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Bill on unused schools moves forward

By CASEY SMITH
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Indiana school districts could be forced to make their underused buildings available to charter schools under a bill that advanced Wednesday to the full Senate.

The state's existing "\$1 Law" already requires districts to sell or lease vacant or unused instructional buildings for a single dollar.

Senate Bill 391, authored by Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger, clarifies that the law additionally applies to "underutilized" buildings. If 60% of a school's space is not dedicated to classroom instruction, that building could be offered up to a charter school, higher education institution, or a nonprofit educational program, according to the proposal.

Buildings used for offices or storage must dedicate at least 50% of space for those purposes.

The bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee 8-4, along party lines.

Rogers said she filed the bill in response to some Hoosier school districts dodging current law by keeping school buildings open "just for storage or offices."

"Taxpayers paid for that building to be used for public education," Rogers said. "All too often, buildings are being kept open to use for storage or offices, when there are much less expensive options available."

The bill applies only to school districts where enrollment has dropped by at least 10% over five years and where there is another suitable building serving the same grades located within 20 minutes of the specific building.

Qualifying districts would have to compile an annual report of instructional buildings to determine if any are underused. See **Bill** page 2

Offering options



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Students at Jay County Junior-Senior High School seized an opportunity this week to choose their newest meal addition through the Student Choice program, offered by food service provider Chartwells. Pictured above, students grab barbecue chicken mac and cheese samples Wednesday from food service director Jennifer Gelhaus.

JC participates in Student Choice

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

This week's lunch menu at Jay County Junior-Senior High School: student choice.

The school is participating in Student Choice, a program offered through food service Chartwells that allows students to select a new food type to add to their daily lunch line.

During lunch the last three days, students sampled food options with three different concepts. Today they voted for their favorite option, which will soon be added to the line as an alternative to the main meal.

Chartwells regional chef Brandon McCarthy explained Student Choice was first intro-

duced in 2019. Jay Schools participated in the program in February 2020, but amid the coronavirus pandemic its return was put on hold until this year.

"It came out really hot, and it's been really popular ever since," said McCarthy. "It's my favorite event we have like this."

Jennifer Gelhaus, a JCHS graduate, took over as director of food service for Jay School Corporation in December. The registered dietitian previously worked at Morrison Healthcare Food Services in Jeffersonville. As soon as she learned about the Student Choice program, she said, the wheels started turning.

"I just feel like kids getting to choose the concepts, kids getting to have a voice, it's huge," she said.

Student council members became involved in the process in January. They selected three food concepts out of a list provided by Chartwells for students to test this week: Bok Choy, Mac and Cheesy Ology and Butcher and Baker.

Instead of offering specific meals, a concept allows them to offer a rotating variety of meals within a theme, explained Gelhaus.

"We might be doing a barbecue chicken today, but tomorrow we're doing popcorn chicken, and the next day we

might be doing a buffalo chicken and some different toppings to go with it just so that it stays fresh and exciting still, because if we offered the exact same things every day then it kind of becomes mundane," she said.

"I like to think of it as a popup restaurant," she added. "You can go to that restaurant and it's still going to be within in that same cuisine but it's going to be different items within that cuisine."

This week, "Boy Choy" consisted of fried rice, General Tso's chicken, bulgogi Korean beef, sweet and spicy green beans and sesame ginger roasted carrots.

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Giggling with goats

Fort Recovery Elementary School first grader Dawson Gahret exclaims as he takes hold of a kid at the Fort Recovery FFA petting zoo Wednesday. Pictured next to him are classmates Brayden Roessner and Jordan Jutte. The petting zoo is part of the chapter's activities celebrating National FFA Week.

Russians support hardening

Bloomberg News
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As Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine struggles into its second year, his transformation of Russian society is in overdrive.

The Russian leader has unleashed a wave of repression not seen since his KGB hero Yuri Andropov ruled, jailing citizens for the slightest hints of questioning of his official line, a mix of Russian imperial and Soviet nostalgia that has been rushed into curricula for schools and universities across the country. Artists, writers and actors have been hounded from their jobs for even suggesting critical views, their works and exhibits replaced by new ones scrubbed for adherence to the neo-Soviet "traditional values" Putin wrote into law. Schoolchildren denounce teachers and parishioners priests for suggesting peace instead of war.

Putin using repression, payments to garner favor for war with Ukraine

To shore up support, his government has doled out cash payments to citizens in the country's impoverished regions and shut down the few remaining media outlets that challenged the official state version of events. In stage-managed events lavishly covered by the state media, Putin maintains the image that the war is far away, rarely referring to it directly, highlighting economic successes, new welfare benefits and renovated clinics. That was the message of his state-of-the-nation speech this week, which blamed the conflict on the

US and its allies but offered no hint of when it might end. Instead, Putin offered new benefits to veterans and their families, touting the value of combat experience as the "best school of life."

So far, the message is working. Even as the invasion has dragged on far longer than the few days that the Kremlin originally hoped and casualties have mounted into the tens of thousands, the majority of Russians say they are ready to keep fighting, according to independent polls.

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Deaths

Susan Roush, 71, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

About 0.6 inches of rain fell Wednesday in Jay County. The high temperature was 46 degrees, and the low was 37.

Tonight's low will be 25 with winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. Skies will be mostly sunny Friday with a high of 36.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Fort Recovery High School's production of "Frozen Jr." opens tonight. Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight, Friday and Sunday, as well as 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Coming up

Friday — Results from the FRHS girls swim team at the OHSAA state finals.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Bill ...

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Any such facilities would then have to close and charter schools would be notified.
The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) would be the final arbiter on which school buildings will be available to charter schools. The Indiana Attorney General's Office is in charge of that process now.
Critics of the bill previously testified that it would limit a local school board's authority to decide what to do with its buildings.
Those in support of the measure maintained charter schools don't have access to property tax revenue like traditional public schools do. State lawmakers are currently considering separate bills to require school districts to share property tax dollars with charters.
Hoosiers have their first new law for the year — and it's a retroactive business tax deduction in time for tax season.
Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb

signed a bill on Wednesday, according to his office, letting certain pass-through entities deduct all state tax payments on their federal tax returns. Senate Enrolled Act 2 is Indiana's workaround to a federal cap.
"I am really appreciative of the effort that went into passing this piece of bipartisan legislation," bill author Sen. Scott Baldwin, R-Noblesville, said. "Seeing the commitment to moving this forward in a timely manner reinforces the legislature's and state's commitment to helping Hoosier small businesses. This new law builds on our already strong business climate and continues to make Indiana a great place to live and work."
Businesses that pay income tax as a corporation can get unlimited deductions already. But businesses whose owners or shareholders pay individual income taxes — like limited-liability corporations and S Corporations — can only deduct up to \$10,000.

Both chambers passed the bill unanimously earlier this month.
Indiana's on track to bring voter identification requirements to the applications required to obtain mail-in ballots, after the House on Wednesday approved House Bill 1334. Proponents say the bill would add security to elections, while opponents say it's not necessary and would further drop the state's dismal turnout rates.
"Currently, the only verification of an absentee ballot application is to match the signatures," bill author Rep. Timothy Wesco, R-Osceola, said on the floor. "I believe that it is time to bring our absentee ballot applications up to par with voting in person."
The bill would require prospective voters to provide identifying information — the last four digits of a Social Security Number, Indiana driver's license number, or other form of I.D. — on their mail-in ballot applications.

County election boards would have to match at least one of the numbers with information in the voter's registration record. If there were no match, the county's partisan clerk would send back a new application with an explanation of what went wrong.
"If it makes it harder for any one person to vote, especially the elderly, it's voter suppression," Rep. Tonya Pfaff, D-Terre Haute, said. She argued widespread voter fraud is not a problem in Indiana.
"This bill is not a voter fraud bill — it's a voter identification bill," said Rep. Kyle Pierce, R-Anderson.
The bill also bars units of government from mass-mailing applications, but ditched a clause banning any marks from highlighters on applications. It passed 64-28.
Meanwhile, a bill that seeks to get Hoosier schools one step closer to bringing back cursive writing was unanimously approved

Wednesday by the Senate Education Committee. The bill now heads to the full chamber.
Senate bill 72 originally required traditional public and charter elementary schools to include some form of cursive writing curriculum for the state's younger students.
Bill author Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg — who has filed similar bills in the last decade to no avail — said the amended version of her bill would instead require schools to report to the state education department about whether cursive writing is part of the curriculum there. The IDOE is then tasked with creating a report with that information.
Leising said she hopes the bill will see success with this language, instead.
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CR almanac

Friday 2/24	Saturday 2/25	Sunday 2/26	Monday 2/27	Tuesday 2/28
36/27	45/32	54/39	60/35	47/31
Mostly sunny with a high in the mid to upper 30s. The low may dip to 27.	Partly sunny skies are in the forecast for Saturday with a low around 32 degrees.	Another day of mostly sunny skies, with a high chance of showers at night.	There's a 90% chance of rain Monday with warm temperatures.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a low around 31 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball 11-19-39-44-65 Power Ball: 7 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$119 million	42-59-60-62-68-71-76 Cash 5: 5-8-24-28-40 Hoosier Lotto: 5-25-28-30-37-41 Estimated jackpot: \$11.3 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$126 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-3-8 Pick 4: 8-4-3-1 Pick 5: 2-3-9-2-4 Evening Pick 3: 2-1-5 Pick 4: 7-0-7-0 Pick 5: 3-6-5-7-8 Rolling Cash: 1-20-25-26-33 Classic Lotto: 1-11-17-23-27-39 Kicker: 6-6-8-5-0-2 Estimated jackpot: \$5.7 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-0-5 Daily Four: 5-5-1-5 Quick Draw: 3-6-10-14-17-19-26-27-31-32-36-39-40-46-52-62-71-74-76-78 Evening Daily Three: 6-6-0 Daily Four: 1-6-6-4 Quick Draw: 2-5-7-10-18-20-23-27-30-32-33-34-40-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.79 March corn.....6.79 Wheat.....7.36	Wheat.....6.81 July wheat.....7.36
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.79 March corn.....6.82 April corn.....6.88	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.68 March corn.....6.68 Beans.....15.24 March beans.....15.26 Wheat.....7.35
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.75 March corn.....6.75 Beans.....15.20 March beans.....15.20	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.43 March corn.....6.45 Beans.....15.01 March beans.....15.06 Wheat.....6.95

Today in history

In 1455, Johann Gutenberg's edition of the Bible was published in Mainz, Germany.
In 1847, United States forces overtook Mexican soldiers in the Battle of Buena Vista fought near Monterrey in northern Mexico.
In 1883, film director Victor Fleming was born in California. Fleming's most notable movies are "Gone with the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz."
In 1941, Plutonium was identified as a radioactive element by Glenn T. Seaborg and his team, playing a critical role in the development of nuclear fuel and weapons.
In 1947, the United States and Britain arrested hundreds of Nazi organizers in Frankfurt.
In 2012, six community fire departments were awarded just over \$847,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Assistance to Firefighters grant. Plans were to use the dollars in order to switch to narrowband radio equipment.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, 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.

Obituaries

Susan Roush
Oct. 5, 1951-Feb. 22, 2023
Susan L. Roush, age 71, of Portland passed away Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.
She was born in Portland on Oct. 5, 1951, the daughter of Thomas and Wanetta (Stoner) Millett. Susan was a housekeeper at Jay County Hospital for 25 years.
Surviving are one son, Jason McAbee (wife: Chris) of Portland; one daughter, Andria Reed (husband: Denny) of Portland; her moth-



Roush

er, Wanetta Millett of Portland; two sisters, Sally Haines (Troy Foltz) of Portland and Becky Bailey (husband: Bill) of Portland; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her father Thomas Millett; and a sister, Sherri Millett.
Funeral services will be held Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Smith presiding. Visi-

tation will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m.
Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
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There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

Options ...

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"Mac and Cheesy Ology" combined items such as barbecue chicken or popcorn chicken with cheesy pasta. "Butcher and Baker," served today, provided sandwich options with fresh bread, deli meats and toppings.
Students were given the opportunity to test a full meal through the lunch line or stop by a sample table for a small taste.

Hannah Boggs, a junior and member of student council, noted they tried to look for concepts that would appeal to a majority of the student body. She served samples during lunch Wednesday.
"Everyone's been fairly eager to try it," she said.
Students cast votes for their favorite option around noon today using their phones. The votes were

broadcast live on TVs around the lunchroom. After results from all three lunch periods were tallied, the students' choice was set to be announced at the end of the school day.
"(This) was 100% driven by the students," said Gelhaus. "We're just providing the tools and the resources to execute it and to do it."

Korean company planning facility

By TYLER JURANOVICH
Kokomo Tribune
Tribune News Service
A Korean company appears to have plans to build a factory in Kokomo near the joint venture EV battery plant.
Jaewon Industrial Co., under the name of Jaewon Industries America LLC, recently purchased roughly 32 acres of land just south of Starplus Energy's \$2.5 billion EV battery plant currently under construction, according to county property records.
The company's CEO, Shim Jae-won, told the Maeli Business News Korea earlier this month that the company was planning on opening a facility in the U.S. in May 2025.

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SERVICES

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Blackford, Ralph: 10:30 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Meiring, Robert: 11 a.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery.
Hosier, Marna: 11:30 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
Roush, Susan: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

May 13
Warrick, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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Pianist performs Friday at Arts Place

A distinguished musician is visiting Portland on Friday. Award-winning pianist Robert Palmer performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Hall-Moser Theatre at Jay County Campus of Arts Place.

Palmer's career began with his debut at Carnegie Hall. He has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia with solo, orchestral and chamber music. Palmer served as a member of the American

Taking Note

Piano Trio for 20 years and has worked with students across the world.

His awards include prizes in the Joanna Hodges International Piano Competition and the

United States Information Agency National Piano Competition.

Palmer, formerly the Mauzy-Porter Distinguished Professor of Piano at Ball State University, is a Steinway artist.

Visit Arts Place or go to myartsplace.org to buy tickets. Prices are \$16 for adults and \$8 for students.

Environmental awards
Indiana Department of Envi-

ronmental Management is accepting nominations for the 2023 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence.

The award, now in its 30th year, recognizes individuals, agencies, businesses, organizations and schools for "outstanding achievements that positively impact Indiana's environment," according to the department's website.

Seven awards will be presented this year in different

categories. Self-nominations are encouraged, according to a press release from the department. Projects must have been implemented in Indiana during the year 2021 or 2022.

The deadline is March 6, 2023, with an awards ceremony planned for September.

To submit a nomination or learn more information, visit idem.IN.gov/partnerships/governors-awards-for-environmental-excellence/.

Finances have changed since couple divorced

DEAR ABBY: I divorced my husband of 12 years. We were together for 16. We had a 4-year-old at the time we separated. To avoid possible loss of the 401(k) or to have to pay him alimony, I didn't ask him for child support. I knew he wasn't able to afford it at the time. He has since gotten a good job but hasn't offered to financially support his daughter. My new fiance has no respect for him because of this.

I have let it go to keep the peace so we can co-parent and my now-9-year-old daughter won't have to see what is going on. This is becoming a problem on hol-

Dear Abby



idays because we've always celebrated with her together. She has grown to love that we do this for her. However, my fiance doesn't want to be a part of those special moments. He doesn't think my daughter would mind, and he doesn't want to risk losing his cool in front of her.

This is putting a strain on our relationship. Is it wrong of me to want him to fake it so we can all get along? Or is he wrong to make other plans to avoid these situations? — FOR HER SAKE IN GEORGIA

DEAR FOR HER SAKE: Because your ex-husband's employment circumstances have improved since the divorce, have a calm, adult conversation with him. Many exes would not have been as understanding as you have been. Because he can now afford it, he should share in the cost of raising his daughter. If you

can reach an agreement, have an attorney draw up a document in writing. However, if he isn't willing to step up, contact a lawyer who specializes in family law to discuss what your next steps should be.

Also, with your new engagement, YOUR personal circumstances have changed. Your fiance should not be compelled to interact with your ex if it makes him uncomfortable.

DEAR ABBY: My husband passed away a year ago from a long ordeal with Alzheimer's. Before he

died, I invited my soon-to-be retired sister to come live with me. We had been close throughout our lives, and I thought it would be good for both of us.

My problem is, I have casually dated several men since my husband's death. I have welcomed the companionship and the affection I had been missing long before my husband passed. My sister, who is somewhat reclusive, has expressed that I shouldn't be doing this and has gone so far as to say that she doesn't want to live in a "whore house." She also makes derogatory comments about any gentleman

I have introduced her to. I think that, at my age, I should be able to do what I wish in my own home. But because of how she reacts, I no longer have any gentlemen or women friends over because all she does is denigrate all of them. I'm tired of walking on eggshells around her. Are there any options other than asking her to move? — LIVING AS I WANT IN WASHINGTON

DEAR LIVING: No, there aren't. Your sister should not be ruling your social life. The sooner you help her find another place to live, the healthier it will be for both of you. Start NOW.

Learn why easy naloxone access can saves lives

By DEB BALZER
Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

Two panels that advise the Food and Drug Administration are recommending that naloxone nasal spray be approved for over-the-counter sale for emergency treatment of opioid overdoses. The Joint Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee and the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve the measure. The FDA will make a final decision on March 29 if naloxone will become a nonprescription drug.

"This access for everyone is so needed," says Holly Geyer, a Mayo Clinic addiction specialist.

"We need to have these lifesaving drugs accessible to the people who need them the most. It's time to get this drug out of just the pharmacies and into vending machines or other convenient locations where people live."

Drug overdoses have been rising in the U.S. for the last two decades.

Geyer, who also leads the Mayo Clinic opioid stewardship program in Arizona, says if the measure passes, it will be essential to keep costs down.

What is naloxone or Narcan?
Naloxone was introduced in 1971 as Narcan for emergency treatment of an opioid overdose.

"Naloxone is a rescue medication. Opioids work by binding to specific receptors within the brain. And when they bind, they have a host of effects, one of which is respiratory depression, or a reduced respiratory rate," explains Geyer.

How does naloxone work?
"We're not alive if we don't breathe. And so the way naloxone works is, if someone's experiencing an overdose, meaning they're not breathing well, you can deliver this agent, typically either intramuscularly or through just a nasal spray. It will almost immediately — but temporarily — revive them," Geyer says.

"We're seeing trends with these illicit drugs now in the market requiring multiple doses of naloxone to keep someone alive. And so every one of these must be treated like a medical emergency. Call 911," she says.

Educating patients
As a physician, Geyer says health care teams are responsible for educating patients when prescribing opioids for pain.

"The goal is to ensure every person who receives an opioid uses it safely," says Geyer. "Every patient who walks into our office should be familiar with how to use opioids safely, when they're appropriate, how to store them, how to dispose of

them, and what to look for along the course of their use. When it comes to educating about naloxone, it's key to target family members as well. Most people experiencing an overdose won't be giving the drug to themselves."

Using naloxone
"Everyone should call 911 the moment naloxone is delivered because this is temporizing, and a relapse of the sedation properties is expected," says Geyer. That's because the average dose of naloxone will resuscitate a person for just a short period — typically minutes — which means it is a medical emergency right off the bat."

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar 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.

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 - BRIDGES OF 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.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1

to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

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

Sudoku

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8	5				4			
2	6		3				7	9
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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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



Help Wanted City of Portland

POSITION: POOL MANAGER

The City of Portland is currently taking applications for Pool Manager. This individual will be responsible for supervising the day-to-day activities at the Portland Water Park as well as maintaining the cleanliness of the facility. A complete job description is available at City Hall and on the City of Portland website.

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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Fire department offers its thanks

To the editor:
Portland Fire Department would like to thank everyone who attended our seventh annual chili lunch.

Letters to the Editor

We are very grateful for the continued support the community shows toward us. With your generosity, we will again be able to have our annual awards banquet; this year is a special year with one of our members reaching the 50-year milestone.

The excess money raised will be donated to local charities as it has been in the past years.

The following is a list of businesses and individuals that help to make this day possible, without their support this event would not have taken place:

- Richard's Restaurant - Carla Loy
- Asbury United Methodist Church
- Vicki's Playhouse
- Razor's Edge Beauty Salon
- Missy Putterbaugh
- Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition
- Jay County Fairgrounds

A special thank you goes out to all the Portland firefighters and their families who donated chili, supplies and their time to make this day a huge success.

Sincerely,
Mike Weitzel
Portland Fire Chief



GOP is still Trump's party

By JACKIE CALMES
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Jackie Calmes



When Republicans only implicitly distance themselves from Trump, avoiding even saying his name, it's a giveaway: These self-proclaimed new generation Republicans offer the same old Trumpism.

"New" isn't necessarily better. Sometimes it's not even new.

Rarely have those truisms been more true than in the last two weeks, when Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Nikki Haley offered themselves as exemplars of "a new generation" of Republican leadership.

Sanders, the truth-challenged former Trump press secretary turned Arkansas governor, did it Feb. 7 in the Republican rebuttal to President Biden's State of the Union speech. Three times she said "it's time" for new leadership, and she noted that, at 40, she was half as old as Biden, the nation's oldest president.

A week later, 51-year-old Haley, former South Carolina governor and one-time Trump critic turned loyal Cabinet member, became the Republican Party's second candidate for president, declaring herself a new-generation leader in a video Tuesday and at a campaign rally Wednesday.

"America is not past our prime. It's just that our politicians are past theirs," she told her supporters, in what was one of the biggest applause lines at her announcement event in Charleston, S.C.

The ostensible target for both women was 80-year-old Biden. Neither mentioned that their former boss, the only other Republican candidate for president, is, 76 — Biden's contemporary. Also unspoken? Donald Trump's very name (OK, Haley mentioned him once, in passing, for having picked her as his United Nations ambassador).

And that's the problem. When Republicans only implicitly distance themselves from Trump, avoiding even saying his name, it's a giveaway: These self-proclaimed new generation Republicans offer the same old Trumpism.

Age has little to do with the party's problems. Consider that its younger stars include Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, 48; Elise Stefanik of New York, 38; and Matt Gaetz of Florida, 40, far-right Trump sycophants all. What the party — and country — sorely needs are Republican leaders of any age who will explicitly disavow Trump and all he stands for: undisguised authoritarianism; election denial; racial, cultural and political divisiveness; global isolation (except when it comes to murderous dictators, especially those willing to invest in the family grifting, er, business).

It shouldn't be hard for any American to condemn the only president in history who refused to accept the voters' verdict and then sought to block the peaceful

transfer of power — unless you're a Republican politician.

About 7 in 10 Republicans tell pollsters that Trump has been a positive force for the party, and another poll showed him with "a lock" on about 30% of likely voters in the 2024 Republican primaries and caucuses — perhaps enough for the nomination in a crowded race.

If renouncing Trump is political suicide in the short term for Republican pols, in the longer term, failing to do so is likely to be suicidal for the entire party.

Trumpism has already been a loser in the 2018, 2020 and 2022 elections. What's more, as Haley pointedly noted in her announcements, Republicans have lost the popular vote in seven of the last eight presidential contests (another of her implicit-only digs at Trump, the popular-vote loser in the most recent two of those elections).

Yet neither Haley nor Sanders suggested anything resembling a fresh path, let alone a policy agenda, in their high-profile appearances.

Sanders was especially Trumpy, shockingly so given the blame accorded the former president for the party's disappointing midterm election results. It was her assignment, in the modern tradition of State of the Union addresses, to criticize Biden and the Democrats. But she did so in culture warriors' code, as if she were speaking only to pro-Trumpers in red states and not to a national audience including the swing voters her party so desperately needs.

Sanders boasted that in her first acts as governor she'd signed orders banning "CRT" and "indoctrination" in schools and eliminating "the derogatory term 'Latinx'" from state documents. (As my colleague Gustavo Arellano wrote, Latinx is not derogatory, and making it a wedge issue to appeal to some Latino voters is "the last, best chance for conservatives who have no other ideas.")

In a feat of projection, she blamed Democrats for the nation's culture wars and claimed "every day we are told we must partake in their rituals, salute their flags and worship their false idols." Huh?

And Sanders had the gall to damn Biden as "the first man to surrender his presidency to a woke mob that can't even tell you what a woman is" — again, huh?

— when she's silent on Trump's incitement of an actual mob that assaulted Congress to try to overturn Biden's election.

Haley was all breezy platitudes, without Sanders' bile. Yet Haley's Reaganite optimism rings hollow without exorcising the Trumpian negativity. At Haley's rally, the prayer was offered by Pastor John Hagee, an 82-year-old right-wing televangelist whose record of alleged antisemitism and homophobia caused Sen. John McCain to reject his presidential endorsement in 2008, and she was introduced by Rep. Ralph Norman, her 69-year-old fellow South Carolinian who texted the Trump White House to impose "Marshall Law!" to block Biden's inauguration.

In 2016 Haley backed two Trump rivals, condemned him for refusing to publicly oppose the Ku Klux Klan and said he represented "everything I taught my children not to do in kindergarten." Then she became his U.N. ambassador. After the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, she lamented, "His actions since Election Day will be judged harshly by history." But nine months later, she told the Wall Street Journal, "We need him in the Republican Party. I don't want us to go back to the days before Trump."

Last year, she said she wouldn't run for president if Trump did. But now she's doing so. She's a first-rate flip-flopper but not, it appears, an anti-Trump Republican.

And that's too bad. But nothing new.

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Bill is step in right direction

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Hoosier Editorial

A move to reform Indiana's township level of government might finally be gaining some momentum. House Bill 1355 would establish pilot programs for the merging of townships in Blackford, Crawford and Switzerland counties, and for joining not more than five townships in LaPorte County.

The measure, authored by Rep. Doug Miller, a Republican from Elkhart, has the support of the Indiana Township Association.

"I know everyone is afraid that township government is going to go away," Miller told the House Local Government Committee at a recent hearing. "I don't think it's all going away because there's ... specific areas where township government is very effective. There's also data to support areas across the state where we don't need four, five, six townships."

Fifteen years ago, an Indiana blue ribbon study commission called for eliminating townships entirely, a move we supported.

CNHI's Indiana newspapers several years ago published a series of articles detailing problems with the township level of government.

Trustees are supposed to provide poor relief, fire protection and maintenance of pioneer cemeteries, but we found numerous townships hoarding tax dollars while providing little in the way of services.

Though supporters have touted townships as the level of government that is closest to the people, the CNHI series found the vast majority of Hoosiers could not name the township where they lived and had no idea what the trustee did or how to find the trustee's office.

Miller suggested that when it came to townships, bigger might be better. "In a county with a small population," he said, "they could all merge and actually provide a higher level of service specifically for police, fire and

ambulance based on a broader tax base."

Rep. Bruce Borders, a Republican from Jasonville, isn't convinced. "What I found is that it didn't seem to be basically reducing any facilities, and it didn't seem to be reducing any equipment," he said. "What it did seem to do, at least in several cases I'm familiar with, it did raise the taxes on the people out in the new territory."

That bill is still pending in the House Local Government Committee. Another measure, House Bill 1035, would let Hoosiers vote on whether their local township assessor's office should be eliminated.

Most of these offices are already gone. In 2008, the legislature eliminated most township assessors, but there are still 13 remaining in nine counties.

Rep. Karen Engleman, a Republican from Georgetown, is co-author of the measure.

"It's duplicative, I think, to have township assessors," she told the committee. "I think it's better when we have a county assessor for uniformity. No duplication of duties."

The bill passed the House last month by a vote of 61-37. It's now pending in the Indiana Senate.

Neither of these measures is perfect. Ideally, lawmakers would move more quickly to scale back the number of townships, and why do we need a referendum to accomplish something most townships accomplished years ago?

Still, both measures represent a step in the right direction. Lawmakers should pass both bills, and Gov. Eric Holcomb should sign them.

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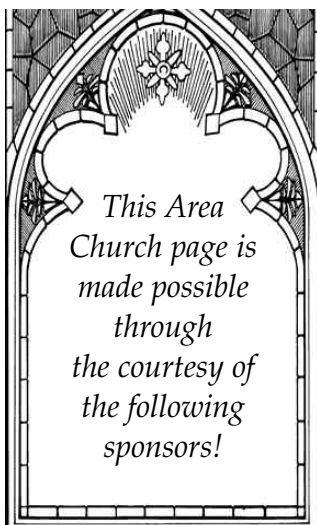
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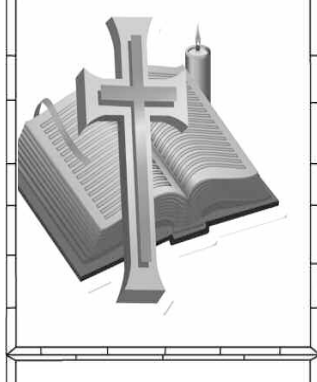


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asburyministries.org

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1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Michael Burk
(260) 726-4282
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefontain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Gordon Jackson
Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
Services: 9:30 a.m.

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Paul VanCise
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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301 N. Main St., Dunkirk
Susan Durovey-Antrim
(765) 499-0368
Services: 10:30 a.m.
susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

Christ Chapel
105 S. Elm St., Fort Recovery
Quentin Elsea
(419) 733-1469
christchapelfr.com

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1209 S. Shank St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
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Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)
8472 S. 800 East, Union City
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Church of God of Prophecy
797 N. Creager Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

Church of the Brethren
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
Gary Newton
(765) 669-1070
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Dunkirk Nazarene
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Gordon Jackson
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First American Baptist
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
Dan Coffman
(765) 768-7157
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

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

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341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
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First Free Will Baptist
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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402 N. Ship St., Portland
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
(260) 726-8462
Services: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. David Porath
(419) 678-2071
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist
100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday
churchofthemotholytrinity.com

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
Fr. Peter Logsdon
(260) 726-7055
Services: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
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Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery
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Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor United Methodist
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
John Retter
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Services: 9 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 755-6354
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
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Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
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Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland First Church of Nazarene
920 S. Shank St., Portland
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(260) 726-8040
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Portland Friends
226 E. Main St., Portland
Herb Hummel
(260) 202-9732
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

Praise Chapel Church of God
4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)
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(765) 584-7045
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Redeemer Lutheran
Malin and Elm streets, Bryant
Father Dan Layden
(260) 997-6787
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey Faith Ministries
9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey
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(765) 369-2920
Services: 10 a.m.
RedkeyFaith.org

Redkey First Christian
Union and Malin streets
Jeff Hammers
(765) 468-6172
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
122 W. Main St.
Lori McIntosh
(765) 369-2085
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redkey Church of the Nazarene
801 W. High St.
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matt@therockjc.org

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(260) 335-2017
Services: 9 a.m.

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Dave Keen (260) 251-8792
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
Services: 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
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Rev. Alexander Witt
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St. Mary's Catholic
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Rev. Kevin Hurley
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

St. Paul Catholic
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

St. Peter Catholic
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Rev. Alexander Witt
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Sugar Grove United Methodist
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Temple Baptist
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday
7pillarsdirector@gmail.com
templebaptistin.com

The Church at Westchester
4487 E. 400 North
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Services: 10:35 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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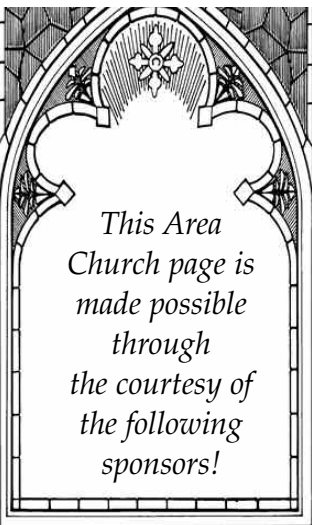
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6200 N. 375 West, Bryant
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Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
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Gil Alicea
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westwalnutchurchof-christ.org

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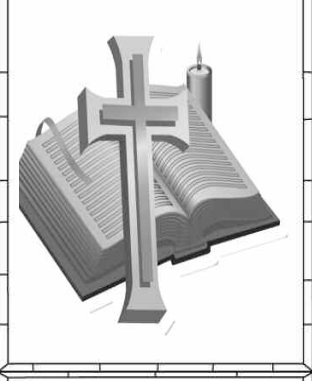
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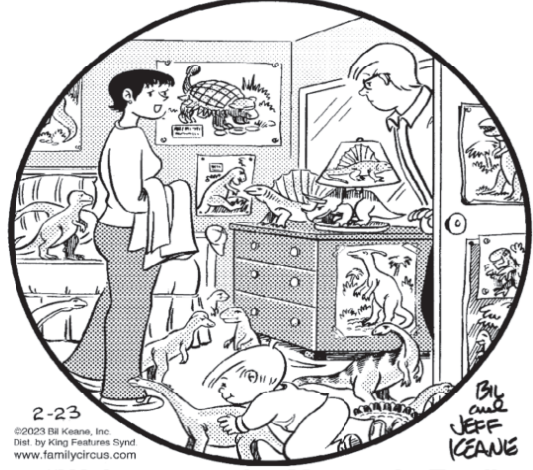


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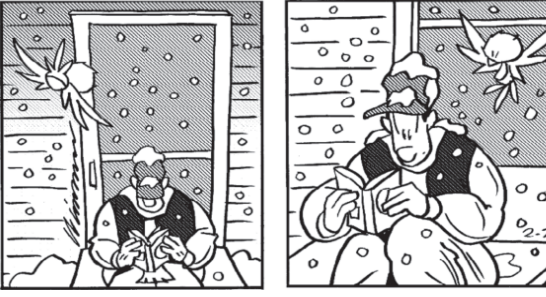
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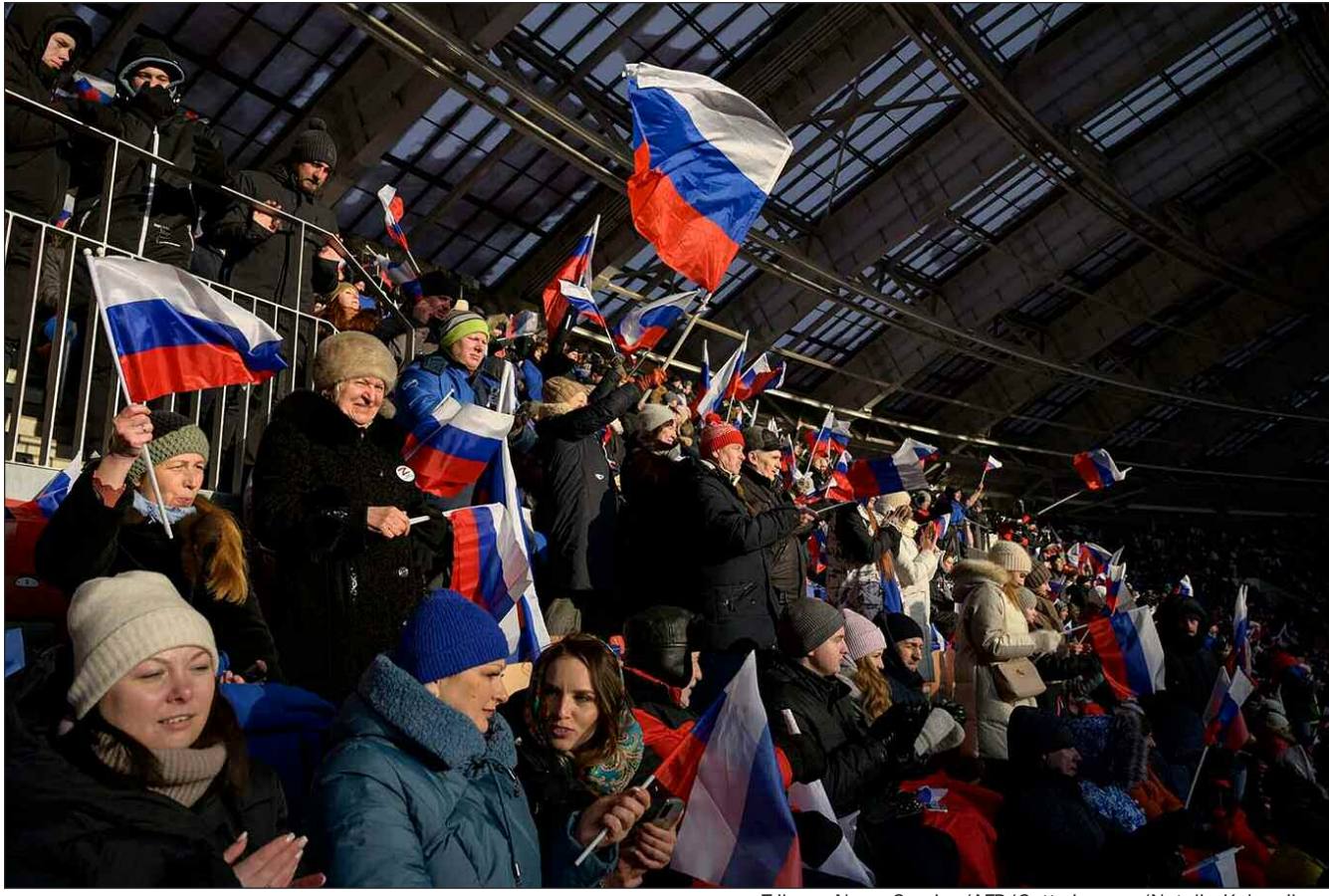
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Ice storm cuts power

More than 800,000 homes and businesses across the upper Midwest were in the dark Thursday morning after a dangerous ice storm coated roads and knocked down power lines. More than a half-inch of ice accumulated in some areas, especially in Michigan where most of the power outages occurred, according to Power-Outage.us. About 780 US flights have been canceled Thursday, including 25% of the daily schedule at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Winter storm warnings and watches stretch from northern Nebraska to Maine, and blizzard warnings remain in effect in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

While the storm is now heading through New York and New England, officials are warning residents to be careful on the roads. Schools are closed in some parts of Michigan and Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared an energy emergency, which gives utilities more flexibility while they work to restore service.

"There is still some lingering threat from ice warnings and watches," said Frank Pereira, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "By early Friday, the last of it moves offshore."

As the Midwest storm winds down over the next day, another system is beginning to batter the West Coast, bringing unusually cold temperatures.

People attend a patriotic concert Wednesday dedicated to the upcoming Defender of the Fatherland Day at the Luzhniky stadium in Moscow. Russian President Vladimir Putin has used a variety of tactics to push support for the country's war with Ukraine. Even as the invasion has dragged on far longer than the few days that the Kremlin originally hoped and casualties have mounted into the tens of thousands, the majority of Russians say they are ready to keep fighting, according to independent polls.

By WILL WADE
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

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Only about a fifth of Russians want to bring a quick end to the war if that means admitting defeat, according to a Kremlin consultant.

Darya, a 36-year-old bookkeeper, said she was dead set against her husband's plan to volunteer to fight when he first announced it shortly after the invasion last year, threatening to leave him if he did. Her husband, a veteran with combat experience, signed up anyway. By the time he came back on furlough in the summer, she'd changed her mind.

"Now I think my husband is a hero," said Darya, asking that her last name and the provincial city she lives in not be used for fear of speaking openly to a US media outlet. "Men shouldn't hide behind mother's skirts when their country needs them," she added. "When he comes back in March, we're planning to pay off the mortgage" with his earnings, she said.

Around the country, Putin's explanation that Russia is fighting not Ukraine but the entire "collective West," a narrative adopted after a string of defeats

at the hands of Kyiv's forces, has resonated more than the initial claims the war was about removing the government in Kyiv, according to pollsters. The fact that the US and its allies aren't actually fighting doesn't shake that conviction.

The perceived strength of the support reinforces the Kremlin's confidence that it can triumph in the conflict by outlasting Ukraine and its allies, even if that means tolerating much greater sacrifice, according to people close to the leadership.

Since he came to power in 2000, Putin has been remaking Russia to harden his control over society for just this kind of conflict, crushing potential threats to his power and eradicating opponents and dissenting views. Since he sent troops into Ukraine a year ago, that effort has accelerated exponentially. Staffers are already laying plans for his re-election campaign in 2024, which would keep him in power at least until 2030, the people said.

The Kremlin spent two decades forging the 'Putin Majority' — the tens of millions

of Russians sure that the former KGB operative knows best — and is confident it's still solid and ready for whatever he decides, the people said. That's likely to be a war that may last years, but also could be a temporary truce to win time to gird for a new fight. At the same time, surveys show that anything that brings the war close to home for Russians — such as last year's mobilization of 300,000 reservists — fuels alarm and support for a negotiated settlement.

The educated middle class in the country's largest cities that had for decades been less antagonistic toward the West has been transformed or eradicated. Upwards of a million Russians, many of them young professionals, have left the country in the biggest exodus since the 1990s. Those in the elite once considered relative 'liberals' who've stayed are cowed into silence by fear of retribution or have embraced the Kremlin's anti-western line.

Dmitry Medvedev, who as Putin's hand-picked president from 2008-2012 embodied the hopes of the 'liberal' wing, has

become one of the most outspoken hardliners, threatening nuclear war in social media posts. Within the Kremlin, his clout is growing, according to insiders, as Putin values his commitment. Senior officials now regularly attend meetings Medvedev calls, the people said. Putin has dispatched him to China, a key ally, and given him an expanded role in supervising military production.

What little public criticism of the official line is tolerated is limited mainly to hardliners calling for an even greater commitment to the war effort, with more strikes on civilian targets in Ukraine or even NATO.

"For many, it's become impossible to maintain a neutral position," said Svetlana Erpyleva of the Public Sociology Laboratory, a group of researchers that's conducted hundreds of anonymous interviews with Russians on their views on the war. "They feel the pressure of the environment and they choose support."

The hardening of pro-war views has left the few Russians willing to speak out openly against it even more isolated.

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION LIVE & ONLINE

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ORDINANCE 2023-01
ORDINANCE AMENDING STOP INTERSECTIONS
BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Jay County, Indiana that the Jay County Code of Ordinances, Title VII, Chapter 71, Schedule I, Stop Intersections, is amended to add the following stop intersections:

1. Boundary Pike shall stop at County Road 300S. This shall now become a 4-way stop intersection.

2. Penalty The penalty for violation of this ordinance is set forth in Title VII, Chapter 70.99 in the Jay County Code of Ordinances.

3. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Jay County, Indiana on this 13th day of February, 2023.
Chad Aker, President Jay County Commissioners
Attest: Emily Franks, Jay County Auditor
CR 2-16-23-2023-HSPAXLP

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Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022

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					
1	Federal Revenue Sharing	\$4,963.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,963.66
2	Fire Fighting	\$58,634.99	\$16,701.56	\$11,600.00	\$63,736.55
3	RainyDay	\$10,605.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,605.24
4	Township	\$94,286.65	\$44,219.35	\$36,646.55	\$101,859.44
	Total Funds	\$322,058.47	\$83,582.52	\$78,248.25	\$326,392.74

State of Indiana
SS: Jay County

I, David Champ, Trustee of Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

David Champ, Richland Township Trustee
Telephone: 765-768-1047

Date this report was to be published, 2-23-2023

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Richland Township at its annual meeting this 31st day of January, 2023

Robert Ford, Richland Township Board Chairman
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 31th day of February, 2023.

Richland Township Board:
Robert Ford, Joe Lloyd, Gary Glogas
CR 2-23-2023-HSPAXLP

Public Notice

Jefferson Township, Jay County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022

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					
01	Township General	\$7,649.64	\$11,700.24	\$14,984.10	\$4,365.78
11	Firefighting Fund	\$69,698.86	\$14,266.97	\$6,036.27	\$77,929.56
61	Rainy Day Fund	\$255.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$255.91
81	Township Assistance Fund	\$7,370.77	\$0.00	\$333.08	\$7,037.69
91	Levy Excess Fund	\$0.00	\$87.13	\$0.00	\$87.13
95	Payroll Withholdings Fund	\$707.95	\$516.36	\$0.00	\$1,224.31
	Total All Funds	\$84,262.23	\$26,570.70	\$21,353.45	\$89,484.48

Certification:
State of Indiana
SS:

Jay County
I, Angela Moeller, Trustee of Jefferson Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Angela Moeller
Jefferson Township Trustee
260-251-9850

Date this report was to be published: 2-23-2023

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Jefferson Township at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2023

Janet Confer, Jefferson Township Board Chairman
Option 1

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2023

Jefferson Township Board:
Duane Monroe
Richard Nixon
CR 2-23-2023 HSPAXLP

Guggenbiller 7th for Tiffin

A Fort Recovery High School graduate helped her team to a fourth-place finish last week.

Audrey Guggenbiller, FRHS class of 2019, competed Friday for the Tiffin University women's track team as it narrowly missed placing in the top three at the Findlay Open.

Guggenbiller scored for the Dragons in the 800-meter run, finishing in seventh place. It was her best individual finish of the indoor season thus far.

Her time of 2 minutes, 35.52 seconds was just 0.35 seconds behind sixth-place teammate Sophia Richards. It was also just over two seconds off her career-best time set at last season's Great Midwest Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Tiffin finished with 54.5 points, trailing third-place Central State by just one.

Alli Vaughn FRHS - 2021

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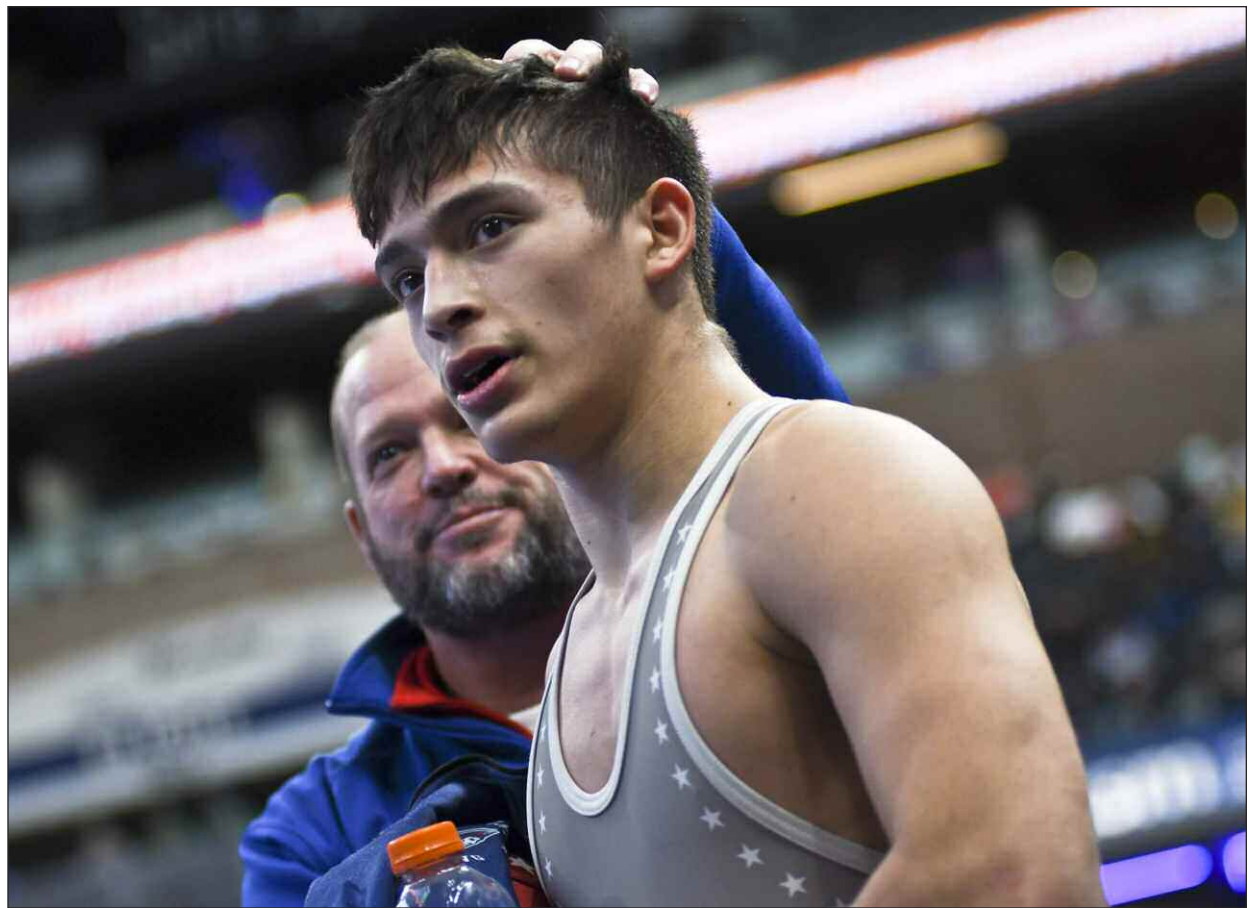
basketball team Tuesday as its season came to an end with a 104-72 loss to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics No. 7 Indiana Wesleyan in the opening round of the Crossroads League tournament.

Vaughn scored four points for the Foresters, who finished at 10-19. She also had three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Lindy Wood Jay County - 2022

Competed for the University of St. Francis women's track team Friday and Saturday in the Crossroads League Championships.

Wood was 17th for the Cougars in the 1,000-meter run. She finished in 3 minutes, 24.72 seconds.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Medal moment

Jay County High School assistant coach Bruce Wood pats his son Tony on the head as they walk off the mat following the latter's victory Friday in the opening round of the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Tony's win over Max McGinley of Cathedral guaranteed him a state medal, and he went on to finish seventh at 138 pounds.

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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Woodlan — 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Girls swimming in OHSAA Division II State Finals at C.T. Branin Natatorium — 5 p.m.

Friday

Jay County — Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Belmont — 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Girls swimming in OHSAA Division II State Finals at C.T. Branin Natatorium — 5 p.m.; Boys basketball sectional championship vs. Upper Scioto Valley at Memorial (St. Marys) — 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Jay County — Gymnastics sectional at Concordia — noon; Junior high wrestling hosts invitational — 9 a.m.

TV sports

Today

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Penn State at Ohio State (FS1) 7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana) 7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Memphis at Wichita State (ESPN2) 7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Wisconsin at Northwestern (BTN) 7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT) 8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan at Rutgers (FS1) 9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: USC at Colorado (ESPN2); Northwestern at Illinois (BTN) 9 p.m. — NHL hockey: Calgary Flames at Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN) 10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT) 10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Utah (FS1) 11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: San Diego at Gonzaga (ESPN2)

Friday

3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Wolverhampton at Fulham (USA) 6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maryland at Ohio State (BTN) 6 p.m. — Basketball: Athletes Unlimited — Team Williams vs. Team Sims (Bally Indiana) 6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Providence at Connecticut (FS1) 7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Temple at Cincinnati (ESPN2); Bradley at Valparaiso (Bally Indiana); Minnesota at Maryland (BTN); Kentucky at Florida (ESPN) 7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Miami Heat at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN) 8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at DePaul (FS1) 8:30 p.m. — Basketball: Athletes Unlimited — Team Carrington vs. Team Cloud (Bally Indiana)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Alabama at South Carolina (ESPN2); North Carolina at Notre Dame (ESPN); Wake Forest at North Carolina State (Bally Indiana); Iowa at Wisconsin (BTN) 10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Phoenix Suns (ESPN) 10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: New Mexico at Boise State (FS1)

Saturday

10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Southampton at Leeds United (USA) 10:30 a.m. — High school basketball: IHSAA Class 1A girls state championship — Bethany Christian vs. Lanesville (Bally Indiana) Noon — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Villanova (FOX); Connecticut at St. John's (CBS); TCU at Texas Tech (ESPN, ESPN2); Michigan State at Iowa (ESPN) 12:30 p.m. — High school basketball: IHSAA Class 2A girls state championship — Lapel vs. Forest Park (Bally Indiana) 12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester City at AFC Bournemouth (USA) 1 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Washington Capitals (ABC) 2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arkansas at Alabama (ESPN2); Texas at Baylor (ESPN); Arizona State at Arizona (CBS) 2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Connecticut at DePaul (FOX) 2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Rhode Island at Fordham (USA) 3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — The Honda Classic (NBC) 3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Minnesota at Nebraska (BTN) 3:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at St. Louis Blues (ABC) 4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: West Virginia at Kansas (ESPN); Florida State at Miami (ESPN2); Auburn at Kentucky (CBS) 5 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Production Alliance 300 (FS1) 5:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Ohio State at Minnesota (BTN) 6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Virginia at North Carolina (ESPN); Florida at Vanderbilt (ESPN2) 7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (Bally Indiana) 7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Purdue (FOX); DePaul at Marquette (FS1) 8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Houston at East Carolina (ESPN2); Duke at Utah (ESPN2); Virginia Tech at USC (ESPN) 9:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Colorado State at Wyoming (FS1) 10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Mary's at Gonzaga (ESPN); UC Irvine at Hawaii (ESPN2)

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