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# Ninja project

Park is planned in honor of Overman

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY Fort Recovery Community Park may be getting another recreational area soon.

Local residents are leading an effort to construct a ninja park in memory of Sawyer Overman, a child who died three years ago from injuries sustained in an ATV accident.

The fundraising committee has raised nearly \$135,000 so far. Two local residents have donated an acre of land in the village for the

Sawyer Overman, 6, died in an accident June

Sawyer, he was a very adventurous, outdoorsy, rambunctious little boy," said mother Lisa Overman. "My kids had (gone) to the ninja park in Celina and, you know, he was very competitive."

Following his death, Overman told her friends she would like to create a ninja park in Fort Recovery someday in honor of

One year later, on the anniversary of Sawyer's death, they surprised her with a campaign to raise funds for the project. Friends Megan Wendel and Abby Timmerman memory of Sawyer.

"It was a huge surprise, I had no idea all these shirts were made," Facebook that morning and I was just crying because it was '4 Sawyer' things everywhere.'

Since then, they've built a fundraising com-



Pictured is the future site of the Sawyer Overman Ninja Park, a timed obstacle course for first created T-shirts in children in the local community. Local residents, including Sawyer's mother, Lisa, have been raising funds to create a park in Sawyer's memory. The land, located along Fort Recovery Community Park, was donated recently by Buzz and Patt Hull.

> dream of creating a ninja reality. And the community's support keeps com-

Overman said. "I went on mittee to make her from Fort Recovery," Facebook that morning dream of creating a ninja Timmerman said. "I Timmerman said. park in Fort Recovery a mean, nobody bats an eye. But it's not just Fort Recovery. I mean, it's def-

comes together for something like this. And it's

showing." Fort Recovery and other nearby communi-"We're so lucky to be ties around us. Everyone fundraisers in honor of ties have hosted various

Sawyer. Timmerman, Overman and Wendel briefly listed off benefits and other fundraising events during a recent interview.

See Ninja page 2

## U.S., allies reject proposal

Stoltenberg: 'China doesn't have much credibility'

**Bloomberg News** Tribune News Service

China called for a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine in a position paper on ending the war that offered some reprieve to Moscow but was quickly dismissed by Kyiv's allies as the conflict enters its second year.

Several of the 12 points outlined by China in the document issued Friday would, if carried out, offer clear benefits to Russian President Vladimir Putin. That includes a cease-fire, which would freeze Russian troops in place on Ukrainian territory, as well as a call to immediately end all sanctions not endorsed by the UN Security Council, where Russia holds veto power.

National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan, speaking on CNN, brushed off the Chinese proposal, saying it should have ended after the first bullet point, which calls for "respecting the sovereignty of all countries."

"This war could end tomorrow, if Russia stopped attacking Ukraine and withdrew its forces," he said.

Asked about the proposal, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said, "China doesn't have much credibility" in light of its failure to condemn Putin's

But U.S. and European officials worry that the Chinese proposal may get some traction in the global South, which has largely resisted calls to join sanctions against Russia.

The Chinese announcement came a day after the country abstained from a United Nations resolution calling for an end to the war. The measure passed 141-7, with 32 abstentions.

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## **GOP** passes budget

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana Republicans passed their \$43.3 billion budget proposal without any Democrat support, with the minority party denouncing the millions earmarked to expand school vouchers.

Nearly half of the budget, 48%, goes to K-12 education, which will get a boost of nearly \$2 billion over its current appropriation — of which one-third will go to

Democrats denounced the budget for taking funding away from traditional public schools. Under the new proposal, families making up to 400% of the federal poverty level, roughly \$220,000, qualify for vouchers.

"We've gotten rid of the whole idea that this is based on poverty or even based on bad schools," Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, said. "In my view, we've turned the voucher program into an entitlement. A vast, new entitlement for people who are doing pretty darn well in

Republicans said it was a matter of school choice and giving more power to parents who wish to control their children's education.

## Nearly half of spending goes to K-12 education

"Ninety percent of parents are saying that the best (option) is a traditional public school," Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, said. "But it's important, I believe, that we put parents in charge.'

The budget advanced on a 66-29 vote and advances to the Senate for further consideration.

Thompson, the primary architect of the measure, said that it created opportunity for Hoosiers and saved taxpayers money in the long run.

"We're making strategic, one-time investments that are going to affect our citizens for decades and decades to come," Thompson said. "It sets Hoosiers on a great path going forward with a lot of great opportunities.

See **Budget** page 2



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**Puppy love** 

A Fort Recovery Elementary student carries around a puppy during the Fort Recovery FFA petting zoo at the high school Wednesday.

## **Deaths**

## Weather

Thursday felt like spring with the high temperature climbing to 66 degrees. But by the end of the day, the low had dropped to 30.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 20s. Expect partly sunny skies Saturday with a high of 46.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

## In review

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

## Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball regular-season finale.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



Mike Robbins, 59, Redkey Details on page 2.

## **Budget**

Continued from page 1 The budget funds a \$1,400 operations "floor" for public and charter schools per student, which increases to \$1,500 in the second vear. Additionally, eligibility for vouchers increases from 300% of the federal poverty level to 400%.

The budget is unreasonable because the stated promise to provide real, great (increases to the) school funding formula for traditional schools, from our perspective. was not honored," Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, said. "Traditional public schools will receive an average ... of about 6% in the first year of the biennium but vouchers receive about a 70% increase."

House action

Wednesday barred the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University, which researches sexual health, from receiving state funding in the budget.

House Speaker Todd Huston declined to comment on the specific allegation that Indiana University shields sexual predators currently but signaled his distaste for the allegations.

"I think that the introduction, the presentation of that amendment was extraordinarily disappointing," Huston, R-Fishers, said. "But I think the majority of our caucus just wanted to ensure that no (public) dollars were going to the Kinsey Institute."

Huston said that discussions were ongoing and didn't rule out

the possibility of restoring fund-

Senate Pro Tem Rodric Bray said that he hadn't had time to review the amendment's lan-

"I probably need to (spend more time on that) before I can really articulate whether it's something that we'll be supportive of or whether we'll pull back," Bray

House Democrats were much harsher in their condemnation.

"Not long ago, the GOP was driven by ideals of free markets, minimal government and 'traditional family values.' Now it has become the party of culture independent, nonprofit news accepted only from funeral wars," Rep. Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne said in a statement.

"A Republican elected official even implied that anyone who has ever voted for a state budget because of its funding for Indiana University's research — is complicit in the sexual abuse of children."

GiaQuinta, whose father also served in the General Assembly. called the Republican party of today 'unrecognizable' when compared to previous generations.

"This behavior doesn't belong on the floor of the House or in the mainstream of our society," he concluded.

Indiana Capital Chronicle is an obituaries, which are organization. Its website is indianacapitalchronicle.com.

## Obituaries

Mike "Maddog" Robbins, Redkey, May 6, 1963-Feb. 23, 2023. Services will be at Monday at p.m. Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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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 serv-

There is a charge for homes or mortuary servic-

## CR almanac

Saturday Sunday 2/25 2/26		Monday 2/27	Tuesday 2/28	Wednesday 3/1		
46/31	54/42	62/34	47/30	58/41		
Partly sunny with a high in the mid to upper 40s. At night, the low may hit 31 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are on the hori- zon for Sun- day, with rain likely at night.	for Monday, with tempera-	Mostly sunny on Tuesday with a breeze and highs in the upper 40s.	Another day of mostly sunny skies, with a 30% chance of showers.		

## **Lotteries**

### **Powerball**

Estimated \$119 million

### Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$126 million

### Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 6-4-6 Daily Four: 9-2-1-7 Quick Draw: 8-9-16-21-25-32-33-34-49-51-55-56-59-62-66-70-71-72-74-76

Evening Daily Three: 8-8-2 Daily Four: 5-0-8-0 Quick Draw: 6-9-13-16- \$100,000

18-23-24-27-30-31-37-38-45jackpot: 46-50-62-63-68-73-76

Cash 5: 2-4-7-8-26 Estimated jackpot: \$145,500

#### Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 9-4-8 Pick 4: 1-5-5-2 Pick 5: 3-9-1-3-2 **Evening** Pick 3: 3-1-4 Pick 4: 9-5-4-3 Pick 5: 5-9-4-7-6 Rolling Cash: 6-11-12-29-34

Estimated jackpot:

## **Markets**

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Beans	15.14
March beans	15.16
Wheat	7.10

#### Heartland St. Anthony

Corn	6.25
March corn	6.27
Beans	14.91
March beans	14.96
Wheat	6.69

## **Today in history**

bury v. Madison deci- Emperor Hirohito, who sion, the Supreme died in January at the Court established judicial review of the constitutionality statutes.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson by a vote of 126-47 following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton. Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1986, the Supreme Court struck down, 6-3, an Indianapolis ordinance that would have allowed women injured by someone who had seen or read pornographic material to sue the maker or seller of that material.

In 1989, a state funer-

In 1803, in its Mar- al was held in Japan for

age of 87. In 2008, Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel.

**In 2017**, the Jay County High School boys basketball team used an 8-0 fourth-quarter run to carry it to a 50-39 victory over Bellmont in its regular-season finale.

In 2021, Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District honored Betty Drinkut as a River Friendly Farmer and Carl Kaiser as Conservationist of the Year

—The CR

## Comcast expanding in Madison

#### **By ANDY KNIGHT**

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

ANDERSON — Madison County will soon be even more digitally connected.

Under the terms of recently finalized agreements between Comcast and the Indiana Office of Communitv and Rural Affairs (OCRA), the telecommunications giant will

parts of Indiana.

That includes nearly 1,000 addresses in or near Lapel, Orestes and Summitville.

"There are both residential and business impacts here," said Clayton Whitson, president and CEO of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

"The pandemic showed that we as bring gigabit-capable broadband a country need to adapt to having

service to previously unserved the ability to work from home and be online instantly and reliably."

The planned projects in Madison County are part of the state's Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program, in which Comcast is establishing partnerships with local governments to build broadband infrastructure that will provide service to more than 10,000 homes and businesses across 19 counties.

Fort Recovery.

**SERVICES** 

Saturday

Fort Recovery Church of the

Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St.,

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home,

Monday

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod

Funeral Home, 208 N. Com-

merce St., Portland.

Meridian St., Portland.

Robbins, Mike: 6 p.m.,

Roush, Susan: 7 p.m., Baird-

Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N.

May 13

West Richmond Friends Meet-

ing, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

Service listings provided by

**PROGRESSIVE** 

**OFFICE PRODUCTS** 

Warrick, Clarice: II a.m.,

221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Hosier, Marna: 11:30 a.m.,

Meiring, Robert: II a.m.,

## Ninja ...

Continued from page 1

As a nod to Sawyer's hunting background, Sunshine Boutique and Be You Boutique sold camouflage items in memory of Sawyer.

Fort Recovery Elementary School's student council hosted a "Cents for Sawyer" fundraiser last year, bringing in nearly \$8,000. The school also started having a dress-up in camouflage day on Sawyer's birthday, Nov. 4.

"It's just simple, fun things that they're just not forgetting," said Timmerman.

About a year ago, the fundraising committee hosted a wiffle ball benefit over the course of two days at Wendelin Sportsman Club in rural Fort Recovery. Along with a tournament, there was also a raffle, auction, live music, concessions, bounce houses and cosmic bowling. Folks were welcome to camp at the grounds for the festivities.

The group plans to host another weekend benefit this year June 9 and 10. (Those interested can donate by visiting the group's Facebook page, Sawyer Overman Annual Wiffle Ball Benefit Weekend or via Venmo at @sawyerovermanmemo-

Timmerman noted they're planning to tackle larger-scale fundraising, such as

getting more businesses involved, in the

Recently, Buzz and Patt Hull donated an acre of land for the ninja park adjacent to the southeast corner of Fort Recovery Community Park.

Now the group is waiting on design plans. A ninja park — they're hoping to construct one similar to the challenge course at Eastview Park in Celina, but larger — consists of obstacle equipment, sprint lines and a timer. Children can time themselves racing through the course.

Depending on how fundraising goes, Overman said, they may add more equipment to the project or do it in phases.

Although they're still in the planning process, the group is eager to get the ball rolling.

Overman noted her son's faith, even at 6 years old. She recalled how her mother died from cancer six months before Sawyer died, and how he viewed her death in a positive light.

"He would always say, 'She is so lucky." Grandma Pat's so lucky. She gets to be in heaven with Jesus. I can't wait until I go there," she recalled.

'If he didn't say all that, I don't think I would be where I am today, me and my hus-

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band both," she added. "Looking back at it, progressiveofficeproducts.com he was preparing us for that."

## Reject

Continued from page 1 resolution UN included a demand for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine's territory.

Úkraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has vowed to continue fighting until Russian troops depart. Moscow has shown no sign of stopping its attacks and continues to claim portions of eastern Ukraine and Crimea as its territory after holding illegal referendums on annexation.

The Chinese initiative "is nothing that Ukraine could accept," Latvian President Egils Levits said on Bloomberg Television.

The criticism was more muted from Ukraine, which has tried to avoid alienating Beijing since the start of the war.

There was no immediate official comment on the Chinese plan from Russia, which was observing a public holiday Friday.

## **FCC Indiana Financial Accountant**

FCC Indiana is in search for a Financial Accountant. This individual would be responsible for general accounting that involves A/P, A/R and miscellaneous analysis. This person isalso responsible for financial statement preparation.

## Responsibilities

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- Review accounts receivable module to validate shipments for accurate recording of sales
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- Review the Balance Sheet to ensure charges are booked appropriately, and accruals reversed in
- Enter monthly closing entry, and additional detail into financial statements
- Prepare Financial Statements for Management Review Additional duties at month end, year end, audit timing or as needed

## Skills

- Knowledge of AP/AR, and fixed assets
- Ability to continue to grow and develop skills
- MS Office proficiency, especially Excel
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6 p.m. — Dunkirk hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

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.

building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building,

Board of Works, city

131 S. Main St.

## **Thursday**

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, city

## Stepmom feels slighted

DEAR ABBY: I am a first-generation Mexican American who married into a Caucasian blended family. My husband, my stepdaughter, "Lisa," and her mother and stepfather make up a beautiful unit. I have no children. Although my family initially ruffled at my interracial marriage, they got with the program —so much so that we invited Lisa to partake in a coming-of-age rite, the quinceanera. We were excited to update and modify it as much as possible so all sets of parents, grandparents and other family could be involved.

Suddenly, when Lisa was 14 — a year before the quinceanera, when planning should be ramped up, not down — my extended family went into radio silence. Despite our attempts to encourage, coach and generate excitement, we were led to believe Lisa had gotten cold feet and was reconsidering the event. We honored her wishes and

planned to find other ways to make her feel special. Two weeks before her 15th birthday, Lisa sent me an invitation for her quinceanera! Abby, words cannot express how heartbroken I feel. I she was embarking on. I attended meaning of that milestone, it over ANY assets.

Dear Abby



anyway, making sure to shower her with praise and put on a good face. However, in addition to being devastated, I was deeply offended. Of course, because no one bothered to check in, many features of the rite were handled improperly.

I've been holding my tongue for Lisa's sake since I'm afraid this could cause a rift with her mother. What I don't want is for Lisa to think my feelings have anything to do with something she may have done. For the sake of peace, is continued silence better? -MADRE DE LA QUINCEANERA

DEAR MADRE: Your feelings of hurt and frustration are understandable. But LISA CHOSE to celebrate her birthday the way she and her mom wanted — and that was her privilege. Rather than give the

appears her mother and stepfather opted instead for "quinceanera-light." Do not pick a fight over this. Move on. But do continue to share with Lisa everything you have to offer — your wisdom, your experience and your cultural heritage — from now on.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a domestic partnership for more than 30 years. I have suggested couples counseling for the past 10 of them, but my partner has never followed through. I'm willing to give all my assets to her so won't worry about her future financial needs, but I don't know how to leave her without getting into an ugly war, which will make me feel guilty. Please advise. WALKING ON EGGSHELLS

**DEAR WALKING: Because** this domestic partnership is no longer working, I do have a couple of suggestions. The first is to talk with a licensed mental health professional about the guilt you are feeling. Do this BEFORE you decide to "give away the store." My other suggestion is to consult an attorney about what kind was supposed to teach her about girl an authentic quinceanera of settlement would be fair to the cultural significance of what and an understanding of the both of you before signing

## Portland seeking artist to do mural

Portland is planning to Alley and will be part of buildings.

The city, in collaboration with Arts Place and Portland Main Street Connect, recently announced a call for artists through the Indiana Destination Development Corporation's Indiana Public Art Mural grant, which supports artists painting original murals in a community.

Plans are to create a mural on the north wall of Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland, making it visible while driving south on U.S. 27 (Meridian Street). It's located along

add another mural to its the future Cultural Heritage Trail, according to a press release from Arts Place.

Per local zoning ordinance, the mural must be historically relevant to the community. It must be approved by Jay/Portland Building and Planning Department and Portland Historic Preservation Commission.

The project is contingent on the City of Portland being awarded the

Applications may be sent to executivedirector@myartsplace.org no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday. An artist will be selected what is known as Brick no later than March 17.

## Marriage licenses

Gene A. Coronato, 59, Pennville, and Anna M. Stromberg, 55, Pennville

Scott A. Brown, 40, Portland, and Kristal G. Smith, 43, Portland

Deidre M. Chenoweth, 30, Portland, and Benjamin M. Dirksen, 30, Winchester

Robert D. Davidson, 61, Portland, and Michelle L. Morris, 41, Portland

Leya M. Hackler, 23, Portland, and Austin M. Keedy, 23, Portland

George B. Gary, 28, Portland, and Lindsay E. Moser, 30, Portland

# Child calls father's new partner 'Mommy'

By JANN BLACKSTONE Tribune News Service

Q. My daughter and son really like their dad's girlfriend. She lives with him and has two kids of her own. I am very grateful she is so good to my children. But, here's the problem. It doesn't happen all the time, but lately they have been calling her "Mommy" when I pick them up. Like, "Bye, Mommy! See you soon!" It really upsets me. I'm grateful she loves my kids, and I am doing my best to share them with her, but she's not their mother and I don't want to share the name. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. It is my experience that this can be an emotional issue, and I want to congratulate you in your ability to keep your head. You have admitted it makes you feel they adopt the name as a novelty.

Ex-**Etiquette** 



uncomfortable, and you prefer it doesn't continue, and you are looking for solutions. Many in your position take it all personally and are convinced the other person is doing their best to sabotage their mother/child bond. Unfortunately, sometimes that is the case. But more often it's that the children feel comfortable in the living space and other children are calling her "Mommy," so

When my own daughter was competition between parents and ing her bonusmom "Mama" at learning to talk, she started calling me "Jann" because all the other kids called me "Jann." It was amusing for a while, but soon required some calm correction. She caught on quickly.

Parents who require the children to address the new partner as "Mom" or "Dad" are doing everyone a disservice. It's confusing for the children and promotes a competitive spirit between

Some specific things must be discussed prior to moving in with someone who has children. One is what the children will call you. Most professionals suggest the partner and children brainstorm a special name just for them, and that becomes the name the chil-

their ex's new partner. I've interviewed children from all over the world and some of the choices have been quite amusing and even beautiful.

One bonusdad and bonusson I interviewed picked the name "Mr. Big." Bonusdad was 6-foot-6 and towered over the little boy. That's what came out when they joked around and that's what they stuck with. It evolved into "Biggy," then "Big." And to this day, the 30-year-old adult child calls his bonusdad "Big."

Perhaps one of the loveliest stories is one offered as a solution from a reader from Italy visiting the Bonus Families website years ago. The child and bonusmom bonded during a trip to the dren use. That way there is no beach, and the child began call- drjann@exetiquette.com.

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that point. Inherently understanding it may not be appropriate, they searched together for a special name that captured their lovely relationship. They had difficulty finding one, but then one night, out of the blue, the child's father suggested "Mare" (pronounced "ma-ray"). It (pronounced means "ocean" in Italian. "You bonded at the beach, and it only seems fitting." That's good exetiquette.

Jann Blackstone is the author of "Ex-etiquette for Parents: Good Behavior After Divorce or Separation," and the founder of Bonus Families, bonusfamilies.com. Email her at the Ex-Etiquette webexetiquette.com

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## **Community Calendar**

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## **Saturday**

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

## Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRI- munity Center. ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for played starting at 1 p.m. all kinds of addictions, each Monday at West Jay

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Community Calendar as p.m. each Sunday at The Hoover St., Dunkirk. space is available. To sub-Rock Church, 1605 N. an item, email Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Sudoku

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST 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 Com-

EUCHRE —

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 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 accept-

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

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY 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.

Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

## **Tuesday**

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the

Notices will appear in will meet from 6:30 to 8 Community Center, 125 Second Chance At Life Center St., Dunkirk. For p.m. at Zion Evangelical Amanda Price at (765) 283-

> ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7

more information, call Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-



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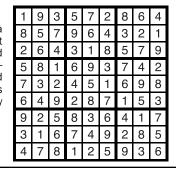
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# Fear drives 'anti-woke' legislation

**Tribune-Star (Terre Haute) HSPA** Infonet

Most are afraid to say it, but socalled "anti-woke" legislation is driven by fear.

A fear nestled deep inside those who possess the most privilege and power in our nation. It's no secret who they are, or of what they are so afraid. Systems set in place since the founding of our country are starting to crumble, allowing other schools of thought and ideas into the mainstream.

It's a fear that their control is waning, that historically marginalized groups may cut into their influence, may want equal treatment, and are inching closer and closer to getting it.

A fear they will no longer hold enough power over others, that diverse ideas and discourse will replace established inequitable and discriminatory systems.

Nationally, it seems potential 2024 presidential candidate and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is lead-

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ing the charge, most notably at the moment by refusing to allow an Advanced Placement African American Studies course to be taught in Florida high schools.

In Indiana last year, legislators introduced House Bill 1134, a socalled "divisive concepts" bill which eventually failed. On Feb. 14, a new bill, Senate Bill 386, authored by Richmond Republican Sen. Jeff Raatz, prompted a Statehouse news conference. The bill would limit classroom discussions about race, among other topics, reported the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

It was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Education Committee

on Feb. 15 but was pulled from the to defend reasoned opinions? agenda late the night before. But there is no sign Republican legislators in Indiana are going to stop pushing these types of bills.

Just the possibility this legislation could become law increases pressure on would-be and current

Those efforts to limit instruction have led to "one of the more potentially significant and, I think, ugly and damaging periods of attack on the teaching profession, particularly for social studies instruction," Dan Clark, coordinator of Indiana State University's Social Science Education program, told reporter Sue Loughlin.

"We never instruct [ISU] students to 'indoctrinate' in such lessons. The whole purpose is to help their [future] students learn how to research, form and defend their reasoned opinion," Clark

Why would anyone want to prevent students from learning how

Why would we want to silence new voices and ideas?

Luckily educators like Marie Theisz are up for the fight of protecting such rights. A social studies teacher at Terre Haute North Vigo High School, she has posted on her bulletin board a sign that reads: "I have the courage to teach hard history.

At Sarah Scott Middle School, principal Scotia Brown says they don't shy away from tough discussions. "We're taking racism head on," she says.

Throughout the school during the month of February are displays of notable figures in Black history, including NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, reported Loughlin. A school banner showing a clenched fist "Racism has no place here.'

University, Αt Indiana Alexander Cuenca, program Press Association.

coordinator for middle/sec-ondary social studies education, says his students are excited about and committed to teaching these subjects. "It's no longer a surprise that teaching has been used and social studies has been used as kind of a political weapon."

An unnecessary weapon, driven by fear, that has been allowed to play out over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

As evident as it is that the establishment won't give up their fight easily, it's also becoming clear that there are others standing up for their own definitions of freedom — and ultimately the truth.

It would benefit us all, and our children, if we stood up behind

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## Recognition is far too rare

By PENNY PRITZKER

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

In the dictionary, the word "tenacious" ought to be followed by a photo of Chicagoan Bessie Coleman, the first African American woman to earn a pilot's license.

Coleman, also of Native American descent, moved to Chicago in her early 20s hoping to find and follow her dreams, but she discovered that no pilot training schools would admit her. After hearing that pilot training was open to women in France, Coleman taught herself French and moved to Paris, where her hopes were dashed as the Paris schools were also closed to women.

Most would have called it quits but not Coleman. She to northern traveled France, where she was able to earn her pilot's license in 1921. Having faced so many closed doors, Coleman's mantra became: "Every 'no' takes me closer to a 'yes.'" Chicago has honored Coleman by naming a road at O'Hare International Drive."

And now, Coleman is recognition she deserves, as the U.S. Mint releases a new quarter emblazoned with her image as part of its American Women's Quarter program.

Regrettably, Coleman's recognition is rare. So many women who have played key roles in American history have been ignored in history books or relegated to supporting roles for men.

We can't change history, but we can and will change the way history is told. That is the goal of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum, where I'm proud to serve as chair of the advisory council working to make the museum a physical reality in Washington.

The museum will celebrate the many women who've changed American history and tell their stories to future generations. In recent years, women have made strides in the area I know best: the business world.

In 2014, while I was commerce secretary, women were CEOs in less than 5% of Fortune 500 companies. numbers have remained roughly stagnant Museum's Advisory Counfor years. But as of last cil.

Penny Pritzker



month, for the first time, 53 Fortune 500 companies just a little more than 10% That's still far from where this figure should be.

Throughout my life, I know that young women

Fortunately, he made a quick turnaround, became my mentor and gave me a crash course in accounting. which he saw as a founda-Airport "Bessie Coleman tion to understanding business.

finally getting the national women are in boardrooms

My hope is that we will hiring and promoting ing glass ceilings and encouraging girls to see unlimited possibilities, we make America stronger. The Smithsonian Ameri-Museum will provide the encouragement and inspiration for many more Coleman did.

secretary of commerce and chair of the Smithsonian American Women's History

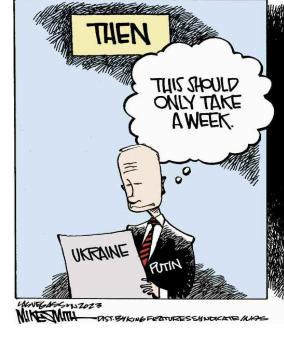
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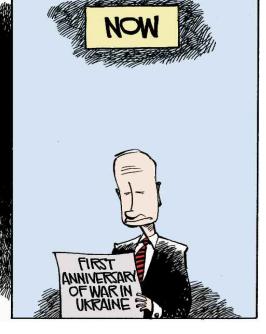
have often seen the impacts of gender stereotypes and inequity. When I was 16, I wrote to my grandfather, a son of Russian immigrants who built a business empire, asking why he talked only to the boys in the family about business, but not me. His answer: "Penny, I was born in 1896 how am I supposed to are interested in busi-

I have seen how few or corporate dining rooms, but that has slowly changed over time. When I joined the Obama administration in 2013, I was struck by the large number of talented, powerful women in leadership roles. Today, with Vice President Kamala Harris and 12 women serving in President Joe Biden's Cabinet, the government is making even better use of our nation's incredible resource of accomplished

continue to learn that by women, by allowing them to serve in the public and private sectors, by remov-Women's History women to make history of their own, just as Bessie

Pritzker is a former U.S.





## College isn't a job service

By JOHNATHAN ZIMMERMAN

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

On his first day in office in January, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro declared that most state jobs would not require a college degree.

And in his State of the Union address this month, President Joe Biden put forth a "blue-collar blueprint to repair America" that emphasized well-paid jobs for working-class al arts background to those with people. "Let's offer every American n to a good career whether they go to college or not," Biden

They're right: You shouldn't have to attend college to acquire decentpaying employment. So why have college at all?

To prepare citizens, of course. Our colleges and universities were founded to ready people for the tasks of collective self-government: reason, deliberation and tolerance. If you haven't noticed, those skills are in short supply right now. We're more likely to shout and cancel than to talk and listen.

Since the 1960s, however, we have too often imagined higher education as a job placement service rather than a place to make citizens. And that's very bad news, for both our colleges and the society that they ostensibly serve.

On the right, politicians such as Florida U.S. Sen. Rick Scott and former North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory have suggested that states shouldn't assist students who major in the humanities and social sciences because these disciplines don't generate as many jobs as fields related to science, technology, engineering and math do. "Do we need to use your tax dollars to educate more people who can't get jobs in anthropology?" Scott asked a business group in 2011. "I don't. I want to make sure we spend our money where people can get jobs when they get out."

Actually, there's evidence from a 2013 survey of employers by the Association of American Colleges

**Johnathan** Zimmerman



ers favor students with a strong liberdegrees in "practical" fields such as business. But once we decide that the main purpose of college is to obtain a job, we inevitably diminish its other goals. Students come through to get their ticket stamped, not to get a

deeper understanding of the world. And that doesn't seem to trouble Democrats, who have embraced the mantra of "more education" as the solution to underemployment, poverty and every other economic problem. As historian Jon Shelton shows in his new book "The Education Myth: How Human Capital Trumped Social Democracy," liberals imagine that a more educated workforce will also be a more prosperous one.

Tell that to students who are struggling to pay back their college debt – which has soared to \$1.6 trillion nationwide — or to those thrown out of work during the country's periodic recessions. True, the average college graduate earns nearly twice as much as people who have just a high school degree. But a Bachelor of Arts is not a guarantee against poverty and unemployment, which can be solved only with wider social investments in health, infrastructure and workplace training. And those efforts will assist everyone, whether they're bound for college or not.

So I was glad to see Biden announce programs to create betterpaying jobs across the board. And kudos to Shapiro and Larry Hogan, who as Maryland governor likewise eliminated the B.A. requirement for thousands of state jobs.

Shapiro is a Democrat, and Hogan is a Republican, which suggests the and Universities that some employ- making of a rare bipartisan consen- vania.

sus around the issue of college and employment. But it also raises a new challenge for colleges: How can we forge a purpose beyond preparing for

The answer is to double down on what Hogan called our historical raison d'etre: to cultivate "civic virtue in public life." A large swath of our students are either checked out of politics or afraid to express their opinions for fear of causing offense. A much smaller number spend their time policing or canceling others for alleged transgressions, which is bullying by another name.

And the faculty? Most of us are much more interested in furthering our own research — which is the best route to promotion and salary raises - than in enhancing the civic education of our students. We know that our students often lack the will or skill to participate in political affairs. We just won't do anything about it.

At the University of Pennsylvania, where I teach, the SNF Paideia Program promotes events and courses that emphasize civic engagement and dialogue. Yet these worthy efforts are mostly preaching to the converted, because only people who are already disposed to the activity participate in it.

A more promising approach is taking root at Stanford University, which is piloting a core course for first-vear students called "Citizenship in the 21st Century." Most of the university's 1,700 incoming students will take the class, which examines how humans can work together toward collective goals while also respecting individual differences.

You shouldn't have to go to college to get a good job or to share in the bounty of America. But everyone who goes to college should have to prepare for the only job that all of us share: being a citizen. That used to be the main reason for higher education. We need to make it so again.

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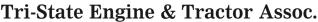
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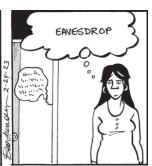




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## By Steve Becker

## Bidding quiz

Some sequences of bidding are regarded as impossible — that is, you simply can't have a hand that fits the bids you've made. In each of the following sequences, specify whether South's last bid is Possible or Impossible or Impossible.

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1. Impossible. Two notrump indiated 20 or 21 points, balanced distribution and all-around distribution distribution and all-around strength. Having spoken his piece by opening two notrump and responding to North's Stayman inquiry, South cannot logically carry on to six spades when his partner might have as little as five or six high-eard points for his bids. If there is a slam the impetus must If there is a slam, the impetus must come from North, who knows much more about the combined

strength of the two hands.

2. Possible. In general, when responder names a new suit, opener cannot pass. But there is an excep-tion to this rule if opener specifi-cally rebids one notrump, limiting his high-card strength and distribu-tion. The two-heart bid here can therefore be passed. With a game-going hand, North could jump to three hearts to force South to bid

again.

3. Possible. Four notrump is not North 3. Possible, Four norrump is not Blackwood in this sequence. North should have 16 or 17 points and is inviting South to bid a slam in notrump if he has a maximum for his opening notrump bid. If South has 15 points, he should pass.

4. Impossible. Two diamonds was a jump-shift indicating 17 or more points and interest in slam. Therefore, the partnership is committed to reaching at least a game con-tract. North is most likely still angling for a slam and is seeking more information.

5. Impossible. Two notrump promised 13 to 15 points and committed the partnership to game. South cannot make a bid that is forcing to game and then change his mind at his next turn. North is presumably unhappy with notrump, but that doesn't mean South can pass. Some partnerships now play that the jump to two notrump over a minor-suit opening shows 11 or 12 points, in which case North's three club bid could be passed.

Tomorrow: Solution to a predicament. ©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc

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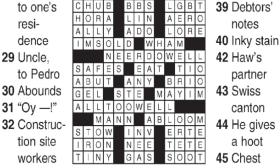
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## **Pacers**

Continued from page 8 The Celtics looked like they were on their way to an easy victory despite a rough shooting start from Tatum — who went 1-for-8 in the first half – as Brown, Brogdon and Derrick White led the way to building a 10-point halftime lead. But they came out flat out of the locker room. The Pacers went on a 14-3 run to start the second half to take the lead.

Tatum got going with three consecutive makes and Brown added a pair of baskets but the Pacers kept coming with a barrage of 3-pointers. Turner made three nine-point lead early in the again. The teams continued triples in the span of two fourth, capped by a big to go back-and-forth down the minutes and the Pacers made sequence from Hauser, who stretch and the game was tied

## Indiana falls after break, has lost eight of last 10 to drop to 12 in the East

Boston managed to survive and then drilled a 3. the onslaught and took a

eight in the quarter. But registered a block on one end

But the Pacers responded three-point lead in the fourth. with a 9-0, game-tying run The Celtics then took a and the Celtics had to fight

at 125 inside the final 90 seconds.

Haliburton was forced into a tough 3-pointer that missed at the buzzer, sending the game to overtime.

The Pacers kept fighting. Turner hit a game-tying 3, Aaron Nesmith later converted a game-tying threepoint play and they continued to respond until the final minute. Tatum was fouled and made two free throws with 56 seconds left, then Nesmith missed a 3 before Tatum's clinching bucket with 10 seconds to go.

"We were able to weather the storm and figure out a way to win the game," Brown

## **Finish**

Rylee Jackson, a freshman, of Archbishop Hoban earned the final spot in today's consolation finals. She tied with Marina Oria of Cincinnati Indian Hill at 24.42 and won the second swim-off 24.19 to 24.57 after tying at 24.38 in the first swim-off.

Fort Recovery's Midwest Athletic Conference rival Versailles will compete in three championship races tonight, led by senior Tiana Mescher as the No. 3 seed in the 50 freestyle. She is also the No. 6 seed for the 100 freestyle and joined teammates Ava Shardo, Lydia Hecht and Alayna Rindler in earning the No. 7 seed for the 200 freestyle relay. The same Tiger group is also the No. 12 seed in the 200 medley relay, and Shardo is the No. 15 seed for the 100 butterfly.

MAC schools New Bremen, Marion Local and Minster also competed Thursday, but none reached the top 16.

## Sports on tap

#### Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys (including freshmen) vs. Bellmont - 6

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** 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 Unlimed – Team Williams vs. Team Sims (Bally Indiana)

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: 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 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: Oklaho-ma 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 -

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)

Lanesville (Bally Indiana)

Southampton at Leeds United (USA)

onship -

10:30 a.m. — High school basket

Bethany Christian vs.

ball: IHSAA Class 1A girls state champi

12:30 p.m. - High school basketball: IHSAA Class 2A girls state championship – Lapel vs. Forest Park (Bally

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 basket ball: Connecticut at DePaul (FOX)

2:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: Rhode Island at Fordham (USA)

3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour - The

Honda Classic (NBC) 3:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: 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 Ken-

tucky (CBS) 5 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinitv Series - Production Alliance 300

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); USC at Utah (ESPN2); Virginia Tech at Duke

9:30 p.m. - Women's college bas ketball: Colorado State at Wyoming

10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Mary's at Gonzaga (ESPN); UC Irvine at Hawaii (ESPN2)

### Sunday — Soccer: Premier

League - Chelsea at Tottenham Hotspur

Noon — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Ohio State (CBS); Northwestern at Maryland (BTN); Saint Joseph's at St. Bonaventure (USA)

Noon — Women's college basket-II: Georgia at South Carolina ball: Georgia at Souur Co..... (ESPN2); Notre Dame at Louisville

12:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: Providence at Georgetown (FOX) 1 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Milwaukee Bucks (ABC)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Cincinnati at Memphis (ESPN2); Wisconsin at Michigan (CBS); Davidson at Duquesne (USA) 2 p.m. — Women's college basket-ball: Indiana at Iowa (ESPN); Michigan at Wisconsin (BTN) 3 p.m. - Golf: PGA Tour - The

Honda Classic (NBC) 3:30 p.m. - NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks

(ABC) 3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series – Pala Casino 400 (FOX) 4 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

UCLA at Colorado (CBS)

4 p.m. — XFL football: Orlando Guardians at San Antonio Brahmas

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Washington at Stanford (FS1); Rutgers

at Penn State (BTN)
7 p.m. — XFL football: Houston Roughnecks at Arlington Renegades (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Colorado Rapids at Seattle Sounders 10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los

Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)

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38D01-2211-MF-000024 wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by successor by merger to Pacific Union Financial LLC was

Plaintiff, and was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as  $\,$ 

provided for in said Decree with interest and costs. I will expose at

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utes 00 seconds west 431.90 feet (assumed bearing) from the

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grees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 208.71 feet; thence north 00 de-

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degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds east 208.71 feet to the point of be-

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Attn: Jennifer Guel

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RONALD BERRY SHIRLEY A. BERRY UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, IF ANY BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL I INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BENEFICIAL INDIANA INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORT-GAGE CO.

Defendants. NOTICE OF SUIT

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN JAY COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF INDIANA, TO-WIT: LOT NUMBERED SIX IN THE THOMAS ADDITION TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY, OF DUNKIRK, INDIANA. ALSO, THAT PORTION OF THE VACATED ALLEY ADJOINING SAID LOT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PART OF A SIXTEEN AND FIVE TENTHS FOOT VACATED NORTH AND SOUTH ALLEY MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOW, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWESTERLY COR-NER OF LOT #6 IN THOMAS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF DUNKIRK, INDIANA, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTH-EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID VACATED ALLEY RUNNING THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT #6 AND THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID VACATED ALLEY SIXTY-FIVE FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY COR-NER OF SAID LOT #6, THENCE RUNNING NORTHWESTERLY ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT #6  $\,$ PRODUCED NORTHWESTERLY EIGHT AND TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF SAID VA-CATED ALLEY; THENCE RUNNING NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT #6, SIXTY-FIVE FEET TO A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT#6 PRODUCED WESTERLY; THENCE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY ON SAID NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT #6 PRODUCED WEST EIGHT AND TWENTY-FIVE HUN-DREDTHS FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. This property is commonly known as 520 South Main Street,

Dunkirk, IN 47336 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the fol-

lowing Defendants whose addresses are known: Ronald Berry 603 East Votaw Street Portland, IN 47371 Unknown Occupant, if any 520 South Main Street

Dunkirk, IN 47336 Beneficial Financial I Inc., successor by merger to Beneficial Indiana Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. Serve Highest Officer Found 1421 W. Shure Drive, Suite 100

Arlington Heights, IL 60004 And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown: Shirley A. Berry

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 9th day of April, 2023, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded Christopher J. Arlinghaus Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)

Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49) Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15) Attorney's for Plaintiff Reisenfeld & Associates LLC 3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227 Voice: 1-513-322-7000 Facsimile: (513) 322-7099 Clerk of the Jay County Circuit Court CR 2-24,3-3,10-2023-HSPAXLP

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ever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 13th day of February, 2023.

Jon Eads Clerk, Jay Circuit Court Kristin L. Steckbeck Attorney No. 27029-02 DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK 30 Premier Avenue Bluffton, Indiana 46714 Attorney for Estate

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Saturday, February 25

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# Record-breaking finish

Indians close season by bettering relay mark in state preliminaries

broke a record.

Even that was not quite enough to earn them one more race.

Fort Recovery High School's girls swim team's season came to an end Thursday evening as it competed in the preliminary round of the OHSAA Division II Girls Swimming and Diving State Finals at C.T. Branin Natatorium.

The Indians' best finish in their three events came in the 200-vard medley relay, in which they broke their school record set at last weekend's district meet by 0.02 seconds with a time of 1 minute. 53.1 seconds. Teigen Forktamp, Audra Bubp, Joelle Kaup and Paige Guggenbiller finished in

18th place, matching their seed. The top 16 finishers in each event advanced to the championship and consolation races, which begin at 5 p.m. tonight.

CANTON, Ohio — The Indians Indian Hill took the No. 16 spot at 1:52.95, just 0.15 seconds faster than the Tribe quartet.

The FRHS record prior to last week was 1:53.28 set by Alexis Bubp, Paige Fortkamp, Sophie Timmerman and Cassy Martin.

Teigen Fortkamp, a junior, entered the meet as the No. 14 seed in the 100-yard backstroke but was unable to hold that spot. After posting a time of 59.04 at the district meet, she came in at 1:00.03 at the state finals, falling about a half-second short of the top 16.

Oak Harbor junior Paige Krupp finished 16th in the preliminaries in 59.52.

Fortkamp also competed in the 50 freestyle, finishing in 24.6 seconds. That put her in 21st place, matching her seed heading into the meet.

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Fort Recovery High School's Paige Guggenbiller, Joelle Kaup, Audra Bubp and Teigen Fortkamp closed their season by breaking the school record in the 200-yard medley relay Thursday during the preliminary round of the OHSAA Division II Girls Swimming and Diving State Finals at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton. Their time of 1 minute, 53.1 seconds, put them in 18th place, just two spots short of qualifying for the consolation finals.

## **Help Wanted**

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**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

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## Patriots crush ACAC rivals

WOODBURN — The Patriot for the Patriots (12-6) in the Allen Julian Hudson (140) and Wyatt Bihn rolled over a pair of conference

The scores were almost identical. Jay County Junior High School's wrestling team cruised to a double victory Thursday, defeating the Southern Wells Raiders 63-24 and the host Woodlan Warriors 63-25.

Recording two victories apiece McClain (117), Brayden Fox (132),

County Athletic Conference double dual were Logan Wendel (90 pounds), Leighton Brown (160), Freddie Lingo (195), Spencer Smitley (220) and Carson Busick (275).

Adding wins for Jay County against Southern Wells were Grant Linville (90), Kevin Dues (102), Max

(175). Scoring additional victories for the Patriots against Woodlan were Corbin Lothridge (85), Brenna Ruble (102), Cooper Glassford (110), Caleb Sibray (140), Gavin Hambrock (150) and Jason Linn (195).

The team will host the Jay County Invitational beginning at 9 a.m.

Boston Herald Tribune News Service

With the shot clock winding down and overtime closing as the Celtics clung to a two-point lead, Jayson Tatum airballed a 3-pointer, but didn't quit on the play. Marcus corralled Smart rebound and missed a shot, but there was Tatum, crashing the glass and tossing in the dagger tip-

As the Pacers called a

timeout, the Celtics star jogged back towards his bench, closed his eyes and shook his head. The winning play encapsulated his night, but also the Celtics resolve in a wild 142-138 overtime victory that required it.

In their return from the All-Star break, Tatum — Sunday — seemed to suffer from an All-Star hangover on a 9-for-25 shooting night.

"It was either I left my in a game that featured 22

shooting in Utah or I'm still drunk from vacation," Tatum joked to reporters in Indiana. "That's how I played tonight."

The Celtics coughed up a 16-point first-half lead and another nine-point cushion in the fourth as they got all they could handle from the pesky the All-Star Game MVP on Pacers, Myles Turner's 40 points and All-Star Tyrese Haliburton's 22 points and 14 assists.

The Pacers fell just short

12 in a wild third quarter - as some emotions boiled over, with Boston's Marcus Smart getting a technical foul for flexing on Halibur-

A masked Brown scored 30 points and the Celtics received another strong effort from their bench Malcolm Brogdon as scored 24, including five 3pointers, in his return Derrick Indiana. White added 17.

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