

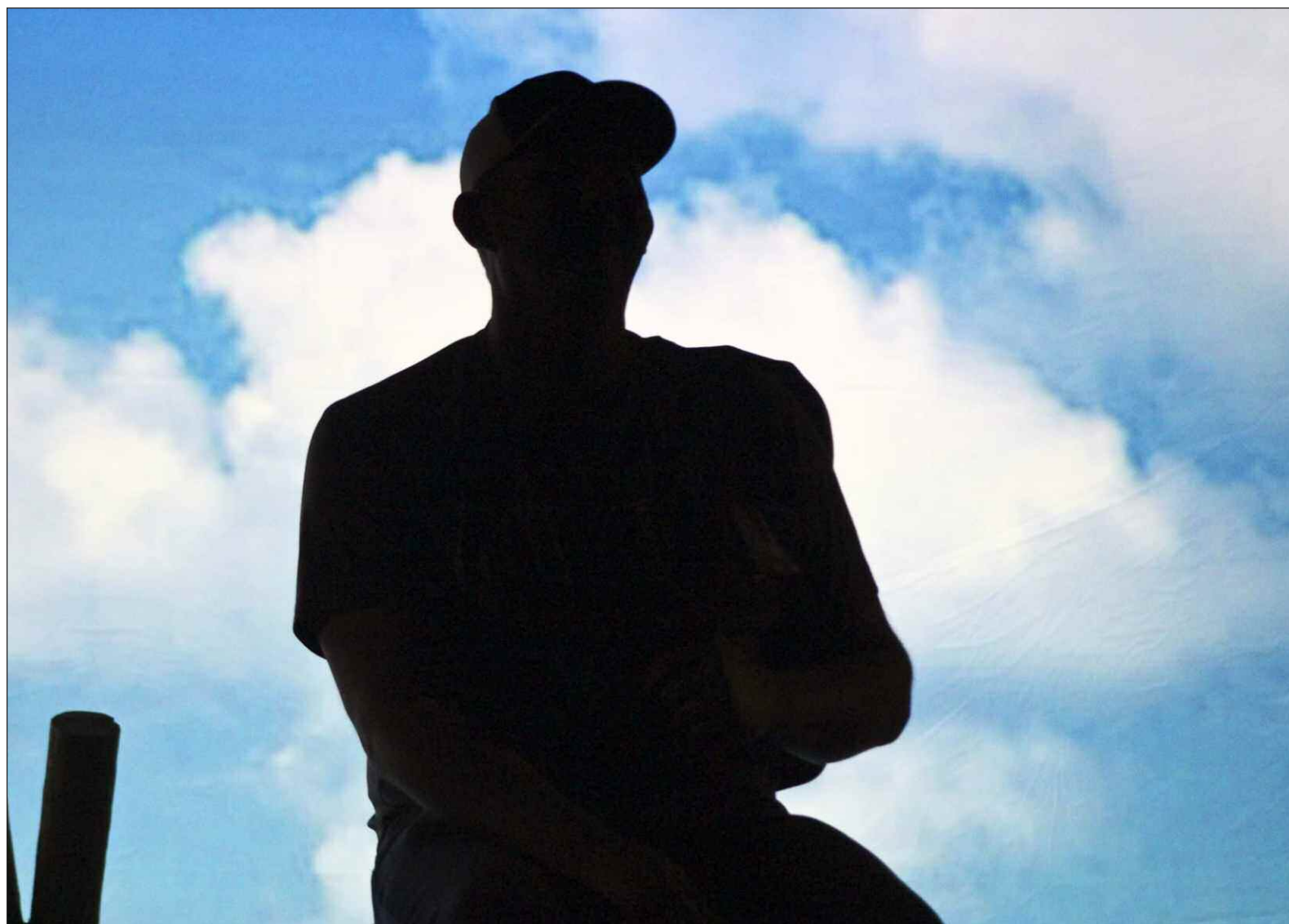
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Analyzing hate



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Jay County Civic Theatre performs "The Laramie Project" this weekend, with shows slated for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, as well as a show in Blackford County at 7 p.m. Feb. 25. Pictured, Chad Mills sits in the shadows during rehearsal Monday.

JCCT production looks at the aftermath of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Hate can manifest in many ways.

Sometimes, it can become deadly.

"The Laramie Project," an upcoming Jay County Civic Theatre production, analyzes the viewpoints and reactions of the residents of Laramie, Wyoming, in the aftermath of the murder of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard in 1998.

It kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place, with additional performances at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. There will also be a performance at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at

Blackford County Arts Center in Hartford City.

Sunday's production will be followed by a talk back — an opportunity for both the audience and cast to discuss the production — with Dennis Shepard, Matthew's father. There will also be a display of cards and letters provided by the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

Cast member Joseph Boggs explained the show's impact reaches beyond the death of a gay young adult.

"This show is an exploration of hate," Boggs said. "There's a tendency from people I've talked to, if they've heard of it at all, to think of it as the 'gay play,' right?"

That's not what it is. It's about what hate does to us and how it impacts us and how words and language and attitudes can turn into physical acts of violence, like what happened to Matthew Shepard."

Shepard was abducted by Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson on Oct. 7, 1998. They took him east of Laramie and tied him to a fence, where they assaulted him with a pistol, beat him and left him for dead. He was found about 18 hours later by a bicyclist who at first mistook him for a scarecrow. Shepard died about five days later in a hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Shortly after his death, members of the Tectonic Theater Project visited Wyoming to conduct interviews with locals and those familiar with the young man. The group transformed excerpts from those transcripts, as well as news reports, court transcripts and journal entries, into the play two years later, telling the story of the people living at the center of the infamous hate crime.

"It's based on real events, which is not something we get the opportunity to do (usually)," said director Jennifer McGraw. "These are words spoken from real people."

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Hangar rent rate increase is OK'd

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Hangar rent is going up.

Portland Board of Aviation again on Wednesday approved a \$10 per month increase for hangar rent at Portland Municipal Airport. The move came after several months of objections from some tenants who argued that the board did not follow Federal Aviation Administration procedures for making the increase.

Josh Johnson and John Lyons, both of whom rent hangars at the airport, again addressed the board regarding increasing hangar rent. (The board initially voted to increase the rent late last year but have delayed the increase following questions about procedure originally raised by Lyons, former president of the aviation board.)

Johnson argued that the \$10 increase doesn't come close to bringing income to a level that would match the cost of maintenance and hangar upgrades. He suggested instead that the board consider only basic maintenance for existing hangars, unless upgrades are specifically requested by the renter, and placing a financial focus on adding new hangars at the facility. (Some of the existing hangars date back to the 1940s.)

"I don't see this whole thing being very well thought out," he said, adding that he does not need the concrete floor that is planned for the hangar he currently rents.

Lyons focused his questions on whether the FAA procedures have been followed regarding a potential rent increase.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur said after talking to city officials — he typically is not in attendance at aviation board meetings — he is comfortable that the process has been handled appropriately.

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Sanctions imposed

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

China imposed fines and sanctions against two U.S. defense companies in a further escalation of tensions between the world's two biggest economies.

Lockheed Martin Corp. and a subsidiary of Raytheon Technologies Corp. were added to a list of "unreliable entities" due to their participation in arms sales to Taiwan, China's Ministry of Commerce said in a statement Thursday.

As with previous sanctions announced against the firms and other U.S. defense companies, these measures are likely to be largely symbolic given both have little direct exposure to China. An email to Raytheon outside of business hours went unanswered, as did calls to Lockheed Martin.

China hits back against American companies

The notice said the companies will be fined twice the contract value of their arms sales to Taiwan since September 2020 when the list first came into effect, without specifying the amount. The companies are required to pay within 15 days.

China considers the democratically self-ruled Taiwan as part of its territory and has long complained about the U.S. supplying weapons to the island.

A day before the announcement China had warned that it would hit

the U.S. with "countermeasures" over violations of its sovereignty, and on Thursday blamed the U.S. for jeopardizing ties by overreacting in the ongoing spat over a balloon. However, the subsequent announcement of sanctions may further escalate that dispute.

Washington contended that the balloon was spying and shot it down, while China claims it was a civilian airship collecting weather data that went off course.

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Cadin in concert

Cadin Gamble performs Sunday during the Jay County High School band's winter pops concert. The event included music from the musical "Dear Evan Hansen," which won six Tony Awards, including best musical.



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Deaths

Marvin Hartman, 90, Warren
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 66 degrees Wednesday. The low was 40.

Rain is expected tonight with a low of 24 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. There is a slight chance of snow early Friday, followed by partly sunny skies and a high of 29.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland City Council has canceled its meeting that was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Coming up

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

Tuesday — Results from Saturday's boys swimming sectional at JCHS.



Hangar ...

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Lyons also asked about whether rental rates would be different for hangars that have had upgrades such as new doors or concrete floors. Board president Faron Parr responded that such changes have been discussed but that the \$10 across the board increase was the first step.
“I don’t think any of us were trying to create World War III over a \$10 increase on hangar rent,” Parr added.
Board members John Ferguson, Caleb Lutes and Parr ultimately voted to increase monthly rent to \$85 from the current \$75, with a \$5 discount for those who pay a year in advance. The change will go into effect March 1.

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert also addressed the board regarding options for connecting the planned new Sunrise Aviation hangar to the taxiway at the facility. The firm is looking to construct a new 80-by-80-foot hangar with plans to begin construction this spring.
The board and Clearwaters had previously discussed using funds from the 2021 federal infrastructure bill to extend a taxiway to the new hangar, but Clearwaters said Wednesday that may be cost prohibitive.
“You don’t get any economy of scale,” he said of the about 200 feet of pavement that would be needed. “It’s going to be pretty expensive.”

He also said such a project going through the FAA funding process could likely not be completed in 2023.
“So we could end up with a hangar to nowhere,” he added.
He suggested instead shifting the site of the proposed hangar slightly to the east and south, making it possible to connect it directly to “parallel taxiway alpha.” That would allow the connection to be completed as part of the hangar construction, rather than as a separate FAA-funded project.
Clearwaters said he will continue to discuss the options with Sunrise owner Hal Tavzel and the board.
In other business, the board:

•Approved several FAA grant pay requests, including \$4,359.76 for the first phase of the runway extension project, \$63,612.20 for the second phase of the extension project and a total of \$4,990.59 (90% from the FAA with 5% each from Indiana Department of Transportation and the city) for a wildlife hazard assessment and part of the design of an apron expansion. Also approved a letter to be sent to the FAA indicating the airport’s \$150,000 in “non-primary entitlement funds” this year will be used for apron expansion design and a \$2,000 increase for travel Butler, Fairman and Seufert travel expenses related to design of the apron expansion.
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Obituaries

Marvin E. Hartman, Warren, a former Pennville resident, Oct. 27, 1932-Feb. 13, 2023. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, 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.

CR almanac

Friday 2/17	Saturday 2/18	Sunday 2/19	Monday 2/20	Tuesday 2/21
29/22	43/33	51/36	47/34	49/32
Friday looks to be partly sunny with winds gusting up to 20 mph. Mostly clear late.	Saturday's forecast predicts sunny skies with highs in the low 40s and winds up to 30 mph.	Mostly sunny, with a low near freezing in the low 30s. The high may hit 46.	There's a slight chance of rain at night. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Tuesday also has a low (30%) chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 31-32-54-60-63 Power Ball: 12 Power Play: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$73 million	56-57-59-62-68-69-73-79 Cash 5: 4-19-20-24-26 Hoosier Lotto: 11-14-15-16-27-45 Estimated jackpot: \$10.5 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$84 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-6-2 Pick 4: 5-5-0-3 Pick 5: 1-4-9-9-7 Evening Pick 3: 7-4-2 Pick 4: 9-1-9-2 Pick 5: 9-9-8-2-1 Rolling Cash: 1-3-12-23-31 Classic Lotto: 3-16-33-37-44-49 Kicker: 4-6-3-2-5-3 Estimated jackpot: \$5.4 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-1-2 Daily Four: 7-7-8-6 Quick Draw: 3-4-6-13-17-25-26-29-37-38-43-48-49-50-52-55-56-58-59-71 Evening Daily Three: 4-5-8 Daily Four: 8-7-0-9 Quick Draw: 8-11-14-15-19-22-37-38-40-41-43-46	

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Today in history

In 600, Pope Gregory the Great declared “God Bless You” as the appropriate response to a sneeze.
In 1810, Cushing Eells was born in Massachusetts. He later founded Whitman College in Walla Walla.
In 1923, Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun’s burial chamber was opened by Howard Carter.
In 1968, George Harrison and John Lennon of the Beatles traveled to India for transcendental meditation study.
In 2005, the National Hockey League canceled an entire season after its agreement between owners and the players’ union ended.
In 2015, Jay School Board agreed to hire CSO Architects of Indianapolis to examine school buildings. The board was weighing its options in the face of declining student enrollment.
—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, Fort Recovery High School, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 10 a.m. — Dunkirk Police Pension Board, city building, 131 S. Main St. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	



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Hannah Boggs, a junior at Jay County High Schools, performs during a Jay County Civic Theatre rehearsal Monday. Boggs and seven other cast members take the stage for opening night Friday.

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Cast member Jason McGraw — his characters range from a limo driver to a pastor — noted it isn’t a light-hearted production.
“It’s not the fluffy, feel-good musical that leaves you laughing and smiling, but it leaves you thinking,” he said. “Hopefully we reach somebody that really needs to hear the message.”
Jennifer McGraw, who has been involved with civic theater since age 3 and has directed six shows, performed in Ball State University’s production of “The Laramie Project” in 2002. It was the first university in the United States to perform the show.
“It was such a powerful experience at the time,” she said. “I knew that someday I wanted the chance to do this. I wanted the chance to put my mark on the show.”
She noted one of the challenges putting together the show has been making characters distinctive.
Just eight individuals — four women, four men — make up the cast, splitting a variety of small and large roles between them.

Joseph Boggs and his daughter, Hannah, are both performing together. (Acting in a play alongside his daughter was a bucket-list item they can both now check off, he said.)
One of Boggs’ roles depicts Matthew Shepard’s father, Dennis, and his response to his son’s murder.
“It’s intense. I picture, ‘OK, what if it were my son?’ Which is not exactly a fun place to be,” said Boggs. “There are several moments (in the play) that are just a hammer blow of ‘Woah, I don’t know what to do with that.’”
Tickets are available at Arts Place (131 E. Walnut St., Portland), online at myartsplace.org or by phone at (260) 726-4809.
“Please come out and support us,” said Jason McGraw, echoing similar comments from his cast members. “We really need the support of the people for this show as much as ever.”
“If they’re not familiar with the story or don’t know enough about it, just come out and give it a shot. You may find you really enjoy a good dramatic presentation.”

Lawmakers hear bill to decriminalize marijuana

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com
A bill decriminalizing the possession of two ounces, or less, of marijuana received a hearing before a House committee Wednesday but isn’t expected to get additional consideration.
Rep. Wendy McNamara, R-Evansville, chairs the House courts committee and said the dialogue needed to be heard but didn’t call a vote on the bill — which would have possibly advanced it to the full House Chamber.
“I’ve been asked why,” McNamara told committee members. “The answer is: we haven’t had this conversation and I think it needed to be had.”
Among its peers, Indiana has been resistant to decriminalizing marijuana or legalizing it for either medicinal or recreational use. Both Kentucky and Ohio have allowed their residents to use it medicinally while Illinois and Michigan have legalized it recreationally.
Especially for those Hoosiers living close to state borders, legally obtaining the drug is no longer a challenge but Hoosiers can still face consequences in their home state.
“Indiana has an estimated \$2 billion cannabis market with no quality control standards in place,” bill author Rep. Heath VanNatter, R-Kokomo, said. “While regulations are the ideal outcome, decriminalization provides our judicial and law enforcement (systems) an opportunity to reprioritize their resources to meet the community’s needs.”
State leaders, including Gov. Eric Holcomb, have been resistant to changing state statutes while the drug remains illegal on the federal level.
See **Bill** page 5

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Applications will be available at City Hall, 321 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, Monday, February 13, 2023, thru Wednesday, March 1st, 2023. Applications need to be submitted to City Hall by Wednesday March 1st @ 4:30 p.m.
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SERVICES

Monday
Hartman, Marvin: 1 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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

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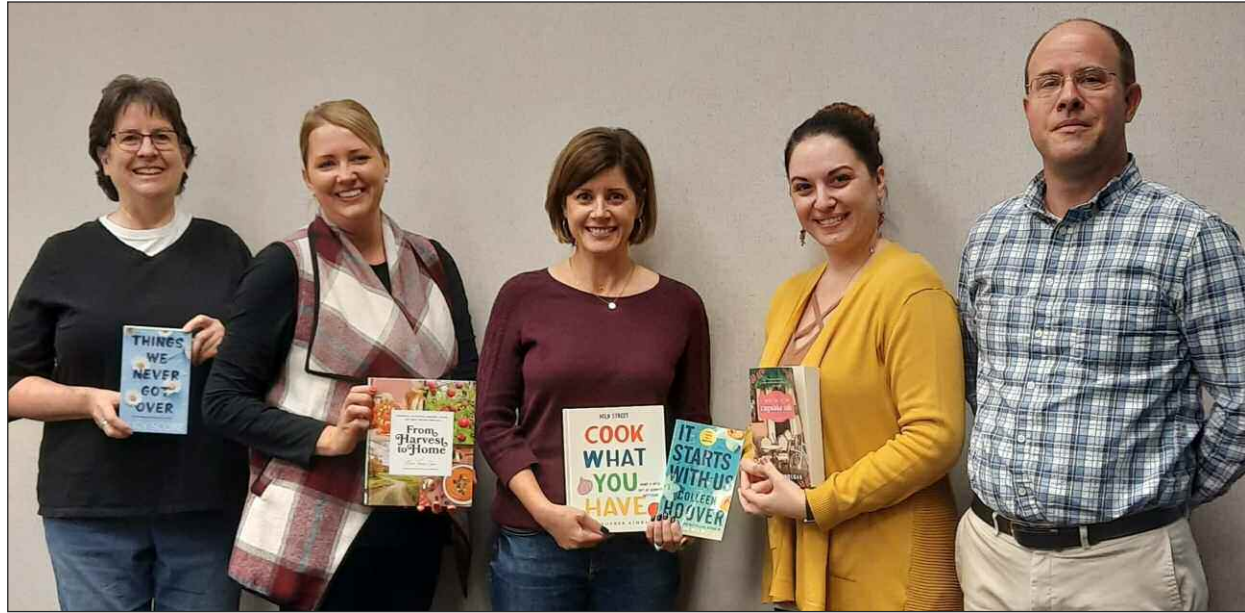


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Outgoing trustee

Holly Weaver recently completed her last term of service on the Board of Trustees for Jay County Public Library. She served from the maximum limit of four terms from 2008 through 2022. Pictured, from left, board members Liz Lawson, Tracy Carpenter, Weaver, Jessica Cook and library director Eric Hinderliter.

FFA week begins soon

FORT RECOVERY — National FFA Week is nearly here.

Fort Recovery FFA Chapter has a variety of activities planned next week to raise agriculture education awareness.

Festivities kick off with a tractor drive-in to Tuesday. Members may drive their tractors to school and have a chance at winning prizes in different categories.

The elementary petting zoo will run from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Wednesday in the agricultural shop for preschool through second grade students.

Any community member with young children is welcome to attend.

A community breakfast is scheduled from 6 to 8

p.m. Feb. 23 with FFA members making a meal for local business leaders, community leaders, FFA alumni, teachers, FFA parents and other members. Also that morning, elementary school students will participate in the Food For America program to learn about farm and ATV safety.

A truck drive-in is slated for Feb. 24. Members may drive their trucks to school to have a chance at winning one of several prizes.

The annual agricultural olympics — students competing against one another in events promoting agriculture — will wrap up activities Feb. 24.

Themed dress-up days are also planned all week.

Attempt to connect with step-daughter fell flat

DEAR ABBY: I'm divorced and have been dating my guy friend for five years. We recognized after we started dating that we love each other, and we planned to move in together after a year of dating. I was so excited when we started making plans that I reached out to my guy's ex-wife and daughter as a friendly gesture.

His daughter was getting married later in the year, so I tried to reassure her that I understood how stressful a big wedding is, and I wouldn't be offended if I wasn't invited. I wasn't invited. Following the wedding, the first time I met his ex-wife and children was excruciating. His daughter was very unpleasant to me.

Now, years later, the situation has not improved. If I try to be Facebook friends, his daughter accepts my offer, but limits what I can see. This is ridiculous. After five years, I would

like to just gently close that door. Is that being mean or realistic? — TRIED, AND TRIED AGAIN

DEAR TRIED: When you reached out to your partner's daughter, perhaps you came on a little too strong. It seems like a warm and caring gesture, unless your relationship was the reason his marriage ended. Have you talked to your partner about it? Perhaps he can help. This situation won't improve if you "gently close the door." You don't need to track his adult daughter's activities on Facebook. (If she hated you,



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she would block you entirely.) It couldn't hurt to step back and stick with the status quo, and that's what I recommend.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together 30 years and married for 25. We have four wonderful adult children and four beautiful grandchildren. We started our family very young and are now entering our 50s. I'm ready to get out and travel the world, but my husband wants to move closer to one of our children to help with the kids. We have had many loud conversations regarding my unwillingness to raise children all over again. I love my grandchildren, but having been a mother since I was 16, I'm enjoying my newfound freedom.

Our son and his wife both have successful careers. They can afford quality child care,

and I don't see the need for us to uproot our lives and move hours away just to be on-call babysitters. I love the town we live in, and I'm starting to resent his relentless "persuasion" and suggestions that relocation is what "most grandmothers would love to do." Advice? — STAYING PUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR STAYING: Having raised four wonderful children since the age of 16, your feelings are understandable. I will assume that your husband wants to uproot your lives because he is retired and has nothing meaningful to occupy his time. Please do not allow him to wear you down if you are not equally enthusiastic about becoming an on-call babysitter. You deserve to travel if you have the means to do it. He could take that time to travel to wherever your son and his

family live and give them a break in your absence. That way you will both be doing something you enjoy.

DEAR ABBY: I have two friends whose daughters will be married this fall, both for the second time. I have given gifts to both women for their first marriages. What is the rule of etiquette for the second time around? — WANTS TO KNOW IN MONTANA

DEAR WANTS: If you plan to attend the weddings, the rule is to give something less expensive this time around, along with your good wishes for a happy future.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

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

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

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will

meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

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

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

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in communi-

ty room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

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

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

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

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

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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.

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

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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7	3	6	4	9	5	1	2	8
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FTC crackdown sends a message

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Since 2017, GoodRx has helped millions of people find deals on prescription drugs via an app and website. But what its customers may not have known is that the Santa Monica-based health company had also been sharing information about their prescriptions and illnesses with third parties such as Google and Facebook for advertising purposes.

Last week, the Federal Trade Commission fined GoodRx \$1.5 million for violating customers' privacy by failing to notify them about how their data were being used. This is the first time the FTC has used a law known as the Health Breach Notification Rule, which is designed to hold

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accountable for data privacy protections the companies that aren't covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the federal health privacy law known as HIPAA.

Good. The enforcement action is a warning to other tech firms at a time of growth in the industry. Increasingly consumers are using apps and wearable devices to monitor their health, and they should

know exactly how their personal information is being used.

It's heartening that the administration is taking action to protect consumers. In his State of the Union address this week, President Biden advocated for stronger data privacy controls and other protections to rein in technology firms.

The FTC says GoodRx, whose founders include former Facebook employees, used tracking technology and other software that captures consumer information such as the drugs for which a consumer had requested a coupon, the condition those drugs treat and personally identifiable information such as IP addresses. If a user inquired about a prescription drug for a sexual dysfunction condition,

that user might have been targeted by ads for that condition on social media.

GoodRx, which claims to have saved consumers about \$45 billion in prescription drug costs since the company was founded in 2011, denies any wrongdoing. The company says it never shared medical records, that third parties were not allowed to share health data further, and that the same tracking technology is used on many websites, including some used by the U.S. government. But the company agreed to the terms of the settlement, which needs to be approved by a judge, to avoid the costs of further litigation.

Seeing ads mentioning an embarrassing medical condition in your personal social

media feed may seem like a small price to pay to get a reduced price for a medication, but data privacy specialists say that it could come with serious consequences. For example, data brokers could compile a list of people with cancer that could be used by scam artists marketing a fraudulent treatment.

This action by the FTC is a step in the right direction in guarding consumer health data. For too long, consumers have unwittingly handed over sensitive health information simply by using health apps or other technology devices. This makes it clear that these tech firms must disclose their intentions when collecting consumers' health data.

Make billionaires pay their fair share

By **CHUCK COLLINS**
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

A fundamental question in politics is "which side are you on?"

In his State of the Union address, President Joe Biden called on Congress to pass a "billionaire minimum tax," which would ensure that billionaires don't pay a lower tax rate than ordinary working people. And what is the Republican position?

Well, here's a clue. In their first act running the new 118th Congress, House Republicans unanimously voted to defund Biden's efforts to help the IRS crack down on wealthy tax cheats. Soon, they'll hold hearings on a quixotic bill to abolish the IRS and hit working Americans with a heavy sales tax.

So which side are these lawmakers on? In these acts, at least, they're siding with dynastic billionaires, global oligarchs and the nation's wealthiest taxpayers.

First, let's look at what happens without a strong IRS.

Dismantling the IRS, whether by cutting its funding or abolishing it outright, is a gift to the ultra-wealthy for whom U.S. taxes are already becoming voluntary. Their tax lawyers, accountants and wealth managers have outgunned the IRS in their ability to create complicated tax dodges involving trusts, shell companies and offshore banks.

A 2021 exposé by ProPublica found that more than half of the 100 wealthiest U.S. billionaires use a complex trust system to avoid U.S. estate taxes — the only U.S. levy on inherited wealth, which only kicks in for estates starting at \$11.7 million.

In our 2022 study, "Billionaire Enabler States: How U.S. States Captured by the Trust Industry Help the World's Wealthy Hide Their Money," Kalena Thomhave and I dug into how billionaires are exploiting laws at all levels of government to hide wealth and dodge taxes. And new investigative reporting keeps piling on.

The New Yorker just helped uncover how descendants of oil tycoon J. Paul Getty deployed Nevada-based trusts to avoid \$300 million in California taxes — and probably billions in federal taxes — over the last decade. And last year, Florida amended its laws governing family trusts at the

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behest of the Waltons, America's wealthiest family, to effectively place assets outside the reach of taxation and accountability for a millennium.

No wonder the United States, as the Pandora Papers revealed, is now the number one destination for financial secrecy, surpassing Switzerland and the Cayman Islands as a jurisdiction of choice for global oligarchs and billionaires looking to hide their often ill-gotten gains.

We need an IRS that can follow this money and shut down the worst abuses. But for over a decade, the agency has been targeted for budget cuts and layoffs. The number of millionaires and billionaires audited by the agency has shrunk as its capacity to shut down the shenanigans of the ultra-wealthy has shrunk.

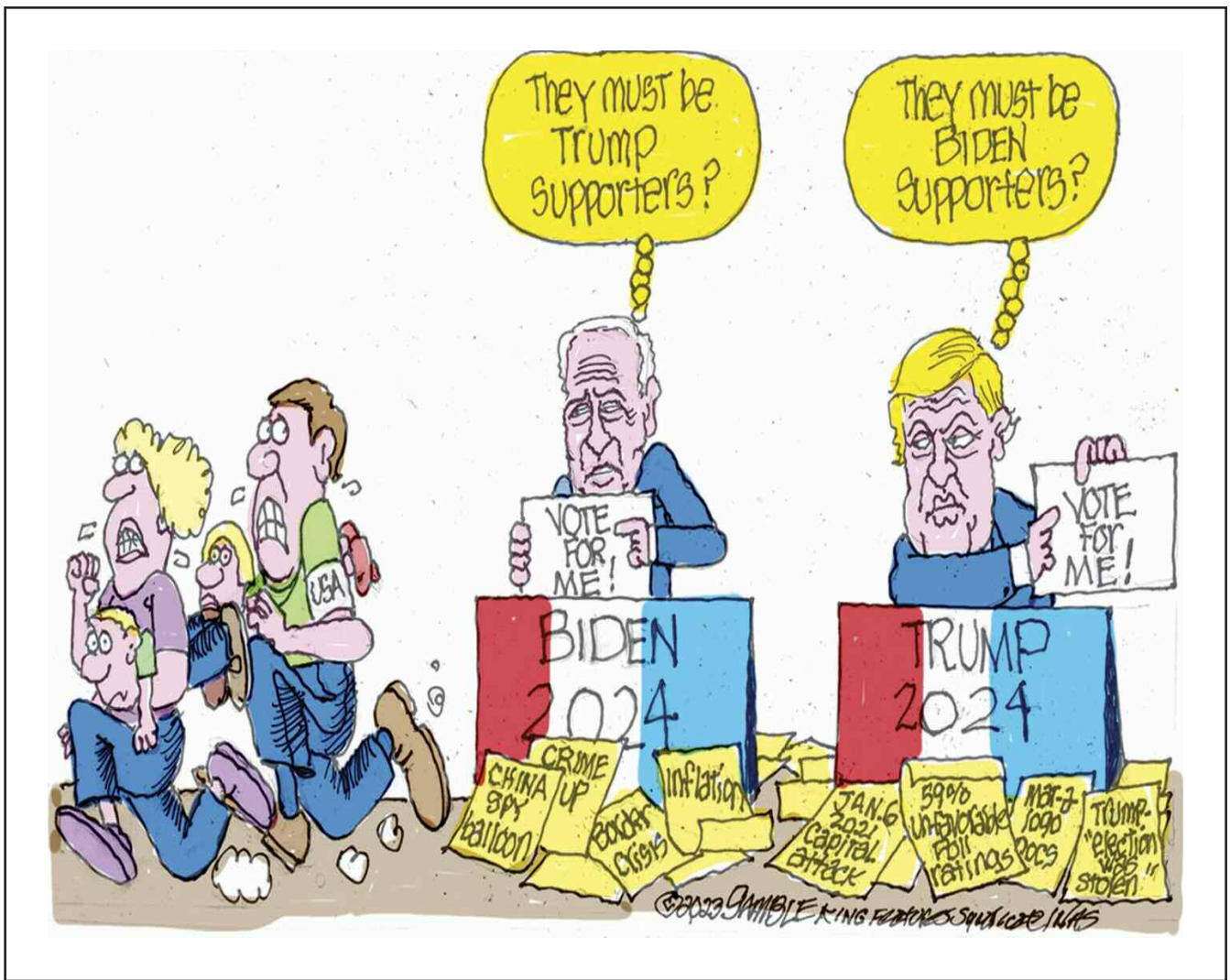
Defunding Biden's efforts to shore this enforcement up — or abolishing the IRS entirely — would have the singular effect of helping the wealthy skate by. So where would federal revenue come from?

Well, that's where you — and the GOP's flat tax proposal — come in.

The so-called fair tax would establish a 30% sales tax, collected by states, on everything we buy — homes, health care, cars, groceries, college tuition — while eliminating taxes on wealth, capital gains and high incomes. An analysis of an earlier version of the proposal found it would increase tax obligations for the bottom 80% of U.S. households while reducing them for the top 20%. That means it's a big tax hike on the middle class and senior citizens. It would increase prices for everything during a period of inflation, all to let the wealthy off the hook.

We need a progressive tax system where billionaires pay their fair share the way the rest of us are expected to. And for that, we need a healthy IRS. Whose side are you on?

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Mental health is a key concern

By **ALICIA MORGAN**
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What's your most serious concern as a parent?

It probably depends on the age of your child.

As a parent of a teen, I was not surprised by a new Pew Research Center survey of 3,757 U.S. parents who named mental health as their top worry.

Forty percent of parents of children under 18 say they are either "extremely" or "very" worried their child is struggling with anxiety or depression.

And data backs them up: "Depression is one of the leading causes of illness and disability among adolescents, and suicide is the second leading cause of death in people aged 15-19 years," according to the World Health Organization.

The stressors children must meet head-on are overwhelming and as parents we see first-hand what they're up against. From increased pressures in the classroom to social media, extracurricular activities and strict requirements for admission into just about any program of continuing or higher education, it's not a surprise students suffer from anxiety.

Even though school programming now includes instruction on social and emotional skills like how to practice kindness and what to do when someone is sitting alone on the playground, exposure to a wide-open internet and social media makes the scary parts of the world a lot more visible and a lot more frightening.

Increased awareness and even legislation on inclusion along with efforts such as anti-bullying clubs and counseling elementary students on acceptance were nonexistent 30 years ago. But those gains can be easily looked past as the cruelties of our

Alicia Morgan



world play out on our phones 24/7.

Monitoring a child's electronic devices is cumbersome. Keeping track of their online activity and which barriers are too restrictive and which are not is a full-time job. You begin to wonder, does it matter? Won't they see this eventually, somewhere?

Especially as they grow into adolescents, exposure is good for them so they learn how to navigate difficult issues and form their own opinions. At this point about all a parent can do is keep the lines of communication open, guide them as they encounter troubling content online and as they face stressful situations in real life. It's normal for teens not to want to open up to a parent, making it even more scary. I currently struggle with this myself (What's going on in his mind? With his friends? At school, when I'm not around?). Sometimes ... much of the time ... I don't have answers to those questions.

Yet, I have my intuition, know my kid well, and will always make myself available. I try to remind myself how difficult life can be, and look for help when I feel he or I need it.

Parents or closely trusted mentors must be the answer when experts can't be found or when it takes six months to a year to find a therapist.

Fortunately, these growing needs are being addressed more often across the country, state and here at home.

At the state level, better access to

mental and behavioral health services was part of Gov. Eric Holcomb's Next Level Agenda, released in January.

In the General Assembly, currently on the docket is Senate Bill 1, which includes addressing the expansion of community mental and behavioral health services and maintaining a help line.

All of this is good news for parents. Concerns are being addressed. Mental health is finally being taken seriously, somewhat due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought increased attention to an already dire mental health crisis.

In the first year of the pandemic, global prevalence of anxiety and depression increased by 25%, according to a scientific brief released by the World Health Organization in March of last year.

Numbers were on the rise, however, long before COVID swept through the country.

In a 2018 Pew survey, 70% of teens reported anxiety and depression as a "major problem" they saw among their peers.

It seems this newest survey, then, is not at all shocking. Once a vast majority of children started reporting mental health as their No. 1 concern, we'd expect parents to soon follow.

The numbers should produce a renewed urgency in us all to gather all the tools at our disposal, and join in the effort to keep our children safe. In the end, it's not just a parent issue. The health of our children and the future of our community are inseparable, and everyone has a stake in that.

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ATLANTA — A special grand jury in Fulton County that examined efforts by former President Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the 2020 presidential election results in Georgia said it believed one or more witnesses it heard from may have committed perjury.

“A majority of the Grand Jury believes that perjury may have been committed by one or more witnesses testifying before it,” the report said. “The Grand Jury recommends that the District Attorney seek appropriate indictments for such crimes where the evidence is compelling.”

It did not specify which witnesses.

Four pages of what appeared to be a nine-page final report were released Thursday, provid-

Grand jury report indicate witnesses may have committed perjury

ing the public its first peek into the findings of the 23-member panel, which spent eight months working behind closed doors.

They interviewed 75 witnesses, including top state officials, former White House aides and several of Trump’s closest advisers. But jurors did not seek testimony from the probe’s central figure: Trump himself, according to his Georgia attorneys.

In an order issued earlier this

week, Fulton Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney said he would release the report’s introduction, conclusion and a segment in which grand jurors outlined their concern that some witnesses may have lied under oath during their testimony. But McBurney said the panel’s recommendations on who should be charged with state crimes would remain under seal until Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis makes a decision about indictments.

Hangar ...

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•Discussed a request from Diana Michael to purchase or farm land on the west end of the airport property. Clearwaters indicated that the FAA would not allow the sale of the land but that farming is a possibility. The board asked him to consult FAA guidelines regarding how much of the land could be utilized while still maintaining the necessary safety area at the end of the runway.

•Heard Matt Simmons

report on behalf of airport manager Hal Tavzel that: all hangars at the airport are currently being rented with three individuals on a waiting list if space becomes available; the facility is waiting for FAA approval to utilize a remote connection to its automated weather observing system; and Jay County High School graduate recently earned his private pilot’s license at the airport.

•Paid claims totaling \$3,810.99.

Bill ...

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Proponents of the bill included an unlikely assortment of entities, including public defenders, the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana and the Indiana chapter of Americans for Prosperity.

Richard Feldman, an Indianapolis physician and former State Health Commissioner, has previously argued that marijuana legalization is “inevitable.”

Before the committee, speaking on behalf of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, Feldman said that the organization was neutral on marijuana legalization but supported decriminalizing marijuana for personal use.

“We recognize the benefits of intervention and treatment ... for the use of marijuana rather than the incarceration of adults and youth,” Feldman said. “Marijuana is not a hard drug; it’s not a narcotic and it’s certainly safer than alcohol.”

But representatives of the legal system, as well as the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, testified against the bill — saying it was a “slippery slope” to full legalization.

Brock Patterson, on behalf of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, said the two-ounce upper limit was far too high, higher than even the daily purchasing limits of states that had legalized the drug.

“It’s impossible,” Patterson said about screening and quantifying marijuana impairment. “The science is not there and other states are changing

Chamber, prosecutors oppose measure

their levels all the time.”

While blood alcohol testing has been refined over the course of decades, marijuana testing hasn’t yet reached the same standard.

Indeed Joel Wieneke, with the Indiana Public Defender Council, said that law enforcement struggled with marijuana convictions because most laboratories couldn’t reliably test for the substance. Law enforcement couldn’t even trust labels on packaged goods, he said, because those are regulated by other states and not the federal government.

“If we want to be able to prosecute individuals for these offenses, Indiana’s going to have to invest in extensive tests and laboratories across the state,” Wieneke said, testifying in support of the bill.

The two law enforcement officers on the committee, Republican Steve Bartels and Democrat Mitch Gore, both supported the measure, saying that officers had other problems and priorities.

“Thirty-something years ago, we (officers) on the street didn’t care about it,” Bartels said. “I think this is the right step ... and I hope we can continue this conversation.”

Suspected spy balloons reported

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KYIV, Ukraine — Six suspected spy balloons have been detected over the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, according to authorities.

The Ukrainian Air Force registered “around six hostile aerial targets” and shot some of them down, the Kyiv military administration announced on Telegram on Wednesday.

Initial findings indicate that the targets were balloons floating in the wind,

which could be equipped with reflectors or intelligence equipment, the statement said.

It is possible that the Russians sent the balloons to detect Ukrainian anti-aircraft positions. The authorities are now examining the aircraft to establish their purpose, they said.

Ukraine has reported sightings of a series of airborne objects in recent days, while neighboring Moldova temporarily closed its airspace on Tues-

day, reportedly due to a balloon that came from Ukraine and drifted on to Romania.

Moldova closed its airspace for more than three hours, citing security risks but without providing further information. The decision had been taken “to ensure the safety of civil aviation,” the Moldovan aviation authority said.

Initial reports suggested that a Russian drone had entered Moldova’s air

space, before later reports said a spy balloon had flown initially over Ukraine, and then over Moldova.

Romanian flight control recorded the presence of a balloon over the south-east of the country at an altitude of 11,000 metres, roughly the cruising height of commercial flights.

There have been a spate of balloon sightings in recent weeks, causing aggravation in several continents.

Sanctions ...

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It’s unclear if the latest sanctions will prevent a meeting between U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Wang Yi, China’s top diplomat on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference this week. Blinken canceled a planned trip to Beijing this month when the balloon controversy erupted.

“It’s a message to the U.S., but also for domestic consumption — to demonstrate China’s tough position,” said Dongshu Liu, an assistant professor specializing in Chinese politics at the City University of Hong Kong. “The economic consequences might not be as strong as the political ones — those companies don’t do business in China. They may face some limitation as a result of these new sanctions, but still, it’s largely politically symbolic.”

The Chinese government will ban trade with both firms as well as

blocking new investment from the two into China, the ministry said in a statement. If the companies don’t pay the fines within 15 days the ministry may increase the fines.

In addition, it will cancel and prohibit work and residence permits for the companies’ senior managers and ban them from entry into the country.

This action “shows that China’s retaliation remains very targeted and refrained, responding to U.S.’ arms sales toward Taiwan, over which China has lodged its protest many times in the past,” said Feng Chucheng, a Beijing-based partner at independent consultancy Plenum. “China is not weaponizing its sanctions, which is consistent with China’s longstanding policies.”

China has threatened sanctions against U.S. entities that damage its national security in the past. In 2020 it said it would impose unspecified

sanctions on Boeing Co.’s defense unit, Lockheed Martin, and Raytheon after the U.S. State Department approved arms sales to Taiwan.

Last September, Beijing said it was sanctioning two top executives at Boeing and Raytheon over the biggest U.S. weapons deal with Taiwan in almost two years, but didn’t provide details on the measures.

“Naming two already sanctioned companies onto the list for the first time actually proves that MOFCOM wants to take it slow and experiment with how to implement the new unreliable entity list,” according to Andy Chen, a senior analyst with Beijing-based consultancy Trivium China. The list “was created in haste as a response to U.S.’s long-arm jurisdiction but MOFCOM wasn’t ready to deploy it at the time because it lacked the experience — and probably personnel — to carry it out.”

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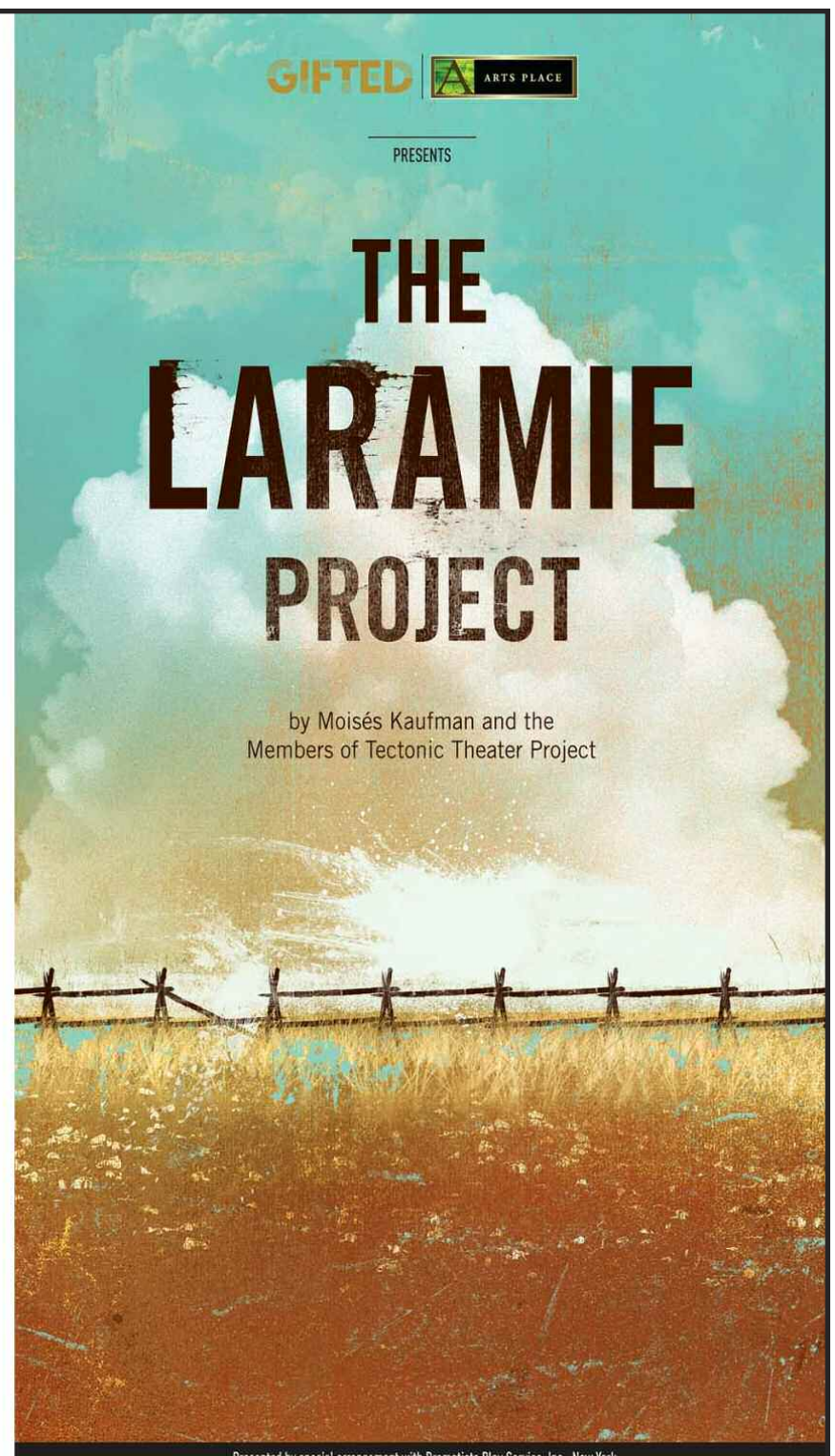
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Scott McClain
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(260) 525-8609
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.
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Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
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7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
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County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
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506 E. Walnut St., Portland
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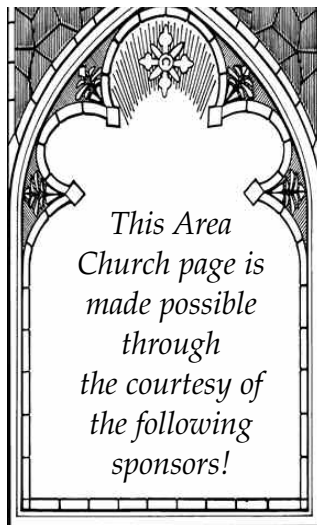
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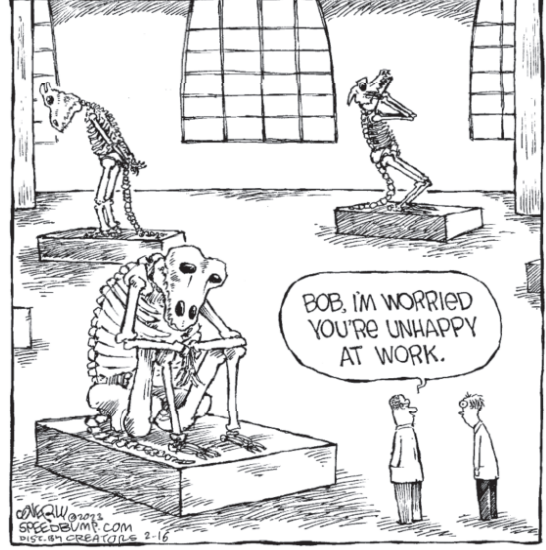
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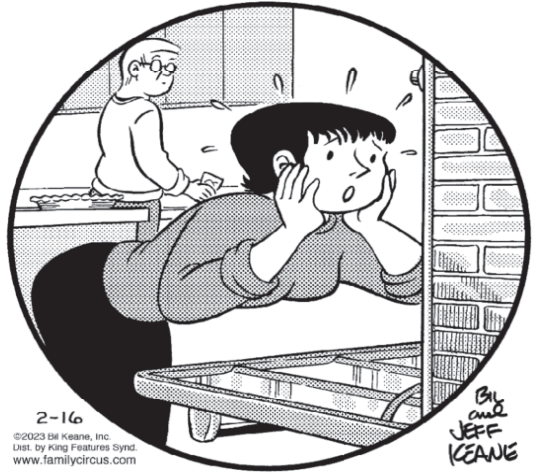

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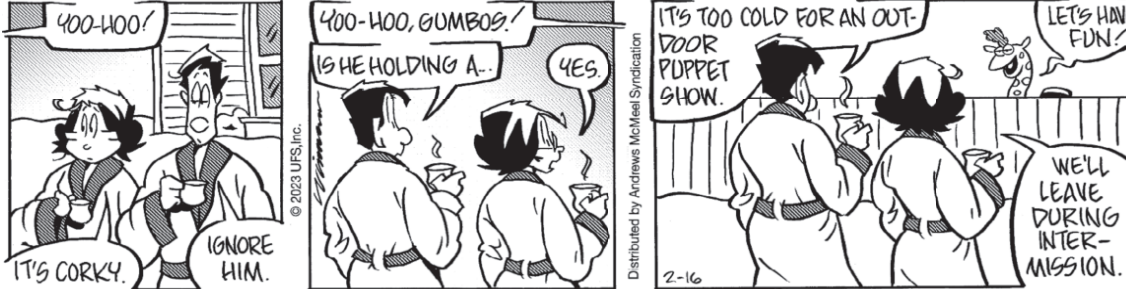
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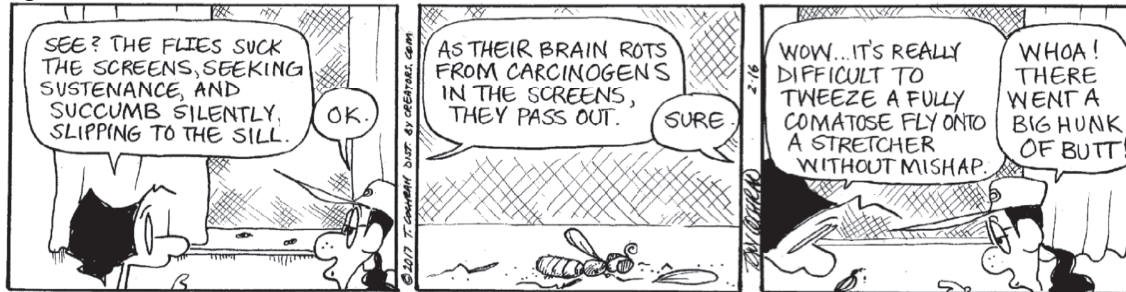
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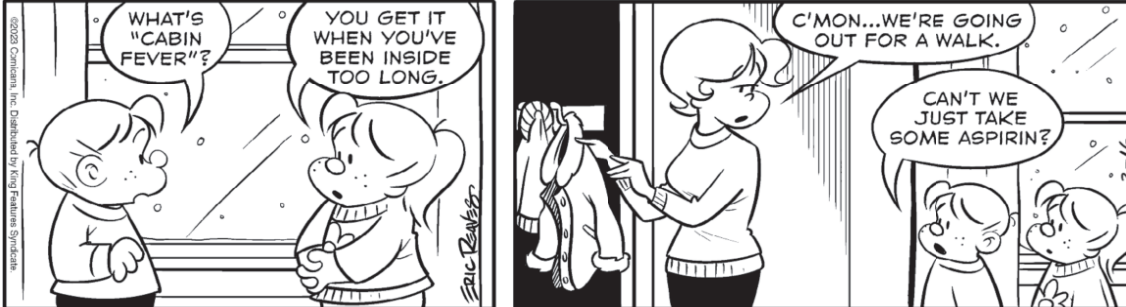
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The pessimistic approach

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

EAST
♠ 10 9 8
♥ J 9 8 3
♦ Q 10 7
♣ J 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 6
♥ K Q 10 7 5 2
♦ J 6 3
♣ 8

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣
Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The expert lives in a constant state of agitation, ever worried that the worst is about to happen. He fears that the situation may not be as tranquil as it might seem, and that anything that can go wrong will go wrong.

This state of mind, though perhaps a bit paranoid, can pay excellent dividends. When things actually do go wrong, the expert, having prepared for the worst, may be able to avert a budding catastrophe.

Here is a typical case. West leads the K-A and another diamond. East wins with the queen and returns the ten of spades.

Most declarers would win the spade and start to draw trump by cashing the A-K. After West showed out on the second round, they would then find it impossible to avoid losing a trump trick, and they would go down one.

But our pessimistic declarer — a more cautious soul, would make the contract. After winning East's spade return with the ace, he would start worrying about a bad trump division. He would then try to guard against East's having started with the J-x-x of trump by playing a club to the ace and ruffing a club, followed by the K-A of hearts and another club ruff.

At this point, South's hand would consist of the Q-6 of spades and the Q-10 of hearts. He would next lead the six of spades to dummy's king and play the established nine of diamonds. Whether East ruffed this trick or the next one, his J-9 of trump would succumb to South's Q-10, and his seemingly sure trump trick would go up in smoke.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I ALREADY TOLD YOU A BUNCH OF TIMES WHAT I WILL COOK FOR DINNER TOMORROW. SHEESH! KEBABS!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Pub
5 Campus mil. group
9 Sailor's chart
12 Casual shirt
13 Ornamental jug
14 Parisian pal
15 Emmy-winning Food Network chef
17 Paris appellation
18 Takes the helm
19 Talking points?
21 Exists
22 Surplus
24 Tear canal
27 Rowing need
28 Pleased
31 Spanish gold
32 "... cone — cup?"
33 "Exodus" hero
34 Vogue rival

DOWN
1 LAPD alerts
2 Booty
3 North Sea feeder
4 "Amen!"
5 Umps
6 Hooting bird
7 Afternoon get-together
8 Burial chamber
9 Kipling poem
10 Mine, in Marseille
11 Fine cotton
16 Decade parts (Abbr.)
20 Assoc.

22 British nobles
23 MRI fore-runner
24 Anonymous Jane
25 Online address
26 "Yellow" band
27 "Clumsy mel"
29 Illustrations
30 Conk out
35 Before
37 Grocery store
39 Lauder of cosmetics
40 Future flower
41 Oompah band member
42 Knitting fiber
43 Own (up)
44 Icky stuff
45 Lawman Wyatt
46 Turns blue?
49 Genesis vessel
50 "The Bells" author

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Cali Wendel, a Fort Recovery High School junior, launches one of her eight first-half 3-point tries during Wednesday's sectional opening-round game against the Coldwater Cavaliers at Lincolnview. Wendel shot 6-of-8 from long distance in the first half but the Tribe couldn't keep up with Coldwater after the intermission in a 44-33 defeat.

Fort Recovery shows vast improvement against the Cavaliers in opening-round tournament loss

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

VAN WERT, Ohio — It's been about growth.

The Indians entered the season knowing where they stood — short on experience, short on numbers.

They lost their first seven games.

But they won five of their last seven in the regular season. And though their first tournament game ended in a loss, their progress was evident.

Fort Recovery, which had lost by 34 just over a month ago to the Coldwater Cavaliers, had a nine-point lead at halftime Wednesday before their Divi-

sion III sectional opener at Lincolnview slipped away in the second half for a 44-33 season-ending loss.

"We knew what they were going to do. We took time to learn and grow," said FRHS coach Holly Gann. "We executed the plan. And that's the biggest thing — we stuck to the plan. We had to play some really unselfish basketball. People had to turn down looks. We knew what we had to do.

"I'm just proud of the girls, how hard they played. ... Our girls showed up tonight."

Coldwater, the No. 7 seed in the sectional/district group, advances to play second-seeded Jefferson in the sectional

championship game at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The differences between the Indians a month ago and the Indians now were evident quickly Wednesday.

It took them less than 40 seconds to put up more first-half points against Coldwater (13-9) than they had in the first meeting (one) as Cali Wendel hit a 3-pointer to start a hot-shooting first half. By the 4:30 mark, they had matched their entire scoring output from the 41-7 loss on Jan. 12.

The improvement offensively was about patiently running the offense and getting quality open looks, specifically for Wendel. She bombed away from outside,

hitting six of her eight first-half attempts from long distance.

Meanwhile, 11th-seeded Fort Recovery created a flattened-out 2-3 zone defense to bracket 6-foot, 5-inch Cavaliers post player Riley Rismiller and keep the ball out of her hands as much as possible.

The result was a 24-15 half-time lead with Wendel scoring 18 points, Rismiller limited to two in the paint and the Tribe with just three turnovers compared to 10 for Coldwater.

"We controlled the tempo of the game," Gann said. "We did everything we thought we had to do to win. And we had our chances. ...

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Moser homers in first at bat

If the first at bat is an indication, Max Moser is in for a fun season.

The 2018 Jay County High School graduate hit a home run the first time he stepped to the plate for the Huntington University baseball team this year, helping the Foresters to an 11-0 opening win Friday in Alabama over Indiana University Purdue University Columbus.

HU (3-1) was already up 3-0 when Moser stepped to the plate and blasted a home run in the top of the second inning. He added a two-run double in the sixth inning as he finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a run.

Moser added a 1-for-3 effort with two RBIs in a 14-5 victory Sunday over IUPUC.

He has a team-high five RBIs through the Foresters' first four games.

Noah Arbuckle Jay County - 2020

Pitched for the Huntington University baseball team Friday in a 4-3 win over Indiana University Purdue University Columbus in the second game of a season-opening double-header.

Arbuckle was credited with the save as he tossed two innings of relief. He gave up three runs on three hits while striking out three and walking two.

Kenzie Ring Jay County - 2021

Competed for the Trine University women's acrobatics and tumbling team Saturday in a 284.2-236.045 loss to Baylor.

Ring, returning to action following a knee injury last season, was part of a lineup that had its best result in tumbling, scoring 44.075 points out of a start value of 46.5. The Thunder also totaled 28.25 out of 29.9 on pyramid and 25.05 out of 26.75 on toss.

Alli Vaughn FRHS - 2021

Played strong off the bench for the Huntington University women's basketball team Saturday in a 66-59 loss to Mount Vernon Nazarene.

Vaughn was one of two players to reach double figures for the Foresters (10-18), shooting 5-of-9 from the field for 11 points.

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Robert C. Lyons
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Jeff Alberson, Pike Township Board Chairman

OPTION 1

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Feels ...

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“The difference between those guys and us is our margin of error is about this big,” she continued, holding her fingers just a sliver apart. “So when we have those mental lapses, we can’t afford it.”

For Fort Recovery, those lapses — though far less frequent than they would have been earlier in the season — were costly in the second half.

The Cavaliers turned their defensive attention to Wendel, keeping the ball out of her hands as much as possible. That led to a nearly seven-minute scoreless stretch for FRHS as it gave up a 14-0 run.

The Indians clawed back to a 30-29 advantage on a kiss off the glass from the elbow by Kennedy Muhlenkamp on the first possession of the fourth quarter, but Coldwater scored the next seven points in a row as it took control.

Despite Fort Recovery’s best efforts, Rismiller finished with a game-high 19 points including an 8-of-10 effort at the foul line. She also had nine rebounds and a pair of blocks.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Fort Recovery’s Saige Leuthold fights to get a shot up against Riley Rismiller of Coldwater during Wednesday’s sectional opener.

Becca Wenning added nine points and eight rebounds as the Cavaliers had a 32-22 advantage on the glass, and Mia Knapke chipped in eight points.

“We just adjusted,” said Coldwater coach Amy Meyer. “Riley cannot be the only person we want to get

the ball to. It’s easy to put three people on her ...

“So we looked to just get ball screens. We tried to get some of our other guards involved, attack the basket, catch the ball ready to shoot.

“Mia Knapke hit some big shots. Becca took it to

the hole, she attacked the gaps. It just gave us more movement.”

Wendel led the Indians with 18 points despite being shut out in the second half. The team shot 4-of-22 (18%) from the field in the second half, including 0-for-8 from long distance.

“They made defensive changes,” said Gann. They started face-guarding her, which is not something Cali has seen all year.” Muhlenkamp added eight points. Maddie Guggenbiller, the lone senior on the team, had three rebounds and an assist.

“As far as I’m concerned, we maximized everybody’s potential tonight,” said Gann. “As a coach, that learning and growing process is huge for us. And today I actually thought we were able to reap the benefits for it — showing up, playing hard, finding joy. Our fans were in it, our bench was in it, the girls on the floor had fun. ...

“I should feel sad, but I’m not,” she added. “I’m really happy for those guys. That loss doesn’t feel the same. It almost feels like a win.”

Make-A-Wish receives \$10 million from Jordan

By RODERICK BOONE
The Charlotte Observer
Tribune News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Michael Jordan is celebrating a huge life milestone by making the largest contribution in Make-A-Wish Foundation history.

The Charlotte Hornets owner announced Wednesday he has donated \$10 million to the charitable foundation in honor of his

60th birthday, which is Friday. Jordan’s financial gift represents the biggest contribution Make-A-Wish has received in its 43 years.

Jordan has been involved with Make-A-Wish for more than three decades, a partnership that dates back to him granting his first wish in 1989 while with the Chicago Bulls.

Collegiate ...

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She added three rebounds, one steal and one assist.

The sophomore was back in the starting lineup Wednesday, totaling nine points, three rebounds and an assist in an 82-72 victory over Goshen.

Lizzie Dollar
Jay County – 2022

Competed for the Indiana Tech women’s wrestling team Friday in a 34-13 loss to Campellsville.

Dollar lost by a 12-2 technical fall to Jacqueline Ghent in the 123-pound match.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys swimming hosts sectional preliminaries – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Muncie Southside – 5:30 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Wrestling in IHSAA State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse – 2 p.m.; Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Norwell – 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming district meet at Bowling Green State University – 10 a.m.; Boys basketball vs. New Bremen – 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling in IHSAA State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse – 9 a.m.; Boys swimming hosts sectional – 9 a.m.; Gymnastics at New Castle – noon

TV sports

Today
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Purdue at Maryland (BT)
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7 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame (ESPN)

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Friday
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college hockey: Minnesota at Penn State (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: All-Star Celebrity game (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series – NextEra Energy 250 (FS1)
9 p.m. — NBA basketball: All-Star Rising Stars (TNT)
9 p.m. — Men’s college hockey: Michigan State at Wisconsin (BTN)
9 p.m. — NHL hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Anaheim Ducks (ESPN)
10 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Air Force at Wyoming (FS1)

Saturday
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League – Arsenal at Aston Villa (USA)

10 a.m. — Soccer: Leeds United at Everton (USA)
11 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series – Bluegreen Vacations Duel at DAYTONA (FS1)
Noon — Men’s college basketball: Notre Dame at Virginia (ESPN2); Illinois at Indiana (ESPN); Seton Hall at Connecticut (FOX); Rutgers at Wisconsin (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Saint Joseph’s at Davidson (USA)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League – Liverpool at Newcastle United (NBC)

1 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Tennessee at Kentucky (CBS)
1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: ARCA Menards Series – Daytona International Speedway (FS1)
2 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Iowa State at Kansas State (ESPN); Florida at Arkansas (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Iowa at Nebraska (BTN)
2:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Fordham at VCU (USA)
3 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Connecticut at Villanova (FOX)
3 p.m. — XFL football: Arlington Renegades at Vegas Vipers (ABC)
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour – The Genesis Invitational (CBS)

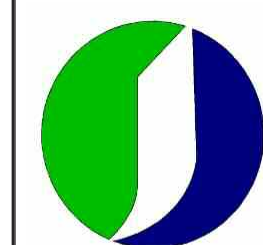
4 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Southern at Grambling State (TNT)
4 p.m. — Men’s college hockey: Michigan at Ohio State (BTN)
4:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Villanova at Providence (FOX)
5 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech (USA)
5 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series – Beef. It’s What’s For Dinner. 300 (FS1)
6 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Duke at Syracuse (ESPN); Texas A&M at Missouri (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college hockey: Minnesota at Penn State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Creighton at St. John’s (FOX1)
8 p.m. — NBA All-Star Weekend (TNT)
8 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Colorado at Arizona (ESPN2); Michigan State at Michigan (FOX)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Washington Capitals at Carolina Hurricanes (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — XFL football: Houston Roughnecks at Orlando Guardians (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Penn State at Minnesota (BTN)
10 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: BYU at Saint Mary’s (ESPN2)

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