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## Festive music

It was a busy weekend of holiday performances with the Jay County High School band and choir Christmas concert on Sunday afternoon and the Fort Recovery Local Schools Christmas band concert in the evening. Pictured above, members of the Jay County High School show choir sing during Sunday's concert. At right, members of the Fort Recovery High School band's saxophone section are adorned in Christmas attire during their performance Sunday evening.



## No accord reached

*Zelenskyy says negotiators are still divided*

**By DARYNA KRASNOLUTSKA and OLESIA SAFRONOVA**  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said negotiators discussing a U.S.-brokered peace initiative remain divided over territory as President Donald Trump expressed disappointment in Kyiv's handling of the deal.

Elements of the U.S. plan require further discussion on a number of "sensitive issues," including security guarantees for the war-battered nation and control over eastern regions, Zelenskyy said in a phone interview. The Ukrainian leader said talks have yet to yield agreement on Ukraine's Donbas, including the provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk.

"There are visions of the U.S., Russia and Ukraine — and we don't have a unified view on Donbas," Zelenskyy told Bloomberg News early Monday before his

departure to London to meet leaders of the U.K., Germany and France. He said Kyiv is pushing for a separate agreement on security guarantees from Western allies, above all the U.S.

Zelenskyy spoke hours after Trump criticized him — in contrast with comments in recent days about President Vladimir Putin's reaction to the proposal — saying he was "a little bit disappointed" in the Ukrainian leader, who he claimed hadn't yet read the proposal. Moscow, on the other hand, was "fine with it," Trump told reporters in Washington on Sunday.

Zelenskyy said the talks were "long and difficult, but they are not confrontational." Still, his comments signal that more ground needed to be covered to reach consensus. The U.S. said on Friday that negotiators had locked in an agreement with Kyiv on a "framework of security arrangements" and discussed what was needed to prevent another attack, though there was little indication of a major breakthrough.

The Ukrainian president, who said he's prepared to fly to Washington for talks with Trump, reinforced Kyiv's position that security guarantees function like NATO's mutual-defense mechanism, known as Article 5. But he wants to know what Western allies were prepared to offer, he said, with negotiators working on a separate accord involving the guarantees.

See **Accord** page 2



Photo provided

## Secret wrapping

Volunteers gathered to wrap gifts Saturday in the Bulp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds for Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County. The organization held its 10th event, purchasing, wrapping and delivering gifts to about 150 families.

## County approves training contract

*Language adds option for recouping academy costs*

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review

State legislation enacted in July allows public departments to recoup training fees from another public agency if it hires an officer before their commitment is up.

Jay County Sheriff's Office has now baked that legislation into its reimbursement agreement with officers moving forward.

Jay County Commissioners approved a contract Monday between Jay County Sheriff's Office and Nicholas Miller.

Since September 2021, the department has been entering into reimbursement agreements with officers attending Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Per the contract, the department agrees to pay for the employee's expenses — the cost is nearly \$92,000 — to attend the training. Employees are required to work for the department in return to recoup the cost of their time at the academy. The reimbursement amount decreases over time and is eliminated after three years.

Jay County Sheriff's Office has had issues in the past with officers leaving to work for other public employers before their three-year commitment is complete. Senate Enrolled Act 95, which went into effect in July, allows public agencies including Jay County Sheriff's Office to seek reimbursement for employing and training a law enforcement officer if the officer voluntarily leaves and begins working for another public agency before their three-year commitment is up.

See **Contract** page 2

### Deaths

**Linda Clevenger**, 82,  
Dunkirk  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 38 Sunday. The low was 24.

Rain is expected tonight with a low in the lower 30s and winds gusting to 35 mph. Expect snow and rain Wednesday with continued windy conditions and a high in the upper 30s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Civic Theatre has added a show to its production of the musical "Annie." There will now be a performance at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, in addition to shows at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 and 13, and 2 p.m. Dec. 14. Tickets are available at [bit.ly/JCCTAnnie](https://bit.ly/JCCTAnnie), by calling (260) 726-4809 or at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

### Coming up

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

**Thursday** — Results from the Jay County High School wrestling quad.

**Friday** — Details from this week's Jay County Council meeting.





# Obituaries

**Linda Clevenger**  
*July 13, 1943-Dec. 5, 2025*  
Linda K. Clevenger, age 82, Dunkirk, passed on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.  
Born in Portland on July 13, 1943, she grew up in Dunkirk, graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1961 and attended Ball State University as well as Earlham College.  
On July 31, 1965, she married






Carroll “Buck” Clevenger at St. Mary Catholic Church, Dunkirk. Linda and Carroll enjoyed 55 years of marriage as residents of Dunkirk.  
Linda was a bookkeeper and tax preparer for many years and at one time managed the Dunkirk H&R Block office. She also retired from Lifetouch in Muncie after several years of employment.  
Linda was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in

Dunkirk and in earlier years was a Girl Scout leader.  
Survivors include her daughters Terri Clevenger and Cynthia Clevenger, both of Dunkirk; her twin brother Lynn Duffy, Dunkirk; sister-in-law Rose Duffy, Ellijay, Georgia; grandchild Kori Clevenger, Dunkirk; and her many nieces and nephews.  
She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Carroll “Buck” Clevenger who died

in 2021; parents James H. and Rosalie V. (McCombs) Duffy; brother David Duffy; and sister-in-law Linda S. Duffy.  
Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, from 1 until 3 p.m. at Meacham Funeral Service. Graveside services will follow at Dunkirk I.O.O.F. Cemetery.  
Memorials may be sent to Midwest Pet Refuge in Portland.  
Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may

be expressed at MeachamFuneralService.com.  
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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

CR almanac

Wednesday 12/10	Thursday 12/11	Friday 12/12	Saturday 12/13	Sunday 12/14
 <b>41/24</b> There's a 50% chance of rain and snow on Wednesday.	 <b>29/20</b> Thursday's forecast shows cloudy skies with a high around 29 degrees.	 <b>28/13</b> Friday looks to be snowy with a 40% chance of precipitation.	 <b>18/8</b> Chilly temperatures and cloudy skies on Saturday. The low may dip to single digits.	 <b>15/8</b> Another day of cold weather on Sunday when the low may reach 8 degrees.

Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$875 million	28-29-30-37-38-41-42-45-46-47-57-61-65-72-74-76 Cash 5: 10-13-17-22-33 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$60 million	
<b>Hoosier</b> Sunday Midday Daily Three: 5-5-3 Daily Four: 8-3-1-0 Quick Draw: 6-8-9-13-19-21-22-26-27-32-36-37-43-49-51-53-68-70-74-76 Evening Daily Three: 7-3-7 Daily Four: 8-7-6-0 Quick Draw: 1-3-11-14	<b>Ohio</b> Sunday Midday Pick 3: 1-5-6 Pick 4: 7-3-7-3 Pick 5: 7-7-8-6-4 Evening Pick 3: 9-3-6 Pick 4: 2-7-8-8 Pick 5: 1-8-4-1-0 Rolling Cash 5: 5-6-25-26-32 Estimated jackpot: \$340,000

Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.65 Jan. corn .....4.58 Feb. corn .....4.60	Jan. beans .....11.86 Wheat .....4.90
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.60 Jan. corn .....4.52 Feb. corn .....4.47	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.38 Jan. corn .....4.39 Beans .....10.83 Jan. beans .....10.86 Wheat .....5.05
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.48 Jan. corn .....4.48 Beans .....11.83	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.48 Jan. corn .....4.48 Beans .....10.53 Jan. beans .....10.58 Wheat .....4.80

Today in history

**In 1768**, the first edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica was published in Edinburgh, Scotland.

**In 1824**, Antonio Jose de Sucre of Venezuela led a revolutionary force to victory over Spain in the Battle of Ayacucho. It led to Peru being freed during the Latin-American wars of independence.

**In 1851**, the first YMCA in North America opened in Montreal after being founded earlier that year in London.

**In 1868**, the world's first traffic light was installed near Westminster Bridge in London. (It was removed a month later after one of its lights exploded because of a gas leak.)

**In 1906**, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt became the first Ameri-

can to win a Nobel Prize, earning the Peace Prize for negotiating the end of the Russo-Japanese War.

**In 1965**, “A Charlie Brown Christmas” premiered on CBS, introducing the now-iconic Peanuts holiday special.

**In 1990**, labor leader Lech Walesa won Poland's first direct presidential election. He earned 10.6 million votes compared to the 3,680,000 for Stanislaw Tyminski. Walesa had led the country's first independent labor union.

**In 2010**, Jay County Democrats selected Debbie James to take over as Redkey clerk-treasurer following the retirement of Sandy Kirby, who had announced her plans to step aside the previous month.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire department, 302 N. Walnut St.	small conference room, Wells County Public Library, 200 W. Washington St., Bluffton. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, first floor	<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

# Local/World

## Paramount makes hostile bid

**By CHRISTOPHER PALMERI**  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service  
The fight over the future of Hollywood just got nastier.  
Paramount Skydance Corp. launched a hostile takeover bid for Warner Bros. Discovery Inc. at \$30 a share in cash on Monday, just days after the company agreed to a deal with Netflix Inc.  
The bid tops Netflix's offer of \$27.75 in cash and stock. Paramount's offer is for the entirety of Warner Bros., while Netflix is only interested in the Hollywood studios and streaming business.  
“WBD shareholders

deserve an opportunity to consider our superior all-cash offer for their shares in the entire company,” Paramount CEO David Ellison said in a statement on Monday. “Our public offer, which is on the same terms we provided to the Warner Bros. Discovery Board of Directors in private, provides superior value, and a more certain and quicker path to completion.”  
Paramount, the parent of CBS, MTV and other media businesses, instigated the battle several months ago when it made multiple offers for Warner Bros. The company decided to put itself up for sale in October and received sever-

al rounds of bids from Netflix and Comcast Corp.  
Under terms of the Dec. 5 deal announced with Netflix, Warner Bros. will continue with plans to spin off its cable TV networks, including CNN, TNT and Discovery Channels, before the planned merger closes.  
Paramount had privately argued that its \$30 a share offer was greater than Netflix's, although that depends on the value investors place on the shares they receive in the spin off. The company said Monday its offer for the entirety of Warner Bros. gives shareholders \$18 billion more in cash than the Netflix bid. Paramount

has also argued that its transaction is more likely to be approved by regulators because Netflix has a much larger share of the streaming TV market than Paramount+.  
“We're really here to finish what we started,” Ellison said, speaking on CNBC.  
When asked about the deal on Sunday, President Donald Trump said the Netflix transaction will “go through a process” and that “it is a big market share. It could be a problem.”  
If Warner Bros. does break its current agreement it will be required to pay Netflix a \$2.8 billion fee.

## Contract ...

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That training cost would be left up to the new employer to pay back to the sheriff's office, explained Newton.  
SEA 95 also allows public employers to require individuals to enter into an agreement to reimburse the employer for employment and training costs if the individual is hired by a private or governmental employer not statutorily defined as a public employer.  
The agreements are voided if respective employees don't complete their training or certification at the academy.  
Monday's reimbursement agreement with Miller includes language from the new law. Plans are moving forward to include the stipulations in future contracts with officers attending Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.  
“We really don't know how this law is going to turn out,” Newton said. “If the departments don't pay the other department fees and that, it most likely would probably have to go to court.”  
Commissioner Duane Monroe asked for clarification on the law. Newton pulled an example from a former officer employed at the sheriff's

office in 2023, saying the officer had applied to another department while in training at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He recalled the employee hadn't signed a reimbursement agreement — he was hired under previous administration, according to Newton. The sheriff's office ultimately terminated the employee.  
Newton said public agencies have been seeking officers who are fresh out of the academy in order to avoid paying training fees.  
“They're going to save money, we're going to lose money,” he said. “So the state decided, legislation was passed through this year saying that, ‘OK, if the department wants to do that, that's fine, but you're going to have to reimburse the department that you're taking this officer away from.’”  
Commissioners president Chad Aker asked if an agreement was necessary now that SEA 95 is enacted, and Newton confirmed the county still needs to create a contract with the individual. County attorney Wes Schemenaur, who was not present for the meeting Monday, drafted the agreement.  
Aker expressed some confusion as to the need for a contract but said he

trusts Schemenaur's legal judgment. Commissioners then approved the contract.  
In other related news, commissioners Aker, Monroe and Doug Horn:  
•OK'd spending \$190,000 from the cumulative capital fund to replace three vehicles at the sheriff's office next year. Plans are to replace a 2014 Dodge Caravan, 2016 Ford Explorer and 2019 Dodge Durango with two Dodge Durangos and a truck.  
•Approved a three-year agreement with Rave Alert at \$12,342 annually for the county's notification system.  
•OK'd extending Jay County Sheriff's Office chief deputy Ben Schwartz and Jay County Jail matron Cindy Newton's accrued compensatory time through the end of March.  
•Heard from Newton and 911 director Bill Baldwin that a 911 alert application for local responders has been down and that they are working to resolve the issue. The problem doesn't impact an individual's ability to call 911 for emergencies — the application alerts emergency responders who aren't available via pager or radio.  
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*For more news from the commissioners' meeting, see Wednesday's newspaper.*

## Accord ...

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“There is one question I — and all Ukrainians — want to get an answer to: if Russia again starts a war, what will our partners do,” Zelenskyy said.  
The Ukrainian leader arrived in London Monday to discuss the U.S. proposal in a meeting with Prime Minister Keir Starmer, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and

French President Emmanuel Macron. Zelenskyy said his country needed unity between its main allies to secure an agreement.  
“There are some things which we can't manage without Americans,” as well as some “things which couldn't manage without Europe,” Zelenskyy said in Downing Street at the start of the

four-way meeting. “That's why we need to make some important decisions.”  
Ukraine's European allies, largely shut out of the American-led diplomacy, have bridled at an initiative viewed as leaning toward Moscow. Trump has dispatched his special envoy, Steve Witkoff, and son-in-law Jared Kushner to work over the proposal in talks in Moscow.

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Wednesday  
Clevenger, Linda: 3 p.m.,  
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# Woman resists attempts to attend church

DEAR ABBY: I'm a twice-divorced woman who has no children. I was raised by two deeply religious parents (now deceased) who attended church every Sunday and took me along. I regularly attended church until 15 years ago. At that time, my dad was dying, and I was dating a man I often had brunch and spent time with on Sundays. That man and I broke up 2 1/2 years ago.

I've recently started thinking I should start back to church. I went once about six weeks ago but haven't returned. I keep finding excuses not to go, such as I can't get up early enough on Sunday morning, or I like spending time at home with my cats, or I'm too tired after working all week, etc. I keep wondering how much of my guilt over not going is because of how I was raised, or if it's just that I think I should go.

Is it a sin not to go to church? I've never stopped believing in God, I pray and read the Bible



occasionally, and I read a daily devotion every morning. This has me so confused. Please advise. — OUT OF CHURCH IN TENNESSEE

**DEAR OUT: People attend religious services for various reasons. Some do it because it's how they were brought up or because they enjoy the sense of community and the sermon. Others do it because they want to be seen. Some churches have strict doctrine, while others are not bound to rigid dogma. In some denominations it may be considered a sin not to go. However, I don't think you should force yourself to attend a religious service for any reason other than you think you need it.**

**If you believe in God and read a daily devotion every morning, it may be enough for you.** .....

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced from “Joanna” for 30 years, but we remained friends and have two children. I met my girlfriend, “Debbie,” 20 years ago, but seven years went by before we dated. Debbie is 20 years younger than I. She wanted kids and I did not, so she moved on with another man.

After a couple years of living alone, and after the death of Joanna’s boyfriend, I allowed Joanna to rent a bedroom in my house. (I needed the money.) A few years later, Debbie and I ended up back together. Debbie wanted to move in, so she did.

Now that we have all lived together for a couple years, the only problem we have is Debbie’s attitude about Joanna, who happens to be very pleasant. (Joanna keeps to herself, in her room.) Debbie also has a bad attitude

when my kids visit. She makes them feel uncomfortable. I love Debbie, but she is making a simple life difficult for no good reason. What do you advise? — ONE OF THREE IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR ONE: Tell Debbie that Joanna is renting a room in your house because you NEED THE MONEY. Tell her that you don't like the fact that she makes your kids feel uncomfortable when they visit. Unless she can manage an immediate 180-degree attitude adjustment, she has to leave. Set a date and then stick to it.** .....

DEAR ABBY: My daughter won't allow me to have a relationship with my toddler grandson without constantly interfering. Everything is “no.” She says things like: “Don't bring him a toy every time you come over — no more toys. No TV. Don't play the (kids) music too loud. No, he cannot go outside; there are bugs or it's too hot.

Don't give him milk now. Don't give him a snack.”

I have to ask her permission for everything, and it is so stressful. When I tell her, “But you buy him toys,” she responds, “Well, I'm the mother.” It seems almost bizarrely competitive. She's exhausting. Does she have the right to disrupt my relationship with my only grandchild in this way? — CONTROLLED GRANDMA IN FLORIDA

**DEAR GRANDMA: I'm afraid she does. Not knowing your daughter, I can't explain why she is determined to prevent you from spoiling your grandson. Perhaps she fears that he will love you more than he loves her. Whatever her reason, if you want to have a relationship with that child, you are going to have to accept her “house rules.”** .....

DEAR ABBY: My son is hosting a reception for 30 guests at his home for his daughter's (my granddaughter's) wedding. It

will be a professionally catered sit-down dinner complete with a professional bartender. In your opinion, what is the protocol for tipping a bartender who will be paid handsomely by the company who employs him? The company is charging my son a steep hourly rate.

Some think it is fine for this employee to have a tip jar at the bar. Others say it would be “tacky” to expect family and friends to tip above and beyond what my son is already paying, plus tipping him privately. Please share your wisdom so we can put this unpleasant subject to rest. — ALREADY PAYING ENOUGH IN NEVADA

**DEAR ALREADY PAYING: The reception is a PRIVATE event. The bartender is being compensated (“handsomely” or not) by the company that employs him. Your son will also be tipping him. I wholeheartedly agree with the others who have told you a tip jar would be “tacky.”**

## Marriage licenses

Bonnie K. Garbacz, 55, Redkey, and Richard D. Minch, 61, Portland  
Laura L. Fortkamp, 33, Portland, and Ryan E. Jarvis, 45, Portland  
Joshua A. Darling, 44, Pen- nville, and Amanda M. Wolf, 40, Leslie, Michigan  
Tiffany N. Futrell, 32, Redkey, and David L. May, 45, Redkey  
Amanda C. Blair, 45, Portland, and Joseph L. Randall, 42, Portland  
Rosa E.S. Eicher, 24, Portland, and Jonathan L. Wickey, 22, Bryant  
Keninton O. Carcache, 25, Portland, and Rose A. Vicente Morales, 20, Portland  
Stephanie K. Crouch, 55, Dunkirk, and James D. Piper, 54, Dunkirk  
Monroe A. Girod, 20, Bryant, and Miriam N. Schwartz, 19, Pennville  
Laura A. Eicher, 20, Bryant, and Marvin S.W. Wickey, 21, Berne  
Evan J. Huffman, 27, Warren, and Kendra L. Muhlenkamp, 24, Portland  
Sergio V. Ortiz Olivar, 30, Portland, and Seyli N. Vasquez Santos, 19, Portland

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

**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 to attend. 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.  
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.  
PORTLAND EAGLES

— Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.  
JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut 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. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.  
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

**Thursday**  
SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.  
CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.  
JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.  
**Friday**  
PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.  
**Saturday**  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.  
**Sunday**  
A BETTER LIFE – 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.

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

Level: Beginner

**Saturday's Solution**

2	9	6	5	4	8	3	1	7
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4	8	1	7	3	2	9	5	6
9	7	2	3	5	4	1	6	8
5	6	3	8	2	1	7	4	9
8	1	4	9	6	7	2	3	5
6	4	8	2	7	3	5	9	1
1	2	9	6	8	5	4	7	3
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# Congress right to question orders

**New York Daily News**  
Tribune News Service

The six Democratic members of Congress, all former military or intelligence officers, were exactly right in their video saying that U.S. troops should not act dishonorably or unlawfully and the questions about a second strike on a supposed drug boat in the Caribbean which killed two survivors floating in the water clinging to the vessel's wreckage makes their point vividly real.

President Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth threw a fit over the Nov. 18 message from Sens. Mark Kelly and Elissa Slotkin and Reps. Jason Crow, Chris Deluzio, Maggie Goodlander and Chrissy Houlahan.

Trump spoke of "sedition" and that they should hang.

## Letters to the Editor

The FBI is investigating and Hegseth said that the Pentagon is considering recalling Kelly, a retired Navy captain and combat aviator and astronaut, back into full-time naval service to court-martial him.

It's all hooley; while lawful orders must always be obeyed, illegal orders, like killing shipwrecked survivors, must not be obeyed. It is a crime to follow an illegal order, just as it is a crime to issue one.

Which brings into even sharper focus what happened

with the Sept. 2 attack at sea. The Washington Post reported that Hegseth issued the command to "kill them all" and that Adm. Mitch Bradley ordered a second strike that killed the two remaining survivors.

Bradley will be meeting with the leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees and House and Senate Intelligence Committees today as Congress pursues a bipartisan effort to learn the truth about what happened and if this was murder and even arguably a war crime.

When Trump and Hegseth went nuts over the Democrats' video they were demanding that the "Seditious Six" say what illegal orders have been issued. Well, maybe there was one on Sept. 2 and maybe it should not have been obeyed.

Given how obvious it is that the two men floundering in the water who were targeted posed no threat to the service members attacking them, the White House has pivoted to the absurd contention that the drugs on the sinking boat — which it has yet to present any concrete evidence for — was a clear and present threat to the safety of the American public and needed to be sent to Davy Jones' locker.

And there's also the larger issue of the U.S. blasting of the supposed drug boats, of which the Sept. 2 strike was the first. There have been more than 20 vessels sunk, with dozens of people aboard them killed. When did possession and transportation of illicit drugs now turn drug runners into enemy combatants subject to death?

Lawmakers imploring troops to remember their duty to the rules and laws of war is not and will never be inappropriate. The administration's extreme and almost certainly unlawful reaction to this simple reminder is as clear an indication that they could have given that this reminder is necessary and that they have something to hide.

Lawmakers of both parties should keep up the pressure and use their authority to bring these orders to light, and deal with the potential perpetrators accordingly, no matter how high up the chain of command it goes, including to Hegseth and Trump.

Lawful orders from superiors have to be obeyed. Illegal orders from superiors should never be obeyed.

## Workers deserve to make living wage

**By YELISA AMBRIZ**  
The Fresno Bee  
Tribune News Service

When I was 3 years old, my parents were picking Thompson grapes in the long rows of the Central Valley while I lay asleep on top of a brown raisin tray.

## Guest Opinion

worker earns an average salary of under \$20,000 a year, yet even a modestly-sized family in California requires more than that amount to cover basic living costs.

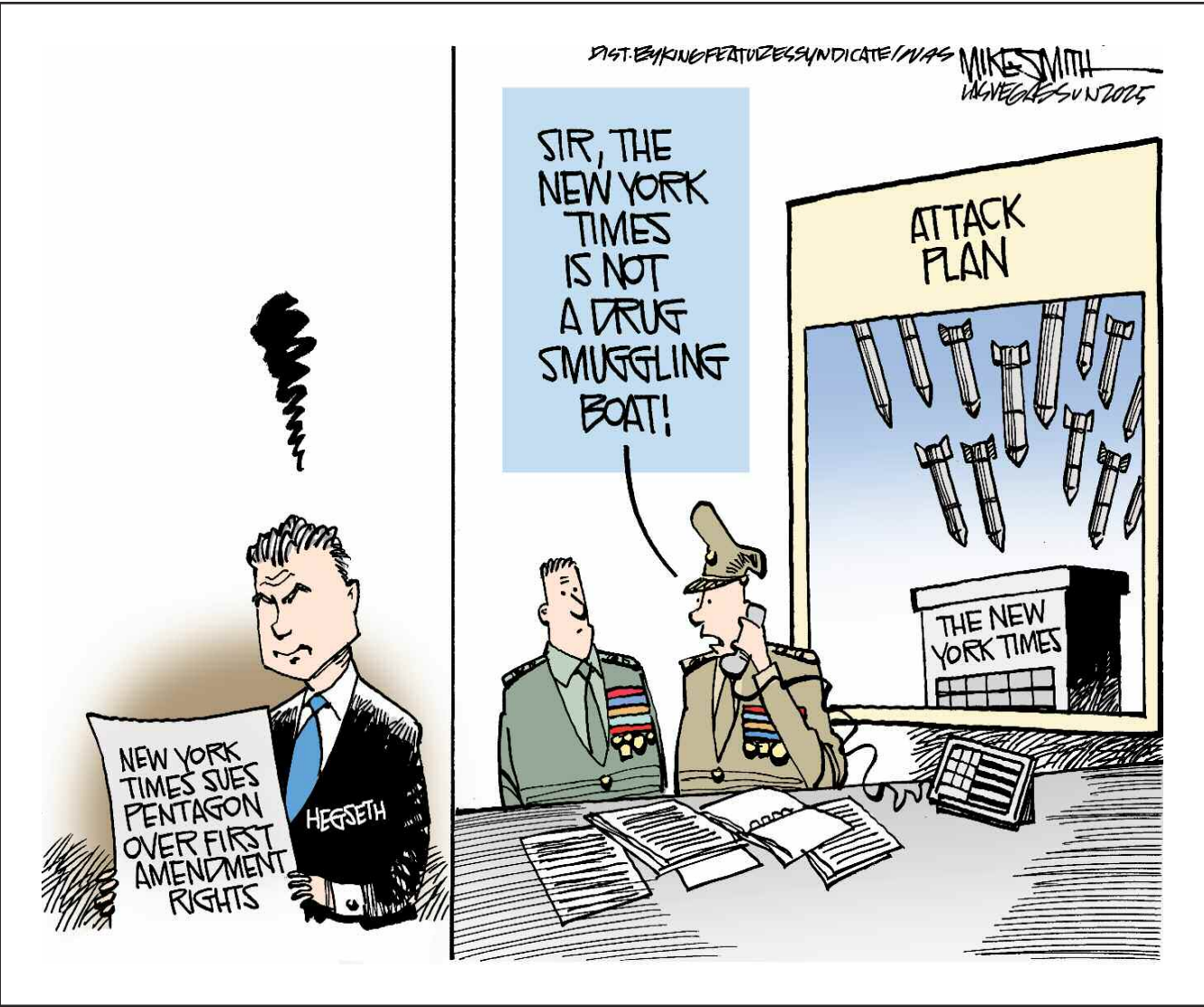
In recent years, the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy and the Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project formed Alianza Campesina de la Costa Central, which is campaigning for a fair and living wage for farmworkers, urging Santa Barbara County to raise the agricultural minimum wage to \$26 per hour to ensure farmworkers can support their families with dignity.

Providing a statewide living wage for farmworkers would change lives. It would give families financial stability, enabling them to afford safe housing, nutritious food and health care. It would recognize the essential work that farmworkers do within the agricultural industry and ensure their labor is valued fairly. And it would strengthen local economies, reducing reliance on emergency aid programs like Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

California has long led the nation on progressive policies, but it cannot claim to be a leader while those who harvest our food remain among the lowest paid workers in the state.

It is time to raise farmworker wages to a true living standard, honoring both their labor and their humanity.

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*Ambriz, a resident of Fresno, California, is the daughter of immigrant farmworkers and a master of public health student at UC Berkeley. She advocates for farmworker rights with the Central California Environmental Justice Network and at the California Farmworker Coalition.*



## Commission, awards downgraded

**By NIKI KELLY**  
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In recent years, the Indiana Commission for Women has thrown a lovely event to honor Indiana women with Torchbearer Awards.

A plated meal in a well-appointed banquet room or historical setting; women coming up on stage to be recognized for their accomplishments and efforts. It was the highlight of the commission's year.

But this year, there was no public event. No cheesecake dessert or stage or round of applause from hundreds of attendees. Instead, the five Torchbearer honorees received their awards in a private meeting in the governor's office. Reporters weren't even invited.

"We believe this format was best suited to give these exceptional women a personal audience with the governor and allow time for conversations about the important work they do," said Griffin Reid, press secretary for Gov. Mike Braun.

But it's really a part of a larger move away from highlighting women and minorities, including state contracting programs.

The commission has been around since 1992 by executive order and since 1996 by statute. Its mission is to "elevate the well-being of women in Indiana by understanding their needs and supporting their active involvement in all areas of society."

Similarly, the Torchbearer Awards were created in 2004 to celebrate the achievements of talented women across diverse industries and roles with Indiana.

*Niki Kelly*



"A Torchbearer epitomizes a trailblazer who, through her courage, resilience, and compassion, emerges as a guiding light. Leading by example, she sparks inspiration, igniting a flame that illuminates pathways for others to follow," the website says.

"Titled 'Torchbearers,' these remarkable women carry forth the torch for Indiana's women to follow. The statue of Victory atop the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Monument Circle was chosen to symbolize these awards. Victory embodies the character and achievements of our esteemed recipients, while the flame she holds aloft not only beckons other women to follow but signifies the brilliance Hoosier women have brought to our state and communities."

Before Braun took office in January, the Indiana Commission for Women had its own line item in the state budget of \$113,601 annually. That's now gone.

The women's commission is ostensibly part of the Civil Rights Commission now, which provides administrative support for the group and four other cultural commissions.

The other four, though, kept their funding line items — albeit slightly

reduced. The Civil Rights Commission also had its budget cut by lawmakers and the governor.

In addition, the Indiana Commission for Women hasn't met all year — aside from a January meeting that was scheduled before Braun took over.

Brooklyn Marrs, from the civil rights commission, said a May meeting didn't have a quorum but the executive committee met in July.

"The Indiana General Assembly did not approve an allocation for the Indiana Commission for Women for this budget biennium. There are no specific staff members assigned to the ICW, but the Indiana Civil Rights Commission team is providing administrative support.

It's a shame that we have reached a point that programs to honor or recognize women have been scuttled.

It was only 100 years ago that women were able to vote. Heck, it was 1988 when Congress eliminated the requirement that women have their husband or another man co-sign for business loans. 1988!

It seems obvious to me that women have some more progress to make before we can reach true equality, and if that means an annual public event to tout successes I'm all for it.

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# Purdue partners on national security

Purdue University has signed an agreement with Oak Ridge National Laboratory for research collaboration regarding national security.

Purdue will be part of new research opportunities to enhance national defense. Areas of focus include artificial intelligence and quantum computing.

“By combining research efforts of Purdue and Oak Ridge National Lab under this MOU, we are leveraging the strengths of two world-class research institutions for the national good,” said Purdue executive vice president for research Dan DeLaurentis in a news release. “This also further positions Indiana at the forefront of national security innovation while contributing to national defense workforce development programming by creating new opportunities for students and researchers.”

**Expanding access**

Eli Lilly and Company and Indiana University have a new agreement to expand access to clinical trials.

Lilly, an Indianapolis-based

## Business roundup

pharmaceuticals firm, and the university are expanding their partnership for clinical trial innovation, strengthening Alzheimer’s disease clinical care and research and helping develop the future scientific and clinical talent for Indiana’s life sciences sector. The five-year agreement aims to advance treatment options for Alzheimer’s disease, diabetes and cancer.

“Indiana has everything it takes to build a best-in-class system for clinical trial innovation: world-leading science, statewide health systems that reach patients where they are and a community that believes in turning discovery into better care,” said David A. Ricks, chair and CEO of Lilly, in a news release. “Our goal is to transform clinical research, advancing science and improving care for Hoosiers

while setting a standard that reaches far beyond our state.”

**Adding stores**

Dollar General announced plans Thursday to open about 450 new stores in the U.S. in 2026.

The announcement came during the company’s third-quarter earnings call. In addition to the new U.S. locations, plans call for 10 new locations in Mexico and remodeling 4,250 stores.

"Our first priority is investing in the business, including our existing store base, as well as other high-return growth opportunities such as new store expansion, remodels, and other strategic initiatives," said Donny Lau, chief financial officer at Dollar General.

**Collaborating**

NextEra Energy and Google Cloud on Monday announced an expansion of their partnership to develop new gigawatt-scale data center campuses with energy generation and capacity.

The companies “will collaborate to enhance these technological innovations and AI develop-

ments to accelerate go to market.” The partnership will include AI-enhanced field operations for NextEra and creating a more reliable and resilient power grid.

"Our partnership with Google exemplifies this very singular moment when energy and technology are becoming inextricably intertwined," said NextEra Energy chairman and CEO John Ketchum in a news release. "Together, we intend to build data center capacity and energy infrastructure at scale, advance cutting-edge technology and reimagine how energy companies operate. By combining NextEra Energy's unmatched skills as America's leading energy infrastructure builder and operator, with Google's world-class technology expertise, we will help transform the energy sector."

NextEra owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in southern Jay County and northern Randolph County.

**Hosting drive**

Menards is hosting a toy drive through Dec. 15.

Toys collected will be donated

to those in need. Menards is requesting donations of new, unwrapped toys.

Menards locations in Muncie, Anderson, Richmond and Celina, Ohio, will have drop boxes available for donations.

**Courses scheduled**

Indiana Chamber of Commerce has several programs coming up.

General Occupational Safety and Health Administration courses will be held beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Also, the Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo will be held from Feb. 23 through 25. It will feature a variety of speakers as well as more than 60 educational sessions.

The courses and expo will be held at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Conference Center in Indianapolis.

For more information, visit indianachamber.com.

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## Top ...

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Fourteen of Schwieterman’s game-high 25 points came in the second half and she cashed in 11 of her 14 free-throw attempts.

Both teams dealt with foul trouble in the first half, but it was losing point guard Makenna Huelkamp for the bulk of the second that really hurt the Indians. They were up 30-27 in the third quarter when she picked up her third and fourth fouls in quick succession, going to the bench at the 5:41 mark. She returned to the court to start the fourth quarter and lasted a mere 16 seconds before fouling out.

The Patriots took full advantage, forcing 15 second-half turnovers.

“I felt like we regrouped after half and came out in the third quarter and then we just eventually took over,” said McIntire. “As far as playing the kind of game that we wanted to play — the way that was going to get us the win. Our level of play, whatever five I had in there, it stayed consistent. That’s huge.”

With Karsyn Schwieterman limited to four points, Jay County got a boost from freshman forward Charlee Peters. She scored on an assist from Hallie Schwieterman and a put-back in the first quarter and made a couple of post moves in the second half to finish with eight points and nine rebounds.

“She is a player that can step up and just do great,”

said Hallie Schwieterman. “She’s been working so hard in practice ... And I think she contributed a lot and it helped a lot.”

“I’ve been working on these post moves for a few practices now,” said Peters. “I had the urge to do them, and they just went up.”

Elizabeth Brunswick followed Peters with seven points.

While the scoring wasn’t there, Karsyn Schwieterman contributed by pulling down a team-best 10 rebounds while blocking three shots.

Hart carried the FRHS offense in the first half despite not hitting a field goal. She was unafraid to drive to the basket, drawing contact again and again to earn trips to the free-throw line. She hit 10 of her 12 attempts in the first half and added a pair of field goals in the second half to finish with a career-high 15 points.

Her previous high total was four.

“She’s a very aggressive player,” said Deutsch. “She puts her head down, not afraid of anything. ... She definitely goes full out with everything she does, doesn’t back down ... And it led to good things for her. ... That’s a switch that we made recently trying to get her a little bit more involved. That’s some stuff we’d seen in JV, just her willingness to put her head down and be able to get a shot up ... And tonight I worked for her really well.”



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Fort Recovery’s Paisley Hart fights to get up a shot in the lane as Claudia Dirksen (left) and Charlee Peters of Jay County defend during the second quarter Saturday. Hart scored a career high 15 points, hitting 10 free throws in the opening half.

Box score				
Fort Recovery Indians at Jay County Patriots				
Girls varsity summary				
Fort Recovery (0-4)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Muhlenkamp	3-7	0-2	6	
Gaerke	1-3	0-0	3	
Evers	0-1	0-0	0	
Hart	2-6	10-14	15	
Schoenlein	2-11	2-2	8	
Tobe	1-2	0-0	3	
Huelskamp	0-1	0-0	0	
Homan	3-5	2-6	8	
Schmitz	0-1	0-0	0	
Totals	12-37	14-24	43	
	.324	.583		
Def. Rebound percentage: .545				
Jay County (2-3)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
KSchwtrmn	1-11	2-4	4	
Newton	2-8	0-0	6	
HSchwtrmn	6-21	11-14	25	
Brunswick	1-1	5-7	7	
Dirksen	0-2	0-0	0	
Schemenaur	0-0	0-0	0	
May	2-4	1-4	5	
Peters	4-4	0-2	8	
Totals	16-51	19-31	55	
	.308	.613		
Def. Rebound percentage: .629				
Score by quarters:				
Fort Rec.	10	17	6	10—43
Jay Co.	16	7	16	16—55
3-point shooting: Fort Recovery 5-15 (Schoenlein 2-7, Tobe 1-1, Hart 1-2, Gaerke 1-3, Muhlenkamp 0-1, Huelskamp 0-1). Jay County 4-21 (Newton 2-5, HSchwierman 2-11, KSchwierman 0-3, Dirksen 0-2).				
Rebounds: Fort Recovery 34 (Muhlenkamp 9, Homan 9, Huelskamp 5, team 4, Hart 3, Gaerke, Evers, Schoenlein, Tobe). Jay County 37 (KSchwierman 10, Peters 9, team 5, HSchwierman 4, Newton 2, Brunswick 2, Schemenaur 2, May 2, Dirksen).				
Assists: Fort Recovery 5 (Muhlenkamp 2, Schoenlein 2, Hart). 5 (KSchwierman 2, Newton, HSchwierman, Dirksen).				
Blocks: Fort Recovery 2 (Muhlenkamp, Homan). Jay County 5 (KSchwierman 3, Newton).				
Personal fouls: Fort Recovery 22 (Huelskamp 5, Muhlenkamp 4, Schoenlein 3, Homan 3, Evers 2, Hart 2, Tobe 2, Gaerke). 17 (Newton 3, HSchwierman 3, Brunswick 3, Peters 3, KSchwierman 2, Dirksen, Schemenaur, May).				
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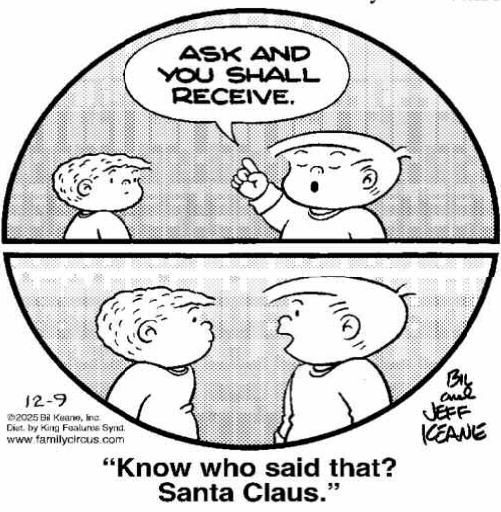
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♦ J 10 8 6 3  
♣ 7 5 4  
WEST  
♠ J 10 9 8 2  
♥ 10 7 4 3  
♦ 7 2  
♣ 6 2  
EAST  
♠ 7 5  
♥ K J 6 2  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ Q J 10 9  
SOUTH  
♠ A K Q  
♥ Q 9 8  
♦ K 9 5  
♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:  
South 2 NT Pass North 3 NT  
Opening lead — jack of spades.  
Assume you're East, defending against three notrump, and West leads the jack of spades. Declarer wins with the queen and plays the king of diamonds, West following suit with the seven. How would you defend the hand?  
You can't see declarer's cards, but it isn't hard to figure out what he has. He opened two notrump, showing 20 or 21 points, so he must have the A-K-Q of spades, queen of hearts, king of diamonds and A-K of clubs, which comes to 21 points.  
Your first problem is whether to

take the king of diamonds with the ace. West's seven is likely to be either a singleton, which would make the contract unstoppable, or the top of a doubleton, which means that South started with K-9-x. Either way, it won't matter whether you win this diamond or the next one, so let's say you take the king with the ace.  
The next problem is what to return. If you choose the neutral return of a spade or a club, South is sure to make at least nine tricks. He'll force out your queen of diamonds and score three spades, one heart, two clubs and three diamonds, using dummy's ace of hearts to reach the established diamonds.  
You don't want this to happen, so you make the sparkling return of the king of hearts! You don't know whether this play will actually do the job, but you do know that no other return has a ghost of a chance.  
As it happens, your play of the king knocks South out of the box whether he takes the ace on this trick or the next one. Your partner has the ten of hearts, so when you duck the jack of diamonds next, South can amass only eight tricks. Killing dummy's entry by sacrificing your king of hearts proves to be a most unusual but very necessary play.

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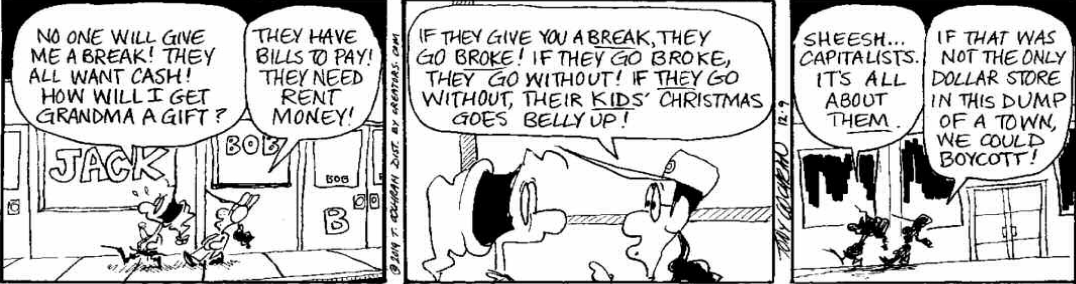
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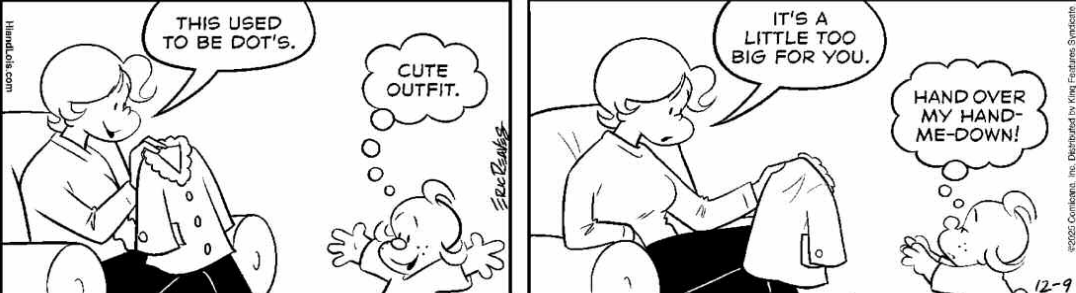
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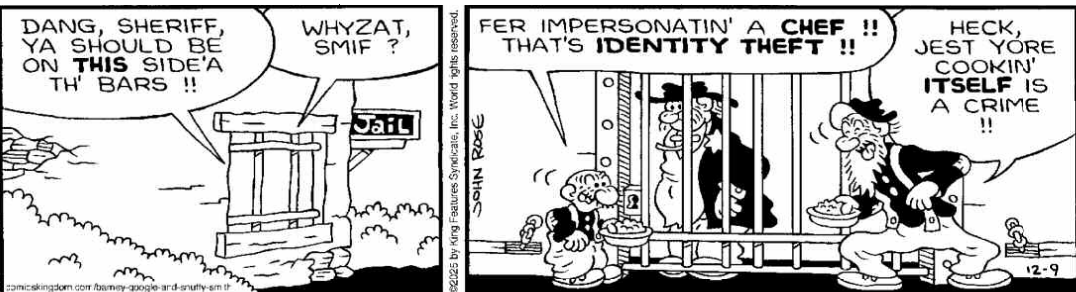
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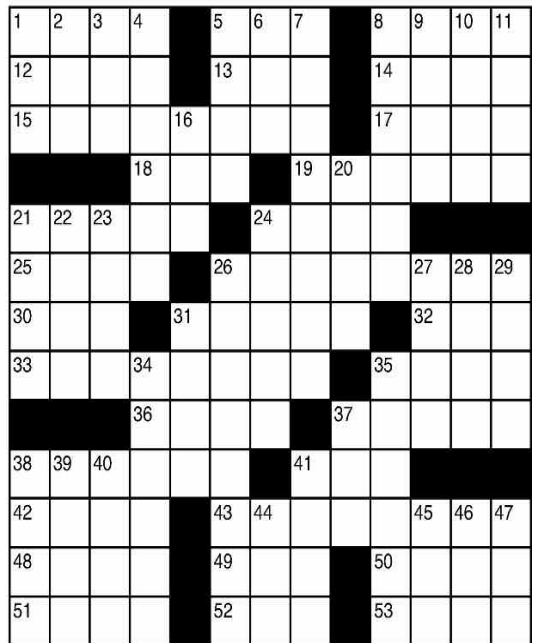
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# Jay County boys claim Celina Sprints

It's the boys' time to shine.

The Jay County High School boys swim team topped the field at the Celina Sprints on Saturday with 113 points while the Fort Recovery boys tallied 30 points for eighth place.

The Jay County girls racked up 81 points to finish third behind Ottawa Glandorf (166) and Versailles (102). The FRHS

## Local Roundup

girls finished with just one point for 13th place.

The Jay County boys just edged out Memorial's 111.5.

The Patriots were led by a trio of boys — Cooper Glentzer, Grady Warvel and Carson Westgerdes — who scored in each event.

The highest finish on the day belonged to Cooper Glentzer in the 50-yard butterfly. He placed fourth with a time of 25.30 seconds.

Along with the efforts of Cooper Glentzer, Warvel and Westgerdes, Peyton

Yowell placed 15th in the 50 freestyle and Grant Glentzer claimed 15th in the 50 backstroke.

The best finish for the Fort Recovery boys came from Caleb Smith, who placed ninth in the 50 breaststroke with a time of 31.65. He also earned points in the other four events with a pair of 13th-place finishes and one 16th placement. Matt Mar-

chal earned the Tribe points in two events as well, while Carson Fullenkamp placed 16th in the 50 butterfly.

Elly Byrum had the strongest day on the girls' side. She placed in the top 16 in all four events and owned the highest finish of fourth in the 50 backstroke with a time of 30.84 seconds.

Maria Laux also had a

strong day earning sixth in the 50 freestyle, ninth in the 50 backstroke and 11th in the 50 butterfly.

Other Patriot girls to score were Brooklynn Byrum (50 butterfly), Avery Wentz (50 backstroke) and Lauren Fisher (50 breaststroke).

The Tribe girls' sole point came from Livy Timmerman, who finished 16th in the 50 freestyle.

# Overcomes ...

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Overman and Grant Fortkamp carried a bulk of the offensive load with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Fort Recovery (2-0) entered the second quarter down 9-8. Overman quickly changed that as he sank a jumper from the free throw line after the ball landed in his hands during a scramble. A minute later he knocked down a 3-pointer on a dribble hand off with Dylan Klenke to go up 13-9.

“We just wanted to come out and it's kind of like a rival team, and our plan was just to go in there and beat them,” said Overman after making his second career start. “Those were big shots to bring us up and take away, so we could go and do our thing and play regular basketball instead of being rushed.”

Overman scored the next two Tribe points on a pair of free throws. Barga hit two of his four free throws with four minutes remaining to regain the lead before Overman found Fortkamp with a skip pass for a triple.

FRHS hit another three as Barga made a shallow drive before kicking out to Klenke on the right wing to go up 23-15.

“There was a little bit of, in some timeouts, where we had to say, ‘OK, we're together,’” Leverette said. “Let's

do this together. Let's finish this together.' And they did.

“They know they've got to win as a team. Brody Barga gets six points, Breaker Jutte gets three, and one is a dunk at the end of the game, and we win by nine. That's saying something about their team mentality.”

Klenke added his three points, while Colson Post and Douglas Bihn both had four.

The Patriots only had four players score in the game. Gradin Swoveland led the way with 16 points, while Gabe Overton had 14 off the bench. Kade Sommers added three scores at the rim, while Jayden Comer only hit two free throws.

“We didn't execute the X's and O's the way that we needed to,” Rigby said. “It kind of showed in the end result, right? We missed a lot of shots but they weren't necessarily the easiest shots to make. We just didn't execute to get the right shots.”

While the Indians walked away with the victory, Leverette had some high praise for Rigby and the direction Jay County is heading in.

“What a great rivalry,” Leverette said. “Stay tuned, because Tyler (Rigby) is going to get this thing going. It's going to be a well-oiled machine. I'm glad we play them earlier.”



Jay County High School's Gabe Overton heads to the basket in the Patriots' 49-40 defeat to the Fort Recovery Indians on Saturday.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**

Jay County — Boys wrestling vs. Delta/Winchester/Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Elwood — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Fort Loramie — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Crestview — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.

**Thursday**

Jay County — Swim at Norwell — 6 p.m.; Girls wrestling at New Haven — 6 p.m.; JV boys wrestling at New Haven — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Girls basketball vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Swim in Wayne Warrior Invite at Trotwood — 5:30 p.m.; Girls basketball at Marion Local — 6 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 5 p.m.

**Saturday**

Jay County — Boys wrestling hosts ACAC Duals — 9 a.m.; Girls wrestling at Northwestern Dreamcatcher — 10 a.m.; Boys basketball at New Castle — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls bowling vs. Minster — 9 a.m.; Wrestling at Versailles — 9:30 a.m.; Boys

bowling vs. Minster — 1 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Bradford — 6 p.m.

## TV schedule

**Today**

6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Villanova at Michigan (FS1); Clemson at BYU (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Arizona State at Penn State (BTN)

7 p.m. — NHL: Vegas Golden Knights at New York Islanders (TNT)

8 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)

8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Penn State at Indiana (FS1)

9 p.m. — College basketball: Florida at UConn (ESPN); USC at San Diego (ESPN2)

**Wednesday**

4:30 p.m. — College basketball: Albany at Yale (ESPN)

7 p.m. — College basketball: Minnesota at Purdue (BTN); UMass Amherst at Boston College (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Iowa at Iowa State (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NHL: New York Rangers at Chicago Blackhawks (TNT)

9 p.m. — College basketball: Wisconsin at Nebraska (BTN)

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**Thursday**

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8 p.m. — College basketball: Iowa at Iowa State (FS1)

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9:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Purdue at SMU (ESPN2)

**Friday**

11 a.m. — Euroleague basketball: FC Bayern Munchen at Dubai (FDSN Indiana)

12 p.m. — College volleyball: Indiana at Texas (ESPN)

1:30 p.m. — Euroleague basketball: Fenerbahce at Monaco (FDSN Indiana)

2:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at

Stanford (ESPN)

6 p.m. — College soccer: Furman at Washington (ESPN)

7 p.m. — College basketball: Missouri State at Xavier (TRU)

7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Philadelphia 76ers (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — College volleyball: Texas A&M at Louisville (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — College basketball: Texas at UConn (FOX)

8:30 p.m. — College soccer: NC State at St. Louis (ESPN)

9 p.m. — College football: Stephen F. Austin at Montana State (ESPN)

9:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Kansas at Nebraska (ESPN2)

**Saturday**

12 p.m. — College football: South Carolina State at Prairie View A&M (ABC); Villanova at Tarleton State (ESPN)

12 p.m. — Serie A soccer: Parma at Lazio (CBS)

12 p.m. — College basketball: Iona at St. John's (TNT); DePaul at Wichita State (ESPN); Arkansas at Texas Tech (ESPN2); Michigan State at Penn State (BTN)

12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Burnley at Fulham (NBC)

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3 p.m. — College basketball: Kansas State at Creighton (FOX)

3:30 p.m. — College basketball: Memphis at Louisville (ESPN)

3:30 p.m. — College football: South Dakota at Montana (ABC)

4 p.m. — College basketball: UC Davis at Oregon (BTN)

4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (ESPN)

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Both FR basketball teams in action today, see Sports on tap

# Overman overcomes

## Forward's 15 points power FRHS over Jay

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review  
FORT RECOVERY — In the opener, Breaker Jutte and Brody Barga combined for 35 points. When the Patriots crossed the border, Aiden Phillips and Gradin Swoveland locked the Tribe's top scorers up.

But where the leading scorers struggled, the rest of the Indians shined.

Hudson Overman stepped up to lead the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team to a 49-40 victory over the Jay County Patriots on Saturday evening.

"We knew this was going to be a battle, it is every year," said FRHS coach Bob Leverette. "They got us over there last year and I thought we played them pretty tough as young as we were. So we came in saying, 'It's now. It's not next year, it's now with this group and they're starting to understand that.'"

While the Patriots (2-2) didn't bring a victory back to Indiana, they did have some positives to pull from the game, particularly in the defensive efforts of Phillips and Swoveland.

Phillips matched up with Jutte, who scored 25 points in Fort Recovery's season opener against Jefferson, while Swoveland checked Barga. The Patriot defenders didn't give up any easy looks to Jutte or Barga, resulting in only two made field goals between the two. Even then, Barga's bucket came on an offensive rebound in transition before the defense was ever set and Jutte scored at the buzzer on a leak-out dunk after Jay County missed its final shot.

In total, they combined for just nine points on 2-of-9 shooting and five free throws.

"They answered the bell," said JCHS coach Tyler Rigby. "I



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Hudson Overman drives to the basket during the Fort Recovery High School basketball team's 49-40 win over the Jay County Patriots on Saturday. Overman's team-high 15 points helped make up for a slow night from Breaker Jutte and Brody Barga, who combined for just nine points after totaling 35 the Indians' season opener.

thought both of them did extremely well. Aiden, I mean, you expect that out of him. He always plays that way, he's always physical,

moves his feet really well for his size. Then Gradin answered the bell." While Jutte and Barga came up

short on the offensive end of the floor, the rest of the Indians stepped up.

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Box score

Jay County Patriots  
at Fort Recovery Indians

Boys varsity summary

Jay County (2-2)			
FG-FGA	FT-FTA		
PTS			
Overton	5-13	1-1	14
Cornor	0-9	2-2	2
Monroe	0-0	0-0	0
Barnett	0-0	0-0	0
Wasson	0-1	0-0	0
Petro	1-1	0-0	2
Forthofer	0-2	0-0	0
Phillips	0-2	0-0	0
Swoveland	7-11	0-1	16
Sommers	3-9	0-0	6
Totals	16-48	3-4	40
	.333	.750	

Def. Rebound percentage: .783

Fort Recovery (2-0)			
FG-FGA	FT-FTA		
PTS			
Post	1-4	2-5	4
Bihn	2-2	0-0	4
Jutte	1-7	1-4	3
Barga	1-2	4-4	6
Fortkamp	3-7	7-8	14
Dilworth	0-0	0-0	0
Overman	5-8	4-5	15
Klenke	1-2	0-0	3
Totals	14-32	18-26	49
	.438	.692	

Def. Rebound percentage: .813

Score by quarters:

Jay Co.	9	9	9	13 — 40
Ft. Rec.	8	15	14	12 — 49

3-point shooting: Jay County 5-17 (Overton 3-6, Swoveland 2-4, Sommers 0-1, Cornor 0-6), Fort Recovery 3-10 (Klenke 1-1, Fortkamp 1-2, Overman 1-3, Post 0-2, Jutte 0-2).

Rebounds: Jay County 24 (Cornor 5, Sommers 5, Barnett 3, Forthofer 3, Phillips 3, Swoveland 3), Fort Recovery 31 (Barga 10, Overman 7, Post 4, Jutte 3, Team 3, Bihn 2, Fortkamp 2).

Assists: Jay County 7 (Cornor 5, Barnett, Swoveland), Fort Recovery 7 (Barga 5, Overman, Klenke).

Blocks: Jay County 3 (Cornor, Phillips, Sommers), Fort Recovery 2 (Barga, Overman).

Personal fouls: Jay County 22 (Sommers 5, Phillips 4, Cornor 3, Forthofer 3, Swoveland 3, Overton 2, Wasson, Team), Fort Recovery 11 (Post 3, Bihn 2, Jutte 2, Barga, Fortkamp, Overman, Klenke).

Turnovers: Jay County 12. Fort Recovery 17.



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# Jay girls top FR

## Patriots snap three-game skid

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review  
Both teams hit the floor Saturday in desperate need of a win.

The Patriots were 1-3 and on a three-game skid since their season opener.

The Indians had also lost three in a row and were still seeking their first victory.

It was the Jay County High School girls basketball team that was able to break through Saturday, overcoming a halftime deficit and pulling away as junior leader Hallie Schwieterman dominated the final four minutes en route to a 55-43 victory over Fort Recovery.

"I'm just so proud of our kids," said JCHS coach Sherri McIntire. "I felt like we just gutted it out.

"Have you ever seen so many kids just like going after loose balls?" she continued, complimenting junior guard Hallie Schwieterman for her effort. "And then I just felt like the kids fed off of her energy. She was all over the floor, even in the stands once. I just felt like that got contagious ... That can be our strength — to get out after it like that on the defensive end. We need to do that."

"It feels good to get a win," she added. "We needed it. I'm happy for the kids."

Despite the loss, the game showed progress for the Indians as they got a career effort from sophomore Paisley Hart and were up by six at halftime. It was their closest game of the season, as their previous three losses came by an average of 19.3 points.

"We got out to a better start than we have our first couple games of the season," said FRHS coach Tyler Deitsch. "So, it was good to see some offense and not have to dig ourselves out of a big hole at one point of the game. Obviously, foul trouble hurt us."

Despite foul issues that sent point guard Makenna Huelskamp to the bench for the bulk of the second half, Fort Recovery (0-4) was leading by one midway through the final period.

Then Hallie Schwieterman took over.

She scored eight of the Patriots' next 10 points, hitting a pair of layups on drives to the basket and connecting on four free throws. The home team closed with 13 unanswered points.

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Jay County High School girls basketball's Kendall Schemenaur reaches for a loose ball as Fort Recovery's Emma Schmitz looks on. Schemenaur's Patriots trailed at the half but came away with a 55-43 win on Saturday.