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Second clinic



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IU Health Jay announced Friday that it has been approved as a coronavirus vaccination clinic site. The hospital's clinic is scheduled to open at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Vaccinations are available by appointment only via ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

Hospital to host vaccination site

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A second coronavirus vaccination clinic is set to open in Jay County next week.

IU Health Jay announced Friday that it has been approved as a coronavirus vaccination

site, with its clinic set to open Wednesday morning.

The hospital's clinic joins one at Jay County Health Department that opened Tuesday to provide two local options.

IU Health Jay's clinic is tentatively scheduled

to open for the first time Wednesday. The hospital plans to have its clinic open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The schedule will allow for the clinic to vaccinate up to 90 per day, said IU Health Jay

chief nursing officer Christina Schemenaur. "We're really excited about having it, that's for sure," she added, noting that the health department's schedule of available appointments has filled quickly.

Appointments for all

clinics in Indiana are being handled at the state level. Those interested in making an appointment can do so online at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

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Knapke trial is set for the fall

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A new trial date has been set for one of the three women charged with the January 2020 murder of a Portland man.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison during a hearing Friday scheduled the murder trial for Hannah L. Knapke, 19, Fort Recovery, for Sept. 20 through 24. She, Esther J. Stephen, 30, Portland, and Shelby N. Hiestand, 19, Portland, are charged with the murder of Shea Briar.

A final pretrial conference will be held Sept. 7.

Knapke's trial was originally scheduled for Feb. 21 through 25. It was canceled in December when Indiana Supreme Court announced it was suspending jury trials statewide until March 1 because of the potential spread of COVID-19.

Stephen's trial is now scheduled for March 15 through 19. Hiestand's trial is set for Aug. 9 through 12.

Knapke was arrested Jan. 22, 10 days after Briar, 31, was fatally shot on a bridge in northern Jay County. Stephen and Hiestand had been arrested eight days earlier.

According to documents filed in Jay Circuit Court in connection to the case, Stephen and Hiestand admitted to police that they plotted to kill Briar over a custody dispute. Stephen and Briar shared a child.

The documents provide the following account of Briar's death:

Stephen, Hiestand and Knapke picked Briar up at his Portland home with plans to "hang out" and then drove in Knapke's vehicle to the county road 125 West bridge over Loblolly Creek, just south of county road 850 North. Stephen then distracted Briar, allowing Hiestand to retrieve a gun from the vehicle. Hiestand then shot Briar once in the back. Knapke was standing next to Hiestand at the time of the shooting.

Briar was found about 2 a.m. Jan. 12 and transported to Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital, where he died later the same day.

In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years.

Statehouse pausing for one week

By RILEY EUBANKS
The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — The threat of violence at the Indiana Statehouse has paused the lawmaking process for a week.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Friday that the government center will be closed to the public and the Indiana General Assembly will be suspended for a week beginning Monday hours after the FBI and Indiana State Police reported Friday that poten-

tially violent protests are expected in downtown Indianapolis near government buildings today through Wednesday.

"We're just closing out of an abundance of caution," said State Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle), who represents parts of northeast Indiana including Jay County. He continued, saying many members of the Senate "are not happy" but that it was "the right thing to do."

"We can't take any risk to put

anybody in danger," Holdman said.

Insurrectionists invaded the U.S. Capitol building Jan. 6 in a deadly and unprecedented episode while Congress was in session to certify November presidential election results. President-elect Joe Biden is to be inaugurated Wednesday, and state and federal agencies are anticipating the possibility of nationwide violence.

"It's just unfortunate that we

have to worry about this in this day and age," said State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City) on the increasing level of politically charged violence in recent weeks.

"We have differences as a nation. That's part of being a democratic-republic. But ultimately we need to work together as Hoosiers and Americans," said Prescott, who represents all of Jay and Randolph counties and parts of Delaware County.

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Retrospect

Melt led to flooding

Twenty-five years ago this week, melting snow and rain combined to flood areas of Jay County.

The Jan. 19, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about overnight wind and rain that led to significant flooding around New Corydon.

The flooding came after several weeks of snowstorms followed by the high temperature climbing to 62 degrees Jan. 18. That brief spurt of warmth was followed quickly by frigid conditions as the temperature

plunged to 5 degrees the next day.

It was reported that flooding was not as significant as it could have been, but Jay County Sheriff's Department and Jay County Emergency Management had to respond to the Wabash River, which had spilled over its banks.

"Both ways into New Corydon are covered," said Tami Mann of the emergency management agency.

The flooding followed even more severe issues form the previous year. "The water's up and it's

above the banks, but it's not near as bad as it was this summer," said Jay County Sheriff Kip Robi-

nette. Other areas of Jay County dealt with more isolated flooding issues, including a semi being pushed off the road by flooding on Indiana 1. There were no injuries in the incident.

Additional flooded roads included Como Road, county road 400 South, county road 500 North, Rive Road, county road 350 East and county road 800 North.



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Floodwaters cut off road access to New Corydon in January 1996 after rain and melting snow brought the Wabash River out of its banks.

Deaths

Carol Guntle, 64, Pennville
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Weather

Jay County's high temperature today is 39 degrees Friday. Today's high will be 35 with snow showers expected this afternoon. More snow showers are in the forecast for tonight and Sunday. Highs will be in the low 30s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



Clinic ...

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The hospital has been working for a few weeks with its IU Health partners in the east central region — IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and IU Health Blackford — and Indiana State Department of Health on setting up its clinic.

Those who visit the IU Health Jay clinic should enter through door A, the main entrance, where they will be screened for COVID-19. The clinic will be held in conference rooms A and B. After receiving their shot, patients will be required to be observed for 15 minutes to monitor them for allergic reactions, which have been rare. They will then exit the hospital through door B.

Jay County Health Department's vaccination clinic opened Tuesday, administering 50 doses of coronavirus vaccine on its first day.

Upcoming dates for its clinic are as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. today
- 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday
- 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday
- 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Jan. 23

The health department will release additional dates when they become available.

Indiana State Department of Health lists additional vaccination clinics available in adjacent counties at Adams County Health Department, Adams Memorial Hospital, Wells County Health

Department, the Hartford City Elks Lodge, Delaware County Health Department, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and Randolph County Health Department. Schemenaur said Friday that IU Health Blackford has also been approved as a vaccination clinic site, though it was not yet listed as such on the state website as of Friday evening. Any eligible Hoosier can make an appointment at any of the clinics available in Indiana.

Vaccinations are currently available only to those 70 and older as well as healthcare workers and first responders who "have face-to-face interactions with patients or infectious material or work in a public-facing

position that requires in-person contact." Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb has said vaccinations will next become available to those 60 and older. Those age groups account for the majority of hospitalizations and deaths attributed to COVID-19.

As of Friday's update from the state department of health, Jay County has totaled 1,611 cases of COVID-19 and 21 deaths during the pandemic. Though case numbers have been dropping since mid-December, the county is on pace for 221 new cases this month (tied with October for third highest).

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected

person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that it may be possible those particles and droplets remain suspended in the air for an unknown period of time and travel beyond 6 feet, especially indoors.

CDC guidelines encourage wearing a mask and avoiding close contact when around others and frequent hand washing and surface cleaning as ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The virus causes a range of symptoms, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure. Older adults and those with pre-existing health problems are susceptible to more severe illnesses.

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Sunday 1/17	Monday 1/18	Tuesday 1/19	Wednesday 1/20	Thursday 1/21
33/26	31/27	34/22	31/26	39/25

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-2-9 Daily Four: 00-6-8-7 Quick Draw: 2-6-9-10-11-14-18-20-26-28-31-33-35-39-47-59-62-63-66-79	Pick 4: 3-7-6-2 Pick 5: 6-0-8-6-7
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-4-6	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$750 million
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$640 million	

Markets

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Today in history

On Jan. 16, 2020, the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump opened in the Senate, with senators standing and swearing an oath of "impartial justice." Trump again denounced the proceedings as a "hoax," while House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said new evidence reinforced the need to call additional witnesses.

In 1865, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman decreed that 400,000 acres of land in the South would be divided into 40-acre lots and given to former slaves. (The order, later revoked by President Andrew Johnson, is believed to have inspired the expression, "Forty acres and a mule.")

In 1912, a day before reaching the South Pole, British explorer Robert Scott and his expedition found evidence that Roald Amundsen of Norway and his team had gotten there ahead of them.

In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created Republic of Poland.

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In 1969, two manned Soviet Soyuz spaceships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

In 1971, The Commercial Review reported that Orbit Laboratories of Chicago was completing the process of purchasing Portland Ballastran Corporation.

In 1987, Hu Yaobang resigned as head of China's Communist Party, declaring he'd made mistakes in dealing with student turmoil and intellectual challenges to the system.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, vil-	lage hall, 201 S. Main St.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council via Zoom.	
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Aviation Board, airport conference room, 661 W. county road 100 North.	

Obituaries

Carol Guntle

June 6, 1956-Jan. 14, 2021
Carol Guntle, age 64, a resident of Pennville, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.

Carol was born on June 6, 1956, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Earl Robert and Janet (Hoskins) Guntle. She graduated from Portland High School in 1974.

Survivors include:

Her parents — Earl and Janet Guntle, Portland, Indiana

One brother — Bob Guntle (wife: Connie), Portland, Indiana

Two sisters — Sandy Atienzo, Portland, Indiana, and Mary Beth Kauffman (husband Rick), Selma, Indiana



Guntle

Several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jana Claycomb.

There will be no services. Arrangements are by Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of the funeral home to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be

expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

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

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

Pausing ...

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Holdman shared that sentiment of peace, quoting the wisdom of his grandmother, who he reported as often saying nothing good can come out of words said while angry.

The Assembly has been in session for two weeks. The closure only affects what would have been three days of committee and

chamber-wide sessions as the statehouse was already going to be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and lawmakers typically don't conduct legislative action on Fridays this early in the session.

But with an agenda already filled with COVID-19 legislation, the biennium budget and a redrawing of Indiana lawmaker's districts, three days can have a signif-

icant impact on the legislative session.

"It means we've got to work a little bit harder," Holdman said, adding that the Assembly is still expected to adjourn for the final time this year April 29.

Holcomb is scheduled to give his annual State of the State Address in a virtual format at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Felony court news

Possession

Two Redkey residents recently pleaded guilty to drug-related charges in Jay Superior Court.

Andrew D. Fisher, 28, 224 W. Central Ave., pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony.

He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 150 days credit for 75 days served. He was assessed court costs of \$185.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge of possession of a narcotic drug was dismissed.

Randy E. Workman, 38, 25 E. Sheridan St., pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic drug and maintaining a common nuisance, both Level 6 felonies.

He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but 62 days suspended and given 62 days credit for 31 days served. He was placed on probation for 668 days and

assessed court costs of \$370. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge of unlawful possession of a syringe was dismissed.

Battery

A Muncie man was sentenced to home detention after pleading guilty to battery, a Level 6 felony.

George E. Fehrenbach Jr., 56, 1007 E. 23rd St., was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to one year in Jay County Jail and given 26 days credit for time served. Of the remainder of his sentence, 265 days were ordered to be served on electronically monitored home detention.

As part of his plea agreement, his conviction was lowered from a Level 5 felony.

Burglary

A Muncie man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to burglary, a Level 5 felony.

Aaron J. Herbert, 26, 3200 S. Chippewa Lane,

was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to four years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but one year suspended and given 226 days credit for time served. He was placed on formal probation for three years, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay toward \$3,500 in restitution to Neil and Margaret Habeggar.

As part of his plea agreement, his conviction was lowered from a Level 5 felony and a Level 6 felony charge of unlawful possession of a syringe was dismissed.

Trials scheduled

Robert L. Rivers, 819 E. North St., Portland, has a two-day jury trial scheduled in Jay Circuit Court for March 22 with alternative dates set for April 26 and May 27. He is set to stand trial for felony charges of domestic battery, Level 6, resisting law enforcement, Level 6, battery resulting in bodily

injury to a public safety official, Level 5, and invasion of privacy, a Class A misdemeanor.

Brooke A. Bennett, 812 E. Walnut St., Portland, has a two-day jury trial scheduled in Jay Circuit Court for May 27 with an alternative date set for June 28. She is set to stand trial for the following charges: possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony, maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony, unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony, and possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

Jessica D. Watson, 277 E. Commerce St., Dunkirk, has a two-day jury trial scheduled in Jay Circuit Court for July 19 with alternative dates set for June 10 and August 2. She is set to stand trial for the following charges: possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor.

Jay Circuit Court

Judge Brian Hutchison Cases filed

Angel L. Riley v. Eddie D. Sampley, civil plenary
Indiana v. Paul A. Schick, Level 4 felony

Capital One Bank v. Brian Riddle, civil collection

CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union v. David A. Brown, mortgage foreclosure
U.S. Bank National

Association v. Brian Frazier, Bridget Frazier and Personal Finance Company LLC, mortgage foreclosure

Lane Zaugg v. Selenne Zaugg, dissolution
Indiana v. Christopher

G.D. Morgan, Level 4 felony

Stephanie Geesy v. Joseph Geesy, dissolution
Indiana v. Jesse W. Steed, Level 4 felony
Indiana v. Thomas D. Brinkerhoff, Level 2 felony

SERVICES

Monday

Sutter, Rosa: 2 p.m.,
Williamson-Spencer and Penrod
Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Service listings provided by

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120 N. Meridian St.
Portland, Indiana 47371
(260) 726-9201
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COLDWATER YOUNG FARMERS

CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Saturday February 13, 2021

The Coldwater Young Farmer Association will be conducting their annual farm machinery consignment auction at the Coldwater football stadium parking lot in Coldwater, Ohio.

For more information on consigning your farm machinery please call:

Rick Uhlenhake 419-678-8119
Dusty Uhlenhake 419-733-3096

Machinery consigned by January 18, 2021 can be advertised

Cold shoulder signaling end?

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine from college (I graduated four years ago) is incredibly kind but terrible at keeping in touch. She has never been good at responding to texts, but now that we no longer live in the same area, we don't communicate.

Dear Abby



those niceties are not in her makeup.

P.S. You can stop sending the "thinking of you" messages because they are not being appreciated in the manner you would like them to be.

DEAR ABBY: I have a child with autism. He's my world, and I love him deeply. Because he has special needs, I can't afford a babysitter, so my parents watch him all the time or I cancel whatever I need to do that day.

Because my parents are my only source of babysitting, they think they don't have to listen to me. If I tell them the time I give him his medication, so don't change it, they think he needs it earlier, and they know better than I do. I'm constantly second-guessed, and if they don't agree with my decisions, they go behind my back. If I buy my son a new toy and my dad doesn't like it, he screams at me and makes me feel 2 inches tall. He was an absent father, and my mother can't relinquish control of anything.

I'm at a loss on how to handle this because I know they want what's best for my child, but so do I. As his mother, shouldn't I be able to make that decision? — MY CHILD IN ILLINOIS

DEAR MY CHILD: Yes, you should be able to make decisions regarding your son and expect that they will be respected. However, your parents have you over a barrel, and they know it. You do not have to tolerate it. I suggest you contact the Autism Society (autism-society.org). When you do, you will be connected with a local branch for guidance and

New preserve announced

Red-tail Land Conservancy announced Tuesday the establishment of Hidden Canal Nature Preserve, a 50-acre forest in Anderson. Located on the White River across from Mounds State Park, this preserve creates a protected corridor along the river for local and migrating wildlife. It also preserves remnants of a significant historic canal from being disturbed by growing urban surroundings. Now under the ownership of Red-tail Land Conservancy, this valuable habitat and the history of the canal within it is permanently protected from future development.



Photo provided

View of the White River from the protected bank at Hidden Canal Nature Preserve.

"With the creation of Hidden Canal Nature Preserve, a very unique piece of Madison County history has been protected for generations, both present and future, to visit and appreciate," said Madison County historian Steve Jackson.

Hidden Canal Nature Preserve is home to many different types of wildlife like woodpeckers, great blue herons, deer, turkey and river otters. Before the preserve is open to the public, it will undergo an extensive environmental restoration process to remove invasive plant species like bush honeysuckle. Complete restoration of

the forest may take several years. Ultimately, Hidden Canal Nature Preserve will be publicly accessible with hiking trails, wildlife observation areas and educational signs.

While this preserve is undergoing restoration, Red-tail welcomes visitors to explore their 10 public nature preserves located throughout east central Indiana.

Sea shanties become new trend

By TRAVIS M. ANDREWS

The Washington Post

What's your favorite sea shanty? Perhaps its "The Scotsman."

Maybe you're more of a "Drunken Sailor" fan. But let's be honest, it's probably "The Wellerman."

If this strikes you as an odd question to pose in 2021, then you haven't spent much time online this week. Over the past few days, TikTok and Twitter paused conversations about the chaos of early January to discuss sea shanties. You know, the 18th century working songs sung by sailors laboring on merchant ships. Obviously. It's become so popular; comedian Amy Miller tweeted at President-elect Joe Biden, "can we please move this vaccine along, ppl are getting into sea shanties."

We have Nathan Evans to thank for this. The 26-year-old musician, who lives just outside of Glasgow in Airdrie, Scotland, found himself bored during the lockdown, so

he joined TikTok in March in hopes of sharing his music. At the time, his repertoire did not include sea shanties.

For a few months, he played covers of Scottish folk tunes, with the occasional Bob Dylan or Simon and Garfunkel tune thrown in for good measure. The TikToks performed fairly well, usually generating 10,000 or so views and a smattering of comments. One comment, in mid-July, requested that he perform the classic sea shanty "Leave Her Johnny."

On July 13, Evans belted out the sad tale, "Oh the times were hard and the wages low. Leave her, Johnny, leave her ..." More than a million people rushed to watch the clip, about 990,000 more than his usual videos.

From thereon out, every time Evans would post, requests for him to perform another sea shanty flooded his comments.

"I didn't know there was such

demand for them, but then you bring them out and everyone goes wild for them," he said.

On Dec. 23, he posted the first of three TikToks in which he sang "The Scotsman," which tells the tale of a two lasses, a drunken Scot and what he might or might not be wearing under his kilt.

It racked up 2.7 million views. But his true viral moment came a few days later, when he posted "The Wellerman," an epic tale of the merchant ships that supplied whalers in the 1800s. Over the next few weeks, it racked up more than 4 million views and launched ShantyTok, a corner of TikTok reserved for sea shanties.

The hashtag #seashanty now has more than 72 million views. It includes classic renditions of these ancient songs, people explaining the genre history, a trend of turning popular songs into shanties, and at least one club-banger "Wellerman" remix.

Community Calendar

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

Monday

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in room 106 at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

PORTLAND EVENING

OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

munity Center.

WEST JAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUP — Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will begin at 11 a.m. Euchre begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 donation for center's expenses. For more information, call (765) 768-1544.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 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

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

7	3	8	5	4	9	6	1	2
1	9	5	3	2	6	4	7	8
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9	4	2	6	3	8	1	5	7
3	6	7	2	5	1	9	8	4
6	5	3	8	1	2	7	4	9
8	7	4	9	6	3	5	2	1
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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

Swiss Village

Now Seeking:
Vice President of Healthcare Services

Swiss Village, Inc., a premier, top-quality, not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community related to the local Mennonite Church Congregation, is seeking a progressive, engaged, and compassionate individual to fill the role of Vice President of Healthcare Services. The successful candidate will possess an Indiana Health Facility Administrator license or be immediately qualified to transfer from a reciprocal State and will serve as the Administrator of Record for the Nursing Center. The successful candidate will possess a Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration or a related field, with a Master's-level preferred, plus at least five years of successful management experience at a similar operation in a similar role. The successful candidate will also possess an in-depth knowledge of CMS, State, and Life Safety regulatory guidelines.

The successful candidate will join an actively engaged 7-member Senior Leadership Team and will be offered an attractive salary and benefit program.

Swiss Village, Inc. is home to over 300 happy and content residents who are currently served by over 350 engaged, dynamic, and caring employee team members. More information about Swiss Village, Inc. can be found at www.swissvillage.org.

Interested qualified candidates, please submit a Cover Letter and Resume to:

Swiss Village, Inc.
Taylor Lehman, VP of HR Management
1350 West Main St., Berne, IN 46711
Or: taylorl@swissvillage.org

Sheriff's Department will be taking applications for the following positions

- Full time Merit Deputy
- Full & Part time Correction Offices
- Part time Dispatcher

Will be accepting applications until 1/22/21

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools

Jan. 11-15

Monday: Main Entrees: Sloppy Joes Alternate Entrees: Pancake fun lunch, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Oven baked curly fries
Tuesday: Main Entrees: Fajita style chicken, Soft flour tortilla, shredded cheese, salsa Alternate Entrees: Apple cinnamon muffin fun lunch, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Seasoned corn
Wednesday: Main Entrees: Meatballs in zest marinara with spaghetti Alternate Entrees: Pancake fun lunch, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Savory green beans
Thursday: Main Entrees: Breaded chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, whole grain dinner roll, chicken gravy Alternate Entrees: Apple cinnamon muffin fun lunch, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Rainbow veggie medley
Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza Alternate Entrees: Pancake fun lunch, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Savory green beans

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Oath was broken; it's time to resign

There's been a lot of talk about the Constitution in the last couple of weeks.

So, let's talk about the Constitution.

Here's what it says about the counting of electoral votes:

"The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted;—The person having the greatest Number of votes for President, shall be the President ..."

The president of the Senate, currently Vice President Mike Pence, counts the electoral votes. Whoever has the most shall be president.

That's what the Constitution says.

It was true in 2000, 2004 and 2016 when Republicans were

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elected. It was true in 2008, 2012 and 2020 when Democrats were elected. Barring an amendment, it will be true when the next Republican is elected, the next Democrat is elected and if a Libertarian, Green Party member, independent or anyone else is elected.

There is certainly nothing Constitutional about forcibly breaking into the U.S. Capitol in an attempt to stop the vice president from counting those votes.

House minority leader Kevin

McCarthy, a Republican who later voted against the second impeachment of President Donald Trump, referred to the Jan. 6 riot as criminal and "un-American," the exact word we used last week.

To support the riot is to stand against the Constitution. Unfortunately, that's what one of our local elected officials chose to do.

On Jan. 6, as the U.S. Capitol was being attacked, Jay School Board member Chris Snow said this:

"Rebelling against tyranny is what America was built on. I applaud the Patriots who stormed the Capitol to stand against tyranny and for the Constitution."

Perhaps Snow wasn't paying attention in his history classes when he was a student in Jay

Schools. Perhaps he simply didn't understand.

But his recollection of history is incorrect.

The issue at hand at the time of the American Revolution was taxation (and other government action) without representation. American colonists at that time were not represented in the British parliament and therefore had no say about the taxes that were being levied on them.

What happened last week was not an uprising against tyranny.

It was, in fact, an effort to overthrow the will of the electorate.

It was not standing up for the Constitution. It was an effort to overthrow it.

Snow's comments are the antithesis of what we should expect from our leaders.

They're not cute.

They're not funny.

They're not meaningless commentary meant to rile up other Facebook users.

They are false.

They are irresponsible.

They are wrong.

Each school board member takes an oath of office. Part of that oath is to "support the Constitution of the United States of America."

With his comments last week, Snow broke that oath.

For that reason, we are calling for his resignation.

To be clear, Chris, the actions of those who stormed the U.S. Capitol last week were not patriotic.

Neither was your support of those actions.

You have broken your oath.

You should resign. — R.C.

Economic impact has been mixed

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The coronavirus pandemic inflicted sustained pain and hardship on too many for too long. The effect on our economy, however, is mixed.

The shock to the economy occurred in March and April of 2020. In the United States, 24.7 million lost their jobs. Of these, 16.3 million (66%) were added to the numbers unemployed and 8.4 million left the labor force.

During this recovery, through November 2020, 16.9 million have found new jobs or returned to previous positions. The number unemployed declined by 12.2 million, and 4.6 million have come back into the labor force. (Don't fret about the rounding problem with the numbers.)

This partial recovery leaves us 7.8 million shy of the February employment numbers, distributed as 4 million unemployed and 3.8 million out of the labor force.

The recovery since May 2020 saw consumers spending their dollars, and the dollars made available from the federal government, at retail places other than restaurants and bars. And spend they did.

The Census Bureau now provides monthly retail sales data for states. In September 2020, the nation's retail stores (non-store retailers are excluded) recorded sales 7.9% above the same month in 2019. For Indiana, retail sales were up 8.7% (18th best among the states).

Despite these good retail sales, Indiana's general retail sales tax collections have seen a feeble recovery. From April through October 2020, these revenues ran just 0.1 percent ahead of the same period in 2019.

Other Indiana sales tax receipts reveal how consumers adjusted to changing conditions. Alcohol sales tax receipts, April through September, were up 22% from a year earlier. Tobacco sales taxes rose 4%. These contrast with motor fuel tax receipts, down by 13% as both gasoline prices and the number of miles driven declined.

To this stew of business data, the Census Bureau now adds a new collection of observa-

Eye on the Pie



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tions from "small" businesses (500 or fewer employees). The Bureau asked "Overall, how has this business been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic?" Hoosier firms were a bit less negative than those nationally. On a scale from plus-one (large positive effect) to minus-one (large negative effect), Indiana's small businesses offered a value of minus-0.43 with the U.S. figure registered at minus-0.48. Both were on the positive side of a moderate negative rating, if you can figure out what that means.

Financial stress was scored as minus-0.30 and minus-0.31 for the U.S. and Indiana, respectively. Operational challenges, including supply disruptions and working arrangements for employees, were scored similarly at minus-0.22 and minus-0.23, for the U.S. and Indiana, respectively.

How much longer will recovery take? Answers to this experimental Census survey, for both the nation and Indiana, were in the range of four to five months.

Data always trail events. Opinions and forecasts most frequently don't match up with reality. In our complex world, there are many different realities.

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US Troops Stationed Inside the Capitol



Can we agree to disagree?

By JERRY DAVICH
Post-Tribune (Merrillville)

Come on people, wake up. Stop behaving like sheep or lemmings. Stop believing everything you're told. Start thinking for yourself. Start doing your own research on what's going on in our country. Our united states are in chaos on the verge of anarchy.

Oh wait, which viewpoint am I talking about, from the left or from the right? As a liberal or a conservative? Pro-Trump or anti-Trump? Ah, and there's the rub.

Each side believes they're speaking truth to power. Each side is convinced they are fighting the good fight to rescue our country during these horrific times. Everyone insists that the other side is delusional or blind or wrong. And anyone who doesn't align with their truths is a traitor or an idiot or a treacherous threat to the nation's future.

"I think you have sold your soul to the communist Democratic Party," a reader told me in response to my Tuesday column on Vice President Mike Pence. "Biden and Harris and China will be the ruin of this great American country."

She believes this to be 100% true and accurate. She genuinely fears for our country now that President-elect Joe Biden, a former two-term vice president, will again be in the White House. I heard similar fears when President Barack Obama was elected into office, twice.

"Biden and Harris and China" are the new boogymen for tens of millions of Americans who will never be swayed otherwise. I'm not trying to convince them that their concerns are wrong or misguided or unfounded. There's not enough ink in a newspaper or words on a computer.

From the other front, I heard from a reader who's certain that the Jan. 6 protest/riot/coup/insurrection at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., will be the "ruin of this great nation." On Tuesday she pointed out that the FBI is warning of plans for armed protests at all 50 state capitals in the days leading up to Biden's inauguration.

"January 6 will be nothing com-

pared to January 20," she said. "And it's all coming from right-wing radicals, like the mob that invaded the Capitol building."

She believes this to be 100% true and accurate. Sound familiar?

I had a text exchange with another reader, a loyal Trump supporter who attended the Jan. 6 rally in Washington, D.C., but not the assault of the U.S. Capitol afterward.

"I am proud that I went," he told me. "It was a proud moment in our history."

He describes Trump as the "law-and-order president" who always chooses "America first."

"It means everything to me," he said. "President Trump is not the most diplomatic when it comes to relating to people, but his policies are spot on with me."

This is yet another side in this battle among Americans who feel caught in the middle between the radical left and radical right — people who endorse Trump's policies more than Trump the man. Our president will be out of office next week. His policy stances will remain in people's hearts and minds for years to come, throughout the Biden/Harris administration and beyond.

Politics, to me, is one big "poker tell" when it comes to other people. Without me having to ask a lot of probing questions about their philosophical beliefs and core values in life, they tip their hand by sharing their political views. All I have to do is listen and nod.

The challenge is to not use their poker tells against them. For most of us, our politics don't define us. Or it shouldn't anyway. There are so many other aspects of our lives that can define us. What kind of parents are we? What kind of workers? Are we honest? Trustworthy? Compassion-

Jerry Davich



ate? Loving? Open-minded? Virtuous?

Any "healing" that takes place among us will not begin until after we shut up and start listening. Even for a few minutes. I'm not convinced we can even do this, let alone begin to bridge our sharp differences. Still, at some point seeking truth is speaking truth.

My nature is to look at the bigger picture as the political pendulum begins swinging back in the opposite direction, this time from right to left, from conservative to liberal, from Trump to Biden. I had the same reaction when that pendulum swung hard to the right on election night 2016.

"Everything is upside down right now when it comes to what is politically correct," that Trump supporter told me. "It's a hate culture. It's sad how people can't talk out their differences in beliefs now."

After I countered his political beliefs with my own beliefs, his reply should be used as a textbook example how many of us should behave in such situations.

"Agree to disagree," he said.

This is it. These three words. This compromise or negotiation or agreement — call it whatever you want — can be our saving grace as we witness this volatile transfer of power at the presidential level.

Can we agree to disagree with others who don't share our viewpoint? Is it too late for such civility? I struggle to do this with people who insist on name-calling or insolence or by showing their radicalized views in my face at every opportunity.

"I imagine if we just listened to each other for a few minutes with an open mind, we could understand each other a little better; instead of blindly throwing insults at each other," commented Tom K. on a Facebook post of mine about this topic.

Can we listen to each other at the peak of this political crisis in our country? Can we stand back from our myopic viewpoints and stand by while someone else shares their opinion? It seems an impossibility but we have to start somewhere.

Don't think so? Agree to disagree?

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Meeker's firm leads Ironclad cycle

A Portland native's investment firm is part of a \$100 million financing cycle for a lifecycle management firm.

Mary Meeker's BOND led the financing series that brought investment in Ironclad to a total of \$183 million. The company digitizes contracts and related processes, transforming contracts from static documents into the operational data layer of the modern business.

Meeker a Portland native and graduate of Jay County High School, and fellow BOND general partner Mood Rowghani will join Ironclad as board observers.

"Not only is Ironclad's vision well-honed; they have the talent and expertise to execute it," said Rowghani in a press release. "We believe the company will continue to innovate and lead in digital business contracting."

"Our goal isn't just to build incrementally better workflows or better management, but to build the digital contracting standard that will usher in the businesses of tomorrow," said Ironclad CEO and co-founder Jason Boehmig.

Haggenjos joins

Dr. Lee Haggenjos, a Jay County native, has joined the staff of Willmar Lakeland Clinic in Willmar, Minnesota.

Haggenjos, a 2008 graduate of Jay County High School, joined the practice after completing his family medicine residency with the University of Minnesota at North Memorial Hospital. He earned his bachelor's degree in music performance and pre-professional studies from the University of Notre Dame and went on to earn his doctor of medicine degree from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

Business roundup

Ardagh earns A-minus

Ardagh Group has earned a "leadership class" rating from Carbon Disclosure Project, getting an A-minus for both climate change and water management.

Carbon Disclosure Group is a not-for-profit that runs a global disclosure system to manage environmental impacts.

"Ardagh's teams are focussed on driving our sustainability strategy across all its dimensions," said Ardagh chief sustainability officer John Sadtler in a press release. "The ratings from CDP evidence our constant focus on minimizing our environmental footprint. While doing so, we actively support our customers in their own sustainability activities."

Reinhard promoted

Jessica Reinhard has been promoted to volunteer coordinator at Swiss Village Retirement Community in Berne.

Reinhard will become a part of the Swiss Village management team and serve as executive assistant and volunteer coordinator. She has been its executive assistant since 2017.

A South Adams High School graduate, she earned a bachelor's degree in business from International Business College.

"Jessica has become one of the biggest cheerleaders for Swiss Village," said Swiss Village president and CEO Rod Mason in a press release. "She always works with a big smile on her face and passionately talks up Swiss Vil-

lage. ... We thank Jessica for her willingness to take this new challenge ... and are excited about the energy and positivity she will add to this program."

New PAs added

Mercer Health Medical Group recently announced that Marisa Spoltman is accepting new patients and Courtney Albers has joined its long-term care team.

Spoltman, a physician assistant, is now providing primary care for Mercer Health at Celina Pro. Albers, also a physician assistant, will be based in long-term care facilities and work with Dr. Philip Masser.

Mercer Health Medical Group medical care in Mercer and Auglaize counties, including an office in Fort Recovery.

DG to pay for vaccine

Dollar General announced this week that it will pay its workers to get the coronavirus vaccine.

The company said employees will receive four hours of pay for receiving the vaccine. The goal is to curb the spread of the virus and alleviate customer safety concerns about shopping in stores.

"We do not want our employees to have to choose between receiving a vaccine or coming to work, so we are working to remove barriers," Dollar General said in a press release. "We understand the decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccination is a personal choice, and although we are encouraging employees to take it, we are not requiring them to do so."

Shutting down

The Courier Journal of Louisville, Kentucky, will be stopping its presses.

The newspaper's printing and

packaging facility will close permanently in March, according to officials with Gannett, which owns the Courier Journal. Printing and other production operations will be split between Gannett-owned newspapers in Knoxville, Tennessee, and Indianapolis, the Courier Journal reported.

The move will result in the loss of 102 jobs, Gannett officials said. The Courier Journal's advertising and news teams will remain in Louisville. The March 9 edition of the paper will be the last to be printed in the city.

Lilly commits

Eli Lilly has pledged additional money as part of an effort to support minority-owned business.

Lilly announced this week that it will add \$30 million to the Unseen Capital Health Fund, a venture fund that invests in early-stage minority-owned healthcare companies.

"The pandemic has reinforced our understanding that there is unequal treatment and unequal access to healthcare in underserved communities, made worse by a lack of financial investment for the promising ideas that rise up from within these communities," said Lilly CFO Joshua Smiley in a release.

IU launches

Indiana University has launched its Academic Accelerator program.

The program is designed to promote the development of new high-tech ventures. It was launched in partnership with the National Security Innovation Network, a U.S. Department of Defense program, and Eccalon, a research and technology firm.

"In February, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb set a goal to triple federal defense investment in the

state," IU vice president for government relations and economic engagement Bill Stephan said. "By partnering with NSIN and Eccalon to launch the Academic Accelerator program, Indiana University is growing the state's innovation economy, strengthening its connection to defense partners and ensuring that it continues to produce a strong pipeline of technology startups."

Walmart delivering

Walmart announced this week that it will begin a pilot project to deliver groceries to temperature-controlled boxes.

The company will launch the program in Arkansas with customers able to get food delivered to the HomeValet-powered smart boxes placed at their home. The goal is to provide "secure, contactless deliveries with the peace of mind knowing their grocery items will stay fresh."

CVS partnering

CVS Health announced Tuesday that it is partnering with Cancer Treatment Centers of America to increase access to chemotherapy at home.

The companies are working on the project in part to minimize patient exposure to COVID-19 during hospital visits.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has created new challenges for immunocompromised patients with cancer looking for ways to safely continue their care, while minimizing their exposure to the virus," said CVS chief medical officer Dr. Sree Chaguturu. "This collaborative arrangement with Cancer Treatment Centers of America allows us to combine our unique expertise in home infusion and clinical oncology to help more patients access treatment from the safety of their home."



Photo provided

Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$1,000 to A Better Life - Brianna's Hope. Pictured, from left, are Tracy Carpenter and Angela Paxson of First Bank of Berne and Randy Davis, found of A Better Life - Brianna's Hope.

Emissions go up, gas mileage down

DETROIT (AP) — A new government report says gas mileage for new vehicles dropped and pollution increased in model year 2019 for the first time in five years.

The mileage decrease comes as Americans continue to buy SUVs and trucks, and shift away from more efficient vehicles.

The Environmental Protection Agency says the changes show that few automakers could meet what it called unrealistic emissions and mileage standards set by the Obama administration through the 2020 model year.

But environmental

groups say that automakers used loopholes and stopped marketing fuel-efficient cars and electric vehicles knowing that the Trump administration was about to roll back mileage and pollution standards.

The EPA report released Wednesday says gas mileage fell 0.2 miles per gallon for model year 2019, while greenhouse gas emissions rose by 3 grams per mile traveled, compared with 2018 figures. Mileage fell and pollution increased for the first time since 2014.

Mileage dropped to 24.9 miles per gallon while greenhouse gas emissions rose to 356 grams per mile.

Amazon faces unionization

By JAY GREENE

The Washington Post

SEATTLE — Amazon will face its first union vote on U.S. soil in seven years on Feb. 8, when ballots will be mailed to warehouse workers in Bessemer, Alabama, for an election that could emerge as a major labor battle at one of the country's largest employers.

A National Labor Relations Board hearing officer ruled Friday that roughly 6,000 workers at the facility will have seven weeks to cast their ballots to be represented by the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. The decision granted the union's request to hold the balloting entirely by mail, over the objections of Amazon, which wanted in-person voting.

The vote alone is a massive turn at a company that has long opposed the

unionization of its U.S. workforce. Now, Amazon and the union will likely engage in a pitched battle to win over the workforce at a warehouse that only opened last spring.

Moreover, the election itself is one of the largest labor fights among private U.S. employers in recent history. Union votes more typically cover dozens, if not hundreds, of workers. One of the largest elections in recent years was a successful drive by teaching and research assistants at Harvard University to join the United Auto Workers two years ago. About 3,500 workers voted in an election in which more than 5,000 students were eligible.

The RWDSU, which filed a petition with the NLRB to hold the Amazon unionization vote in November, will need to win a majority of voters cast in the balloting, not a majority of the bargaining unit itself.

Building permits

Jay Portland Building and Planning issued building permits to the following individuals in October:

State offices for \$7,879 in business signs at 1314 N. Meridian St., Portland

Sue Smith of Craven Energy and Nutrition for \$465 in business signs at 1510 N. Meridian St., Unit B, Portland.

Steve Schlechty for a \$6,000 pool at 510 W. 300 North, Portland

Rick and Sue Lee for a \$5,000 porch roof at 1121 S. Bridge St., Portland.

Dwayne Muhlenkamp for a \$4,500 deck with roof at 920 S. Vine St., Portland.

Mike Nehry for a \$9,000 storage building at 814 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Permits were also issued

to each of the following for

Portland; John and Christy Moore (\$100), 615 E. Main St., Portland; Ryan Myers (\$2,000), 824 W. Race St., Portland; and Christopher and Jennifer Nibarger (\$300), 409 W. Main St., Portland.

Permits issued in November included:

Rollin J Lanes for a \$5,000 interior renovation at 1616 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Steve Reitz for a \$800 building addition at 6275 N. 550 East.

Eric Trobridge for a \$3,000 building addition at 114 Jack Imel Ave., Portland.

Allen Haines for an \$800 storage building addition at 1007 W. Walnut St., Portland

Pamela Ballard for a \$9,000 pond at 7854 E. Fort

Recovery Road.

Permits were also issued to each of the following for storage buildings: Jeremiah Landers (\$1,000), 9464 W. Indiana 26; Merrett Bye (\$5,000), 1207 W. Arch St., Portland; Michael and Norma Bowen (\$5,000), 4889 W. Indiana 26; Greg Shreeve (\$6,000), 5750 E. North St., Salamonia; and Mike Slusser (\$4,739), 6501 E. 200 North, Portland.

Permits issued in December included:

Community and Family Services for a \$2,500 interior remodel at 1205 N. Meridian St., Portland.

David Haines for a \$250 breezeway at 775 S. Jean Drive, Portland.

Joseph RB Hilty for a \$2,000 storage building at 1589 W. 550 North.

Alice Franks for a \$4,000 storage building at 1225 W. Main St., Portland.

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S C N U O D E C V F K O P S T H D T O K U

Y C S Y U D G: "Y R Z K P H D T W D T T R ."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THERE WERE A WATERING HOLE WHERE CAWING BLACK BIRDS MET FOR DRINKS, IT MIGHT BE A CROW BAR.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Y

CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!
Solve the code to discover words related to gifting. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = E)

GIFT GIVING WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Trivial Review
Inaugural instances
1) Who was the only President of the United States to serve two non-consecutive terms?
2) Which President of the United States gave the shortest inaugural address?

1-18 CRYPTOQUIP

X H K K - M A J X A N J L E N R N B J Z
X V J R K X R D Y K E M H Y B J
O J Z B Z R D L R S O V D Y E N E Y B Y

J A - Y N Z H H A : R B J L Y R A S K H Z .
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WEIRD FANTASY MOVIE CONCERNING A GIRL'S RELATIVE WHO TURNS INTO A MERMAID: "MY COUSIN FINNY."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals Y

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to gifts.
B N I R S B O

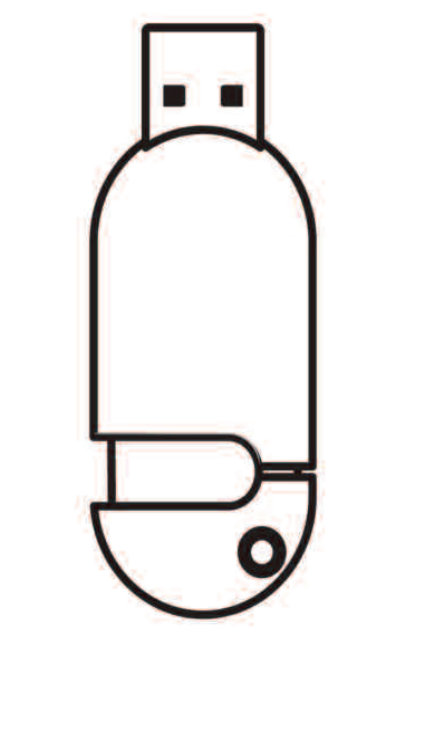
Guess Who?
I am an actor born in Australia on January 13, 1990. Before I became an actor I worked in construction. I made my big screen debut in 2009, and I was in the popular "Hunger Games" trilogy.

kids' corner
Illustration of a child's desk with a laptop, calculator, and books.

SCIENCE FACT!
THIS TYPE OF MEMORY ALLOWS A COMPUTER TO READ DATA QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY AND TO RUN APPLICATIONS EASILY.

How they say that in...
ENGLISH: Keyboard
SPANISH: Teclado
ITALIAN: Tastiera
FRENCH: Clavier
GERMAN: Tastatur

Creative Coloring
Celebrate cleaning up a computer. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1776: THOMAS PAINE'S 'COMMON SENSE,' A PAMPHLET, WHICH PUSHED FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, IS PUBLISHED.
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New word
DATA
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Did you know?
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GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is? ANSWER: HEADPHONES

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 40 Train lines call
42 Land measure
43 Sports-caster
44 Paintings by artist
46 Rotating part
47 Holiday quaff
49 Saudi neighbor
51 Ritz beach city
52 Stickup jobs
53 Feel
Solution time: 26 mins.

Crossword grid with numbers 1-54.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠5, ♥A J 7 3 2, ♦A 7 4 3, ♣Q 4 3
WEST: ♠Q 8, ♥K Q 10 5, ♦Q 10 8 6, ♣A 7 5
SOUTH: ♠A K J 10 7 4 2, ♥—, ♦K J 9 2, ♣K 2
The bidding: South 1♣, West Pass, North 2♥, East Pass, South 3♠, West Pass, North 3NT, East Pass, South 4♠.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Ingenuity
East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠9 6 4 3, ♥10 5 4, ♦10 9 7, ♣A 3 2
WEST: ♠K Q J 10 2, ♥J 9 6, ♦K 5 3, ♣10 8
SOUTH: ♠A, ♥A K Q 3, ♦A Q 6, ♣Q 7 6 5 4
The bidding: East 1♣, South Pass, West 1♠, North Pass, East 2♣, South 3♥, West Pass, North 3NT, East Pass, South 4♣.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 44 Indy circuits
46 Ambition
50 Mexican entree
53 "Eureka!"
55 "Frozen" snow queen
56 Cabbage salad
57 Convent dweller
58 Tibetan herd
59 Regarding
60 Perch
61 D.C. baseballer
4 Mentalist Geller
5 Rani's dress
6 Japanese seaport
7 "Beloved" actress who played Annie Lee Cooper in "Selma"
8 — Paulo, Brazil
9 Cover
10 Hosp. areas
12 "Interstellar" actor who played Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in "Selma"
19 Vintage
21 Greek H
23 Long, skinny fish
25 Sunrise direction
26 Boy, in Barcelona
27 Envelope abbr.
28 Mardi —
29 Riga native
30 Initial chip
31 Homer's neighbor
35 Deity
38 Madrid Mrs.
40 Marry
42 Bridges
45 Feng —
47 Flair
48 "May I — favor?"
49 Sail support
50 Airport screening org.
51 Gore and Pacino
52 Garfield, for one
54 Hill dweller

Crossword grid with numbers 1-61.

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But Jay County scored the last 10 points of the game. Jay County's defense limited Boots, who was averaging more than 16 points per game, to just 11, all but two of which came before half-time. The Patriots forced her teammates to shoot, and Bluffton was 2-of-17 (11.8%) from the field in the final 16 minutes and 8-of-49 (20%) on the night.

"We went to a triangle-and-two," Comer said of the defensive switch in the second half, putting Aubrie Schwieterman on Boots and doubling 6-foot, 2-inch Zoe Barger with Madison Dirksen and Gabi Bilbrey. "We wanted other girls to shoot it and other girls shot it. We were just playing the percentages and the percentages weren't that good with some of the other (shooters).

"We got the ones we wanted to shoot the ball in the positions that we wanted them to shoot it. I thought defensively we did a really good job the second half."

Dirksen, who picked up her fourth foul early in the fourth quarter, led all players with 12 points. Renna Schwieterman chipped in nine points, and Sophie Saxman had four second-half points.

Tonight's championship game will be a rematch of a Dec. 11 tilt Jay County won 46-41 in Portland. The Patriots will be playing in the tournament final for the sixth time since joining the conference seven years ago, and will be vying for its fifth title in that span.

Adams Central, meanwhile, will be looking for its first tournament crown since 2003.

"We struggled with them the first time,"



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Jay County High School sophomore Renna Schwieterman lifts a layup after slicing through Bluffton defenders Monroe Heller (23) and Zoe Barger during the second half of the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament semifinal on Friday at Bluffton. Schwieterman finished with nine points in the Patriots 38-21 victory. Jay County advances to the championship game at 7 p.m. tonight against Adams Central at South Adams.

Comer said. "We'd love to have another shot at them and I'm sure they're

Falcons choose Smith

By CHARLES ODUM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons have chosen offense and youth as the calling cards of their new coach.

Atlanta agreed to terms with Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator Arthur Smith on Friday to become the team's head coach.

Smith, only 38, has no experience as a head coach.

The Falcons' last full-time hire, Dan Quinn, had a background as a defensive assistant. He was fired following an 0-5 start in his sixth season with the team, and Raheem Morris completed the 4-12 season as interim coach.

Smith held a virtual interview with the team Monday, and he also interviewed with the New York Jets and Detroit Lions. The Jets reached an agreement with Robert Saleh on Thursday night to be their coach.

Smith has served on Tennessee's staff for 10 seasons, including two as offensive coordinator. The Titans finished this season tied for second in the NFL in total yards.

Under Smith's leadership, the Titans finished behind only Kansas City in total offense with 396.4 yards. They had the NFL's second-best rushing offense as Derrick Henry became only the eighth back to rush for at least 2,000 yards.

Atlanta's choice of Smith was applauded by Titans wide receiver A.J. Brown, who said on his Twitter account: "Held me accountable from day 1. Always trying to improve. Atlanta got a good one."

Tennessee coach Mike Vrabel congratulated Smith in a statement released by the Titans.

Box score			
Jay County Patriots at Bluffton Tigers			
Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament			
Semifinal			
Girls varsity summary			
Jay County (13-3)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
ASchwtrmn	0-1	0-0	0
Bilbrey	1-3	0-0	2
Rodgers	4-8	3-3	11
RSchwtrmn	3-10	3-4	9
MDirksen	4-7	3-5	12
SSaxman	2-3	0-1	4
BDirksen	0-0	0-0	0
Muhinkmp	0-0	0-0	0
Fields	0-0	0-2	0
Claytor	0-0	0-0	0
Mumbower	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	14-32	9-15	38
	.438	.600	
Bluffton (9-8)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Kitt	0-0	0-0	0
Heller	0-7	0-0	0
Lehrman	0-6	2-2	2
Boots	4-13	3-3	11
Barger	3-6	0-0	6
Vineyard	0-3	0-0	0
Johnson	1-2	0-0	2
Gibson	0-3	0-0	0
Totals	8-40	5-5	21
	.200	.100	
Score by quarters:			
Jay Co.	7	13	6
Bluffton	6	9	4
	12	38	
	2	21	
3-point shooting: Jay County 1-7 (MDirksen 1-2, Rodgers 0-3, ASchwierman 0-1, RSchwierman 0-1). Bluffton 0-11 (Heller 0-6, Lehrman 0-3, Boots 0-2).			
Rebounds: Jay County 27 (RSchwierman 9, Bilbrey 5, Rodgers 4, MDirksen 4, SSaxman 2, team 2, Claytor). Bluffton 27 (Lehrman 8, Boots 6, team 5, Barger 4, Kitt, Heller, Vineyard, Johnson).			
Assists: Jay County 9 (RSchwierman 5, Rodgers 3, MDirksen). Bluffton 4 (Boots 2, Kitt, Lehrman).			
Blocks: Jay County 5 (MDirksen 4, ASchwierman). Bluffton 1 (Barger).			
Personal fouls: Jay County 11 (MDirksen 4, RSchwierman 3, ASchwierman 2, Rodgers 2). Bluffton 18 (Lehrman 5, Kitt 3, Heller 3, Barger 3, Boots 2, Gibson 2).			
Turnovers: Jay County 14. Bluffton 11.			

Fort falls to Flyers

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — The Indians saw their halftime lead disappear after the third quarter.

Then the Flyers held them at bay down the stretch.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team lost a narrow halftime advantage and wasn't able to catch up in a 42-41 Midwest Athletic Conference loss to the host Marion Local Flyers on Friday night.

The Indians (6-6, 2-1 MAC) raced out to an 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter only to have that diminish to just 19-18 at intermission. The Flyers (8-5, 2-1 MAC)

created a bit of separation with a 10-7 edge in the third quarter to lead 28-26. The Indians weren't able to get over the hump in the final eight minutes and suffered their second consecutive loss.

Owen Jutte of Fort Recovery hit a 3-pointer in each quarter on his way to a game-high 14 points.

Derek Jutte was second for the Indians with nine points. Brian Bihn contributed six points and Gavin Thobe put in five points.

Alex Eyink led the Flyers with 14 points, and Charles Huelsman joined him in double figures with 10 points.

'Dons top Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jarred Godfrey had 23 points and 10 rebounds as Purdue Fort Wayne beat Milwaukee 81-72 on Friday night.

Dylan Carl had 12 points for Purdue Fort

Wayne (5-5, 4-5 Horizon League). Deonte Billups had 8 points and 10 rebounds. Jalon Pipkins added six rebounds.

DeAndre Gholston had 16 points for the Panthers (5-3, 4-2). Josh Thomas

added 13 points. Tafari Simms had 10 points.

Te'Jon Lucas, the Panthers' leading scorer coming into the contest at 14 points per game, had 5 points on 1-of-11 shooting.

Finals ...

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She then suffered a pin in 2:01 to No. 4 Tay Coatie of Carmel in the third-place match.

Dollar, who had been the state runner-up each of the last two years, dropped her semifinal bout by a tight 2-1 decision to fourth-ranked Kylie Smith-Foster of Greenfield. She went on to lose her third-

place match to No. 5 Adriana Sanchez of Purdue Polytechnic by a 5-3 decision.

Freshman Mollie Hines advanced through the first round thanks to a forfeit by Centerville's second-ranked Hannah Stapleton. She then lost by pins in 1:33 and 1:20 to Delta's No. 3 Kelsey Temple and Cloverdale's No. 7 Kadawn Gao, respectively.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball ACAC tournament final vs. Adams Central — 7 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Tri Invitational — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Belmont Quad — 9:30 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Crestview — noon; Boys basketball at Wapakoneta — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Celina — 10 a.m.

Monday
Fort Recovery vs. Freshman boys basketball at St. Henry — 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Norwell — 6 p.m.; Swimming at Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Wapakoneta — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Blackford — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.; Swimming at Delta — 5:30 p.m. Eighth grade girls basketball vs. St. Henry — 5:30 p.m.

TV schedule
Today
Noon — Men's College Basketball:

Georgetown at Providence (FS1); Nebraska at Maryland (BTN); North Carolina at Florida State (ESPN); Georgia at Ole Miss (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: San Diego State at Utah State (CBS)

2 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Michigan at Minnesota (ESPN2); Marquette at St. John's (FS1); Kentucky at Auburn (ESPN)

4 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Baylor at Texas Tech (ESPN); Creighton at Butler (FS1); Florida at Mississippi State (ESPN2)

4:35 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Divisional Round — Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay Packers (FOX)

6 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Virginia at Clemson (ESPN)

8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Gonzaga at Saint Mary's (ESPN); Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)

8:15 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Divisional Round — Baltimore Ravens at Buffalo Bills (NBC)

10 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Arizona at Oregon (ESPN); BYU at San Francisco (ESPN2)

Sunday
3:05 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Divisional

Round — Cleveland Browns at Kansas City Chiefs (CBS)

5 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Northern Iowa at Loyola Chicago (ESPN)

6:40 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Divisional Round — Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New Orleans Saints (FOX)

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Los Angeles Clippers (FSN)

Monday
5 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: St. John's at UConn (FS1)

5 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Memphis Grizzlies (TNT)

7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Florida State at Louisville (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Brooklyn Nets (TNT)

9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Kansas at Baylor (ESPN)

9:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: New Mexico at UNLV (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

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Sports

Wait for it ...

JCHS milks clock, then pull away from Tigers for berth in conference tournament title game

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review
BLUFFTON — Clinging to just a three-point lead with three starters in foul trouble, Patriot coach Kirk Comer made a gutsy call.

Needing to shorten the game, he instructed his team to stay back and not attack the rim.

More than three minutes ran off the clock before they got into their offense.

Then they ran past the Tigers the rest of the way.

Jay County High School's girls basketball team averted more foul trouble and outscored the Bluffton Tigers 18-6 in the final two quarters for a 38-21 victory in the Allen County Athletic Conference semifinal on Friday night.

"We came out and we were flat in the first half," said Comer, whose Patriot team advances to the tournament championship against Adams Central, which knocked off South Adams 53-19 in Berne on Friday night. The final is slated for 7 p.m. tonight at South Adams' Stardome.

"We felt like the first half we had to get the game in an up-tempo game so we didn't have to set up our offense because we struggled against their zone last time," Comer continued, alluding to the Patriots 49-31 win just seven days earlier. "We weren't able to do that and then we got in foul trouble. That's why you saw us hold the ball for a while because we had

three of our better players with two fouls. If we could shorten the game then we knew we had a better chance of having them in there at the end."

Jay County (13-3) led 20-15 at halftime after being out front 7-6 at the end of the first. Bluffton (9-8) struck first in the second half as Natalie Lehrman made a pair of free throws to cut the deficit to three points just 39 seconds into the third quarter.

Then Izzy Rodgers dribbled the ball for more than two minutes while standing still just inside mid court with her teammates spread across the front court and Bluffton packing its zone defense inside the 3-point line.

Rodgers passed to Renna Schwieterman to the right, and another minute ticked away.

Comer finally called timeout after 3 minutes, 30 seconds, had come off the clock. Then the Patriots scored six straight to get on top 26-17.

The coach said he didn't mind taking the risk with such a narrow lead and so much time left to play.

"If we picked up some fouls then we're in a position where we're putting freshmen in there at the end of the game," he said. "Although they did a great job tonight, I don't really want to put them in there in that situation."

Rodgers, who ended with 11 points, scored on a fast break early in the fourth to make it 28-19, and then Emme Boots had a steal and a quick bucket of her own to bring Bluffton back within seven with slightly less than seven minutes to play.

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Gabi Bilbrey, a Jay County High School sophomore, defends a shot attempt from Bluffton's Emme Boots during the second quarter of the Allen County Athletic Conference semifinal on Friday at Bluffton. Bilbrey and the Patriot defense allowed just six points in the second half of a 38-21 victory.

Ison 3rd at state finals

All Patriots finish in the top 4

ARCADIA — Tricia Ison became just the second Patriot to win a regional title.

On Friday, she was the team's top finisher at the state tournament.

Ison, a Jay County High School junior, split her two contested matches at the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state finals at Hamilton Heights to place third at 170 pounds.

All four Patriot wrestlers who competed at the state finals finished in the top four.

Ison, who won the 170-pound title at last weekend's regional at Maconaquah and came into the state finals ranked third, moved automatically to the semifinals because there were only seven competitors in her state bracket. She dropped her first match of the evening to Northview's Mercedes Tellechea by pin in 5 minutes, 2 seconds.

She bounced back from the defeat to win the third-place match, pinning Penn's Madison Hazeltine in 2:39.

Lizzie Dollar, also a junior, and senior Lita Chowning each won their opening round matches with pins. The second-ranked Dollar pinned Frankfort's Eryka Pillion in 5:20 while Chowning, ranked eighth, finished off fifth-ranked Jasmine Hermosillo of Decatur Central in 5 minutes even.

They both dropped their next two matches.

Chowning's semifinal loss came by pin in 2:17 to eventual state champion Catie Campbell of North Montgomery.

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