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## Bridging the gap

### South Adams Trails takes latest step in long-term project

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Two restored 1890s bridges have been installed across the Wabash River north of Geneva.

With a price tag north of \$3.36 million, the restoration took more than a decade of fundraising to complete. But it's only phase one in a two-step plan to connect Geneva and Berne with a walking and biking trail.

Adams County residents created the nonprofit South Adams Trails about 13 years ago to begin fundraising for the project.

"We looked at what's happened in other communities that really focused on trail development, like Fort Wayne is a good example," said South Adams Trails committee president Randy Lehman, explaining that Fort Wayne pedestrian trails are used frequently. He added that trails have become more important in recent years and that trails generate more foot traffic for businesses nearby.

"It's an economic boom for rural communities, just like highways used to be, just like the interstate used to be," Lehman continued.

The two iron bridges were installed over the Wabash River in November and December. One, the old Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad bridge, once was used by freight and passenger trains, counting author and naturalist Gene Stratton-Porter as a rider. It has been sitting unused and partially dismantled for years. The other bridge sat across the St. Mary's River in Decatur near the Bunge Corporation.

The process for restoration included disassembling the bridge parts and shipping them to a company in Pierceton, Indiana. After committee members discovered the total cost, it took almost 10 years to raise the funding.

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Crews from PRIMCO Construction Company install the restored and refurbished 1890s Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad bridge over the Wabash River north of Geneva. It joined another 1890s bridge that was installed in November. The bridges are part of an ongoing South Adams Trails project that will eventually connect the Rainbow Lake area to Lehman Park in Berne.

## Indiana session nearing midpoint

### Holdman measures pass through Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee

By RILEY EUBANKS

The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — The end of the first half of the state legislative session is looming.

And unlike the Super Bowl, the second half is expected to be just as consequential.

"It's kind of exciting we're about halfway done here," State Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle) said near the end of the Senate's Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee meeting Tuesday. The committee voted to pass seven bills, a majority of which are authored by Holdman, who represents parts of northeast Indiana including Jay County.

In the State House of Representatives, House Bill 1001, which will appropriate the state's more than \$40 billion budget for the next two fiscal years, is expected to be discussed today, with a preliminary vote set for Thursday in the House Ways and Means Committee.

The bill marks a first for State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City) who was assigned to the budget-focused committee this session. Prescott represents Jay and Randolph counties and part of Delaware County.

The budget bill has until Feb. 22 to pass out of the House. It will then go to the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which Holdman is a member.

The deadline for Senate Bills to be passed and sent to the House is Feb. 23. Holdman is expected to have quite a few bills to send to the House. Meanwhile, Prescott has had one bill referred to the Senate for consideration.

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## Arguments begin today

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER, MARY CLARE JALONICK and JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Opening arguments began today in Donald Trump's impeachment trial after an emotional first day that wrenched senators and the nation back to the deadly Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Trump's attorneys sought to halt the trial on constitutional grounds, but lost that bid on Tuesday. Their arguments were meandering at times, leaving Trump fuming over his lawyers' performance and allies questioning the defense strategy. Some

called for yet another shakeup to his legal team.

House Democratic prosecutors are seeking to link Trump directly to the riot that left five people dead, replaying videos of the rioters trying to stop the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's victory and Trump's statements urging them to fight the election results.

Senators, many of whom fled for safety the day of the attack, watched the graphic videos of the Trump supporters who battled past police to storm the halls, Trump flags waving. More video was expected today, including some that hasn't been seen before.

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## Guard gets started

Chloe Ruiz performs Friday night during the Jay County High School winter guard's parent preview show at East Jay Elementary School. JCHS earned a state berth in competition Saturday at Anderson. The group will compete again this weekend at Westfield.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 21 degrees early Tuesday morning before the mercury dropped throughout the day to a low of 10 just before midnight.

Snow in the forecast for this afternoon is expected to continue tonight with up to 3 inches

of accumulation possible. The low will be 12.

Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with a high of 20. Temperatures are expected to stay in the low 20s or lower through at least Tuesday.

For an extended forecast, see page 2.

### In review

The Dunkirk Foundation is continuing to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The organization is running a "\$50 by 50 people" campaign in an effort to raise funds. Those interested in donating can send a check to The Dunkirk Foundation, P.O. Box 202, Dunkirk, IN 47336.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — An update on the ongoing coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.

**Saturday** — Results from Friday's girls swimming state finals.





# Session ...

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Breaking the norm, the U.S. Census Bureau data isn't expected to be available until the summer, meaning the Indiana General Assembly will be unable to redraw district lines during a normal session as it did in 2011 and 2001.

It was previously expected for redistricting to be discussed in either March or April, prior to the end of the current session. A special session later in the year is expected so redistricting can be finalized for the 2022 elections.

## Bills passed

Four additional bills authored by Holdman are being sent to

the full Senate chamber for a vote.

Senate Bill 364, which would provide oversight of the state department of agriculture and its classification of financial "failures" from grain buyers, was amended and passed out of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee after it was first discussed last week.

An amendment introduced by Holdman changed the bill to provide a timeline for requesting an audit and possible suspension for grain buyers that are financially insolvent.

The other trio of Holdman's bills passed out of committee and on its way to a vote in the

Indiana Senate would do the following:

- Senate Bill 214 would reestablish an affordable and working housing tax credit under the state's payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) tax program.

- Senate Bill 234 redefines payment schedules for payroll processing companies beginning in 2023.

- Senate Bill 257 would require certain state departments to annually report the number of employees improperly classified as independent contractors.

The Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee, which is chaired by Holdman, will meet once more Tuesday morning. The agenda cur-

rently lists three bills authored by Holdman on its docket.

## New bills

Holdman was added as an author to two new bills in recent Senate sessions.

Senate Bill 323, also authored by Sens. Justin Busch (R-Fort Wayne) and Chip Perfect (R-Lawrenceburg), would provide a tax incentive program for music to be recorded in Indiana.

Holdman said he was inspired to hop on the bill while visiting a filming sight for "The Walking Dead" outside of Atlanta. The area is known for a large amount of filming and music production because of

Georgia's tax incentive programs.

"I have never seen an episode of 'The Walking Dead.' But it has been a renaissance of sorts for the community," Holdman said, adding that it pains him to see Indiana has yet to create a program of its own.

Senate Bill 405, originally introduced by Sen. Fady Qaddoura (D-Indianapolis), would allow Indianapolis legislative bodies to establish a wastewater facility improvement district.

Qaddoura, a first-year senator, serves on the Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee with Holdman.

Holdman was added as a sponsor to House Bills 1432 and 1464.

# CR almanac

Thursday 2/11	Friday 2/12	Saturday 2/13	Sunday 2/14	Monday 2/15
<b>20/12</b>	<b>22/14</b>	<b>21/2</b>	<b>9/-4</b>	<b>12/5</b>
Cooler with a 20% chance of snow at night. Otherwise mostly cloudy. 10 to 15 mph winds.	Warmer under mostly cloudy skies with temperatures dipping into the teens at night.	Cooler and mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of snow in the afternoon. Near 0 degrees late.	Mostly cloudy with temperatures plunging well below freezing at night.	President's Day will be warmer with a 40% chance of snow at night.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$42 million	Daily Four: 00-8-2-2 Quick Draw: 1-5-6-8-9-14-21-24-32-36-43-44-47-56-61-63-65-70-72-79 Cash 5: 28-33-36-43-44 Estimated jackpot: \$964,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> 7-18-21-31-40 Mega Ball: 9 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$82 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 0-3-8 Pick 4: 9-8-3-8 Pick 5: 7-9-3-9-9 Evening Pick 3: 4-9-6 Pick 4: 1-7-7-3 Pick 5: 1-9-7-6-5 Rolling Cash: 10-12-19-26-35 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 00-5-7 Daily Four: 4-2-3-4 Quick Draw: 5-10-12-15-21-23-24-27-29-33-38-39-45-55-58-63-70-71-73-77 Evening Daily Three: 7-2-4	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.50 Wheat .....6.04	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.38 March corn .....5.41 Beans .....13.84 March beans .....13.84 Wheat .....6.25 March wheat ..... 6.27
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.57 March corn .....5.54	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.23 March corn .....5.26 Beans .....13.69 March beans .....13.75 Wheat .....6.14 March wheat.....6.14
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.46 March corn .....5.51 Beans .....13.92 March beans .....13.92 Wheat ..... 6.40 March wheat ..... 6.40	

## Today in history

**On Feb. 10, 1967**, the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

**In 1763**, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War in North America).

**In 1840**, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

**In 1936**, Nazi Germany's Reichstag passed a law investing the Gestapo secret police with absolute authority, exempt from any legal review.

**In 1959**, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

**In 1992**, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson served three years in prison.)

**In 1996**, a Tara Miller 3-pointer in the final seconds lifted the Jay County High School girls basketball team to a 47-46 regional semifinal victory over Yorktown. (The Patriots went on to fall to host Kokomo in the championship game later the same day.)

**In 2005**, Britain's Prince Charles announced he would marry his divorced lover, Camilla Parker Bowles, in April. North Korea boasted publicly for the first time that it possessed nuclear weapons.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
7 p.m. — Jay County Council, Commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

**Thursday**  
8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells County Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

3 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.



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## Pet of the week

Sheila, a 12-year-old spayed and declawed female, is available for adoption from Midwest Pet Refuge in Portland. The fee is \$35. Applications for adoption are available at [midwestpetrefuge.com](http://midwestpetrefuge.com).

# Bridging ...

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South Adams Trails wouldn't have been able to afford the project if it were not for two grants, Lehman explained. It received an Indiana Department of Transportation Transportation Enhancements Grant, which is specifically targeted for trail projects. The grant funds 80% of a project's cost, coming to a total for the project at more than \$2.69 million.

Another grant through Indiana Regional Develop-

ment Authority provided \$498,000, and another \$175,400 came from the Adams County Community Foundation and Greenways Foundation out of Indianapolis. That left South Adams Trails to raise about \$673,400.

The bridges now sitting across the Wabash River are still being treated with concrete for the pathway. Once the decking is finished, both will be painted red.

Currently, the trail begins at Rainbow Lake

and goes north to the Wabash River. Once the bridges are finished, the trail will continue to county road 850 South. It also connects to Snow Cemetery and the Ceylon Covered Bridge near Lamberlost Park.

Phase two will include finishing the last 2-mile segment to Lehman Park in Berne. In total, the trail will span about 3.5 miles once completed.

Laura Schwartz, who lives next to the trail in Geneva, walks along the

path at least once a week with her boys, Henry and Eliot Beaver and Robin and Jonah Saxman, and her dogs. An avid nature lover, she's been on the South Adams Trails committee for a few years and is thrilled to have a walking and biking path next door.

"I think it creates an excellent opportunity to get outside into nature and to exercise," she said. "It's (also) another way of connecting the two communities."

# Capsule Reports

## School bus collision

A Jay School Corporation bus driver turned onto Jack Street to move around traffic and collided with a Portland driver's vehicle about 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Tyler S. Alexander, 31, Portland, was stopped in traffic on the street near East Elementary School when Karl S. Fennig, 61, Redkey, turned the 2009 FRT B2B school bus he was driving onto the street, according to a Portland Police Department report. The bus hit Alexander's 2010 Chevrolet Silverado.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

## Stop sign struck

A Portland resident drove into a stop sign and left the scene about 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Connor S. Kunkle, 20, was driving north on Franklin Street when he hit the stop sign at the intersection with Industrial Drive. Travis Theurer of Portland watched Kunkle hit the sign with his 2004 Chevrolet 2KH and then continue driving, so he followed behind the vehicle and called Portland police.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

## Missed turn

A Fort Wayne resident backed

into a Berne resident's vehicle about 2:54 p.m. Tuesday.

Natalia S. Geromino, 20, was driving north on Bryant Pike when a 2019 Dodge PRM in front of her stopped abruptly after the intersection with Wilson Street. She told Jay County Sheriff's Office she slammed on her brakes to stop when the Dodge, driven by Aaron M. Rose, 22, began backing up. (Rose told officers he missed his turn.) Geromino used her horn to try to get Rose's attention before he backed into her 2018 Chevrolet Express.

Damage is estimated less than \$1,000.

## SERVICES

### Today

**Stone, James:** 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

### Friday

**Craig, Carolyn:** 10 a.m., First Light Church, 140 Elva Court, Vandalia, Ohio.

### Saturday

**Wheeler, Oneida:** 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Ryan, Ashlee:** 2 p.m., All Season's Banquet Facility, 141 W. State St., Albany.

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# Marriage sits like a bomb

BY TED KOOSER  
U.S. Poet Laureate

In many American poems, the poet makes a personal appearance and offers us a revealing monologue from center stage, but there are lots of fine poems in which the poet, a stranger in a strange place, observes the lives of others from a distance and imagines

## American Life in Poetry

her way into them. This poem by Lita Hooper is a good example of this kind of writing.

### Love Worn

In a tavern on the Southside of Chicago a man sits with his wife. From their corner booth each stares at strangers just beyond the other's shoulder,

nodding to the songs of their youth. Tonight they will not fight. Thirty years of marriage sits between them like a bomb. The woman shifts then rubs her right wrist as the man recalls the day when they sat on the porch of her parents' home. Even then he could feel the absence of something desired or planned. There was the smell of a freshly tarred driveway, the slow heat, him offering his future to folks he did not know. And there was the blooming magnolia tree in the distance—

its oversized petals like those on the woman's dress, making her belly even larger, her hands disappearing into the folds.

When the last neighbor or friend leaves their booth he stares at her hands, which are now closer to his, remembers that there had always been some joy. Leaning

closer, he believes he can see their daughter in her eyes.

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# BSU planetarium events scheduled

The planetarium at Ball State University is hosting a series of online events.

Charles W. Brown Planetarium will explore constellations at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays via Facebook Live.

The sessions will also be posted to the planetarium's YouTube page.

All planetarium events are free of charge.

For more information, visit [bsu.edu/planetarium](http://bsu.edu/planetarium).

## Taking Note

### IU East dean's list

Indiana University – East has announced its chancellor's and dean's lists for the fall semester.

Jay County residents making the chancellor's list were Elyse Bost and Cheyenne Liette. The chancellor's list is the school's highest semester-based academic achievement.

On the dean's list were Ashlee Brumbaugh, Maci Frantz, Ali Harris, Collin Kriegbaum and Arralina Naylor. In order to be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for at least 12 credit hours.

# Babysitter says cameras are odd

DEAR ABBY: I enjoy babysitting for the children of family and friends. But while I have nothing to hide, I hate how everyone seems to have inside cameras. I feel like I'm in a fishbowl, like if I let their kids veg in front of the TV or the computer, I'll be judged as lazy. I also hate having my picture taken, so the idea of being on a live feed all day is off-putting.

Do I ask them to turn off the cameras, or stop babysitting? I can't be the only person who is uncomfortable being monitored all day like a caged animal. What's a good way of handling this? — MONITORED IN OHIO

DEAR MONITORED: People usually have cameras inside their home for security reasons, and so they will have a warning or evidence in case of a break-in. Parents and pet owners enjoy peace of mind knowing they can periodically check to see how their precious angels are doing. The intent is not to spy on you.

## Dear Abby



If you feel you are being watched excessively, ask the parents how they think you are doing. Unless they complain about your performance, a good way of handling this would be to simply accept the situation, or restrict your babysitting to homes that are camera-free.

DEAR ABBY: I have had a crush on a man since we were in our teens. We're now in our mid-40s. Both of us ended long-term relationships about a year ago. We have stayed in contact every now and then, but only as friends — more like family. He was best friends with my beloved late uncle.

We have decided to meet, with sex at the forefront of our thoughts. How do I prepare myself to go into this with a sex-only mind frame? Do you think this could damage our 30-year friendship? — NERVOUS IN OREGON

DEAR NERVOUS: It has been my observation that men and women view sexual relationships differently. Women often let their emotions get involved. Men can more easily separate the two. It could ABSOLUTELY damage your 30-year friendship if what he expects is a casual friends-with-benefits relationship and at some point you decide you need more from this man you have had a crush on since your teens.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [DearAbby.com](http://DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Wednesday

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

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information,

GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

### Thursday

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.

A BETTER LIFE – BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information,

call (260) 766-2006.

SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

### Monday

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 Community Center.

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.

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

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.

# Sudoku

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4	1	3						
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Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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

# Swiss Village

## Kinder Haus Daycare

Kinder Haus Daycare at Swiss Village is now seeking a Full-Time Team Teacher. Varied hours from 6am-6pm M-F. Responsibilities include providing high quality child care services and assisting the Lead Teacher with supervision of the classroom. Must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18 years of age. Strong desire to work with children required. Educational background in early childhood is preferred.

Interested applicants may send resumes to:

Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist  
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# Yes, there should be accountability

To the editor:  
A recent Commercial Review editorial said that there should be accountability.

I agree, but for totally different reasons.

Former secretary of state Hillary Clinton destroyed 32,000 emails under legal subpoena. She was never indicted. Former president Donald Trump was impeached for failing to comply with illegal subpoenas that were issued by U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-California) before the house voted him subpoena power. Accountability?

Trump was impeached for a quid pro quo with the Ukraine

## Letters to the Editor

despite every witness admitting they had no evidence that he was guilty. President Joe Biden is on video bragging that he used a billion U.S. dollars to get the prosecutor investigating his son fired. There has been no move by the hypocritical Democrats to impeach him. Accountability? Now these same hypocrites are

impeaching Trump again for telling his supporters to go to the capital and "peacefully protest." When thousands of rioters laid siege to the White House injuring dozens of Secret Service agents, tried to burn a church and looted and burned businesses, it was a "mostly peaceful protest" that didn't need the National Guard. When a handful of thugs who supported Trump broke into the Capital it was an "insurrection" and an "attempted coup." And it required 25,000 National Guard to protect the Capital from rioters who never showed up. Accountability? For five years, Democrats have

spewed an unending litany of hate Trump lies and anti-Republican vitriol that puts anything Trump said to shame but it is only Trump's rhetoric that is hate speech. Accountability?

Democrat run Big Tech is systematically trying to silence Trump and all conservative speech, calling it "hate speech" when it is actually just speech they hate. And all of the real hate speech that has been broadcast by Democrats for decades is still online and the Democrat purveyors of hate are still on Facebook and Twitter. Accountability?

Just read another editorial by the Washington Post that claims a

non-partisan study says One News and Newsmax run a lot of fake news and FOX distorts the truth. No mention of the Democrat propaganda and outright lies in their own paper or CNN, MSNBC, the New York Times, the AP or other Democrat news outlets. And no mention of the three-year Russia hoax that got full coverage. Clearly the study was itself a fake news source.

There is only accountability for the right and none at all for the left. Sad. Even sadder is the fact that most on the left can't even see what is happening.

Stephen Erwin  
Portland

## Australia has welcomed rules

By DR. NIKKI STAMP

Special To The Washington Post

Government officials from Western Australia announced on Sunday that millions of people in the southwest part of our state would plunge into a strict, five-day lockdown after the first case of community transmission in 10 months was detected in a hotel quarantine security guard. The guard had unfortunately contracted the new strain of the coronavirus first identified in Britain.

It may seem strange to act so aggressively for a single case, but we Australians complied. There were no complaints of infringing on freedoms. No marches against masks. My city of Perth came to a standstill. The roads were quiet, and our beaches were deserted. A trip to the supermarket for essential groceries saw everyone wearing a mask for the first time. Other states restricted travel of West Australians, desperate to keep the virus out.

The subsequent two days didn't bring a rush of cases that we feared; instead, for the first two days of lockdown, no new cases of COVID-19 were detected. Residents of other countries might think this was overkill; in truth, that's how a proper pandemic response should look.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Australia has had fewer than 30,000 cases of COVID-19 in total, a quarter of the cases the United States experiences each day. In Perth, we have had 904 cases for the entire pandemic, the vast majority in returned travelers from overseas.

As a consequence, our hospitals are operating as normal, not running out of oxygen like we've seen in Britain, or hospital beds as in the United States. Our mortuaries are not overflowing, and the great majority of doctors like myself have never even seen a case of COVID, let alone cared for hundreds or more like our overseas counterparts.

Our low case numbers of COVID-19 have meant that West Australians have not been subjected to the same restrictions around the world after a nationwide lockdown first gained control in March 2020. We don't wear masks, and we have been able to enjoy relatively mundane things such as keeping restaurants and bars full of patrons. Our sports teams have continued to play to crowds of tens of thousands of spectators.

Dr. Nikki Stamp



Our beaches have been as busy as ever, and we've shaken hands and hugged our friends. Holidays such as Christmas went ahead as if nothing were amiss, without the threat of mass infections to follow.

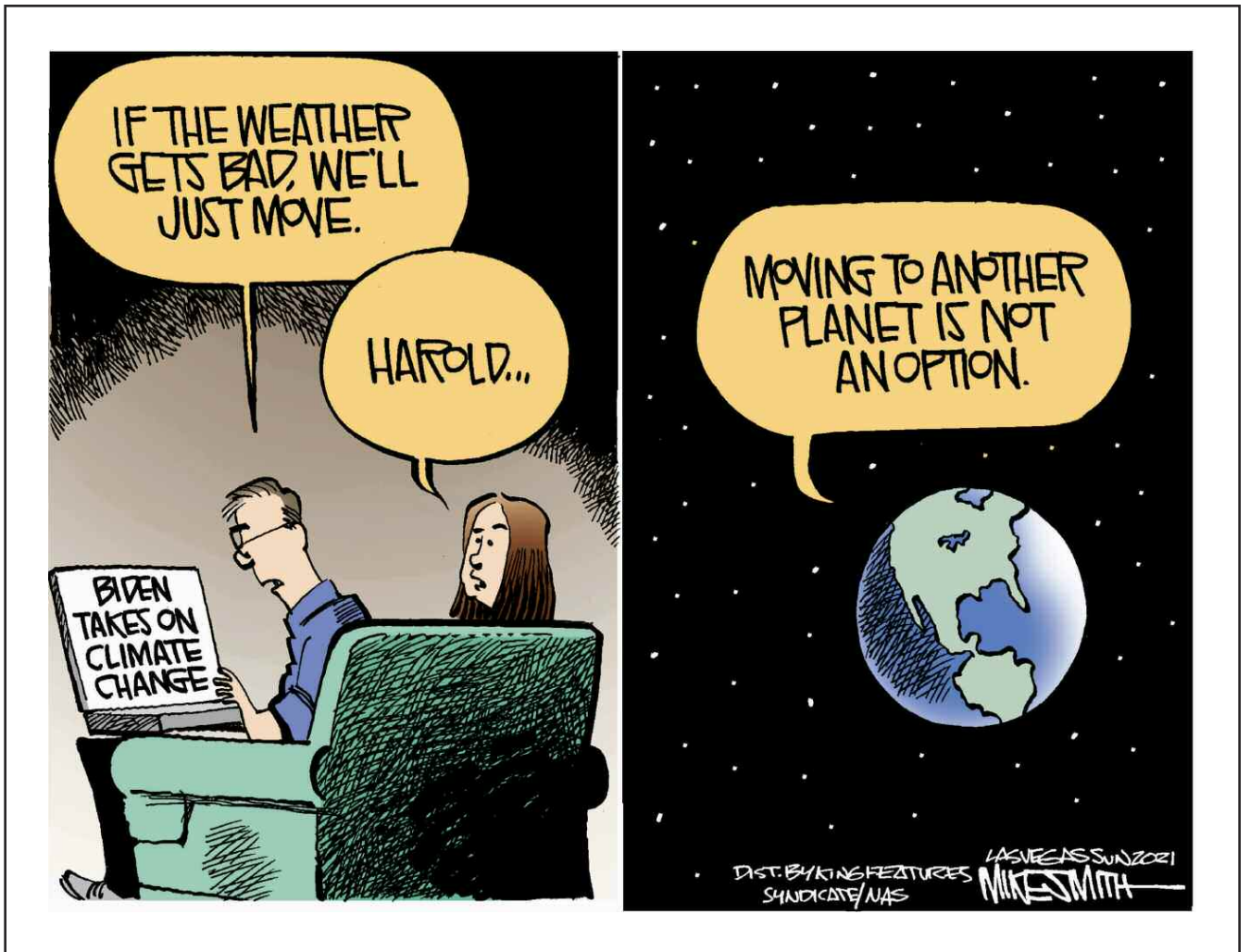
The reasons we were able to get to this point have been largely due to decisive political leadership, leveraging our isolation and strict rules. Our international borders remain closed, with entry into Australia restricted to citizens and permanent residents who must complete a compulsory two-week hotel quarantine with regular testing for the deadly virus. We have also closed or controlled state borders, which have offered protection from localized outbreaks in the rest of the country.

Australians have largely supported and adopted a "go hard, go early" approach. Early on in 2020, we cried to politicians to lock us down not only to flatten the curve, but to crush it. Melbourne residents endured a long and harsh lockdown in 2020 after a local outbreak saw cases increase, knowing that they could avoid disaster in doing so.

Whether you're impressed by the swift actions or concerned at their severity, it's hard to argue with how well they have worked. That's especially true when you contrast these actions here, or in other successful nations such as New Zealand, with the devastating inaction around the world that has cost many lives and inflicted incalculable damage to economies, social structures and mental health. It may be too late to go early, but it isn't too late for the rest of the world to go hard.

Here in Perth, annihilating the chance of any transmission means that we can quickly return to the lifestyle we hold so dear and, most importantly, continue to protect our citizens from a pandemic. We welcome the short-term pain for what we know will be long-term gain; hopefully, others around the world will do the same.

Stamp is a heart and lung surgeon in Perth, Australia.



## Old house has its quirks

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

"What was that noise?" I said.  
"What noise?" said my wife.  
"That noise," I said.

We live in an old house, a really old house.

It began its days as a horse barn for the house my Haynes grandparents built about 1900. Somewhere around 1920, it was remodeled into a small bungalow for my great-grandmother. And then — more than 50 years ago — it was added onto. And then, about 30 years ago, we added onto it again.

Because it started as a barn, it has no basement. (There was in the 1920s a small cellar complete with coal chute, but that was filled in during one of the many expansions.)

The result is a foundation that is essentially a maze.

It also has hot water heat, and that was the source of the noise I was complaining about.

The noise reached its peak roughly between the AFC and NFC championship football games in the NFL. It was a Sunday, and we were focused on the football. So we let it go.

After all, old houses have their own noises.

Trouble is, this one didn't stop. It wasn't loud, but it was there. I could hear it when I rolled over in bed at night.

And by the time we woke up, two things were evident: The noise was louder. And the house was cold.

It was also getting colder. My wife made a call to the folks who service our boiler and radiators and got a quick, sympathetic response.

(I figured it would be more effective to have a woman call for help. If I had called, they might just have told me to put on another sweater and tough it out.)

The service people promised a

### Back in the Saddle



quick response and also told us about a switch we could flip that would stop the noise. It didn't make things any warmer, but it did stop the noise.

Clueless about the intricacies of our heating system, we had breakfast and pondered as we waited for a skilled repairman.

The system, I knew, had only a few basic components: The boiler, the pipes and radiators, thermostats and a pump that moved hot water through the system.

Based upon that, guided by the technical knowledge that comes with a bachelor's degree in English literature, I figured it was the pump. When I shared that diagnosis with the repair guy, he did not seem to be particularly impressed.

Then he asked what proved to be a critical question: "How do I get access to the crawl space?"

At this point, I need to interject that I am not a fan of crawl space. I'll stick my head in to take a look, but the thought of crawling around with the soil beneath me and a house above my head does not give me comfort. Instead, it freaks me out. I'm simply too doggone big to get into that space.

At this point, caffeinated and getting chilly as the temperature in the house kept dropping, my wife and I sprang into action.

We actually have two indoor access points for the crawl space. That's the good news.

The bad news is that both were in closets fuller than they should have been.

We set to work.

The coat closet under the stairs in the hallway was addressed first. Coats, jackets, backpacks, storm windows, a bunch of flashlights and lanterns, a fire safe for our passports, boots and more were hauled out and dumped in the living room.

Then it was a closet in the utility room, which provided a different menu of bounty: Coolers, thermos bottles, trash bags, paper towels, small paint cans from forgotten projects, tins that once held Christmas cookies and an extraordinary collection of materials to polish and protect shoes and boots.

All of that went into my study, which doubles as a guest room.

Then the guy who knew what the heck he was doing dove into the crawl space.

And found a problem.

Turns out that heat wasn't our only issue. A copper soil pipe had decided to leak, creating a shallow puddle of poop-like material that the repairman wasn't enthusiastic about crawling through.

Time to call the plumbers.

At one point that day, we had two plumbers under the house in the crawl space, replacing copper pipe with PVC and two guys bringing back the heat.

The plumbing work went quickly. The heating work was more complicated. Turns out that the English major in me didn't know about one other component: The auto-fill system.

That's what had failed.

By about 7 p.m., the work was done. The house was warming up. And our toes were beginning to return to normal.

What can I say? We live in an old, old house.

But we love it.

Now we have to get rid of some of that junk that was in our closets.

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# City court

## Judge Donald Gillespie Fined and sentenced

Rocio Esparza Salas, Portland, no valid license, \$160.50; Denny W. Marlow, Steelville, Missouri, failure to obey signs, \$160.50; Amanda L. Oliver, Dunkirk, speeding 41 mph in a 20 mph zone, \$171; Ashley A. Robinette, Portland, noise ordinance violation (two counts), \$210.

## Deferrals

Zoey C. Elzey, Bryant, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone; Lyndsy A. Moore, Knoxville, Tennessee, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone.

## Failed to appear

Aaron M. Dunmoyer, Portland, driving while suspended; Joseph H. Honeycutt, Parker City, driving while suspended; Thomas P. Barbour, Muncie, speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph zone; Heather Gamble, Muncie, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone; Erica L. Glass, Dunkirk, speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone.

## Dismissed

Edward M. Hicks, Dunkirk, no license in possession; Rocio Esparza Salas, Portland, no insurance; Kelsey L. Johnson, Muncie, driving while suspended; Brendan Reed, Portland, speeding 65 mph in a 55 mph zone.

## Trials scheduled

Maryann Cortez, Redkey, no valid license (two counts), March 3; Jake D. Boolman, Portland, speeding 67 mph in a 55 mph zone, March 3; Dale E. Catron, Losantville, failure to obey signs, March 3; Amanda L. Oliver, Dunkirk, driving while suspended (two counts), March 3.



Washington Post/Salwan Georges

Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Maryland, center, and other House impeachment managers walk through the Capitol Rotunda, where pro-Trump rioters violently threatened lawmakers during last month's siege, on their way to deliver arguments Tuesday in the Senate in Washington, D.C.

# Arguments ...

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Trump is the first president to face an impeachment trial after leaving office and the first to be twice impeached. The riot followed a rally during which Trump urged his supporters to "fight like hell," words his lawyers say were simply a figure of speech. He is charged with "incitement of insurrection." "That's a high crime and misdemeanor," Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Maryland, declared in opening remarks. "If that's not an impeachable offense, then there's no such thing."

Security remains extremely tight at the Capitol, fenced off with razor wire and patrolled by National Guard troops.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Biden would not be watching the trial.

"Joe Biden is the president, he's not a pundit, he's not going to opine on back and forth arguments," she said.

The House impeachment managers described police officers maimed in the chaos and rioters parading in the very chamber

where the trial was being held. Trump's team countered that the Constitution doesn't allow impeachment at this late date.

That's a legal issue that could resonate with Senate Republicans eager to acquit Trump without being seen as condoning his behavior.

Lead defense lawyer Bruce Castor said he shifted his planned approach after hearing the prosecutors' emotional opening and instead spoke conversationally to the senators, saying Trump's team would denounce the "repugnant" attack and "in the strongest possible way denounce the rioters." He appealed to the senators as "patriots first," and encouraged them to be "cool headed" as they assessed the arguments.

Trump attorney David Schoen turned the trial toward starkly partisan tones, arguing the Democrats were fueled by a "base hatred" of the former president.

Republicans made it clear that they were unhappy with Trump's defense, many of them saying they didn't understand where it was going — particularly Castor's

opening. Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, who voted with Democrats to move forward with the trial, said that Trump's team did a "terrible job." Maine Sen. Susan Collins, who also voted with Democrats, said she was "perplexed." Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska said it was a "missed opportunity" for the defense.

Six Republicans joined with Democrats to vote to proceed with the trial, but the 56-44 vote was far from the two-thirds threshold of 67 votes that would be needed for conviction.

At one pivotal point, Raskin told his personal story of bringing his family to the Capitol that day to witness the certification of the Electoral College vote, only to have his daughter and son-in-law hiding in an office, fearing for their lives.

"Senators, this cannot be our future," Raskin said through tears. "This cannot be the future of America."

The House prosecutors had argued there is no "January exception" for a president to avoid impeachment on his way out the

door. Rep. Joe Neguse, D-Colorado, referred to the corruption case of William Belknap, a war secretary in the Grant administration, who was impeached, tried and ultimately acquitted by the Senate after leaving office.

If Congress stands by, "it would invite future presidents to use their power without any fear of accountability," he said.

It appears unlikely that the House prosecutors will call witnesses, and Trump has declined a request to testify. The trial is expected to continue into the weekend.

Trump's second impeachment trial is expected to diverge from the lengthy, complicated affair of a year ago. In that case, Trump was charged with having privately pressured Ukraine to dig up dirt on Biden, then a Democratic rival for the presidency.

This time, Trump's "stop the steal" rally rhetoric and the storming of the Capitol played out for the world to see.

The Democratic-led House impeached the president swiftly, one week after the attack.

# Fort Recovery wins finale

CELINA, Ohio — The Indians closed the regular season by sharing the ball.

Ten players scored at least a point for the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team in its 52-25 victory against the Celina Bulldogs on Tuesday.

The Indians (14-6) raced out to an 18-5 lead after the first quarter, and kept the Bulldogs off the scoreboard in the second as they led 30-5 at halftime. Fort Recovery pushed the advantage to 39-17 at the end of the third quarter and continued to pull away in the final period.

Alli Vaughn led all players with 12 points, and Paige Fortkamp was second with nine points. Mara Pearson chipped in eight points, and Kierra Wendel put in seven points for the balanced Tribe attack.

## Local roundup

Fort Recovery's junior varsity team also won, 40-28. Elizabeth Alig, Kensey Gaerke and Faith Wendel all had eight points for the Indians.

## Girls second

MUNCIE — Jay County's gymnastics team took second on Monday in a three-team meet at Muncie Central.

Richmond scored 102.4 points to get the win. Jay County scored 76.125 for second and Muncie Central had 39.9 points for third.

Kenzie Ring scored 33 points to take second in the all-around competi-

tion. She was second on balance beam (8.625), third on floor exercise (8.525), fourth on uneven bars (7.45) and fifth on vault (8.4).

Macy Miller's all-around score of 31.25 was fourth. She was third on vault (8.55), third on beam (8.35), fifth on floor (7.9) and fifth on bars (6.45).

## Patriots win

Jay County Junior High School's wrestling team moved to 11-0 on the season Tuesday with an 84-15 win against Winchester Driver.

Sylas Wenk (75 pounds), Griffin Byrum (90), Xander Torre (110), AJ Myers (175) and Alan Ortiz all won their respective matches by pin.

Grant Linville, Joaquin Johnson, Jaylen McClain and Landon Blowers each got pins in their exhibition matches.

# Stifle ...

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As the Patriots had a chance to tie the score or take the lead on the next possession, Dirksen turned the ball over. Wanner split a pair of free throws to make it 64-61, and Gavin Muhlenkamp's potential game-tying 3-pointer just before the buzzer hit the front of the rim.

"How many possessions down the stretch there did we have the ball, we're coming from behind, we didn't get a shot off?" Bomholt asked. "We turn it over. You can't come from behind if you don't even get shots off."

"We battle, battle, battle ... all those little things are adding up. We're coming close but we just haven't figured it out yet."

Wanner caught fire from the perimeter in the first quarter, making all four of his shots from beyond the arc. He was 5-of-9 from distance for the game, leading the Starfires' charge of making 11 of their 23 shots from long range.

"Aidan is one of those guys, he gets going and he absolutely can go off," Hendrixson said of Wanner, who finished with a game-high 23 points. "He can score on you in bunches. He starts to feel good on his jump shot, which he has been feeling good with it for quite a while."

"Aidan is really feeling good with that jump shot and when he gets that thing rolling it's hard to stop. He'll just keep on

taking another step out if they're just not going to guard him."

Drew Stutzman and James Arnold each had 12 points for South Adams, and all of Stutzman's points were threes.

Dirksen led the Patriots with 20 points, and Pearson had a career-high 18 points.

## Junior varsity

Jay County overtook South Adams in the third quarter to get its sixth consecutive win, 44-36.

The Patriots trailed by two at the end of the first quarter and was down 20-19 at the first half. A 13-9 margin in the third quarter helped Jay County (6-5) get the lead and they pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Blake Bogenschutz led the Patriots with 17 points and Brady Davis contributed 16 points.

Jordan Hinshaw of South Adams led all players with 23 points, including five threes.

## Freshman

Jay County had three players score in double figures of a 42-27 victory.

Sam Myers scored 10 points in the second half on his way to a game-high 14 points. Parker Nichols was second with 13 points, and Wes Bihn finished with a dozen points.

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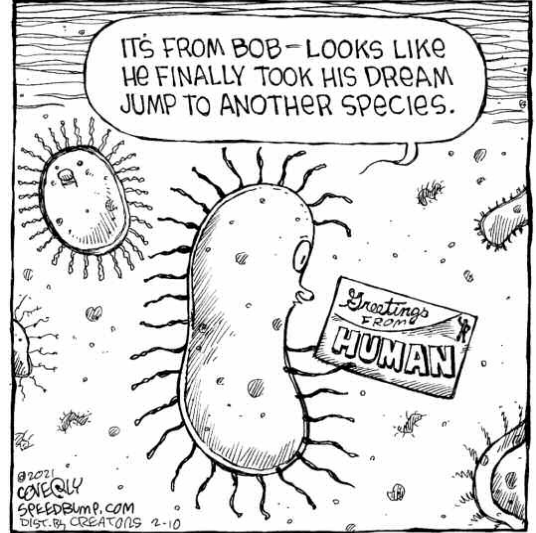
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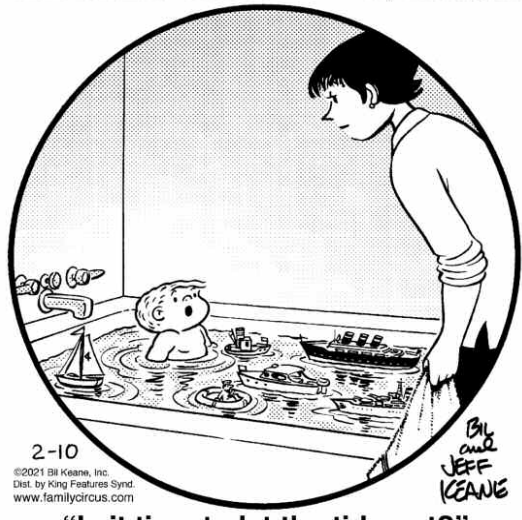
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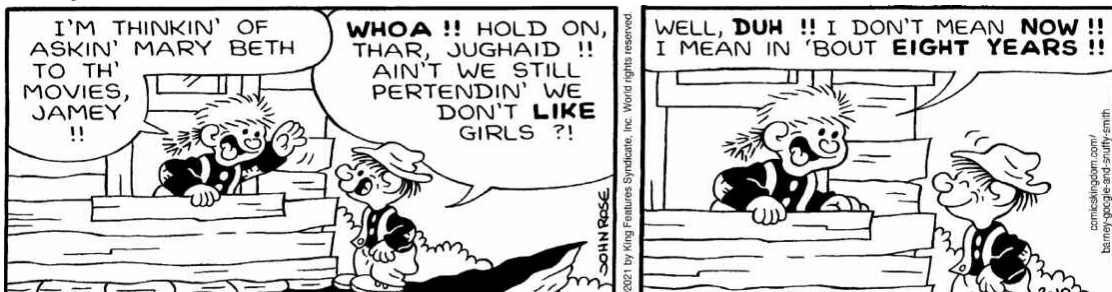
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# Starfires stifle Patriots, win 64-61

**South Adams hot from perimeter in first half, Jay rally stumbles**

By CHRIS SCHANZ  
The Commercial Review

BERNE — The Starfires put the Patriots in a big hole during the first half.

Allowing nine 3-pointers on 15 shots will certainly help build a 14-point deficit.

The Patriots pulled within two points late, but couldn't tie the score. Then a potential game-tying shot went off the front of the rim.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team failed to claw back yet again with a 64-61 loss to the South Adams Starfires on Tuesday at Stardome.

"It's happening over and over again," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose team has lost back-to-back games and had its shot at an Allen County Athletic Conference championship slip away with the loss. "Is that what we come here for? We dig a hole, we come back, we lose a close game and then we're satisfied? Because that's what losers do. We're not losers. This group of kids, they're not losers."

"They're gonna be winners. We just haven't figured it out."

South Adams coach Josh Hendrixson said his team was fortunate to escape with the win.

"Start of the second half, I thought we started

to do some things uncharacteristically," he said. "We were going too fast. We weren't getting ball reversals. We were trying to force passes into spots we necessarily could not force them into, honestly. "Maybe some passes

that we didn't need to make, some drives into traffic that were ill advised. It was nice to be able to hang on and get the win. I don't want every game to be like that. I probably won't live too long if every game is quite like that."

South Adams, which was hot from the perimeter in the first half, including Aidan Wanner going 5-of-6 from the arc, fell flat with turnovers on three of its first five possessions in the third quarter. Down 41-31 after halftime, Jay County (5-6, 3-2 ACAC) went on a 9-1 run and pulled within two.

South Adams (11-5, 2-1 ACAC) pushed the margin back up to 10, 58-48, midway through the fourth quarter.

Dusty Pearson scored eight straight Patriot points, including back-to-



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Jay County High School junior Adam Muhlenkamp battles for a rebound with Aidan Wanner of South Adams during the second half Tuesday at Stardome. The Patriots couldn't overcome a 14-point deficit in the first half of a 64-61 loss.

back 3-pointers from the corner in front of his team's bench, to help Jay County get back within striking distance, 61-59, with 1:40 to play.

Down two again, 63-61, with less than 30 ticks left on the clock, Ethan Dirksen assisted on a Quinn Faulkner bucket in the final minute. The

Starfires gave the Patriots the ball back with 21.6 seconds to go when Aidan Wanner was called for traveling at midcourt. See Stifle page 5

## Box score

South Adams Starfires vs. Jay County Patriots

Boys varsity summary

Jay County (5-6, 3-2 ACAC)	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Weitzel	3-5	0-1	6
Dowlen	1-9	0-0	2
Dirksen	7-14	4-5	20
GMuhlenkamp	5-9	0-1	11
Pearson	6-10	4-5	18
AMuhlenkamp	0-0	0-0	0
Heniser	0-1	0-0	0
Faulkner	2-4	0-0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24-52</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>61</b>
	<b>.462</b>	<b>.750</b>	

South Adams (11-5, 2-1 ACAC)	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Miller	1-6	2-6	4
Stutzman	4-6	0-0	12
Arnold	4-8	3-3	12
Wanner	6-12	6-8	23
Schoch	1-10	6-8	9
Gilbert	2-4	0-0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18-46</b>	<b>17-25</b>	<b>64</b>
	<b>.391</b>	<b>.680</b>	

Score by quarters:  
Jay Co. 16 15 13 17 — 61  
S. Adams 24 17 10 13 — 64

3-point shooting: Jay County 6-19 (Pearson 3-5, Dirksen 2-4, GMuhlenkamp 1-4, Dowlen 0-3, Weitzel 0-1, Heniser 0-1, Faulkner 0-1). South Adams 11-23 (Wanner 5-9, Stutzman 4-5, Schoch 1-8, Arnold 1-1).

Rebounds: Jay County 30 (Pearson 7, Weitzel 5, Dowlen 4, GMuhlenkamp 4, team 4, Dirksen 3, Faulkner 2, Heniser). South Adams 27 (team 7, Arnold 6, Miller 4, Stutzman 3, Wanner 3, Schoch 2, Gilbert 2).

Assists: Jay County 9 (Dirksen 5, GMuhlenkamp 2, Weitzel, Dowlen). South Adams 12 (Schoch 5, Stutzman 3, Arnold 3, Miller).

Blocks: Jay County 5 (Pearson 5). South Adams 2 (Wanner, Schoch).

Personal fouls: Jay County 17 (Weitzel 5, GMuhlenkamp 4, Dowlen 2, Pearson 2, Faulkner 2, Dirksen, AMuhlenkamp). South Adams (Stutzman 3, Arnold 3, Wanner 3, Gilbert 3, Miller 2).

Turnovers: Jay County 17. South Adams 16.

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Antiques-Old & Collectors Items; Clark 3 dawer spool cabinet; hump back trunk; metal train pieces; crocks: #3 western, #12, #10, #6 heart; jewelers anvil, vise with anvil; Lamps: Aladdin; arrowheads; Hudepohl Beer metal keg; WWII leather flying helmet; and many other items not listed.  
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All land occupiers and other interested parties are entitled to attend. The meeting will be held at Harmony Caf , 121 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana.  
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Petition for Rezoning #MapChg2021-01-26  
Date & Time of Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
Location of Meeting: Jay County Courthouse Auditorium  
120 N Court Street, Portland, IN 47371  
At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. Due to Covid-19 and the ever changing meeting regulations, the number of people allowed to attend in person is unknown at this time; therefore, the meeting will be available virtually. To join the meeting virtually, contact the Jay/Portland Building Department at 260-726-6904 or by email at [jaycobltd@gmail.com](mailto:jaycobltd@gmail.com) or [jpbp.jhemmel@gmail.com](mailto:jpbp.jhemmel@gmail.com) ahead of time to get connection details.  
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John Hemmelgarn  
Zoning Administrator/Director  
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Defendant: Lucinda M Nicklay aka Lucinda Nicklay, et al.  
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♥ A 7 3  
♦ K 1 7 4  
♣ J 7 6 2  
**WEST**  
♦ K 9 8 6 4  
♥ 9 8 4 2  
♦ 9 6  
♣ Q 5  
**EAST**  
♦ 5 3 2  
♥ Q 3 5  
♦ Q 10 8  
♣ K 8 4 3  
**SOUTH**  
♦ A J 10  
♥ K 10 6  
♦ A 5 3 2  
♣ A 10 9

The bidding:  
East 1NT South 3NT West Pass North 3NT  
Opening lead — six of spades.

In many deals, declarer must decide at the very start which of several possible approaches to adopt. In such cases, it is wise to take some extra time to make sure you choose the one that offers the best chance for the contract.

Consider today's deal where South is in three notrump. West leads a spade, and declarer can count seven sure tricks — two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and a club. His other possible winners depend on the location of the king of spades, queen of diamonds and K-Q of clubs, as well

as on the distribution of the two minor suits.

One way of finding out where the king of spades is located is by playing dummy's queen at trick one. When East follows low, it is reasonable to assume that West has the king. Next comes the crucial decision. Two extra tricks must be developed in the minor suits, and the natural inclination is to tackle the longer and stronger suit — diamonds.

But this would be the wrong thing to do. Suppose you led a diamond to the ace and another one to dummy's jack. If the finesse lost, you'd be up to only eight tricks. A spade return through the A-J would then put you out of commission.

Under the circumstances, it's far better to tackle clubs first rather than diamonds, because this is a constructive step that protects your spade holding at the same time. Accordingly, you lead a low club from dummy at trick two and finesse the ten. West wins but cannot safely return a spade, so he shifts to a heart. You win with dummy's ace and lead a club to the nine. When it wins, you cash the ace, but the king does not fall. Now you play the ace and another diamond to the jack. The finesse loses, but your fourth diamond becomes your ninth trick.

As happens so often, the correct order of plays makes the contract.

Tomorrow: All the tricks but one.  
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