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State prep

Jay County High School's show choirs will compete Saturday at the Indiana State School Music Association Small School State Finals at Franklin Central. Pictured above, Patriot Edition, including Hannah Laux (center), Hunter Young (left) and Logan Zimmerman (behind Laux) perform during practice Thursday afternoon. Performing at left are Ben Heath (foreground) and Jacob Kellogg (background). Just Treble will take the stage at 9:30 a.m. and Patriot Edition will compete at 4:30 p.m.

Testimony split on 'school choice'

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Dozens of Hoosiers descended upon the Statehouse to call for increased K-12 funding in the next state budget, but much of the testimony heard on Thursday was split over a pending proposal to more education. than double taxpayer spending on Indiana's

"school choice" voucher funding program.

The Senate School heard more than five hours of testimony on the possible voucher expansion, as well as other K-12 budget requests for English learners and special

Discussions also centered around "equalized"

for

schools. School district officials Funding Subcommittee and advocates for traditional public education noted that 90% of Hoosier kids attend public schools. As such, they called for even greater increases to tuition support to cover rising costs due to inflation, and to compensate for an unfunded mandate

posal that would require schools to dip into base funding to cover textbook

That state's largest teacher's union additionally emphasized that under the House-approved version of the budget, private school vouchers would get a 70% funding boost in Fiscal Year 2024.

charter in the current budget pro- Traditional public schools would see only a 5% increase, however.

"School choice" supporters said parents deserve the right to more flexibility and customization in their children's Doing so education. requires increased access to private schools, but also public charters.

See **Split** page 2

Redkey to seek \$\$ for

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REDKEY — The town is applying for more funds to pave streets this

Redkey Town Council agreed to apply for another round of Community Crossings, a grant program offered through Indiana Department of Transportation, during a meeting Thursday. Clerk-treasurer Mary

Eley noted the town's last Community Crossings project — it includes Boyce Street between Sycamore and Meridian streets, Bell Avenue between Meridian and Washington streets, Sycamore Street between Indiana 67 and Main Street, all of Morgan Drive through Redkey Morgan Park — came in at a cost significantly lower than expected. The town was awarded \$196,100.25 in grant funding last year. (The town was required to provide a 25% match, bringing the total available for the work to more than \$250,000.) Winning bidder Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne came in well under that number at \$158,131. The streets are expected to be paved sometime this spring.

Eley pointed out the town still has some funds allocated for paving she referenced a portion of the \$50,000 given to the town by the county from Bitter Ridge Wind Farm economic development funds — as well as additional dollars saved for paving. She explained council could apply for another grant with the town's match at \$50,000.

Council agreed to apply for another paving grant through the Community Crossings program.

Also Thursday, council learned it was not granted money through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' planning grant program.

The town agreed in February to award a \$90,000 contract to Choice One Engineering for a master utility study, with the agreement contingent upon the town receiving the funds. If selected, OCRA would have contributed

\$81,000 of the cost. See **Redkey** page 2

Bill repealing military authority advances

By RACHEL OSWALD

CQ-Roll Call Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday voted to limit debate on taking up a bipartisan bill that would repeal two military authorizations for use of force against Iraq, setting up a likely vote on passage next week, 20 years after the March 19, 2003, attack on Baghdad.

The vote, 68-27, in favor of to legislation that would repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF and the 1991 Gulf War AUMF repre-

and co-sponsor Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, to convince enough colleagues, particular-Republicans, that U.S. national security wouldn't be harmed by ending the authorities, and that the rule of law and the balance of powers between Congress and the presidency would be strength-

"Now almost 20 years to the cloture on a motion to proceed day that U.S. military operations began in Iraq, the United States Senate begins the process of repealing the Iraq sented years of painstaking AUMFs ... putting the final work on the part of sponsor remnants of those conflicts tions would have no impact on ure going to the House, Kaine start working on the House."

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Virginia, squarely behind us," Senate current U.S. military opera- said Wednesday that he hoped Majority Leader Charles E. Thursday floor speech. "The United States, the nation of Iraq and the entire world have changed dramatically since 2002 and it's time the laws on the books catch up with these changes.'

The White House issued a statement of support for the legislation on Thursday, noting there are no ongoing military operations that rely primarily or at all on the two Iraq AUMFs.

"Repeal of these authoriza-

tions and would support this a strong Senate majority for Schumer, D-New York, said in a administration's commitment to a strong and comprehensive relationship with our Iraqi partners," the statement of administration policy said. "That partnership, which includes cooperation with the Iraqi Security Forces, continues at the invitation of the government of Iraq in an advise, assist, and enable role.

Ahead of expected Senate passage next week, Schumer said he was anticipating votes on multiple amendments.

Looking ahead to the meas-

passage might prompt House Republican leaders to bring the measure up for a standalone vote. House efforts to repeal the 2002 AUMF have usually been through amendments to the annual defense policy bill.

"The more convincing the Senate vote, the more likely we can have the momentum to take it up stand-alone on the House side," Kaine said. "So we'll get through the Senate piece of it first, try to get as big a vote as we can, then we'll go

Deaths

Jay County had a high tem-

perature of 57 degrees Thursday. The low was 39, and there was about a tenth of an inch of

Weather

The forecast calls for the low to drop to 21 tonight. Expect partly sunny skies Saturday with a high of 26 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County's Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. March 27 in council chambers at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

Inside

Today's newspaper includes our spring home improvement special section. It features stories about a local couple's outdoor sanctuary and builders who are using robotic technology to construct homes.



Matthew Pennington, 64,

Details on page 2.

Military trial bill goes to governor

Indiana Capital Chronicle

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The Indiana Senate on Thursday passed a much-disputed proposal barring Indiana National Guard members from demanding a military trial — or courtmartial — in lieu of non-judicial punishment.

House Bill 1076 now goes to Gov. Eric Holcomb.

Across hours of committee testimony and floor discussions, proponents have argued that the doesn't have the resources for unnecessary legal

proceedings, and that members

stall punishment. Opponents including numerous veterans worry members won't get a fair shake before a neutral arbiter and have said the state should kick in more resources instead.

'To allow those kinds of petty offenses to then be asked for a court-martial, when you know that we do not have a courtroom, we don't have the staff, we don't have the resources to do that [trial], you are impeding the good order and care of the military," Sen. Aaron Freeman, R-Indianapolis, said Thursday.

Freeman, the Senate sponsor,

could take advantage of that to emphasized that if members and their immediate superiors don't get along, members can appeal punishments upward within the chain of command. He said members could even write letters to the guard's leader asking for review.

He and others focused on minor offense, from being late to duty to a sloppy uniform. Nonjudicial punishment can involve a variety of options, including a reprimand, loss of pay or rank, but not incarceration.

Some Democrats pushed back.

The bill "doesn't allow [mem- Freeman retorted.

bers] to have somebody impartially review discipline that happens to them when they are serving those people in the state of Indiana," Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis, told reporters after-

During the session, Taylor repeatedly questioned Freeman on data for minor and major offenses, arguing there was no evidence the bill was necessary.

"I don't have to know numbers to know that Houston, we have a problem, and we should change the law in Indiana,"

Obituaries

Matthew Wayne Pennington, Bryant, June 13, 1958-March 14, 2023, Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N, Washington St., Geneva. •••••

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

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

CR almanac

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26/20	36/22	45/26	53/35	53/43
Snow flurries are likely Saturday with wind gusts whipping up to 30 mph.	winds again reaching as	Sunny, with a high temper- ature of 45 degrees and a low in the mid to upper 20s.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high of 53 degrees.	There's a chance of rain through- out the day and night. Otherwise, partly sunny.

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$78 56-58-60-65-66-67-70-72 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$254 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 1-1-1 Daily Four: 6-4-3-5 Quick Draw: 1-10-14-20-26-30-31-35-38-41-43-45-49-50-53-59-63-66-69-76

Evening Daily Three: 5-6-2 Daily Four: 0-5-0-2 Quick Draw: 5-13-15- \$120,000

17-19-28-30-32-40-48-51-52-

Cash 5: 10-12-18-39-42 Estimated jackpot: \$205,000

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 7-3-4 Pick 4: 5-0-4-0 Pick 5: 5-7-1-6-5 **Evening** Pick 3: 2-5-8 Pick 4: 9-2-7-9 Pick 5: 4-8-6-0-3 Rolling Cash: 4-10-21-

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April beans	14.74
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Heartland St. Anthony

Corn	6.07
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Beans	14.53
April beans	14.53
Wheat	6.47

Today in history

In 1766, the first official celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in New York City commenced with a parade. The Irish and Irish-American holiday recognizes the death of Patrick, the saint of Ireland, on March 17, 492, and celebrates Irish heritage.

was born in Montgomery, Alabama. Cole was known for his work as a jazz pianist and vocalist, becoming the first Black performer to host a variety TV series in 1956. Some of his songs include "Unforgettable," "For Sentimental Reasons" and "On a Bicycle Built For Two."

In 1930, Al Capone was released from jail. The infamous mob boss became well-known during the Prohibition era in

the United States when

he co-founded the Chica-

go Outfit, an organized

crime syndicate. In 1941, the National artistic works.

In 1968, the Bee Gees In 1919, Nat King Cole debuted on national television on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Some of their most popular works in the 1960s and '70s include "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever" and "You Should Be Dancing.

In 2014, Jay County middle school swim team blasted Blackford Bruins with a 136-10 victory for the boys team and a 130-42 blowout for the girls team. The boys won every event against the

—The CR

Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C. Today it is home to some of the schools. world's most renowned

Bruins.

Citizen's calendar

Monday

3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, vil-Fort Recovery, Ohio.

March 27

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Manageery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St., office, 5948 W. Indiana 67. Portland.

Redkey ...

Continued from page 1 A master utility study would help the town look into its water, stormwater and wastewater utilities in order to identify issues and offer suggestions and potential funding sources to solve the problems, such as non-compliance with regulations enforced by Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The last master utility plan for Redkey dates back to 2003, according to local officials.

Eley noted the town can apply again for the next round of planning grant funds. Town employee Randy Young pointed out flooding caused issues last week at the wastewater treatment plant. He noted council will need to take action soon on its failure to meet a Nov. 30 deadline for removing two combined sewer overflows (CSO). (One CSO originates in a rural area and lets out into Redkey Run, and the other starts near Union Street.)

"We're going to have to look (at) doing something," he said. "I mean, (the planning grant) was one of the things we told IDEM we were waiting on. So the longer you push that — they're not going to wait around."

Also, council heard from "Watermellon" Jim Phillips, who requested the town name bridges in honor of Redkey veterans killed in action. He asked if the town could put signs on either side of each bridge honoring a different veteran. Eley pointed out one of the bridges sits on Indiana 67, which could present an issue with Indiana Department of Transportation. Town attorney Wes Scheme-

naur said the town could discuss

grant for master utility study

Town did not receive OCRA

Council gave Phillips the OK to the town an extra \$75 for two confor the bridges.

'Sounds like a good, noble idea, so I don't see any problem with it," said town council president Erik Hammers.

In other business, council members Chance Retter, Floyd Life, John Pierce, Gary Gardner and Hammers:

 Awarded a three-year contract to Best Way Disposal for its trash services. The town currently pays \$6,521 a month. Rates are expected to increase to \$6,713 a month this year, \$6,910.28 a month in 2024 and \$7,113.04 in 2025. The town agreed in February to move forward with raising the garbage service rate for residents to \$15 per month.

·Learned the town's Easter egg hunt is slated for 10 a.m. April 8 at Redkey Elementary School.

·Heard council has received two applications for its open town marshal position.

•Tabled discussion on allowing Redkey Merchants to carry the town's insurance for a summer concert series. The group plans to host three concerts this summer. one each in June, July and September. Eley noted it would cost adjustment.

move forward with creating signs certs but she is unsure about three concerts. Council agreed to hold off on making a decision before it knew the cost.

•OK'd paying Watson Excavating \$14,650 to repair a hydrant at the corner of Oak Street and Indiana

•Invested \$4,538 in a capital management program assets offered by Boyce Systems, with Retter dissenting. Eley advocated for having a system in place next year to ensure budgeting accuracy.

 Chose to continue using Kesslers Mowing services, which charges \$398 per mowing.

•Elected Hammers as president and Retter as vice president of the council. They also assigned departments to each council member as follows: Hammers, wastewater; Gardner, street; Retter, police and parks; Life, fire; Pierce,

·Agreed to write off two outstanding checks that are two years

•Paid \$81,470.53 in claims and agreed to pay \$636 for new tires on a department truck.

•Made an \$850.57 water bill

the idea with INDOT.

Those schools cannot currently draw on local property tax dollars like traditional public schools can, but a new funding stream carved into the Republican House budget seeks to remedy that.

Nearly half of the House Republican budget, 48%, goes to K-12 education, which will get a boost of nearly \$2 billion over its current

appropriation. One-third of that new funding will go to the Choice Scholarship program — which allows families to receive vouchers to attend private And another chunk would come off the top to cover textbooks.

"Every dollar that goes to a public school gets put to use in helping ensure that the school can meet the educational needs of every kid who lives in that com-

basic duty that we owe to our kids and our communities," said Diane Hannah, a mom of three from Carmel. "This voucher expansion, by contrast, is a luxury. It is redundant. This budget would send tax dollars to wealthy Hoosiers to do something they that already can afford to do."

The Senate likely won't unveil their version of the state budget until later this month. A final version of the budget is expected by the end of April.

Expanded eligibility for the voucher program would raise the income ceiling to 400% of the amount required for a student to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program, equal to about \$220,000.

Currently, vouchers are limited to families that make less than 300% of the federal poverty level, mean-

munity ... this is just the ing a family of four can make up to \$154,000 annual-

After the expansion, the program would cost the state an estimated \$500 million in fiscal year 2024, and another \$600 million in the following fiscal year. The current state budget appropriates \$240 million annually for the Choice Scholarships.

"We're funding more and more money for students to go to private schools, when their results academically are decreasing," said Joel Hand, representing the Indiana Coalition for Public Education and the American Federation of Teachers of Indiana. He pointed to a 2018 study by researchers at the University of Notre Dame which found that Hoosier students who leave public schools to attend voucher institutions showed declines in both math and language arts.

SERVICES

Today

Adams-Armstrong, Carolyn: 2 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Saturday

Pennington, Matthew:

10:30 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

> Monday Miller, Alma: II a.m., Zion

Lutheran Church, 1010 Monroe St., Decatur.

May 13

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

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Library planning spring break fun

little something for everyone this

The library is offering a variety of events and activities throughout spring break for Jay School Corporation students, which started today and goes through March 26.

Take and make craft activities will be available Monday at the library while supplies last. The activities, provided by Jay County Farm Bureau, celebrate agriculture week.

Other events next week include: •Pop Tart Peep houses: Visitors from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday will have the opportunity to create a house out of Peeps, Pop Tarts, icing and other candy decorations while supplies last.

•Cupcake Wars: A cupcake deco-

Jay County Public Library has a rating and judging contest is scheduled for 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the community room. Children in third through sixth grade are invited to decorate four cupcakes and vote on the winning cupcakes. The cupcake designer with the most votes in each round gets a prize. Registration is required to partici-

> ·Lego dominoes and zip lines: children and parents may stop by the community room between 3:30 and 5 p.m. Thursday to create a Lego design made for knocking over like dominoes and take Legos on a zip line through the library.

Games will also be available in the children's area of the library throughout the week.

For more information, call (260) 726-7890.

Grandma hates nose stud

year-old niece, "Andrea," came to visit her grandmother wearing a nose stud. Andrea is quiet, is polite to her grandparents and aunt and is in her third year of college. Her grandmother is livid at her daughter for "allowing" the girl to do this. (It appears Andrea may be trying to rebel at this age.) Her grandmother is footing the bill for her college.

Who can help the grandmother to get her granddaughter to stop this behavior, and how? Andrea has never done anything like this before, and this is not like her. Her friends don't look or act like Goths or punks. This is so out of character. She earns good grades, and she is usually a quiet girl who never speaks to anyone other than her mom or broth-

Dear Abby



ers. Please advise. -TAKEN ABACK IN NEW YORK

TAKEN DEAR You keep ABACK: referring to your niece as a "girl." Allow me to enlighten you: This "girl" is a young WOMAN. If Granny has a bone to pick with Andrea about her choice of jewelry, she should discuss it with her instead of railing against her fashion behind choice her back. From my perspective, this is a tempest in a teapot. Let it blow over.

TO MY READERS: Happy St. Patrick's Day: May there always be work for your hands to

May your purse always hold a coin or

two. May the sun always shine on your window-

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you. — LOVE, **ABBY**

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Nevada bill would allow medically assisted deaths

By MARY HYNES

Las Vegas Review-Journal Tribune News Service

LAS VEGAS — Nevadans on opposing sides of a complex and controversial issue made impassioned pleas to their state lawmakers Tuesday regarding a bill that would allow medically assisted dying for terminally ill

has been introduced in the Nevada Legislature that would allow a medical practitioner to Las Vegas women with incurable provide lethal drugs to a patient cancers who testified from the requesting them who is 18 or Sawyer Building in Las Vegas.

older with less than six months to

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources heard testimony from those who said Senate Bill 239 would lessen the agony of dying patients and from others who said it would lead to the abuse of the most vulnerable.

The committee, chaired by For at least the fifth time, a bill Democratic Sen. Fabian Donate, first heard testimony from those in favor of the bill, including two

ticular time," said Lynda Brooks-Bracey, 57, who has been diagnosed with metastatic pancreatic cancer. After numerous rounds of chemotherapy, she said doctors have done all they can do.

"I am a strong believer in the circle of life, a believer in God ... but I don't think I or my family should have to see me suffer," said the mother of four, who witnessed her husband die at 38 from leukemia.

Hanna Olivas, a 49-year-old mother and grandmother with

"I prefer not to die at this par- said, "What saddens me the most, and what I feel is the most important part about this bill, is that this is such a personal decision and should be a personal decision between the patient, her family and doctors.'

> Some of those opposing the bill said that doctors often cannot accurately predict how long a patient has to live.

"A misdiagnosis coupled with poor prognostication results in a patient getting a lethal prescription when they could have years of good quality life left to live," blood cancer multiple myeloma, said Dr. Kirk Brolander, an tims," Rossi said.

internist in Reno whose own father was given six months to live and lived another four years. He and other opponents testified before lawmakers in Carson

Retired registered nurse Kathleen Rossi said that in order to testify she left the bedside of her sister with a brain tumor who 14 years ago was given 18 months to

"What is needed is better funding for hospice and palliative care and not this option which will actually prey on vulnerable vic-

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Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as *space is available. To sub-* DIER — Is open from noon mit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., based recovery group for

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Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on munity Center. the first and third Saturday of each month in the played starting at 1 p.m. former W.E. Gaunt Jewel- each Monday at West Jay

St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLto 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithall kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 EAGUE — Will meet at p.m. each Sunday at The noon Friday, March 17, at Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restau-

PING PONG — Will be DUNKIRK HISTORI- played from 9 a.m. to noon CAL SOCIETY — Is open each Monday at Jay Com-

EUCHRE Will be ry building, 113. S. Main Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-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 wel-

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

Tuesday

CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome. ALZHEIMER'S CARE-

GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m.

the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF COUNTY LIBRARY Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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 Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-

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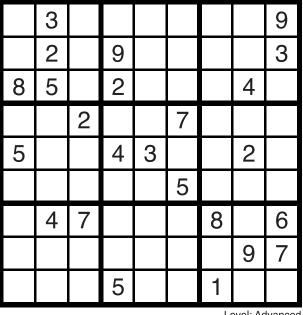
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Sudoku



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Thursday's Solution

The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-bythree boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains 5 6 the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

Senate bill isn't fair to rural Indiana

By NATE LAMAR

Living in a county with an interstate highway running through it is both a blessing and a

My county is blessed with Interstate 70, which offers rela-tively easy commuting into metro Indianapolis. However, drug trafficking is anecdotally greater here than in counties without interstate highways.

Indiana counties with interstate highways passing through should therefore take advantage of such highways in every way possible. One example would be the food and beverage tax. Any county that has an interstate highway passing through would be foolish to NOT have a food and beverage tax. With three exits along I-70, our county receives an additional 1% tax on purchases made in restaurants at each of its exits. This extra 1% also applies to restaurants elsewhere in the county, as enjoyed by residents.





Henry County's food and beverage tax was initially allowed by the state legislature in 1987 to build the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Other projects funded by the food and beverage tax include our Ivy Tech campus, the Arts Park Pavilion, Middletown Historic Society, Knightstown's iconic Hoosier Gym, and several rails-to-trails projects, among others. The net effect has improved our county's quality of life and quality of place, as well as business generated by these tourist destina-

Senate Bill 37 is now up for

House. If signed into law, SB37 will phase-out by 2045 all current food and beverage taxes across Indiana, "other than the stadium and convention building authority food and beverage tax and the historic hotels food and beverage tax." Translation: the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium will continue to be subsidized by food and beverage taxes from Marion and its surrounding "doughnut" counties, as will the French Lick Springs Resort and West Baden Springs Hotel in Orange County, but no other counties will be allowed a food and beverage tax! Is this fair to the rest of Indiana? Hardly!

Fifteen Indiana counties and 19 Indiana municipalities currently benefit from the food and beverage tax. Not all of these have interstate highways passing through them. Should SB37 be signed into law, this would be vet another example of metro food and beverage tax -Indy getting to prosper at the expense of rural Indiana.

SB37 would force Indiana counties to give up one of the precious few economic development tools available at the county level. Having served on County Council for 12 years, I witnessed first-hand how Indiana's counties, especially rural counties, are being fiscally squeezed by Indianapolis. For example, the state particularly targets county health departments and county park departments, forcing them to raise user fees. As user fees can only be raised so much, county parks, for example, could benefit from a food and beverage tax. Henry County Memorial Park is a true gem, especially as compared with most other counties (not every Indiana county even has a county park). Our park hosts the Veterans Museum and Saddle Club, both of which benefit from the

generate tourist revenue.

Critics of the food and beverage tax blame mismanagement in one county, which never built a riverside convention center that was the basis for its 1989 implementation. However, in Henry County, the food and beverage tax committee that oversees the process, is a group of citizen volunteers appointed by the County Commissioners, County Council, New Castle Mayor, and New Castle City Council. They function well in terms of transparency and in their oversight of designated

projects throughout the county. For the vitality of your community, please ask your State Representative to vote no on SB37.

LaMar, an international manager, served as Henry County Council President from 2009 to

Accord could improve oceans

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Tribune News Service There's hope yet for Planet Earth. Representatives of 70 nations along with oil companies and major shipping lines have agreed in principle on a plan to stabilize oceans, limit exploitation and preserve habitats for marine life. That might not seem like such a big deal for landlocked Missourians, but there's not a place on Earth that doesn't depend one way or another on the health of the world's oceans and the abundance they provide. And they are dying rapidly, threatening to take the rest of the world with them.

It's remarkable in itself that U.N. members — who rarely agree on anything — have been able to reach a framework for protecting the oceans from further manmade harm. The oceanic areas mapped out for protection belong to no country. That means no country has an automatic right to exploit marine life or mineral riches beneath the sea floor. Conversely, no nation has an automatic right to tell any other nations what throw plastic bottles into they may or may not do in an area where no nation holds jurisdiction. That's why the only way to protect the oceans is for all nations to agree that this is necessary for the good of the world.

U.S. Climate Envoy John Kerry, fresh from an international meeting in Panama, stated early this month that a series of meetings that began in the current draft agreement, in which countries around the world have committed to abide by 1,800 specific measures carrying a price tag of more than \$100 billion to address global climate change, sustainable fisheries, maritime security, marine pollution and areas where species survival is under threat.

Without industrial fishing fleets and more years to win countries China fan out thousands of miles from their own learned with the Paris shores to catch, process and package massive quantities of marine life for consumer markets. scuttle everything. So, They are fishing the even at 30%, this is by no oceans to death.

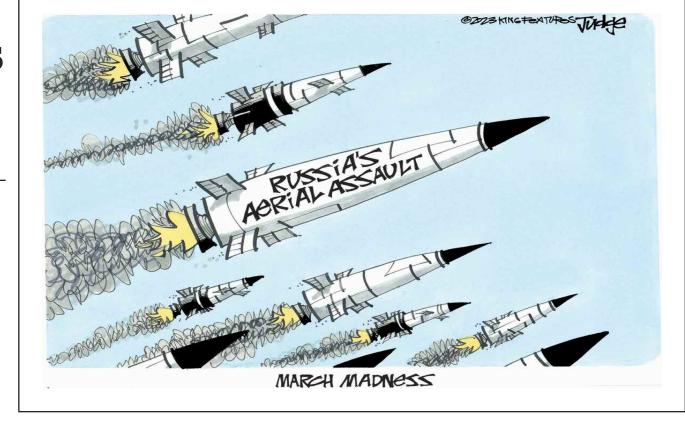
Guest **Editorial**

... the only way to protect the oceans is for all nations to agree that this is necessary for the good of the world.

a gutter or stream, or when the streets flood and sweep away all the scattered litter, or when a massive tsunami or hurricane washes away entire coastal towns that debris makes its way into the oceans. Literal floating islands of debris plastic, wood, furniture, car parts and insu-

lation foam have formed on ocean sur-2014 have culminated in faces, with one garbage patch in the Pacific reported to be the size of the state of Texas. They block off sunlight and choke off life for the creatures below.

> The agreements reached in Panama set a low bar: Conserving only 30% of the ocean by 2030. And all that is conditional on an international treaty, which could take regulation, years more to negotiate like legislative ratification. And, as Americans Climate Accord, all it takes is one change of U.S. administration to means a slam-dunk.



Where is the GOP's plan?

But they haven't settled on a compre-

hensive list of the cuts they want;

there's no official GOP budget pro-

They've mostly recycled traditional

conservative demands for cuts in

spending they consider wasteful, plus

one innovative wrinkle: They've

promised to trim the budget by elimi-

And what, you may ask, is that?

Judging from the examples Repub-

licans offer, woke spending appears to

include anything conservative voters

don't like: racial equity efforts, espe-

cially in the armed forces; programs

aimed at helping LGBTQ people; and

Plus a walking trail in the Atlanta

suburbs. A \$3.6 million federal grant

to extend the Michelle Obama Trail is

on the House Budget Committee's hit

list of "woke waste." If the DeKalb

County Board of Commissioners had

named the path after Rosalynn

Carter, it might not be in as much

called woke spending, no matter how

broadly the term is defined, won't

piled by House Budget Committee

Chairman Jodey Arrington, R-Texas,

who has offered the closest thing

Arrington has proposed cutting

domestic spending by \$150 billion next year. That sounds like a lot, but it

would reduce the federal deficit by

Republicans have to a plan.

eliminate the deficit.

But cutting every penny of so-

The "woke waste" list was com-

anything to do with climate change.

nating "woke spending."

The definition isn't clear.

By DOYLE MCMANUS Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden unveiled his \$6.8 trillion budget proposal last week, and it drew the customary jaded responses: a work of fiction. A party platform with price tags. And, of course, dead on arrival.

All true. But from Biden's standoint, the budget rollout was a ure by the government to pay its bills. When careless people resounding success that served two

It put the president where he wants to be as he prepares an expected reelection campaign, with one foot in his party's center and one in its progressive left.

Biden gave centrists a promise to cut future deficits by almost \$3 trillion and shore up Medicare's deteriorating finances.

But he also asked for more funding for child care, elder care and fighting climate change, and said he'd pay for the whole package by raising taxes on corporations and the wealthv.

In a campaign-style speech at a union hall in the swing state of Pennsylvania, he said his budget was designed to "give working-class folks a fighting chance." Expect to hear more of that as he tries to woo those voters next year.

More important, the budget was Biden's opening offer in a battle over federal spending that is likely to consume the rest of the year.

The president knows the Republican-led House of Representatives won't agree to the social programs he's proposed or the tax increases to pay for them.

Beyond campaign positioning, his real goal was to nudge House Republicans toward serious negotiations and a vote to raise the debt ceiling, which limits government borrowing.

Republicans have said they won't raise it unless they get deep spending cuts in return — an ultimatum that risks touching off a catastrophic fail- only about 9%.

Doyle McManus



Donald Trump. For decades, conservatives proposed balancing the budget partly by cutting future spending on Social Security and Medicare.

And that gets us to the House

Republicans' real problem: They've boxed themselves in to a fiscal trap,

thanks mostly to former President

But Trump abandoned that doctrine, and other Republicans, including House Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California, fell in line — even though fiscal experts in both parties acknowledge that the programs are heading toward financial trouble.

So while Republicans want spending cuts, they have ruled out taking them from the biggest programs: Social Security, Medicare and defense.

To balance the budget within 10 years, as they say they want to do, they would need to cut almost every other part of the government by an unrealistic 85%, according to the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible 'ederal Budget.

Biden has taken Social Security and Medicare off the table, too, but he has built himself an escape hatch: He wants to raise taxes on corporations and people who make more than $$400,\bar{0}00$ a year. That would allow him to put money into Medicare and reduce the national debt.

Republicans have sworn never to raise taxes, so they need to find another solution to the math problem. They haven't.

That's why the danger of a budget crisis — not only a government shutdown, but a catastrophic default on the federal debt — looks greater this year than ever before.

The way to avert such a crisis is to begin serious negotiations. Biden's budget proposal has put the ball in McCarthy's court. Where's his plan?

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Slovakia sending jets to Ukraine

By DANIEL HORNAK

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service Slovakia will send its entire fleet of Soviet-era fighter jets to Ukraine to boost its defense against Russian forces, government officials said.

The eastern NATO member state will send all 13 of its MiG-29 jets — grounded since last August and in various states of readiness — at an unspecified Defense Minister Jaroslav Nad told reporters in Bratislava on Friday.

day after Poland said it will

Both nations are responding to pleas from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who has persistently demanded warplanes since the first days of

The deliveries would cross a threshold in sending firepower to Kyiv, as many western allies have drawn the line at delivering fighter jets, citing the risk of being drawn into a direct

grounded since a maintenance agreement with Russia was terminated last year, will be transferred to Ukraine, citing security reasons. Slovakia is awaiting the delivery of new US-made F-16 warplanes.

will receive about \$700 million worth of U.S. military equipment and \$200 million from European Union funds, Nad told reporters.

Last month, Nad said that Officials didn't specify when Ukraine would be able to add the jets, which have been as many as eight new planes to its fleet from Slovak hardware.

The Kremlin dismissed the plan of Slovakia and Poland on Friday, saying the fighter jets won't be a game changer.

these countries are just get-The nation will also send ting rid of old, unneeded dragging Slovakia into the equipment,' Kremlin

said, according to Tass. "You don't need to be a military expert to say that this won't affect" the war, he added, saying that they will be "subject to destruction" by Russian

The administration has been a staunch ally of Ukraine despite public opposition that has risen over the past few months of political turmoil. Prime Minister Eduard Heger "You get the feeling that defended the decision to send the jets, saying they were "not

Michigan passes firearm measures

By CRAIG MAUGER The Detroit News

Tribune News Service LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Senate responded Thursday to last month's deadly shooting at Michigan State University by approving bills that would expand background check requirements for firearm purchases and allow guns to be taken from those deemed a risk to themselves or others.

The main proposals in the 11-bill package, which also includes measures to require guns to be secured if they are kept in homes where children are present, passed along party lines in votes of 20-17 with Democrats in support and Republicans in opposition.

GOP lawmakers contended the measures wouldn't prevent shootings but would infringe on constitutional rights. Meanwhile, Democrats said the bills were the first steps needed to combat gun violence following the Feb. 13 shooting at MSU that left three students dead and five injured.

Sen. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit, labeled the bills "history-making" and "long overdue." Sen. Rosemary Bayer, D-West Bloomfield, said the bills were some of the most important lawmakers would vote

"We are finally taking action to begin the process of making our state safer, making our kids, our families, all the people of Michigan safer today," Bayer declared in a speech on the Senate floor. "Today, we are finally going to do what the people of Michigan are overwhelmingly demanding that we do.

The 11-bill package would expand criminal background check requirements for gun purchases, mandate storage standards for firearms in homes where children are present and permit "extreme risk" protection orders, also known as a red flag law, to allow guns to be taken away from people deemed a risk to themselves and others.

But Sen. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, countered that criminals don't care what the law says.

"They will give people a sense of false security, all while infringing on everyone's right to own a firearm, to hunt or even defend themselves and their family," Bellino said of the Democratic bills.

Thursday's occurred 31 days after a gunman killed three students on MSU's campus and 482 days after another gunman killed four students at Oxford High School.

MSU shooting, The which occurred about four miles from where senators cast their votes Thursday, spurred a wave of rallies and protests urging the Legislature to take action. The push culminated Wednesday with former Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who was shot in the head during a mass shooting in 2011, visiting Lansing to advocate for reforms.

"Now is the time," Gov. Whitmer Gretchen declared during the event on Wednesday.

Giffords was in the Senate gallery for some of Thursday's votes.

the war as essential to driving back the Russian invasion.

The announcement comes a confrontation with Moscow.

send four Soviet-era fighter don't meet the standard of tem to Ukraine. In return, it spokesman Dmitry Peskov jets to Ukraine in the coming more modern F-16s or similar models Kyiv has craved most, MiG shipments could add to Ukraine's fleet with operational jets or spare parts for its own damaged stock.

And while the aging aircraft part of its Kub air-defense sys-



Embrace against hate

Robert Peterson, left, son of Yong Ae Yue, a victim of the March 16 shooting, is embraced by Bonnie Youn after speaking Thursday during the Asian Americans Rise Against Hate event at Georgia Freight Depot in Atlanta. March 16 marks the two year anniversary of the Atlanta spa shootings that took the lives of eight people including six Asian Americans.

Russia accused

Tribune News Service

troops have committed numerous war crimes in Ukraine during the ongoing invasion, an investigative commission of the U.N. Human Rights Council has concluded.

The atrocities committed by Russian troops include attacks on civilians, rape, forced deportations of children, unlawful detentions and intentional killings of those not involved in combat, the U.N. Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine said in its report presented on Thursday.

Waves of attacks by forces Russian on Ukraine's energy infrastructure and Russia's "systemic and widespread" use of torture could also constitute crimes against humanity, the commission's report said.

The commission also documented "a small number of cases" in which Ukrainian armed forces the report.

had committed war crimes, including indiscriminate VIENNA — Russian attacks and two cases in which Russian prisoners of war were shot, wounded and tortured.

'Many of the willful killings, unlawful confinement, rapes, and sexual violence were committed in the context of house-tohouse searches, which were aimed at locating supporters of the Ukrainian armed forces or finding report weapons," the found.

Those arrested arbitrarily were often held captive by the Russian armed forces in overcrowded cells under the worst possible circumstances, according to the report.

"In one case, ten older people died as a consequence of the inhuman conditions in a school basement, while the other detainees, including children, had to share the same space with the bodies of the deceased," according to

Felony arrests

Confinement

A Bryant man was arrested Wednesday for confinement and domestic

Shawn P. Southworth, 44, 107 E. Wilson St., is

charged in Jay Superior Court with two Level 6 felonies for the alleged crimes.

He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000

Capsule Reports

Turning crash

Ohio An woman attempted to pass a semi along county road 300 North as it turned, causing a collision about 12:15 p.m. Friday.

Ashley R. Tackett, 35, Celina, Ohio, was driving a 2009 Pontiac G8 east on county road 300 North behind a 2012 Kenworth, driven by 52-year-old Bobby L. Armstrong of Indianapolis. As Armstrong began to turn into Portland.

Minnich Poultry's drive directly south, Tackett started to pass the semi. Tackett told Jay County Sheriff's Office that Armstrong didn't have his turn signal on when she began to pass him.

Damage is estimated \$5,000 between and \$10,000. The semi is registered to Fedex Freight of Fremont, and the vehicle Tackett was driving is registered to Andrew Scott of



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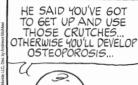
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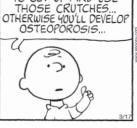
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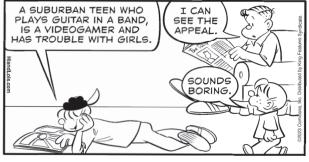
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Contract & By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠ AJ8 ♥ J9 ♦ A92 ♣ AKJ85 West North South 1 🔻 2. ♠ A103 ♥ AKJ65 ♦ AQ84 ♣ 10 West North Pass Pass Pass Pass

3. ♠ KQJ1085 ♥ 6 ♦ Q84 ♣ A92 North East 2♦ Pass

1. Two notrump. A jump to two notrump, indicating 18 or 19 highcard points, notrump distribution and at least one stopper in each of the opponents' suits, is the best way to describe your values.

However, the best final contract is still uncertain. Partner might go along with notrump by passing or bidding three notrump, or he might have a hand that he thinks is better for suit play. You will follow wherever he leads, since your values are flexible enough to fit any hand pattern he might have.

2. Six spades. Taking into account your extra values, partner's jump to three spades (invitational) and your excellent support for his suit, there should be no doubt about making 12 tricks.

If you start by assuming that partner has as least six spades to the K-Q and either the queen of hearts, king of diamonds or ace of clubs, you should have a very good play for the slam. You could stop off along the way and use Blackwood, but since you are not going to bid less than six, and never going to bid seven, you might as well bid six straightaway. **3. Four spades.** Simplest is best.

The probability of making 10 tricks at spades is overwhelming, and you should make sure of getting there without running the risk of being dropped at a less-than-game contract. There is a difference of opinion among players as to whether a jump to three spades in this situation — opposite partner's overcall — is forcing or merely invitational. But regardless of which school you come from, you should bid four spades straightaway in the present case rather than risk a partnership misunderstanding.

Tomorrow: One play does it all. 023 King Features Syndicate Inc

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: STOP ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN TO ME WHY YOU ALWAYS NEGLECT TO SECURE YOUR SHIP. NO MOOR EXCUSES!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals F

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Steal and 3 gives Furman upset win

By MATT MURSCHEL

Orlando Sentinel Tribune News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Welcome back, March Madness!

JP Pegues hit the go-ahead 3pointer with 2.2 seconds left to propel No. 13-seed Furman past No. 4 Virginia, 68-67, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Orlando. Pegues' shot came about after Garrett Hein stole a halfcourt pass and found Pegues in the right corner for the win.

It was the second straight tempo pushing their lead to 12-5 pushed the Cavaliers' lead to 32- lead back to 12 at 50-38 with 10:54 time that UVA lost as a fourthseed with the Cavaliers previously losing in the first round to Ohio in 2020-21.

Pegues finished with 11 points but it was the final three points that most people will remember.

Virginia (25-8) jumped out to an 8-0 advantage before Garrett Hien's 3-pointer put Furman (28-7) on the scoreboard. The Cavaliers continued to work with

but Jalen Slawson's emphatic dunk coupled with a foul on Armaan Franklin, helped the Paladins slice the lead to 12-7.

Furman made a late charge in the first half buoyed by back-toback 3-pointers by Marcus Foster and Alex Williams that cut UVA's lead to 21-17 with 6:35 left before the half. Twice the Paladins pulled within a point but consecutive buckets by Jayden Gardner and Reece Beekman

27 at the half.

The Cavaliers opened up the second half much as it start the game with a 10-3 run to push their lead to its largest of the game at 42-30. But Furman made a 5-0 run after a TV timeout with Foster hitting another shot from beyond the arc and Williams providing a quick layup.

Isaac McKneely hit back-toback 3-pointers — the first of the game for Virginia — pushing the

But Furman wouldn't go quietly, putting together a 17-4 run, this one aided by switching to a 1-2-2 zone defense that seemed to confuse the Cavaliers, who began settling for outside shots rather than driving to the basket. The Paladins tied the game at 54 with 5:21 left and took the lead on the next possession thanks to a Slawson basket and

Arizona's Oumar Ballo, right, leaves the court in frustration as the Princeton Tigers celebrate a 59-55 win in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Golden 1 Center on Thursday in Sacramento, California.



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Stuns

Continued from page 8 Princeton players wear a patch that honors Car-

"He would be very proud of the group," Henderson said of his mentor. "He wouldn't want any

win. We knew we had to keep the game low possessions.'

Henderson added: "There's going to be some comparisons, I'm sure, to attention to be brought coach Carril. I want to be er. They just came togeth-

other than what these really clear that this er and did it. It's a heck of really long time ago (beating UCLA in 1996). This group did something special for its university, for the fans, for the former players, and for one anoth-

guys did. They played to group did this. That was a a win and I'm so proud of them. Princeton will play Mis-

> souri in the second round of the South Region on Saturday at Golden 1. Missouri beat Utah State, 76-65, earlier on Thursday.

Indy to bring in QB Minshew

By GEORGE BREMER The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Tribune News Service

A busy offseason for the Indianapolis Colts continued Thursday with perhaps its most impactful move yet.

NFL Network's Tom Pelissero reported quarterback Gardner Minshew is expected to sign a one-year, \$3.5 million contract with the Colts.

The move will reunite Minshew with Indianapolis head coach Shane Steichen, his offensive coordinator for the last two seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Minshew made four starts with the Eagles, going 1-3 while completing 62.5% of his passes for 1,102 yards with seven touchdowns and four interceptions.

He entered the league as the Jacksonville Jaguars draft.

out of Washington State in

Known for his unique fashion sense, iconic facial hair and outgoing personality, Minshew quickly became a fan favorite in Jacksonville prior to the team selecting former Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence with the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2021.

Minshew was traded to Philadelphia just before the start of the 2021 regular season after it became apparent Lawrence would win the starting job.

He made 20 starts and posted a 7-13 record for the Jaguars, completing 62.9% of his passes for 5,530 yards with 37 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

In Indianapolis, he'll likely be asked to provide a bridge to a rookie quarterback expected sixth-round pick by arrive in next month's

Sports on tap

TV sports

Today 12:15 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: NCAA Tournament - USC vs. Michigan State (CBS) 12:40 p.m. — Men's college basket-

12:40 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: NCAA Tournament – Kennesaw State vs. Xavier (TRU) 1:30 p.m — Men's college basket-ball: NCAA Tournament – UC Santa Bar-

bara vs. Baylor (TNT)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

NCAA Tournament – VCU vs. Saint Mary's (TBS) 2:45 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: NCAA Tournament – Vermont vs.

Marquette (CBS) 3:10 p.m. - Men's college basket-

ball: NCAA Tournament - Pittsburgh vs. Iowa State (TRU) 4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament – NC State vs.

Soccer: Premier League -

Newcasle United at Nottingham Forest

4:30 p.m. — Men's college basket ball: NCAA Tournament - Iona vs. Con-

necticut (TBS) ball: NCAA Tournament - Fairleigh Dick-

6:50 p.m. — Men's college basket-

7:10 p.m. — Men's college basket

Kentucky (CBS) 7:25 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - Drake vs.

7:35 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: NCAA Tournament – Grand Canyon

phis (TNT) Men's college basket-

vs. Kansas State (CBS) 9:55 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: NCAA Tournament - Arizona State vs. TCU (TRU)

inson vs. Purdue (TNT) 7 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis

Blues at Washington Capitals (Bally Indi-

ball: NCAA Tournament - Providence vs.

Miami (TBS)

vs. Gonzaga (TRU) 9:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: NCAA Tournament – FAU vs. Mem-

ball: NCAA Tournament - Montana State

ball: NCAA Tournament – Kent State vs. Indiana (TBS)

Saturday - Soccer: Premier League –

Tottenham Hotspur at Southampton

— Men's college basketball:

NIT - Michgain at Vanderbilt (ESPN) 12:15 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: NCAA Tournament – San Diego

State vs. Furman (CBS) 1:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League – Everton at Chelsea (USA) 2:40 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: NCAA Tournament – Tennessee vs.

Duke (CBS) Auto racing: NASCAR 3 p.m. Craftsman Truck Series – Fr8 208 (FS1) 5:15 p.m. — Men's basketball: NCAA

Tournament – Kansas vs. Arkansas (CBS) Auto racing: NASCAR Xfini ty Series – RAPTOR 250 (FS1)

6:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - Missouri vs. Princeton (TNT) 7 p.m. - NBA basketball: Philadel-

phia 76ers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiball: NCAA Tournament - Houston vs.

Auburn (TBS) 7:45 p.m. - Men's college basket ball: NCAA Tournament - Texas vs. Penn State (CBS)

NHL hockey: Pittsburgh 8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsbur Penguins at New York Rangers (ABC) 8:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - UCLA vs.

Northwestern (TNT)
9:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - Alabama vs. Maryland (TBS)

Sunday 10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League Crystal Palace at Arsenal (USA)
Noon — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (CBS)

1 p.m. — Auto racing: Formula 1 -Suadi Arabian Grand Prix (ESPN) 2 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour - Valspar Championship (NBC)

2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (CBS) 3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series – Ambetter Health 400 (FOX)

5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (CBS) 6 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Tournament (TNT) 7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TBS) 7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Winnipeg Jets

at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana) 7:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: NCAA Tournament (TRU) 8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TNT)

9:30 p.m. - Men's college basket-

ball: NCAA Tournament (TBS)

10 p.m. — XFL football: Arlington
Renegads at San Antonio Brahmas
(ESPN2)

Local notes Bowling event scheduled

Crown City Lanes in Dunkirk is hosting an event Monday for young bowlers. Five members of the Pro Bowling Association will visit the bowling alley, 115 Eaton Pike, Dunkirk, to work with members of the facility's junior bowling league. It will include a meet and greet instructional clinic and hands-on assistance with the fundamentals of bowl-

For more information, call (765) 730-

Wrestling club hosting event

Delaware County Championship Wrestling for professional wrestling event April 8.

The DCCW show scheduled fro 7 p.m. April 8 at Jay Community Center will feature an appearance by Olympic gold medalist and WWE Hall of Famer Kurt James Myers at (260) 726-5088 or Andy Frasher at (260) 251-2842, or visit Jacks & Associates, 954 Industrial Drive, Portland.

Tickets start at \$20 for general admission. To purchase tickets, call

ance by WWE Hall of Famer Rikishi.

5K circuit registration underway Registration is open for the Run Jav County 5K Circuit. The circuit features eight races running from April through August. Awards a

presented in nine divisions. The opening race in the circuit is the Sprint to Spring 5K at 9 a.m. April 22. Registration is \$20.

For more information, visit runjaycounty.com.

T-Ball/coach-pitch registration open Registration is open for Jay Commu-

nity Center's Boomer t-ball pitch leagues The leagues are open to players

ages 3 through 6. The registration fee is \$60 and the deadline is May 22. For more information, visit jaycc.org.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com

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260-489-8571. CR 3-17-2023-HSPAXLP

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Greene Township, Jay County, Indiana Cash and Investments Combined Statement - 2022 Beg. Cash End Cash Local Fund and Inv. Bal Jan 1, 2022 Disbursements Dec 31, 2022 Receipts Governmental Activities Fund \$1,074.65 \$13,787.70 \$14.542.56 \$319.79 Township General Fund \$13,531.86 \$16.048.34 \$16,276.78 Firefighting Fund \$18,793.26 Rainy Day Fund \$2,868.35 \$500.00 \$2,368.35

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State of Indiana SS: Jay County I, Nancy Cline, Trustee of GREENE TOWNSHIP, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts 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. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-64-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection

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in the county auditor's office. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying youchers 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. Nancy Cline, Greene Township Trustee

Telephone: 260-251-0266

Township Assistance Fund \$3,171.88

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Date this report was to be published March 17,2023Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Greene Township at its annual meeting this 27 day of February, 2023

Rodney Cassel, Greene Township Board Chairman This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 27th day of January, 2023. Greene Township Board: Robert Bailey, Don Whitenack

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Thien pick

Fort Recovery High School's Bo Thien attempting to pick a ball at first base during Thursday's scrimmage against the Van Wert Cougars. The scrimmage was the first contest played on the team's new field. The Indians' first regular season game will be March 24 against Perry and the team will celebrate the official opening of the new facility in their season opener March 31 against Mississinawa Valley.

15 seed Princeton stuns Arizona

By JOE DAVIDSON

The Sacramento Bee Tribune News Service

Calif. SACRAMENTO, Somewhere, Pete Carril is working over a stale cigar, nodding with pride and approval.

Carril was the beloved Hall of Fame coach who led the Princeton Tigers for 30 seasons and presided over some epic NCAA Tournament efforts before finishing his career as a sage and wise Sacramento Kings assistant, big on backdoor cuts and the belief that anything can hap-

was on the minds of Princeton players and coaches Thursday afternoon.

A darkhorse again and always, 15th-seeded Princeton stunned No. 2-seed Arizona 59-55 in a firstround NCAA Tournament thriller at Golden 1 Center, where only Wildcats fans and their band were pulling for the Pac-12 program with Final Four aspirations. Everyone else was pulling for an upset because it's the upsets that make this March Madness.

Tosan Evbuomwan had 15

his spirit lives on, and his legacy muscling around the bigger and over UCLA. He rejoiced in this to Santa Clara and guard Steve taller Wildcats. Caden Pierce had two late free throws to stun Arizona, nearly 27 years to the day that Carril led 13th-seeded Princeton past defending champion UCLA in a tournament opener. Princeton (22-9) scored the final nine points and held Arizona scoreless in the final

> This is Princeton's first tournament triumph since eliminating UNLV in 1998. Princeton coach Mitch Henderson was on that team, and he was a member of the storied 1996 Tigers team,

one, too, in a job he never expected to have, saying Thursday: "I pinch myself every day.'

His players are pinching themselves as well, but there wasn't a single player or coach in Tigers stripes who didn't expect this outcome. Why make the trip from New Jersey otherwise,

It's the third consecutive year that a No. 15 seed has topped a No. 2 seed in an opener and the 11th time it has happened in tournament history. Arizona is the lone program to have suf-Carril died in August at 92, but points and seven rebounds in scoring eight points in the win fered such an upset twice, losing

Nash in 1993. Entering Thursday, No. 15 seeds were 10-138 in the Round of 64 matchups.

surreal feeling," "Pretty Figers guard Matt Allocco said. "To beat a great team like that on this stage is a pretty special feeling. But also I can't say I'm surprised. This team has been so good all year, so gritty. On paper, it's going to look like a big upset. But we believe in each other and we think we're a really good team. When we're at our best, then I think we can beat anybody in the country."

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