

McGalliard files for re-election

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
The rematch is set.
Jay County Commissioner Brian McGalliard made it official Thursday, filing to run for re-election representing the south district. He will face off against Duane Monroe in the Republican primary.
Also filing Thursday afternoon was Michael Brewster for a Republican nomination for Jay County Council at-large. (Brewster was the only additional candidate to file Friday morning before the noon deadline, as he also will run for Republican

Incumbent will face off against Monroe for south district commissioner nomination

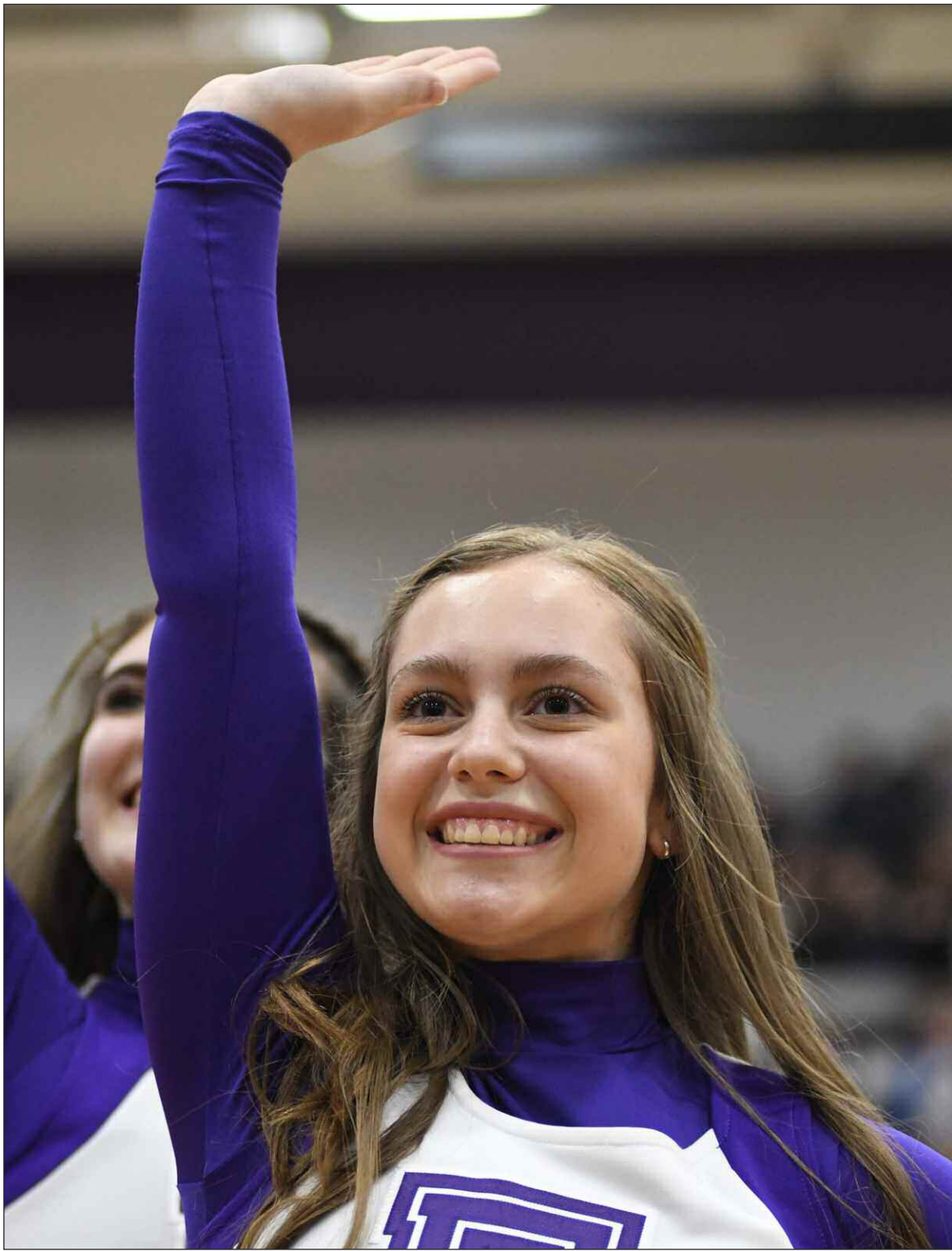
precinct committeeman in Wayne 3.)
McGalliard's filing made official the rematch for the south district commissioner seat from the 2020 primary.
"Deciding to run for an elected office is something that should not be taken lightly," said McGalliard in a press release distributed Thursday evening. "To be an effective commissioner, you must be willing and available to allocate much of your time and energy to the position. Over the last three years, I feel that I have demonstrated that I have the time, energy and knowledge needed to be effective in this position."

Monroe announced his candidacy in late November and then was one of the first candidates to turn in paperwork to the Jay County Clerk's Office on the opening day of filing. Following Monroe's announcement, McGalliard said he planned to run for another term but did not make it official until Thursday.
McGalliard, Dunkirk, is a 1988 Jay County High School graduate and the owner of Pizza King in Portland. He attended Ball State University and bought into the family business in 2006.
See Files page 2

Meeting OK'd to discuss building demo

Area business owners will consult with Shroyer

By RAY COONEY
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A meeting will be scheduled to help coordinate the demolition of a downtown building.
Portland Board of Works on Thursday agreed to ask contractor Stan Shroyer of JAShroyer Group meet with LeeAnn Miller, her attorney and other business owners next week in preparation for the demolition of the building at 208 and 210 N. Meridian St.
Thursday's meeting was scheduled on Miller's request to discuss the process of the demolition moving forward. She owns the building adjacent to the one that will be torn down and is renovating it to be the new home of her interior design business.
She noted specific concern about a concrete floor that is attached to the shared wall between her building and the one that will be demolished.
Attorney Eric Welch, who is representing Miller, suggested a meeting with Shroyer to discuss a timeline and plans in order to make sure everyone is on the same page. He also represented The Greazy Pickle, which was adjacent to the now-demolished Bailey Building on Main Street. (JAShroyer Group also handled that project.)
"I thought that went relatively well," said Welch. "And I think the biggest reason it went well is there was kind of this feeling of let's all kind of work together."
Board of works members Steve McIntosh, Jerry Leonard and Mayor Jeff Westlake agreed to set up a meeting late next week. Demolition is scheduled to begin Feb. 19.



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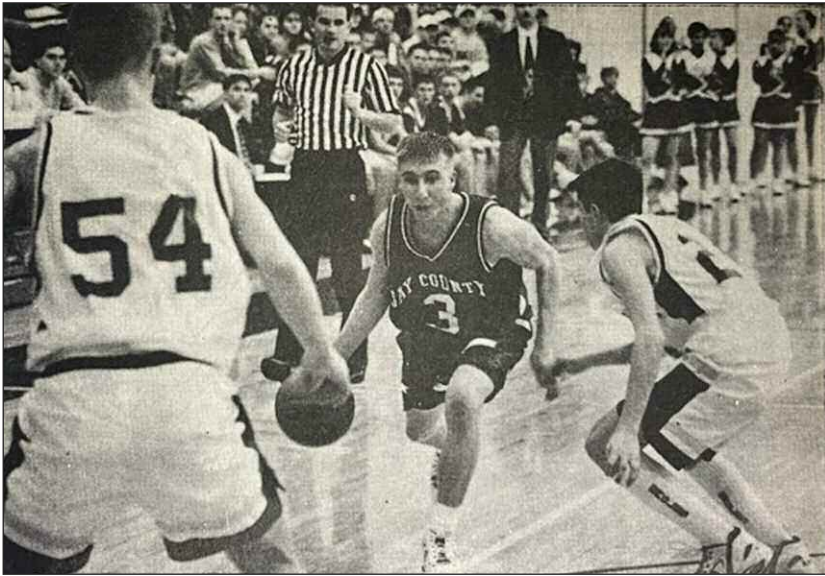
UCA smile

Fort Recovery High School cheerleader Bailie Muhlenkamp, a junior, waves during the squad's performance of its Universal Cheerleaders Association contest routine between the first and second quarters of the Indian boys basketball team's game Friday against Minster. The cheerleaders will be honored for their Ohio Athletic Committee state championship at tonight's basketball game against Newton Local.

Retrospect

Patriots won on last-second tip in

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Patriots were celebrating a last-second victory in a season that was full of them.
The Feb. 13, 1999, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the Jay County High School boys basketball team's 52-51 victory over the host Delta Eagles.
The Patriots trailed by one in the closing moments before Andrew Michael tipped in his own miss as time expired.
"The big thing is, on the road like this, they always find a way to win," said JCHS coach Craig Teagle. "We're happy we were able to finish them off with the last shot."
The team's heart-thumping victories that year were:
•56-53 in overtime at Blackford
•49-48 at Winchester
•70-61 at Richmond in three overtimes
•69-65 in double overtime against McCutcheon in a tournament
The Patriots (11-6) were down by one to Delta with less than 10 seconds left when a pass from Josh Ford was tipped out of bounds. Brad Bennet then got the inbound pass in to Michael, who missed his first attempt. But he kept fighting toward the rim and got the tip for the victory.
"I was just able to stick with it and keep going hard," said Michael, who finished with 12 points. "The next thing I know, everybody came running out and was yelling. It was chaos. I love it. I don't think coach can handle any more of it, but we love it."
The teams combined for 17 3-pointers, with Jay County hitting 10. Nathan Michael hitting three on the way to 17 points and Ford hitting three for his nine points.
The game was close throughout, with Delta leading 38-34 at the end of the third quarter before the Patriots fought back for the victory.



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Jay County High School point guard Josh Ford dribbles his way through Delta defenders Jacob Everett (left) and Scott Carmichael (right) during the first half of the Patriots' 52-51 victory on Feb. 12, 1999.

Deaths

Russell Hodge, 65, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature Friday in Jay County climbed to 64 degrees. The low was 52.
Today's high is expected to be in the upper 40s. There is a 30% chance of rain. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with a high in the low 40s followed by a slight chance of snow Monday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County High School's show choirs have rescheduled the performances of their competition shows and added a dinner to the festivities. (The originally scheduled performances were called off because of inclement weather.)
The event will be Monday, March 4, with the walking taco dinner served from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
and the performance by Patriot Edition and Just Treble at 7 p.m. Those who plan to attend the dinner need to buy tickets in advance at the JCHS office. The cost is \$10 and the deadline to purchase is Friday, Feb. 16.
Those who would like to attend the concert only can buy tickets at the door. They will be \$5.



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He previously trained race horses and worked for Prudential Security, and has been a trustee of the Portland Eagles Lodge and Portland Elks Lodge.

He is seeking the GOP nomination again after winning a three-way race in 2020. He received 1,345 votes (45%) to finish ahead of Monroe (1,102) and Barb Street (544) and went on to defeat independent Bruce Counterman by a 6,097-1,742 margin in the general election.

In his release Thursday, McGalliard touted the upcoming owner-occupied rehabilitation program, his membership on the committee working to make decisions on how opioid lawsuit settlement dollars are spent, efforts to improve Jay County Country Living and the county's recent decision to

commit matching funds toward a grant application to install nearly 400 miles of fiberoptic internet line across the county.

"Since I have been a commissioner, I have spent much of my time learning the position, working with my fellow elected officials, working with the department heads, researching decisions that I must make and trying to make Jay County a better place for everyone," he said in the release. "I have been privileged to be part of several major projects that are in the works that I would like to see through to fruition. ...

"When I am re-elected, I will continue to work hard, will be determined to make Jay County a better place to live and raise a family, and care for people from all walks of life."

Blake Watson, the only

Democrat to file for any county office, is running for his party's nomination for the south district commissioner seat.

The race for the Republican nomination for the Jay County Commissioner north district seat is also contested, with former three-term commissioner Mike Leonhard taking on Doug Horn. (Incumbent Rex Journey indicated that he will not be seeking a second term.)

Brewster's filing for county council at-large race again creates a contested race after a withdrawal had dropped the field back to three candidates a couple of days earlier.

Now running for the Republican nomination for the three at-large council seats are incumbents Matt Minnich and Dave Haines, Bryan Alexander

and Brewster. (The other incumbent, Jeanne Houchins, has not filed to run.)

Ryan Wellman, who filed to run for a GOP council nomination on Jan. 17, withdrew his candidacy Tuesday.

Other contested races for the Republican primary as of Thursday night were:

- District 33 State Representative — Incumbent J.D. Prescott against Greg LeMaster
- Jay County treasurer — Jon Eads versus Jonelle Foreman
- Penn precinct committeeman — Amy Schlichter against Marla Lutes






Uncontested with just a few hours left of filing are Republicans Matt Lehman for District 79 State Representative, Brian Hutchison for Jay Circuit Court Judge, Missy Elliott for clerk, Brayden Fields for coro-

ner, and Brad Daniels for surveyor.

John Bartlett is the lone Democrat to file to run for his party's nomination for District 33 State Representative.

Also uncontested for various GOP precinct committeeman slots are Aaron Loy, Robin Alberson, Angela Moeller, Jesse Bivens, Rebecca Thornburg, Randy Stephen, Lenny Muhlenkamp, Kerry Muhlenkamp, Zach Chenoweth, Jeff Hopkins, Jennifer Langenkamp, Matt Goldsworthy, Chuck Huffman, Michael Brewster and Harold Towell.

Running for Republican state convention delegate are Jenae Blasdel, Jon Eads, Lenny Muhlenkamp, Bryan Alexander, Jared Blasdel, Amy Schlichter, Chad Schlichter, Matt Goldsworthy and Brian Hurt.

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Sunday 2/11	Monday 2/12	Tuesday 2/13	Wednesday 2/14	Thursday 2/15
 43/28 Sunday should be mostly cloudy with a slight wind throughout the day.	 42/26 There's a slight chance of snow on Monday when the high will be in the lower 40s.	 42/29 Mostly sunny on Tuesday. The low may dip into the mid to upper 20s.	 41/29 Mostly sunny on Wednesday, with a 30% chance of snow at night.	 42/27 Another chance of snow as well as rain on Thursday.

Lotteries	
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-2-1 Daily Four: 7-7-1-3 Quick Draw: 7-8-9-13-18-26-32-36-37-38-44-47-48-49-50-52-56-72-74-79	Pick 5: 8-5-0-7-7 Evening Rolling Cash 5: 1-3-5-29-32 Jackpot: \$186,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-3-4 Pick 4: 7-3-8-0	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$248 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$394 million

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.32 March corn.....4.29 Wheat.....4.67	March beans11.69 Wheat5.57
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.32 March corn.....4.34 April corn.....4.36	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.15 March corn.....4.17 Beans.....11.70 March beans.....11.73 Wheat.....5.56
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.21 March corn.....4.21 Beans.....11.69	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.29 March corn.....4.38 Beans.....11.50 March beans.....11.04 Wheat.....5.27

Today in history	
<p>In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War in North America).</p> <p>In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.</p> <p>In 1972, Olive Calhoun was elected president of The Graphic Printing Company Benefit Association during its annual meeting. Dan Grober was elected vice president.</p> <p>In 2020, U.S. health officials confirmed the first case of the coronavirus among the hundreds of people who'd</p>	<p>been evacuated from China to military bases in the United States; it was among 13 confirmed cases in the U.S. Britain declared the coronavirus a "serious and imminent threat to public health" and said people with the virus could now be forcibly quarantined.</p> <p>In 2021, renewable energy firm Invenergy presented plans to Jay County Council for a proposed solar farm in northwest Jay County. The 155-megawatt Skycrest Solar was approved but supply and connection issues have pushed back the start of construction.</p> <p>—The CR</p>

Citizen's calendar	
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.	7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St. Tuesday 10 a.m. — Jay County Jail Building Corporation, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Local/Indiana

Obituaries

Russell Hodge
Oct. 2, 1958-Feb. 7, 2024

Russell Scott Hodge, age 65, a resident of rural Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, at his home in rural Portland.

Russell was born Oct. 2, 1958, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Charles and Martha (Brown) Hodge. He worked at Createc in Portland for over 30 years.

Survivors include:

- His companion — Rhonda Clubs, Portland, Indiana
- His favorite dog — Skippy
- His children — Chassidy Ingram (husband: Dallas), Portland, Indiana, and Chad Hodge, Dunkirk,

Indiana
Stepchildren — Nichole Wagner (husband: James), Portland, Indiana, Paul Clubs, Portland, Indiana, Jonathon Clubs (wife: Breanna), Montpelier, Indiana, and Quentin Guntle, Portland, Indiana

His siblings — Mary Hardesty (husband: Bill), Deerfield, Indiana, Danny Hodge (wife: Linda), Portland, Indiana, Teresa Stein (husband: Fred), Salamonia, Indiana, Jeff Hodge, Portland, Indiana

Eight grandchildren and two



Hodge

great-great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny and Jerry Hodge.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 5 to 6 p.m. at 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 time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Demo ...

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City attorney Wes Schemenaur suggested reaching out to the owners of Pit's Cocktail Lounge, which is across the alley from the building that will come down, in order to keep them informed as well.

Kayla Darby, owner of Deer Park Boutique at 204 N. Meridian St., asked about possible road closures.

Schemenaur said that would be a question for Shroyer. (Any closures of Meridian Street would require approval from Indiana Department of Transportation because it is a U.S. highway.)

He added that he will communicate with Jay County Commissioners about the possibility of JAShroyer Group needing to utilize some of the county-owned

parking lot at the west side of the building.

In other business, the board:

- Awarded the contract for Community Crossings grant street crack sealing project at a cost \$117,690.92. The other bids were all above \$165,000.
- Approved the hiring of Jaylen Riddle as a full-time police officer at the recommendation of chief Dustin Mock.

GOP ballot will have six hopefuls

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Dozens of candidates for Indiana's top elected offices will hit Hoosier primary ballots this spring — including a whopping eight gubernatorial hopefuls, more than 150 state-level job-seekers and more than five-dozen congressional contenders.

Candidates aiming for the Democrat or Republican primary ballot had until Friday at noon to file their candidacy.

The "major party" candidates on a list from the Secretary of State's office (SOS) are still subject to challenge, however. In suc-

cessful challenges, the Indiana Election Commission can remove candidates who don't meet certain requirements.

Eight have made the cut, including six Republicans: U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, businessman Brad Chambers, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, businessman Eric Doden and former Attorney General Curtis Hill and faith-focused mother of five Jamie Reitenour.

Democrat Jennifer McCormick also submitted the thousands of signatures required to make the ballot. She'll take on Democrat Tamie Dixon-Tatum, who describes herself as a human relations and civil rights professional.



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Felony arrests

Theft

A Pennville man was arrested Friday for theft.

Brian S. Bickel, 28, 445 E. Maple St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He was released on a \$3,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Today

Hidy, Danny: 1 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

March 2

Meier, Nancy: 4:30 p.m., Kuhn's Den, 442 E. Line St., Geneva.

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Klondike Camp

Troop 202 of Portland recently attended the 2024 Scout Klondike Camp held at the Ossian Conservation Club. Scouts spent two nights on site with competitions held on Feb. 3. Scouts placed first in morals and first aid and third in scouting history. They also placed in the top five for sled racing, log sawing and bear bag technique. Pictured above from left are Alexa Jones, Traylin Lautzenheiser, Eli Nelson, Nathaniel Locke, Blake Jellison, Kason Sims, Varen Ridgway, Michael Young and McKayla Jones.

Marriage licenses

Elisa G. Weiss, 52, Portland, and Erbin D. Espinoza Villachica, 43, Portland
Evelyn R. Arias Aliaga, 41, Portland, and Stephen A.L. Steed, 38, Portland
Hannah L. Clayton, 21, Portland, and Brian L. Couch, 23, Portland
Kennedi E. Craw, 29, Dunkirk, and Colton J.M. McCombs, 29, Dunkirk
Trisha D. Hale, 43, Redkey, and Shane D. Robbins, 55, Redkey
Kameron D. Edwards, 23, Dunkirk, and Isaac A. Reed, 25, Dunkirk

Stephen D. Cecil, 64, Portland, and Genevab Howell, 52, Portland
Salome S. Neuenschwander, 23, Bryant, and Amos A. Wickey, 26, Decatur
Destiny J. Sapp, 20, Dunkirk, and Keiton M. Stacy, 23, Montpelier
Jenna G. Blount, 23, Portland, and Samuel D. Pitman III, 30, Redkey
Tiffanie A. Beals, 35, Portland, and Charles R. Vanover, 41, Portland
Macey L. Gerber, 31, Dunkirk, and Kyle D. Hitchens, 29, Dunkirk
Christina B. Eicher, 22, Portland, and Martin K. Eicher, 22, Geneva

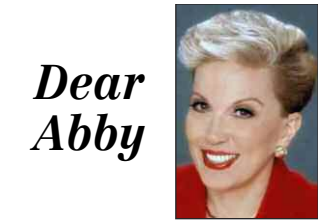
Dana R. Donahoe, 34, Dunkirk, and Scott DeWayne Townsend II, 36, Dunkirk
Haley R. Bower, 30, Portland, and Jesse L. Criswell, 28, Portland
Elizabeth J. Graber, 19, Bryant, and Daniel F. Schwartz, 20, Bryant
Marvin W. Melendez Hernandez, 22, Portland, and Thalia K. Nava, 21, Portland
Elizabeth N. Newman-Stump, 43, Portland, and Lawrence A. Teeters, 65, Portland
John A. Arnold, 53, Portland, and Suzzanne E. Hare, 46, Portland

Husband’s habit disgusts his wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband looks at pornography. I find it disgusting and it turns me off. I feel that if he has to look at it, it means I’m not good enough or sexy enough for him. I don’t believe his excuse of “It has nothing to do with you.” When I try to tell him how it makes me feel, he becomes indignant and turns the conversation around to something he doesn’t like about me to take the focus off himself.

He doesn’t watch porn around me, but he gets ads on his phone all the time, so I assume he looks at it frequently. I have even seen notifications suggesting he belongs to a website where he can chat with women, although he says he has no idea why he gets them. I’m not stupid. I don’t know anyone else with this kind of issue. I haven’t been able to have sex with him lately knowing this is going on. I don’t have plans to leave him over this, but what can I do? — TURNED OFF IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TURNED OFF: Realize that your husband’s appetite for porn really has nothing to do with your level of attractiveness, and EVERYTHING to do with his own appetites. Next, please seek a referral to a licensed psychotherapist who can help you to rebuild your damaged self-esteem. Your husband is far from the only man who enjoys X-rated entertainment. (So do some women.) And many



couples view it together as a form of erotica.

The chat rooms are another matter. Perhaps your husband can explain that to you during sessions with your therapist. It might be more effective than him becoming critical and accusatory when you try to explain how his behavior affects you. Of this I am sure: Denying sex to your husband not only won’t improve your relationship, but it will erode it further.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY ASIAN READERS WHO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR: The Year of the Dragon, which begins today, is said to be one of the luckiest and most prosperous, filled with unprecedented opportunity. People born in the Year of the Dragon are creative, have a talent for active listening and are cherished friends. They are ambitious, intelligent and courageous. Famous “Dragons” include Bruce Lee, John Lennon, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Florence Nightingale and Joan of Arc. — LOVE, ABBY

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 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.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The cen-

ter is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

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

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

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools
February 12-16

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich, Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Sides for all meals: Smile potatoes
Tuesday: Main Entrees: Turkey Corn Dog Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Sides for all meals: Steamed broccoli & carrots medley
Wednesday: Main Entrees: Whole grain french toast sticks Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Sides for all meals: Hash brown patty
Thursday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & Chicken bowl Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Sides for all meals: Seasoned corn
Friday: Main Entrees: Breaded fish bites Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick Sides for all meals: Curly fries

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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.

ARTS PLACE

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7:00 PM | JAY COUNTY CAMPUS
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Turning down assistance is callous

By **JIM HIGHTOWER**
OtherWords

This plot line could have come from one of Charles Dickens' novels about upper-class depravity: "Miserly governors refuse to provide gruel for poverty-stricken ragamuffins."

Unfortunately, this is not a novel, but modern-day reality taking place in 15 states, where right-wing officeholders have scorned a federal program to provide food this summer for millions of children mired in poverty.

"No!" bark these political

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ideologues. Seeking to punish poverty, they piously demonize public aid — even for hungry children! This program hardly lavishes luxury dining on anyone, offering only \$40 per child in groceries. Not for one meal or even a week, but

\$40 a month — about \$1.30 a day. Feast on that!

Yet the politicians in such deeply impoverished states as Mississippi and Louisiana have arrogantly shunned this minimal assistance their people so desperately need. So have the minging governors of Florida and Texas, large states where millions of children need this food.

Note that these elitist governors are personally wealthy, yet they have no ethical qualms about taxpayers picking up the tab for their pricey meals.

Then there's the pathetic duplicity of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds. She rejected the grocery benefit for her state's children, asserting that it "does nothing to promote nutrition" and could contribute to childhood obesity.

Well gosh, governor, providing food has actually proven to be nutritionally beneficial for children. On the other hand, she's right that denying food to children definitely can cause them to lose weight! Thanks, Kim.

All told, 8 million hungry kids will go out without food

because of these governors.

Turning down food assistance for poor children is shockingly callous, just plain mean, and politically stupid — even for right-wing puritanical ideologues. The good news is that 35 states, five U.S. territories, and four Native American tribes have welcomed the summer program. Learn more at FeedingAmerica.org.

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Austin must rebuild trust

The **Virginian-Pilot**
Tribune News Service

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin last week took responsibility for not notifying the White House when he was hospitalized at the beginning of January, an important first step in rebuilding trust with President Joe Biden, Congress and the American people.

While Austin's desire to keep his medical situation private is understandable, this was a severe breach of protocol at a time when escalating global conflicts demanded more robust and timely communication. The country, and especially our service members, deserved better.

According to the Pentagon, Austin underwent surgery on Dec. 22 to remove his prostate and complications forced him back to the intensive care unit at Walter Reed Medical Center on Jan. 1.

At that time, per U.S. law, he was required to report to the White House that he would be absent from his duties and identify who would be serving in his place. But even Austin's second-in-command was reportedly left in the dark until Jan. 2 and the president wasn't formally notified until Jan. 4.

One might chalk that up to a procedural oversight were it not for the fact that Austin is second only to the commander-in-chief in leading the U.S. military. His absence occurred at a time when thousands of service members were deployed to crisis points around the globe.

That includes thousands of personnel based in Hampton Roads who are serving in the Middle East, where the Israel-Hamas war rages and where militia groups sponsored and supported by Iran continue to lob weapons at military and commercial vessels in the Red Sea. Though Americans aren't on the ground in Ukraine helping that country repel the Russian invasion, it too demands constant monitoring at the highest levels of leadership.

That's to say nothing of the various other conflicts around the globe in which the United States is a party. Austin's absence occurred only weeks before a drone attack against an American base in Jordan killed three service members and injured at least 34 others. Had that happened on Jan. 2 rather than Jan. 28, how would the Pentagon have responded with its top official AWOL?

Every Cabinet-level sec-

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retary is buttressed by deputies and associated staff members who help ensure these massive federal departments operate as effectively and cohesively as possible. And while those in the Defense Department displayed the utmost professionalism amid this uncommon situation, Austin let them down by not following procedure when it was clear he wouldn't be able to carry out his duties.

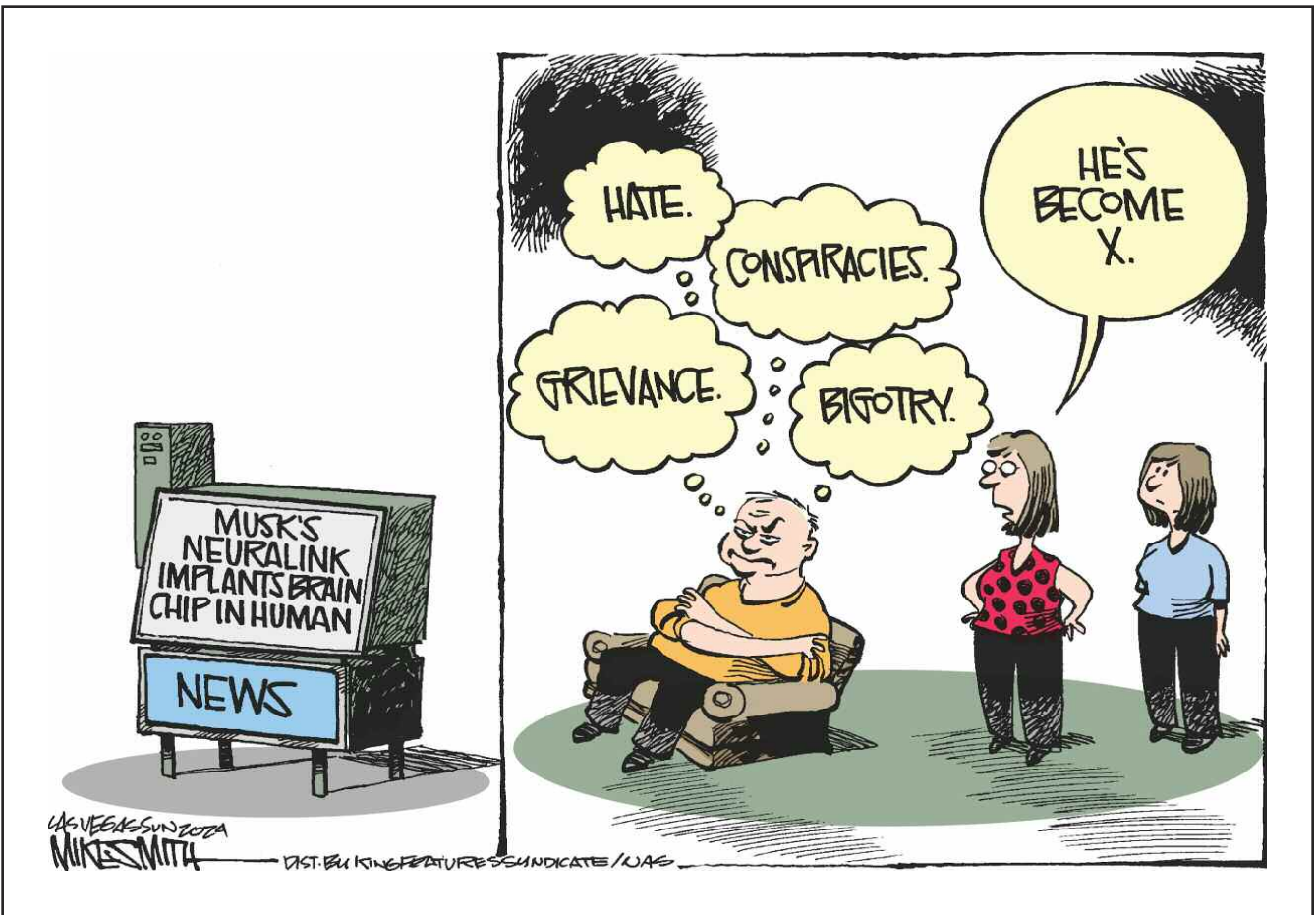
Speaking to the media on Thursday for his first news conference in more than a year, Austin took responsibility for his actions, saying, "We did not handle this right; I did not handle this right. I should have told the president about my cancer diagnosis. I should have also told my team and the American public, and I take full responsibility."

In explaining his absence, he said he reasoned that the president had enough on his plate without worrying about his defense secretary's medical condition. But the reason federal law requires notification in these situations is so the president can make informed decisions. By withholding that information, it made Biden's already difficult job even harder and, as the Jordan attack shows, could have compromised the safety of American troops abroad.

That echoes powerfully in Hampton Roads, home to some of the country's most important military installations. Enlisted personnel who walk away from their posts without notifying their superiors could face a court martial for doing so. They are right to expect their commanders to emulate behavior consistent with that duty.

The Pentagon inspector general has announced plans to investigate the circumstances surrounding Austin's absence, and Austin has pledged to cooperate. The House Armed Services Committee has also invited him to testify this month.

Biden says he still has confidence in his defense secretary, despite this. Rebuilding trust with service members and the general public will be a taller ask for Austin in the days and weeks ahead.



Clear communication is needed

By **SCOTT HADLAND**
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Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Melanie Ramos was only 15 years old when she died of a suspected overdose in a high school bathroom in Hollywood. Police reported that she and a friend had purchased pills they thought were prescription painkillers but which were likely fakes containing fentanyl, a potent opioid incorporated into counterfeit pills widely available in the illicit drug market.

Fentanyl has caused such overdoses to rise sharply despite declining drug use among young people. Recent data suggest it kills an average of 22 teens every week around the nation. Tragic stories like Melanie's are playing out across the country — and at an unprecedented rate. In a new analysis in the New England Journal of Medicine, we found that fatal overdoses among U.S. teens aged 14-18 hit an all-time high in 2022.

Melanie was one of 111 teens who died between 2020 and 2022 in L.A. County, a hot spot where overdoses have spiked. We found hot spot counties across the U.S., but Southern California was uniquely hard hit. Of the 19 such counties we identified nationwide, six were in this region: Los Angeles, Orange (61 deaths), San Bernardino (55), Riverside (41), San Diego (36) and Kern (30).

There are signs that teen overdoses in California dropped from 2021 to 2022, but this trend is still new, and hot spots can still occur anywhere — often unexpectedly. Every corner of America should



Scott Hadland and Joseph Friedman



be prepared. Overdose deaths are preventable. However, reducing teen overdoses requires a dramatic shift in drug-prevention programming: It needs to emphasize safety rather than abstinence alone.

Drug use by teens is becoming more deadly, not more common. From 2002 to 2022, the share of high school seniors who had ever used illicit drugs declined from 21% to 8%. Teen drug use overall is at its lowest rate in decades. But fentanyl, which is found not only in counterfeit pills but also as a contaminant in other drugs, puts teens at unprecedented risk. Nearly two-thirds of teens who die from fentanyl have no known prior opioid use, a reminder that even first-time or infrequent exposure can be deadly.

Drug prevention has long focused on keeping teens from trying drugs, which is a worthy goal. But it has lacked messaging for teens who do use and may end up in danger as a result. Teachers, parents, medical practitioners and others who provide drug prevention counseling should clearly communicate that any pill not prescribed by a physician or dispensed by a pharmacy has a significant chance of being a counterfeit containing a potentially lethal amount of fentanyl.

This does not mean using scare tactics, which have been shown to back-

fire. As modeled by programs such as Safety First, available through Stanford, this approach should instead tap into teens' desire to keep themselves and their peers safe and give them strategies to do so.

These strategies include never using alone (so someone is available to intervene in an overdose), starting with a small amount of a drug (e.g., a quarter pill rather than a whole pill) to assess its potency, and avoiding mixing pills with alcohol and other sedating substances.

Programming should also help teens recognize the signs of an overdose and teach them how to respond — by calling 911 and providing the nasal spray naloxone (Narcan) if it's available. Schools should have naloxone on the premises — as has been the case in the L.A. Unified School District since late 2022, following Melanie Ramos' death — and help teens understand how to access it on and off campus. Narcan recently became available over the counter, and teens can obtain it at pharmacies or get a doctor's prescription for it.

Teens who seek out pills to address depression, anxiety, trauma or other mental health concerns additionally need referrals to evidence-based mental health treatment such as

counseling and, when appropriate, medications — which should be distinguished from the counterfeit pills widely available on the illicit market.

There are some young people who might intentionally seek fentanyl, including the 1 in every 100 U.S. teens who has an opioid addiction. Keeping these adolescents safe requires educating them and their peers on how to recognize signs of addiction, where to receive care and the effectiveness of buprenorphine, a lifesaving but underused treatment for opioid misuse. Given the urgent need to intervene early, schools, families and doctors should be aware of local treatment programs and refer teens to them; the federal government maintains a searchable directory.

Emphasizing safety in drug use messaging to young people will encounter opposition from policymakers and others, as it means confronting the uncomfortable reality that some teens use drugs. However, research indicates that teaching safety does not cause teens to use more drugs. Drug-prevention programming can still tell teens they shouldn't use substances while equipping them with the tools to protect themselves if they do. Teens need this knowledge before more young lives are tragically lost.

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FQOEEP FJ JEQNJGNS.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT FELLOW WHO
WORKED CRUSHING UP SOFT-DRINK CANS
CALLED IT QUILTS. IT WAS SODA-PRESSING.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to hot breakfast.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 26 = E)

A. 1 7 26 6 26 22
Clue: Egg dish

B. 21 5 22 3 24 26 12
Clue: Cooking room

C. 2 14 26 13 21 15 13 8 22
Clue: Morning meal

D. 16 20 26 8 22 8
Clue: Visitors

Answers: A. omelet B. kitchen C. breakfast D. guests

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to breakfast.

ATTODES

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on February 9, 1987. I made my first TV appearance in an episode of "The Sopranos." I rose to prominence on "Friday Night Lights" and I was propelled to fame after a string of high-profile roles, including the antagonist in Marvel's "Black Panther."

Answer: Michael B. Jordan

kids' corner

FOOD FACT!

THIS INGREDIENT HELPS MANY FOODS TO RISE DURING THE BAKING PROCESS.

ANSWER: BAKING POWDER

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Cake

SPANISH: Pastel

ITALIAN: Torta

FRENCH: Gâteau

GERMAN: Kuchen

2-12 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: HOW WOULD YOU
SUPPOSE AN ANTARCTIC PENGUIN GOES ABOUT
BUILDING A HOUSE? IGLOOS IT TOGETHER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals B

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

	0	12	22
6		8	34
15	7		26
31	27	24	

Solution

4	7	51
8	02	9
21	0	01

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

• 1807: NAPOLEON DEFEATS THE COALITION FORCES AT THE BATTLE OF EYLAU.

• 1910: THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IS INCORPORATED BY WILLIAM D. BOYCE.

• 1960: THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME IS FOUNDED.

New word

FOLD

mix in an ingredient gently with another ingredient

HOT BREAKFAST WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

BAGEL
BISCUITS
BREAKFAST
BRUNCH
BUTTER
CEREAL
CREPES
CROISSANT
EGGS
ENGLISH MUFFIN
FRENCH TOAST
FRIED
GRAVY
GRITS
HASH
MORNING
MUFFINS
OATMEAL
PANCAKES
POACHED
POTATOES
SCRAMBLED
TOAST
WAFFLES

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

FTIS LFORU

Answer: Sift flour

Did You Know?

OVEN MITTS ARE USEFUL SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHILE BAKING. THEY PROTECT HANDS FROM HOT PANS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: EGGS

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Caravan beast

6 Laugh track sounds

11 Malay island

12 Apple music service

14 Snicket of kid-lit

15 Assault

16 Globe

17 Skewered Thai recipe

19 "7 Faces of Dr. —"

20 "Super-food" berry

22 Vegas opener

23 Fizzy drink

24 — Haute

26 Dakar's country

28 Decks in the ring

30 Zilch

31 "Out of Africa" author Isak

35 Gather

39 Saharan

40 Opposite of paleo-

42 Queens stadium name

43 Arcing tennis shot

44 Messing on TV

46 Cowboy moniker

47 As a whole

49 Main dish

51 Pop star Gomez

52 Rings on a pizza

53 French painter Edgar

54 Zesty dip

DOWN

1 Pressure

2 Martial arts hold

3 L-P link

4 Nights of yore

5 Faithful

6 "Razor Girl"

7 Lawyer (Abbr.)

8 Shack

9 Not digital

10 "Just Another Day" singer Jon

11 Distend

13 Toaster's word

18 Prof's helpers

21 Ticked off

23 Alabama city

25 Dawn goddess

27 Long of "Soul Food"

29 Five Nations members

31 Valleys

32 Pressed

33 Wee bite

34 Kan.

36 Houston team

37 Pop singer Easton

38 Genders

41 Two-tone cookies

44 Lady of Spain

45 Editor Wintour

48 Pants part

50 Up to

Solution time: 26 mins.

ATBAY TAR GAB
AMUSE AGE LOA
SIFTS BUFFERS
FINALE LATE
DIE GRE LUNAR
AGTS ETHER
MASHUP AIRBED
AMATI YUMA
USURP URL FIB
MANI DRYOFF
BUFFOON TRASH
ELI DRE TELLAA
RST EAR ODORS

Yesterday's answer 2-10

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13

14 15

16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23

24 25 26 27

28 29 30

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

39 40 41 42

43 44 45 46

47 48 49 50

51 52

53 54

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

An unusual discard

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 8 3
♥ J 10 7 5 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ 6 4

WEST

♠ 7 6 5
♥ 8 4
♦ A 8 7 4
♣ K J 10 2

EAST

♠ 4
♥ 9 6 3
♦ K Q J 9 5 2
♣ Q 5 3

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 10 9 2
♥ A K Q
♦ —
♣ A 9 8 7

The bidding:
South 2 ♣* West Pass North 2 ♦** East Pass
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
6 ♣

*strong, artificial **waiting
Opening lead — seven of spades.
It's not easy to make six spades on this deal after West leads a trump, even if you have the benefit of seeing all four hands. But when the hand was played, South made the slam without that advantage.
He won the trump lead with dummy's eight, led a diamond and on it

discarded the queen of hearts! From then on, South could not be stopped.
He took East's club return with the ace and cashed the ace of trump and A-K of hearts. He then led a trump to the king and discarded the 9-8-7 of clubs on the J-10-7 of hearts to make six spades.
Certainly, this line of play was highly unusual — but it was also extremely sound. By playing as he did, declarer allowed for the possibility that the trumps were divided 3-1 rather than 2-2, in which case discarding the heart queen at trick two offered by far the best chance of scoring five heart tricks rather than just three.
In a sense, it was West who gave declarer his chance to shine. Had he led anything but a trump, South would have made the slam in routine fashion. He would have played the ace and another club, ruffed two clubs in dummy and scored 12 tricks without even breathing hard.
But after the trump lead, South had to play flawlessly to bring the contract home. Some players might call this a fancy hand, but if it is, we hope we see lots more like it!

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 10 4
♥ 6
♦ A K Q J 8 5 2
♣ 8 5

WEST

♠ 9 8 7 3
♥ A K 9 3 2
♦ 7
♣ 9 4 2

EAST

♠ J 5
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 9 6 4 3
♣ J 10 6 3

SOUTH

♠ A Q 6 2
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ 10
♣ A K Q 7

The bidding:
West 1 ♦ North 1 ♠ East 2 ♥ South 4 NT
Pass Pass Pass
Pass 6 NT Pass 4 NT
Opening lead — king of hearts.

It certainly seems reasonable to assume that when two teams meet to determine the world championship, the caliber of bridge is going to be at the highest possible level.
While it is true that this expectation is generally met, it is also true that there are always a few hands that shock the faithful and make them realize that even the expert foot may be made of clay.
These rare transgressions are not really surprising when one consid-

ers that each participant plays several hundred hands and makes several thousand decisions in the course of a long championship event. An occasional fall from grace must therefore be accepted as par for the course.
For a good example of how bridge should not be played, consider this deal from the Great Britain-U.S. match in 1955. The bidding went as shown when a British pair held the North-South cards.
Why South jump-shifted in hearts rather than clubs or spades, or whether four notrump was Blackwood, is not known, but the fact is that North-South blundered into six notrump as shown. West cashed the K-A of hearts, and Uncle Sam rang up 50 points on the register.
The bidding was equally odd when the U.S. held the North-South cards. North opened the bidding with three notrump, and South raised to six notrump. The American pair were playing that an opening three-notrump bid showed a long, solid minor suit with not much else on the side.
With nothing to go on, East selected the jack of spades as his opening shot, and North made all the tricks to score 1,020 points. So, in considerably less than brilliant fashion, the American team gained 1,070 points.

Tomorrow: Structural visualization.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Newt

4 Toss in

7 Fireplace fuel

11 Radiate

13 MSNBC's Melber

14 Like a calligrapher's fingers, at times

15 Asian desert

16 Solo of "Star Wars"

17 Pro-boscis

18 Starts the bidding

20 Ex-hausted

22 Can metal

24 Burr or Hamilton

28 Orbs

32 Bellyache

33 Tresses

34 Burrowed

36 Beholds

37 Bumbling

39 Fancy feast

41 When roosters crow

43 Baseball's Gehrig

44 Hideaway

46 Deck that includes "The Sun"

50 Iwo —

53 Chow down

55 Wise advisor

56 Grand tale

57 Tax pro

58 Employ

59 Made baskets

60 UFO crew

61 Actor Cariou

2 Broadway failure

3 "It Had — You"

4 "Feels great!"

5 Colorless

6 Ate in style

7 Sugar pumpkin, for one

8 Yoko of music

9 Approves

10 Decorate Easter eggs

12 Tsar's residence

19 — Lancelot

21 Summer mo.

23 Homer's neighbor

25 Stead

26 Fencing sword

27 Take it easy

28 Actor LaBeouf

29 Gasp for air

30 Wasted no time

31 Lengthy lunch?

35 Lass

38 Delta's onetime rival

40 "Kid-ding!"

42 Family reunion attendee

45 En-grossed

47 Bar Shrek, for one

49 Adolescent

50 Purim observer

51 Wall St. debut

52 Roman 1004

54 Prof's aides

Solution time: 21 mins.

CAMEL HAHAS
BORNEO ITUNES
LEMONY ATTACK
ORB SATAY LAO
ACAI LAS SODA
TERRE SENEGAL
KOS NIL
DINESEN AMASS
ARID NEO ASHE
LOB DEBRA TEX
ENBLOC ENTREEE
SELENA ONIONS
DEGAS SALSAA

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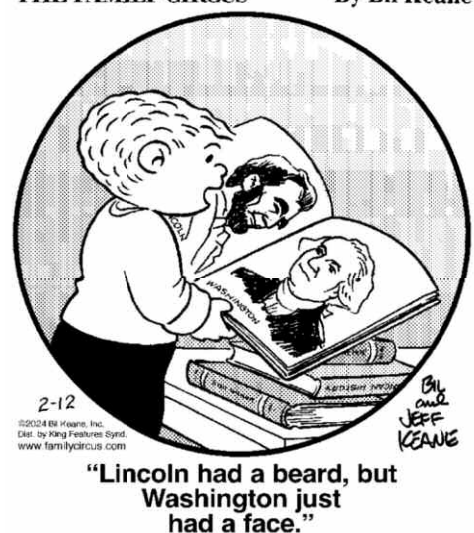
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By Bil Keane



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City of Portland, Indiana
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Portland, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will
receive sealed bid packets for the construction of a Wet Weather Pump Station.
Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Treasurer until 10:00 AM (local time) on Thursday, February
29, 2024 at the City of Portland, Indiana; 321 N. Meridian Street 47371. Bids received after such time shall
be returned unopened. Bids received prior to 10:00 AM (local time) shall be opened and publicly read
aloud at the public meeting scheduled at the Portland Fire Station / Council Chambers, 1616 North
Franklin Street, Portland, Indiana at 4:00 PM (local time).
In general, the work consists of the construction of a municipal wastewater pumping, screening, and
grit removal facility. The pump station's capacity will be approximately 50 mgd. The work includes some
site piping, relocation of existing equipment, and other ancillary items.
The issuing office is Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd., 2420 Coliseum Blvd. N., Ste 214, Fort Wayne, Indi-
ana 46805. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Owner's office listed above or the
issuing office, without charge.
Questions regarding the project should be directed to:
Philip Teague, PE
pteague@jheng.com (preferred) 419-277-6039
Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained electronically from www.jhplanroom.com. There
is no charge to download from the digital print-room, however, registration is required.
Neither Owner nor Engineer has any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any
bid documents obtained from any source other than the sources listed herein. Obtaining documents
from any other source may result in obtaining incomplete and inaccurate information including fail-
ure to receive addenda.
Bids shall be valid for 90 days from bid opening and must be submitted on the forms found herein, must
contain the names of every person or company interested therein, and shall be accompanied by either
a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in the amount of 10% of the amount bid with satisfactory corporate
surety, or by a certified check on a solvent bank in the amount of not less than 10% of the amount of the
Bid, subject to conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. The successful bidder will be re-
quired to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Maintenance and Guarantee Bond in the amount
of 100% of the Bid.
All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over
construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.
The successful Contractor will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all em-
ployees hired after the date of this Contract through the E-Verify program. The Contractor will also
be required to sign an affidavit concerning employment of unauthorized aliens. A copy of the affidavit
is included in the Bid Documents. The successful Contractor will also be required to sign a certifica-
tion regarding no investment activities in Iran.
Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Specifications. Bids shall
include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 1987). The Owner may make such in-
vestigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the
Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may re-
quest. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of,
such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations
of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.
Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the project site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar
with the Contract Documents. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in
no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.
Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President's Executive Or-
der No. 11246, as amended. The Bidders shall also comply with the requirements of 41 CFR Part 60-
4 entitled Construction Contractors - Affirmative Action Requirements. A copy of 41 CFR Part 60-4
may be found in the Supplemental General Conditions of the Contract Documents and Specifications.
The Contractor must meet guidelines and practices established by the Indiana State Revolving Fund
(SRF) and appropriate federal regulations including: 1) Executive Order 11246, 2) Section 3 of the Hous-
ing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, 3) Certification of Non-Segregated Facili-
ties, 4) OMB Circular A-102, 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 6) Section 504, Rehabilitation Act
of 1973, 7) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 8) Executive Order 12138, 9) Conflict of Interest Clause, 10)
Retention and Custodial Requirements for Records Clause, 11) Contractors and Subcontractors Cer-
tifications, and others that may be appropriate or necessary.
Contract procurement is subject to the federal regulations contained in the OMB Circular A-102, Sec-
tions B and O and the State of Indiana requirements contained in IC-36-1-9 and IC-36-1-12.
The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the per-
formance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the
award and administration of contracts awarded under EPA financial assistance agreements. Failure
by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract which may re-
sult in the termination of this contract or other legally available remedies.
Bidder's attention is called the following items included per SRF requirements, with details included
in the "SRF Requirements" portion of the Contract Documents.
1. Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Employment
2. Davis-Bacon Act and related laws and regulations
3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Efforts
4. Suspension and Debarment requirements
5. Green Project Reserve (GPR) Incentive Program
6. American Iron and Steel (AIS)
Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bid-
der must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in
federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549.
Lori Phillips/Clerk Treasurer
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Public Notice

Salamonia Civil Town Jay County, Indiana Annual Financial Report - 2023 Cash & Investments Combined Statement					
Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal. Jan. 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec. 31, 2023
Governmental Activities					
0	General	\$5,151.76	\$14,814.96	\$13,472.04	\$6,494.68
0	Riverboat	\$1,566.30	\$849.12	\$669.36	\$1,746.06
0	Rainy Day	\$140.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.09
0	Mvh	\$27,938.72	\$5,282.22	\$7,096.68	\$26,124.26
0	Lrs	\$5,372.10	\$1,784.83	\$2,146.50	\$5,010.43
0	Cci	\$2,101.94	\$274.09	\$0.00	\$2,376.03
0	Community Edit	\$3,268.27	\$544.00	\$0.00	\$3,812.27
109	Park Fund	\$51,527.37	\$12,795.79	\$46,976.42	\$17,346.74
2203	MVH Restricted	\$0.00	\$3,251.55	\$0.00	\$3,251.55
2256	opioid settlement Fund	\$0.00	\$42.88	\$0.00	\$42.88
2257	Opioid Restricted Fund	\$0.00	\$19.02	\$19.02	\$0.00
55555	American Rescue Plan	\$24,112.50	\$0.00	\$24,112.50	\$0.00
Wastewater Utility					
1	Operating Wastewater Utility	\$94,887.51	\$44,505.17	\$39,965.11	\$99,427.57
2	Reserve	\$10,639.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,639.42
3	Bond & Interest	\$7,215.04	\$7,788.00	\$7,768.72	\$7,234.32
4	improvements	\$20,771.60	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$23,771.60
	Total All Funds	\$254,692.62	\$94,951.63	\$142,226.35	\$207,417.90
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Public Notice

Bearcreek Township, Jay County, Indiana Cash and Investments Combined Statement - 2023					
Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal. Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities					
01	Township General Fund	\$55,005.99	\$76,296.63	\$73,897.45	\$57,405.17
11	Firefighting Fund	\$100,362.61	\$14,347.06	\$14,600.00	\$100,109.67
81	Township Assistance Fund	\$24,048.07	\$2,030.11	\$5,442.30	\$20,635.88
91	Levy Excess Fund	\$307.00	\$128.08	\$0.00	\$435.08
95	Payroll Withholdings Fund	\$-3,372.57	\$1,626.26	\$1,324.83	\$-3,071.14
	GRAND TOTAL	\$176,351.10	\$94,428.14	\$95,264.58	\$175,514.66
State of Indiana SS: Jay County I, Crystal Laux, Trustee of Bearcreek Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township. Crystal Laux, Bearcreek Township Trustee Telephone: 260-997-4023 Date this report was to be published 2/10/2024 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Bearcreek Township at its annual meeting this 6th day of February, 2024 Jim Haffner, Township Board Chairman This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 6th day of February, 2024. Bearcreek Township Board: Shelli Rigsbee Jim Haffner Kari Tressler CR 2-10-2024- HSPAXLP					

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Slow start

Tribe gets down early as turnover trouble prevents comeback

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

MINSTER, Ohio — The first quarter didn't go the way the Indians wanted it to.

Things got even worse in the second as their thinning roster took another hit.

The Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team's turnover problems were compounded by losing its two primary guards to foul troubles and an injury in the second quarter Thursday as the Minster Wildcats beat the Indians 50-30.

Throughout the game, Fort Recovery (7-13, 2-6 Midwest Athletic Conference) struggled to take care of the ball, as it ended up with 22 turnovers.

"We didn't handle their pressure very well tonight," FRHS coach Tyler Deitsch said. "They run that run and jump press really well and it's different rotations that our younger girls haven't seen."

It's tough to adjust and work on that on one or two days' notice. ... It's tough to simulate that in a couple days with an inexperienced and young group that hasn't done that before.

"It's tough to get a good look at that. We can talk about it and look at it in film, but to actually go out and do it is a little bit different."

After six first-quarter turnovers and multiple in the second, taking care of the ball would get harder for the Indians as Cali Wendel picked up her third foul with 3 minutes, 21 seconds left in the half off of an Annie Hemmelgarn offensive rebound.

The foul took one the primary ball handler for the Indians off the floor, but only for a minute. With 2:18 left in the half, Makenna Huelskamp went down with an appar-



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School freshman Makenna Huelskamp fires up a 3-point shot in the first quarter of the Indians 50-30 loss to Minster on Thursday. Huelskamp only had two points when she left the game with an injury late in the second quarter.

ent knee injury that sidelined her for the rest of the game. Wendel was forced to play the rest of the game as the only point guard, while Karlie Niekamp helped bring the ball up to alleviate pressure.

Along with the live-ball turnovers created by full

court pressure and half court traps, Minster (15-5, 6-2 MAC) took advantage in the halfcourt by forcing travels out of the Fort Recovery freshmen.

"The thing that makes this team good, is not maybe the ball pressure itself," said Minster coach Mike Wiss, who's

team finished 11th in the Division IV poll. "It's how we rotate from the backside that gets us some of those scoring opportunities. Tonight we rotated pretty well and I was pleased."

The Wildcats opened the game on an 11-0 run over the first 5 minutes. Lilly Barhorst, who recently returned from an injury, scored the first six points, the first four by sitting on the weak side block and getting a pass and the last on a quick dropstep.

"Lilly's a little bit of an inspiration to us right now for the fact that she hasn't played all year," Wiss said. "She's coming off of an injury. Having a body like that inside that finished (is big). We don't always finish real well and the first part of the game we did."

Barhorst finished with 12 points on a perfect 6-for-6 from the field.

The Indians didn't score until Wendel pulled a quick shot with her foot on the line with 2:43 left in the quarter. Niekamp scored the next basket in transition before Minster hit two more shots to finish the period with a 15-4 lead.

Going down early played into allowing Minster to speed the Indians up according to Deitsch, as his team wanted to climb out of the deficit.

"Getting dug into a bit of a hole, they have the momentum on their side and they'll just turn up the pressure on defense because they have more of a chance to gamble and push us faster than they did in the beginning," Deitsch said. "For us that creates a sense of urgency to get points up now instead of taking the long, steady approach to just keep climbing."

Both teams struggled with turnovers in the third quarter as each gave up the rock seven times.

Box score

Minster Wildcats vs.
Fort Recovery Indians

Girls varsity summary

Fort Recovery (7-13, 2-6 MAC)

	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Niekamp	1-5	0-0	2
Guggenbiller	2-2	0-0	4
Wendel	3-10	0-0	7
Leuthold	2-5	0-0	4
Mhinkmp	3-6	0-0	6
Homan	1-2	3-7	5
Huelskamp	1-5	0-0	2
Willmann	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	13-35	3-7	30
	.371	.429	

Def. rebound percentage: .458

Minster (15-5, 6-2 MAC)

	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Schmiesing	2-3	0-0	5
Hemmelgarn	1-4	1-2	3
Stammen	1-3	0-0	2
Wilges	0-0	0-0	0
Inskeep	2-6	1-2	5
Mescher	1-5	1-2	3
Belcher	0-1	0-0	0
Barhorst	6-6	0-0	12
Niemeyer	2-3	0-0	5
Wuebker	1-4	0-0	3
Larger	5-8	1-2	11
Lamm	0-0	1-2	1
Albers	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	21-43	5-10	50
	.488	.500	

Def. rebound percentage: .583

Score by quarters:

Ft. Rec.	4	8	9	9	—30
Minster	15	13	11	11	—50

3-point shooting:

Fort Recovery 1-10 (Wendel 1-6, Homan 0-1, Huelskamp 0-3). Minster 3-14 (Schmiesing 1-2, Niemeyer 1-2, Wuebker 1-4, Hemmelgarn 0-1, Stammen 0-1, Mescher 0-1, Belcher 0-1, Larger 0-2).

Rebounds:

Fort Recovery 21 (team 6, Huelskamp 4, Guggenbiller 3, Muhlenkamp 3, Leuthold 2, Homan 2, Niekamp). Minster 27 (Hemmelgarn 5, Larger 5, Stammen 4, Inskeep 3, Mescher 3, Barhorst 3, Lamm 2, team 2).

Assists:

Fort Recovery 4 (Wendel 2, Muhlenkamp, Huelskamp). Minster 12 (Hemmelgarn 2, Stammen 2, Mescher 2, Barhorst 2, Schmiesing, Inskeep, Niemeyer, Larger).

Blocks:

Fort Recovery 1 (Wendel). Minster 2 (Inskeep, Lamm).

Personal fouls:

Fort Recovery 13 (Niekamp 4, Guggenbiller 3, Wendel 3, Leuthold 3). Minster 14 (Niemeyer 4, Mescher 3, Hemmelgarn 2, Schmiesing, Stammen, Inskeep, Barhorst, Lamm).

Turnovers:

Fort Recovery 22. Minster 16.

Despite the troubles in the third, Fort Recovery's offense started scoring more in the second half, netting nine points in each quarter. Its defense couldn't calm the Wildcats enough as they put up 11 in the final two periods.

Joining Barhorst in double digits was Anna Larger with 11. Larger had similar success inside the paint, only missing 1-of-6 shots inside the arc.

Wendel led Fort Recovery with seven points while Cameron Muhlenkamp followed with six.

Freshman Bridget Homan provided a nice lift in limited minutes after playing three quarters of the junior varsity game. She scored five points in the fourth on a quick basket assisted by Wendel and 3-of-7 shooting at the free-throw line. "Bridget Homan did a really good job tonight,"

Deitsch said. "Whenever she was called upon ... she was able to give us a spark offensively, being able to get into the paint and get some shots. Being able to get herself to the free-throw line is always a positive."

Junior varsity

The Wildcats blanked Fort Recovery in the second half until Homan scored with less than a minute left as Minster defeated the Indians 40-15.

Jenna Belcher drained three triples in the first half as Minster developed a 25-13 lead.

The Wildcats only managed nine points in the third quarter, but held Fort Recovery (4-15) scoreless to extend the lead to 21.

Homan finally hit the only shot for the Indians late in the final period to score the final points of her team-high eight.

Belcher led Minster with 11.

Patriots place second at Norwell Invite

OSSIAN — The girls won a narrow race with Norwell on Tuesday.

Two days later, the boys didn't have enough for the top spot, but solidified themselves as a clear second place.

The Jay County Junior High

School boys swim team racked up 321 points at the Norwell Invite on Thursday to claim a second-place finish in the field of eight.

Host Norwell ran away with the top spot after amassing 498 points. Bluffton's 277 points made it the closest school to threaten-

ing Jay County's runner-up finish.

The Patriots found victories in five events, all of them including either Raif or Rockland Beiswanger.

Raif Beiswanger notched a pair of individual victories in the

100-yard individual medley (1 minute, 10.10 seconds) and the 100 backstroke (1:11.13).

Rocky Beiswanger claimed one individual victory with a time of 2:25.12 in the 200 freestyle.

Both swimmers competed on the first-place 200 medley relay

(2:12.46) and 200 freestyle relay (1:58.11) teams. Grady Warvel and Jaxson DeHoff joined them as the other two legs of both teams.

Norwell won five of the remaining six events, with Indian Springs claiming the only other victory.

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION TO
CONSTRUCT AND FINANCE
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWAGE WORKS OF THE
CITY OF PORTLAND, Indiana AND THE ADOPTION AND
PURPORT OF THE
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAME
On February 5, 2024, the Common Council of the City of Portland, In-
diana (the "City") adopted Bond Ordinance No. 2024-1 (the "Bond
Ordinance") thereby determining and ordering the construction of
certain improvements and renovations to the existing sewage works
system of the City, including but not limited to a wet weather pump
station, equalization basin, and auxiliary treatment of the equal-
ization basin improvements, together with all related work and ap-
purtenances as specified and shown on the drawings as well as
those items listed in the Preliminary Engineering Report with re-
spect to the IFA Program (as defined in the Bond Ordinance), and
any related improvements thereto (the "Project").
The Bond Ordinance orders and directs that the cost of the im-
provement project will not exceed \$30,000,000, plus investment
earnings on such amount, which will be funded by the City from the
proceeds of sewage works revenue bonds and bond anticipation
notes issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed
\$30,000,000 (collectively, the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be payable
solely from the net revenues of the sewage works (as defined in the
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Bond Ordinance).
A copy of plans and specifications for the Project and the Bond
Ordinance are available for examination and copying at the office
of the Clerk Treasurer located at 321 North Meridian Street in
Portland, Indiana, during normal business hours. Objections to
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CAUSE NO:
38C01-2311-EU-000026
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF:
MARVIN H. MUHLENKAMP
(Deceased)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
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Notice is hereby given that Den-
nis G. Muhlenkamp was ap-
pointed as Personal Represen-
tative of the estate of Marvin H.
Muhlenkamp, deceased, on the
16th day of November, 2023, who
died on the 8th day of August,
2023.
All persons who have claims
against this estate, whether or
not now due, must file the claim
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lication of this notice, or within
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Dated this 20th day of Novem-
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Jon Eads
CLERK OF THE JAY CIR-
CUIT COURT
COLDREN, FRANTZ &
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Fort Recovery's Brody Barga gets his fingertips on a shot attempt by Minster's Kole Richard during the second quarter of the Indians' 66-58 loss. Richard finished with 17 points for the Wildcats.



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Short ...

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Jay County finally scored on a third-chance opportunity that Parker Nichols sank from behind the arc. Being behind, Jay County played fast, resulting in turnovers and quick shots that didn't fall as Heritage strung together three baskets for an eight-point lead. Swoveland got two points back on free throws and Comer hit a three with eight seconds left to set up the final plays of the game. "It was the first time they've been in that situation this year where you're behind late but it's close enough you still have a chance," Bomholt said. "A couple of things we executed very well, but some other things we didn't. "When you're trying to come from behind, every possession is critical. Every possession." Jay County also had an opportunity to win at the end of regulation. Heritage had the ball with 20.6 seconds left, but Aiden Phillips tied up Redmon for a jump ball that gave

the possession to JCHS. After a timeout, Heritage's pressure only allowed for an off-balance three from Liam Garringer that came up short. To even be in that position, Jay County had to trade haymakers with Heritage. JCHS utilized a half-court trap that is an extension of its regular 1-2-2 defense that forced five HHS turnovers. Nichols threw the first blow with under a minute left as he got downhill and drew a foul on Landon Lybarger. The senior knocked down both shots to give Jay County its first lead since the opening minute of the second quarter. Kobe Meyer threw the next punch. Jay County's trap didn't successfully create a turnover, allowing Meyer to receive a pass on the weak-side block. Nichols was forced to commit the foul to prevent the easy layup, but Meyer knocked down both shots to retake a 56-55 lead. Garringer drew a foul

with 26.7 seconds for a pair of free throws. Garringer made the first, but missed the second to leave the game tied at 56. "We work on those situations in crunch time, where we've got to settle down and perform under pressure," Sovine said. "We haven't been in haven't been in that situation much, leading by five or six. We've had it a few times this year where we started turning the ball over, but we just gotta keep fighting, playing through and keep getting better." Heritage took advantage of open threes, and pushing the ball in transition the first half before Jay County's defense could set up. The quick ball movement resulted in four players reaching double figures for Heritage. Meyer led the way with 14 points, LanTae Cassel followed with 13, Radmon added 12 and Brown had 11. Swoveland powered the JCHS offense with 21 points. He went 7-for-13 from the floor and shot 75% at the foul line. Garringer

and Comer each scored 10 points. Jay County won the first quarter 15-14, but lulled in the second and third as Heritage built a five-point lead. Woodlan beat Southern Wells 66-44 Friday to tie Jay County for second in the ACAC at 4-2. Adams Central ran away with the title, going 6-0 and winning the ACAC tournament as well.

Junior varsity
The Patriots took care of business early in a 45-25 win over Heritage. The Jay County (12-4) defense came ready to play, holding Heritage to only 11 first-half points. Seven of those points came from Heritage's leading scorer Davain Bates. He scored over half of his team's points as he put up 17. Jay County had four players contribute as part of a 15-point opening quarter. Its scoring leaders, Cole Forthofer and Drew Schemenaur, had 10 of those points. Forthofer finished with 13 while Schemenaur added 11.

Stop ...

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Kole Richard hit three buckets and two free throws to tally eight of his 17 points in the frame. Homan also reached double digits with 13. The second quarter was the best for Fort Recovery (5-13, 0-7 MAC), as they put up 20. Six Indians scored in the period, with Gavin Evers leading the way at six. Evers ended with 12 points, while Briggs Overman had 14. Reece Guggenbiller and Rex Leverette were both one basket away from breaking double figures. The Indians are now 1-8 since the start of 2024, with their only win com-

Indians will be at home again tonight against Newton Local

ing against Mississinawa Valley on Jan. 27. FRHS hasn't won a MAC game since last season against New Knoxville. It still has two more chances this season as it will travel to face the Rangers on Feb. 16 and New Bremen on Feb. 23.

Box score									
Heritage Patriots vs. Jay County Patriots					3-point shooting: Jay County 7-26 (Swoveland 4-8, Comer 2-5, Nichols 1-2, Phillips 0-1, Muhlenkamp 0-3, Dunnington 0-3, Garringer 0-4). Heritage 9-23 (Meyer 4-6, Brown 3-4, Lybarger 2-11, Radmon 0-2).				
Boys varsity summary					Rebounds: Jay County 36 (Swoveland 11, Garringer 6, Dunnington 5, Phillips 5, Muhlenkamp 3, Nichols 2, Crouch 2, team 2). Heritage 33 (Walter 7, Washington 7, Radmon 7, Cassel 4, team 4, Brown 3, Lybarger).				
Jay County (7-10, 4-2 ACAC)					Assists: Jay County 10 (Garringer 4, Nichols 2, Swoveland 2, Comer, Bihn). Heritage 19 (Walter 9, Brown 5, Lybarger 3, Meyer, Washington, Radmon).				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS		Blocks: Jay County 5 (Phillips 2, Muhlenkamp, Crouch, Swoveland). Heritage 4 (Washington 3, Radmon).				
Comer	4-7	0-0	10		Personal fouls: Jay County 14 (Garringer 5, Nichols 4, Swoveland 3, Bihn 2, Comer, Muhlenkamp, Dunnington). Heritage 17 (Walter 5, Lybarger 3, Radmon 3, Tigulis 2, Meyer, Rauner, Cassel, Brown).				
Nichols	3-9	2-2	9		Turnovers: Jay County 19. Heritage 17.				
Mhlnkmp	1-4	0-0	2						
Garringer	3-10	4-6	10						
Dunnington	2-7	0-2	4						
Crouch	1-3	2-2	4						
Dirksen	0-0	0-0	0						
Phillips	0-2	0-0	0						
Bihn	1-4	2-2	4						
Swoveland	7-13	3-4	21						
Totals	22-59	13-18	64						
	.372	.722							
Def. rebound percentage: .705									
Heritage (7-12, 3-3 ACAC)									
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS						
Tigulis	0-0	0-0	0						
Meyer	4-8	2-2	14						
Rauner	0-0	0-0	0						
Lybarger	3-14	1-1	9						
Walter	0-1	0-0	0						
Cassel	4-7	5-6	13						
Washington	3-8	2-2	8						
Radmon	6-12	0-3	12						
Brown	4-7	0-1	11						
Totals	24-57	10-15	67						
	.421	.667							
Def. rebound percentage: .657									
Score by quarters:									
Jay Co.	15	10	13	18	8	—	64		
Heritage	15	10	13	18	8	—	64		

Focus ...

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"I mean, I'm still learning stuff from those Patriot days," Kelce said. "I don't know if you guys have checked out Julian Edelman's podcast, 'Games with Names,' man, but I am getting all the gold nuggets from the stories from him, Gronk (tight end Rob Gronkowski) and the whole gang." Kelce takes those messages as a historical lesson. "It's just been awesome to kind of hear it from their point of view knowing that we've all have been on the outskirts looking in," Kelce said. "They had an unbelievable run. It was the best football that we've really ever seen in the NFL." Kelce has a few main takeaways from his podcast listening. "I think there's a certain mentality you've got to bring every single year," Kelce said. However, Kelce doesn't like to contrast the Chiefs' run with the Patriots. "I would never compare this team to that organization, that dynasty because I think we got something completely dif-

ferent here," Kelce said. "I just appreciate being in the conversations with teams like that, but I think that what we have here is unique and special to ourselves." There are some similarities. "I mean sometimes when you hear a story here and there it just gives you a reassurance that you're doing the right things," Kelce said. "That you're in it for the right reasons. You could tell those guys love to play for each other. That was the biggest thing that I took out of a lot of the stories that you hear is that every single one of them remember those moments. "They were there. They were present. They were around enjoying every single day going to work with the person next to them. We've got that same desire in this building. Buckle up, baby." Kelce is 34 and doesn't know how much longer he'll play. "You don't think about too much in the future," Kelce said. "Obviously, you got to prepare for what's ahead, but not harp on the past."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys wrestling semi-state at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum — 8:30 a.m.; Boys basketball (including freshman) at Yorktown — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming sectional at Ayersville — 11 a.m.; Girls bowling MAC tournament at Fort Recovery — 9:15 a.m.; Boys basketball vs. Newton — 6 p.m.
Monday
Jay County — Junior high swimming at Adams Central — 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Delta — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high swimming vs. Muncie Southside — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Wapakoneta — 6 p.m.
TV sports
Today
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Everton at Manchester City (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Burnley at Liverpool (USA)
12 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UConn at Georgetown (FS1); Wisconsin at Rutgers (BTN); Clemson at Syracuse (ESPN2)
12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Xavier (FOX); Saint Louis at Saint Joseph's (USA)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Newcastle United at Nottingham Forest (NBC)
1 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Buffalo Sabres (ACB)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Alcorn State at Arkansas-Pine Bluff (CBS)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Michigan State (CBS); Indiana State at Missouri State (Bally Indiana); Providence at Butler (FS1)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Rutgers at Michigan (BTN)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: George Mason at Davidson (USA)
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Villanova at Marquette (FOX)
3:30 p.m. — NHL: Washington Capitals at Boston Bruins (ACB)
3:30 p.m. — PGA Tour: Phoenix Open (NBC)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Gonzaga at Kentucky (CBS); Maryland at Ohio State (FS1)
4 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Penn State at Minnesota (BTN)
5:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Cal (FOX)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Baylor at Kansas (ESPN); St. John's at Marquette (FS1); Akron at James Madison (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan at Nebraska (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Purdue (FOX); Tennessee at Texas A&M (ESPN); Arizona State at Utah (ESPN2)
8:30 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Golden State Warriors (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Michigan at Michigan State (BTN)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Boise State at Utah State (FS1)
Sunday
9 a.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at West Ham United (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester at Aston Villa (USA)
12 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Florida Atlantic at Wichita State (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Montreal Canadiens (Bally Indiana)
1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Penn State at Northwestern (BTN)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Iowa at Nebraska (FOX)
2 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at

Miami Heat (ABC)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Rhode Island at UMass Amherst (USA)
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: UConn at South Carolina (ESPN)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Phoenix Open (NBC)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Minnesota at Iowa (BTN)
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maryland at Illinois (FS1)
4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Alabama at LSU (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — NFL Super Bowl: San Francisco 49ers at Kansas City Chiefs (CBS)
Monday
3 p.m. — Premier League: Chelsea at Crystal Palace (USA)
7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Charlotte Hornets (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wake Forest at Duke (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas at Texas Tech (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Arizona at USC (ESPN2)
Tuesday
3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League: Manchester City at FC Kobenhavn (CBS)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Marquette at Butler (FS1)
7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Toronto Maple Leafs (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: North Carolina at Syracuse (ESPN); Iowa State at Cincinnati (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Minnesota at Rutgers (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Orlando Magic (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Georgetown at Creighton (FS1)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ole Miss at Kentucky (ESPN); Oklahoma at Baylor (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Sacramento Kings at Phoenix Suns (TNT)

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