 105.5' X 130' BLK 29 OP 320 N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200016 38-09-08-101-121.000-014 \$276.47 RITENOUR MARCUS & SUMMER PT (21 X 12) BLK 29 O P VACANT LAND N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200018 38-09-08-103-005.000-014 \$610.18 FISHER HOWARD LOT 19 BLK 37 O P VACANT LOT W WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200021 38-09-08-103-060.000-014 \$306.44 MOORE RICK A & TONIA LOT 7 BLK 39 O P 345 1/2 W PLEASANT ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200029 38-09-08-104-010.000-014 \$274.25 SINGH RAJA S 1/2 S 1/2 LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 28 OP PART VACANT LOTS N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200030 38-09-08-104-083.000-014 \$296.75 DUTY DONNA LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD VACANT LOT E RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200031 38-09-08-104-084.000-014 \$348.84 DUTY DONNA J & ELLEN KATHLEEN JT WRIGHTS OF SURV LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAILROAD ADD 225 RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200032 38-09-08-104-091.000-014 \$372.02 DUTY DONNA & LARRY SARGENT JT TENS WR OF SURVIVOR E 1/2 LOT 7 & LOT 8 RAIL-

ROAD ADD 231 E RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200034 38-09-08-201-030.000-014 \$313.29 BOWLER ERIC T 10' S SIDE W 1/2 LOT 2903 30' N SIDE W 1/2 LOT 2904 D L CO 4TH & W 1/2 LOT 2901 & 30' N SIDE LOT 2902 DLC 4TH ADD & 10' S SIDE W 1/2 OF LOT 2902 30' N SIDE W 1/2 OF LOT 2903 DUNKIRK LAND CO 139 W EIGHTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200035 38-09-08-201-031.000-014 \$217.73 POOR SONNY L W 1/2 LOT 2905 & 10' S SIDE OF W 1/2 OF LOT 2904 D L CO 4TH ADD 141 W EIGHTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200037 38-09-08-402-086.000-014 \$499.03 RQ TAX LIEN INVESTMENT INC RICHARD QUIZON LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD VACANT LOT W ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK 47336
382200038 38-09-08-402-098.000-014 \$267.27 HUNT CHASTITY 50' PT O L 10 141 ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK 47336
382200044 38-09-09-203-003.000-014 \$715.99 MOREHEAD STEVEN MICHAEL LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB DIV 341 E HIGH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200045 38-09-09-203-051.000-014 \$274.85 ADAMS DONNA SUE LOTS 25 & 26 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV 363 E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200046 38-09-09-203-093.000-014 \$1,033.75 NORRIS LOGAN JAMES & CASEY RAE BROCK LOT 8-10 SNIFF & JOHNSON SD 509 E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200047 38-09-09-203-101.000-014 \$782.37 DUTCH LLC LOT 7 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV VACANT LOT E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200051 38-09-09-302-025.000-014 \$311.17 JONES ELIZABETH LOT 6 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT A STREET DUNKIRK 47336
382200055 38-09-17-301-018.000-021 \$2,153.92 ROBINSON AMANDA CRYSTAL 65' S END OF LOT 4 BLK 14 103 S HENDRICKS

BRYANT 47326
382200066 38-10-33-202-014.000-024 \$20.31 JEFFRIS DONALD & VICKY PT LOT 1 & 44 1/2' OF LOT 1 BLK 3 POWERS STATION S33 T22 R13 PART OF VACANT LOT S 600 W POWERS STATION PORTLAND 47371
382200083 38-09-14-403-014.000-031 \$46.32 ELMORE DEBORAH A PT SE 1/4 50' X 335' S14 T22 R12. 38A VACANT LAND N SYCAMORE ST REDKEY 47373
382200085 38-09-14-404-018.002-031 \$37.15 HOWARD SANDRA PT A & S 34' PT B SPAHR & ANDREWS LOT BEHIND OR EAST OF 45 N SYCAMORE ST REDKEY 47373
382200092 38-09-23-101-114.000-031 \$168.43 APPENZELLER HARRY H JR N PT LOT 46 O P PT VACANT LOT S UNION ST REDKEY 47373
382200095 38-09-24-201-022.000-031 \$132.78 RUSSELL RICHARD W II LOT 33 CADWALLADER & EDGER 2ND ADD 301 E BELL AVE REDKEY 47373
382200117 38-07-20-301-018.001-034 \$22.04 WHITE HAROLD L & LELAND B TURPIN JT WRIGHTS OR SURV PT NE/4 SW/4 (38' X 39.5') S20 T23 R14 VACANT LAND S WESTERN AVE PORTLAND 47371
382200119 38-07-20-401-034.000-034 \$60.38 HEARN CHRIS C "G" PT NE 1/4 SE 1/4 S20 T23 R14 .12A VACANT LAND S BRIDGE ST PORTLAND 47371
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Sports

Bulldog blowout

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

ARCADIA — The Patriots closed the regular season with eight consecutive wins of at least 25 points. They won those games by an average of 35.5 points.

For the year, they lead Class 3A in average margin of victory at 31.04 points per game.

The first round of the tournament was no different.

Jay County High School's second-ranked girls basketball team scored more points in the first four minutes Tuesday than the Centerville Bulldogs did in the entire game, rolling to a 68-14 victory in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament at Hamilton Heights.

"I think we're focused," said JCHS coach Kirk Comer, whose team has won 22 in a row. "I think we're on a mission. We came out ready to go. ...

"It was just a really good night from the standpoint that we were able to play a lot of people and give them all tournament experience."

The win sets up a showdown with the host Huskies (17-5), who finished 11th in the final Class 3A poll of the season and are responsible for the Patriots' only loss — 45-44 in overtime on Nov. 12. The teams will play at 6 p.m. Friday in the first of two sectional semifinal games.

Additional opening games will be played tonight, with Delta (6-15) taking on Frankton (17-6) at 6 p.m. and New Castle (0-22) versus Yorktown (9-11) to follow. The winners of those games will play in Friday's second semifinal. The championship game is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Jay County (23-1) exploded off of the opening tip Tuesday, with Gabi Bilbrey scoring first and Centerville coach Tyler Frame calling a timeout just 23 seconds into the game when his team was stuck in the backcourt because of the Patriots' full-court press. It did little good, as Breanna Dirksen and Renna Schwieterman came up with consecutive steals for layups. Five more points from Schwieterman made it 11-0 before Gabby Duke of the Bulldogs (6-14) got her team on the board with a pair of free throws at the 5:49 mark.

No. 2 Patriots clobber Centerville in sectional opening round

Centerville wouldn't score again in the opening period, as JCHS closed it with 16 consecutive points capped by a Mabrey McIntire 3-pointer just before the buzzer. JCHS shot 80% from the field in the first eight minutes while shutting down the Bulldogs to the tune of 0-for-7 with a dozen turnovers.

"They're not very experienced. They're young," said Comer. "But any time you can turn a team over 12 times in the first quarter, you're going to get 12 extra opportunities and a lot of easy shots."

"We did what we had to do tonight. Now we have to come back Friday and do what we've got to do Friday."

Centerville was down 31-2 when Duke finally hit the team's first field goal with 5:31 on the clock in the second quarter.

Jay County was up by 43 at the half. Centerville scored consecutive baskets just once early in the third quarter, and Comer cleared his bench in the fourth.

Senior Renna Schwieterman led the dominance, hitting her first four shots en route to a 22-point effort that pushed her school-record career scoring total to 1,746. Molly Muhlenkamp (6-of-7 from the field) and Bilbrey (4-of-5) each added 12 points and Dirksen (5-of-7) also reached double figures with 10.

The Patriots dominated every aspect of the game, posting a 35-19 rebounding advantage that included 20 offensive boards, forcing 32 turnovers and limiting Centerville to 21% shooting.



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Breanna Dirksen of Jay County goes to the basket for a layup in front of Centerville's Kendra Shipman during the second quarter of the Class 3A No. 2 Patriots' 68-14 victory in the opening round of the Sectional 24 tournament Tuesday at Hamilton Heights. Dirksen shot 5-of-7 from the field for 10 points, joining teammates Renna Schwieterman (22), Molly Muhlenkamp (12) and Gabi Bilbrey (12) in double figures.

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Brady stepping away 'for good'

Quarterback won seven Super Bowls with Patriots, Buccaneers

By RICK STROUD

Tampa Bay Times
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TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady said he was getting straight to the point this time.

Choking back tears, an emotional Brady announced his retirement with a short video post on social media Wednesday morning. "I'm retiring ... for good," Brady said.

One year ago to the day, Brady first announced his retirement from football with a lengthy written post in Instagram.

But 40 days later, he reconsidered and decided to return to the Tampa Bay

Buccaneers and play a 23rd NFL season.

"You only get one super emotional retirement essay, and I used mine up last year," said Brady.

Brady and the Bucs struggled to a 8-9 regular season, his first losing season as a starter, but still managed to win the NFC South for the second straight year.

This time, Brady indicated there would be no change of heart. "I know the process was a pretty big deal last time, so I thought I would just press record and let you guys know first," he said.

Brady, 45, finishes an unprecedented career in which he won seven Super Bowls, including one with the Bucs in 2020, and 19 division titles.

"Thank you guys so much, to every single one of you for supporting me. ... Thank you guys for letting me live my absolute dream. I wouldn't change a thing. I love you all."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls swimming sectional preliminaries — 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball (including freshmen) at Southern Wells — 5 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Minster — 6:30 p.m.; Swimm vs. Coldwater and Versailles at South Adams — 6 p.m.; Seventh grade boys basketball in Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Coldwater — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Girls basketball sectional semifinal vs. Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Heights — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Minster — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — College football: Reese's Senior Bowl practice (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Boston Celtics (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Carolina Hurricanes at Buffalo Sabres (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

Thursday
3 p.m. — College football: Reese's Senior Bowl practice (ESPN2)

6:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Illinois at Michigan (BTN)

7 p.m. — NFL football: Pro Bowl Skills Showdown (ESPN)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wisconsin at Ohio State (FS1); Michigan at Northwestern (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Cleveland Cavaliers (TNT)

8:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maryland at Iowa (ESPN); Michigan State at Nebraska (BTN)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Washington at UCLA (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)

11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Washington State at USC (FS1)

Friday
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Fulham at Chelsea (USA)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Sacramento Kings at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — NHL hockey: All-Star Skills Challenge (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Boise State at San Diego State (FS1)
10 p.m. — Top Rank Boxing (ESPN)
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Fresno State at UNLV (FS1)