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## Funds OK'd for new parks vehicle

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Portland's parks department may be getting a new vehicle.

Portland City Council on Monday approved an additional appropriation of \$41,808 to allow the city's street and parks department to purchase a van to be used for parks maintenance.

Street and parks department superintendent Matt Shauer explained that the parks staff currently uses a leased 2022 GMC Sierra. He said there is the opportunity to buy a 2021 Ford Transit van that has less than 5,000 miles on it from Moser Motors of Berne. The vehicle will have a three-year warranty.

Shauer pointed out that currently most of the parks' equipment and tools are housed at Hudson Family Park and staff is frequently traveling between Hudson and other parks while working. The van would allow tools and equipment to be permanently stored inside, making the workflow more efficient.

He said the city's park board, which was scheduled to meet Tuesday, is on board with the purchase.

The request launched a brief discussion about how the city acquires vehicles.

Under the John Boggs administration, the city entered into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to lease vehicles for city use. The program was designed to save money in the long term by rotating newer vehicles, taking advantage of Enterprise's ability to re-sell them and drastically reducing maintenance and fuel costs.

Five current street department vehicles are leased through the program.

The 2022 GMC Sierra being used for parks maintenance is leased through 2025.

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## Holiday cheer

Holiday activities are going on daily in Jay County as Santa Claus made a visit to Dunkirk during its Feel the Warmth of Christmas event Monday evening and Bloomfield Elementary School held its annual Christmas program Tuesday. Pictured above, Lilith Moore, 4, Albany, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas during Dunkirk's annual Feel the Warmth of Christmas event Monday. At right, Bloomfield second graders Bernadette Dirksen and Madilyn Laux wave to their classmates Tuesday morning during practice at East Jay Elementary School.



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## Firm is working on design for water work

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Final designs are in the works.

Fort Recovery Village Council approved a \$25,200 pay request Monday related to designs for water plant improvements.

Marvin Gnagy of PMG Consulting and Rob Shoaf of Shoaf Consulting have been working on engineering for changes to the water plant since March. Gnagy and Shoaf — they're partnering on the project — conducted a study for the village last year. They suggested two possible water softening alternatives to the village's current lime and caustic soda treatment. Since then, the village has been looking into transitioning to reverse osmosis membrane softening, which involves pumping water under pressure through reverse osmosis membrane elements (tube-shaped filters with about 15 layers).

### FR council approves payment for plant improvement designs

Per Gnagy and Shoaf's estimates last year, the new softening process would decrease the village's chemical costs by an estimated \$210,000 annually. Initial construction was estimated at \$4.35 million and included installation of 56 reverse osmosis membranes as well as locating and drilling a third well. (Fort Recovery village administrator Randy Diller noted Monday environmental consultant Eagon & Associates of Columbus, Ohio, is currently working on identifying possible locations for adding a third well to the system.)

Fort Recovery applied for but

was not granted \$4 million earlier this year from Ohio Department of Development's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Gram Program to switch over to the new water-softening process. However, the village did secure funding to cover the design work, getting approval from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Water Supply Revolving Loan Account for a \$295,050 loan at 0% interest for five years.

Gnagy and Shoaf recently started final design work for the project. Designs should be complete within the next four to six months.

Also Monday, council trans-

ferred \$178,375.48 between water tower funds and agreed to pay the amount to Caldwell Tanks, which is building the town's second water tower.

The new tower, a 250,000-gallon elevated tank, is planned for the north side of the village. It includes an additional 2,600 feet of water line connecting it to the village's distribution system.

Diller noted water line installation was slated to begin this week. Steel for the project is expected to arrive in January, with construction to follow.

Fort Recovery received a \$1.25 million grant in June 2023 from Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program and a \$600,000 allocation in June of this year from the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund — it's a part of Ohio's capital budget — for the project.

In other business, council members Al Post, Cliff Wen-

del, Scott Pearson, Erik Fiely, Greg Schmitz and Luke Knapke:

- Formally authorized village officers and employees on a second reading to spend additional village funds on amenities. The resolution allows village officers and employees to spend up to \$200 per occurrence on amenities.

- Approved the 2025 wage ordinance on a second reading.

- Heard Fort Recovery Police Department is participating in Shop with a Cop at Walmart in Celina on Dec. 14.

- OK'd police chief Jared Laux to have ceramic coating applied to the police department's Dodge Ram for \$1,300 and Dodge Durango for \$700 at Skully's Automotive Details of Fort Recovery. The coating is intended to help protect the vehicles' new decals for at least five years.

- Were reminded Fort Recovery Radio's Christmas Gala begins at 7 p.m. Dec. 11.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 32 degrees Monday. The low was 16.

Tonight's forecast calls for snow and rain showers with wind gusts up to 40 miles per hour and wind chill values as low as minus-6.

Blustery conditions will con-

tinue Thursday with winds gusting to 35 miles per hour, highs in the mid 20s and sub-zero wind chills. Highs will get into the 30s Friday and are projected to reach the 40s by Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Public Library will host "An Evening of Stories" from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday. Mrs. Claus will read Christmas stories by a Christmas tree and visitors will have the opportunity to decorate and eat Christmas cookies, make ornaments and work on special gifts for Jayland Homeless Shelter residents.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

**Saturday** — Results from the JCHS boys basketball game at Woodlan.





# Funds ...

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Shauver said there has been some initial discussion as to whether it makes sense to continue leasing or to shift back to a system of the city purchasing vehicles.  
Council president Kent McClung raised concern about over-stepping park board authority and about approving an additional appropriation to a budget that was just approved in October.  
Shauver apologized for the timing of the request.

“Everybody’s sorry about it, but they keep doing it,” responded McClung, though he ultimately seconded council member Dave Golden’s motion to approve the purchase.  
Council members Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ron May, Ashley Hilfiker (attending remotely), McClung and Golden approved the additional appropriation unanimously.  
Following Tuesday’s park board meeting, Portland Board of

Works will consider the purchase at its meeting Thursday.  
In other business:  
•Council approved an ordinance on second reading that allows for sewer charges to be waived in the case of a natural disaster or other “act of god.” The change came following a request from rural Portland resident Kyle Love, whose home was severely damaged in the Sept. 22 tornado.  
•Mayor Jeff Westlake said the last update he received from

Indiana Department of Transportation regarding the U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) project in the city was that new traffic lights would be installed by Dec. 9. He said, however, it looks as if the process will not meet that target. Aker also asked about the status of the handful of manholes that still have metal plates over them, with Westlake responding that those are still being worked on.  
•Council members acknowledged that they have signed or

intend to sign nepotism disclosure forms.  
•The mayor reported that 93.53 tons of trash was collected during the city’s fall clean-up week.  
•Golden requested that the city’s 2025 payment to Jay County Development Corporation be placed on the docket for the first meeting in January. He said he’s hopeful that doing so will provide some financial stability for the organization and put it in a better position as it looks to hire a new executive director.

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Thursday 12/5	Friday 12/6	Saturday 12/7	Sunday 12/8	Monday 12/9
<b>23/15</b>	<b>30/22</b>	<b>39/31</b>	<b>51/43</b>	<b>52/41</b>
Thursday looks to be mostly sunny with a chance of snow and wind gusts up to 35 mph.	Mostly sunny on Friday, when the low at night may dip into the low 20s.	Saturday’s weather looks like mostly sunny skies with lows in the 30s.	There’s a chance of snow Sunday, when the high will be in the low 50s.	Mostly cloudy skies on Monday with a 50% chance of showers.

Lotteries	
<b>Powerball</b> Monday 3-9-26-61-67 Power Ball: 13 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$240 million	Daily Four: 3-5-5-9 Quick Draw: 12-14-19-24-26-28-33-37-38-41-46-59-61-62-64-66-68-72-77-78 Cash 5: 1-16-31-37-42 Estimated jackpot: \$436,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$541 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-9-1 Pick 4: 1-0-8-4 Pick 5: 5-5-8-6-5 Evening Pick 3: 9-4-3 Pick 4: 1-8-3-4 Pick 5: 8-9-1-6-8 Rolling Cash: 2-6-15-34-37 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-4-2 Daily Four: 0-7-9-0 Quick Draw: 3-4-8-9-12-15-21-22-24-28-32-35-41-51-56-62-68-70-71-73 Evening Daily Three: 8-9-5	

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.40 Jan. corn.....4.34	Wheat ..... 5.00
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.41 Jan. corn.....4.43 Feb. corn.....4.43	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.24 Jan. corn.....4.25 Beans.....9.74 Jan. beans.....9.76 Wheat .....4.89
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.30 Jan. corn.....4.29 Beans.....9.73 Jan. beans.....9.77	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.34 Jan. corn.....4.34 Beans.....9.55 Jan. beans.....9.55 Wheat .....4.81

Today in history	
In 1791, “The Observer” was first published in Britain. It’s considered the oldest Sunday newspaper in the world to date.	Copland and Jerome Robbins.
In 1783, general George Washington said goodbye to his officers of the victorious Continental Army at Fraunces Tavern in lower Manhattan, New York City.	In 2015, Fort Recovery High School’s football team won its first state title, defeating the Mogadore Wildcats 33-14. Quarterback Caleb Martin picked apart the Wildcat defense to the tune of 385 yards. “Ever since our first workout in early May we knew this was the goal from the start,” said Martin. “Our goal was to get here and once we did we were going to be good enough to win the game ... that’s what we did. We made it happen.” — The CR
In 1844, James Knox Polk was elected as the 11th president of the United States.	
In 1951, “The Pied Piper” premiered in New York City. The ballet was created by Aaron	

Citizen’s calendar	
<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, Community Room, library, 315 N.	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. <b>Dec. 11</b> 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff’s Merit Board, training room, sheriff’s office, 224 W. Water St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

# Capsule Reports

**Rear ended**  
A Portland man crashed his car into the back of a vehicle a Dunkirk man was driving at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 75 South about 3:56 p.m. Monday.  
Charles H. Bye, 78, told police he was driving his 2003 Buick Century northeast on the highway when he took off his glasses and wiped his eyes. He said when he looked back at the road, the 2016 Mazda in front of him was stopped in the

road because of traffic from Jay County High School. He couldn’t stop before hitting the vehicle, which was driven by 21-year-old Chase W. Brotherton.  
The Mazda is registered to Had-die D. Hummer of Montpelier. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.  
**Swerved for deer**  
A Portland teen complained of chest pain after she flipped the car she was driving to avoid a deer

along Indiana 26 about 8:50 p.m. Sunday.  
Kendel L. Rowles, 17, was driving a 2013 Chevrolet Spark along the highway near county road 400 East when a deer ran across the road. She told police she swerved to avoid hitting the deer, causing her to overcorrect and start skidding. The vehicle overturned several times, according to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report.  
The vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

# Indiana’s GOP chair steps aside

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com  
Indiana Republican Party Chairman Randy Head announced Monday that he’s resigning — effective immediately — after just five months in the role, citing the demands of his full-time lobbyist job.  
“It has been the honor of my life to serve as chairman of the Indiana Republican Party for the past five months,” Head said in a news release.  
He highlighted the party’s successes under his tenure: electoral victories for U.S. Senate, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and in the Legislature. He also oversaw record-breaking fundraising, per the release.  
Head thanked Gov.-elect Mike Braun for his faith, employer Krieg DeVault for allowing him to step away, Indiana GOP staffers for their work, and “every Republican who placed their trust in me.”  
The move is a business decision, according to a party insider.  
Head is a member of Krieg DeVault’s Governmental Affairs and Public Advocacy Practice and advises clients on legislative matters. He was elected Indiana GOP chair in June, after the close of the last legislative session.

# Felony arrests

**Battery**  
A New Castle man was arrested Sunday for battery.  
Eric J. Rumler, 20, 1105 Lincoln Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for the alleged crime, and a Class A misdemeanor for giving a false identity statement.  
He was being held on an \$11,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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# Fiancee discovers truth

DEAR ABBY: I have been with the same man for three years, and we have been engaged for a year. I love him with all my heart, but I just learned through a phone call that he has been fooling around with men from the internet. I have also seen some messages in his email.

Dear Abby



because of our son-in-law's job. One grandson will be bar mitzvahed soon, and our daughter is asking us to send her a list of our friends so she can send them invitations.

will change my position, but I will not.

She told me this morning that she might have to leave me and find someone who wants a pet. I told her I understand and will accept her decision.

Now I need guidance because I realize that a dog is more important to her than our relationship. Please help. — ANNOYED IN INDIANA

DEAR ANNOYED: I wish you would have stated why you feel so strongly about not having a (small) dog in your home. You and your wife need more mediation than I can offer in a letter. A marriage counselor may be able to help you to communicate with each other more effectively than you have been. For her to have given you a semi-ultimatum was wrong, but it indicates to me that you two may have more problems to resolve than whether to get a dog.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons live in Australia

Because going to Australia is such a long and expensive trip, we are quite sure that none of our friends will attend and will regard the invitation as a request for a gift. Should we send her the list she's requesting? — CONFUSED GRANDPARENTS

DEAR GRANDPARENTS: I am against sending an invitation to anyone who isn't a close relative for the reason you stated.

Because of the distance, it WILL seem like a bid for gifts or money. A diplomatic way of conveying the news of your grandson's rite of passage would be to share it verbally with friends — who can then volunteer that they would like to send the boy something. Perhaps the feedback you receive can shape the invitation list.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Does this mean he is bi and never told me? I don't know what to do. Please help me before I make a mistake. — HURTING IN LOVE

DEAR HURTING: What this means is your fiance is either bisexual or gay. For both your sakes, tell him you know what has been going on, because if he's unfaithful now, marriage vows won't change him.

Ask your doctor to test you for STDs, and then call off the wedding so you can find a mate who will be faithful — and he can find a relationship in which he can truly be himself.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married seven years. It's the second marriage for both of us. We have a good relationship and love each other. I told her before we were married that, while I like animals, I do not want a pet.

She's an animal lover and is now pressuring me to get a small dog. She's hoping I

# JCHS music concert scheduled for Sunday

Jay County High School Music Department will present its winter concert at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is free to the event, which will be held in Jay County High School's auditorium. Patrons may enter through door eight.

Also, Jay County Choral Boosters will sponsor a cookie walk from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, and Jay County Patriot Band will sell poinsettias at the concert on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## Taking Note

with disabilities, friends, families and caregivers. There will be music, snacks and drinks.

Also during the party, the group will award Leland and Judy LeMaster, founders of Special Day for Special People, with the Larry Grier Community Champion Award for their efforts in the community.

## Senior learning

John Jay Center for Learning has another senior learning event coming up.

Steve Bishop, a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps leader, and JROTC cadets will share a presentation Thursday on the JROTC program offered at Jay County High School. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with the presentation to follow.

Tickets are \$5 and intended for anyone 55 years old and older.

## Museum hosting

The David Owsley Museum of Art at Ball State University is showcasing The Art of Elizabeth Catlett from the Collection of Samella Lewis through Dec. 20.

Lewis was a professor emerita of art history at Scripps College in Claremont, California. He was a student under Catlett, a sculptor and printmaker recognized as one of the most significant African American artists in the 20th century, in the 1940s. Admission is free.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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 - BRIGANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal.

For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

## Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

## Friday

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

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in

Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

## Saturday

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

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

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

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Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

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

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

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# Technology update was frustrating

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Dec. 1, 2004. The parade of technology continues whether we like it or not. Twenty years ago, Jack was working to solve one tech problem. We're currently in the process of considering a computer upgrade, as our current machines are about a decade old.*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

The temptation is always there. Why not, I ask myself, just let the parade of technology go on without you? Just let the next "rev" of software pass you by. Just let the next new gimmick or gadget do its thing without you.

And, to some extent, I give in to the urge.

For instance, I have no desire to own a cellphone, though there are two at our house. And the idea of taking pictures with a cellphone strikes me as silly, though I admit

## Back in the Saddle



to having had my picture taken by one.

But when it comes to computers, the urge to let the parade pass by can have consequences and create complications our forefathers never dreamt of.

For the past two weeks, the complication has been something called Adobe Acrobat 5.0, the version for Macintosh computers.

It seems that more and more of the ads e-mailed to the newspaper as attached files were created in the 5.0 version of Acrobat, while we still lag a couple of genera-

tions behind. There have been countless headaches for the composing room and the ad department as a result.

Okay, I responded, when I learned of the problem. We'll just get a copy of Acrobat 5.0.

But, as computer users the world around know, nothing is ever that simple.

It seems that the Mac version of Acrobat 5.0 isn't being sold by Adobe anymore. The company's pushing Acrobat 6.0 for Macs now. Unfortunately, 6.0 doesn't run on the same computer operating system we're using. Our Macs, for the most part, use the 9.2 operating system; but 6.0 will only run on OSX.

If that last paragraph sounded like gobbledygook to you, rest assured that I feel the same way.

In short, we'd become obsolete. There were two potential solutions. We could upgrade every

Mac in the building to OSX and spend a fortune upgrading every other software to be compatible. Or we could go looking for a copy of Acrobat 5.0 for Macs on eBay.

At first, even to an eBay novice like myself, it didn't look like it would be a problem. The software was available. In some cases, it had been bought by mistake and was still in the original wrapper. Others appeared to be "educational" versions which were probably handed out as free samples. There were even versions in Spanish and French.

But eBay is an auction web site, and making a purchase can be a little cumbersome the first time around.

I started bidding without really knowing what I was doing, putting a bid in too early and not establishing a firm maximum amount I was willing to pay.

Meanwhile, thanks to the intricacies of the eBay system, it was easy for everyone else in cyberspace to see that I was a rookie bidder.

Not surprisingly, I was outbid by someone with more savvy the first time around. And the second. And the third. I was beginning to wonder if eBay had a special section for slow learners who were new to the process.

Finally, I started to get the hang of it and also started to get an idea of what I should be prepared to pay if I was actually going to solve the ad department's problem.

Last Wednesday night about 10 p.m., I hit paydirt, closing the deal at what appeared to be a good price.

The software arrived Monday.

Will it work? I don't know. All I know is the parade can go on without me for a while.

# To get more to join, spend less

By LINDSAY KOSHGARIAN  
OtherWords

The military is concerned about a growing recruitment crisis. Survey after survey reveals young people just aren't inspired by military service.

Ironically, decades of sky-high military spending — and the endless war it enabled — may have much to do with that. And reversing that trend is critical to making Americans safer.

An 18-year-old today will have lived their entire life watching one failed, disastrous war after another. Born in 2006, they would have been an infant when George W. Bush surged troops in Iraq in 2007, years after the infamous "Mission Accomplished" banner. They would have been in about second grade when ISIS took over much of that country.

They could have been eligible to join the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) just as the United States withdrew from Afghanistan after 20 years, having only made conditions worse.

That same young person would have spent formative years in isolation because of a global pandemic, during which billionaires made record wealth gains and used their wealth to buy elections. They would see a country where public schools are underfunded and where neglected infrastructure means lead in drinking water and dams that can't stand up to newly destructive storms.

This reflects the conscious decisions of the government they're being asked to fight for. In 2024, the U.S. military budget is approaching \$1 trillion, more than half of which goes to for-profit military contractors. Year after year, that's money that hasn't gone into education, health care, housing, climate or other needs desperately facing young people — and all of us — today.

Young people don't want to sign up for this.

Americans under 30 are the only age group where a majority think the military has a negative effect on the country. Younger Americans are also likelier to say the military doesn't make the world safer. And fewer than one in five of us under 35 say they're "extremely proud" to be American — compared to half of those 55 and over.

Notably, these Ameri-

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cans also think the United States is on the wrong side in the Middle East. Just one in five younger Americans tell

pollsters they support how Israel is conducting its war in Gaza, even as the United States continues to sponsor Israel's fight through a continuing stream of weapons.

And for all that we've spent on the military, we've consistently failed to protect those who volunteer. With half the budget going to for-profit contractors with multimillionaire CEOs, the troops are often forced to rely on food stamps to get by.

Meanwhile, more veterans have died of suicide since 2001 than have died in wars. And our lawmakers have failed to adequately support veterans harmed by burn pits, traumatic brain injury, homelessness and other tragedies of military service.

No wonder over half of all Americans now say they'd advise a loved one not to join the military.

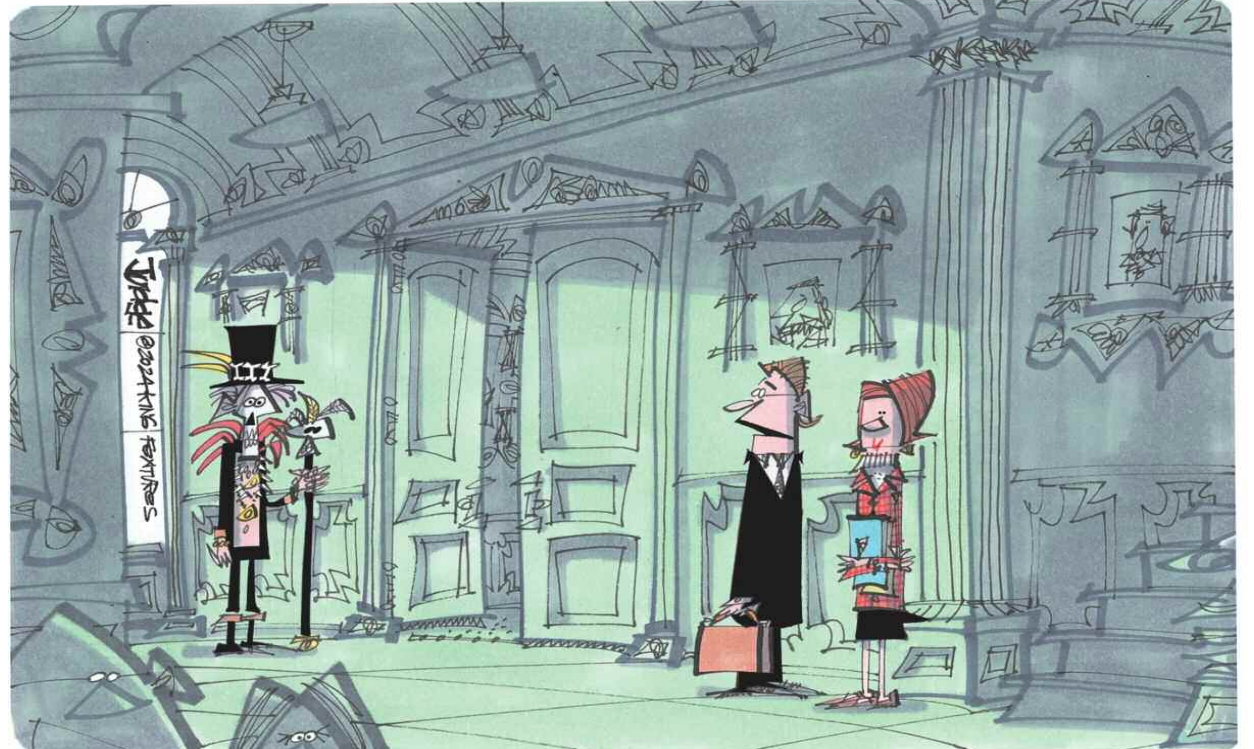
If we want the best for our country and its young people, we can't blindly ask them to join an institution they don't believe in and fight in wars they don't support for a country that doesn't have their backs.

Instead, we need to invest in a country worth fighting for. For what we've spent on wars and the military since 9/11, we could have easily decarbonized the entire U.S. electric grid, completely erased student debt, continued the pandemic-era Child Tax Credit (which cut child poverty in half) for another decade, and much more.

It's not too late to press for those investments, which — unlike the trillions we've plowed into the Pentagon and unjust wars — would actually make this country safer. Just ask the young people we're asking to defend it.

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"IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THAT'S EITHER A WITCH DOCTOR OR THE NEXT SECRETARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES."

# Trump kills bipartisan bill

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Tribune News Service

The apparent death of the PRESS Act in Congress should alarm Americans on two levels.

One, the measure — acronym for Protect Reporters from Exploitative State Spying — seeks to shield a vibrant free press from coercive government intrusion.

But, two, even those who fail to understand the necessity of an uncowed press to the health of a functioning democracy should pause at the mechanism of this legislation's demise: After this bill unanimously passed a Republican-controlled House — a testament to its common-sense defense of First Amendment principles that protect Americans of all political persuasions — all it took to ensure its demise in the Senate was a one-line social media outburst from a president-elect: "REPUBLICANS MUST KILL THIS BILL!"

That Donald Trump wants the PRESS Act dead is hardly surprising. The very impetus for the bipartisan bill was his sustained, un-American attack against the media when he last occupied the White House. But the fact that, by typing five words on his Truth Social network last week, Trump was able to ensure that the bill's Republican supporters would shrug and give up should be terrifying even to those who don't revere a free press. This isn't how America's checks-and-balances government is supposed to work.

Trump has been blunt in voicing his disdain for the free press throughout his decade on the national political stage. His frequent declaration that journalists are "the enemies of people" is an outright Stalinist construct.

And it wasn't just talk. Trump, obsessed with plugging leaks to the media during his first term as presi-

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dent, ordered the secret seizure of private communications by journalists at The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN and other news outlets. When that activity later came to light, the Biden administration's Justice Department banned prosecutors from using such heavy-handed tactics.

The PRESS Act would codify those limitations in federal law so future administrations couldn't just discard them. It would impose specific restrictions on the government's power to seize private data from journalists or force them to reveal sources.

Although the act's creation stems from Trump's anti-press abuses, the measure found deep support from congressional conservatives — who, after all, have made online free speech a central part of their culture-war crusades. Key proponents have included such stalwart Trump supporters as Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

The measure unanimously passed the House in January. Its passage in the Senate was widely viewed as similarly assured. That is, until last Wednesday, when Trump took to his social media platform.

He linked to a PBS "NewsHour" interview with the CEO of the Committee to Protect Journalists, urging Senate passage. Trump's one-line, capitalized decree alongside the link — "REPUBLICANS MUST KILL THIS BILL!" — didn't bother with any discussion of why, in his view, the Senate should kill the bill.

It wasn't a debate or even the airing of an opinion; it was a summary order from an incoming president to a supposedly co-equal branch of government.

And that's all it took. The bill's House sponsor, Rep. Kevin Kiley, R-Calif., issued a statement the next day saying, "It's clear we have work to do to achieve consensus on this issue" — as if the overwhelming consensus of a unanimous House vote now means nothing.

As a practical matter, Trump's opposition does in fact kill the measure, despite the fact that he's not even in office yet and despite the previous bipartisan support for the bill.

That's not the way America's system of government is supposed to work, but it's the way today's Republican Party works. Regardless of the merits of the bill, the GOP's Trump supporters in the Senate will never allow it to go forward now that he has issued his five-word command.

It's reminiscent of how Trump summarily killed border reform earlier this year because he wanted a campaign issue rather than a solution. Then, as now, congressional Republicans turned their backs on the best interests of the nation to do Trump's self-focused bidding.

Trump has been blunt about his plans to attack the free press in his second term, which, he has said, could include going after the broadcast licenses of news organizations and even jailing journalists. Those who would shrug off such threats as typical Trumpian bluster should consider that, even prior to taking office, he is able to lay the groundwork for such attacks with a mere social media post ordering congressional Republicans around.

That's a danger not just to the free press but to the very concept of separated powers.

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# Yoon declares martial law in S. Korea

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South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol stunned voters, lawmakers and investors by declaring martial law on Tuesday after accusing the opposition of trying to paralyze his administration amid a political rift that is set to deepen markedly.

In an emergency national address televised live, Yoon said he made the decision to protect freedom and constitutional order, and that it will not have an impact on South Korea's foreign policy. He added that it would also help eradicate the influence of North Korean supporters.

"Through the declaration of martial law, I will rebuild and protect a free South Korea," Yoon said. A proclamation released after the address banned all political activities and strikes and said media would be subject to control of the Martial Law Command, according to Yonhap News.

The move was initially viewed as a risky political play that is likely to backfire rather than an attempt to return to military-led regimes of the past.

South Korea's National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik called on lawmakers to go the national assembly immediately. In the 300-seat parliament, 190 lawmakers unanimously voted to demand the lifting of the martial law. "I urge the public to trust the parliament and monitor the situation with calm," Woo said in a statement.

The won tumbled to 1,444.65 — its lowest level in over two years — while London-listed shares of Samsung Electronics fell as much as 5.5%. The Korea Exchange said it's reviewing whether trading will resume as usual on Wednesday.

The shock announcement to impose martial law for the first time since the democratization of South Korea in 1987 left even Yoon's own party blindsided with its leader vowing to stop the move. Yoon's abrupt decision comes after months of wrangling and deadlock in parliament between the president's minority government and the main opposition Democratic Party.

The DP is currently trying to force through its own budget proposal through parliament and has submitted an impeachment motion against the chief prosecutor after months of also trying to get Yoon's wife prosecuted. Meanwhile, the DP's leader has faced multiple court cases and was convicted last month of election-law violations.

Yoon has dealt with the deadlock in a largely standoffish manner, vetoing a string of bills passed by parliament and at times angering his own party. His latest act ramps up tensions considerably both domestically, while also creating high uncertainty abroad for the outlook of one of the world's key suppliers of semiconductors and tech-related gear.

"Yoon's declaration of emergency martial law is highly concerning. It marks a stark shift in the administration's policy," said Kayla Orta, senior associate at the Hyundai Motor-Korea Foundation Center for Korean History and Public Policy in Washington DC. "Instead of solidifying his political position, this could further damage his domestic standing."

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, and German Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Olaf Scholz pay tribute to the perished defenders of Ukraine at the memorial in Maidan Nezalezhnosti, Kyiv. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte on Tuesday urged members of the alliance to provide additional support to Ukraine.



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# Support urged for Ukraine

By CIARAN SUNDERLAND  
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BRUSSELS — NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said on Tuesday he wants members of the Western military alliance to focus more on arming Ukraine than debating possible scenarios for ending the ongoing Russian invasion.

"Ukraine doesn't need more ideas on what a peace process could look like," Rutte said, stressing the country's urgent need for more military aid and missile defence systems.

Instead, should Ukraine enter peace talks with Russia, whenever it decides to do so, they should be able to negotiate from the strongest

position possible, Rutte said.

"To get there, it is crucial that more military aid will be pumped into Ukraine," the top NATO official said, highlighting recent deliveries from the United States and European countries.

The top NATO official was previewing a two-day meeting of the alliance's foreign ministers in Brussels, focusing on supporting Ukraine's continuing defence against the full-scale Russian invasion.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha is to brief his NATO counterparts on the current status of the fighting as Ukraine's eastern front comes under increased pressure from Russian attacks.

Ukraine is also expected to make a renewed push to join the alliance after a suggestion from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that his country could agree to a ceasefire with Russia if NATO extends its protection to the parts of the country controlled by Ukraine.

"If we want to stop the hot phase of the war, we need to take under the NATO umbrella the territory of Ukraine that we have under our control," Zelenskyy said in an interview with the British TV channel Sky News.

The NATO chief said however that the alliance's focus has to be on strengthening Ukraine at the moment to defend against the Russian

advance on the eastern front.

The alliance has so far declined to offer Ukraine membership over concerns that the Russian invasion of Ukraine would escalate into a conflict involving NATO.

The NATO secretary general would not comment on recent proposals from U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's incoming administration to secure peace in Ukraine.

Rutte said however that when a deal on Ukraine is reached, "it has to be a good deal" because of the risk of signalling weakness to China, North Korea and other countries hostile to NATO.

NATO foreign ministers also plan to discuss last month's Russian launch of

an experimental ballistic missile against Ukraine and examine Ukraine's air-defence needs.

The Russian military has said that the new medium-range missile it fired at the Ukrainian city of Dnipro last week can hit targets across Europe and cannot be stopped by air-defence systems.

Deterring and defending against Russian hybrid attacks or acts of sabotage against NATO members is also on the agenda.

With the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and an offensive by an alliance of insurgents in Syria, the discussion could veer off topic when Jordan's King Abdullah II joins the foreign ministers on Tuesday.

# Court to hear transgender care case

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court hears oral arguments Wednesday in a dispute over a Tennessee ban on certain medical treatments for transgender children, in a case that could set the boundaries on gender identity policies for states and Congress.

The state's law prohibits prescription of puberty blockers, hormones and surgery for minors, but only those who are transgender. The justices will weigh whether that violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution because it discriminates on the basis of sex.

The Biden administration, parents and civil rights groups argue the state law discriminates against transgender individuals because it

only prohibits treatment for children who sought gender-affirming care, but not for children with other medical conditions such as precocious puberty.

The Tennessee law and similar laws "are inflicting profound harms on transgender adolescents and their families by denying medical treatments that the affected adolescents, their parents, their doctors, and medical experts have all concluded are appropriate and necessary to treat a serious medical condition," the Biden administration said.

Tennessee officials have argued that the law was not drafted to discriminate based on sex, and instead forbids boys and girls alike from receiving gender-affirming care. The state argued that it is allowed to make its own judgments

on the relative risks of medical procedures for certain conditions.

"That is not discrimination. It is an evenhanded 'regulation of a medical procedure' that turns on the reason for the procedure's use," the state wrote in a Supreme Court brief.

The arguments on constitutional grounds mean the outcome could ripple into rights of transgender individuals nationwide, experts said.

The case, *United States v. Skrmetti*, comes to the court as Republicans are poised to enter Washington with a trifecta in January after winning both chambers and the White House on a campaign that included efforts to roll back protections for transgender individuals.

The party's political platform

includes bans on transgender athletes competing in sports, and Trump has vowed to issue executive orders prohibiting federal agencies from promoting gender transitions.

Olatunde C.A. Johnson, a professor at Columbia Law School, said that how the justices decide the case could give Congress space to enact legislation on access to gender-affirming care.

"Upholding the law would leave room for Congress to ban gender affirming care. We don't know how broadly the court would define that. We don't know what exceptions it would create, but it would leave room for them to legislate in this area in a way that would have impact on even those states that have taken a different approach," than Tennessee, Johnson said.

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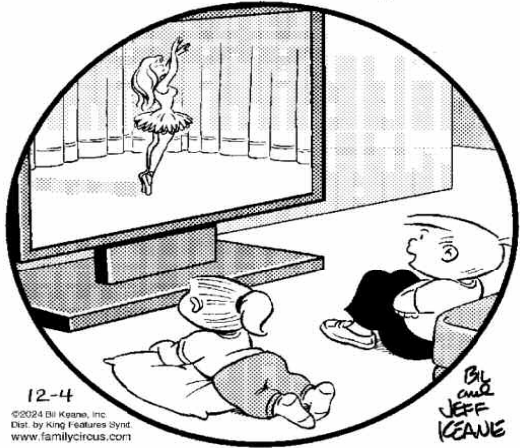
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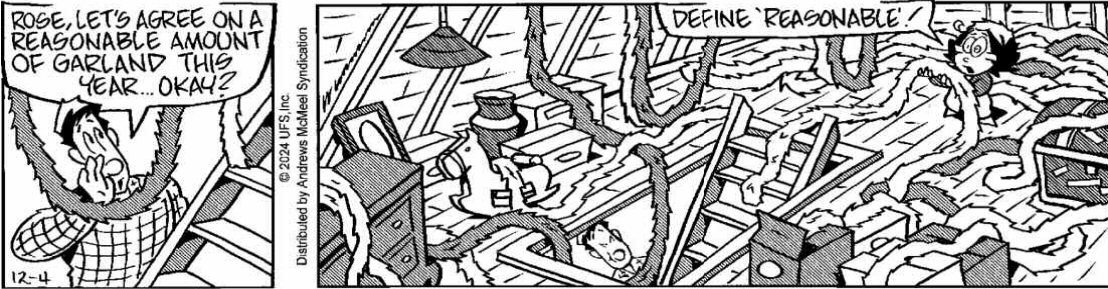
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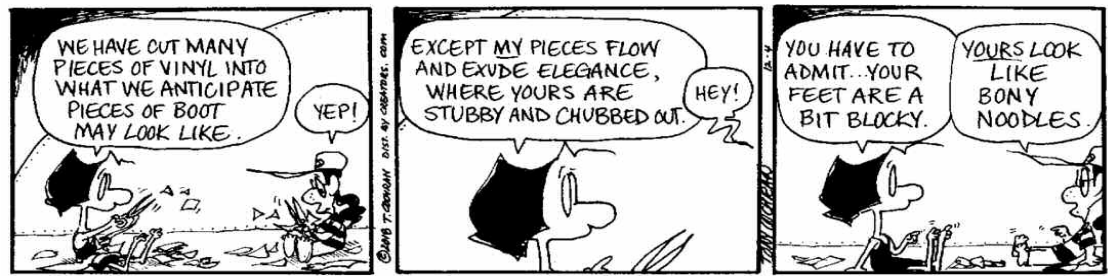
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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odds against both occurring in the same deal are about 15-to-1. However, when you win the diamond lead with the queen and play a trump to the ace, East shows out, and your 15-to-1 odds drop enormously. In fact, it now seems certain you will go down one if East has the ace of spades.

Opening lead—jack of diamonds. Many contracts fail because of an unlucky lie of the cards, but some of them can be salvaged by careful play.

Assume you're declarer at four hearts and West leads a diamond. You should feel confident of making the contract, since the only thing that can beat you is the highly unlikely possibility that West has all three missing trumps and that East has the ace of spades. The

This is the first trick for the defense, and you are now sure to make the contract. East has to return either a spade or a diamond. In the former case, dummy's king becomes a trick; in the latter, you'll discard another spade from your hand as you ruff in dummy and lose only your remaining spade. The outcome demonstrates how good play can sometimes overcome bad luck — provided you keep a cool head when things go wrong.

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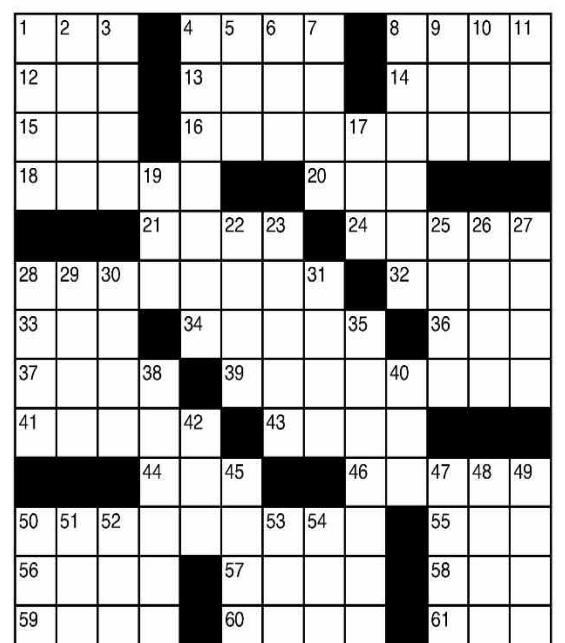
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## Tribe boys swim open season with a pair of wins

BERNE — The Indians are only two boys deep this year. Yet, those two boys have already picked up a pair of victories.

The Fort Recovery High School boys swim team, consisting of just Caleb Smith and Carson Fullenkamp, took second place in a quad-meet at South Adams to open the season Monday.

The boys team only needed 30 points to take second place, beating Coldwater (28) and St. Henry (14). Minster claimed the top spot with 143 points.

The Wildcats also took first for the girls with 121 points, while St. Henry and Coldwater followed with 103 and 93 and FRHS trailed behind with 59.

The boys team (2-1) was powered by three first-place finishes. Smith won both of his events, the 50-yard freestyle and 100 backstroke, with times of 26.21 seconds and 1 minute, 5.87 seconds.

Fullenkamp's time of 2:10.39 won him the 200 freestyle, and he claimed the runner-up spot in the 100 breaststroke.

Joelle Kaup was the top tanker for the Indian girls, claiming the

## Local roundup

100 backstroke with a time of 1:08.66. She also placed second in the 100 butterfly.

The highest finish outside of Kaup came from Liza Knapke, who placed third in the 200 freestyle.

### Fort falls

RICHMOND and COLDWATER, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys bowling team dropped a pair of matches Wednesday and Saturday.

On Wednesday, the Indians traveled to Richmond 40 Bowl to take on the Richmond Red Devils, but fell 2,784-2,351.

Reece LeFevre led the Indians (1-3) with a 213.5 pin average after rolling a team-high 233 in the first game. Riley Grieshop and Riley Stammen also broke 200 against the Red Devils, shooting a 226 and 201, respectively.

The Indians fell to St. Henry 2,550-2,395 at Pla-Mor Lanes on Saturday.

LeFevre again led the Indians with a 174.5 average and the team-high game of 178 pins. The strongest game of the match came in the fifth baker game, as the Indians combined to knock down 191 pins.

### Jay Splits

WINCHESTER — The Jay County Junior High School girls basketball teams split their games with Driver on Monday.

The Eighth grade team dominated Driver for a 51-5 victory. Claudia Dirksen led the scoring with 15 points, while Karsyn Schwieterman added 14.

Alyvia Schwieterman and Charlee Peters each had six points, while Kendall Schemenaur provided four. Kenzie Coy, Kyla Sims and Avery Snow all hit a shot as well.

The Patriots fell 14-13 in the seventh grade game. Boo Towell had a team-high of five points, while Brenna Weitzel contributed four. Rounding out the scoring, Emmi Clark and Bristol Kahlig each had a bucket.

## Chicago signs Matthew Boyd

By MEGHAN MONTEMURRO

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs entered the offseason knowing they wanted to address the rotation and, by extension, the pitching staff.

For a group that features young talent but not much experience because of injuries last year, bringing in experience and depth is a priority.

The Cubs have taken their first step in that direction by agreeing to a two-year, \$29 million contract with left-hander Matthew Boyd, sources confirmed to the Chicago Tribune.

Boyd, 33, isn't without risk either.

He didn't pitch until mid-August in his return from Tommy John surgery, though he threw well for the Cleveland Guardians, posting a 2.72 ERA in eight starts and carrying that into the postseason (0.77 ERA in

three starts). Injuries have limited Boyd to 124 innings over the last three seasons.

Despite the durability concerns, Boyd helps raise the floor of a rotation that includes lefties Justin Steele and Shota Imanaga and right-hander Jameson Taillon.

The Cubs can't go into 2025 expecting major innings from left-hander Jordan Hicks and right-handers Ben Brown and Hayden Wesneski, all of whom spent varying time on the injured list and combined for only 169 big-league innings in 2024.

Boyd is 46-69 in his career with a 4.85 ERA in 182 appearances (168 starts) over 10 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays, Detroit Tigers, Seattle Mariners and Guardians.

His signing is a good initial move, though the Cubs still have a lot of work ahead to make the 2025 roster better than this year's 83-79 version.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Swim vs. Anderson — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at St. Henry — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Freshmen boys basketball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
3:15 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Brentford at Aston Villa (USA)  
5 p.m. — Women's college basket-

ball: Oklahoma at Louisville (ESPN2)  
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Baylor at Connecticut (FS1); Ohio State at Maryland (BTN)  
7:15 p.m. — College basketball: Alabama at North Carolina (ESPN); Virginia at Florida (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Brooklyn Nets (FSDN)  
8:30 p.m. — College basketball:

Kansas at Creighton (FS1); Michigan State at Minnesota (BTN)  
9:15 p.m. — College basketball: Auburn at Duke (ESPN); Texas at NC State (ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — NHL: Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings (TNT)  
10:30 p.m. — College basketball: Oregon at USC (BTN)

**Thursday**  
3:15 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Tottenham Hotspur at AFC Bournemouth (USA)  
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Kentucky at North Carolina (ESPN2)  
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Purdue at Penn State (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Women's college basket-

ball: Texas at Notre Dame (ESPN); Ole Miss at N.C. State (ESPN2)  
9 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Calgary Flames (FSDN Indiana)  
9 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Duke at South Carolina (ESPN); Stanford at LSU (ESPN2)

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**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.

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**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. Blacktop 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.  
**ANTIQUE S OUSE-HOLD-LAWN AND GARDE N**  
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  
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**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 ITE M S**  
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 ; M r r Milkman, The Mill Game, Skunk Dice and Straight Arrow Cowboy and Indian; 3 pc luggage; and other items not listed.

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STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF JAY  
IN THE JAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO.  
38-C01-2411-MI-58  
IN RE THE MATTER OF:  
SAMANTHA JEAN WAGNER  
Name of Minor  
Hillary Ann Lessing  
By Next Friend  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Notice is hereby given that, Hillary Ann Lessing, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on November 8, 2024 to change the name of SAMANTHA JEAN WAGNER to SAMANTHA JEAN LESSING. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Jay County Circuit Court on January 2nd, 2025 at 1 PM, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. The ant notice has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.  
11-8-24  
Date  
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Clerk, Jay County Circuit Court  
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Owner: Town of Redkey  
By: Brenda Orsbon  
Title: Council President  
Date: December 4, 2024  
December 11, 2024  
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# Sports

## 2024 football

# All-GPC team

### Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year

## Nash Keesling

### Delta High School senior

Nash Keesling was selected as the inaugural Graphic Printing Company football player of the year.

"It's awesome, really," said Keesling. "I worked hard this year." Then, he shared the other reasons for his success.

"Definitely the guys behind me, the coaches and the other players," he said. "You're not anything without them. ... Other players, they open up plays you can make."

Keesling had a massive season defensively from his linebacker position, recording 54 tackles and leading Delta with 6.5 sacks and 11.5 tackles for a loss.

He recovered two fumbles, including one that led to the highlight of his season. In a sectional-opening win over Heritage, Keesling scooped up the ball at the

Eagles' logo following a Landon Brooks strip sack and returned it 50 yards to the end zone for a touchdown.

"He's just a special kid," said Delta coach Chris Overholt. "He was just our heart and soul this year. From an emotional leader standpoint, he was the guy who provided the spark. ..."

"On top of that, just a tremendous, tremendous kid. He was the first kid to volunteer for scout team every week.

"And then just his production on the field. He gave guys fits. He probably had 12 pressures in the New Pal game. Every week, he found a way to get after the quarterback. ... He went against a lot of guys who were a lot bigger than him and he found a way to get it done."



#### All-Graphic Printing Company first team

##### Offense

- Quarterback – Bronson Edwards (Delta)
- Running back – Jeremiah Ullom (Monroe Central)
- Running back – Reece Wendel (Fort Recovery)
- Receiver – Zane Cline (Delta)
- Receiver – Cooper Bratton (Delta)
- Tight end – Carter Clouse (Blackford)
- Offensive line – Jay Crawford (Delta)
- Offensive line – Gabe Knapke (Fort Recovery)
- Offensive line – Elijah Goodspeed (Monroe Central)
- Offensive line – Colten Ruth (Winchester)
- Offensive line – Corey Emery (Jay County)

##### Defense

- Defensive line – Isaac Dues (Jay County)
- Defensive line – Landon Brooks (Delta)
- Defensive line – Jennings Wine (Delta)
- Linebacker – Nash Keesling (Delta)
- Linebacker – Jeremiah Ullom (Monroe Central)
- Linebacker – Cole Mynett (Delta)
- Linebacker – Jace O'Connor (Union City)
- Defensive back – Lucas Strait (Jay County)
- Defensive back – Marcus Bright (Delta)
- Defensive back – Caleb Hummel (Winchester)
- Defensive back – Gage Dow (Blackford)

##### Special teams

- Punter – Landon Brooks (Delta)
- Kicker – Aubrey Weigand (Winchester)
- Returner – Caleb Hummel (Winchester)

##### Honorable mention

- Sean Bailey (Jay County), Kamari Taylor (Blackford), Nolan Carpenter (Delta), Amir Wright-Hill (Delta), Brayden Huggins (Union City), Carter Duncan (Monroe Central), Austin Schoenlein (Jay County), Daniel Ludwig (Blackford), Breaker Jutte (Fort Recovery), Carter Clouse (Blackford), Garrett Bennett (Jay County), Caden Grisez (Fort Recovery)

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