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## Air show

A member of the Indiana Pacers Power Pack soars toward the hoop for a dunk during the group's performance between the Jay County High School junior varsity and varsity games Saturday against Richmond.

## JEMS to get four load systems

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay Emergency Medical Service will be installing new equipment in its ambulances.

Jay County Commissioners OK'd contributing about \$115,000 Monday to purchase power load systems for each Jay Emergency Medical Service (JEMS) vehicle.

Stryker Power Load systems are built into the floor of an ambulance, utilizing a hydraulic arm and track to lift cots, patients and equipment in or out. In October, commissioners OK'd purchasing one of the systems along with a remounting service for \$223,854. JEMS director Kyle Gerlach explained Monday he looked into how much it would cost instead to purchase the systems in bulk per commissioners' request. A single power load system is normally priced at about \$39,000, but if the county were to purchase four, it would come to about \$27,000 for each system.

Gerlach proposed an offer directly from the Stryker company, which included four power loads, three upgrade kits — they'll be used to make the cots compatible with the new system — and a used cot for just over \$130,000. JEMS would pay for the cot, which Gerlach estimated to be about \$15,000, and a three-year service agreement for an additional \$20,000 separate from the quoted price.

Gerlach and fellow JEMS director Gary Barnett both advocated for the system. Gerlach previously used power loads while serving as director of Mercer County Emergency Medical Service.

"If you really want to look at it, probably (within) a 100-mile radius, we are one of not even a handful of departments that don't already have them," he said.

The load system would also reduce the amount of back injuries JEMS staff could get while working, added commissioner Rex Journey.

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## DCS staffing levels are at 99%

By WHITNEY DOWNARD  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Staffing levels for family case managers meet 99% of the need statewide, according to the annual staffing and caseload report from the Department of Child Services (DCS), but some areas of the state face a greater need than others.

"Some of the most integral among the agency's staff members are family case managers (FCMs). FCMs are the state's front line against child abuse and neglect. Maintaining management caseloads for staff mem-

bers is critical to ensuring the agency provides the best service possible to those in need," DCS Director Eric Miller said in a report recently submitted to the Indiana State Budget Committee.

The agency compiles an annual report documenting its staffing needs following a series of scandals triggered by the resignation of Miller's predecessor, Mary Bonaventura. In a scathing letter, Bonaventura claimed children would die following state funding cuts and subsequent, independent reviews found that DCS had a staffing crisis.

Legislative reform dictated that the agency "shall" meet certain goals when it came to FCMs, requiring more manageable caseloads and reducing the number of children overseen by individual staff.

DCS, the state's third-largest agency, has 4,100 staff members and a little more than half of those are FCMs. But of those 2,100 FCMs, just 1,637 employees have an active caseload with another 158 FCMs in training. The remaining FCM staff oversee hotlines and licensing services within the agency.

However, the agency needs 24

additional FCMs to meet the required Child Welfare League of America standards limiting staff to:

- No more than 12 cases (families) per month for caseworkers conducting child protection assessments

- No more than 17 family cases for caseworkers providing ongoing support to families involved in child protective services

- No more than 12 cases if caseworkers are conducting family-centered casework

- No more than 12 to 15 children in out-of-home care

See **DCS** page 2



Tribune News Service/Chicago Tribune/Brian Cassella

## Chicago snow

People make their way through the snow Sunday in Logan Square.

## Man arrested for shooting

By DAVID ZAHNISER,  
EMILY ALPERT  
and DANIEL MILLER

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

A 48-year-old man was arrested Sunday in the shooting of three college students of Palestinian descent a day earlier in Burlington, Vermont, according to city police.

The suspect, Jason J. Eaton, was detained Sunday afternoon by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives who were canvassing the area where the three 20-year-olds were shot, Burlington police said in a statement.

The shooting, which Burlington Chief of Police Jon Murad said could be a "hate-motivated crime," occurred in front of the Prospect Street apartment building where Eaton lives, and a

search warrant was executed at his home by Burlington police detectives Sunday night. Evidence collected at the apartment — along with other information — gave "investigators and prosecutors probable cause to believe that Mr. Eaton perpetrated the shooting," the department said.

Eaton is expected to be arraigned Monday, the department said.

Burlington police said earlier Sunday that the three men were receiving medical care. Two were in stable condition, while a third had sustained "much more serious injuries," the department said in a statement.

"In this charged moment, no one can look at this incident and not suspect that it may have been a hate-motivated crime," Murad said. "And I have already been in touch with federal investigatory

and prosecutorial partners to prepare for that if it's proven."

The three men had been visiting the home of one victim's relatives for the Thanksgiving holiday, police said. All three were walking on Prospect, near the University of Vermont, at around 6:30 p.m. when a white man with a handgun confronted them, firing at least four rounds from a pistol and hitting all three, according to the department's statement.

Two of the men were wearing keffiyehs at the time of the shooting, the statement said.

"At this time, there is no additional information to suggest the suspect's motive, such as statements or remarks by the suspect," the Burlington Police Department said in a statement made before the announcement of Sunday's arrest.

### Deaths

**Matthew Reitz**, 45, Portland

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 39 degrees Sunday. The low was 28.

Expect the temperature to be steady around 19 degrees tonight. Skies will be mostly sunny Wednesday with highs in the lower 40s and wind gusts to 30 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### Correction

There was a typo in a business roundup item in the Nov. 22 edition of The Commercial Review. It should have read that Samvardhana Motherhood International has announced plans to open 10 new facilities in India.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of this week's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS swim meet against Bluffton.



# Capsule Reports

## Hydroplaning

A Zionsville teen lost control of the vehicle she was driving, causing her to damage a Jay County Council member's yard in rural Bryant.

Mackenzie G. Pearson, 15, was driving a 2007 Honda Accord west along Indiana 67 near county road 400 East when she began hydroplaning on the wet road. The vehicle went off the north side of the road into Jeanne Houchins' yard.

Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle is registered to Deborah D. Hart of Winchester.

## Vehicle towed

A Richmond man's vehicle was towed after hitting a deer along U.S. 27 in Jay County about 6:20 p.m. Saturday.

William E. Webster, 51, was driving north on the highway just north of county road 650

South when a deer ran in front of his 2012 Ford F-150. Webster's vehicle struck the deer, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage to the front and driver's side of his truck.

## Dog hit

A dog ran in front of a North Webster man's vehicle at the intersection of county roads 100 South and 100 East, causing an accident about 8:40 p.m. Saturday.

Jakob M. Fields, 27, was driving his 2013 Hyundai Sonata west on the road when a dog ran in front of his path. He wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.

## Backing accident

A Portland man backed his vehicle into an Ohio man's truck parked at Pizza Hut in Portland about 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Robert J. Suarez, 64, was back-

ing his 2014 Toyota Tundra in the parking lot at 1502 N. Meridian St. when he struck a parked 2009 Chevrolet Silverado. Suarez told police he wasn't sure if he had hit the truck and didn't notice any damage to his own vehicle. According to a Portland police report, camera footage showed Suarez backing into the truck, which is registered to Lonnie Hurt of Celina.

Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000.

# CR almanac

Wednesday 11/29	Thursday 11/30	Friday 12/1	Saturday 12/2	Sunday 12/3
<b>42/27</b>	<b>50/37</b>	<b>46/29</b>	<b>44/33</b>	<b>51/41</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday, when the wind gusts may reach up to 30 mph.	Thursday's weather looks to be partly sunny, with the chance of rain increasing as the day goes on.	Rain will likely continue into Friday with a 70% chance of showers throughout the day.	Mostly cloudy on Saturday, when the high will be around 44 degrees.	Another chance of rain on Sunday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$352 million	49-54-55-56-59-73-76-80 Cash 5: 5-8-10-11-41 Estimated jackpot: \$125,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$335 million	<b>Ohio</b> Sunday Midday Pick 3: 0-4-4 Pick 4: 8-5-2-9 Pick 5: 1-4-6-4-9 Evening Pick 3: 8-7-0 Pick 4: 5-8-3-7 Pick 5: 9-8-1-1-6 Rolling Cash 5: 2-12-15-19-21 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Sunday Midday Daily Three: 4-4-4 Daily Four: 7-3-4-8 Evening Daily Three: 4-6-9 Daily Four: 0-2-3-4 Quick Draw: 7-10-12-13-14-23-24-28-30-33-35-40-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.41 Dec. corn .....4.41 Wheat .....4.82	Dec. beans .....13.07 Wheat ..... 4.93
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.41 Dec. corn .....4.41 Late Dec. corn .....4.46	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.01 Dec. corn .....4.30 Beans .....12.91 Dec. beans .....13.06 Wheat .....4.93
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.01 Dec. corn .....4.31 Beans .....12.82	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.16 Dec. corn .....4.26 Beans .....12.76 Dec. beans .....12.81 Wheat .....4.64

## Today in history

In 1520, three ships commanded by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan sailed into "The Sea of the South," having come from the Atlantic Ocean through what is now known as the Strait of Magellan.

In 1582, poet William Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway. Shakespeare is known for his many works, which include "Hamlet," "Macbeth" and "Romeo and Juliet."

In 1895, America's first auto race began in Chicago, stretching to Evanston and back. Six cars participated in the 55-mile race, with Frank Duryea winning with an average of 7 miles per hour.

In 1919, Lady Astor was elected to Parliament, becoming the first woman elected to the British House of Commons.

In 1943, the Tehrān Conference opened. Attended by United States president Franklin D. Roosevelt,

British prime minister Winston Churchill and Soviet premier Joseph Stalin, the Soviet leader pressed for the group to invade France.

In 1962, comedian and actor Jon Stewart was born in New York. Stewart went on to host satirical television news program, "The Daily Show," on Comedy Central for about 16 years.

In 2002, a hotel owned by Israeli people in Mombasa, Kenya, was destroyed by suicide bombers.

In 2012, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," a movie directed by Peter Jackson and based on the novel by J.R.R. Tolkien, premiered in New Zealand.

In 2014, Jay County High School's girls basketball team defeated the Woodlan 54-34, keeping a double-digit lead after the first quarter. It was the first Allen County Athletic Conference victory for the Patriots. — The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland	

# Obituaries

## Matthew Reitz

March 26, 1978-Nov. 22, 2023  
Matthew Reitz, age 45, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at The Waters of Dunkirk.

Matthew was born on March 26, 1978, in Portland, the son of Harold and Deborah (Auker) Reitz. He graduated from Delta High School in 1997 and worked at Pizza Hut in Portland. He was a member of Albany United Methodist Church.

Survivors include:

His girlfriend — Monica Boles, Muncie, Indiana

Two siblings — Amy Craig (husband: Michael), Portland, Indiana, and Eric Reitz, Albany, Indiana  
Grandparents — Jim and Judy Auker, Portland, Indiana  
Nephew — Nicolas Minor  
Niece — Janice Guntle  
He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Deborah Reitz.  
Burial will take place at a later date



Reitz

at Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery in Dunkirk, Indiana.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.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 services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

# Systems ...

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(In October, Gerlach and Barnett noted 911 calls in which patients weighed more than 400 pounds and required additional assistance to lift their cot into the ambulance.) Gerlach pointed out one injury alone could cost the county nearly the same amount. Commissioner Brian McGalliard added a related injury to a patient could also be just as costly.

Commissioner Chad Aker, who also serves as a

firefighter in Portland, said the equipment would be useful for local responders.

"It's very beneficial, I mean, we have a lot of patients out there that are very large," he said. "This will really save your backs. We have to have four, sometimes five people lifting a cot. This is going to be a significant benefit."

Commissioners OK'd the equipment purchase.

In related news, JEMS director and educator John McFarland noted the

department has instructed 1,500 students since it started offering courses with Jay School Corporation, with Journay noting their classes have about a 98% completion rate. Aker commended the department's work in the school system, specifically referencing the EMT program for high school students.

"I know I've personally worked side by side with some of these (EMTs) coming out of high school," said Aker. "I know, last

night, (I was) on call with a couple of the younger guys that just came out of your program. Excellent job. They were all professional about the job that they do. We've got the advantage because John's doing something that most guys aren't doing."

Also, commissioners heard JEMS' October financial report. The department had about \$130,298.35 in expenses and brought in about \$99,242.46.

# Felony arrests

## Theft

A Pennville woman was arrested Saturday for theft.

Susan M. Jones, 49, 300 E. South St., Pennville, is charged in Jay Superior Court with two Level 6

felonies for theft. She's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

# DCS ...

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The report calls FCMs "some of the most integral" to the agency's mission, whose "dedication helps prevent future maltreatment as families rebuild and learn to provide a safe environment for the loved ones in their care."

Of the agency's 19 regions, 10 meet staffing standards and an additional four have at least 90% of the staff they need. The statewide staffing level is 99%.

The report details staffing by region and county, with several areas in southern Indiana below the ideal range. Region 14, which covers Bartholomew, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson and Shelby counties had the biggest staffing shortage, with just 74% of FCM needs met.

However, two counties in the area — Jackson and Jennings — were fully staffed. Bartholomew had just over half, 53%, while Johnson had 64% and Shelby had 70%.

With 12-weeks of training, replacing staff isn't as easy as hiring a new person — especially since recent graduates don't immediately handle a full caseload.

## SERVICES

Today  
**Osborne**, Dorothy: 11 a.m., Cornerstone Church of Pennville, 190 W. Main St., Pennville.

Wednesday  
**Newman**, Lee: 11 a.m., Asnury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

December 6  
**Rains**, Paula: 11 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

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# Selecting good gifts can be stressful

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

What do you want for Christmas? That is the question a lot of people are asking these days. I find it so much easier to buy for my loved ones if I have a clue of what they want.

I confess, I am not the easiest person to buy for. I tend to prefer the exact same stuff year after year. My family prefers to surprise me with things they think I will like.

I am in that stage of life when I am trying to get rid of stuff, and the last thing I want is more stuff.

Plus what I really want is not something that can be bought. So what do I

## As I See It



want besides having my daughter and her family live closer to us? I want my courage back. I miss the days when I could drive on hilly back roads with the windows down and the radio blaring. These days I limit my driving to familiar city streets. I also don't drive after dark. As to the radio blaring, well, I tend to prefer quieter music now.

I want to be able to go

where I want when I want. Those days are gone. Since I no longer drive out of town I am limited to places I can go on foot or places that are in town. Anywhere else involves letting someone else man the wheel. I am lucky that my husband is more than willing to take me wherever I want to go. I wouldn't trade him for the world.

We spent the weekend with family. On Friday we drove over to our niece, Jane's house. She lives close to Lake Erie. We met with hubby's brother and sister and their families. We got caught up with all that was going on in their lives.

We found out that his

brother is working part-time at a funeral home. He seems to enjoy it. According to him, that time after the deceased is safely in the ground and the family has gone is the most peaceful time of day.

Both he and his wife volunteer at a local school. If I understand it right it is on an as-needed basis. She was asked recently to take over a class when the usual substitute teacher was unavailable. She was apprehensive going into it, but she found that she really enjoyed it.

Hubby's sister is still fighting an ankle that doesn't seem to want to heal. She is hoping to finally get rid of the boot

she has to wear. She is beginning physical therapy soon. This is a problem she has been fighting on and off for several years.

Her doctor let it slip that her former doctor might have made mistakes in how he was treating her. She expressed frustration that there is no way of knowing beforehand how good or bad a doctor was. The rest of us expressed our sympathy and related our own tales of doctors not living up to our faith in them.

The get-together broke up in the late afternoon. The drive home seemed even longer than it had been on the way there.

The next day we met

with my brothers and their wives at a buffet in Richmond. That was a much shorter drive than the day before. My sister-in-law, Apryl, was wearing a hoodie with turkey trot symbols. She and my brother, David, had participated in the race on Thanksgiving. David stopped at the end of every mile and made a video to send to their friends. All I can say is that he shouldn't quit his day job.

Luckily, we have agreed not to exchange gifts anymore. The visits with family are the best presents we could receive.

So what do you want for Christmas?

# Wife requesting a new kind of workout with client

DEAR ABBY: I've been married to the most amazing woman for 30 years. She became a personal trainer and is in incredible shape. I'm not in her kind of shape, and I can't perform too well sexually, even with ED meds. She recently asked if she could have her (sexual) needs taken care of by a young client she trains. I'm OK with it, since I'm sympathetic to her desires, as long as she doesn't fall in love. Your thoughts? — WANTS WHAT'S BEST FOR HER

## Dear Abby



DEAR WANTS: The three of you are adults and capable of making your own decisions, but I am hesitant to bless this because it is so

risky. Make sure to iron out all of the variables that may occur. She might fall in love with her client; he may fall in love with her. (Or not.) If he decides to move on, what will the effect be on her and you? Before you agree to this arrangement, think long and hard.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently had a blow-up with my father because he is buying an \$8,500 used car for my sister's

boyfriend is almost 50 and divorced three times. He is currently without a job or transportation. Meanwhile, my father is unwilling to help me fix the vehicle I own. Your thoughts? — DISAPPOINTED SON IN FLORIDA

DEAR SON: I can see why you might be upset, but it is your father's money, and he is entitled to do with it as he wishes. My thought is that you should not count on your father to bail you out — for

anything. Your father may have chosen to do this to get the financial pressure off your sister.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Contact Dear Abby by visiting her website at DearAbby.com or sending mail to P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

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

## Tuesday

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

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

## 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.

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) 726-1844.

mation, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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

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.

## 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. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

## 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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

## Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

## Monday

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

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

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.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

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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# New approach needed on vaping

**The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)**  
The prevalence of electronic-cigarette use or “vaping” among middle and high school students suggests that a different approach may be necessary to address this dangerous trend.

The 2023 National Youth Tobacco Survey results suggest a nearly 4% drop in e-cigarette usage among middle and high school students, which may seem like cause for celebration but still indicates that about 2.8 million middle and

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high school students are using tobacco products.

Intersect, which heads up the local Students Against Destructive Decisions chapter, has been advocating for a change in schools’ approach to tobacco use.

Teens smoking, and now vaping, has been often treated as a behavioral issue rather than an addiction.

Often the punishment involves suspension from school for a period of time, which may very well put them in an environment where they have even more opportunities to engage in tobacco use.

Adults who are addicted to nicotine aren’t punished. They’re offered resources and encouragement to help them quit, and this is what youth need as well.

The National Youth Tobacco Survey was conducted by self-report, and we can almost certainly say that many more teens are using e-cigarettes while being untruthful when asked. It’s not breaking news that teenagers will lie if they’re afraid of getting in trouble.

E-cigarettes were initially marketed to smokers as a way to get a nicotine fix where smoking is prohibited, or as a safer alternative to cigarettes. In fairness, vaping may be

less dangerous than smoking, but that doesn’t mean it’s not a harmful addiction.

Cigarettes are less dangerous than heroin, but that doesn’t mean either is a good idea.

Parents and educators should provide students with facts and resources needed to quit tobacco products or avoid picking up the habit at all.

Relying on condemnation and punishment clearly didn’t work with cigarette smoking, and it won’t work now with vaping.

# Downfall is mostly a myth

By **BRUCE YANDLE**  
Tribune News Service

It seems increasingly likely that, for a third consecutive term, we’ll have a president who strongly identifies with American manufacturing while believing it needs his help to thrive.

Since President Donald Trump’s 2016 arrival and continuing through the Biden administration, we’ve been reminded again and again that America has lost its industrial muscle, that their efforts can recover this might, and that tariffs and subsidies will help “build back better” or “make America great again.”

Let’s have a little perspective during this next election cycle. Not only is the downfall of American manufacturing mostly a myth, but it’s a harmful one.

Trump and Biden have systematically imposed taxes or tariffs on American citizens for broad categories of imported goods and borrowed billions in world credit markets to subsidize the domestic manufacture of such things as computer chips, electric vehicles and batteries. Assuring us that protectionism will even up the nation’s trade balance, they never tell us what these policies will do to America’s real GDP growth, which over the long term ensures a widely shared standard of living.

Where’s the recognition that Americans benefit when people elsewhere provide us with goods and services in exchange for the green pieces of paper that we print? Perhaps these politicians should be reminded that, thanks partly to their deficit spending, we the people consume more than we produce. This means we have to import goods, mostly from countries which consume less than they produce.

Let’s say we did want to close that trade imbalance, which Trump — who has happily labelled himself a “tariff man” — pledged to do in 2016. Since then, the U.S. current-account deficit has enlarged from \$99 billion to \$110 billion in 2019 and \$242 billion in 2022. What was erroneously supposed to make us better off ended up making the trade deficit great again.

Meanwhile, tariffs imposed on imports from China, which rose from 3% of the value of these goods in 2016 to 19% now, have expanded to include almost 60% of Chinese products that cross U.S. borders. You, me and

**Bruce Yandle**



American businesses are paying for this. As might be expected, China has reciprocated. Neither government wants lower cost goods reaching their citizens. We in the United States refer to the process that delivers a state-managed economy as crony capitalism. The Chinese call their more extreme version of the idea communism.

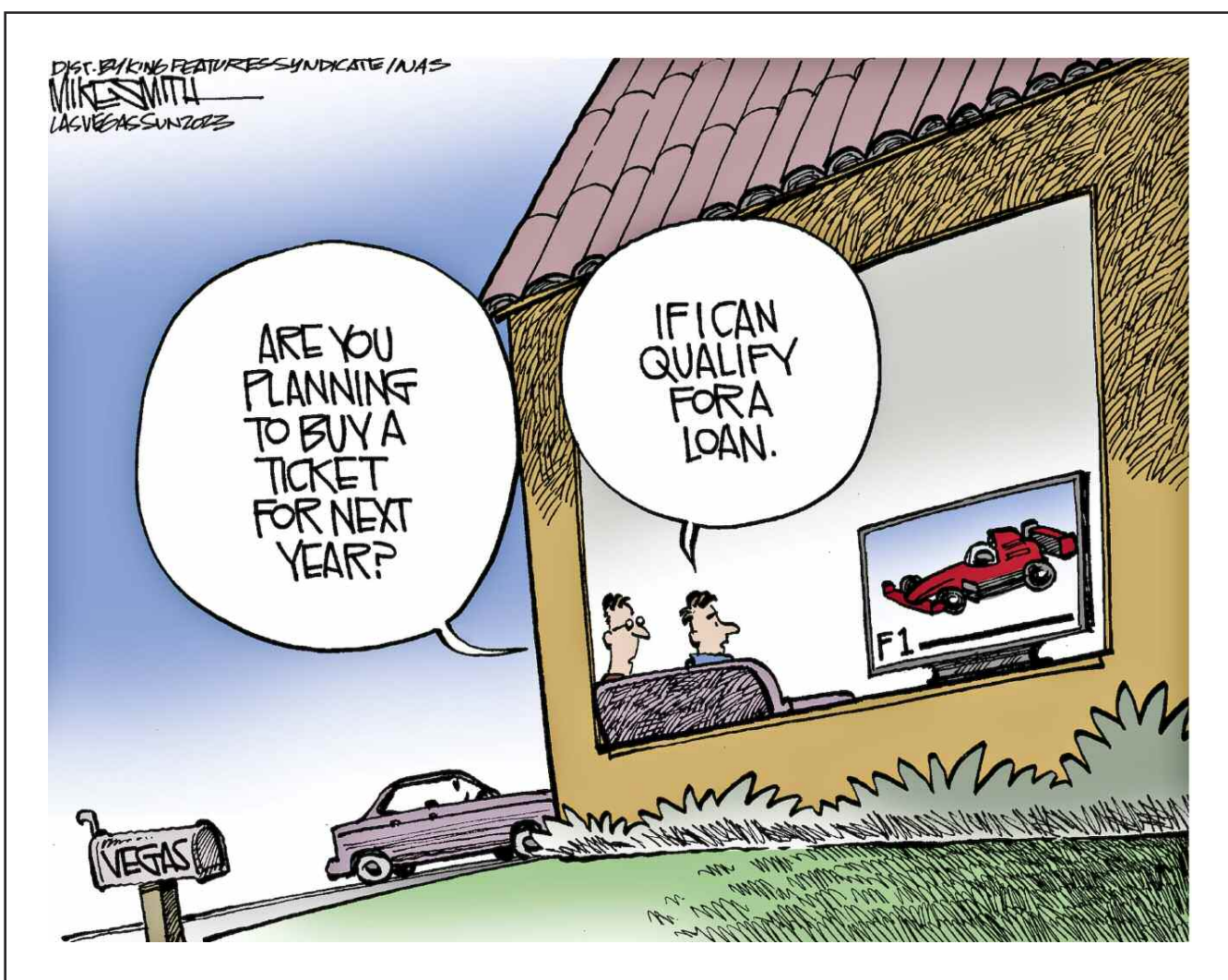
But what about that talk of deteriorating economic muscle?

If you were to look at a plot of U.S. manufacturing’s share of real GDP across the last 75 years, you’d see a wiggly line that barely heads south: Around 12% in the late 1940s to 13% in the 1970s and then to the current 10.9% in 2023’s third quarter. That’s not much of a decline.

America still ranks second in the world share of all manufactured goods (after China, with over four times our population). We rank first for chemical products, petroleum products, fabricated metal products, pharmaceuticals and timber products; second for automobiles and tires; third for electrical equipment; and fourth for semiconductors, steel and cement. The U.S. economy is not a 90-pound weakling when it comes to manufacturing muscle.

So why the “Chicken Little” song about America’s declining might? Why do candidates call for more taxes imposed on American consumers and deny us the gains from trade? Politicians like to fix things, and more to the point, the strategy works for the canny politician. It’s not all that rational for an individual voter, who holds so little sway over an election’s outcome, to run down the data and check out the facts. The special interests served by U.S. trade policies, on the other hand, are organized, deep-pocketed and more than ready to support the promising candidate.

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# Giving worthy of our thanks

By **MICHAEL LEPPERT**  
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It’s that time of year again. The emotions, expectations and traditional series of events converge for six weeks to make up what we refer to as “the holidays.”

Viewing the goings on around us this opening week of the season might lead one to believe that we all kind of approach Round One the same way. But obviously, we don’t.

Thanksgiving is the greatest American holiday. As it exists today, there is little in the way of religion driving the tradition, a feature of which I am particularly fond. That wasn’t always the case, and I will thank Thomas Jefferson for the church-free atmosphere of this week’s celebration. Apparently, he refused to endorse the tradition, due to his unwavering view of how church and state should remain separate. Thanks, TJ.

Today, the fourth Thursday of November has no space left for church or state. What, with football and food binges dominating the day, who has room for any spiritual cleansing? Actually, all of us.

Take Blake Corum for example. I don’t often write or speak glowingly about a star football player for the University of Michigan. Often? Ever is more like it. But Corum’s Sunday-before-Thanksgiving tradition caught my eye. The senior running back spends that day giving away turkeys to families in need using some of the money he makes from the use of his name, identity, likeness, or NIL. In 2021, he donated and delivered 200 turkeys. Last year, he upped it to 300. And on Nov. 19, he doubled it to 600, this year in the Ypsilanti area, east of Ann Arbor.

“This is my purpose,” Corum said Nov. 19. The day before, he carried the ball 28 times in Michigan’s win over Maryland. On Nov. 25, he played in the biggest game

**Michael Leppert**



of his life against Ohio State, a game devotees of the Big Ten Conference likely consider the national championship. I know I do.

It’s a charitable gesture. It’s not all that unusual. Yea, he’s got a lot going on at the moment and it would be easier to focus on that moment, instead of focusing on others. But I believe him when he says giving is his purpose.

The big news a few weeks ago was the passing of one of the planet’s most notorious givers. Former First Lady Rosalyn Carter was admitted to hospice care on Nov. 18, and died on Nov. 19. She was 96. She and former President Jimmy Carter were married for 77 years, and as any married person can attest, that alone defines a life full of giving.

But she and her husband are the standard, the modern example by which all other givers should be compared. They both gave with the type of enthusiasm and grace that made it clear that it was their purpose too.

Fittingly, she founded the Rosalyn Carter Institute for Caregivers in 1987. Though RCI specifically supports the 53 million caregivers in America today, the organization is merely a component of a life, two lives really, that were impeccably well-lived.

The former president will be without her for the first time since they were teenagers, the sad result of life’s inevitability. But what lives they led!

I oddly remember the Carter years in the White House, primarily because my older brother was

stationed on the USS Eisenhower, an at-the-time brand new aircraft carrier. He spent a year on that ship parked in the Persian Gulf waiting to attack Iran during the hostage crisis. The Eisenhower is back in the Middle East today, parked in the east Mediterranean Sea with its eyes on Iran again.

That’s not what I see when I think of President Carter though. I see him with a toolbelt on, hammering nails into what will become a new Habitat for Humanity home. “Habitat has successfully removed the stigma of charity by substituting it with a sense of partnership,” he said about the work.

My primary question is simpler though: How happy were they? The statement from the U.S. Secret Service on Nov. 19 helps paint that picture.

“Farewell Mrs. Carter...It has been our honor to protect and serve you for all of these years. You were truly a treasure for our nation and our Secret Service family.” Serving the Carters was described by the agency as a “delight.”

Giving is what made the Carters delightful. And Blake Corum. And all who follow these examples and countless others to define our individual life’s purpose. Defining our lives this way individually can only raise the humanity and happiness of our communities, small and big.

On Thanksgiving, while giving thanks for all of the things for which we have deep gratitude, take a moment to be thankful for all of our opportunities for the giving itself.

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## Driver honored

First Fleet of Bluffton recently recognized Portland's Randy Hardymon for 4 million accident-free miles. He has been a driver for First Fleet for 32 years.

# I&M offering opportunity to help

Indiana Michigan Power is continuing its I&M Neighbor to Neighbor Program this year.

Neighbor to Neighbor is an emergency relief fund to provide assistance with electric bills to income-qualified customers. It is made possible via the Dollar Energy Fund and assistance from local organizations.

I&M customers can contribute a fixed monthly amount or round up their bill to the next whole dollar.

For more information, visit [indianamichiganpower.com](http://indianamichiganpower.com).

### Hospital recognized

The National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Program recently recognized Mercer County Community Hospital as a Gold Safe Sleep Hospital.

The honor goes to facilities that are committed to best practices and education regarding infant safe sleep. The National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Program is dedicated to preventing infant sleep-related deaths because of sudden unexpected infant death and accidental suffocation.

"We are proud to join the national effort to reduce infant mortality," said Ashley Piper, clinical coordinator for the Childbirth Center at Mercer Health. "We have always been promoters of safe sleep. The Cribs for Kids National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification is an important step in our efforts to provide parents and caregivers with the evidence based information they need to ensure their babies sleep safely from day one."

### DG adds

Dollar General recently completed a remodeling project at its store in Montpelier.

The revamped store now offers produce. It is one of more than 4,400 Dollar General stores that

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sells fruits and vegetables, and the company plans to more than double that total in the coming years.

"At Dollar General, we strive to be a positive business partner and good community neighbor in Montpelier," said Dollar General senior vice president of real estate and store Matthew Simonson in a press release. "Although we are not a grocery store, we believe the addition of produce in our Montpelier store highlights our commitment to deliver a pleasant shopping experience that includes affordable prices on quality products in a convenient location."

### Training offered

Delaware County Airport is now offering a fast track to being a pilot.

The airport is partnering with Rapid Flight Training of Indianapolis to offer the program. Founder Matt Lehtinen said trainees can receive a pilot certificate in as little as four weeks and instrument training in 14 days.

"It's an under-utilized airport with a fantastic training infrastructure, a very supportive airport authority and business in Muncie Aviation," said Lehtinen in a press release. "We feel like the Muncie region is fertile ground to grow a flight school to attract local students but also pilots from around the country."

### Accepting toys

All Menards stores are serving as drop sites for a toy drive.

Stores will have drop boxes near their exit doors to collect new, unwrapped toys through the end of November. They will be distributed to those in need through non-profit organizations.

Menards has locations at 3401 N. Nebo Road, Muncie; 3800 National Road East, Richmond; and 1920 Havemann Road, Celina, Ohio.

### Providers purchased

DASCO Home Medical Equipment recently announced the purchase of P&R Medical Connection.

P&R is a home infusion pharmacy and medical equipment provider with locations in Van Wert and Defiance northwest Ohio. The purchases bring DASCO to more than 25 locations in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan and Texas, including one in Richmond.

"P&R Medical Connection shares our dedication to delivering exceptional patient care and a complementary product line that will be an excellent addition to DASCO's robust service offerings," said Ann Cornelius, vice president of strategic partnerships and operations at DASCO, in a press release. "We are excited to welcome their skilled team to our family and look forward to integrating their expertise to better serve our communities."

### Funding provided

The Tom and Julie Wood Family Foundation recently made a \$4.5 million gift to Indiana University Health for a mobile lung cancer screening program.

IU Health said it will provide matching funds for the project. The screening program, with a mobile CT scanner unit, is expected to launch in 2025.

"Lung cancer screening unequivocally saves lives by catching it in its earliest and

most treatable stages," said Nasser Hanna, a lung cancer clinical research professor at the IU School of Medicine and an IU Health lung cancer physician, in a press release. "All of us at the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center and IU Health know how valuable these painless and safe imaging tests will be for those at risk of lung cancer—especially those who face barriers to accessing such screenings."

### Papers closing

A study by Northwestern University shows that an average of 2.5 newspapers per week were shut down in 2023.

Northwestern reported that more than 200 counties in the United States have no local news outlet. Another 228 are listed as being at "high risk" of losing local news, including four in Indiana.

"The significant loss of local news outlets in poorer and underserved communities poses a crisis for our democracy," said Medill visiting professor Penny Abernathy in the report. "So, it is very important that we identify the places most at risk, while simultaneously understanding what is working in other communities."

There are currently 134 newspapers in Indiana, 65 of which are daily publications. The study shows that the state had five weekly papers cease publication from 2022 to 2023.

For more on the study, visit [localnewsinitiative.northwestern.edu](http://localnewsinitiative.northwestern.edu).

### Bottle launched

Ardagh Glass Packaging – North American added two new bottles to its list of American-made products this month.

The Boston Round glass bottles hold 16 ounces and are available

in amber and clear glass. They are sold in 12-pack cases.

"Ardagh Glass Packaging continues to focus on developing its portfolio of American-made glass bottles on the BOB site to meet the demand of craft brewers and beverage producers," said Rashmi Markan, Ardagh – North America vice president for beer and beverage in a press release. "The new Boston Round bottles complement a wide variety of craft beverage brands, offering brand differentiation with a trusted, sustainable glass bottle that fully protects the flavor of their beverage."

Ardagh operates class manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester.

### Donated for research

Scooter's Coffee recently donated \$277,032 to The Pink Agenda for breast cancer research and awareness efforts.

The coffee chain donated \$20% of sales of Courage Cookies along with customer contributions to the organization. The Pink Agenda funds four major research projects through its strategic partnership with the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

"For the fourth year in a row, we are so grateful for the direct and meaningful impact our partnership with Scooter's Coffee has had on those fighting breast cancer," said The Pink Agenda managing director Serra Eken in a press release. "This partnership helps fund groundbreaking research and care needed to save lives while raising awareness. We continue to strive to engage people today to find tomorrow's cure."

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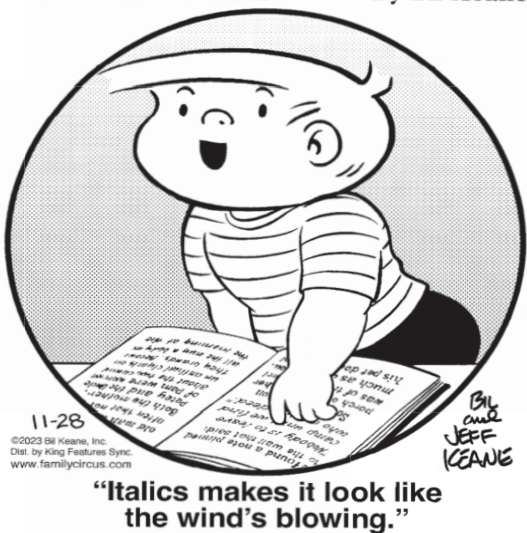
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Contract Bridge

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A self-inflicted wound

South dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: J 10 8 6 3, 8 6 5, K 10 8, A 7. WEST: K, 4 2, Q 6 4, J 10 8 6 5 3 2. EAST: A K Q J 9 3, 9 7 5 2, K Q 4. SOUTH: A Q 9 7 5 4 2, 10 7, A J 3, 9.

to make the contract. He reasoned that since East had unilaterally bid four hearts at unfavorable vulnerability, he was more likely to have the queen. Declarer therefore cashed the king of diamonds and led a diamond to the jack, but when West produced the queen, the contract went down one.

The bidding: South West North East 1 4 Pass 2 4 4 4

Opening lead - four of hearts. There is a substantial amount of guesswork in the play of the cards, but frequently it can be avoided by careful play.

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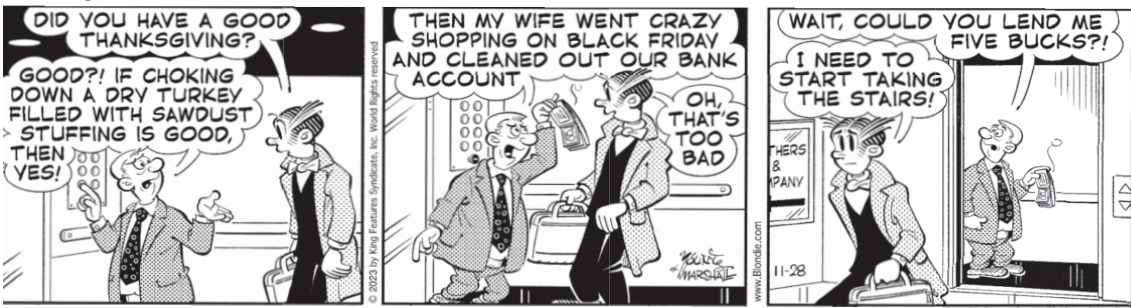
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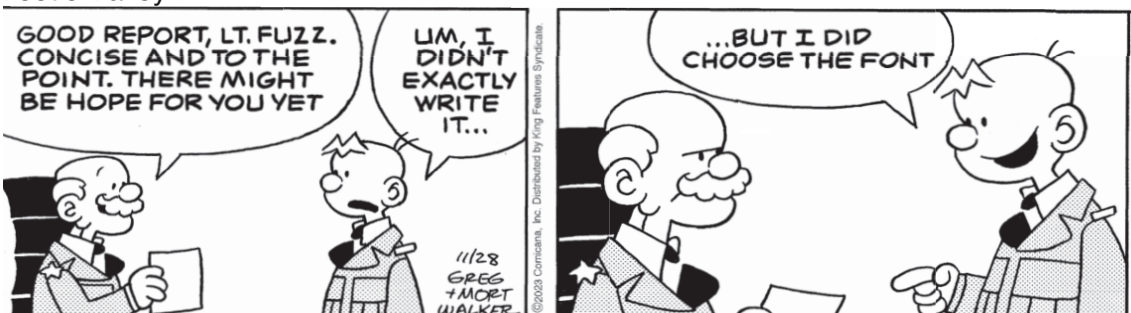
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## Junior has 18 in loss for FR

*Indians fade in 4th vs. Arcanum to fall to 0-2*

FORT RECOVERY — Kennedy Muhlenkamp struggled to get going in the first game of the season.

Scoring came easy for her in the second, but it couldn't push the Indians to victory.

Muhlenkamp led all scorers with 18 points Saturday in the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team's 51-44 loss to the Arcanum Trojans.

Muhlenkamp scored 10 points in the first half. She dominated the third quarter, putting up eight points as the Indians (0-2) outscored the Trojans (1-0) 16-5 to take a 39-32 lead.

Arcanum wouldn't be down for long, as Ashlyn Miller scored seven of her 15 points in a strong fourth quarter for the Trojans. Miller knocked down a three and shot 4-for-6 from the charity stripe in the quarter.

Alexis Gibbons, Brooke Anderson and Caroline Long combined for nine points as the Trojans outpaced the Indians 16-5 in the final period.

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Wesley Bihn of Jay County High School puts a shot up in front of a trio of Richmond defenders during the second quarter Saturday. The Patriots went more than 16 minutes without a field goal as they suffered their worst loss in nearly four years.

## 360 slammed

*Patriots fall by 40 to Richmond in home opener*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The Indiana Pacers Power Pack performed a high-flying dunk routine in between Saturday's junior varsity and varsity games.

When the trampolines and padded mats were put away, the Red Devils picked up where the men in navy blue and gold left off.

Richmond opened the game with an alley-oop dunk, got a 360 slam in the midst of a 20-point run and rolled over the Jay County High School boys basketball team 61-20 in its home opener.

It was the Patriots' worst loss since falling 91-31 to Merrillville in the Huntington North Holiday Tournament on Dec. 28, 2019.

"They're pretty good," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt. "But we're up 5-2, and I think it went (37-4 the rest of the half). I mean, it was unbelievable."

"We can't simulate their quickness. But we did so many things wrong fundamentally, that the outcome unfortunately was determined pretty quickly."

He referenced failures to meet passes, picking the ball up in corners and attempting to dribble through double teams.

"Everything that we said, 'We can't do that tonight,' we did it," Bomholt added.

After the performance by the Power Pack, a group of high energy dunkers, Mason Carpenter of the Red Devils took the ball on the opening possession and lofted a pass toward the basket. Cedric Horton cut along the left baseline, caught the pass in mid-air and slammed the ball through the hoop.

"We had that ready to go," said Richmond coach Billy Wright. "It's kind of one of those deals where it's in our back pocket. If it's there, the kids know to take it. If it's not, it flows into something else."

The Patriots (1-1) responded to take a 5-2 lead on a basket by Wesley Bihn and a 3-pointer from Liam Garringer. But they did not score again for more than eight minutes as Richmond took control.

The run by the Red Devils (1-0) included the 360 dunk from Horton that led to Jay County's first time out. The break did nothing to slow them down. Patriot turnovers on back-to-back possessions led to Richmond hoops and another timeout by Bomholt just 30 seconds later.

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