

# The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371

www.thecr.com

\$1

## Going mobile



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County Junior-Senior High School math teacher Sophia Fugiett walks into her classroom in the mobile unit that will go into use Monday. The 10 classrooms in the mobile unit set up adjacent to the main gym at the school will house the students and teachers displaced when the Sept. 22 tornado damaged the school. Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley expects the mobile classrooms to be in use for the rest of the year. The goal is to have the junior high/IMC (library) wing of the building reconstructed and ready for the start of the 2025-26 school year.

### Students at junior-senior high school will begin using mobile classrooms Monday

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Students and teachers displaced by the September tornado will have a new — temporary — home.

Jay County Junior-Senior High School will begin utilizing mobile classrooms Monday when they return from the Thanksgiving break.

Students and staff moved furniture and equipment into the mobile classrooms, which are located on the northeast side of the

school adjacent to the main gym. The junior-senior high school was on a remote learning day Tuesday in order to allow the final work that needed to be completed in order to accommodate teachers and students next week.

The last step in the process was a fire inspection scheduled for Wednesday.

The junior-senior high was closed for a week after the tornado hit the junior high and IMC (library) wing of the

building on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 22. When the building reopened, students and teachers who were displaced were shifted to underutilized spaces including the choir room, shop room, TV studio, breezeway and classrooms in which teachers have prep periods.

Those students and teachers will be back to a more typical learning environment Monday. The mobile unit has a different look on the outside, but on the interior

is just like a typical school building. There is a long hallway running from end-to-end (south-east to northwest) with five classrooms on each side. Restrooms are near the northwest end of the structure.

Teachers who were preparing their classrooms Tuesday afternoon expressed excitement about their new homes. First-year math teacher Sophia Fugiett, in particular, said she was thrilled to have natural light after spending

the last couple of months teaching out of the windowless TV studio.

“Much better learning environment for them,” said Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley. “Four hundred fifty kids were displaced because of the tornado. So they had to go somewhere. We have two classrooms sharing a space in the choir room or the shop room.”

“Now we’ve freed up space in the building. It’s better for all concerned.” See **Mobile** page 2

## County OKs software contract

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

County officials will be using new financial software next year.

Jay County Commissioners approved a \$256,521 contract Monday with Low Associates’ Windows Payroll Financial Software.

They also took three bids under advisement for projects associated with the county’s owner-occupied rehabilitation program.

In June, Jay County auditor Emily Franks and Jay County Treasurer’s Office first deputy Jonelle Foreman — she will be taking over as treasurer Jan. 1 — explained the need for the county to update its financial and property tax software. Franks explained at that time their financial software, Open Windows Financial’s Harris, was converted in March 2011. The outdated software lacks customer support availability and software updates and provides a limited number of licenses to view information, she continued. (New systems allow unlimited rights to view records by elected officials and department heads.) Also, the system is based on-site, which required employees to continue working in-person amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Jay County’s financial software manages the county’s 10 bank accounts and 195 funds, according to statistics Franks shared in June. The county pays an average 225 employees bi-weekly and accounts for the county’s \$24.5 million budget.

Franks hoped to switch the current system before it was no longer viable, pointing to concerns that the company may stop offering support in the near future.

“I know for me that the last 18 months, I’ve worried that phone call’s coming, or that email’s coming in, saying we are no longer supporting you,” she said in June. See **Software** page 2

## Ceasefire seems to hold

By SAM DAGHER

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

Israel and Lebanon traded accusations of violating a cease-fire deal that’s brought more than a year of fighting to a halt, though the truce with Hezbollah appeared to be holding.

The Lebanese army said Israel breached the accord multiple times over the past two days through “aerial violations and the targeting of Lebanese territories with various weapons,” according to a statement on X. Lebanon’s state news agency reported two people were wounded by Israeli gunfire in the border village of Markaba, located in an area Israel’s troops have been trying to prevent civilians from entering.

The Israel Defense Forces said it attacked a Hezbollah facility in southern Lebanon after identifying “terrorist activity” by the Iran-backed militant group,

### Fighting halted while both sides made breach accusations

and separately opened fire on “several suspects” who it said had breached the terms of the cease-fire.

Tens of thousands of Lebanese have brushed off Israeli warnings to stay away from border areas and instead clogged the country’s main coastal highway and roads to return to their homes in the south of the country. Thousands of people have died and more than 1 million Lebanese — almost a quarter of the popula-

tion — have been displaced by the conflict, which began when Hezbollah began firing rockets at Israel in solidarity with Hamas after the start of the war in Gaza.

Both Hezbollah and Hamas are backed by Iran and designated terrorist organizations by the US and many other countries.

Under the deal that came into effect on Wednesday, Israel has 60 days to leave areas it has occupied after its ground invasion of Lebanon on Oct. 1.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

## Christmas Eve

Eve Taylor, 4, explains her Christmas wish list Friday to Santa Claus at the gazebo in downtown Redkey.

### Deaths

Anna Sutton, 98, Portland  
Beverly Myers, 87, Portland

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 29 degrees Friday.

Chilly conditions are expected into next week, with highs of 30 today, 27 Sunday, 31 Monday and 32 Tuesday under sunny or mostly sunny skies. Lows will be in the teens.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Cruis’n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairgrounds will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight and Sunday evening at Jay County Fairgrounds.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Latest Jay County Civic Theatre production is preparing to open.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of next week’s Portland City Council meeting.

**Thursday** — Details from next week’s Portland Park Board meeting.

7

18122200780

6



# Obituaries

## Anna Sutton

Anna Mae (Orr) Sutton, age 98, passed away peacefully at her home in Portland on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 26, 2024.

Anna is survived by two sons, Douglas Sutton, Geneva, and Rennie Sutton, Port Orchard, Washington, and three grandchildren.

Anna graduated from Bryant High School in 1944. Anna was the oldest child of Hamor and Ollie Orr, Bryant. Anna was preceded in death by her parents and brothers William Orr, Joe Orr and sister Mary (Orr) Robledo.

Anna worked in nursing at

Jay County Hospital for 32 years. Anna was a Christian and was a member of the former First Baptist Church, Portland, helping with church functions, especially vacation Bible school.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Anna will be buried at



Sutton

Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

## Beverly Myers

Dec. 29, 1936-Nov. 27, 2024

Beverly R. Myers, age 87, of Portland passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born in Randolph County on Dec. 29, 1936, the daughter of John LeRoy and Lucille Irene (Campbell) Boyd. She was married to Leland Myers and he preceded her in death.

Beverly worked as a cook at the Breezeway Restaurant and others. She enjoyed playing puzzles together and fishing.

Surviving are three sons, Philip Myers of Ridgeville, Mark Myers of Portland and Allan Meckstroth of Portland; one sister, Tiny Reitz of Winchester; one granddaughter; and five great-grandchildren.

There will be no services at this time.



Myers

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

# CR almanac

Sunday 12/1	Monday 12/2	Tuesday 12/3	Wednesday 12/4	Thursday 12/5
<b>27/16</b>	<b>30/18</b>	<b>31/23</b>	<b>39/29</b>	<b>34/21</b>
Sunday will be mostly sunny with lows reaching the teens at night.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday. The high will be in the 30s.	Mostly sunny skies on Tuesday with a 40% chance of snow late.	There's a 50% chance of snow on Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.	Thursday's weather looks to be mostly sunny with a chance of freezing rain and snow late.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 8-3-7 Daily Four: 8-8-1-7 Quick Draw: 1-8-9-11-15-18-19-24-34-40-44-47-51-55-56-57-67-70-71-77	Pick 3: 3-4-8 Pick 4: 1-8-6-3 Pick 5: 0-1-0-7-3	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$214 million
<b>Ohio</b> Midday	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$514 million	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.39 Dec. corn .....4.33 Wheat .....4.28	Dec. beans .....9.82 Wheat .....4.98
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.41 Dec. corn .....4.41 Jan. corn .....4.43	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.24 Dec. corn .....4.24 Beans.....9.78 Dec. beans .....9.78 Wheat .....4.80
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.30 Dec. corn .....4.29 Beans .....9.78	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.25 Dec. corn .....4.25 Beans.....9.60 Dec. beans .....9.60 Wheat .....4.78

## Today in history

In 1782, the U.S. and Britain signed the preliminary articles of the Treaty of Paris as part of the Peace of Paris. The collection of treaties would bring an end to the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, Mark Twain was born Samuel Langhorne Clemens in Florida, Missouri. The author is known for his novels including "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

In 1979, Pink Floyd released "The Wall." It went on to be nominated for album of the year and best rock performance by a duo or group with vocal.

In 1982, Michael Jackson's album "Thriller" was released. Jackson went on to win a record eight Grammy Awards for the album, including album of the year, best pop vocal, record of the year and best rock vocal performance.

In 2003, Jay County Commissioners discussed the possible purchase of Hanni Plumbing, Heating and Cooling at 215 W. Main St. They wanted to own the site in case of the need to expand Jay County Jail. (The expansion project would come to fruition eight years later.)

In 2018, former President George H.W. Bush died at the age of 94.

In 2021, the Jay County High School wrestling team opened its season with a 52-20 victory over Centerville. Winning Patriots were A.J. Myers, Landon Garinger, Cody Rowles, Bryce Wenk, Ramon Bravo, Tave Curtis, Ethan Reiley, Tony Wood and Daidrick Retz. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	tion, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
<b>Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corpora-	<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

# Mobile ...

Continued from page 1  
The cost to mobilize the units (and to eventually remove them) came in around \$500,000, he added. Rent is \$16,000 monthly. All of those costs are being paid for via the corporation's insurance.

The location of the mobile classrooms was chosen because of the need for access to utilities. The utility extensions that were put in to get to the mobile classrooms will be kept in place, even after the units are removed, Gulley said. Leaving that access will allow the school corporation to be prepared for another such incident in the future or a large-scale construction project that

could require additional classroom space. (Mobile units were used during a major construction project at what was then East Jay Middle School about 20 years ago.)

Getting the mobile classrooms up and running checks one of the three key goals Gulley set shortly after the tornado struck. The others were to get students back in the junior-senior high within a week and to contract with architecture firm Barton Coe Vilamaa on the reconstruction of the damaged area.

Gulley reported at the last Jay School Board meeting that a scope of damage has been determined and insurance firm The Chubb

Corporation is working on a cost estimate for repairing the damage. In conjunction, a mechanical, electrical and plumbing survey is being completed.

Once all of that information is in, it will go to Barton Coe Vilamaa to develop the scope of the reconstruction project.

"My hope is to see bid packets out there in January," Gulley said. "August is my goal to have kids back in the school. ... I'd like to start school in August normal."

However, he added, if the building is not ready for students by the Aug. 7 first day of school, the mobile units will remain on site as long as they are needed.

# Felony arrests

## Confinement

A Portland man was arrested Friday for confinement and other charges.

Daniel Cano Pablo, 26, 209 E. Elder St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 3 felony for confinement. He was also pre-

liminarily charged with two Level 5 felonies for battery and intimidation and two Level 6 felonies for domestic battery and strangulation.

Cano Pablo was being held on a \$45,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

# Software ...

Continued from page 1  
Franks noted their options for new software are limited because they are government programs and are required to be continually tested and certified by the state. She asked council to consider incorporating additional funding into the 2025 budget for purchasing the software to be used next year.

She suggested county officials consider paying for the cost using coronavirus relief funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Council and commissioners agreed Nov. 20 to allocate ARPA funding for the financial software contract (\$256,521) and two years of maintenance fees (\$140,000).

Commissioners formally approved the contract Wednesday.

Also, commissioners took three bids under advisement from Dave's Heating and Cooling of Portland.

The business submitted quotes for work to be paid for through the county's owner-occupied rehabilitation program, a \$1 million project mainly funded through an Indiana of Community and Rural Affairs grant. (Jay County planned to contribute about \$90,000 in ARPA dollars as a match.) Intended to pay for Jay County residents' home improvements, the program offered

a list of potential projects, including replacing roofs, water heaters or heating ventilation and air conditioning unit replacements, doing electrical work or making a home more accessible. Applications were open between May and June for the program, with projects limited to \$25,000 per household. (Applicants were also required to make at or below a salary threshold to qualify.)

Dave's Heating and Cooling submitted quotes for the following Portland properties: \$6,004 for a new air conditioner at 403 S. Meridian St., \$8,354 for a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit at 248 N. Charles St., and \$9,709 total for a new water heater and heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit at 315 N. Commerce St. It was the only company to make bids.

Commissioners president Chad Aker explained the county sought quotes for projects at six properties in this round. (Other homes involved in the program are currently undergoing inspections and radon testing.) Plans are to add the remaining three properties to the next list of projects the county will seek bids for.

Commissioners agreed to take the three bids from Dave's Heating and Cooling under advisement.

Get your local news online at [theocr.com](http://theocr.com)

## SERVICES

Tuesday

**Myers, Beverly:** 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Dec. 14

**Compton, Gail:** 2 p.m., Portland Elk's Lodge, 126 W. High St., Portland.

Service listings provided by  
**PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS**  
120 N. Meridian St.  
Portland, Indiana 47371  
(260) 726-9201  
[progressiveofficeproducts.com](http://progressiveofficeproducts.com)

**INOGEN® PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS**

Call us toll-free at 1-877-930-3271

30-day risk-free trial. Returns within 30 days of purchase for a full refund of purchase price.  
PRK230669 EN, EX, USA (R) Only ©2024 Inogen, Inc.  
850 West Drive, Suite 205, Colton, CA 92321  
Inogen® is a trademark of Inogen, Inc. The usage of any Inogen, Inc. trademark is strictly forbidden without the prior consent of Inogen, Inc. All other trademarks are trademarks of their respective owners or holders.

**The ISBELLS Celebrate CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024 Tour**

**PORTLAND FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
920 S. SHANK ST. PORTLAND, IN 47371

**SATURDAY DEC. 14TH 6:30 PM**

**May Financial Group, Inc.**  
111 West Main Street Portland, IN

Jeff Hall, your hometown agent for over 30 years and hometown agent Matt Franks.

**ACA Marketplace health insurance**  
**OPEN ENROLLEMENT November 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025**

Turning 65 soon and confused concerning Medicare Options?

**Call Jeff or Matt at 260-729-5200**

Life • Health • Dental • Vision • Employee Benefits • Annuities

**Personal and private conversation at your local hometown office.**



## 50th anniversary

### Bonnie and Gary Maitlen



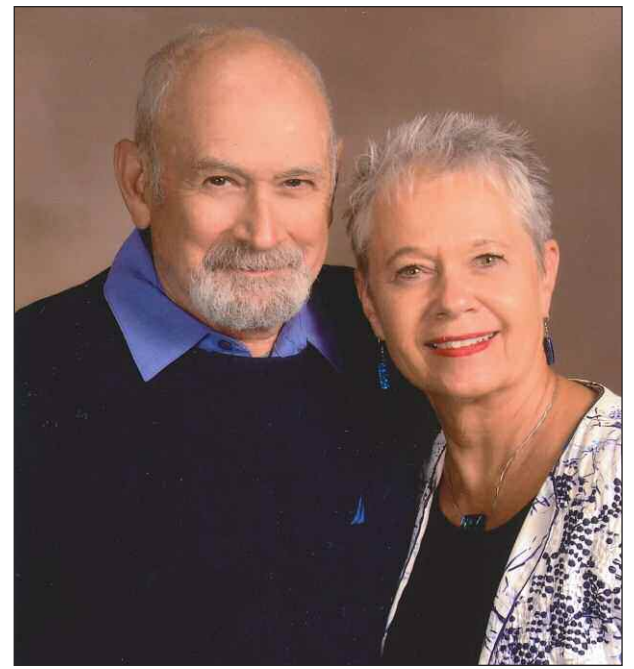
Bonnie and Gary Maitlen - 1974

Bonnie and Gary Maitlen are celebrating 50 years of marriage today.

Gary Lynn and Bonnie Ruth Maitlen of Portland wed Nov. 30, 1974, in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. They had three sons, Jason (Heather) Maitlen, Eric (Jillian) Maitlen and Andrew (Janna) Maitlen. They also have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bonnie Maitlen serves as a leadership consultant and executive coach, having worked for more than 30 years coaching in more than 34 countries. She's a partner at Optimum Impact Coaching of Cincinnati, Ohio. Gary Maitlen served 20 years in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He's currently in charge of the Portland American Legion Honor Guard and manages Jay County Scout Facility.

The Maitlens celebrated their anniversary with a trip to Scotland, Ireland and Wales, as well as a party with their children earlier this year. They'll be traveling to New York City with friends to continue their celebration.



Gary and Bonnie Maitlen - 2024

# Mother blames grandparents for teen's behavior

DEAR ABBY: I'm the mother of a 16-year-old girl, "Leia." She has been living with my parents since she was 10 because that's what she and my folks wanted at the time. I didn't want her to, but I allowed it to happen because I was having health issues.

Leia chose to remain there because my parents spoiled her rotten, and they continue to spoil and pamper her. This has resulted in her becoming the most self-centered, demanding, disrespectful person my parents and I have ever seen, and they now want her to live with me. I predicted (to myself only) that she'd turn out this way due to their "parenting." My parents created an entitled teenager and now they expect me to suffer the consequences of what they did.

They guilt-trip me with their health problems as a reason they

Dear Abby



want her to leave. I do not want her to come here. I don't want to have to deal with her attitude and try to prevent her from running away. I also don't want to lose my daughter forever because they kicked her out, but she doesn't like my rules. What advice do you have? — MOM OF A MONSTER

DEAR MOM: Your parents took your daughter in because of your health issues. You enabled their poor parenting to continue by allowing your daughter to live with them and

not speaking up. Ultimately, Leia is your responsibility until she is 18, and possibly longer.

Your parents must now explain to Leia that because of their poor health, she will be staying with you. As a minor, this decision is not hers to make. (It shouldn't have been in the first place.) When she and her belongings arrive, explain what YOUR house rules will be and the reasons for them. If she threatens to run away, point out that if that happens, she may become a ward of the state, and foster care could be less pleasant than staying with the mother who loves her but doesn't like who Leia has become while living with the grands.

DEAR ABBY: Two couples I

know are getting married soon. Both couples plan on having small, intimate weddings in the near future and larger, grander weddings later on. Each has their own reasons for doing so.

What's the gift policy when someone holds two weddings? I have already purchased something for one couple's upcoming small wedding and will likely attend their big one, but must I buy them a gift for that one as well? Or is one gift at the small wedding for each couple enough? — EXCITED GUEST IN OHIO

DEAR GUEST: Wedding gifts are given in celebration of the WEDDING. What these friends are scheduling is an "event" FOLLOWING their intimate wedding. No rule of etiquette demands that you give the couple two separate gifts.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 15 years. He made a resolution to go on a diet and cut out sweets. However, I have noticed that my chocolates have been going missing. We live alone, and I'm not sure whether to call him out to help keep him accountable or remain quiet in order to keep the peace. — WELL-MEANING WIFE

DEAR WIFE: OK, so your husband took the pledge and seems to have lapsed. My question is, is he still losing weight, or has he hit a plateau? If he's losing — albeit more slowly, look the other way. If he isn't, then "casually" comment (with a smile) that your chocolates seem to be disappearing faster than you can consume them, but do NOT assume the role of the food police.

# 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 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-

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

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

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

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnan-

cy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center 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.

### Tuesday

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

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.

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

Be prepared before the next power outage.

It's not just a generator. It's a power move.™

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase\* - valued at \$535.

Call 866-953-2203 to schedule your free quote!

GENERAC

\*Terms and Conditions apply.

## Musty Basement? WE CAN HELP!

Basement Waterproofing     Indoor Air Quality  
 Foundation Repair     Crawl Space Service

BEFORE      AFTER

ERIEHOME™

**\$750 OFF**  
Plus FREE Home Air Quality Test (\$399 value)

CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR FREE ESTIMATE

**1-866-642-5916**

New orders only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Minimum purchase required. Other restrictions may apply. This is an advertisement placed on behalf of Erie Construction Mid-West, Inc. ("Erie"). Offer terms and conditions may apply and the offer may not be available in your area. If you call the number provided, you consent to being contacted by telephone, SMS text message, email, pre-recorded messages by Erie or its affiliates and service providers using automated technologies notwithstanding if you are on a DO NOT CALL list or register. Please review our Privacy Policy and Terms of Use on homeservicescompliance.com. All rights reserved.

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools  
**December 2-6**

**Monday: Main Entrees:** Chicken tenders **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB& J and cheese fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** French fries

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Beef nachos **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB& J and cheese fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned refried beans

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, Herb breadstick **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB& J and cheese fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned mixed capri vegetables

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheeseburger in bun **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB& J and cheese fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** BBQ baked beans

**Friday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB& J and cheese fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** Roasted broccoli

george family DENTISTRY

112 North Ship Street, Portland, IN  
(260) 726-4710

# Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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



# Rokita shouldn't be playing politics

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)  
Tribune News Service

Todd Rokita is playing politics again from the helm of the Indiana attorney general's office, and his latest maneuver could be particularly harmful to Indiana communities.

Rokita this month issued civil investigative demands for information from six organizations, including nonprofits and a school district, as part of a probe into alleged "coordinated efforts" to bring large numbers of migrants to Indiana.

The organizations are in Logansport, Evansville and Seymour, where recent large influxes of Haitian immigrants have been met with unsubstantiated claims of increased crime and exaggerated reports of overwhelmed school systems.

## Guest Editorial

Rokita also sent a similar investigative demand to Logansport's Tyson Foods plant, seeking information related to rumors of human labor trafficking. A Tyson Foods spokesperson sharply repudiated the claim.

"As we have stated previously, everyone working at our Logansport facility is legally authorized to do so and the majority of those team members are American citizens or permanent residents," the spokesperson said.

From a legal perspective, Rokita is skating on thin ice, as reported in a recent article by CNHI State Reporter Carson Gerber.

According to Jenifer Brown, an Indianapolis business immigration lawyer, the nonprofits targeted by Rokita have precedent to sue his office over the investigative demands for plotting to shut down their operations by violating constitutional rights to free speech and attorney-client privilege.

Such nonprofits are not obligated to assess clients' immigration status, Brown noted. "I am confused and bewildered and sad to think about the targeting of these organizations," she said. "Frankly, it smacks of intimidation and fear mongering."

Rokita's ploy is a continuation of the far-right vilification of immigrants.

Abetted by outrageous claims on social media, often amplified by politicians — think of Donald Trump's fictitious reference during the presidential candidate debate to immigrants "eating pets" in Springfield, Ohio — such rumor mongering harms communities by broad-brushing immigrants as "illegal," pitting local residents against them and jeopardizing the availability of important (and legal) employees at local manufacturers, such as Tyson.

Acting on false narratives not only distracts Rokita from his job as Indiana's attorney general, it also puts extraordinary pressure on police departments, schools and nonprofits that see immigrants not as enemies but

as people who are most often productive members of a community.

False narratives about immigrants in Indiana, fueled by such culture wars tripe from Rokita and others, promote a climate of distrust and outright hate, only encouraging racists and bigots to act outwardly and boldly.

Anonymous threats, including Ku Klux Klan propaganda, against immigrants have popped up over the past several weeks in Hamilton County, South Bend and elsewhere.

Rokita and other officials shouldn't take political actions that elevate unfounded suspicions. Instead, they should appeal to the humanity and common sense of everyday Hoosiers who remember that hospitality is our state's calling card.

# A democracy requires choice

By EARL OFARI HUTCHISON

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

I'm a progressive Californian, a Black man, and I did not vote for Democratic presidential contender Kamala Harris this year or Donald Trump. I voted for Claudia De La Cruz, the Peace and Freedom Party candidate for president.

The decision was easy. With two exceptions over the last four decades of presidential elections, I have always voted for a progressive third-party presidential candidate. (The two exceptions? Hillary Clinton in 2016 because I liked the idea of breaking the glass ceiling. And Walter Mondale in 1984 because of my distaste for Ronald Reagan.)

I reject the guilt-trip knock about how a third-party vote is a throwaway vote, or worse, one that opens the door for big, bad bogeyman candidates. And I don't make my choices thinking it doesn't matter because in my blue state a Democrat will win anyway. I mark my ballot the way I do because it reflects my conscience and deepest political beliefs.

I'll admit that this year I didn't tell most of my friends and family my plan. I would have been ripped from pillar to post, verbally mugged: "It's a wasted vote." "It will hurt the cause." "It is downright silly to vote for someone who almost no one has heard of in a party that hasn't been relevant since the Vietnam War." My relatives and associates were passionate supporters of Harris. Their enthusiasm was understandable. They would have regarded my vote as wrecking the history-making chances for a Black woman with East Indian roots to sit in the Oval Office. I understood, and I had no illusion that I could change their minds.

In any case, the issue for me was not Harris, her policy positions or her campaign. (I won't engage in the onslaught of second, third and fourth guessing about what sunk her.) The issue was and is the two-party system itself.

Republican and Democratic politics are an iron chain that tethers the American electorate. Voting for De La Cruz was my way of taking a hammer to that chain. I prize independence, the right to



Earl Ofari Hutchison

exercise freedom of choice, and I believe that more choices are true to the spirit of democracy.

This is not a starry-eyed delusion. Many countries have a pluralistic representative system with multiple political parties. Their citizens have a real choice to vote their beliefs and interests. The parties they can vote for are not on the fringe. They win offices. They hold seats in parliaments and assemblies. They often form coalitions with other parties to gain a more powerful seat at the table. The multiplicity of parties gives more people a distinct voice in how their government works.

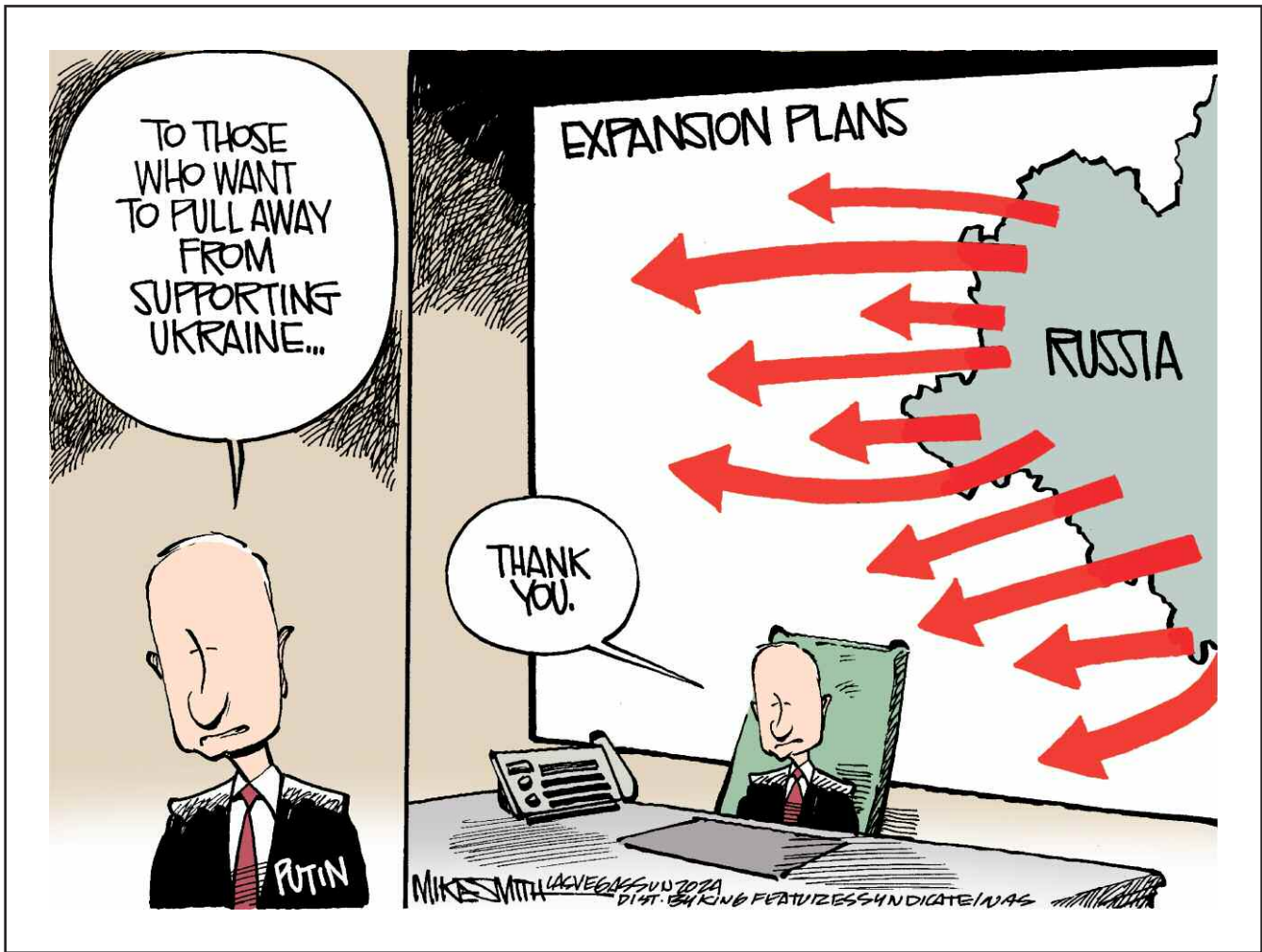
But baked into U.S. politics is the notion that there can only be two parties, and the winner takes all. The Constitution doesn't demand it, and every four years, I hear people wishing for other choices, other parties that could have a shot at making an impact.

With either a Republican or a Democrat guaranteed to take power, special interests make their bets. This year, both campaigns had king's-ransom war chests flowing with donations from regular people but mainly from fat-cat corporations, industry and trade groups, big-gun labor unions and a parade of millionaires and billionaires.

The two-party system also guaranteed that only Republican and Democratic agendas got media exposure, major endorsements and nonstop public attention. Other approaches to our challenges, our security or our role in the world just didn't have a chance.

Let me be clear again. My vote for De La Cruz was not a deliberate snub of Harris, and I have no regrets. I simply believe that for our democracy to be a democracy, the people must have choices, and those choices should not exclusively come marked with a Republican or Democrat label.

Hutchinson is an author and media critic who comments on social issues.



# Beckwith lacks faith in us

By JOHN KRULL

TheStatehouseFile.com

Micah Beckwith wants to own free speech.

It's not that the incoming Indiana lieutenant governor wants to understand the issue of unfettered expression in all its complexities. Nor does he care to be a champion of human beings speaking their minds without fear of government control or coercion.

No, the censorious man on the make wants to keep free speech all to himself. He wants not just to be the only person around who gets to speak his mind, but also the guy who gets to decide whether others should speak, what they should read and to whom they should listen. In Micah Beckwith's world, living in a free country means that people who disagree with him have the freedom to do what he tells them to do.

Beckwith made national news not long ago by using his position as a board member of Hamilton East Public Library.

There, he was the driving force on a rogue board that decided to overrule the library staff, parents and readers themselves to determine where books should be shelved and who should have easy access to them. The notion that ordinary people — or, in the case of children, parents — could be trusted to make up their own minds about which books would be appropriate for them seems not to have occurred to Beckwith and crew.

Again, in his world, the freedom we all should aspire to is not the freedom to think for ourselves but to think exactly the way he does.

In the days since he and his beleaguered running mate, Gov.-elect Mike Braun, won the 2024 gubernatorial race, Beckwith has made a splash in the news twice.

The first time was when he decided

John Krull



seems to be Beckwith's go-to move whenever someone disagrees with him.)

It appears that some parents had called the school system saying they didn't want their children to hear what Beckwith espouses.

Those parents did not understand that, again, in Micah Beckwith's world he — not their parents — gets to determine what children should see, hear or read. He and he alone gets to decide who gets to speak and who doesn't, who deserves a hearing and who doesn't.

After Beckwith threw his temper tantrum, Westfield school officials relented and re-invited him to talk with the students.

That's actually a good thing. I've never been a fan of preventing people from speaking, even those who seek to shut others up. It's always seemed to me that the answer to bad speech is more speech.

Better speech. Wiser speech. Part of the reason we have the First Amendment is that the founders saw open and often fierce debate and discussion as the best way to get to the truth. They wanted ideas to be tested and points of view to joust because they believed not just that people should be free, but that whatever principles and policies that emerged from such a trial would be tempered, as if by fire.

They had faith in the ultimate judgment of the people. It's a faith that, sadly, Micah Beckwith lacks.

Krull is director of Franklin College's Pulliam School of Journalism and publisher of TheStatehouseFile.com, a news website powered by Franklin College journalism students.

# The Commercial Review



US PS 125820

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus  
JOHN C. "JACK" RONALD (1948-2022), Publisher Emeritus

RAY COONEY  
President, editor and publisher

LOUISE RONALD  
Board chair

TONIA HARDY  
Business manager

BRIAN DODD  
Production manager

VOLUME 151—NUMBER 156  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

www.thecr.com

The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and four holidays (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas — holidays are observed on Tuesday when they fall on a Monday) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Commercial Review, 309 W. Main St., P.O. Box 1049, Portland, Indiana 47371 or call (260) 726-8141.

We welcome letters to the editor, which are accepted by email only to letters@thecr.com. They should be 700 words or fewer, signed, with city/town of residence and include a phone number for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit for content and clarity.

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."  
—Thomas Jefferson

Subscription rates  
Internet-only: Three days - \$3; Monthly auto-pay - \$10; 13 weeks - \$32; six months - \$60; one year - \$108.  
City (walking - where available): Monthly auto-pay - \$11; 13 weeks - \$36; six months - \$68; one year - \$122.  
Motor route (where available): Monthly auto-pay - \$12; 13 weeks - \$44; six months - \$74; one year - \$140.  
Mail: Monthly auto-pay - \$13; 13 weeks - \$49; six months - \$80; one year - \$151.  
Home delivery problems: Call (260) 251-9588



## 11-30 CRYPTOQUIP

PFYEO, GFSHIU KSKYL LUFL  
ILKFCI FYT UFXDVBNKBI  
FLLKYT HP LUKO PKKG GHCK

TFYEHYN: XKFL DFGGI.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE COOKIE FINALLY MADE THE DECISION TO GO GET CHECKED OUT BY A DOCTOR. IT FELT REALLY CRUMBY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals H

### Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

#### Leaders and locations

- 1) What Secretary of State was born in Prague in what is now the Czech Republic?
- 2) What title track of a 1976 Eagles album topped the charts a year later?

1) Madeleine Albright  
2) Hotel California

## 12-2 CRYPTOQUIP

JE WWH OVC'G RVFB P WHAAW  
OJDT VE GVSJRRP YTJMD  
YVFBSBO JC ABRGBO YTBDBB,

J PA CPYTV GWMB.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: FANCY, LAVISH EVENT THAT STEAKS AND HAMBURGERS ATTEND IF THEY FEEL LIKE DANCING: MEAT BALLS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals Y

### CRYPTO FUN

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

**A. 12 26 17 26 22 9 14**  
Clue: One who served in the military

**B. 25 26 22 12 7 11 26**  
Clue: Participation in the military

**C. 25 5 14 5 22**  
Clue: Show of respect

**D. 12 9 3 5 22**  
Clue: Strength of mind or spirit

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to veterans.

VNYA

Answers: A. Veteran B. Service C. Honor D. Valor

### kids' corner

### GUESS WHO?

I was a corporal in the United States Marine Corps born in New York on November 10, 1981. I was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for serving with the 3rd battalion 7th Marines during the Iraq War — the first Marine recipient of this commendation during that conflict.

Answer: Jason Dunham

### What's the Difference?

Identify the four differences between these pictures.

**A**

**B**

Answers: 1. Plant is taller 2. Bread is larger 3. Missing lemon 4. Missing spoon in dad's hand

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 29

1732: A magnitude 6.6 earthquake hits southern Italy in the former Kingdom of Naples.

1961: Enos, a chimpanzee, is launched into space.

1982: Michael Jackson releases "Thriller" which becomes the best-selling music album of all time.

### NEW WORD RESIDE

be situated or live somewhere

### MILITARY SERVICE WORD SEARCH

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

**WORDS**

ACTIVE ARMY CHIEF COMMANDER COUNTRY DEPLOYMENT DISCHARGE DRILL DUTY GUARD INACTIVE LIBERTY LIEUTENANT MARINES MILITARY NAVY OFFENSE OFFICER OPERATION QUARTERS RESERVE SERVICE TOUR VETERAN

### Food FACT!

True or false? It can take young children 10 to 15 times of seeing a new food on their plates before they are willing to try it.

Answer: True

### How they say that in...

English: Dine  
Spanish: Cenar  
Italian: Cenare  
French: Dîner  
German: Abendessen

### Did You Know?

People may eat anywhere from 3,000 to 4,500 calories during Thanksgiving dinners, which is more than what should be eaten in a day.

### Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Turkey

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Frog's relative  
5 "Hey, you!"  
9 Levy  
12 Sweet sandwich  
13 Penne — Vodka  
14 Leb. neighbor  
15 Andean land  
16 Indigent  
17 JFK info  
18 Neatnik's nightmare  
19 Suitable  
20 Hee-haw  
21 Non-clerical  
23 "Girls" airer  
25 Actress Lansbury  
28 Tranquil

**DOWN**

38 Mil. morale booster  
39 Green gemstone  
42 Calif. clock setting  
44 Military group  
48 Texter's "As I see it"  
49 Unruly kid  
50 Group of quail  
51 Cariou of "Blue Bloods"  
52 Milan money, once  
53 Property claim  
54 Blasting stick

55 Russian ruler  
56 Differently

20 Actor's stand-in  
22 Wedding setting  
24 Test versions  
25 Wood-shaping tool  
26 Opposite of paleo-  
27 Wander about  
29 Earth Day mo.  
30 Golf peg  
31 Sheeran and Harris  
35 Mid-calf pants  
36 Golf club choice  
39 Spurn, as a lover  
40 "So be it"  
41 Word of warning  
43 Poet Teasdale  
45 Playwright Simon  
46 Currier's partner  
47 Emmy-winning Daly  
49 Diner order

Solution time: 25 mins.

M	I	C	T	I	N	A	O	P	I	E	
D	N	A	I	C	O	N	C	A	D	S	
S	A	N	D	B	U	R	G	C	R	O	P
A	R	E	S	B	U	R	L	I			
S	A	D	A	T	B	I	O	L			
A	L	I	T	S	A	N	D	T	R	A	P
G	M	A	M	A	R	R	Y	E	M	U	
S	A	N	D	D	U	N	E	S	V	E	N
A	I	L	S	G	L	E	N	S			
B	A	M	B	I	S	O	A	R			
A	R	A	B	S	A	N	D	W	I	C	H
N	E	I	L	A	M	A	L	E	R	A	
G	A	L	E	L	O	G	Y	S	U	N	

Yesterday's answer 11-30

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				55					56		

## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### A grand slam

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 4  
♥ K J 5  
♦ A 10 8 5 3  
♣ Q 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 8 5  
♥ 7 4 2  
♦ —  
♣ A K J 9 8 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 6 3 2  
♥ 6  
♦ J 9 6 4  
♣ 10 7 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 7  
♥ A Q 10 9 8 3  
♦ K Q 7 2  
♣ —

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ 4♣ 4♥ Pass  
5♣ Pass 5♦ Pass  
7♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.  
Let's say you're declarer in seven hearts and West leads the king of clubs. You ruff and see that you're sure to make the contract unless the missing diamonds are divided 4-0.

Even in that case, the grand slam can be made by playing the diamonds correctly. Thus, if West has the J-9-6-4, you can first cash the king and later finesse dummy's ten to nullify his diamonds. If East has the J-9-6-4, you can start the suit by playing dummy's ace first and subsequently pick up the suit without loss regardless of how East defends.

Your only problem, therefore, is to try to discover which defender, if either, might have all four missing diamonds. This is not a difficult task if you go about it the right way.

You draw three rounds of trump, noting that West started with three of them. You next play the ace of spades, to which both opponents follow suit, and at this point the remainder of the play becomes crystal clear.

West surely must have had at least six clubs for his four-club bid, and since he's already shown up with three hearts and a spade, he cannot possibly hold four diamonds. So, if either opponent has four diamonds, it must be East.

Accordingly, you lead a low diamond to dummy's ace at trick six. After West shows out, you continue with the ten. When East covers with the jack, you win with the king, cross to dummy's carefully preserved queen of spades and then lead another diamond, this time finessing against East's nine, to bring home the grand slam.

Note that if you had started the diamond suit by first playing the king from your hand, the grand slam would have gone down the drain.

©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 10 4  
♥ 9 6  
♦ A K Q J 3  
♣ A Q 4

**WEST**  
♠ J 2  
♥ J 8 4  
♦ 7 5  
♣ J 10 9 7 6 5

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 7  
♥ K 10 7 3 2  
♦ 9 8 6 2  
♣ 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 8 6 5 3  
♥ A Q 5  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K 8 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ Pass 3♦ Pass  
3NT Pass 4♣ Pass  
5♥ Pass 6♣ Pass

Opening lead — jack of clubs.  
Bridge is truly a fascinating game, and here is a hand to prove it. The deal occurred in the French Open Pairs many years ago and was reported by Jean Besse in the British Bridge World magazine.

A brief inspection of the four hands shows that declarer has 12 easy tricks, since the trumps are divided 3-2. However, South went down one, and we can all lend a sympathetic ear to the tale of just how this unexpected result came about.

Declarer won the club lead with the king and led a low trump to dummy's king, on which French star George Theron dropped the queen!

This remarkable play produced the desired effect. South was naturally afraid that East's queen was a singleton, which would make West's original spade holding J-9-7-2. If that were the case, South could not afford to play a spade to the ace next, since West's J-9 would then both become tricks, and the slam would go down.

So, to guard against this possibility, declarer crossed to the ten of diamonds and led a low trump toward dummy's ten. This would ensure only one trump loser if the situation was as South feared. Declarer didn't mind if it turned out that East originally had the Q-J alone, since that would be his only loser.

But West won the spade with the jack, stewed for a while and finally returned a club. Theron ruffed, and six spades went down one.

In the post-mortem that followed, Theron twitted his partner for taking so long to return a club. West replied that he was not sure Theron had another trump, whereupon Theron, with tongue in cheek, said that he had indicated three trumps by playing high-low!

Tomorrow: Malfassance in office.  
©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Two-way denials  
5 Squid squirt  
8 Saab model  
12 Walking daintily  
14 Sketch  
15 History book  
16 Ore source  
17 German article  
18 Emulates Manet  
20 Relating to Swiss peaks  
23 Com-motion  
24 Lusty look  
25 Final part  
28 Cote cry  
29 Companies  
30 Chic no more  
32 Early baby, informally  
34 Killer whale

**DOWN**

2 Numerical prefix  
3 \$ dispenser  
4 German art songs  
5 "How sweet —!"  
6 Dijon denial  
7 Do a drum-mer's job  
8 Regard highly  
9 CNN anchor  
10 Harangue  
11 Is in debt  
13 Scheme  
19 Feels unwell

20 Cleric's garment  
21 Bound  
22 Anjou, for one  
23 Ganges garments  
25 Schedule opening  
26 Film-maker Ephron  
27 Pond denizen  
29 Dread  
31 — kwon do  
33 Canine coat  
34 Speaker  
36 Zwei follower  
37 Tax prep advisors  
38 In — land  
39 Sci-fi race  
40 New newts  
43 Wall St. debut  
44 Chemical suffix  
45 Goat's cry  
46 Right angle

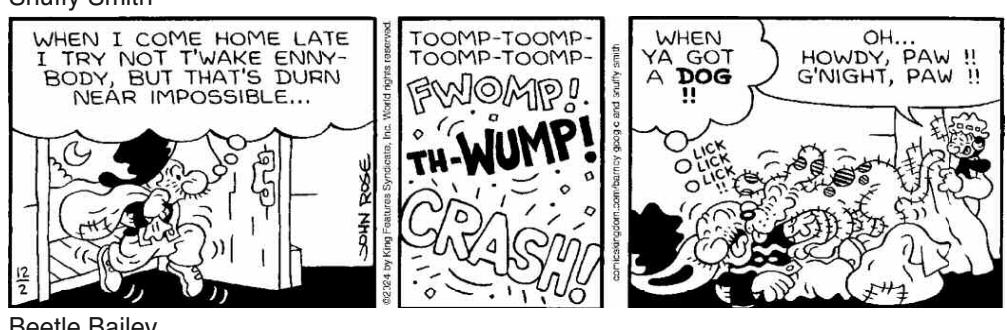
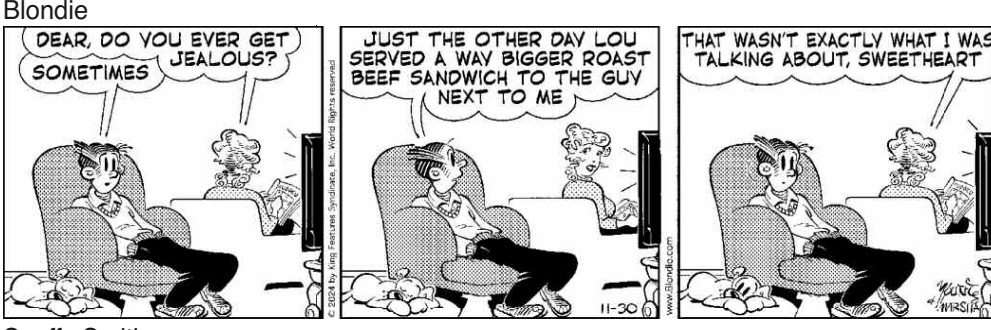
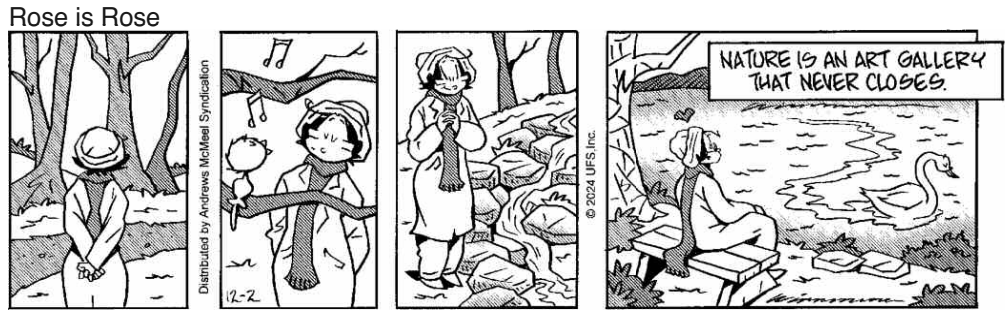
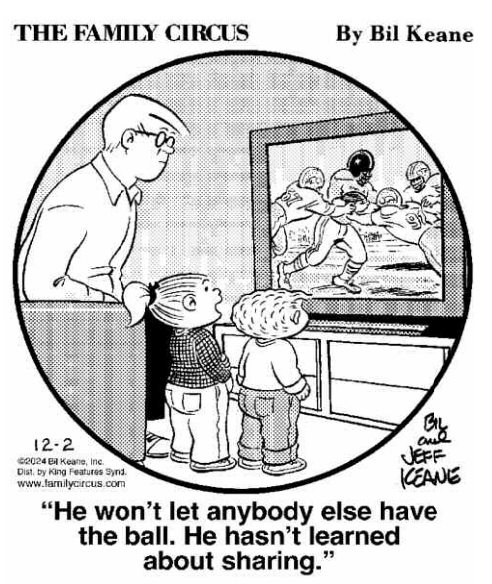
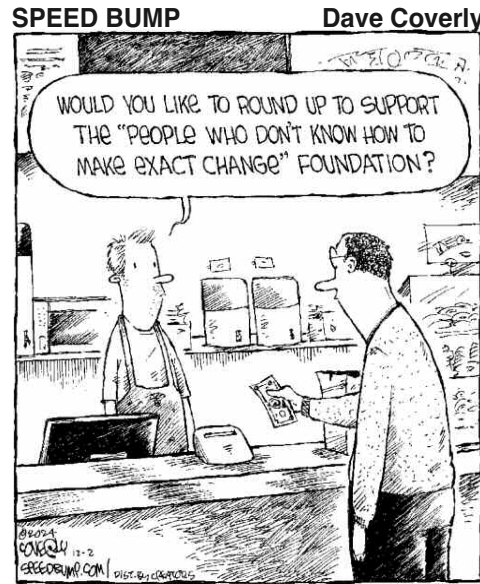
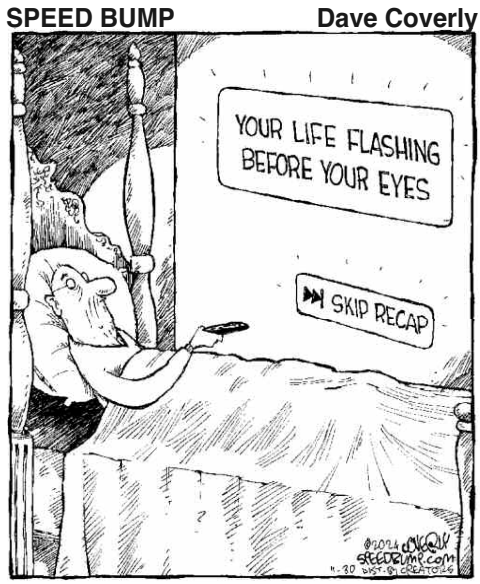
Solution time: 21 mins.

T	O	A	D	P	S	S	T	T	A	X
O	R	E	O	A	L	L	A	I	S	R
P	E	R	U	P	O	O	R	E	T	A
S	L	O	B	A	P	T	B	R	A	I
L	A	I	L	A	H	B	O			
A	N	G	E	L	A	S	E	D	A	T
D	E	A	L	T		T	T	I	P	E
Z	O	D	I	A	C	P	A	D	R	E
F	R	A	U	S	O					
J	A	D	E	P	S	T	U	N	I	T
I	M	O	B	R	A	T	B	E	V	E
L	E	N	L	I	R	E	L	I	E	N
T	N	T	S	A	R	E	L	S	E	

Saturday's answer 12-2

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		





**We Deliver**

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

**Laughter**

The Commercial Review *We Deliver*



**40 NOTICES**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Be sure to check your ad the first day it appears. We cannot be responsible for more than one days incorrect copy. We try hard not to make mistakes, but they do happen, and we may not know unless you call to tell us. Call before 12:00 pm for corrections. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland, Indiana 260-726-8141.

**60 SERVICES**

**J. L. CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING LLC.** Amish crew. Custom built homes, new garages, pole barns, interior/ exterior remodeling, drywall, windows, doors, siding, roofing, foundations. 260-726-5062, leave message.

**“SEAMSTRESS NAN” HOMEMADE** Sewing and Alterations, Quilts, Baby Blankets, Appliqué, Zippers, Hemming, Memory T-Shirt, Special Orders, Wedding & Prom Gowns. 260.766.9334

**GOODHEW'S ALL SEASON** Construction- Specializing in standing seam metal roofs. When Quality Counts, Count On US. A company you can trust. Member of the BBB. New Installation and repairs. Call Rodney Thornbury, owner 765-509-0191

**90 SALE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Saturday December 19th, 2024  
TIME 5:00 P.M.  
LOCATED: 1854 W SR 28  
Ridgeville, IN.  
OPEN HOUSE Sunday Dec. 8th & Sunday Dec. 15th 1-3p.m. or for private showing phone auctioneers.

**REAL ESTATE**  
37 Acres in Section 7, Ward Twp., Randolph County, IN. Offered in 1 parcel. Improvements to include 2 Bedroom brick ranch home with 1124 sq. ft. finished living area. Central air, and 12'x12' all seasons room. 45' x 30' and 50' x 16' and 40' x 36' and 22' x 12' pole buildings complete with cement floors. Stocked pond, some fencing. 18.5 acres tillable, 12.4 acres wood and pond, balance buildings and road frontage.

OWNER: Winningham Family  
Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.  
**SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE**  
AC31800004  
AUCTIONEERS  
Zane Shawver  
Lic. #AU10500168  
260-729-2229  
Pete D. Shawver  
Lic. #AU19700040  
260-726-5587

**Visit Us At: thecr.com**

**90 SALE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Saturday December 7th, 2024  
TIME 10:00 A.M.  
LOCATED: 2119 S US 27  
PORTLAND, IN.  
OPEN HOUSE Sunday Nov. 17th & Sunday Nov. 24th 1-3p.m. or for private showing phone auctioneers.

**REAL ESTATE**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch home containing 1390 sq. ft. finished living area. Black-top driveway. GFA with Central air. 19' x 25' attached garage, and an 18' x 24' detached garage. Nicely situated on two lots containing 1.65 acres in a prime location.

**ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD-LAWN AND GARDEN**  
12' x 10' portable storage building. Oak pie safe, Kitchen cabinet, (2) Childs rockers, Parlor table, Garden plow, Parry Buggies thermometer, (2) 3 cushion sofas, Kenmore upright freezer, Whee horse 520-H riding mower with 48" cut and snowblower, Craftsman 10" table saw, Porch Swing, 3 hole dog box for pickup truck, Garage and shop tools. Several items not to mention.

OWNER: Richard L. Manor  
Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.  
**SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE**  
AC31800004  
AUCTIONEERS  
Zane Shawver  
Lic. #AU10500168  
260-729-2229  
Pete D. Shawver  
Lic. #AU19700040  
260-726-5587

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Woman's Building Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St. Portland, IN  
Thursday Afternoon  
December 5th, 2024  
4:30 P.M.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD ITEMS**  
3 pc.full size bedroom suit; refrigerator; Hotpoint washer; Maytag dryer; gas stove; (2) wood storage cabinets; HP copy machine; HP Photo Smart printer; HP computer; Carnival pig bank; Coke cases; Gotham All Star Basketball pinball game; Hand Painted Japan dishes; Hamilton Greyhound wagon; OLD GAMES; Merry Milkman, The Mill Game, Skunk Dice and Straight Arrow Cowboy and Indian; 3 pc luggage; and other items not listed.  
**POUDER FAMILY**  
Loy Auction  
AC31600027  
Auctioneers  
Gary Loy AU10131608  
Travis Theurer AU11200131  
Aaron Loy AU11200112  
Kaden Khayyata AU12400069

**100 JOBS WANTED**

**AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR** any work. No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489.

**110 HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED CITY OF PORTLAND** is seeking a motivated individual for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer position. Responsibilities include inspecting properties for compliance with city codes, investigating complaints, issuing notices or citations, and working with property owners to resolve violations. Strong communication and organizational skills are essential. Pay: \$16.00/hour; Hours: Up to 30 hours per week. Applications are available at Portland City Hall, 321 North Meridian Street, Portland IN 47371, 8:00am to 4:30pm Thru Monday, December 30, 2024. Application deadline is December 30,2024 at 4:00pm. No application will be accepted after this time. Applications may also be picked up at the Police Department or download the application at: <https://thecityofportland.net/police-department>. For more information, contact the Portland Police Department 260-726-7161. The City of Portland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**TOWN OF REDKEY LOOKING FOR** a full time Utility worker. Hours are 7-3:30 p.m. Duties

**250 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Public Notice**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jay Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 38C01-2407-MF-000014, wherein Park Tree Investments 25, LLC, was Plaintiff, and Estate of Lupe Bennett, was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 19th day of December, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 120 N. Court Street, Suite 305, 3rd Floor Court-house, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.

The West half of Lot 5 and part of the East half of Lot 6 in Block One (1) in Robert A. Andrews Addition to the Town of Redkey, said excepted part of said Lot 6 being described by metes and bounds as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot 6 in said Block 1 running thence West 20 feet more or less to the real estate owned by Nancy Reeves, thence North to the North line of said Lot 6; thence East to the Northeast corner of Lot 6; thence South to the place of beginning in Jay County, Indiana.  
More Commonly Known As: 32 West Main Street, Redkey, IN 47373  
38-09-14-404-09 1.000-031

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause #38C01-2407-MF-000014 in the Superior Court of the County of Jay

Larry R. Newton, Jr. Sheriff of Jay County  
Jennifer L. Snook MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.  
2804 Boilermaker Court, Ste. A  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Telephone: 219-386-4700  
CR 11-16,23,30-2024-HSPAXLP

**110 HELP WANTED**

will be to assist with water/sewer department. Pick up applications at the city building in Redkey.

**200 FOR RENT**

**LEASE SPACE** available, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, distribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad access with loading docks and overhead cranes available. Contact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, [www.sycamore.space.com](http://www.sycamore.space.com)

**250 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Public Notice**

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT 2024 TERM No. 38C01-24-ES-00005 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that Greg Lehman and Kellie Grile were, on the 19th day of November, 2024, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of Shirley Lehman deceased, who died on October 13th, 2024. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 19th day of November, 2024.

Jon Eads Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana HINKLE, RACSTER, SCHEMENAUR & LANDERS 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47373 CR 11-23,30-2024 -HSPAXLP

**230 AUTOS, TRUCKS**

**WE PAY CASH** for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage

**250 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Public Notice**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jay Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-2407-MF-000016 wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and Jeremy A. Brown, State of Indiana and Personal Finance Company, LLC were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided (or in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 19th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Jay County Courthouse/3rd Floor - Main, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.

LOT NUMBERED FIFIT TWO (52) IN DENNEY'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF OUT LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK TWO (2) IN THE WEST ADDITION TO THE CIIT OF PORTLAND, INDIANA. More commonly known as 721 W Walnut St, Portland, IN 47371-1740 Parcel No. 38-07-20-103-086-000-034 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.  
Larry R. Newton, Jr. Jay County Sheriff BARRY T. BARNES, Plaintiff Attorney Attorney# 19657-49 FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727 NOTICE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. CR 11-16,23,30-2024-HSPAXLP

**260 PUBLIC AUCTION**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
LOCATED: 1854 W SR 28, Ridgeville, Indiana  
**THURSDAY**  
**DECEMBER 19TH, 2024**  
5:00 P.M.

Open House: Sunday December 8th 1-3pm, Sunday December 15th 1-3pm, or for private showing phone auctioneers.

**REAL ESTATE**  
37 Acres in Section 7, Ward Twp, Randolph County, Indiana. Offered in 1 parcel. Improvements to include 2 Bedroom brick ranch home with 1124 sq ft finished living area. Central air, and 12' x 12' all seasons room. 45' x 30' and 50' x 16' and 40' x 36' and 22' x 12' pole buildings complete with cement floors. Stocked pond, some fencing. 18.5 Acres tillable, 12.4 acres woods and pond, balance buildings and road frontage.

Great opportunity to purchase a very well maintained move-in condition property with frontage on Highway 28. Great for a family, farming, and hunting with access to the Mississinewa river on the North end of the property.

**OWNER: Winningham Family**  
**TERMS ON REAL ESTATE:** Cash with 10% non-refundable day of the Auction, balance at closing. Closing to be 30-45 days. Sale not subject to buyer obtaining financing.  
NOTE: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.  
**STATEMENTS MADE SALE DAY TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER WRITTEN AD SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE**  
AC31800004  
Pete D. Shawver Zane Shawver  
Lic# AU19700040 Lic# AU10500168  
260-726-5587 260-729-2229  
More Photos available at [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com)  
CR 11-30,12-14 NS/NT 12-4,11  
NG/RB 12-3,10-2024

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
LOCATED: 2119 S US 27, Portland INDIANA  
**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 7TH, 2024**  
10:00 A.M.  
**REAL ESTATE**

3 Bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch home containing 1390 sq ft finished living area. Black top driveway. Gas forced air with central air. 19' x 25' attached garage, and an 18' x 24' detached garage. Nicely situated on two lots containing 1.65 acres in a prime location.

**ANTIQUES – HOUSEHOLD – LAWN AND GARDEN**  
12' x 10' portable storage building. Oak pie safe. Kitchen cabinet. (2) child's rockers. Parlor table. Patio table with 4 chairs. Garden plow. Parry Buggies thermometer. Oval dining room table with 4 chairs. Recliner. (2) 3 cushion sofas. Living room chair. End tables. Bookshelves. Full and Half sized beds complete. 2 pc dresser set. Dresser with mirror. 4 drawer dresser. Small kitchen appliances. GE washer and dryer. Kenmore upright freezer. Toro time cutter Z-5035 mower. Wheelhorse 520-H riding mower with 48" cut and snowblower. Stihl mini rototiller and weed eater. Craftsman 10" table saw. Shop vac. Scroll saw. Electric chainsaw. Porch swing. Wheelbarrow. Lawn wagon. Aluminum step ladder. 3 hole dog box for pickup truck. Garage and shop tools. Lawn and garden tools. Several items not mentioned.

**OWNER: Richard L Manor**  
**TERMS ON REAL ESTATE:** Cash w/ 10% non-refundable down at Auction, balance at closing. Final sale not subject to perspective buyer obtaining financing.  
NOTE: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.  
**TERMS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY: CASH – GOOD CHECK – CREDIT CARD**  
**STATEMENTS MADE SALE DAY TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER WRITTEN AD SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE**  
AC31800004  
Pete D. Shawver Zane Shawver  
Lic# AU19700040 Lic# AU10500168  
260-726-5587 260-729-2229  
More Photos available at [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com)  
CR 11-30 NS 11-27-2024

**PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD**  
in  
The Commercial Review  
CALL  
**726-8141**

**200 FOR RENT**

**PIEDMONT APARTMENTS**

778 W 7th Street, Portland, Indiana, accepting applications for 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments, no application fee. Rent based on 30% of your gross income. Call 260-726-2920, TDD 800-743-3333. This is an Equal Opportunity Housing Complex.

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

READ THE CR THEN RECYCLE

**Little JJ's Tree Service**  
Tree Trimming, Removal, Stump Grinding. Firewood available  
**765-509-1956**

**GABBARD FENCE**  
FARM • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL  
RESIDENTIAL • VINYL  
SINCE 1967  
rgfence@yahoo.com  
**(765) 546-8801**

**Dave's Heating & Cooling**  
Furnace, Air Conditioner Geothermal Sales & Service  
**260-726-2138**  
Now accepting MC/Disc/Visa

**BOOLMAN'S**  
Auto Sales & Service, Inc.  
Highway 67 W,  
Portland, Indiana  
**260-251-9735**

**Wendel's**  
Carpets & Upholstery Cleaning  
Von Schrader Dry Foam Cleaning  
For Quick Drying, Residential & Commercial  
**Dave Wendel**  
Ph. 260-726-4520  
Cell 260-729-2797

**BAIL BONDS**  
**Travis Weaver**  
**260-726-3189**  
**across street from Jail**

E and E Construction Amish Crew  
**BARN RESTORATION**  
Specializing in metal roofs, decks & more  
**FREE Estimates**  
**260-301-1777**

**A & S Building Construction, LLC**  
All Types of construction New Homes, Remodeling, Roofing, Siding  
Garages, Barns, Concrete work , Basement & Foundation Replacement  
Leave Message  
**260-341-3023**

**MAY FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**  
ACA Marketplace health insurance OPEN ENROLLEMENT November 1, 2024 to January 15, 2025  
**MATT FRANKS**  
your hometown agent  
**(260) 729-5200**  
111 W. Main Street, Portland, IN

**Bricker's Flowers & More**  
414 N. Meridian St. Portland  
Call or text to order 260-703-0304  
Open 9:30-5:00 Monday - Friday  
9:30-3:00 Saturday



## 2024-25 Jay County boys wrestling preview



Photo provided

Pictured are the lower weight classes of the 2024-25 Jay County High School boys wrestling team. Front row from left are Hayden Richman, Corbin Lothridge, Mario Ardizzone, Dylan Bolt, Miles Jones, Anthony Campofiore, Oscar Alcantar-Ramirez and Welder Mendez Ordonez. Middle row is Syllas Wenk, Alex River, Braelyn Rathbun, Griffin Byrum, Hayden Ison, Lucas Raines and Carson Tarter. Back row are Jason Landers, Cooper Glassford, Tyler Cummings, Jacob Robinson, Reynaldo Ortega-Leos and A.J. Heskett.

### 2023-24 season

The Patriots were once again one of the best teams in northeast Indiana, placing sixth in the semi-state meet at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne and sending a pair of seniors to the state finals. Both of them went on to earn state medals, with Tony Wood placing fourth at 138 pounds while Cody Rowles was eighth at 126. Jay County avenged a championship loss to Western from the previous year to finish third in the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Class 2A team state duals, placed second behind Adams Central in both the Allen County Athletic Conference duals and tournament, and finished third in both the sectional and regional. The Patriots had nine regional qualifiers individually, with seven of those going on to the semi-state.

### Coach Eric Myers says

*"We have some fresh faces in our leadership positions. We've got a good group of upperclassmen, with some solid freshmen joining them on the team. I think we've got a really fun group. Practice wise, they've been working really hard in practice and I feel like they're eager to learn. They're sponges right now, so I'm excited this year."*

### Fast facts

- The Patriots last won the sectional in 2022-23, the same year they won the regional, before surrendering the title to Delta last year.

- After graduating three state competitors and two semi-state competitors, Jay County won't automatically qualify for the team state event. It will need to perform well early in the year to get voted in.

- After graduating seven starters, the Patriots plan to play around with some weight classes, including the 120, 138, 165 and 175, to replace them.

### Projected lineup

- 106 – Griffin Byrum
- 113 – Syllas Wenk
- 120 – Welder Mendez Ordonez or Hayden Richman
- 126 – Cooper Glassford
- 132 – A.J. Heskett
- 138 – Dylan Bolt or Miles Jones
- 144 – Jason Landers
- 150 – Jacob Robinson
- 157 – Hayden Ison
- 165 – Cole Carpenter or Caleb Sibray
- 175 – Mario Ardizzone, Renaldo Ortega-Leos or Lucas Raines
- 190 – A.J. Myers
- 215 – Freddie Lingo
- 285 – Alan Ortiz

### Top returners

**Griffin Byrum**  
Semi-state appearance (2024)

**Jacob Robinson**  
Semi-state appearance (2024)

**Alan Ortiz**  
Semi-state appearance (2024)

**A.J. Heskett**  
Regional appearance (2024)

**Jason Landers**  
Regional appearance (2024)

### Top Departures

**Tony Wood**  
Four state appearance (2021, 2022, 2023 – seventh, 2024 – fourth)

**Cameron Clark**  
Three state appearance (2021, 2022 – seventh, 2023)

**Cody Rowles**  
Three state appearance (2021, 2023, 2024 – eighth)

**Bryce Wenk**  
Three semi-state appearances (2022, 2023, 2024)

**Taye Curtis**  
Two semi-state appearances (2021, 2022)

## Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, Dec. 3	Centerville	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7	Western	9 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 10</b>	<b>Quad-meet</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Dec. 14	ACAC Duals	9 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 17</b>	<b>Norwell</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, Dec. 23</b>	<b>ECIC tourney</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
Friday, Dec. 27	Monroe Central	8:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 7</b>	<b>Coldwater</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Friday, Jan. 10	Wayne County Classic	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Jan. 11</b>	<b>IHSWCA 2A Team State</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 16</b>	<b>Homestead</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Jan. 18	Celina Invite	9 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 24	ACAC Tournament	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Feb. 1</b>	<b>Sectional</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb. 8</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>
Saturday, Feb. 15	Semi-State	8:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 21	State finals	TBA
Saturday, Feb. 22	State finals	TBA
<b>Home matches in bold</b>		

### Matches to watch

**Tuesday, Dec. 10, vs. Delta, Winchester and Yorktown**  
Delta won its sectional last year and has traditionally produced strong teams. This tri-match will provide Jay County an early opportunity to build a resume.

### Saturday, Dec. 14, at ACAC Duals

The Allen County Athletic Conference Duals pits all of the ACAC teams against each other head-to-head to name a conference champion.

### Monday, Dec. 23, in ECIC Tournament

Without automatically qualifying for the IHSWCA 2A Team State meet, the ECIC Tournament will provide the talent in a home atmosphere to help the Patriots' odds of getting voted into the state tournament.



Photo provided

Pictured are the upper weight classes, managers and coaches of the 2024-25 Jay County High School boys wrestling team. Front row from left are Alan Ortiz, A.J. Myers, Cole Carpenter, Chandler Murphy, Landon Mills-Blowers, Freddie Lingo and Caleb Sibray. Middle row are managers Opal Garrett, Aurora Michael, Trinity Glassford, Alexa Bravo, Emmarie Barton and Chloe Muhlenkamp. Back row are assistant coach Tyler Leonhard, coach Eric Myers, Brice Coy, Ramses Anaya Aparicio and assistant coach James Myers.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys basketball (Including freshmen) at Richmond — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Mississinawa Valley — 9 a.m.; Boys bowling at St. Henry — 9:15 a.m.; Middle school boys basketball at Mississinawa Valley — 9 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball vs. Driver — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Driver — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Swim tri-meet at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. St. John's — 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Swim at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Girls basketball (varsity only) vs. Northeastern — 6:30 p.m.; Boys wrestling

at Centerville — 6:30 p.m.; Girls wrestling at Centerville — 6:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Belmont — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Belmont — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Middle school girls basketball at St. John's — 5:30 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
9 a.m. — Motorsports: Qatar Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Ipswich Town at Nottingham Forest (USA)  
12 p.m. — College football: Michigan at Ohio State (FOX); Tennessee at Vanderbilt (ABC); South Carolina at Clemson (ESPN); Illinois at Northwestern (BTN); Kansas at Baylor (ESPN2); West Virginia at Texas Tech (FS1)  
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Arsenal at West Ham United (USA)

3:30 p.m. — College football: Auburn at Alabama (ABC); Maryland at Penn State (BTN); Miami at Syracuse (ESPN); Notre Dame at USC (CBS); Rutgers at Michigan State (FS1); Fresno State at UCLA (BTN); Cal at SMU (ESPN2); Arizona State at Arizona (FOX)  
7 p.m. — College football: Oklahoma at LSU (ESPN); Purdue at Indiana (FS1); Florida at Florida State (ESPN2); Texas at Texas A&M (ABC)  
7 p.m. — NHL: Philadelphia Flyers at St. Louis Blues (FSDN Indiana); Ottawa Senators at Los Angeles Kings (CBS)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Washington at Oregon (NBC); Kansas State at Iowa State (FOX)  
8 p.m. — NHL: Nashville Predators at Minnesota Wild (CBS)  
10:15 p.m. — College football: Houston at BYU (ESPN); Tennessee State at Montana (ESPN2)

10:30 p.m. — College football: Air Force at San Diego State (FS1)

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. — Men's soccer: Aston Villa at Chelsea (USA)  
11 a.m. — Men's soccer: Manchester City at Liverpool (USA)  
11 a.m. — Motorsports: Qatar Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
Noon — Men's college basketball: Alcorn State at Maryland (BTN)  
1 p.m. — NFL football: Indianapolis Colts at New England Patriots (CBS); Arizona Cardinals at Minnesota Vikings (FOX)  
1 p.m. — Skiing: Alpine World Cup (NBC)  
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Buffalo at Penn State (BTN)  
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Creighton at Tulsa (ESPN2)

3:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Memphis Grizzlies (FSDN Indiana)  
4 p.m. — NFL football: Philadelphia Eagles at Baltimore Ravens (CBS)  
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Middle Tennessee at UAB (ESPN2); North Florida at Nebraska (BTN)  
4 p.m. — College hockey: Lindenwood at Michigan State (BTN)  
4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: South Carolina State at Xavier (FS1)  
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: San Francisco 49ers at Buffalo Bills (NBC)  
9 p.m. — NBA basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Sacramento Kings (CBS)

**Monday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UMBC at Georgetown (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: St. John's at Penn State (BTN)

8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Cleveland Browns at Denver Broncos (ESPN)

**Tuesday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Cincinnati at Villanova (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arkansas at Miami (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Syracuse at Tennessee (ESPN); Sam Houston at Indiana (BTN)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: BYU at Providence (FS1)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wake Forest at Texas A&M (ESPN2)  
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kentucky at Clemson (ESPN)  
9:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: California Baptist at USC (BTN)  
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Washington at UCLA (FS1)





The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Gabi Petro of Jay County defends against Woodlan's Reagan Widenhoefer during the first quarter Friday. Jay County's loss was its first to a team other than Belmont or Hamilton Heights in nearly three years and its first in the Allen County Athletic Conference since falling 36-25 to Woodlan on Jan. 14, 2020.

## Searching ...

Continued from page 10  
"I'm happy," said WHS coach Dave Randall, whose team lost twice to Jay County a year ago — first 60-53 and then 61-40 in the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament championship game. "The conference has gone through Jay County since they joined the league, so if you have a goal of winning the conference, it starts here. ... So to be able to come down here and eke out a win, I'm thrilled."

Jay County has won nine of the last 11 Allen County Athletic Conference titles. They had not dropped an ACAC game since falling 36-25 to Woodlan in the confer-

ence tournament on Jan. 14, 2020.

The loss Friday was the first for the Patriots to a team other than Belmont or Hamilton Heights — the Huskies knocked them out of the tournament in each of the last four seasons — in more than 34 months. (They fell 58-53 to Norwell on Jan. 18, 2022.)

After scoring its first dozen points on 3-pointers, Woodlan shifted its focus to the inside for the rest of the game. Anderson scored all of her 22 points inside — she came into the game averaging 14.8 — and when she or teammates missed she was ready to create second opportunities as she

grabbed 11 offensive rebounds.

Of the Warriors' 15 made field goals in the final three quarters, 13 came from within 10 feet of the basket.

"We're not a great shooting team," said Randall. "So what I tried to tell our kids to do is don't settle for contested jump shots. We did a couple times ... but we did a good job of doing what we wanted to do rather than what they were willing to let us do. We were stubborn enough to say, 'No, we're gonna spread the floor, we're gonna get to the rim.'"

"Obviously having Alyssa is a huge help," he added of the junior who

also had four blocks and two assists. "Alyssa is a rebounding machine. ... What can I say? ... She plays hard. ... She just puts her head down and does whatever her team needs to win."

Brooke Kneubuhler and Emma McDaniel had nine and eight points, respectively, in support of Anderson.

The Patriots couldn't recover from their drought in the second quarter, when Amelia Heath was their only player to hit a field goal. They also had opportunities slip away as they missed half of their six free throws in the period.

While Schwieterman shot 8-of-19 (42%) en route

to her career-high total — her previous best was 27 points in each of the first two games of the season — the rest of the squad was 6-of-30 (20%). Elizabeth Brunswick, who got more aggressive attacking the basket late in the game, and Alexis Sibray followed Schwieterman with five points apiece.

"I feel like our kids are definitely learning and progressing," said McIntire. "Things that we work on in practice, they're absorbing it and trying to do it. ..."

"We're still not comfortable with each other yet. We need to have confidence in our teammates and share the basketball."

### Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Woodlan Warriors

Girls varsity summary

Woodlan (4-2, 1-0 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Widenhoefer	2-10	0-0	6
Smith	0-0	1-2	1
Anderson	10-19	2-7	22
Kneubuhler	2-15	4-6	9
McDaniel	3-4	0-1	8
Jacquay	0-3	1-2	1
Scheumann	0-0	0-0	0
Goble	2-8	0-0	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19-58</b>	<b>8-18</b>	<b>52</b>
	<b>.328</b>	<b>.444</b>	

Def. rebound percentage: .643

Jay County (3-2, 0-1 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Sibray	2-11	0-0	5
Newton	0-0	0-0	0
Schwieterman	8-19	9-14	30
Hummer	1-5	0-0	3
Petro	0-1	0-0	0
Brunswick	2-6	1-4	5
May	0-4	0-0	0
Heath	1-3	1-4	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14-49</b>	<b>11-22</b>	<b>46</b>
	<b>.286</b>	<b>.500</b>	

Def. rebound percentage: .574

Score by quarters:

Woodlan 12 11 15 13—52  
Jay Co. 13 5 12 16—46

**3-point shooting:** Woodlan 6-21 (McDaniel 2-3, Widenhoefer 3-6, Kneubuhler 1-6, Goble 1-6, Jacquay 0-1). Jay County 7-21 (Schwieterman 5-9, Hummer 1-1, Sibray 1-6, May 0-4, Petro (0-1)).

**Rebounds:** Woodlan 47 (Anderson 24, Kneubuhler 6, Goble 6, Widenhoefer 4, McDaniel 3, Smith 2, Jacquay 2). Jay County 37 (Schwieterman 13, Hummer 8, Sibray 7, Brunswick 6, team 4, Heath 2, Newton, May).

**Assists:** Woodlan 11 (Kneubuhler 4, Widenhoefer 2, Anderson 2, Smith, Scheumann, Goble). Jay County 6 (Petro 3, Schwieterman 2, Brunswick).

**Blocks:** Woodlan 5 (Anderson 4, McDaniel). Jay County 3 (Schwieterman, Hummer, Brunswick).

**Personal fouls:** Woodlan 15 (Goble 4, Jacquay 4, Widenhoefer 2, Anderson 2, McDaniel 2, Scheumann). Jay County 17 (Schwieterman 4, Petro 3, Heath 3, Hummer 2, Brunswick 2, May 2, Sibray).

**Turnovers:** Woodlan 11. Jay County 14.

# MusicWorks

at Jay County Campus and Blackford County Arts Center



Spring Semester runs from  
January 6, 2025- April 25, 2025

Join the Eastern Breeze Flute Ensemble!  
• Mondays, 6-7  
• At Jay County Campus

Take private lessons from our many talented instructors:

- David Blakley - BCAC & JCC
- Briana Blankenship - BCAC & JCC
- Kathryn Fenstermacher - BCAC & JCC
- Margaret Hammond - BCAC & JCC
- Andy Kern - BCAC & JCC
- Aidan Kroeker - BCAC & JCC

- Ann Clamme-Monroe - BCAC
- Danielle Lilly - BCAC
- Amelia Freeman - JCC
- Jan Rittenhouse - JCC
- Pete Vogler - JCC
- Linda Braun - JCC

Scholarship & Financial Assistance Information is available at [myartsplace.org](http://myartsplace.org)

- \*Harp scholarships are available for NEW harp students!
- \*Registration available now!
- \*Deadline to register is January 3, 2025!

For more information about MusicWorks, please visit [myartsplace.org](http://myartsplace.org) or contact:

Blackford County Arts Center: 765-348-4154, [bcac@myartsplace.org](mailto:bcac@myartsplace.org)  
Jay County Campus of Arts Place: 260-726-4809, [jcc@myartsplace.org](mailto:jcc@myartsplace.org)

Spring Semester Piano Lab and Guitar Lab registration, for both locations:  
**COMING SOON!**

You can register for MusicWorks with this QR code:



OR visit [myartsplace.org](http://myartsplace.org)

Activities are made possible in part by the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, the Community Foundation of Randolph County, The Portland Foundation, the Blackford County Community Foundation, Dennis & Marianne Horn, and WPGW Radio.



# Searching for balance

## Patriots fall despite a career-high 30 points from Schwieterman

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Neither team had much luck slowing down the other's star player.

For the Patriots, Hallie Schwieterman posted a career-high scoring total.

Woodlan's Alyssa Anderson recorded what might be termed as a double-double.

Anderson got a little more help on the offensive end while the home team never quite recovered from its futile shooting in the second quarter.

Despite 30 points from Schwieterman, the Jay County High School girls basketball team suffered its second loss of the season Friday — 52-46 — as Alyssa Anderson's 22 points and 24 rebounds powered the Woodlan Warriors.

"We struggled offensively," said JCHS coach Sherri McIntire, whose team was 1-of-8 from the field in the second quarter. "Part of that is we prepared a lot all week for them to play the 1-3-1 and they did, and I felt like we handled that well and they got right out of that."

"If you go back and look

at every game we've struggled with, it's been a team that's played us a tight man-to-man defense. We're just struggling getting into a flow in our offense. Part of that is learning to play with each other, learning to have confidence in each other, and we're not there yet."

Anderson scored the first five points of the second quarter, breaking a 13-13 tie and giving the Warriors (4-2, 1-0 ACAC) a lead they would never relinquish. Her first hoop of the period came on a put-back. Her second came after her second offensive rebound of the possession and resulted in a three-point play at the 6:47 mark.

Jay County (3-2, 0-1 ACAC) trailed by six at the half and got back to within four on a Schwieterman 3-pointer midway through the third quarter. However, a McKenna Goble triple followed by another Anderson put-back pushed the Warriors ahead by nine.

They kept an advantage of at least seven before backing off of a Schwieterman drive in the final seconds.

See Searching page 9



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School sophomore Hallie Schwieterman fights to get a shot up between McKenna Goble (left) and Alyssa Anderson (right) of Woodlan during the second quarter of the Patriots' 52-46 loss Friday to the Warriors. Schwieterman scored a career-high 30 points for JCHS, but no one else on the squad had more than five points.

## Homan lifts FR in 4th quarter

FORT RECOVERY — Bridget Homan was scoreless in the first quarter.

She made one shot each in the second and third. With the Indians fighting for their first win, she came up big in the final eight minutes.

Homan, a sophomore, tallied nine of her game-high 14 points in the final quarter Friday night to help the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team secure a 50-39 victory over the Indian Lake Lakers.

The win was the first of the season for the Tribe, which dropped its first game 40-24 to 2024 state final four squad Crestview and then lost 34-33 on a buzzer-beater Nov. 23 to Arcanum after taking the lead with just 1.1 seconds left.

Fort Recovery (1-2) was holding on to a five-point lead over the Lakers (1-2) on Friday before Homan went to work in the fourth quarter. She hit a 3-pointer and added three baskets from inside the arc as the Indians scored 19 points in the final eight minutes.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp, who matched Homan with points and Cameron Muhlenkamp added four points apiece in the final period.

Karlie Niekamp also reached double figures with a dozen points for the Indians. Seven of those came in the third quarter.

Only one player, Kennedy Schwanderer, reached double figures for Indian Lake. She had eight points in the first half and added a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter as she finished with 11 points. Carly Strayer, Courtney Altstaetter and Mackenzie Dixon added six points apiece.

The Indians are back in action today as they travel to Union City to take on the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks (2-0).

Psi Iota Xi sorority

presents

Jay County Civic Theatre's

Production of

# The SOUND of MUSIC

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by RICHARD RODGERS

Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE

Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

Music and Lyrics for "Something Good" by Richard Rodgers

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization.

www.concordtheatricals.com

Shows are 7 p.m. December 5, 6, 7, 13 and 14, and 2 p.m. December 15 at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland

Advance tickets:

\$10 for students and \$12 for adult

Available by visiting bit.ly/JCCTTSOM, by calling (260) 726-4809, or at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

