

The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371

www.thecr.com

\$1



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Campbell's Christmas wish

Mabreigh Campbell, 3, sits on Santa Claus' lap as she tells him her Christmas wish list Sunday on Pierce Street in Ridgeville. Santa took his annual ride around town this weekend, stopping outside Ridgeville homes with children waiting to see him.

County approves contract for ARPA funding

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

County officials finished paperwork in the nick of time.

Just over a week before the deadline, the county's remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars have been formally allocated.

Jay County Commissioners approved an inter-local agreement Monday with Jay County Redevelopment Commission. The agreement commits just over \$1.28 million in ARPA funds toward development of the county's 68 acres on the west edge of Portland.

ARPA dollars must be allocated — spent, under contract or committed via an inter-local agreement — by Dec. 31, according to federal guidelines. Several Jay County municipalities have already committed or spent their portions of funding. Portland committed its funding mostly to the Meridian Street storm sewer project more than a year ago, and Redkey allocated the majority of its funding toward installing lead-free water meters throughout town, with its last purchase for equipment related to the project approved Thursday. (Dunkirk has also been chipping away at its ARPA funds in the last few months for various projects, including its storm sewer and detention basin project on the city's southwest side.)

County attorney Wes Schemenaur gave a presentation to commissioners and Jay County Council in July, sharing their options for spending the funds per federal guidelines.

Although the county had discussed several options, Schemenaur explained in November it was unlikely any of the larger proposed projects would result in a contract before the end of the year. At that time, the county had roughly \$2.2 million ARPA funds remaining.

See ARPA page 2

Biden commutes death sentences

By TIA MITCHELL

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden announced early Monday that he was commuting the death sentences of 37 federal inmates, preventing incoming President Donald Trump from carrying out their executions. The list includes two men sentenced to death for murders committed in Georgia.

Anthony George Battle was convicted by an Atlanta jury of the Dec. 21, 1994, killing of a prison guard and later became the first Georgia man to receive a federal death sen-

tence under a 1988 law that restored capital punishment.

A jury found Meier Jason Brown guilty of killing a postal worker during a Nov. 30, 2002, robbery attempt in Liberty County.

The sentences of Battle,

Brown and the other 35 federal inmates were commuted from the death penalty to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"Make no mistake: I condemn these murderers, grieve for the victims of their despicable acts, and

ache for all the families who have suffered unimaginable and irreparable loss," Biden said in a statement announcing his decision. "But guided by my conscience and my experience as a public defender, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, vice

president, and now president, I am more convinced than ever that we must stop the use of the death penalty at the federal level. In good conscience, I cannot stand back and let a new administration resume executions that I halted."

In 2021, Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a moratorium on federal executions to fulfill a campaign promise made by Biden during his 2020 campaign. That moratorium did not apply to inmates convicted of terrorism or mass murders fueled by hate, but no federal inmates have been executed since Biden took office.

The 37 affected will now serve life sentences without the possibility of parole

Winchester firefighter remembered

Sanders died following cardiac arrest while fighting fire Dec. 12

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Hero. Family man. Firefighter. Someone who got things done.

Rick Sanders, a Winchester firefighter who died after going into cardiac arrest while fighting a fire Dec. 12, was remembered by family, friends

and the community as all of those things and more during his funeral service Sunday at Winchester Fieldhouse.

Hundreds gathered at the fieldhouse to remember Sanders in a service led by Winchester Fire Chief Scott Patterson and Don Staton. His casket was draped with an American flag, and a lambskin apron was placed to signify his Masonic membership.

Sanders had served as a firefighter for the Winchester and White River Township fire departments for 14 years.

His years of service were referred to as "evidence of how much he cared about the community. ... He made the ultimate sacrifice to protect that community." He also owned Sanders' Service Auto Repair and Towing.

See Remembered page 2



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Winchester Fire Chief Scott Patterson holds an Indiana state flag during Sunday's funeral for firefighter Rick Sanders at Winchester Fieldhouse. Hundreds gathered to remember Sanders, who died after going into cardiac arrest while responding to a fire Dec. 12. In addition to the flag, Indiana State Fire Marshal Steve Jones presented Sanders' family with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Medal in his honor.

Deaths

Patsy White, 85, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 32 degrees Sunday. The low was 18.

Expect a low in the lower 30s tonight with a slight chance of rain. The Christmas Day forecast calls for highs in the lower 40s with rain possible.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

There will be no paper Wednesday in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will resume our regular publishing schedule Thursday.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of this week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from Friday's FRHS boys basketball game against South Adams.



Obituaries

Patsy White

Jan. 14, 1939-Dec. 20, 2024
Patsy White, age 85, a resident of Portland, passed away on Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.

Patsy was born Jan. 14, 1939, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Ralph and Mary Ruth (Rines) Coulson.

She graduated from Portland High School in 1956 and worked at Jay County Hospital for 20 years as a nurse's aide and also

worked in Home Health Care, retiring in 1999.

Patsy married Ronald White on Jan. 7, 1956 and he passed away on July 10, 1998.

Survivors include:

Two sisters — Barbara Gilbert (husband: Clyde), Portland, Indiana, and Connie Schmit (husband: Terry), Portland, Indiana



White

Daughter-in-law — Debbie White, Portland, Indiana
Grandchildren — Amanda Shobe (husband: Daniel), Amelia Newhouse (husband: Derek) and Anna Fosnaugh

Great-grandchildren — Michaella Shobe, Cody Newhouse, Alexandra Newhouse, Melia Fosnaugh and Scarlett Fosnaugh

Step-grandchildren — Stephanie Harris, Stacy Bennett, Jeffery Mast and Kellie Potter (husband: Jacob)

Step-great-grandchildren — Alison Harris, Tristan Harris, Derrick Potter, Andrew Potter and Kaylee Potter

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mary Coulson; son, Terry White; and sister, Joyce Coulson.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Pastor Phil Jelli-

son will officiate and burial will follow at a later date in Green Park Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.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 services.

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

CR almanac

Wednesday 12/25	Thursday 12/26	Friday 12/27	Saturday 12/28	Sunday 12/29
44/39	51/42	53/49	59/49	51/42
Christmas Day looks to be mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 40s.	Thursday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a 20% chance of rain.	Friday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain.	Saturday looks to be mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers.	There's a 60% chance of rain on Sunday, when the high will be in the lower 50s.

Lotteries

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$103 million

14-17-21-25-26-29-43-46-50-53-54-55-60-62-65-67
Cash 5: 16-22-37-44-45
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$970 million

Hoosier
Sunday
Midday
Daily Three: 4-9-4
Daily Four: 1-0-4-7
Quick Draw: 4-9-10-20-21-26-28-31-32-34-36-40-52-57-59-68-70-76-79-80
Evening
Daily Three: 6-4-2
Daily Four: 5-8-2-5
Quick Draw: 3-4-5-11-

Ohio
Sunday
Midday
Pick 3: 1-5-0
Pick 4: 4-6-7-5
Pick 5: 6-8-2-3-8
Evening
Pick 3: 9-0-9
Pick 4: 8-9-5-9
Pick 5: 9-9-8-2-8
Rolling Cash 5: 6-26-27-36-37
Estimated jackpot: \$209,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....4.53
Jan. corn4.52
Feb. corn4.55

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....4.53
Jan. corn4.55
Feb. corn4.57

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn4.45
Jan. corn4.45
Beans9.65

Jan. beans9.75
Wheat 4.92

ADM Montpelier
Corn.....4.41
Jan. corn4.41
Beans9.64
Jan. beans9.64
Wheat4.86

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....4.52
Jan. corn4.52
Beans9.40
Jan. beans9.45
Wheat4.82

Today in history

In 1814, the United States, United Kingdom and allies signed the Treaty of Ghent, officially ending the War of 1812.

In 1818, "Silent Night" carol, composed by Franx Xaver Gruber, was performed for the first time at St. Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, Austria.

In 1822, Clement Moore composed "The Night Before Christmas" — originally known as "Visit from St. Nicholas" — while traveling home from Greenwich Village.

In 1826, the "Grog Mutiny," also known as the egnog riots, started at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. They lasted through Christmas Day.

In 1865, Confederate veterans formed the Ku Klux Klan in Pulaski, Tennessee.

In 1877, Thomas Edison filed for a patent for invention, the phonograph. It was issued until a little under two months later.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Reserve Act, creating the Federal Reserve System.

In 1914, British and German troops along the Western Front of World War I had an unofficial ceasefire, known as the "Christmas Truce." Soldiers from both sides celebrated the holiday with carols, food, gifts and soccer.

In 1941, Japanese forces defeated United States troops at the Battle of Wake Island during World War II.

In 1951, Libya gained its independence. It had been formerly ruled by Italy for nearly 40 years.

— The CR

Citizen's calendar

Jan. 2
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Jan. 6
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-

ery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Jan. 7
5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

ARPA ...

Continued from page 1

(County officials then agreed to spend just under \$1 million of that amount on three smaller projects, which include a bridge replacement on county road 600 West just north of Indiana 26, upgrading Jay County Auditor's Office and Jay County Treasurer's Office financial software and purchasing police vehicle cameras and officer body cameras for Jay County Sheriff's Office.)

Schemenaur asked county officials to make a decision for the remaining funds in November. He suggested they could sign an inter-local agreement with the redevelopment commission. The group will act similar to a pass-through agency in order to allow the county more time to spend the funding.

The agreement — commissioners, council and redevelopment commission agreed to move forward with it Nov. 20 — obligates redevelopment commission to use the funding for installation of water and wastewater infrastructure and related engineering and design costs for the county's 68-acre property. Aligning with federal stipulations stating ARPA funds must be spent by Dec. 31, 2026, the agreement is effective for the next two years.

Per the agreement, awarding of ARPA funds may not be assigned by redevelopment commission without prior written consent from commissioners.

Council and commissioners debated Nov. 20 whether to commit the remaining dollars toward the county's efforts in joining the Integrated Public Safety Commission's 800 megahertz statewide radio system or developing the 68 acres with infrastructure for housing.

At that time, county officials talked about an unofficial announcement shared with them about Jay County's allocation of Regional Economic Acceleration

and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 funds. Commissioner Rex Journay told Jay County Development Corporation's board of directors earlier that month the county declined a \$1 million offer from the program for the 68-acre development project, saying the money was not enough to launch the project.

East Central Indiana Regional Partnership earmarked \$1.2 million in READI 2.0 funds as a potential award for Jay County, Schemenaur said at the Nov. 20 meeting. (Council member Cindy Bracy pointed out several times during that meeting that the money had not yet been formally approved by the state.)

The first few phases of the 68-acre project — they came to a total of about \$7 million — were included in the county's READI 2.0 request. A representative from engineering firm Rundell, Ernsterberger and Associates estimated installing utilities will cost about \$3.6 million, with commissioner Brian McGalliard suggesting the county complete that portion of the project with the last of the ARPA funds.

Overall, the project consists of installing infrastructure for a housing and mixed-used development on

the county's land along Indiana 67. If completed in its entirety, the \$25.5 million project would create 76 single-family homes, eight duplexes and 154 multi-family units. (Hopes are to attract a developer to move forward with plans.) County officials have referred to it as a "legacy project" to be worked on for the next several decades.

The redevelopment commission agreed in July to commit up to \$1.5 million in tax increment financing (TIF) dollars toward the project, with commissioners agreeing to shell out an additional \$1.3 million subject to receiving grant dollars.

Ultimately, council and commissioners decided Nov. 20 to move forward with the 68-acre development project.

Sharing the formal agreement with commissioners Monday, Schemenaur reminded them that redevelopment commission OK'd its president, Carl Walker, to sign the agreement on the board's behalf once completed. Commissioners then formally agreed to approve the agreement, with commissioner president Chad Aker signing the document.

For more news from the Monday commissioners' meeting, see Thursday's newspaper.

Remembered ...

Continued from page 1

Speakers during the service remembered Sanders as someone not shy about speaking his mind, an individual who, if he saw a problem, was ready to jump in and do what it took to solve it.

He was referred to as a "hard-working, family loving man" who, if he didn't know how to do something, "he would just dive in, learn as you go, and he got it done."

Indiana State Fire Marshal Steve Jones presented Sanders' family with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Medal in his honor. The medal is awarded to those "who demonstrate exceptional service, leadership and technical knowledge over time."

"It touches my heart," said Jones. "These are difficult times, but I am proud of the public safety community and the community that is here today to support Rick's family."

He also read from a letter written by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, who had ordered flags to be flown at half staff, and his wife Janet.

"Indiana's firefighters are true heroes, and Rick was no exception," the letter said. "Devoted to protecting his community, he was a model of exemplary and selfless service. ...

"It takes a special, heroic person to always place others ahead of themselves, even when it means placing himself in harm's way. Rick was such a person. I know his courageous spirit will endure in your heart and memories forever."

Following Sunday's service, dozens of uniformed firefighters and other emergency responders lined up outside the fieldhouse. They saluted as Sanders' casket was car-

ried from the fieldhouse to the back of a truck on which he was transported to Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester for burial. The procession included firetrucks and other emergency vehicles from a long list of local departments.

Sanders was among the group of firefighters who responded Dec. 12 to a house fire in the area of Watson and Brown streets. While fighting the fire inside the house, he "began to feel unwell," according to details from the fire department. He exited the house and sought treatment from medics, during which he went into cardiac arrest.

He was treated at the scene and then transported to St. Vincent Randolph hospital, where he later died.

Richard "Rick" Lloyd Sanders was born Dec. 6, 1976, in Muncie and was a lifelong resident of Winchester. Survivors include his wife, Billie Holaday Sanders; and four children, Amanda (Chris) Engle, Abbey (Jake) Farrington, Jonathan Dillon and Joseph Loudy.

SERVICES

Saturday
White, Patsy: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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

Consumer Cellular®

BIG WIRELESS COVERAGE, WITHOUT BIG WIRELESS COST.

Plans start at just \$20/month.

Switch & Save Today.

855-572-5165

© 2024 Consumer Cellular Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change. Plans shown above include \$5 credit for AutoPay and E-billing. Taxes and other fees apply. Credit approval required for new service. Cellular service is not available in all areas and is subject to system limitations.

Christmas Is a Time for Gratitude

Friends and neighbors like you are the best gift we could ask for this Christmas, and we thank you for filling our year with so many fond memories.

Best Wishes!
Jeff Hall and Matt Franks

May Financial Group, Inc.
Serving Others First!
111 W. Main St 260-729-5200 Portland, IN



Photo provided

Eagle Scout

Austin Jellison from Troop 202 Portland received his eagle rank on Dec. 17. Eagle is the highest rank in the Scouting America program. Austin is currently a Junior at Jay County High School and plans to further his education in welding and machining once graduated.

Prove yourself next year

By OLIVIA SMITH

The Commercial Review

The idea of a new start is appealing for everyone.

A new year means a new you. The new year brings hope and motivation to change.

Social media pushes things like workouts, diets, meal prepping, vision boards and so much more. Most people end up failing by February, which is OK because it's hard to change your lifestyle and your goals get to be overwhelming.

I tend to have the same goals each year and each year, without fail, I fail. I get busy or lose motivation or just plain forget. It gets to be stressful, trying to balance everything that is already happening in my life and having the discipline to try to add something else to my plate.

Last year I got tired of the same goals over and over. So I decided to make a very broad goal for myself — “start doing things that scare me.”

I didn't realize how much I tend

You're on Your Own, Kid



to avoid things because I am afraid. I didn't tell anyone of this but it was my mantra over the year.

Every time I found myself backing out of something I repeated this in my head and just did it. Eventually I told my sister, who was very happy to remind me when I didn't want to remind myself.

This led to some great conversations, exciting memories and things to hold onto when something else scared me.

Doing these things that scared me taught me that I can do so much more than I think I can. The things like going to the gym or to go on social media less came in time.

Knowing I could do hard things led me to apply myself more and believe in myself.

Social media paints a picture that our goal has to be about our physical betterment or how to fix ourselves so we are happier but in the long run it ends up making us feel bad about ourselves because we couldn't stick to our goals.

But our goals don't have to be about our body, work or money. They can be as simple as “pet more animals” or “read 10 books.”

There is such a thing as fun goals. I think we forget that.

So make your goal this year to dance more, sing loud, play more, learn to cartwheel or to do something scary.

Our goals can be fun or we can try to push ourselves but if you find yourself failing constantly with the same goals then maybe you need to change your goals for a year.

Sometimes to achieve what you want you need to first prove to yourself that you can do hard or scary things.

Widow has no interest in being intimate

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, I began seeing a man I like very much but don't want to be intimate with. We are in our “young” 70s, and both of us were widowed two years ago after 50-year marriages. We agreed early on that neither of us will remarry.

We are affectionate, and he'll occasionally kiss my cheek, nape of my neck or forehead. We hug. That's as much as I want. I wouldn't want to hurt his feelings, but I'm worried he may want more intimacy, which I am not willing to give. What advice do you have for me? — LIMITED IN INDIANA

DEAR LIMITED: Because you are sure you don't want an intimate relationship with this man and are being given

Dear Abby



signals that he may want more from you, talk frankly with him about it. You are both mature people, and it's the only fair way to handle a situation like this. You may find, to your relief, that you are misreading his intentions. If you aren't, he needs to know he's barking up the wrong tree.

DEAR ABBY: My father dated

someone for several years. She broke up with him around five years ago. She's a pleasant person, so we stay in touch via Christmas cards. Recently, she texted me that she was sending me a box of mementos, including pictures from their relationship. I was away on business, so I didn't have a chance to respond.

The shoebox arrived this morning, and I just received a text from her asking if I had received it. Honestly, I feel this was inappropriate because the relationship was between my father and her. I believe she should have sent the items to him instead. How should I respond? — ONLY THE SON IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ONLY THE SON: Respond by telling the

woman the box arrived. She may have sent it to you because she wanted no more direct contact with your father. Call your dad, tell him his ex-girlfriend sent the mementos to you, ask if he wants them or would prefer you dispose of them and then follow his guidance.

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily single for most of my life, and I treasure the friendship and company of my other women friends. My question concerns a situation that happens frequently when one of them starts dating or marries. They seem to feel I should enjoy the company of BOTH of them together from then on. My response has been to refuse any

invitations, but it feels rude and impolite. I would appreciate your advice, and thank you! — SINGLE LADY IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR SINGLE LADY: Running away isn't the answer. Instead of cutting off these women without explanation when they become involved in a romantic relationship, it would make more sense to point out to them that women (and men) communicate differently when members of the opposite sex are present. It's the truth. Couples don't have to be joined at the hip 100% of the time, and, in fact, it's healthier for their relationship when they sometimes socialize as individuals.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

Friday
PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction

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

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.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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 BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

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 pregnancy 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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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.



SAVE OVER 42%

REG. \$39.99
NOW \$27.99
+\$5.99 SHIPPING

Holiday Fruit Assortment

A festive fruit selection perfect for sharing!

This thoughtfully curated gift box is filled with a variety of handpicked, premium fruits that are perfect for any holiday celebration.

CALL 833-975-3898 OR VISIT HALEGROVES.COM/H5YP34

Order Item #272X, mention Code H5YP34 for your savings.

*Only \$27.99 (reg. \$39.99), plus \$5.99 shipping & handling. This gift ships in December at the peak of freshness.

IC: H5YP34

Jacuzzi BATH REMODEL

Safety. Style. Stress-Free Installation.

SPECIAL OFFER
Waiving All Installation Costs!

CALL NOW
866.937.1159

Add'l terms apply. Offer subject to change and vary by dealer. Expires 3/30/25.

DECEMBER Specials

1/2-page color ad (including Christmas Greetings) **\$500**

1/4-page color ad (including Christmas Greetings) **\$375**

Four 3x5 ads **\$335** (regular price - \$780)

Ads must run in December.

Contact Lindsey at L.Cochran@the-cr.com or (260) 726-8141

GRAPHIC PRINTING
NEWSPAPERS

The Commercial Review

Christmas Eve is about anticipation

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Dec. 24, 2014. It is funny how our perspective changes over years. Youthful joy of Christmas anticipation can turn to parental stress or even adult indifference. As we celebrate this week, let's all try to remember and recapture that Christmas joy of our youth and carry it throughout the holiday season.

By **JACK RONALD**
The Commercial Review

If Thanksgiving is all about gratitude, Christmas Eve is all about anticipation.

And what could be better than anticipation?

The thrill of Christmas morning is undeniable. But waiting for Christmas morning? Now that's something special.

On Christmas Eve — when you are a kid — the clock moves slower. Seconds pass like minutes, hours pass like days. Bed-

Back in the Saddle



time, which usually comes too soon, can't come soon enough.

At least, that's what it's like when you're a kid.

When you are a parent, things are a little different.

And Christmas Eve can seem like a nightmare. Instead of moving slowly, the hands on the clock spin wildly like something out of the Twilight Zone.

One memorable — and nightmarish — Christmas Eve back when our twins were little more than toddlers, a key Christmas gift arrived via U.P.S. about 5 p.m. It was a dollhouse.

Some assembly required.

We'd bought it from a craftsman in New Hampshire, a guy who had a little quaint shop in the village of Hancock. It was wood, and its key feature was that interior walls could be moved around. They were attached by small dowels that acted as pivot-points.

Very creative, we thought. Something special for the twins, we thought.

But the guy in New Hampshire, craftsman though he was, didn't have a very good grip on the calendar. We waited for weeks, only to have it delivered late on the afternoon of Christmas Eve.

No problem, says Dad. (AKA: Me.) It's just a matter of waiting until the girls are asleep, then putting it together.

That's when that old devil anticipation showed up. The twins were in no mood to sleep, completely wound up about the

arrival of Santa and the excitement of Christmas morning.

I have no idea what time it was when they were finally asleep and I started assembling the dollhouse. But I know it was late when I finished.

In between, Christmas Eve at our house witnessed a string of angry obscenities, bloodied knuckles and a series of stripped screws.

At the end, it was glorious, better than the one the New Hampshire craftsman had on display in his workshop.

And the girls loved it. Later, savoring Christmas Day with my parents, I learned that I was not alone.

One after one, the stories tumbled out.

There was the Christmas Eve my folks had assembled a tin toy barn and farm set late into the evening.

There was the Christmas Eve

that my father had to call his buddy Dr. Don Spahr to come over to the house to help assemble a bicycle for my older brother.

There was a similar Christmas Eve when nearby neighbor Bill Pfennig was called upon to help my dad put together my first bike.

(To say that my father was not mechanically inclined is to be kind.)

But this year is different, or it should be. Our gifts to grandchildren in Boston have already been entrusted to the U.S. Postal Service.

And that requires getting things done early so they can be shipped.

Sweaters have been knitted, books and toys have been purchased, a special Christmas Eve birthday book has been written and by now they should be there.

So tonight the anticipation is simply a matter of waiting for a Christmas phone call.



'A Charlie Brown Christmas' endures

By **STEPHEN LIND**

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

It's hard to imagine a holiday season without "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The 1965 broadcast has become a staple — etched into traditions across generations like decorating the tree or sipping hot cocoa.

But this beloved TV special almost didn't make it to air: CBS executives thought the 25-minute program was too slow, too serious and too different from the upbeat spectacles they imagined audiences wanted. A cartoon about a depressed kid seeking psychiatric advice? No laugh track? Humble, lo-fi animation? And was that a Bible verse? It seemed destined to fail — if not scrapped outright.

And yet, against all the odds, it became a classic. The program turned "Peanuts" from a popular comic strip into a multimedia empire — not because it was flashy or followed the rules, but because it was sincere.

As a business professor who has studied the "Peanuts" franchise, I see "A Charlie Brown Christmas" as a fascinating historical moment. It's the true story of an unassuming comic strip character who crossed over into television and managed to voice hefty, thought-provoking ideas — without getting booted off the air.

Call from the blue

The "Peanuts" special came together out of the last-minute scramble. Somewhat out of the blue, producer Lee Mendelson got a call from advertising agency McCann-Erickson: Coca-

Stephen Lind



Cola wanted to sponsor an animated Christmas special.

Mendelson had previously failed to convince the agency to sponsor a "Peanuts" documentary. This time, though, he assured McCann-Erickson that the characters would be a perfect fit.

Mendelson called up "Peanuts" comic strip creator Charles "Sparky" Schulz and told him he had just sold "A Charlie Brown Christmas" — and they would have mere months to write, animate and bring the special to air.

Schulz, Mendelson and animator Bill Melendez worked fast to piece together a storyline. The cartoonist wanted to tell a story that cut through the glitz of holiday commercialism and brought the focus back to something deeper.

While Snoopy tries to win a Christmas lights contest, and Lucy names herself "Christmas queen" in the neighborhood play, a forlorn Charlie Brown searches for "the real meaning of Christmas." He makes his way to the local lot of aluminum trees, a fad at the time. But he's drawn to the one real tree — a humble, scraggly little thing — inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale "The Fir Tree."

Jazz — and the Bible

Those plot points would likely delight the network, but other choices Schulz made were proving controversial.

The show would use real children's voices instead of adult actors', giving the characters an authentic, simple charm. And Schulz refused to add a laugh track, a standard in animated TV at the time. He wanted the sincerity of the story to stand on its own, without artificial prompts for laughter.

Meanwhile, Mendelson brought in jazz musician Vince Guaraldi to compose a sophisticated soundtrack. The music was unlike anything typically heard in animated programming, blending provocative depth with the innocence of childhood.

Most alarming to the executives was Schulz's insistence on including the heart of the Nativity story in arguably the special's most pivotal scene.

When Charlie Brown joyfully returns to his friends with the spindly little tree, the rest of the "Peanuts" gang ridicule his choice. "I guess I really don't know what Christmas is all about," the utterly defeated Charlie Brown sighs.

Gently but confidently, Linus assures him, "I can tell you what Christmas is all about." Calling for "Lights, please," he quietly walks to the center of the stage.

In the stillness, Linus recites the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, with its story of an angel appearing to trembling shepherds:

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is

born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," he concludes, picking up his security blanket and walking into the wings. The rest of the gang soon concludes Charlie Brown's scrawny tree isn't so bad, after all — it just "needs a little love."

When Schulz discussed this idea with Mendelson and Melendez, they were hesitant. For much of U.S. history, Protestant Christianity was the default in American culture, but in the years since World War II, society had grown somewhat more mindful of making room for Catholic and Jewish Americans. Unsure how to handle the shifting norms, many mainstream entertainment companies in the 1960s tended to avoid religious topics.

"The Bible thing scares us," CBS executives said when they saw the proofs of the special. But there was simply no time to redo the entire dramatic arc of the special, and pulling it was not an option, given that advertisements had already run.

Fun and philosophy

Fortunately for the "Peanuts" franchise, when the special aired on Dec. 9, 1965, it was an instant success. Nearly half of American households tuned in, and the program won both an Emmy and a Peabody Award. Schulz had tapped into something audiences were craving: an honest, heartfelt message that cut through the commercialism.

Millions of viewers have continued to tune in to the show's

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 172
TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24, 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



Photo provided

Donated to Secret Families

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$1,200 to Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County. The funding was used to assist with volunteers shopping, wrapping and delivering gifts to those in need in the community. Pictured, from left are Amanda Foreman and Conny Knight of Secret Families and First Bank of Berne branch manager Tracy Carpenter.

I&M extends transmission project

Indiana Michigan Power is extending its ongoing Tillotson Avenue Transmission Line Project in Muncie.

The company, a subsidiary of American Electric Power, announced the extension after damage was found in the existing underground infrastructure. Plans were to install a new power line in an existing underground duct bank, but it was found to be damaged.

A part of a line will need to be rebuilt.

"Our crews are working as quickly and safely as possible to get things back to normal for our neighbors in Muncie," said Rob Keisling, external affairs manager for I&M, in a press release. "We continue to work with the city and road repaving will be coordinated when the project is complete."

The company said lane restrictions will stay in place through summer 2025 as the work continues.

Topped out

Reid Health held a topping-out ceremony Wednesday with community leaders to celebrate reaching the highest point of construction of new new \$100 million campus in Connerville.

The new facility will span more than 105,000 square feet at 2500 Park Road. It will have an emergency department with a helipad, radiology, pharmacy and laboratory services and a mix of primary and specialty care options, including plans for cardiology, oncology, OB/GYN, orthopedics, podiatry, audiology, wound healing, and ear, nose and throat.

"It's hard to believe it's been a little more than two years since

Business roundup

we last gathered to mark the formal beginning of this project," said Reid Health president and CEO Craig Kinyon in a press release. "Back then, all that was here were the crumbling remains of a parking lot. But in the time since, we've made remarkable progress."

Expanding

Walton Enterprises, owner of Walmart, announced Thursday that internal governance of its ownership will expand to include the next generation of the Walton family.

In a press release, the company noted that there will be no changes to current leadership roles held by members of the Walton family.

Funds awarded

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis is awarding \$3.2 million in Affordable Housing Grants to four projects supported by Old National Bank.

The grants include \$1 million for Building Homes, Community and Hope through Greater Muncie Habitat for Humanity. The grants support the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of properties that support affordable housing initiatives.

"Engaging with, supporting, and strengthening our communities is not only a strategic priority

for Old National, but it's also woven into the fabric of our cultural DNA," said Kathy Schoettlin, Old National's chief community, culture and social responsibility officer, in a press release. "We are thrilled to partner with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and these outstanding project sponsors in support of these vital community projects."

Other projects awarded are in Dale and Evansville along with Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Data compromised

Indiana University Health announced last week that some user data was compromised in a security breach.

The health care organization said limited information was compromised and did not include Social Security numbers or financial data. Details "may have included address, age, medical record number, diagnosis, or other limited treatment information (in the data breach)."

"While there was no financial information or Social Security numbers impacted by this incident, as a precaution, we encourage affected individuals to remain vigilant and verify that anyone who is reaching out about personal and/or health information is a legitimate representative of the organization they say they are associated with," said IU Health in a press release.

Treatment approved

Eli Lilly's early Alzheimer's treatment has been approved by China's medical regulator, Reuters reported last week.

The treatment will be sold

under the brand name Kisunla. It has previously been approved in the United States, Japan and the United Kingdom.

DOJ accuses

The United States Department of Justice announced Wednesday that it has filed suit accusing CVS of filling illegal opioid prescriptions and billing federal health insurance programs.

The complaint from the DOJ alleges that CVS violated the federal Controlled Substance Act for more than a decade beginning in October 2013. It says the company regularly filled prescriptions from doctors running "pill mills."

CEO selected

Dollar Tree on Thursday announced the appointment of Michael C. Creedon Jr. as its CEO.

Creedon has served as interim CEO since last month. He joined Dollar Tree in 2022 as its chief operating officer.

"Following a search, we are unanimous as a Board in our belief that Mike is the right leader for Dollar Tree," said Edward (Ned) J. Kelly III, chairman of the Dollar Tree board of directors. "His deep understanding of the business, coupled with his strategic vision and collaborative leadership, has earned the trust and respect of the entire organization. We have full confidence in Mike's ability to guide the enterprise to growth and success."

Beland named

Advance Auto Parts on Friday named Michael Beland as its

next senior vice president, controller and chief accounting officer.

Beland, who has more than 25 years of experience in accounting and finance, most recently served as senior vice president and chief accounting officer for Driven Brands Holdings. He will take over his new role Jan. 5.

"I am excited to welcome Michael to the Advance family as our new chief accounting officer," said Ryan Grimsland, Advance executive vice president and chief financial officer, in a press release. "Michael's strong expertise in accounting and financial management, paired with his familiarity of our industry, will strengthen our finance organization. I look forward to working with him closely as we execute our strategic plan to elevate the performance of the Advance blended-box business."

Training offered

ServSafe training will be available at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland.

The next session is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Additional sessions are scheduled for March 25 and April 29.

The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe food- and beverage-handling practices to minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses.

For more information, or to register, call (260) 729-5525.

Does your business have news to share? Email us at news@thecr.com to be included in our weekly business roundup.

Home Idea Center
901 Industrial Dr.
Ft. Recovery, OH
419-375-4951
www.ehomeidea.com

Baird Freeman Funeral Home
221 N. Meridian St.
Portland, IN
260-726-7171

Sisters Sweet Escape
41 W 275 S
Portland, IN 47371
260-202-9591

Fortkamp Foam
3216 Wabash Road
Fort Recovery, OH 45846
419-852-1390
Fortkampfoam.com

Hopkins Repair, LLC
Auto & light truck repair
Mon-Fri. • 7am-4pm
Call Scott Hopkins
260-251-0459

J Wood Products For Sale
Sawdust & Firewood Call
or Text 260-251-1154.
415 W Water St. Portland.
7:00 am-3:00 pm.

All Weather Heating and Air Conditioning
(260)726-4822
24 hr Emergency Service
Serving Portland & Surrounding Areas

Vormohr Family Dentistry
1413 W. Votaw St.,
Portland
260-726-7822

Brigade
You're safer with us
1976 W. Tyson Road,
Portland, IN 47371
(260)766-4343
brigade-electronics.com/en-us

All Circuit Electrical, LLC
5510 N. US 27, Bryant, IN
260-997-8336
www.allcircuitelectrical.com

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition
100 N. Meridian St.,
Portland, IN 47371
260-251-3259
Email:
jcdpcontact@gmail.com

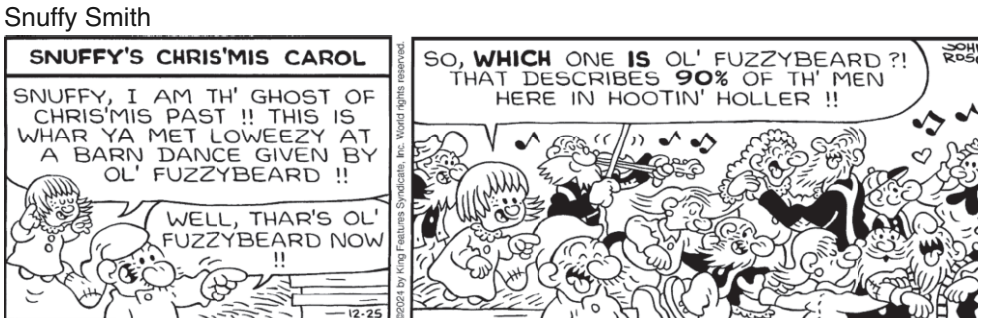
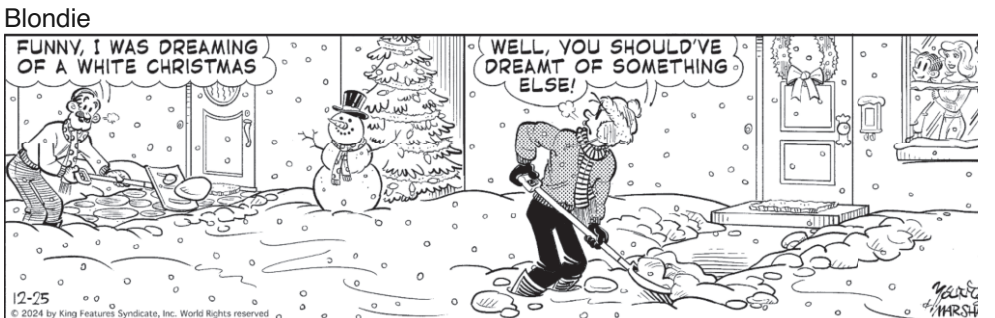
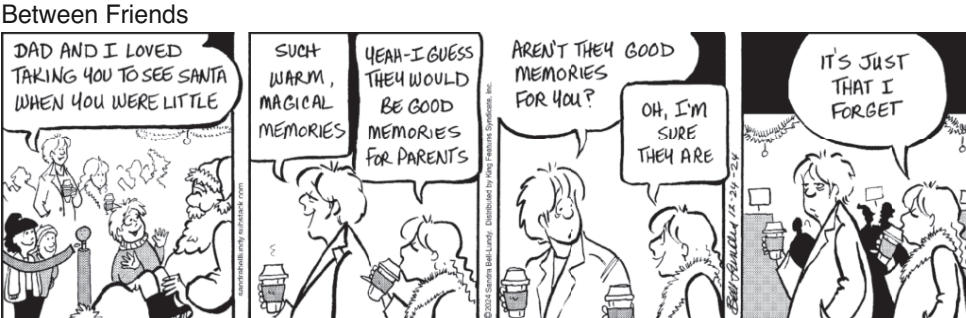
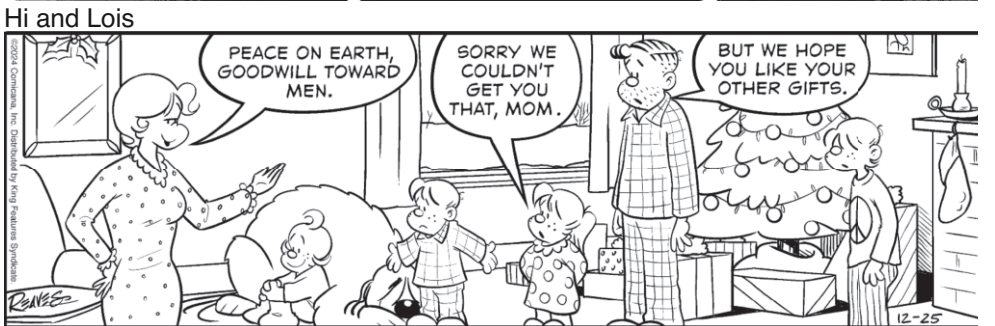
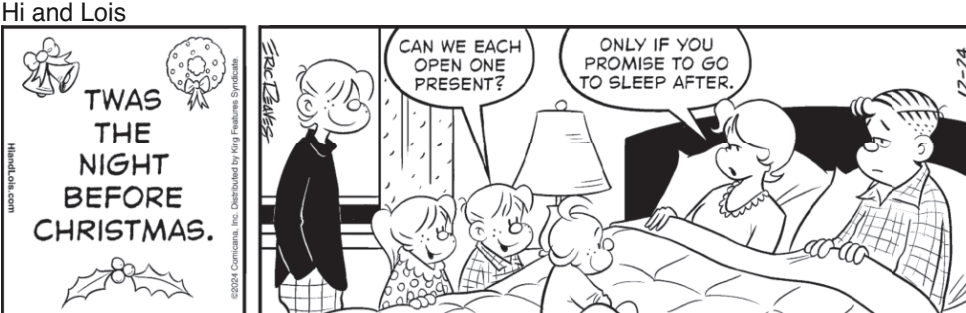
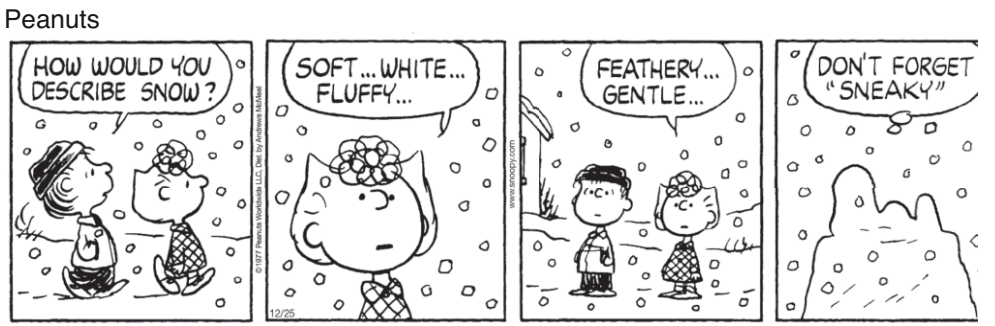
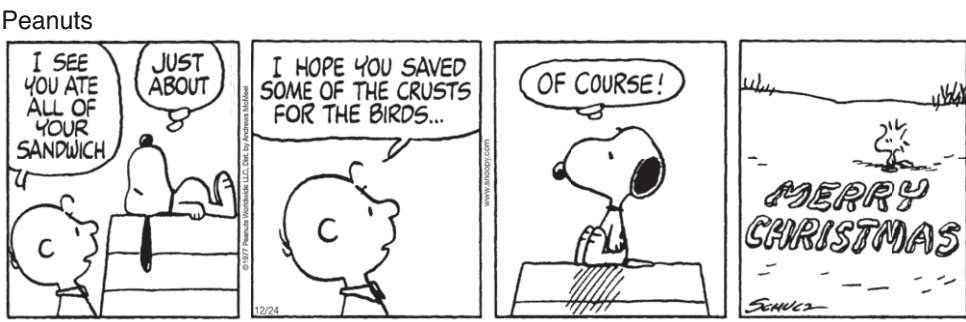
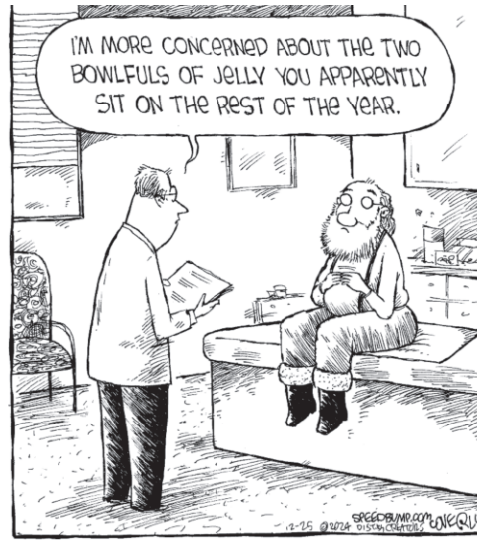
Ohio Valley Gas
129 E. Main St.,
Portland
260-726-8114
www.ovgc.com

Display Craft Signs
630 E. Votaw St.
Portland, IN
260-726-4535

Dunn Family Dental Care
110 W. North St.
Portland, IN 47371
260-726-8007

Williams Auto Parts, Inc.
1127 Detroit Ave.
Portland, IN
8-5:30 Mon-Fri,
Closed Sat & Sun.
Used auto parts
since 1951
(260) 726-8001
www.williamsautoparts.com

This local business listing runs
4 times a month with packages of either
\$25, or \$50.
Give us a call at 260-726-8141 to be included



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

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The end justifies the means

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 3 2
♥ Q 5 2
♦ J 10 9 6 4
♣ K 6

WEST
♠ A J 8 4
♥ 7 3
♦ K 5
♣ J 10 9 7 5

EAST
♠ K 9 5
♥ J 9 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ 8 4 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 6
♥ A K 10
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ A Q 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

There is very little similarity between the bridge played in a national championship and the bridge played in the average home game. The number of cards and shape of the table might be the same, but that's about as far as the resemblance goes.

For example, take this deal from a national event where a wily declarer "stole" three trump. He won the club lead with dummy's king and played his queen on it! This was followed by the jack of diamonds from dummy, the finesse losing to

West's king.

It's hard to blame West for continuing with another club. He naturally thought declarer had star with the doubleton A-Q. The continuation did not turn out when South scampered home with three hearts, four diamonds and two clubs for a total of nine tricks.

Now let's suppose South made the more normal play of deuce of clubs on the king at trick one. In that case, West, after taking his king of diamonds at trick two and mindful of his partner's encouraging play of the three on opening trick, might have appreciated the futility of continuing club and shifted to a low spade instead.

This would have laid declarer East would have won with the king and returned the nine of spades and the contract would have gone down the drain. But the sm screen set up by South's clever play of the club queen at trick one is almost automatic for West return a club at trick three.

The fact is that bridge is in many ways a psychological game, laying a trap for a defender into is a legitimate part of game. Anything a declarer can do to induce an error by the defense is just as acceptable as making a contract solely on its merits.

Tomorrow: Sylvia plays duplicate.
©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Sylvia plays duplicate

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ Q 6 3
♦ K 8 6 2
♣ Q J

WEST
♠ A
♥ K J 10 9 7 5
♦ Q 10 4
♣ A 9 8

EAST
♠ 3 2
♥ 8
♦ J 9 7 5
♣ 10 7 6 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 8 7 5
♥ A 4 2
♦ A 3
♣ K 2

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

Opening lead — ?

At first, believe it or not, some members of the club claimed they could actually fathom the workings of Sylvia's mind. But it did not take them very long to disabuse themselves of this ridiculous notion. They discovered soon enough that Sylvia had a unique interpretation of the general principles of the game that was far different from that of any other player they had ever encountered.

Consider this deal from Sylvia's first duplicate tournament at the

club. Perhaps she should not have been allowed to play, but most of the members felt that she would surely add zest to the game — and they certainly were not disappointed.

Sylvia was West and found herself on lead against four spades, a contract that was reached at all 13 tables. All the other West players led either the jack of hearts (won with dummy's queen) or a low diamond, after which all the declarers easily made the contract, losing only a club, a heart and a spade.

At this stage of her career, Sylvia had already learned the "rule" about leading the highest card from a sequence of honor cards. However, she had not yet learned the distinction between a sequence and an "interior" sequence. So, unlike the other Wests who led the jack from the K-J-10-9-7-5, she led the king!

As a result of this remarkable lead, poor South could no longer make the contract. He took the king with the ace and played a trump, but he was fighting a losing battle. Sylvia won with the ace and returned the jack of hearts. East ruffed dummy's queen and returned a club, and Sylvia took the ace of clubs and ten of hearts to put the contract down one.

Tomorrow: A delicate operation.
©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

12-24 CRYPTOQUIP

JYPI NW FWV XPUU P XYLUN
JYW DIAPNRPDIUF HARVDAD
IW MAULAGA LC DPCIP? HAMAU
JLIYWVI P XUPVD.

Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHAT ARE FACE PICS THAT SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS SNAP WITH THEIR OWN CELLPHONES? ELFIES.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: X equals C

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	40 Octet	DOWN	22 Compass
1 Cat coats	count	1 Rooters	dir.
5 "Tasty!"	43 More	2 — Bator	23 Bro's kin
8 Eric of blizzard-		3 Gambling	24 Bristle
"Munich"		4 Grimaces	25 Bath-
12 Actor	47 Harry	5 Mini-	room, in
Guinness	Potter's	plateaus	London
13 Aachen	Hedwig,	6 Wis.	26 Briny
article	for one	neighbor	expanse
14 Alike	49 Skater	7 on a	27 Average
(Fr.)	Lipinski	phone	guy
15 iPod	50 Entreaty	8 Give	28 — roll
variety	51 Arctic	9 Water, to	(winning)
16 Tot's	explorer	Juan	29 — choy
winter	John	10 "Monsoon	31 Founda-
wear	52 Like	Wedding"	tion
18 Frosty,	some	director	34 Guitar
for one	nogs	Mira	pedal
20 Arcade	53 Mathe-	11 Choir	35 Com-
pioneer	matician	voices	passion
21 Vegas	John	17 Texas	36 "No
opener	54 Boot	city	seats"
22 Green	camp VIP	19 Goat's	37 Bluish-
prefix	55 Aussie	cry	gray
23 Latin	hoppers	39 Cove	40 "NFL
dance		41 "Live	Live" aier
26 Decep-		and Die	—"
tion		42 Leaves	
30 — Jima		43 Free stuff	
31 Spell-off		44 Othello's	
32 Artist		betray	
Yoko		45 Therefore	
33 Salad		46 Light	
ingredient		beams	
36 "Say		48 Choice	
something!"		words?"	
38 Succor			
39 Anger			

Solution time: 22 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 12-24

12-25 CRYPTOQUIP

RB EFDGN VGRRSAG HM RSMBS
FWSPR' LGCEFWG SR CG VSDGR
CER SMMPSW LEREBR: "CGNG
BH RWGEAC."

Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHAT DO YOU CALL A CHILD WHO STEADFASTLY REFUSES TO BELIEVE IN SANTA? REBEL WITHOUT A CLAUS.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: C equals H

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	28 Pink hue	2 Dutch	14 Specks
1 Govt.	30 Epoch	word for	15 Refusals
lender	33 Bing	"farmer"	19 Summer
for some	Crosby's	3 From	sign
start-ups	role in	Nigeria or	20 Allen or
4 Massage	"The	Togo, e.g.	Curry
7 Blunder	Bells	4 Judicially	21 Sports-
8 — buddy	of St.	clad	caster
10 Recluse	Mary's"	5 Software	Rashad
11 European	36 Gizmo	custom-	22 Guiding
peninsula	37 "Casino	ers	maxims
13 Portrayer	Royale"	6 Mc-	23 Cain's
of Sister	actor	Enroe's	dad
Benedict	David	rival	24 Decora-
in "The	38 Sudden	7 Vanished	tive
Bells of	onrush	8 Sacred	drape
St. Mary's"	39 Staff	text	25 Half- —
16 Guitar	leader?	9 Brunch	(Star-
great	40 Before	cocktail	bucks
Paul	41 UFO crew	10 Like	request)
17 Winter		Abner	26 Wear
woes	DOWN	12 Vice	down
18 Granada	1 Karaoke	President	28 Fragrant
gold	selections	Burr	wood
19 Overdue		29 Emulate	Lincoln
20 General		30 Santa's	helpers
—		31 Snorkel-	ing site
chicken		32 Writer	Rand
21 Church		34 Great	expecta-
cries		tion	
23 Birdlike		35 Happy	melody
25 Sneeze			
syllable			
26 Dutch			
export			
27 Invoice			
fig.			

Solution time: 23 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 12-25

00 CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS
260-726-8141

ADVERTISING RATES
20 Word Minimum
Effective 07/01/2018:
Minimum charge....
\$12.40

1 insertion.....62¢/word
2 insertions.....81¢/word
3 insertions.....96¢/word
6 insertions.... \$1.14/word
12 insertions. \$1.52/word
26 insertions. \$1.77/word

Includes
Online.....FREE
Classified Display \$6.95/ per column inch
No borders or logos allowed on Classified Page
Card of Thanks Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
In Memory Up to 100 words.... \$13.00

Advertising Deadline is 12:00 p.m. the day prior to publication.
Pre-Payment required for: Rummage sales, business opportunities, jobs wanted, boats and sporting equipment, wanted to rent, motorized vehicles, real estate and mobile homes.

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, Applique, 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
Located: Bearcreek Farms, 8341 N 400 E, Bryant, IN
January 6th, 2025
6:00 P.M.
75 Acres-Bearcreek Township Jay County, IN
Parcel 1-55 acres with 53 acres of tillable ground. Soil types include Blount-Glywood, Pewamo and Glywood clay.
Parcel 2-20 acres of woods.
Parcel 3-Combination of Parcels 1 and 2.
Acreages are subject to pending survey. Farm has access off Highway 27.
For more information contact Gary Loy, Auctioneer (260) 726-5160 or Kim Loy, Real Estate Broker at (260) 726-2700
LANA NINDE, JULIE HUMMEL, CORBY BUBP AND CHRISTOPHER BUBP
Loy Auction AC31600027
Auctioneers
Gary Loy AU01031608
Travis Theurer AU11200131
Aaron Loy AU11200112
Kaden Khayyata AU12400069

READ THE CR THEN RECYCLE

90 SALE CALENDAR

REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Saturday, January 11, 2025
10:00 AM
Location of Sale:
Bearcreek Farms
8341 N 400 E, Bryant, IN
Real Estate:
56.54 acres-Sec. 4
Bearcreek Twp. Property located East of 27 on Jay & Adams Co. Line. Selling 2 parcels & combinations.
Marilyn Hough, Owner
Sale conducted by Green Auction n 260-589-8474.
See SoldonGreen.com for details and flyers.
Rob Green AU19500011

100 JOBS WANTED

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

130 MISC. FOR SALE

PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.

ALUMINUM SHEETS

23"x30", .007 thick. Clean and shiny on one side. .35 cents each or four for \$1.40, plus tax. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland 260-726-8141.

190 FARMERS COLUMN

AG RENTAL Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309

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.sycamorespace.com

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

The Commercial Review

Newspaper Delivery

Comments or Problems?

Call our Circulation Hotline

260-251-9588

After 5:00 p.m.

Leave Message Please.

Carrier Delivery

Deadlines

Tuesday - Friday:
6:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning:
8:00 a.m.

The Commercial Review
309 West Main St.,
Portland.
Front Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Circulation Department
Hours:
10:00 am - 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

MAY FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
ACA Marketplace health insurance
OPEN ENROLLEMENT
November 1, 2024 to
January 15, 2025
MATT FRANKS
your hometown agent
(260) 729-5280
111 W. Main Street, Portland, IN

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

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

Family owned and operated since 1992
ALASKA Heating & Cooling
Albany: 765-789-8036
YOU are the reason we are in business!
WE ARE CELEBRATING 29 YEARS IN BUSINESS!

A
D
V
E
R
T
I
S
E
in
The
Commercial
Review
C
L
A
S
S
I
F
I
E
D
S
726-8141

Four in a row

Patriots continue streak with victory over South Adams

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

BERNE — The Patriots forced turnovers.

They made the extra pass.

They scored in transition and ran some effective half-court offense.

And their rebounding help put the game out of reach.

Jay County High School's girls basketball team continued to make strides Saturday as it won its fourth game in a row 65-36 over the host South Adams Starfires.

"I thought we came out really strong in the first quarter and the second," said Patriot junior Alexis Sibray, who was one of four Patriots in double figures with 10 points. "I think our momentum is getting up there to where we have confidence."

The Patriots won three of their first four games before dropping four in a row. They've won four in a row since, including overtime victories over Adams Central and New Castle, to get to 7-5 overall and 2-1 in the Allen County Athletic Conference.

"I'm very pleased with our defensive effort. I felt like we were able to get after them defensively and that was a big key," said JCHS coach Sherry McIntire. "We got some offense out of our defense, and any time we can do that we're a much better team."

"I felt like Hallie put a lot of ball pressure on the Lehman girl," she added. "She wasn't probably able to do some of the things that she typically does. Credit to Hallie Schwieterman, she definitely was hounding her and therefore they weren't able to get into the flow of their offense."

See **Four** page 9



Jay County High School freshman Gabi Petro ties up Bekah Patterson of South Adams during the Patriots' 65-36 victory Saturday over the Starfires. Petro scored 10 points to finish as one of four players in double figures for JCHS as it won its fourth consecutive game.

Box score

Jay County Patriots
at South Adams Starfires
Girls varsity summary

Jay County (7-5, 2-1 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Sibray	5-11	0-0	10
Newton	3-6	1-1	7
Schwietrman	8-18	3-4	21
Petro	3-6	3-4	10
Skirvin	1-2	0-0	2
Brunswick	5-10	0-2	10
May	0-1	1-2	1
McAbee	0-0	0-0	0
Heath	2-6	0-0	4
Totals	27-60	8-13	65
	.450	.615	
Def. rebound percentage: .577			

South Adams (3-10, 1-3 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Schwartz	1-2	1-2	3
Minger	1-2	0-0	2
Sprunger	0-1	2-4	2
Patterson	0-1	0-0	0
Trausch	6-13	4-6	16
Lehman	3-15	2-2	11
McKinley	0-0	0-0	0
Smith	0-5	0-0	0
Bollenbacher	1-3	0-0	2
Geels	0-0	0-0	0
Brown	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	12-45	9-14	36
	.267	.643	
Def. rebound percentage: .531			

Score by quarters:
Jay Co. 19 10 21 15 — 65
S. Adams 7 8 12 9 — 36

3-point shooting: Jay County 3-13 (Schwieterman 2-7, Petro 1-2, Sibray 0-1, Newton 0-1, Brunswick 0-1, May 0-1). South Adams 3-10 (Lehman 3-7, Minger 0-1, Trausch 0-1, Smith 0-1).

Rebounds: Jay County 30 (Petro 8, Heath 7, Newton 6, Schwieterman 6, Brunswick 3, Sibray 2, May 2). South Adams 28 (Trausch 6, Lehman 6, Bollenbacher 4, Schwartz 3, Sprunger 3, McKinley 2, team 2, Smith, Geels).

Assists: Jay County 13 (Schwieterman 5, Brunswick 3, Petro 2, Newton, May, Heath). South Adams 7 (Trausch 2, Lehman 2, Schwartz, Smith, Bollenbacher).

Blocks: Jay County 4 (Schwieterman 3, Sibray). South Adams 0.

Personal fouls: Jay County 12 (Petro 4, May 3, Sibray, Newton, Schwieterman, Skirvin, Heath). South Adams 10 (Schwartz 2, Patterson 2, Trausch 2, Sprunger, Lehman, Smith, Bollenbacher).

Turnovers: Jay County 21. South Adams 29.

Tall task

FRHS height too much for Ansonia in 82-50 blowout

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — On Friday, the Indians scored a season-high 24 first-half points. A little less than 24 hours later, the Tribe matched that mark in the first quarter alone.

Another 19 in the second period put the game out of reach for the Tigers.

One day after picking up its first win, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team exploded for 43 first-half points en route to an 82-50 victory over the Ansonia Tigers on Saturday.

The Indians (2-3) dropped its first three games of the season, all of which were on the road, while averaging 48.3 points per game. They got into the victory column after their first home game Friday against the Panthers before building upon it with the offensive domination of Ansonia (0-7).

"In these two games we've shot the ball well and obviously we should shoot the ball better at home," said FRHS coach Bob Leverette. "We're starting to get some games under our belt here. We were stuck on three for a while and we're starting to get a little bit of a flow and the guys are playing confident."

The Indians had particular success around the rim, with 26 of their 34 field goals (76.5%) coming within 10 feet of the hoop.

FRHS sophomore Breaker Jutte had a career day, scoring 23 points on 10-of-15 shooting (66.7%). This is the third time Jutte has scored in double digits, with 16 in the season opener at Jay County and then 10 against Parkway.

All of Jutte's baskets came in the paint, with five coming as the result of offensive rebounds and four coming from assists.

"Well obviously we had a little bit of a size advantage," said Jutte, who is listed at 6 feet, 5 inches. "It's just about crashing the boards and getting those rebounds and put backs. ... And my teammates set me up pretty well. They got me the ball down low and we were just running good offense."

See **Tall** page 9



Breaker Jutte, a sophomore on the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team, smacks the backboard on the follow through of a layup during Saturday's 82-50 win over Ansonia. Jutte led all scorers with 23 points in the Tribe's second win of the season.

Box score

Fort Recovery Indians vs.
Ansonia Tigers
Boys varsity summary

Ansonia (0-7)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Lehman	5-11	0-1	12
CooRiffle	2-5	0-0	4
Shellhaas	2-5	0-0	5
Tobe	2-3	0-2	5
ConRiffle	0-2	0-0	0
Coppess	7-17	3-6	18
Weiss	0-0	0-0	0
Sanders	2-2	0-0	6
Barnt	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	20-46	3-9	50
	.435	.333	
Def. rebound percentage: .444			

Fort Recovery (2-3)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Overman	7-13	1-2	15
Post	2-3	0-0	6
Bihn	1-1	0-0	2
Jutte	10-15	3-5	23
Barga	4-9	0-0	8
CFortkamp	0-0	0-0	0
BEvers	0-2	0-0	0
Dilworth	2-6	2-2	6
GEvers	4-8	0-0	8
GFortkamp	3-10	3-4	12
Klenke	1-1	0-0	2
Totals	34-68	9-13	82
	.500	.692	
Def. rebound percentage: .929			

Score by quarters:
Ansonia 18 7 16 9 — 50
Ft. Rec. 24 19 17 22 — 82

3-point shooting: Ansonia 7-20 (Sanders 2-2, Lehman 2-6, Shellhaas 1-1, Tobe 1-1, Coppess 1-4). Fort Recovery 5-18 (GFortkamp 3-7, Post 2-3, Jutte 0-1, BEvers 0-1, Overman 0-3, Dilworth 0-3).

Rebounds: Ansonia 18 (Tobe 3, Barnt 2, Lehman, Tobe). Fort Recovery 46 (Barga 9, Jutte 8, Team 8, Overman 7, GFortkamp 4, GEvers 3, Bihn 2, Post 2, BEvers, Dilworth, Klenke).

Assists: Ansonia 7 (Coppess 3, Barnt 2, Lehman, Tobe). Fort Recovery 12 (Overman 4, Barga 4, Jutte, CFortkamp, GEvers, GFortkamp).

Blocks: Ansonia 3 (Coppess 2, Barnt). Fort Recovery 3 (GEvers 2, Overman).

Personal fouls: Ansonia 10 (Lehman 2, Shellhaas 2, Coppess 2, CooRiffle, Tobe, Weiss, Sanders, Barnt). Fort Recovery 11 (Post 3, Overman 2, GEvers 2, GFortkamp 2, Barga, Dilworth).

Turnovers: Ansonia 16. Fort Recovery 8.

Tall ...

Continued from page 8
The height advantage — Ansonia only has one player taller than 6 foot, 1 inch — not only helped Fort Recovery's shooting percentage, but also their rebounding. The Tribe dominated the glass, pulling down 46 rebounds, while the Tigers grabbed 18.

The Indians had more offensive rebounds at 20 than Ansonia had defensive boards at 16 (0.444 defensive rebounding percentage). Those offensive rebounds led to 17 second-chance points. The Tigers only successfully hit the offensive glass twice as Fort Recovery sucked up 26 defensive boards for a .929 defensive rebounding percentage.

Brody Barga, another 6 foot, 5 inch, forward, led FRHS with nine rebounds, while Jutte followed with eight and Briggs Overman added seven.

Along with the Indi-

ans' size advantage, transition basketball played a key role in the game.

Fort Recovery looked to play fast, taking advantage of every missed shot to push the pace and even grabbing the ball out of the net on made shots to quickly inbound the ball and get down the floor.

FRHS also forced Ansonia to commit 16 turnovers (double the amount of times the Indians coughed up the ball), including 11 times in the first half to create transition opportunities.

"That's the pace we want to use this year," Leverette said. "It will be interesting to see how it will translate into the MAC season, if we can run with teams and keep this pace. ... We knew they were kind of limited skill wise, so we wanted to get into them and pressure them man-to-man. We didn't really use our press at all, so just good man-to-man pressure."

Outside of Jutte's 23 points, Overman and Grant Fortkamp both broke double-digit scoring with 15 and 12 points, respectively. Barga and Gavin Evers both finished just one basket away as well, totalling eight points each.

Graham Coppess led the Tigers with 14 points, with Bennett Lehman adding 11.

The Tribe will carry the back-to-back wins into the Christmas break before hosting South Adams on Friday before jumping straight into the Ohio 119 Classic with Marion Local on Dec. 28 and St. Henry on Dec. 30.

"After winning against Parkway, we just love that feeling of winning now," said Jutte. "So going into today, we were like 'We're going to get another dub, keep winning and keep the streak going.' Getting two wins going into the Christmas break is nice."

Four ...

Continued from page 8

Jay County trailed just once — 2-0 — before it started turning over the Starfires. (They gave the ball away nine times in the opening period.) The result was runs of 8-0 and 7-0 to build a double-digit lead.

Five of the Patriots' first six baskets were assisted, including a long inbound pass from Hallie Schwieterman to Sibray for an easy two points.

"To have four kids in double digits, that's just sharing the basketball," said McIntire. "I felt like we did a really nice job with trying to find that open person on the break."

"That's the reason why we say 'everybody eats,'" said Sibray, "we have to incorporate everybody."

Another seven-point run in the second quarter had the visitors up by 20 before SAHS (3-10, 1-3 ACAC) scored the final five points of the half.

"Good spurts, bad spurts," said South Adams coach Brett Freeman, whose team will host Jay County for the opening round of the ACAC tournament on Jan. 14. "It's kind of the theme of our season so far, just with our youth. A lot of silly mistakes or not quite synched in together on defense ... But when we were synched in on both ends we were getting some things, doing some things, made some nice runs at it but we would give up some runs at the same time."

The lead was at 14 following an Ana Lehman 3-pointer for the Starfires before Jay County put the game away. Elizabeth Brunswick scored first on an assist from Schwieterman, and the rest of the points in a 10-0 run came on second chance opportunities. Schwieterman and Raylah New-

Jay has an 11-day break before hosting Pendleton Heights

ton hit consecutive second-chance hoops, Brunswick put back a miss and then Schwieterman put back her own miss for a 46-22 advantage.

"The girls are getting more conscious of that, because we're just not a naturally good rebounding team," said McIntire, who got eight rebounds from Gabi Petro and seven from Amelia Heath. "Part of that is just having an idea of where that ball is going to fall off the rim. I feel like we're getting better at reading that and just getting in there. You've got to go in there before you can get a rebound."

Schwieterman scored 21 points to lead a group of four Patriots in double figures while also dishing out five assists, hauling in six rebounds and blocking three shots. Sibray, Petro and Brunswick added 10 points apiece.

Brunswick went out with a knee injury after hitting a layup with 6:46 left in the game. She returned to the bench on crutches and with her right knee heavily iced, but early indications were that the injury is not serious.

Laney Trausch, South Adams' only junior, led the team with 16 points. Lehman hit three second-half 3-pointers en route to her 11 points.

NYY sign Goldschmidt

By PETER SBLENDORIO
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — The Yankees found their first baseman.

Paul Goldschmidt has agreed to a one-year contract with the club, YES Network's Jack Curry reported Saturday, adding another former MVP to the Yankees' new-look lineup.

The deal is for \$12.5 million, according to reports.

Goldschmidt, 37, hit .245 with 22 home runs, 65 RBIs and a .716 OPS last season with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The right-handed hitter is two years removed from a 2022 National League MVP campaign in which he batted .317 with 35 homers, 115 RBIs and an NL-best .982 OPS.

Adding Goldschmidt allows the Yankees to play another new acquisition, Cody Bellinger, in center field or left field next season.

Goldschmidt is a four-time Gold Glove winner at first base, while Bellinger is an above-average defender in the outfield.

JCHS girls finish fourth at Findlay

FINDLAY, Ohio — Only three Patriots made it to the podium over the weekend.

Yet, the team did well collectively to secure its highest finish and some hardware of its own.

The Jay County High School girls wrestling team racked up 131.5 points to earn fourth place out of 80 teams, its highest ever finish, at the Findlay Invitational on Saturday.

The Patriots just edged out host Findlay (130.5) by one point while falling to Olentangy Orange (245), Harrison (135.5) and Lebanon (134.5).

No. 1 Mallory Winner put together the best performance of the Patriots, claiming the title in the 170-pound bracket for her third championship at Findlay. The senior wrestled a total of 4 minutes, 39 seconds over five matches, claiming every victory by fall. Winner beat her first three opponents in less than a minute before putting Faith Stevenon of Liberty on her back in 1:21 and claiming the title match by fall over Carolina Klawon of Eaton in 1:22.

No. 4 Katie Rowles and No. 5 Amara Crawford also placed in the meet.

Rowles pleased through the first three rounds of the 100 bracket with a pair of pins and a 15-2 major decision before hitting a snag in the semifinal against Walton Verona's Emma Moore. Rowles dropped the match in an 8-6 decision before falling to Ella Thomas of Poland Seminary by pin in 2:03 in the consolation semifinal. Rowles pulled out a fifth place finish over Taylor's Vita Savage with an 8-7 decision.

In the 190-pound bracket, Crawford opened with a victory by fall before getting pinned by Cumberland Valley's Kimberlee Hechler in the third period. She picked up three wins in the consolation bracket before getting taken down by Raegan Hites of Benjamin Logan in the semifinal. Crawford then won a rematch with Hechler with a 5-0 decision.

Six more wrestlers earned points for the Patriots by winning matches, but came up short of making the podium.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Friday
Jay County — Swim home tri-meet — 8 a.m.; Boys wrestling at Monroe Central — 8:30 a.m.; Girls wrestling at Monroe Central — 8:30 a.m.;
Fort Recovery — Swim at Lima YMCA — 10 a.m.; Boys basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12:30 a.m. — College basketball: Murray State vs. Charlotte (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College football Hawaii
Bowl: South Florida at San Jose State (ESPN)

Wednesday
12 p.m. — NBA: San Antonio Spurs at New York Knicks (ABC)
2:30 p.m. — NBA: Minnesota Timberwolves at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)
5 p.m. — NBA: Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics (ABC)
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Diamondhead Classic (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Diamondhead Classic (ESPN2)
10:30 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Phoenix Suns (ABC)

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

HEALTHCARE

Crohn's disease and colitis explained

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) affects between 2.4 and 3.1 million people across the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Data from a U.S. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey showed 1 percent of U.S adults may have diagnosed IBD. Also, the National Institutes of Health report an estimated 322,600 Canadians were living with IBD in 2023. Canada has one of the highest rates of IBD in the world.

The Mayo Clinic notes that IBD refers to disorders involving chronic inflammation of tissues in the digestive tract. The two most common types of IBD include ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. Both diseases typically develop in teenagers and young adults, although they can occur at any age. Ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease affect men and women equally, and symptoms are very similar. Understanding the differences between colitis and Crohn's can direct people to the best courses of treatment for their ailments.

Crohn's disease

Crohn's disease is characterized by inflammation of the lining of the digestive tract, anywhere from the mouth to the anus. However, the small intestine is most often affected. According to UCLA Health, when a person has Crohn's disease, there are healthy parts of tissue mixed in between inflamed areas. Because Crohn's disease affects more of the GI tract, WebMD says doctor's may see sores in the mouth, on the lips or tongue, or even anal tears

and rectal infections

Ulcerative colitis

Ulcerative colitis is a form of IBD that is limited to the colon. It affects the inner most lining of the colon, while Crohn's disease can occur in all of the layers of the bowel walls. With colitis, there are no healthy areas of tissue in the colon between inflamed spots; the inflammation is continuous.

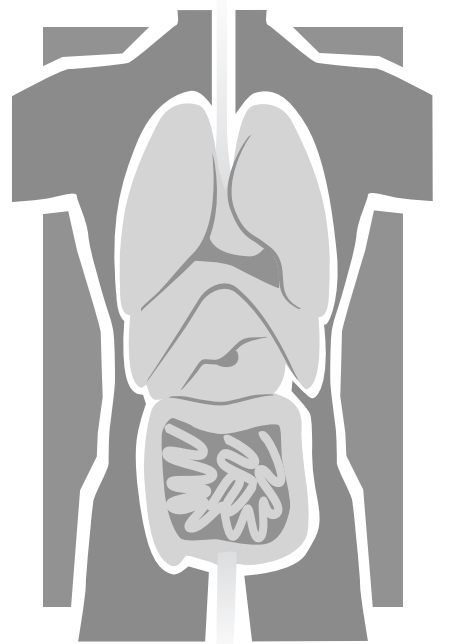
Diagnosis

Doctors use various tests to diagnose IBD. A colonoscopy checks the large intestine. A sigmoidoscopy examines only the lower part of the large intestines, while an esophagogastroduodenoscopy checks the lining of the esophagus, stomach and the duodenum. Additional testing may be used to examine the small intestine or bile and pancreatic ducts, says WebMD. Even after various imaging tests, doctors still may be unsure if Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis is responsible for symptoms.

Scientists are working to improve blood tests to help diagnose ulcerative colitis and Crohn's. These tests check levels of certain antibodies found in blood. Most often people with ulcerative colitis have the pANCA (perinuclear anti-neutrophil) antibody present, while those with Crohn's disease have the ASCA (anti-Saccharomyces Cerevisiae) antibody present. These tests are not always accurate, so other diagnostic criteria should be used.

Treatment

The goal of IBD treatments is to reduce the inflammation that triggers



symptoms. Anti-inflammatory drugs often are the first step in the treatment of IBD as well as immune system suppressors. The Mayo Clinic says biologics are a newer category of therapy for IBD, and are aimed at neutralizing proteins in the body that are causing inflammation.

When dietary changes and medication are not completely effective for IBD, doctors may suggest surgery. The Mayo Clinic says up to two-thirds of people with Crohn's disease will require at least one surgery in their lifetime. The damaged portion of the digestive tract is removed and then the healthy sections are joined together. Surgery for ulcerative colitis may include removing the entire colon and rectum and using an internal pouch for bowel movements.

Inflammatory bowel diseases can affect people in many ways and require treatment to restore quality of life.

"Working as a team providing excellent dental care for you"

Vormohr Family Dentistry

Canterbury Lane
1413 West Votaw Street
Portland, IN 47371
(260) 726-7822

george family DENTISTRY

ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS
Malcolm C. George D.D.S. • 112 N. Ship St., Portland, IN • (260) 726-4710

Adams Physical Therapy Services, Inc. *Live Free From Pain!*

Two Convenient Locations to Serve You:

111 West North Street
Portland, IN 47371
(260) 726-6828

953 East Washington Street
Winchester, IN 47394
(765) 584-3665
Toll Free: 1-888-222-0130

Evening Appointments Available

www.adamsptservices.com

ELITE EYE CARE, P.C.

1111 N Meridian Street
PO Box 1268
Portland, IN 47371

Abby E. Small, O.D.
drf.abbysmall@gmail.com

David A. Fullenkamp, O.D.
drf.dave@gmail.com

Phone: (260) 726-4210
Fax: (260) 726-9347

M/W/F 8:00 am to 5:00 pm T/Th 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

This Health Page Proudly Brought To You By These Outstanding Health Professionals.

Christmas Fun

Coloring Contest Winners

Ages: 1 - 6 Winner



Margaret M. Hilty

1 - 6 Honorable Mention



Kallie Carpenter

Ages: 7-10 Winner



Phynox Storie

7-10 Honorable Mention



Sophia Jellisone

AGE GROUP 1-6:

Kallie Carpenter- 4 -
honorable mention

Margaret Hilty 6 - winner

Bridget Laux 6

AGE GROUP 7-10:

Daniel Schwartz 9
Phynox Storie 8 winner

Kinzie Muhlenkamp 8

Carmen Laux 8

Melanie Laux 8

Bernadette Dirkson 8

Sophia Jellison 7 -
honorable mention

Lincoln Guntle 7

MERRY CHRISTMAS