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Downed trees block High Street on the east side of Portland on the morning of July 29. A storm that blew through Jay County early that day left a swath of damage in its wake. Trees and branches caused damage mainly in the corridor between High and Race streets, falling on houses and vehicles. "I've never seen so many vehicles getting crushed by storms like this one," said Bubba Swoveland of Portland Street Department.

Storms lead list of 2023 stories

By RAY COONEY and BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

This year was notable for both what it was and what it was not.

For the first time in three years, the coronavirus pandemic will not appear in our annual top 10. (It accounted for five of our top 10 stories of 2020, was No. 1 again in 2021 and appeared at No. 7 on last year's list.)

about While worries COVID-19 had drifted, there was still no shortage of important local stories. There were major infrastrucprojects, progress toward opening an early learning center and several murder cases.

Unlike in pandemic times, there was no clear choice for No. 1, no consensus top pick from our staff. Strong arguments could be made for almost any of the stories we have listed below, as well as a few that we had on our sports top 10 list Friday.

In the long run, we selected the multiple wind storms two confirmed tornadoes in April and a damaging derecho in July — as the top story in The Commercial Review's circulation area in 2023.

The rest of the top 10 stories for 2023 are as follows:

2. Two murder cases confound dead

3. Pair of infrastructure projects shuts down high-

ways in Portland 4. The Portland Foundation moves forward with Jay County Early Learning Cen-

5. Dilapidated Bailev Building demolished, second structure may follow

6. Massive fire causes extreme damage at JR Indus-

7. Jay County Humane Society opens new facility

between commissioners, JCDC



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Major construction projects impacted Portland through the second half of 2023, with Water Street (Indiana 26) shut down on the east side of the city for bridge replacement and sections of Meridian Street (U.S. 27) closed for months for storm sewer work.

9. The Dunkirk Foundation clude and FCC employee merges into The Portland Foundation

> 10. Graphic Printing Company buys newspapers, sells building

1. Winds ravage

Portland residents woke up to a swath of damage July 29, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage.

Downed trees and branches landed on homes and cars. and pieces of outdoor furniture and roofing material were strewn across neighbor-Conflict continues hoods, with the bulk of the damage in the area of Race and Walnut streets. Within sentenced in August to life in side to serve 48 children.

just over 24 hours, Jay County Emergency Management Agency reported it had assessed damage to 60 residences and businesses in Portland as well as nine rural properties.

The July storm followed two confirmed tornadoes on April 1, damaging barns and grain bins.

2. Convicted, charged

Court proceedings for two Portland residents charged with murder concluded, and Muncie resident was charged with the murder of an FCC employee.

prison for killing her 5-year- **5. One down** old son. Testimony indicated she starved and beat her son

over 74 days.

Jeremy Kelly, 51, received a 30-year sentence in July for beating his father, Gary Kelly, to death. He pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, a Level 2 felony.

Ceaser Curtis, 50, was whose remains were found in removed. Delaware County.

3. Projects close roads

Two major infrastructure projects shut down main thoroughfares in Portland

this year. First, the Water Street (Indiana 26) bridge of the Salamonie River on the eastern edge of the city was shut down beginning in late June. The previous steel truss bridge has been replaced with a new concrete structure, which opened Wednes-

day afternoon. A little over a month later. the first section of U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) was shut down for a project to add a storm sewer line from the area just north of Arch Street to the Salamonie River.

4. Making progress

After putting out a request for proposals early in the year, The Portland Foundation in May announced that it had entered into an agreement with Westminster Preschool of Marion to operate Jay County Early Learning Center.

To be housed in the former **7. New facility complete** Judge Haynes Elementary School on Portland's west side, the facility is expected to serve about 150 children from infant to age 5. The facility is targeted to open in August.

Pioneer Warehousing is also in the process of con-Chelsea Crossland, 28, was facility on the city's north sion into an animal shelter.

In September, Portland Board of Works took a big step in a lengthy process when it opened the lone bid for the demolition of the cityowned Bailey Building, 201 through 205 W. Main St. JAShroyer Group began the work of taking down the dilapidated building charged in September with November with some of the the murder of Marcia Curtis, rubble still remaining to be

The board of works also ffirmed an unsafe building order for 208 and 210 N. Meridian St. and pursued bids to demolish it. In November, it agreed to delay demolition in order to allow Redevelopment Portland Commission to study the structure.

6. Fire damaged

A massive fire burned at JR Manufacturing, 900 Industrial Drive, Fort Recovery, beginning early on the evening of Saturday, April 22.

The fire continued through the rest of the night, with at least a dozen fire departments including Southwest Mercer. Portland and Salamonia called to assist. By 9:30 p.m., there was enough manpower, but calls continued to go out for more tanker trucks to help bring water to the

site. Despite the extensive damage, the company moved quickly to recover, with two cells at the site back up and running about two weeks

Jay County Humane Society opened the doors to its new facility at 1376 W. Votaw St., Portland, the former home of Fastenal. The organization raised at least \$1 million in the last few years — Jay County also contributed \$275,000 — for the nearly \$1.2 structing a new child care million purchase and conver-

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Deaths

Gladys Bell, Pennville Clara Young, 88, Anderson **Stanley Hart**, 75, Bluffton Marsha Morrical, 69, Dunkirk

Susan Eicher, infant, rural Decatur

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 37 Friday.

Today's forecast calls for a high in the lower 40s with mostly cloudy skies. Expect mostly cloudy skies again Sunday with a chance of snow showers in the afternoon and gusty winds.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will team to host a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Income verification is not required.

In review

There will be no newspaper

Tuesday. We will resume our regular

publishing schedule Wednesday.



Obituaries

Gladys Bell

Gladys (Middaugh) Bell, Pennville, died Thursday at her

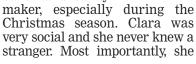
Arrangements are pending at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Clara Young

Aug. 2, 1935-Dec. 25, 2023 Clara Alice Young, 88, of Anderson passed away on Dec. 25, 2023, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1935, to the late Scoot and Edith (Jones) Maxwell.

Clara had an extremely giving heart. She was a wonderful cook, baker and candy



loved her family; they were everything to her.

Clara will be dearly missed by her sons, Rock (Kathy) Fuqua and Rick Fuqua; brother-in-law John Claxon; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one greatgreat-grandchild; and sister,

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband William "Bill" Young; ex-husband Lowell Fuqua; daughter Kindra Claxon; and siblings Sue, Tillie, Bud and Butch Maxwell.

The visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Service & Crematory, 515 E. 53rd St., Anderson, Indiana. The funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Stanley Hart

Donna Olvey.

April 28, 1948-Dec. 20, 2023 Stanley "Tom" Hart, 75, of Bluffton, Indiana, passed away at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, at Ossian Health & Rehab Center in Ossian, Indiana.

He was born on Wednesday, April 1948, in

Decatur, Indiana. Tom was a graduate of Geneva High School. After graduating high school, he began working at Franklin Electric in Bluffton, Indiana. He saw many changes while there, including the name changes to Bluffton Motor Works and currently to WEG. He retired after nearly 50 years there.

Hart

Tom had also been a union president of I.U.E. local #802 for several years, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Anyone who knew Tom knew he was an avid book reader and collector. He attended many conventions over the years meeting his favorite authors. Tom was a big history buff and would never miss the chance to give you a lesson about something if the time was right.

Let's not forget those Hoosiers. In the words of his daughter, "Dad was a gigantic IU fan!" But, his biggest hobby was spending time with his grandkids when he could. There were fun vacations, family meals and lots of trips to the zoo.

Loving survivors include his daughter Sheri (Brian) Crickard of Bluffton, Indiana; son Jason Hart of Eugene, Oregon; daughter Tomi Cardin of Fort Wayne, Indiana; granddaughter Cassandra Crickard of Bluffton, Indiana; and grandson Cody Crickard of Bluffton, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marvin E. and Nema (Stanley) Hart.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, on

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, from 2 to 8

A service to celebrate Tom's life will be at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, with the Pastor Steve Rogers officiating. Interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Geneva.

Preferred memorials may be sent to The American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway W. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Marsha L. Morrical, Dunkirk, Dec. 4, 1954-Dec. 26, 2023. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Susan S. Eicher, rural Decatur, Dec. 28, 2023-Dec. 28, 2023. A graveside service was held Friday at Schwartz Cemetery in Adams County.

CR almanac

Young

Sunday 12/31	Monday 1/1	Tuesday 1/2	Wednesday 1/3	Thursday 1/4	
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38/27	37/24	40/27	40/27	37/23	
There's a 60% chance of snow on Sunday under cloudy skies.	New Year's Day looks to be mostly cloudy, with a low around 24 degrees.	be sunny Tuesday. The	Mostly cloudy skies on Wednesday, when the high will be around 39 degrees.	Another day of mostly cloudy skies is in the fore- cast for Thurs- day.	

Lotteries

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 0-0-5 Daily Four: 7-7-5-8 Quick Draw: 6-9-10-19-23-25-30-31-47-49-58-61-63-70-72-73-75-76-78-79

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 5-5-2 Pick 5: 4-2-5-5-1 Evening Rolling Cash 5: 5-11-15-Jackpot: \$100,000

Powerball jackpot: Estimated

\$760 million **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$92 Pick 4: 9-9-5-1 million

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Feb. beans	12.53
Wheat	5.43

Today in history

In 1803, the British striking the truck. and Maratha chief Daulat Rao Sindhia signed the Treaty of Treaty of Surji-Anjangaon during the Maratha Wars in India.

In 1847, Progressive reformer John Peter Altgeld was born in Germany. He became governor of Missouri and was a hero to activists, workers and farmers for his progressive legislation.

In 1972, seven were injured in a four-vehicle collision at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 700 West. Two drivers were parked along the side of Indiana 67 — one trying to help the other after a vehicle stalled — when a truck struck the first car and pushed it into the second. Another vehicle, traveling behind the truck, also failed to stop in time,

In 1984, LeBron James was born in Akron, Ohio. Considered one of the greatest NBA players of all time, he won championships with the Miami Heat, Cleveland Cavaliers and Los Angeles Lakers. In 2021, Renna Schwi-

eterman became the fourth player in Jay County High School girls basketball history to reach 1,000 career points, scoring a team-high 21 in a 62-37 victory over South Adams.

In 2022, the Jay County High School boys basketball team fell just short against Muncie Central, 33-31, as it missed three potential game-tying or game-winning shots in the final 45 seconds.

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Citizen's calendar

Tuesday

4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation. Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin

Town Council, town 321 N. Meridian St.

hall, 105 N. Washington

7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Cen-

4 p.m. — Portland Works, Board of 7 p.m. — Pennville mayor's office, city hall,

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The new facility boasts two freeroaming cat rooms as well as a large room for cat cages, nearly 40 kennels and outdoor runs for dogs and other amenities. There's also about 3 acres of land north of the facility used by volunteers to walk dogs.

8. Dispute continues

A conflict between county government officials and Jay County Development Corporation that began in earnest in fall 2022 continued throughout this year.

Local officials have verbally sparred at county government and JCDC meetings. Areas of confrontation have included a contract between the county and JCDC, representation on the JCDC's executive committee, funding, finances and other issues.

County commissioners this sum-

Community Development position that fell under JCDC.

The conflict continues, with JCDC's board inviting the public to a presentation about its finances at its meeting next week.

9. Foundations merge

The Dunkirk Foundation in early June shared plans to merge into The Portland Foundation after having discussed the possibility on and off for about 30 years.

Discussions were revived in earnest in fall 2022. The merger would provide The Dunkirk Foundation's funds with a full-time staff to handle management and administrative work.

The boards of both foundations approved the merger in late June, and on June 1 The Dunkirk Foundation's 14 funds totaling just over \$2 million mer hired a community coordinator were shifted to The Portland Founda-

to replace the previous Jay County tion. Dunkirk Community Advisors now make recommendations on grants and scholarships from The Dunkirk Foundation's funds.

10. Purchased, sold

It's been a year of change for The Graphic Printing Company, beginning with the purchase of several publications from Community Media Group on May 1. The company, which already published The Commercial Review and The News and Sun, bought The News-Gazette of Winchester, The News Times of Hartford City and the regular advertising publication Red Ball.

Then, in December, Portland Redevelopment Commission approved the purchase of the Hood Building from The Graphic Printing Company. Plans call for the company to lease the basement and first floor of the building while the upper three floors are offered for housing development.

No. 1s from the last

The top 10 stories have been the year-end fixture in The Commercial Review for decades. Below is a look at the No. 1 stories from each of the last 10 years.

2022 — Jay County Fair celebrates 150 years

 — Coronavirus pandemic continues impact, vaccines introduced — Coronavirus pandemic results in 20 deaths, 1,500 cases — The murders of twin brothers Zayne and Wayne Burroughs — Jay School Board approves reconfiguration of schools

2017 — Jay County Hospital integration with IU Health approved **2016** — Portland Water Park opens, draws more than 33,000 visitors

2015 — Residents arrested for four murders in three separate incidents 2014 — The debate about funding and design for Portland Water Park

2013 — Arrests made in murders of two rural Fort Recovery residents

Russian missiles kill 26 Ukrainians

By ALIAKSANDR **KUDRYTSKI** and **OLESIA SAFRONOVA**

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service Russian forces pounded mostly civilian targets in Ukraine with the largest missile and drone barrage of the 22-month invasion, killing at least 26 people, days after Moscow blamed Kviv for a strike on a military ship in Crimea.

The bombardment hit

mall and a maternity center, among other targets, and sparked international condemnation. A stray missile briefly entered the airspace of neighboring Poland, a NATO and European Union member. The UK said it would shore up Ukraine's air defenses in the wake of the attack.

The most recent strikes on a similar scale happened in November 2022 when Russia fired nearly 100 missiles as part of repeated attempts to damage Ukraine's energy infrastructure. This time little harm was reported to the power grid. Ukraine's air defense downed 114 out of 158 aerial targets overnight into Friday, commander-in-chief General Valeriy Zaluzhnyi said on Telegram. The strikes involved more than 120 missiles, 87 of which were downed, he said.

The attacks resumed in the afternoon, when missiles hit 12 residential buildings in the small town of Smila in the central Cherkasy region, injuring six, local governor Ihor Taburets said Telegram.

"We will certainly respond terrorist to strikes," President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on X, formerly Twitter. The Ukrainian leader said targets had been struck by Russia from Kharkiv in the northeast to Lviv in the far west, hundreds of miles from the front lines.

In addition, more than 132 people were wounded across the country, Ukraine's Interior Ministry said on Telegram.

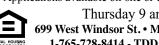
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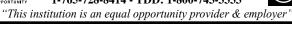
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Community **Thursday**

SERVICES

Saturday

Moses, Barbara: 2 p.m., Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville

Sunday Graber, Henry: 9 a.m., Daniel Shetler residence, 6336 N. 375 West, Bryant.

Tuesday Hart, Stanley: II a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Wednesday

Young, Clara: I p.m., Brown-

Butz-Diedring Funeral Service & Crematory, 515 E. 53rd St., Anderson. Jan. 14 Williams, Helen: 4 p.m.,

New Life Ministries, 415 S. Helen

St., Portland.

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Rising costs force parents to make more \$\$\$

BV KELSEY BUTLER

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

A dramatic increase in child care costs since the pandemic is forcing parents to find new ways of making ends meet, from working part time at a daycare for a discount to driving for a ride-share service on weekends.

In a sign of how extraordinary the financial pressure has become — at a time when housing, groceries and other everyday items have also grown more expensive workers with full-time positions at the likes of big banks and tech firms are among those embracing such solutions, according to interviews with nearly two dozen parents.

The measures show how child care costs are shaping labor market and straining even relatively high earners. Monthly payments for child care were 32% higher in September than the pre-pandemic average, according to an analysis by the Bank of America Institute of the lender's customer data. There are ripple effects to the wider economy from the child care squeeze: Families shelling out for this service have been spending at a slower pace than other households and dipping into savings at a faster rate, the think tank

The average cost in the U.S. for full-time, in-home infant care like a nanny is around \$39,270 per year,

Increases in child care prices lead guardians to get second job

according to Care.com data, and is even higher in cities like New York and San Francisco, where the expense can top an eyewatering \$45,000 or \$56,000, respectively. Center-based care can also be pricey: In cities like Washington, care for a toddler at a center can exceed \$24,000 annually.

"People are having to make tough choices and really get creative," said Raena Boston, co-founder of Chamber of Mothers, a nonprofit advocating for paid leave and affordable and accessible child care. In the last year, Boston says she's increasingly heard stories of parents working opposite shifts from their partners — and one case of someone tapping their home equity line of credit to cover the cost.

Rachel Rhyne-Flemings finishes up her corporate job at an S&P 100 company early so she can work several days a week at the daycare her children attend. The second job only pays \$14 an hour, but provides a greater financial reward: a hefty discount on care for

She ends up paying about care costs continue to rise,

\$1,425 per month, saving about \$3,500 each month in tuition. After Rhyne-Flemings and her husband handle dinner and bath time, she fires up her computer and finishes tasks for her day job.

'It's a conversation all the time where my husband and I say, 'it would be so much easier if you didn't have to work at the daycare," said Rhyne-Flemings, who lives in the Phoenix area. "One of us could cook dinner and one of us could pick up the kids, how nice would that be? And then I look at the numbers and go, 'Gosh, \$3,500 a month.'"

Such costs, shouldered along with other financial burdens, are taking an economic toll.

With rising child care costs, persistent inflation, student loan payments resuming — all these factors combined, they will mean consumers will continue to slow down their pace of spending," said Anna Zhou, an economist at Bank of America Institute. "In terms of the labor her infant and two toddlers. market, I do think if child

it would be a negative risk factor for the female labor force participation rate.'

Rhyne-Flemings is not alone in putting in work at a daycare center as a tradeoff for more manageable costs.

Heela Rasool, 41, and her husband pitch in 10 hours a month to handle payroll and assist in class at the cooperative preschool their two daughters attend in Vienna, Virginia. Because of this kind of parent help, the provider charges what it estimates is 25% less than other centers in the area.

The preschool is only though, part-time, Rasool uses an au pair to cover the gaps. Overall, Rasool estimates her family pays roughly \$35,000 to \$45,000 a year in care.

The couple, who earn a combined \$400,000 a year, are putting off big vacations right now. Rasool says if someone had told her a decade ago she'd feel financially overextended making this much, she wouldn't have believed them.

"We're in a pretty comfortable income bracket and I still feel stretched," said Rasool, who works at a across the U.S. are likely not in for a reprieve any time soon. In an October survey of 1,000 parents, some 29% of respondents reported that their child care tuition had increased in the past month. Some \$24 billion in pandemic aid to child care providers expired at the end of September, a dynamic that may push those businesses to hike prices.

Social media posts offer a window into the kind of arrangements parents are using to make it work. In October and November alone, videos on TikTok tagged #wfhmom - for parents who work from home and watch their children at the same time - garnered at least 36.7 million views, according to the social media company.

On the app, friends Daisha Davis and Mercedes Hammonds share their experience multitasking work and watching their toddlers through their joint account "2 WFH Moms View." They field questions from parents who want to do the same.

Dallas-based Davis, 27, says working West Coast hours for her fintech job allows her to juggle both. Nap time gives her another two- or three-hour window to power through tasks. She makes \$50,000 a year plus bonuses, and says full-time child care would run her and her partner at least \$1,000 a month.

"If I was not working from home, I would proba-

Families bly have to get a part-time job and just barely float by,' Davis said.

> Just 4% of employers offer access to subsidized child care, according to the Society for Human Management, Resource which tracks employee benefits. Even for the small number of workers who have that benefit, it's not always enough.

Stephanie Rosario, a mom and part-time student in Bridgeport, Connecticut, makes roughly \$52,000 a year working at a preschool. As an employee, she's entitled to an 18% discount on tuition for her four-year-old daughter, but still has to fork over \$1,600 a month.

"After rent, car note, car insurance, gas, utility bills, food – which is ridiculously expensive right now - I was at the point where I was left with \$7 to myself," Rosario

She now taps her mom to care for her daughter while she makes extra money driving for Lyft Inc. on the weekends.

Rosario, 38, is hoping once she completes her master's degree in June, things will improve financially. But there will be new child care puzzles to solve: In August, her daughter will start kindergarten, and Rosario will have to arrange for care before and after school.

"I'm stressed about it right now," Rosario said. "I worry about how I am going to make it.'

Man's true thoughts about marriage come to light

DEAR ABBY: Our son "Ted' met a young lady, "Gina," who I really like. She told him she had polycystic ovary syndrome and would have a hard time conceiving. Well, she got pregnant and they ended up, spur of the moment, going to the courthouse to get married.

When Gina went into labor, we drove three hours to be with them and stayed in a hotel, only to be told she didn't want company. She'd had a horrible threeday labor that ended with a C-

Dear Abby



section. I sort of understand her not wanting to see anybody, but we dropped everything and weren't able to even see our My husband, "Peter," has a lot try to text or FaceTime them of resentment toward Gina and every week or so to check in. I Ted. My problem is, when Peter and I married, I was three months pregnant. He has it stuck in his head that Gina "trapped" Ted into getting married. When Peter and I went through a rough patch, he made that comment about us a couple When Ted and Gina come

here, which isn't often, my husknow Gina, only to judge her. I

work the night shift, so I sleep during the day and am back up when they are asleep. How can I help my husband to see that they really do love each other and to help make Gina part of the family? — TORN MOTHER-IN-LAW

DEAR TORN: It appears your husband still has some unresolved issues regarding the circumstances of your band makes no effort to get to marriage that he has projected onto your daughter-in-law.

Point out to him that this hasn't escaped your notice, and suggest that if he wants anything resembling a healthy relationship with his son, Gina, that baby AND YOU, he must start talking with a licensed therapist. It may also require some sessions with a counselor who specializes in family therapy, if Ted and Gina are willing. Cross your fingers. If your husband won't agree to it, go without

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as ANNA'S HOPE — A faithspace is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-— 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.

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-

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

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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 MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.

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

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

SINGLES AND SEPA-

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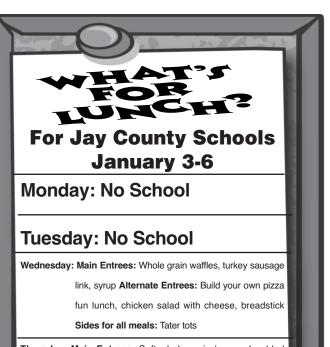
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the first Wednesday of each — For anyone who's lost a month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more suffering from illness, the information, call Sarah group will meet at 2 p.m. Conrad at (260) 589-4496.



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Sudoku

Friday's Solution

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

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Thursday: Main Entrees: Soft whole grain tacos, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese, salsa Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken

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Expand your horizons.

This is the time of year many are looking at making changes. Whether it's New Year's Resolutions or simply turning over a new leaf, it's a time to think about bettering ourselves.

Those most frequently talked about lifestyle changes involve health — exercising more, improving diet, losing weight, etc. Some last, some fall apart before January is over.

resolutions include stopping a lutions for our readers in east Rotary to Lions to Optimists to

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bad habit (smoking, drinking), spending more time with family, traveling more often and reading more frequently.

We'd like to make our own Other popular New Year's suggestion for new year's reso-

tral Ohio:

Contribute to your community.

Finding a way to get involved isn't difficult. There are so many opportunities. Here are just a few suggestions:

•Coach. Local leagues are always looking for coaches across a wide range of sports.

•Join a service club. It's no secret that membership in service clubs across the nation is waning (and aging). From

many opportunities.

•Contribute your time to a charity. There are so many out there, from Jay County Cancer Society to United Way of Jay County to Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County, and so many more.

·Become involved with a notfor-profit or school-based group. Band, theatre, athletic boosters. Take your pick.

There are all kinds of other opportunities, from helping out at a church, walking dogs for

central Indiana and west cen- Eagles to Elks, there are many, Jay County Humane Society or volunteering at a local museum.

Maybe you'll try something and it won't work out. That can

But you might find something that becomes your new passion, that builds new friendships, that simply becomes a part of who you are.

Either way, if you can look back at the end of 2024 and say you did something to make your community a better place, your year will have been a success. –

Hope gives us the courage to continue

By SHAILLY GUPTA BARNES OtherWords

After a year of economic hardship, climate disasters, and war, few could be blamed for feeling like our leaders have let us down. As we look ahead to a new year, I find it helpful to remember examples of those who not only saw the problem clearly, but brought people together to find solu-

In 1967, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called for a "radical redistribution of political and economic power" to address poverty, war, and racism. To do so, he turned to those who were on the frontlines of these crises, not those who perpetrated them.

He worked tirelessly to organize the original Poor People's Campaign, bringing together welfare advocates, farm workers unions, antiwar advocates, and Native, Chicano, Puerto Rican, and poor white organizers together with the civil rights movement.

King never wavered in his commitment to unite those who'd been divided for too long by politics, race, religion, and geography. "It has been one of my dreams that we would come together and realize our common problems," he said just a few weeks before his assassimay be desirous to say no.

later, the power structures of our nation are invested in systems and structures that are destroying our lives and to join the call for a perour planet.

Α new report from Oxfam USA, for example, blames the wealthiest people in the world for our climate breakdown — not only because of their lavish lifestyles, but also their influence on politics, media, and the economy. Every year their emissions cancel out the carbon savings of some of the best green technolocalls for a "radīcal increase in equality" to save our planet.

We know that those invested in the status quo won't come forth with solutions to these crises that compromise their interests. That's true whether we're talking climate, the about inequality, poverty, or war. The answers will come from those who are confronting these systems directly.

And that's the good *Policy Studies*.

Shailly Gupta **Barnes**



news. In many places, standing people against injustice

To confront these corbehemoths, porate who've extracted nearly \$250 billion in profits over the past decade by exploiting workers, the UAW called on specific locals to "stand up" and strike, while others continued to work even with expired contracts.

President Shawn Fain rallied their members social media, reminding them they weren't trying to wreck the economy, but to wreck "their" economy the economy of the Big Three and Wall Street.

maintain union's united front. It shaped their demands for higher wages, better benefits for all workers, and an end to tiered wages. Significantly, it opened the door for workers to nation, and to "make the influence the electric power structure of this vehicle market — breaknation say yes, when they ing new ground for labor find common cause with the climate move-More than 50 years ment. The union's wins were nothing short of historic.

> like in times of great crisis, war and inequality.

foolishly It's not gies we have. The report romantic to celebrate this hope. It's what gives us the courage and compassion to stand up another day, to find each other, and to make what seems impossible, possi-

research director for the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social

editorial service published by the Institute for

shifting what's possible. This fall, the United

Auto Workers went on strike for six weeks, targeting each of the "Big Three" auto manufactur-

This clarity helped

More recently, the UAW became the largest union manent ceasefire in Gaza. This is not just a testament to the union, but to the many, many others who are coming together across politics, race, religion and geography to demand peace, life and freedom for Palestinians as well as Israelis.

This is what hope looks

Barnes is the policy and Justice.



We need more conversation

By LISA JARVIS

Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

This year, the incredible potential of obesity medicines like Novo Nordisk's Ozempic and Wegovy and Eli Lilly's Zepbound started to come into view. The drugs work so well for so many that it's starting to look like they could change the literal and metaphorical shape of society — starting with our waistlines and extending to our overall health and our habits around food and alcohol.

And yet the way we talk about these drugs remains stuck in frustrating binaries. The drugs are either a panacea or an overpriced Band-Aid; they will either solve of the biggest health care or burden the system with hundreds of billions of dollars in unjustified cost. The extremes keep us from honestly addressing some fundamental questions about these drugs. Most pressingly: What role should they play in addressing a sicker, fatter society?

There are many obstacles to starting to address that necessary question. One is the still-widespread attitude that the drugs make weight loss too easy — that the only meaningful pounds shed are those earned through diet and exercise. Another is the hardened position of some body positivity activists, who refuse to acknowledge any connection between weight and health. Same goes for the clickbait headlines that either hype the drugs' miraculous abilities or foster fear about their potential dangers.

Meanwhile, there's the faction that sees these drugs as a costly and superficial solution to the societal ills that have contributed to a more obese, sicker country. They'd rather the money be spent on correcting some of the root causes of the problem, starting with glaring inequities in access to healthy food and preventive health care.

Then there's the pharmaceutical OtherWords is a free industry's eagerness to convince the world that all overweight people — in the US, some 100 million

Lisa Jarvis



drug that they'll likely need to take for life. That's not helping to foster an especially nuanced, constructive conversation. Nor are the analysts practically salivating over a market that could be worth upward of \$100 billion per year a cost that, depending on whom you ask, will blow up health-care budgets or save billions.

In the end, none of these extreme positions feels quite right. Worse, the cacophony doesn't allow us to appropriately address the most important questions: Who should get these drugs and for how long? And how we can pay for them without exacerbating health inequities or bankrupting the health-care system?

One way through would be to start by admitting what we do and don't know about the drugs, and dig into the nuanced way — good and bad — they could affect individuals and society.

Ozempic, Wegovy and Zepbound are unquestionably revolutionary. Beyond the stunning weight loss they cause, there's growing evidence that they can affect harbingers of many other diseases. As the number on the scale goes down, often blood pressure, blood sugar and lipid levels drop, too, sometimes so much that they can taper or stop other medications. And many people see benefits that are less easily measured, but deserve to be part of the conversation. For the first time, they are free of the "food noise," the constant buzz of a brain convinced it is hungry. Or they've finally found relief from knee or joint pain; they can now get down on the floor with their kids or hike that trail that has always eluded them.

And yet, there is also so much we still need to learn about these drugs and how they will be used. — will benefit from an expensive The wild prognostications about *News*.

The US doesn't have a great track record when it comes to investing in prevention or the social determinants of health.

how GLP-1s will affect societal health, not to mention the range of downstream consequences on things like food and beverage consumption, hinge on their longterm use. But given their real side effects and steep cost, it's not clear how many people will take these drugs even for a year or two, let alone for life. And we will eventually need to better define whose weight puts them at risk of dis.e.ase, and who is perfectly healthy in their bigger body — and then decide whether it makes sense to pay for the drug for anyone who wants it.

We also need to talk more about what created the modern obesity problem in the first place. The U.S. doesn't have a great track record when it comes to investing in prevention or the social determinants of health. But we have to imagine a world where both the quick fix and the slower, structural solution can coexist.

This year, the extraordinary possibilities brought by these obesity drugs have become clear. Next year, we need a frank, nuanced conversation about how they should be equitably and responsibly used.

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New year, new questions

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- 2) What mystery writer holds the Guinness World Record for the most translated works?

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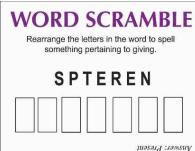
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Guess Who?

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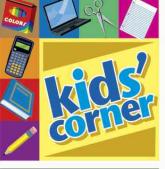
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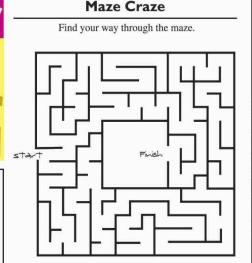
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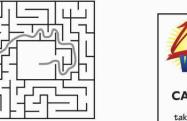




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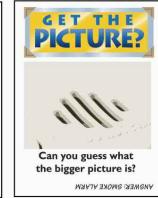
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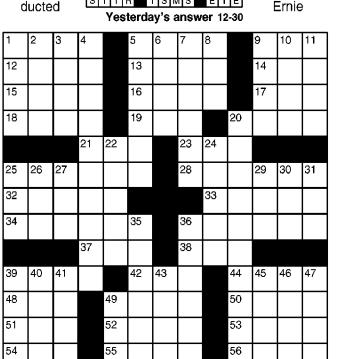
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Contract By Steve Becker

Reducing the risk factor

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **A** A 3 **V** A J 9 4 WEST EAST **♣** 5 **♥** Q 10 8 3 2 **♠** K 6 2 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ K 10 7 2 SOUTH ♠QJ109874 ♥7 ♦ Q 3 **♣**A K Q The bidding: North East Pass 6 🏚 ten of clubs.

Opening lead At times, a high degree of foresight may be required to achieve the best possible result. Take this deal where West led a club against six spades. Declarer won with the ace, played the queen of spades and finessed. Had South next played another spade, hoping West had started with the doubleton king, he would have gone down one.

But rather than put all his eggs in this one basket, South temporarily abandoned further trump leads in order to first play a heart to the ace and ruff a heart. Now he led a king did not fall, South continued his long-range plan by ruffing the nine of hearts and cashing the K-Q

South then made his bid for fame and fortune by exiting with a trump. West won with the king but, having been shorn of spades, hearts and clubs, he had to return a diamond from the king, handing South the contract.

The hand presents an excellent example of planning the play. Having noted at trick one that his main hope of making the slam was to find West with the singleton or doubleton king of trump, South sought and found a way to add to his chances by setting the stage for a potential endplay against West if he had the guarded king of spades

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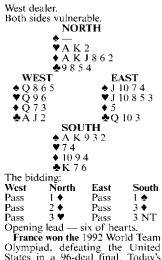
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When the primary chance failed. the secondary chance came to South's rescue at the end. South was lucky to find West with the king of diamonds and only three hearts and three clubs, but this is the kind of luck than can save the day for a declarer who takes the time at the outset to formulate a contingency plan.

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Contract & Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand



Olympiad, defeating the United States in a 96-deal final. Today's deal provided the French with a substantial pickup in that match.

When France's Alain Levy and Herve Mouiel held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown, and West led a heart. No doubt many declarers would have taken the first heart and played the A-K of diamonds without giving the matter much thought. But when the diamond queen failed to fall and the club ace later proved to be offside, they would have gone down, unable to reach the A-K of spades in the closed hand.

However, this was the final of the

world championship, and Mouiel, as would be expected, found the winning line of play. After taking the first heart, he led the diamond deuce to his ten. This lost to West's queen, but the diamond nine was established as an entry to the closed hand, so the defenders could not stop South from scoring five dia-monds, two hearts and two spades for a total of nine tricks.

At the other table, the U.S. North-

South pair of Michael Rosenberg and Seymon Deutsch reached five diamonds. Rosenberg. North, won the opening heart lead and played the A-K of trump. He then cashed his other high heart and ruffed a heart in dummy. Next came the A-K of spades, declarer discarding two clubs, followed by a spade ruff.
Rosenberg then exited with a diamond to West's queen.

Had West started with precisely a

3-3-3-4 pattern, he would have been forced to return a club at this point, allowing dummy's king to score the game-going trick. As it was, though, West was able to exit with his last spade. Rosenberg had no choice but to ruff and lead a club to the king, and when West produced the ace, the contract was down one, giving the French a 12-IMP gain.

Tomorrow: An unusual safety play. ©2024 King Features Syndicate In-

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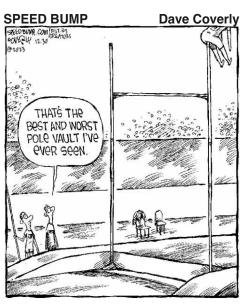
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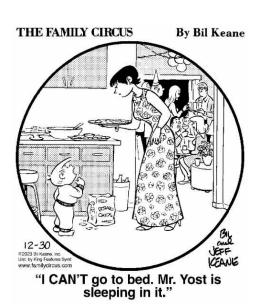
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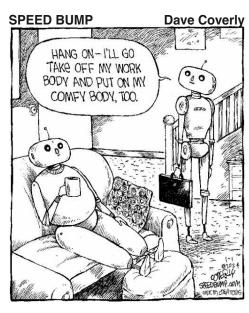
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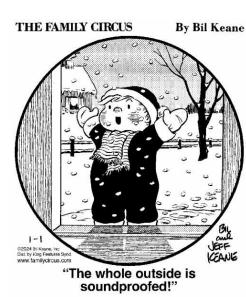
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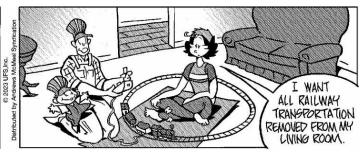




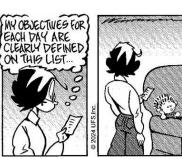
















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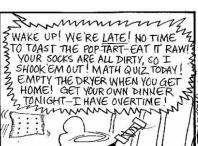
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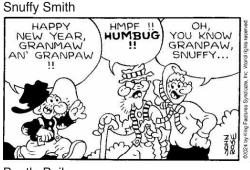




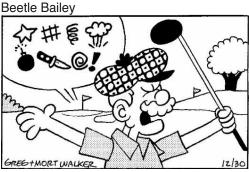
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Hanging on

Patriots thwart Pendleton Heights comeback effort with 10 fourth-quarter free throws

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review PENDLETON -Patriots slowly watched their lead shrivel away.

Ball pressure, turnovers and offensive rebounds were killing them in the middle of the game.

Down the stretch, coach Sherri McIntire put her trust in the freshman and it paid off.

The ball was in the hands of Hallie Schwieterman late in the Jay County High School girls basket-ball team's 59-53 triumph over the Pendleton Heights Arabians on Thursday.

"I'm super proud of our kids and super excited," McIntire said. "That's a huge win. Definitely a confidence booster."

Pendleton Heights (10-5) had all of the momentum starting off the fourth quarter. An early put-back from Brea Perry and a transition bucket by Kaycie Warfel gave the Arabians their first lead of the game with 3 minutes, 28 seconds left to play.

Being held scoreless for the first four minutes of the final period, Jay County (13-2) needed to find a way to put points on the board. It finally did that when Meredith Dirksen was sent to the free throw line for bonus shots, with the junior draining both to regain a 49-48 lead.

The Patriots would not relinquish their lead again. With guard Breanna Dirksen in foul trouble and the team struggling with turnovers, McIntire turned to Schwieterman to be the primary ball handler late

"She's no longer a freshman in my eyes," McIntire said. "She continues to get better and better each

in the game.

'Early she wasn't always making the right decisions, and I think she's getting more confident in making the right decisions. ...



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Molly Muhlenkamp hits one of her five made shots in Jay County High School's 59-53 win over Pendleton Heights on Thursday.

"She could have folded, make it and they are trying loose ball went the way of but she was right in there battling with the upperclassmen."

Schwieterman assisted the only basket that Jay County made in the fourth quarter, driving into the lane to draw Adah Hupfer up to hit Denton with an easy layup.

The freshman also nailed all four fourth-quarter free throws, including a pair with 10.9 seconds left to push the Patriots' lead to six and solidify the win.

"Me and my dad actually just went out and shot free throws, but I had no idea this was going to be this kind of game at all," Schwieterman said. "The crowd is cheering because they think you're going to

to get you to not make it. Using that, having that in your head and going up confident helps so much.'

Schwieterman finished the game 9-for-9 on free throws, with a three, a pullup and a layup for a teamhigh 16 points.

JCHS sank 10-of-12 free throws in the final period.

The Patriots built an early lead by outsourcing PHSH 17-2 in the first quarter. The Arabians didn't crack the scoring column until there was 22 seconds left, when Mamie Trout got to the free throw line.

Pendleton Heights coach Nick Rodgers was disappointed with his team's hustle in the first period, stating he felt nearly every

the Patriots.

The largest lead came at the 5:38 mark when a Molly Muhlenkamp pull-up jumper gave it 16 points of separation at 25-9.

The Arabians clawed their way back into the game by putting pressure on Jay County's ball handlers and creating turnovers, as well as aggressively attacking the offensive glass.

Of Pendleton Heights' 21 field goals, six came off of turnovers and five on offensive rebounds.

"It's one of those things where we scrapped and were able to make plays, Rodgers said. "I'll be honest, with it being break and not having the legs, I didn't of threes.

know if we'd be able to dig

'So to be able to dig out and have it where we took the lead, it'll make us better in January and Febru-

The Patriots also got strong offensive performances from Molly Muhlenkamp (14) and Bella Denton (11). The entire cast filled their roles in the victory with Schwieterman Sophie and Samxan pulling in six rebounds, Breanna Dirksen dishing out six assists, Muhlenkamp sending back four shots and Breanna Dirksen picking off five passes.

"They're a good ball club," Rodgers said. 'Schwieterman is going to be like her sister and they have so many role players that are champions in their

The win was one of the biggest for McIntire in her first year, being able to take down an opponent that was favored to beat her team.

"That's a huge confidence booster, beating a team that we weren't supposed to," McIntire said. They are higher than us in the Sagrin ratings ... nobody thought we would win this game, but they believed and gutted it out."

Junior varsity

The Patriots held on in a low scoring affair against Pendleton Heights for a 20-18 win in two quarters.

Jay County (6-7) was just one bucket better in the first quarter, winning the period 10-8.

Raylah Newton scored six of her nine points in the opening frame. Natalie Carreno matched Newton's nine points, scoring seven of them in the second.

Alexis Sibray had the only other basket for Jay County.

Claire Sorrells was the Arabians' leading scorer, tallying six points on a pair

Box score

Pendleton Heights Arabians vs. **Jay County Patriots**

Girls varsity summary

Jay County (13-2)				
I	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Muhlnkmp	5-10	2-2	14	
Saxman	3-6	3-6	9	
Schwtrmn	3-9	9-9	16	
MDirksen	0-2	2-2	2	
Denton	4-8	3-6	11	
BDirksen	1-3	3-4	5	
May	1-2	0-0	2	
Totals	17-40	22-29	59	
	.425	.758		

Pendleton Heights (10-5)

Def. rebound percentage: .545

	FG-FGA	FI-FIA	PIS
Daldwin	1-5	0-0	3
Γrout	2-3	2-2	7
KWarfel	7-26	4-6	19
Perry	1-3	0-0	2
lones	5-10	2-2	12
Roberts	0-5	0-0	0
AWarfel	0-3	1-2	1
Hupfer	4-9	1-4	9
Totals	21-64	10-16	53
	.328	.625	

Def. rebound percentage: .565 Score by quarters: Jay Co. 17 17 13 12-59

Pen. Hts. 2 22 20 9 — 53 3-point shooting: Jay County 3-11

3, BDirksen 0-1, May 0-1, MDirksen 0-2). Pendleton Heights 3-20 (Baldwin 1-2, Trout 1-2, KWarfel 1-5, Perry 0-1, AWarfel 0-1, Jones 0-4, Roberts Rebounds: Jay County 34 (Team 7, Saxman 6, Schwieterman 6, BDirksen 6, Denton 5, Muhlenkamp

(Muhlenkamp 2-3, Schwieterman 1-

2, MDirksen, May). Pendleton Heights 35 (KWarfel 9, Hupfer 7, Team 7, Jones 4, AWarfel 3, Perry 2, Roberts 2, Baldwin). Assists: Jay County 14 (BDirksen

6, Muhlenkamp 3, Saxman 2, Schwieterman 2, Denton). Pendleton Heights 8 (Jones 6, Baldwin, Trout).

Blocks: Jay County 4 (Muhlenkamp 4). Pendleton Heights 6 (KWarfel 3, Hupfer 2, AWarfel).

Personal fouls: Jav County 16 (Schwieterman 4. BDirksen 4. Muhlenkamp 3, MDirksen 2, Denton 2 Saxman), Pendleton Heights 23 (Jones 5, Trout 4, KWarfel 4, Hupfer 4. Roberts 3. Baldwin 2. AWarfel).

Turnovers: Jay County 27. Pendleton Heights 25.

FRHS girls basketball falls just short to Flyers

FORT RECOVERY — The Flyers have averaged nearly 50 points per game this season. If the Tribe knew it would hold the Fly-

ers under 40, it would have likely felt pretty good about its odds. Still, it fell just short of victory. The Fort Recovery High School girls bas-

ketball held the Marion Local Flyers to a season low, but couldn't hold on for victory in a 39-36 loss on Thursday.

After holding Marion Local (8-2) to only two points in the second quarter, the Indians (2-6) held a 28-27 going into the final period. The Flyers got big lifts from Avae Unrast and Allison Dirksen who combined for 10 of their 12 fourth-quarter points. Unrast hit two shots inside the arc and a free throw while Dirksen went 2-for-2 from the line and added a three.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp scored six points while Cameron Muhlenkamp added two as Fort Recovery was outpaced 12-8, losing the slim lead.

Makenna Huelskamp set a career-high 13 points, including three 3-pointers for Fort Recovery. Kennedy Muhlenkamp was only one point behind.

Unrast led MLHS with 18 while Dirksen had 10.

Not enough offense

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery boys basketball team got overwhelmed by the Marion Local Flyers in a 61-34 loss on Thursday.

The Indians (4-3) hung with the Flyers (2-3) in the first quarter, only trailing 19-16. The well dried up after that, getting outscored 42-18. The Flyers held the Indi-

ans to only four points in the second quar-Grant Kremer and Austin Niekamp

FRHS roundup

powered Marion Local's offense, dropping 16 points each. Kremer hit four 3-pointers while Niekamp's work came closer to the

Briggs Overman led FRHS with nine points

Fortkamp leads

LIMA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery girls swim team placed ninth at the Bluffton Holiday Invitational at the Lima YMCA while the boys team earned 15th on Thurs-

The girls team scored 100 points in the meet, while the boys tallied 31. Ottawa Glandorf won the girls meet with 270.5 points while Lima Shawnee took the boys with 284.5.

Teigen Fortkmap led the Indians with a first-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle. Her time of 56.04 seconds was 2.79 seconds faster than Jenna Downey of Buffton in second place.

Fortkamp also took second in the 100 backstroke and was a part of the 200 medley relay team that placed fifth. Paige Guggenbiller, Joelle Kaup and Allison Knapke joined her in the relay.

Guggenbiller also had a high finish in the 50 freestyle, where she earned sixth place. Sage Wendel led the boys team with a

fourth-place finish in the 100 butterfly and sixth in the individual medley.

ACAC brackets set

One team each year gets an easier path to the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament championship.

This year, the Patriots will get the easier path.

The Jay County High basketball School teams drew a first round bye in the ACAC tournament, and instead will play their first games on Friday,

nals. The Patriots will draw a matchup with the winner of game one between South Adams and Adams Central.

Jan. 12, in the semifi-

The girls team (12-2, 3-0 ACAC) have already beat both teams on the season. It dominated both teams with Adams Central (62-26) first on Dec. 8 and South Adams (67-39) on Dec.

The boys team (2-5, 1-0 ACAC) has yet to face either team, but will travel to Monroe to face the Jets on Jan. 6 before the tournament begins.

The Bluffton Tigers currently sit on top of both the boys and girls standings in the ACAC.

Jay County roundup

The boys team sits at 2-0, only one win above JCHS. The girls team is also only one victory better as they have gone 4-0 in conference play to open the season.

The Patriots and Tigers will face off at Jay County on Jan. 5 before the girls tournament starts as well.

Bluffton draws Southern Wells in the first round of the tournament, with the teams playing in Poneto. The winner will go on to play at the winner between Heritage and Woodlan.

The championship games will be played at South Adams on Saturday, Jan. 13, with the girls game beginning at 6 p.m. and the boys game to follow.

Fourth place finish PARKER CITY —

The Jay County High match of the day.

School junior varsity wrestling team finished fourth in the Battle at the Bear Den at Monroe Central High School on Thursday.

The Patriots went 2-1 in pool play, defeating both Lincoln and Lapel by a score of 66-18 while losing to Milan 60-24. They dropped both matches of the final four to Browns-(60-12)burg and Wabash (42-19).

Hayden Ison had the strongest day for the Patriots, competing in the 144-pound weight class.

The freshman finished the day 3-1 with wins over Brody Pucket of Lincoln (1 minute, 45 seconds), Kane Budd of Milan (1:51) and Wyatt Harden of Wabash (25 seconds).

Also with positive records on the day were Grant Linville going 2-1 in the 106 position and Taye Curtis who was 2-1 between the 157 and 150 weight classes before he had an injury forfeit in the final

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Sports

Continued from page 10 St. Henry also had two big inside weapons to use against Fort Recovery. Luke Beyke had a strong first half, hitting five baskets, while Evan Bowers had a slower start, but ultimately matched that throughout the game.

"When they get it that deep, we try to wall up, and if you get it that close you probably should score," Leverette said. "I think our defensive effort was fine. We'll probably change some things up for the next time we see them, but overall I'm proud of the guys.

point shot and hit 6-of-7 can create off the dribble free throws to earn a and create his own shot,' game-high 19 points. Bowers hit both of his starting to get things attempts to add 12 to the board for St. Henry.

rebounds short of a double-double as he led all starting to figure things with nine rebounds. Three of the nine boards he snagged were offensive rebounds. The Indians ended with more offensive one rebound than St. Henry with 13.

Overman provided the biggest lift for Leverette's team. The junior came off of the bench with an aggressive mindset, looking to get downhill and attack the rim by finding small seams in the defense.

"He's the only guy on Beyke also added a 3- our team right now that Leverette said. "He's going. He's starting to understand the physicali-

JV guy last year, he's distance, while Beyke out. We're very proud of him.'

strongest in the second quarter and the third. In the second, the Tribe matched SHHS with 13 points apiece, while outsourcing it 13-10 in the third. The Indians got the ball inside a lot easier during the two quarters, while also making more trips to the free throw line. They also turned the ball over the least amount of times in the third quarter, only coughing the rock up three times.

The Indians did shoot better from the outside than St. Henry because of Reece Guggenbiller. The senior led the shoot-

Bowers was just one ty of the game, being a ingeffort with 3-of-5 from only hit one shot from beyond the arc.

> Guggenbiller finished The Indians played the the game as the Indians' second-leading scorer with nine points. No one else scored more than five.

Overall, Leverette was happy with his team's defensive effort in the game and is looking forward to when it will match up with St. Henry on Feb. 2 on the Indians' home court.

"Kudos to them, they had some good movement offensively," Leverette said. "I'm very proud of our defensive effort. These guys just scored 80 the other night at Marion Local so to hold them to 53 at home is a pretty good effort on our part."

Box score

St. Henry vs. Fort Recovery Indians

Fort Recovery (4-4) FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS Overman Siefring Guggenbiller 3-7 0-0 0-1 Dues 1-6 0-0 Homan Leverette 0-0 Diller 0-0 1-2 Evers

4-8

.500

16-43 .372 Def. rebound percentage: .630

Lennartz

Totals

St. Henry (4-3)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Broering	0-0	0-0	0
Delzeith	0-1	3-4	3
Puthoff	0-2	0-0	0
Bergman	2-6	0-0	4
Bowers	5-12	2-2	12
Boeckman	0-3	4-8	4
Link	3-6	0-0	6
Huelsman	0-1	0-0	0
LaGuire	2-2	1-1	5
Beyke	6-12	6-7	19
Schwartz	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	18-45	16-22	53
	400	707	

Def. rebound percentage: .593

Score by quarters: Ft. Rec. 5 13 13 9 — 40

St. Hen. 16 13 10 14-53

3-point shooting: Fort Recovery 3-13 (Guggenbiller 3-5, Overman 0-1, Lennartz 0-1. Leverette 0-2. Dues 0-3). St. Henry 1-8 (Beyke 1-3, Link 0-1, Huelsman 0-1, Bowers 0-3).

Rebounds: Fort Recovery 30 (Faller 6, Leverette 5, Team 5, Guggenbiller 4, Homan 3, Lennartz 3, Evers 2, Overman, Diller). St. Henry 28 (Bowers 9, Beyke 7, Puthoff 3, Boeckman 3, Team 3, Delzeith, Bergman, Huelsman).

Assists: Fort Recovery 4 (Homan 2, Siefring, Faller). St. Henry 3 (Delzeith 2, Link).

Blocks: Fort Recovery 5 (Lennartz 2, Dues, Homan, Evers). St. Henry 2 (Bergman, Bowers).

Personal fouls: Fort Recovery 16 (Leverette 5, Homan 3, Faller 3, Overman 2, Guggenbiller 2, Dues). St. Henry 13 (Bowers 3, Puthoff 2, Boeckman 2, Link 2, LaGuire 2).

Turnovers: Fort Recovery 16. St.



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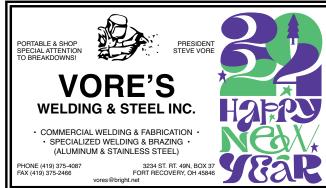


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Big mans' game



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Fort Recovery High School senior Rex Leverette rises up for a jump shot in the Indians' 53-40 loss at St. Henry on Friday.

St. Henry forwards combine for 31 points in 13-point win over Fort Recovery

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

ST. HENRY, Ohio -Fort Recovery didn't put forward its best foot on to take control early in Thursday night in a 61-34 loss to Marion Local.

Without any time to digest what happened, it was thrust into another matchup with a familiar opponent. The immediate response wasn't what it would have liked, but the Indians picked up traction as the game went along to keep things close.

They just didn't have enough to complete the comeback.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team nearly erased a 12-0 deficit, but strong free throw shooting from St. Henry's basketball team led to a 54-40 defeat Friday night.

because we had two starters in foul trouble from the second quarter on," FRHS coach Bob Leverette said. "I'm not going to read too much into that game. But, that being said, I like our chances

teams for our league could run," SHHS coach play.'

St. Henry (4-3) was able the game with a 12-0 run to start the first quarter. Two keys to building the lead were the offensive pace and inside play for St. Henry.

Of the five initial baskets, two came in transition and two were off of offensive rebounds - one of those was the same shot when Evan Bowers had a putback off of a missed shot in transition.

The Indians (4-4) ended the dry spell with 2 minutes, 12 seconds left in the opening period, when Briggs Overman came in off of the bench, drove to the hoop and converted a

3-point-play. Six of St. Henry's 18 "I think that blowout field goals either came loss is a bit deceiving off of steals or manufactured transition opportunities, where it would rip the ball down after a missed or made shot and hustled down the floor to put pressure on Fort the final nine minutes of Recovery's defense.

"We wanted to get stops

for playing both of these and then we thought we Eric Rosenbeck said. "We're trying to get as many live ball turnovers as we can get. ...

"It's a defensive grind, because it was a lot slower pace than our normal. We're going to see that throughout the year. We probably have another three or four teams on our schedule that're going to slow us down. We have to have the grit, the toughness, and the want to work to be able to execute and get a win in a low scoring game."

St. Henry ended up forcing the Indians to commit 16 turnovers in the game.

The closest FRHS came to St. Henry's lead came late in the third quarter. Rex Leverette took the ball from coast-to-coast with one minute left in the third to cut the deficit down to six. After that, SHHS took control at the free throw line, knocking down 13-of-18 foul shots in

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Fort Recovery girls can't get offense started

Indians offense stalls in the first and third quarters, only managing two buckets between the two

By ANDREW BALKO The Commercial Review

ST. HENRY, Ohio — The Indians don't boast a roster that is blessed with an abundance of experience.

When those who have experience struggle to score, it can be tough times for the Tribe.

Offensive struggles in the first and third quarters held the Fort Recovery victory Friday.

The Indians (2-7) struggled early as St. Henry raced out to an 11-0 lead. FRHS battled back late in the first quarter, finishing on a 7-2 run. Makenna Huelskamp and Karlie Niekamp got the offense jump started with a three and a layup respectively while Cali Wendel and Saige Leuthold both hit 1-of-2 free

Fort Recovery matched St. Henry (8-1) with eight second-quarter points. Niekamp hit three shots while Huel-

for the Indians in the third period. St. Henry's ball pressure became too much as FRHS could barely get shots off before the ball would get swiped away and taken down to the other end of the

Fort Recovery's only point came on a free throw from Leuthold midway through the period. Five players from SHHS scored in the third period to total High School girls basketball team back 12 points. St. Henry held a 33-16 lead as St. Henry walked away with a 43-21 entering the final period. Lauren Thieman had the only basket for SHHS in the final period as she hit a three, but it still put up another seven points from the charity stripe.

Morgan Baumer was the leading scorer in the game, putting up 13 points for St. Henry. Thieman was next with eight.

Niekamp led the way for Fort Recovery with eight. Huelskamp was held quiet in the second half to only score

Leuthold, Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Wendel rounded out the scoring with skamp added another. Things fell apart four, three and one point, respectively.



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Ohio State at West Virginia (FOX)

ball: Illinois at Indiana (BTN)

las Cowboys (ABC)

9 a.m.

8:15 p.m. — NFL: Detroit Lions at Dal-

Premier League: AFC

Sunday

Bournemouth at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)

1 p.m. — NFL: Las Vegas Raiders at Indianapolis Colts (CBS)

Seattle Seahawks (FOX) 4:25 p.m. — NFL: Cincinnati Bengals

at Kansas City Chiefs (CBS) 8:20 p.m. — NFL: Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings (NBC)

12 p.m. — College football Reliquest Bowl: Wisconsin vs. LSU (ESPN2)

Liberty vs. Oregon (ESPN); Iowa vs. Ten-

nessee (ABC)
3 p.m. — NHL: Vegas Golden Knights

at Seattle Kraken (TNT)
3 p.m. — Premier League: Newcastle

United at Liverpool (USA)
5 p.m. — College football Rose Bowl

Sugar Bowl: Texas vs. Washington (ESPN)

Tuesday

North Carolina at Pitt (ESPN); Iowa at Wis-

7 p.m. - Men's college basketball:

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

10:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

Tryouts scheduled Tryouts for A League of Our Own Inde-

Northwestern at Illinois (BTN); Charlotte at

ball: New Mexico at Colorado State (FS1)

Men's college basketball:

8:45 p.m. — College football Allstate

Bowl: Alabama vs. Michigan (ESPN)

consin (BTN)

SMU (ESPN2)

8:30 p.m.

Butler at St. John's (FS1)

Local notes

in Noblesville on Jan. 30.

1 p.m. — College football bowl games:

12 p.m. — Women's college basket-

2:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maryland at Nebraska (BTN) 4 p.m. — NFL: Pittsburgh Steelers at

FRHS senior Karlie Neikamp drives in on St. Henry on Friday night in a 43-21 loss. Niekamp led the way for Fort Recovery with nine points.

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Local schedule

Jay County - Girls wrestling IHSWCA regional at Jay County - 9 a.m.; Boys basketball at Muncie Central – 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls bowling vs. New

Bremen at Plaza Lanes – 9:15 a.m.; Boys bowling vs. New Bremen at Celina – 1 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Lincolnview – 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Coldwater – 10 a.m.

TuesdayJay County — Swim at Bellmont – 6 p.m.; Girls basketball vs. Concordia Lutheran – 6 p.m.; Girls wrestling at Coldwater – 7 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Coldwater - 7 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Swim dual-meet at South Adams – 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball Swim dual-meet at vs. Arcanum – 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today 7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Chelsea at Luton Town (USA)

10 a.m. — Premier League: Burnley at Aston Villa (USA)

 College football Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl: Ole Miss vs. Penn State (ESPN)

12 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Stonehill at Rutgers (BTN); Hofstra at St.

John's (FS1) 12 p.m. - Women's college basket-

ball: Ohio State at Michigan (FOX) 12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Man 12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester United at Nottingham Forest (USA) 2 p.m. — College football Transperfect Music City Bowl: Auburn vs. Maryland

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Marqette (CBS); Virginia Tech

at Wake Forest (ESPN2); Indiana State at Michigan State (FS1)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball:

Minnesota at Iowa (BTN); Baylor at Texas

4 p.m. — College football Capital One

Orange Bowl: Georgia vs. Florida State (ESPN)

4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wichita State at Kansas (ESPN2); UCLA at

Oregon (CBS); Chicago State at DePaul

7 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Indi-

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

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4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Michigan State at Penn State (BTN) 6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Wisconsin at Purdue (BTN)

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