

Without hesitation



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Keshia Gerber's children rescued next-door neighbor Nina Osgood from her house fire along Adams Street in Montpelier on Nov. 1. Pictured in front, from left, are Grant Cosner, Brenna Fields, Nina Osgood and Reece Fields. In the back row are Keshia Gerber and Kailyn Fields.

Neighbor children took life-saving action

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Firefighters told Montpelier resident Nina Osgood that if she had spent 15 more minutes in her home after a fire started earlier this month, she wouldn't be alive to tell the tale.

"That smoke was so black," she recalled.

The children next door saved her life.

Brenna and Reece Fields and Grant Cosner rescued Nina when a fire broke out at her home around noon Nov. 1. Kailyn Fields alerted her mother, Keshia Gerber, who called emergency responders to douse the flames.

"They (were) my little heroes," Nina said.

Family
Born and raised in Muncie,

Nina returned to Indiana from Florida about a dozen years ago. Keshia, a Pennville native, works third shift at The Waters of Hartford City nursing home. Nina started taking care of Keshia's children when she moved to town 11 years ago.

To Keshia and her children, Nina is like family. She's been babysitting the children for as long as they can remember. Among other activities, she makes them meals, sews them clothes and attends church with them.

Kailyn Fields, 15, recalled a firefighter asking if they were related.

"I said, 'Well, she's been my babysitter since I was that big,'" she said, holding a hand below her waist. "'So yes, I am family.'"

"She's like Grandma," said 11-year-old Reece, who reminisced

about memories of sneaking over to Nina's and asking her to make him a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

"He wasn't very big, he'd come over and say, 'I'm hungry, I want something to eat, and I want to watch a movie,'" recalled Nina, drawing giggles from the family.

Fire

Brenna Fields, 8, noticed black smoke billowing out of Nina's window along Adams Street in Montpelier around noon Nov. 1. Reece and 7-year-old cousin Grant Cosner didn't believe Brenna until they walked into the kitchen and witnessed the fire themselves. That's when they sprang into action with no hesitation.

"We all ran to her house, and we were yelling her name,

because she was asleep," Brenna said.

Reece recalled being the first to run out of his home and burst through Nina's door. As flames grew from the kitchen and smoke wafted through the living room, they continued screaming for Nina.

She climbed out of bed and shouted back at the children.

"I said, 'What do you guys want?'" she recalled. "I opened the door, it was closed, and that smoke hit me right in the face."

Holding onto one of her dogs, Muffin, she and the children made their way out of the house.

Kailyn Fields, 15, overheard the commotion from outside her bedroom window. She thought the children were playing with Nina at first.

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Top aide quits role

Yermak out in midst of corruption allegations

By ALIAKSANDR KUDYTSKI and VOLODYMYR VERBIANYI
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's powerful chief of staff resigned after becoming ensnared in a corruption investigation.

Andriy Yermak has been lead negotiator in peace talks and his decision comes ahead of an expected visit by the U.S. delegation in Kyiv in the coming days.

"There will be a reboot of the Office of the President of Ukraine," Zelenskyy said in a video posted on Telegram. "I am grateful to Andriy for always representing Ukraine's position in the negotiation track exactly as it should be. It was always a patriotic position. But I want there to be no rumors or speculation."

The move followed a search of Yermak's apartment by anti-graft investigators early Friday. While the authorities didn't explain the raid, it followed news of a widening probe involving several ministers and one of Zelenskyy's former business partners. Yermak said he was cooperating fully with the investigation.

The dismissal of Zelenskyy's most trusted and controversial lieutenant takes place at a crucial moment for Ukraine as President Donald Trump renews his diplomatic efforts to end Russia's full-scale invasion. The U.S. delegation led by Army Secretary Dan Driscoll is due for fresh talks after an initial draft of the plan offered unfavorable terms to the war-ravaged country.

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Happy holidays

It was a festive couple of days locally with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland and Santa Claus arriving on a firetruck Friday in Redkey. At left, an attendee at the dinner gets some whipped cream added to her pie. At right, Cassidy Kirby, 7, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas at the downtown gazebo.



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Deaths

Stephen Crump, 84, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 35 degrees Friday. The low was 19.

The county is under a winter storm warning through Sunday. Snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches is possible Saturday, with additional snow possible overnight and Sunday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

A man last seen in Portland has been missing since Wednesday. David R. Duran, 72, was wearing slip-on shoes, jeans and a red, plaid-lined coat when he was last seen after being released from IU Health Jay. Duran has gray hair and brown eyes. Call 911 or Jay County Sheriff's Office at (260) 726-7541 with information.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball game against Richmond.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meetings.

Thursday — Details from the season opener for the JCHS swim teams.



Retrospect



The Commercial Review/Mike Snyder

Bloomfield played Westlawn for title

Twenty-five years ago this week, elementary school teams were battling it out for the county championship. Pictured from the Nov. 29, 2000, edition of The Commercial Review, members of the Bloomfield Elementary School girls basketball team, including (front row, from left), Stephanie Wellman, Cindy Muhlenkamp, Cassandra Huelskamp and Emily Shepherd make some noise from the bench as a Westlawn player shoots a free throw during the championship game of the Jay County girls elementary basketball tournament at Pennville Elementary. Westlawn knocked off the Bombers, 22-19.

CR almanac

Sunday 11/30	Monday 12/1	Tuesday 12/2	Wednesday 12/3	Thursday 12/4
 31/21 Snow may continue Sunday with temperatures in the low 20s late.	 31/24 Monday's forecast shows cloudy skies with temperatures hitting up to 31.	 28/20 Tuesday's weather shows a 50% chance of morning snow with the high reaching 28.	 31/18 Mostly cloudy with chilly temperatures at night. The low may hit the teens.	 23/13 Another day of cloudy skies with cool temperatures. At night, the low may reach 13.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-1-2 Daily Four: 0-6-1-7 Quick Draw: 2-6-9-12-13-18-19-23-25-27-29-37-40-41-51-52-57-73-76-79	Pick 3: 1-1-2 Pick 4: 1-4-5-6 Pick 5: 9-6-9-3-5
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$719 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$80 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.66 Jan. corn4.58	Wheat4.94
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.63 Jan. corn4.53 Feb. corn4.53	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.44 Dec. corn4.44 Beans11.24 Dec. beans11.28 Wheat5.01
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Today in history

In 1520, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan entered “The Sea of the South” after leading three ships to become the first sailing westward from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. The ships passed through what later became known as the Strait of Magellan.

In 1820, Friedrich Engels, a German philosopher who coauthored “The Communist Manifesto” with Karl Marx, was born in Barmen, Rhine province, Prussia.

In 2012, Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation proposed spending about \$100,000 to prepare the Stewart Brothers building as a new home for Dunkirk Public Library. The project never came to fruition.

In 2018, Brett Freeman became the winningest coach in the history of South Adams High School girls basketball when the Starfires defeated Canterbury 58-32. He surpassed Randy Minch with his 89th victory.

In 2020, the South Adams High School football team came up just short of the Class 1A state championship, falling 41-40 to Covenant Christian.

—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.	Thursday 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Obituaries

Stephen Crump, rural Portland, March 17, 1941-Nov. 27, 2025. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at 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 services.

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

Action ...

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“I heard this big boom, and then glass break,” she said. “There was this, like, whoosh of fire, and I’m like, ‘Mom!’”

She quickly alerted Keshia, whose thoughts jumped from confusion to fear as she grabbed her phone to call emergency responders. Kailyn bolted over to Nina’s home and watched as Reece, Grant, Brenna and Nina came out of the house coughing.

“I was worried about them,” recalled Nina.

“All of us were worried about Nina,” Grant responded.

Flames licked up the side of Nina’s house as firefighters arrived, with the sheer heat melting a portion of siding near a window on Keshia’s home.

The fire flared and subsided about three times before it was fully extinguished. Nina watched outside with the children and Keshia as the fire popped and sizzled, destroying her home.

Future

Along with her house and her dogs Annie and Foxy, many of Nina’s belongings were reduced to ash. She pointed to a few items that were saved, including the urn containing the remains of her late husband, Rickey, who died in June.

The traumatic experience wasn’t easy on Nina, who has struggled to eat and sleep since the fire.

Aide ...

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Zelenskyy said he’ll hold consultations today with potential candidates to replace the top aide. He didn’t elaborate.

Yermak was chief negotiator for talks with the U.S. in Geneva last week-end that helped redraft the proposals to make them more palatable to Kyiv and its western allies. The Zelenskyy aide’s towering presence has been a fixture in talks to end Russia’s full-scale invasion, currently well into its fourth year.

But his resignation also highlights the standoff between the president’s inner circle and the country’s anti-graft agencies, which were set up at the insistence of Kyiv’s Western backers.

“But, God’s been taking care of me,” she said.

For four days, she recalled, she didn’t have a place to stay. Her fellow church members quickly stepped up, providing her with a temporary house in Bryant, donating toiletries, clothes and other items and providing trailers to move her belongings. Family worked with her to sort through the charred debris.

Nina talked about the support she’s had from the community as a whole. She recalled folks from across the neighborhood, including faces she didn’t recognize, arrived to help in the aftermath.

During an interview Nov. 20, the children and Nina talked about cracking a few jokes in the fire’s aftermath. Brenna remembered that prior to the accident Nina had been planning to do some housework.

“I said, ‘There’s no point (in) cleaning your house now,’” Brenna said, causing Nina to erupt in laughter.

Keshia talked about her children’s heroics that day. She’s proud of how they acted without hesitation.

“I think the fact they didn’t even think twice ... they just bolted to help because they have so much love for Nina,” she said. “The danger, it didn’t even cross their minds.”

And although Nina now lives about 20 minutes away, she still continues to visit and care for them as needed.

“If they need anything, they know where to come,” she added.



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Intersection crash

A Minnesota man was arrested after crashing into a semi at the intersection of Indiana 26 and county road 200 West about 4:14 a.m. Wednesday.

William J. Rein III, 63, Two Harbors, was driving his 2022 Chevrolet Silverado south on county road 200 West. Jared T. Hart, 32, Greenville, was driving a 2019 Freightliner Cascadia semi west on the highway and crossing through the intersection. Rein told police he didn’t see the stop sign at the intersection, and he continued south, causing him to strike the semi.

Rein was preliminarily charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$1,500 bond.

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Rein’s vehicle was towed.

SERVICES

Today

Moore, Stephen: 2 p.m., Redkey Church of the Nazarene, 801 W. High St., Redkey.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Smith, Patricia: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Crump, Stephen: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday, Dec. 6

DeBolt, Miriam: 11 a.m., Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne.

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Son living best life at home

DEAR ABBY: Our 20-year-old son works full time and lives with us. He doesn't do any household chores or pay us anything, not even his car insurance (which he agreed to pay). He then moved his girlfriend in, and after that a dog, without permission. He has anxiety and depression issues, which he thinks he's treating with marijuana.

When we try to approach him about his plans for the future, helping out at home or paying ANYthing, it becomes a screaming match with him punching the walls. How do we handle this without a fight? I mean, we could kick them out, but we're afraid he'll then move to a bad neighborhood. He's angry because his friends got to go to college, yet he showed ZERO interest and didn't have the grades. Your thoughts would be appreciated. — EXASPERATED MOM IN TEXAS

DEAR MOM: Do you want your son to continue to live with you in perpetuity and not assume any responsibility for the privilege? If the answer is yes, continue doing nothing. If the answer is no, then it's time you and your husband finally assert yourselves.

Tell your son that by now he should have saved enough money from his job for a down payment on an apartment for him, his girlfriend and his dog. Give him a dead-

Dear Abby



line to move. If he has to live in a less desirable neighborhood, so be it. When he starts punching the walls, tell him to stop immediately and, if he doesn't, call the police. You will be doing all of you a favor.

P.S. Unless your son has been using marijuana with a doctor's prescription, he is breaking the law in Texas by using it to self-medicate.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 30s and have decided to lead a child-free life. I think having a kid in the current state of affairs (rising costs, social injustices, crime, global warming, etc.) is unkind and irresponsible. But I'm worried that I won't have anyone to look after me if (or when) I am immobilized due to age. What are your thoughts? — WORRIED MILLENNIAL

DEAR MILLENNIAL: Oh, I am SO glad you asked me that! Having a child hoping it will guarantee that you will have someone to care for you in your old age is not old age insurance. There are no guarantees, as anyone who has

read my column for any length of time can attest. As you grow older, it will be up to YOU to provide for your old age by consulting an attorney or a financial planner to ensure you have enough assets in place to assure you will receive the help you think you will need.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I file taxes together every year. I work, and he does as well. But when we get the tax refund, he never gives me a dime. How should I feel or what should I do about this? — STILL WAITING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR STILL WAITING: If you are working and contributing financially, then you should be entitled to some of that refund. That your husband would refuse to share with you is selfish and controlling. How should you feel? The words frustrated and angry come to mind. What is he doing with the refund money? Could he be applying it to next year's taxes? What you should "do about" it depends upon how assertive you are willing to be.

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

Sensory-friendly Santa experience slated for Dec. 13

Jayland Partners hosts its annual Christmas party next month. It's also bringing a new sensory friendly experience to the table.

Jayland Partners will provide "Quiet time with Santa" from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 13 at Bryant Wesleyan Church, 1209 S. Hendricks St. Community members are invited to join for hot cocoa, photos and gifts.

The free experience precedes Jayland Partners' party for people with special needs and their families and caregivers, with the event slated for 2 to 4 p.m. at the church. Folks are invited to join for snacks, dancing and other fun.

For more information, visit linktr.ee/jayland-partners.

Winter concert

Jay County High School Music Department's winter concert is coming up.

Jazz Band, Just Treble, Patriot Edition, Color Guard and the Patriot Band will perform at 2 p.m. Dec. 7 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School's auditorium. Admission is free. Patrons may enter through Door 8.

Also, Jay County Choral Boosters will sponsor a cookie walk starting at 1 p.m. Dec. 7.

Taking Note

Church performance

Grace Bible Church of Berne will perform "Long Foretold: the Journey of the Magi," at 10 a.m. Dec. 21.

Written by Lindsay Finley, the story traces the roots of the Christmas story farther back than the manger in Bethlehem.

The production is accompanied by a choral performance. Admission is free, and the community is invited to participate.

Learning series

Seniors have the opportunity to learn more about homebrew next month.

Josh Gibson, a Jay County High School teacher and beekeeper, will present "Buzz, Brew and Bloom Crafting" during John Jay Center for Learning's Lunch and Learn series Dec. 4. The event starts with lunch at 11:30 a.m. with Gibson's presentation to follow.

Reservations are \$5 for seniors 55 years old and older.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

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

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank 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 COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30

to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based 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) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — 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) 729-7000.

Wednesday

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

Sudoku

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

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



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To the editor:
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Letter to the Editor

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Sincerely,
Cheryl Ruiz and the Portland Evening Optimist Club

Find strength in Indigenous solidarity

By **NANCY KELSEY**
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Tribune News Service

As we near the end of November, I want to take a moment to focus on Native American Heritage Month and some recent experiences for which I am really grateful.

I have shared in this column many times before about how my grandmother's and father's experiences in American Indian boarding schools have rippled through my family's history in ways we are aware and likely still unaware. I am a born-and-raised Clevelander, a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on my dad's side and Salvadoran on my mother's side.

For those unfamiliar, Native children were ripped from their communities and cultures and placed in schools across the U.S. and Canada, sometimes thousands of miles away. These institutions were aimed at assimilating Indigenous children by killing their languages, cultures and ties to community. The means by which these schools tried to achieve this goal have been well-documented by survivors and include violence, murder, sexual abuse and a slew of other horrors - many times at the hands of clergy.

This year, I have had a few really transformational experiences with Indigenous Peoples that make me lament how much has been lost, culturally and spiritually for my family. But, perhaps more importantly, these experiences have inspired me to seek out and rebuild in order to honor my ancestors' sacrifices and struggle.

Just a few weeks ago, I spent time with other Indigenous Peoples from around the world on the homelands of the Cahuilla People in Southern California. It was part of a work-related visit on behalf of the Wayfinders Circle, a global group of Indigenous Peoples building solidarity and mutual support by coming together and sharing experiences.

I learned so much about the Cahuilla and other California tribes, as well as those in the group who came from Sami territory in Sweden, Arnhem lands in Northern Australia, and Heiltsuk and Blackfoot lands in North America. It was a week of sharing and learning about the similarities of

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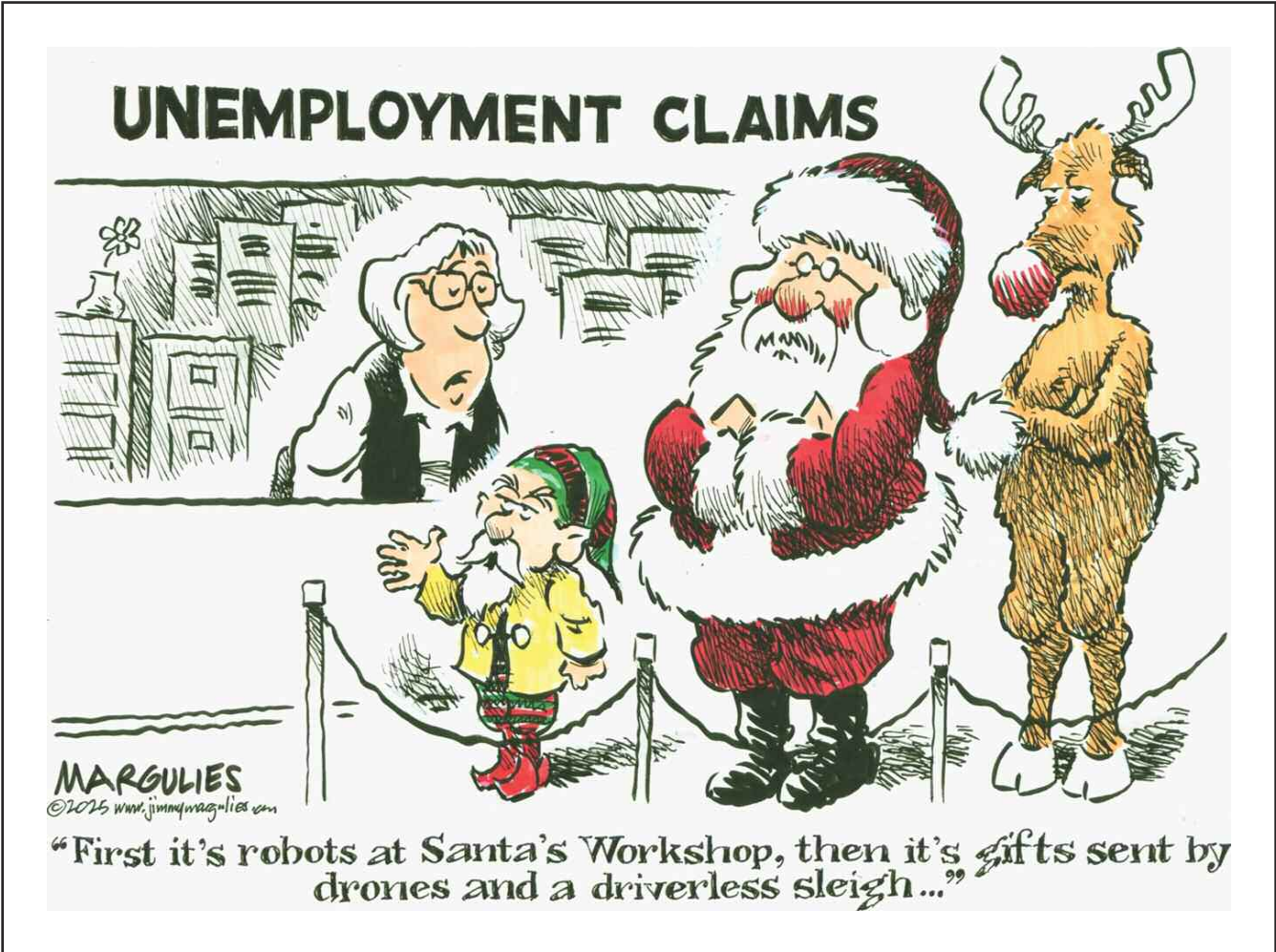
our Indigenous experiences, as well as the beautiful differences that illustrate the diversity of Indigenous Peoples. One thing that resonated with me about this group was the collective commitment to preserve their respective cultural and spiritual practices - which are often interconnected with the land - for future generations.

It reminded me of attending the U.N. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in April and walking onto the U.N. floor, where I stood shoulder to shoulder with some of the world's most incredible Indigenous leaders. The feelings I had in both of these spaces are hard to describe. There was a mix of pride, excitement, joy, awe and reverence. There was also a knowledge that alongside those of us in these spaces were our ancestors.

Closer to home, I see this work in action in the local Native community and the Lake Erie Native American Council, of which I am proud to be a board member. Their work to ensure that Native people have an active community of which to be a part along with their advocacy for Indigenous representation in Northeast Ohio is vital. It has helped me stay connected to my culture despite being faraway from my tribe's ancestral homelands.

As an urban Indigenous person, these feelings about my identity as an Indigenous woman are complex and ever-evolving. But I am grateful to be surrounded by incredible Indigenous Peoples constantly in my work. Part of me knows I have been guided to this work with Indigenous Peoples by my ancestors and all they sacrificed for me to be alive. And my gratitude is as unending as their spirits. I will forever work to ensure their sacrifice was not in vain.

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Lawmakers are in a dilemma

By **JOHN KRULL**

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Two numbers explain the intensity of the struggle within the Republican Party over President Donald Trump's frenzied campaign to further gerrymander red states.

The numbers come from a recent Gallup poll that asked Americans for whom they would vote for seats in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives if the 2026 election were held today, a generic Democrat or a generic Republican.

The results could not have been gratifying for the GOP faithful—55% Democrat, 41% Republican.

That's the widest gap recorded in at least 50 years.

If Republicans are inclined to think of the poll as an outlier with results that do not reflect the actual mood of the country, they only need to consult the results of the just-concluded off-year elections in early November. While the high-profile gubernatorial races in New Jersey and Virginia—both blowout triumphs for not particularly inspiring Democratic candidates—commanded most of the nation's attention, the more worrisome results for the GOP occurred in less-noticed places.

In Republican bastions such as Georgia and Mississippi, Democrats registered huge gains. In Mississippi—a state even redder than Indiana—Republicans lost their supermajority status in the state legislature.

That has been reflected here in the Hoosier state. Internal Republican polls, I'm told, reveal that Indiana Gov. Mike Braun has a 26% approval rating. Trump, who captured just under 59% of Hoosiers' votes in the 2024 presidential election, also now is polling at well under 50% in Indiana.

Perhaps that's why one veteran GOP political professional told me privately that he thought—no, he feared—Republicans were headed for a bigger drubbing at the polls in

John Krull



2026 than they experienced in 1974, when anger and fatigue over the Watergate scandal and President Richard Nixon's ignominious departure from the White House shattered the party's prospects.

"We're going to get thumped and thumped hard," he confided.

Democrats may want to interpret this as a vote of confidence in them and their policies, but the truth is that they have little to do with this reversal of fortune. Voters are turning to them in weariness and frustration, not because any particular Democratic leader or policy has spoken to or inspired them.

No, the responsibility for this sudden and steep decline resides exclusively with Republicans themselves.

Particularly, the leader they so slavishly follow.

President Donald Trump.

Americans turned to Trump and the GOP last year because they were dismayed by former President Joe Biden's seeming obliviousness to their distresses, most notably their rising concern over inflation.

Trump secured a second chance with voters because he vowed to bring prices under control. He said he would put an end to their misery.

But he didn't.

Instead, on the rare occasions when he's focused on public policy, Trump has pursued initiatives—scattershot tariffs, etc.—that have increased prices even more.

Most of his time, though, he's devoted to pursuing personal vendettas and his own private agendas. The message to the people who voted for him is that the interests Donald

Trump is concerned about are his own.

Hence, the GOP's plummeting poll numbers.

Because Trump is savvy enough to know that, under existing conditions, his prospects of winning a fair fight at the ballot box are small, his only option is to try to rig the game. That's why he's been so focused on his unprecedented campaign to redraw congressional maps in the middle of the census cycle.

But this puts Republicans in a pickle.

Public support for altering the maps outside the cycle—particularly for such naked partisan reasons—is as popular with voters as the flu. Even in heavily Republican districts in Indiana, opposition to the president's Congress-packing plan is fierce.

Donald Trump won't be on a ballot again. He doesn't have to fear the wrath of voters he's battling to disenfranchise.

But the Republican Indiana lawmakers he's squeezing to rig the game in his favor will have to face the voters again—and soon. If Hoosiers are angry about the president's attempts to evade both responsibility for his own actions and accountability for ignoring their wishes, they will take their anger out on their local lawmaker.

Not Donald Trump.

That's why Republicans in the Indiana General Assembly have gone through such gyrations over whether to have a special session to deal with redistributing.

Their president has put them in a classic dilemma.

Damned if they do.
Damned if they don't.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: STINGING INSECTS THAT LOOK AS THOUGH THEY'RE TRIPPING WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TO WALK: STUMBLE-BEES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals H

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to men's health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = N)

A. 10 14 19
Clue: Male adult

B. 8 23 6 18 23 11
Clue: Physician

C. 6 25 15 6 22 13 7
Clue: Health exam

D. 7 11 15 3 15 19 18 1 23 19
Clue: Stop something from happening

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to men's health.

S P T T R O E A

GUESS WHO?

I am a music producer born in Louisiana on November 26, 1975. I began my career as a Florida radio DJ in the 1990s. In 2008, I won the DJ of the Year Award at the Ozone Awards. I collaborated with Lil Wayne on one of my songs.



World FACT:

This country celebrates Thanksgiving in October.

How they say that in...

English: Turkey
Spanish: Pavo
Italian: Tacchino
French: Dindon
German: Truthahn

What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A

B

Answers: 1. Garnish missing from stuffing 2. Extra cranberries 3. Missing knife 4. Pie in place of

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

NOV 25

1833: A massive undersea earthquake rocks Sumatra.

1918: Albert Einstein presents the field equations of general relativity.

1963: The state funeral of John F. Kennedy takes place and the President is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

NEW WORD

GRATITUDE

the quality of being thankful

MEN'S HEALTH WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ALCOHOL
ANDROPAUSE
ANTIGEN
BALDNESS
CARDIOVASCULAR
CHOLESTEROL
DIABETES
HEALTH
HYPERTENSION
INFERTILITY
LIBIDO
MENTAL HEALTH
MUSCLE
OBESITY
PHYSICAL
PROSTATE
SCREENING
SLEEP APNEA
SMOKING
TESTICULAR CANCER
TESTOSTERONE
WORKOUT

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Pear choice

5 Creep

9 Energy

12 Sweet sandwich

13 Concept

14 Glacial

15 Tropical tree

16 Try out

17 Sailor

18 Poetry contest

19 Compass dir.

20 Movie

21 Flamenco cry

23 "The Matrix" hero

25 "Ozark" star

28 Texas city

32 Decree

33 Cato's 1503

34 Full chromosome set

36 Come back

37 Floral ring

38 Buckeyes' sch.

39 Fireplace fuel

42 Baseball execs

44 Boxing arbiters

48 "Let me think ..."

49 Yonder thing

50 Swiss-born painter

51 Chef

52 To be, in Paris

53 "En-chanted" girl in a 2004 movie

54 Calif. wine

55 Color worker

56 Holler

DOWN

1 Conks on the head

2 Spoken

3 Actress Ward

4 It might be caught in winter

5 Small bus

6 Paradise

7 Transmit again

8 Dennings of

9 Tubular pasta

10 Optimist's credo

11 Burning heap

20 Complete with-

drawal (or

a Thanks-giving leftover)

22 "I'll handle it"

24 Chair designer Charles

25 Race segment

26 Chem-ical suffix

27 French diarist

29 Lucy of "Kill Bill"

30 Football filler

31 Fall from grace

35 Four-score

36 List

39 Brainiac

40 Hotel chain

41 Muscat's land

43 Stallion's mate

45 Vogue rival

46 Toppled

47 Navy com-mando

49 Slugger Williams

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 11-29

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14

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18 19 20

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25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47

48 49 50

51 52 53

54 55 56

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The pressure principle

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A K

♥ 4 3

♦ Q J 6 4 3 2

♣ A K 6

WEST

♦ Q J 10 8 5 4

♥ 6

♦ A K 10 9 7

♣ 9

EAST

♥ 7 2

♦ 8 7 5 2

♦ 5

♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

SOUTH

♦ 9 6 3

♥ A K Q J 10 9

♦ 8

♣ Q 10 3

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♦ Pass 4 ♥ Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Jan Wohlin of Sweden specializes in composing problems for both the amateur and expert. Here's one that should prove interesting regardless of where you rank as a player.

Assume you're in six hearts and West leads the king of diamonds followed by a spade to dummy's king. You ruff a diamond at trick three, and East discards a spade. How would you continue?

Even if you don't look at the East-

West hands, you already know from the bidding that you can't make the slam by ruffing a spade in dummy. You also know, after East's spade discard at trick three, that West started with five diamonds headed by the A-K, which means dummy's diamonds can't be established.

Nevertheless, the contract can be made by developing a squeeze against West. After ruffing the diamond, you play four rounds of trump and then cash the A-Q of clubs, producing this position:

North

♦ A

♦ Q J

♦ K

West

♦ Q J

♦ A 10

East

♣ J 8 7 5

South

♦ 9 6

♥ 10

♦ 10

When you now lead the ten of clubs to dummy's king, West has no answer. If he discards a spade, you cash the ace of spades and take the last two tricks with the heart ten and spade nine; if he discards a diamond, you ruff the jack of diamonds and score the last two tricks with the spade ace and diamond queen.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ K Q J 9

♥ A 6

♦ 7 4

♣ A Q 7 5 2

WEST

♦ 6 4

♥ 10 3

♦ A 10 9 6 2

♣ K 10 9 8

EAST

♦ 8 7 5 2

♥ 9 5 4 2

♦ J 5 3

♣ 4 3

SOUTH

♦ A 10 3

♥ K Q J 8 7

♦ K Q 8

♣ J 6

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass Pass

2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 NT Pass 6 NT

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

This celebrated hand occurred in the Spingold team championship played in Miami Beach in 1958. It features a brilliant defensive play by Sidney Lazard, which contributed greatly to his team's victory that year.

At the first table, Lazard's teammates were North-South and reached six notrump on the bid-

ding shown. South won the heart lead with the ace, cashed three more hearts, crossed to the jack of spades and led a diamond to the king, losing to West's ace. Declarer later took a winning club finesse to make the slam for a score of 990 points.

At the second table, where Lazard sat West, the bidding went:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass Pass

3 NT Pass 6 NT

At this table, West also led a heart. Declarer put up dummy's ace, came to his hand with a heart and returned to dummy with a spade. He then led a diamond to the king, but Lazard, smooth as silk, followed with the deuce!

With 11 tricks already assured and the ace of diamonds apparently situated on his right, declarer saw no reason to risk a club finesse for his 12th trick.

So, he played the ace and another spade and then led another diamond toward his hand. Lazard took the queen with the ace and returned a diamond to East's jack, and South went down one for a combined loss of 1,040 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: Killing two birds with one stone.

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Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Cranberry sauce

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 — Major

5 — Joyous

8 — VNC

12 — Jn

13 — charged

14 — Tame

15 — Up

16 — En

17 — En

18 — En

20 — Why

22 — End

24 — Alen

25 — Vaggon

28 — To

29 — En

30 — En

32 — En

34 — En

36 — To

38 — En

40 — En

42 — En

44 — En

46 — En

48 — En

50 — En

52 — En

54 — En

56 — En

DOWN

3 — En

4 — En

5 — En

6 — En

7 — En

8 — En

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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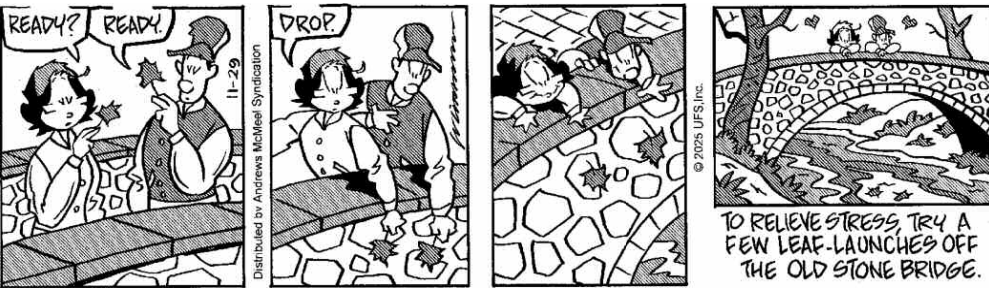
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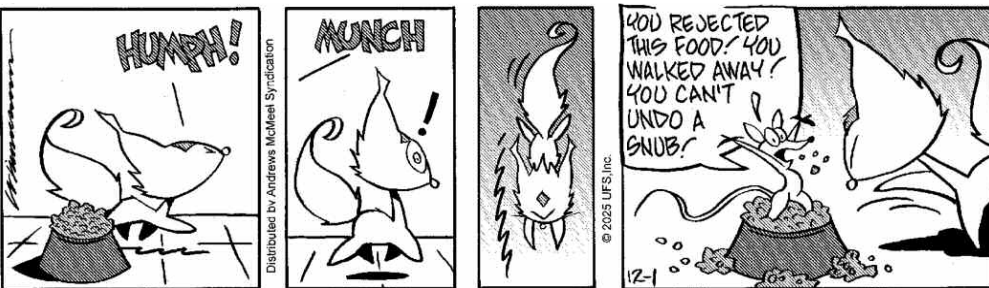
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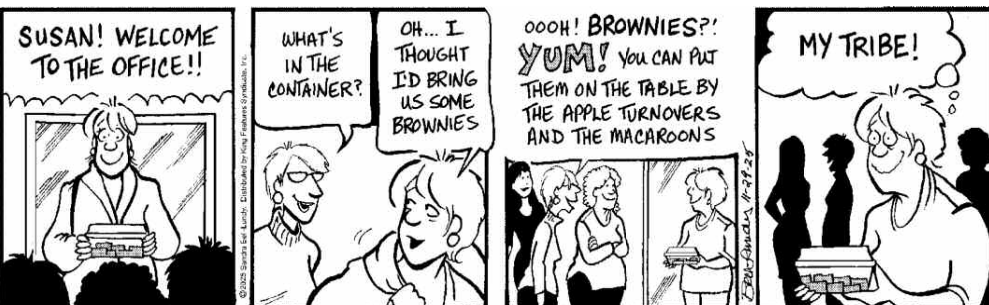
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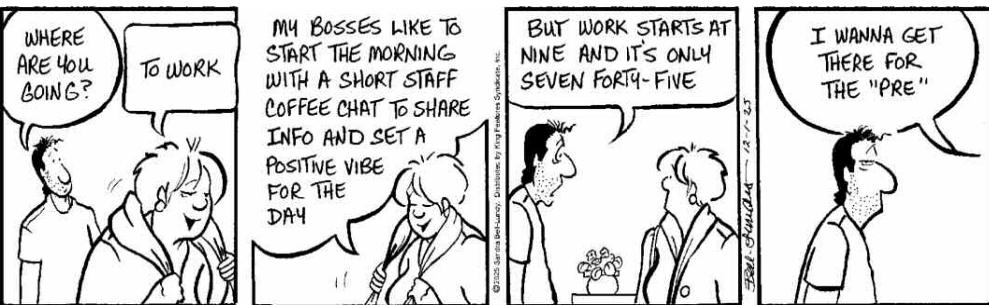
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Between Friends



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Blondie



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Snuffy Smith



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Petitioner
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mailing address is: Dunkirk,
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Comer's zoro defense held Tribe girls to 29 points in loss



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Cameron Muhlenkamp of Fort Recovery High School drives past Mississinawa Valley's Brooklynn Seubert during the first quarter of the Indians' 46-29 loss Friday. Muhlenkamp scored 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting, but FRHS struggled offensively overall as it shot just 27% and 1-of-20 from long distance.

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Madie Schoenlein took a pass from Makenna Huelskamp at the 1:20 mark of the second quarter and hit a 3-pointer.

It was the Indians' first made triple of the game after 13 consecutive misses.

They would not make another.

Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team struggled from long distance Friday and mostly could not find good looks in the paint against the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks as it fell 46-29.

"We tried to hit threes in the first quarter for sure," said FRHS coach Tyler Deitsch. "We were very unsuccessful there. ... We knew if we could hit threes early on, that would be big for us. We knew that this zone was coming, knew that we'd have to be able to shoot out of it, try to get inside-out looks.

"And we got I mean, we got open looks, we got open shots, and they just weren't falling. We were kind of rushed, didn't really have our feet where they needed to be."

Schoenlein's 3-pointer — her only points of the game — and a steal and layup by Cameron Muhlenkamp got the Indians (0-2) within 12 at the half before the deficit quickly pushed back to 17.

Fort Recovery had its best spurt over a three-minute stretch of the third quarter when Bridget Homan and Muhlenkamp were able to force their way inside. Muhlenkamp started the run with a strong post move midway through the period, Homan scored once in the post and hit three free throws, and Huelskamp had a put-back hoop as the Indians pulled to within eight.

However, a Paige Emrick 3-pointer and a hoop from Brooklynn Seubert pushed the Blackhawks (2-1) back ahead by 14 at the quarter break and neither team had much offensive success in the final eight minutes.

Emrick, Mississinawa Valley's senior point guard, had her best game of the young season with 13 points and four assists. She helped steady her team when Seubert (nine points) was on the bench with foul trouble.

"Tonight was her best night," said MVHS coach Kirk Comer. "She did a good job. ... She played with more confidence."

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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Girls basketball at Woodlan — 12 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Richmond — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Richmond — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys bowling vs. Mississinawa Valley at Union City — 10 a.m.; Girls bowling vs. Mississinawa Valley at Union City — 10 a.m.; Boys basketball at Jefferson — 5 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 9 a.m.

Monday

Jay County — Freshman boys basketball vs. Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Driver — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Driver — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Freshman boys basketball at Jay County — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at St. John's — 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Girls basketball at Northeastern — 6 p.m.; Swim vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Grils wrestling vs. Centerville — 6:30 p.m.; Boys wrestling vs. Centerville — 6:30 p.m.; Junior

high boys basketball at Belmont — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Belmont — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Swim in quad-meet at Greenville YMCA — 6 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. St. John's — 5:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today

9 a.m. — Formula 1 racing: Qatar Grand Prix (ESPN2)

10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Brentford at Burnley (USA)

Noon — College football: Ohio State at Michigan (FOX); Miami at Pittsburgh (ABC); Houston at Baylor (TNT); Colorado at Kansas State (FS1); Texas Tech at West Virginia (ESPN)

Noon — College basketball: Bethune-Cookman at Indiana (BTN)

12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Everton at Newcastle United (USA)

1 p.m. — College football: UCF at BYU (ESPN2)

2 p.m. — Grambling State at Southern (NBC)

3 p.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Fulham (USA)

3:30 p.m. — College football: LSU at Oklahoma (ABC); Vanderbilt at Tennessee (ESPN); at

Washington (CBS); Wisconsin at Minnesota (FS1); Penn State at Rutgers (BTN); Cincinnati at TCU (FOX)

3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. Bonaventure at Florida Atlantic (ESPN2)

4:30 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Florida (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — College football: Maryland at Michigan State (FS1); Virginia Tech at Virginia (NBC)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Alabama at Auburn (ABC); UCLA at USC (NBC); Northwestern at Illinois (FOX)

8 p.m. — College football: SMU at California (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Milwaukee Bucks (CBS)

10:30 p.m. — College football: Notre Dame at Stanford (ESPN); Fresno State at San Jose State (FS1)

Sunday

7 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Crystal Palace at Manchester United (USA)

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11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Aresenal FC (USA)

Noon — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)

1 p.m. — NFL football: Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts (CBS)

1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Fairfield at Iowa (BTN)

1 p.m. — College wrestling: Iowa State at Iowa (ESPN)

2:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Connecticut at Xavier (FS1)

3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Saint Peter's at Rutgers (BTN)

3:40 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Tennessee at UCLA (FS1)

4 p.m. — NFL football: Buffalo Bills at Pittsburgh Steelers (CBS); Minnesota Vikings at Seattle Seahawks (FOX)

8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Denver Broncos at Washington Commanders (NBC)

Monday

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Temple at Villanova (FS1)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (FSDN Indiana)

7 p.m. — Women's soccer: International friendly — United States at Italy (TBS)

8:15 p.m. — NFL football: New York Giants at New England Patriots (ESPN)

Tuesday

2:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Fulham at Manchester City (USA)

5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Connecticut at South Florida (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Campbell at Penn State (BTN)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: East Tennessee State at Dayton (CBS); Tennessee at Syracuse (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Florida at Duke (ESPN)

8 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics (NBC)

8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wagner at Maryland (BTN); Purdue at Rutgers (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Connecticut at Kansas (ESPN2)

9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: North Carolina at Kentucky (ESPN)

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11 p.m. — NBA basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Golden State Warriors (NBC)

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It was the Blackhawks' defense, though, that was their calling card. Running their Zorro zone, they mostly kept Homan and Muhlenkamp out of the paint. Fort Recovery, meanwhile, was unable to hit shots from the outside to open up the zone as it finished 1-of-20 from 3-point range.

It was the second strong defensive effort in a row for Mississinawa Valley, which beat Dixie 60-18 on Tuesday.

"We made some adjustments," said Comer. "They were getting a lot of threes in the first half because they got it in the middle and they kicked it back out, they just didn't make it. ... But we switched some things on defense on our Zorro and did it the way we're supposed to and did a better job of keeping the ball out of the middle."

The Indians never led, falling behind 10-2 early and giving up the first seven points of the second quarter. They were down 27-10 before Schoenlein's triple helped close the gap late in the opening half.

"Another slow start for us, which definitely hurt," said Deitsch. "Having to dig yourself out of a 12-, 13-point hole early in the first half is never a recipe for success. But we definitely learned a lot of things again tonight. We learned that when our defense plays well, that's when our team's at its best. So that'll definitely be something that we'll look to shore up and kind of lean on and continue to develop."

Only Muhlenkamp reached double figures for the Indians as she finished with an efficient 10

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— Tyler Deitch, FRHS girls basketball coach

points on 5-of-7 (71%) shooting. The rest of the squad combined to hit for just 18%.

Homan followed with nine points and Huelskamp had six points to go along with her team highs of 10 rebounds and three assists.

Junior varsity

Fort Recovery did the bulk of its work in the opening quarter as it rolled to a 43-25 victory.

The Indians scored almost as many points (23) in the first quarter as Mississinawa Valley did for the entire game. Kendall Ranly had six of her game-high 14 points in the opening period while Hope Evers tallied six of her 11. Four other Indians also put points on the board in the opening seven minutes.

Paisley Hart scored five points, and Brooke Bihn and Brynn Huntsman each had four.

Cassidy Seubert's seven points paced Mississinawa Valley.

Box score				
Fort Recovery Indians vs. Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks				
Girls varsity summary				
Mississinawa Valley (2-1)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Woodbury	2-4	0-0	4	
MHoggatt	3-7	0-0	8	
Reichard	0-1	0-0	0	
Rodeheffer	2-3	0-0	4	
CSeubert	2-4	0-0	4	
CHoggatt	2-2	0-0	4	
Emrick	4-13	3-4	14	
BSeubert	4-14	0-2	9	
Totals	19-48	3-6	46	
	.396	.500		
Def. Rebound percentage: .625				
Fort Recovery (0-2)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Muhlenkmp	5-7	0-0	10	
Gaerke	0-2	1-2	1	
Evers	0-0	0-0	0	
Hart	0-5	0-0	0	
Schoenlein	1-4	0-0	3	
Bihn	0-0	0-0	0	
Tobe	0-1	0-0	0	
Huelskamp	3-13	0-0	6	
Homan	3-13	3-3	9	
Schmitz	0-0	0-0	0	
Totals	12-45	4-5	29	
	.267	.800		
Def. Rebound percentage: .531				
Score by quarters:				
MVHS	12	15	12	7 — 46
Ft. Rec.	6	9	10	4 — 29
3-point shooting: Mississinawa Valley 5-18 (MHoggatt 2-5, Emrick 2-7, Seubert 1-3, Woodbury 0-2, Seubert 0-1). Fort Recovery 1-20 (Schoenlein 1-4, Huelskamp 0-10, Homan 0-3, Gaerke 0-2, Tobe 0-1).				
Rebounds: Mississinawa Valley 35 (Woodbury 7, Emrick 6, MHoggatt 5, CSeubert 4, CHoggatt 4, BSeubert 4, team 4, Reichard). Fort Recovery 29 (Huelskamp 10, Muhlenkamp 5, Hart 5, Homan 3, team 3, Gaerke, Schoenlein, Schmitz).				
Assists: Mississinawa Valley Emrick 4, Woodbury 2, MHoggatt 2, Reichard 2). Fort Recovery 6 (Huelskamp 3, Muhlenkamp, Hart, Tobe).				
Blocks: Mississinawa Valley BSeubert 2, Rodeheffer). Fort Recovery 2 (Homan 2).				
Personal fouls: Mississinawa Valley 9 (BSeuber 4, Woodbury 2, Emrick 2, Rodeheffer). Fort Recovery 11 (Homan 4, Gaerke 2, Hart 2, Huelskamp 2, Muhlenkamp).				
Turnovers: Mississinawa Valley 16. Fort Recovery 17.				



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Fort Recovery's Bridget Homan starts to fire up a 3-pointer during the first quarter Friday against Mississinawa Valley. Homan scored nine points as the Indians dropped to 0-2.

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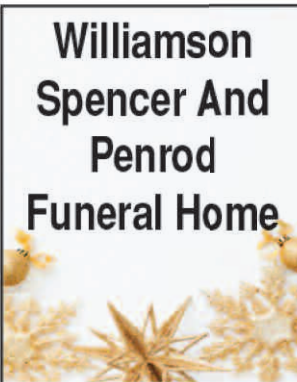
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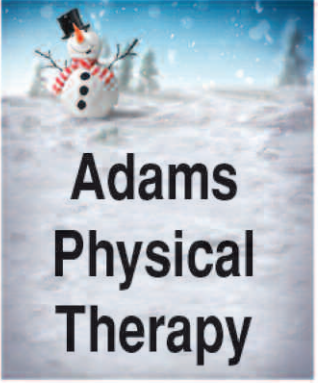
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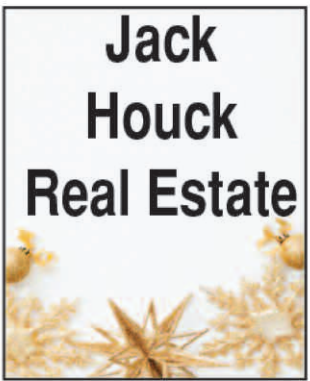
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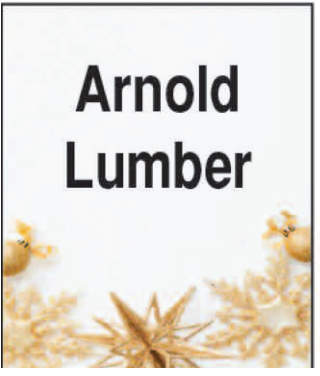
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