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## A World of treats



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Around The World, a new candy store in Portland, boasts products from a variety of other countries. So far, the shop sells items from at least 13 other countries, including Switzerland, Japan, China, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Honduras — owner Dilcia Ruiz's childhood home — and more.

## Ruiz opens international candy shop

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

When the Ruiz family purchased the building at 1309 N. Meridian St., Portland, they intended to use it as an office.

But Dilcia Ruiz came up with a sweeter idea.

It took just two weeks for that idea to become a reality as Around the World Candy Store opened its doors Feb. 10.

"I was thinking of putting something nice that we didn't have here in the community," she

explained. "A lot of people (have to) travel to Fort Wayne (or) Indianapolis to buy a piñata or candy."

Around The World opened two weeks ago to local residents. With at least 13 countries represented, the shop sells candy and snacks that are popular — that's right — around the world.

Ruiz moved to Portland about 22 years ago. She met her now-husband, Jorge, in 2004. They started Ruiz Rentals, a rental property business extending to

at least 60 properties in Portland. They also own Ruiz Enterprises, a multifaceted business including Sapphires Reception Center (1100 W. Votaw St.) and Taqueria El Agave Azul (605 N. Meridian St.). They also run Ruiz Poultry, a chicken company extending to Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Ruiz previously worked at Jay School Corporation as an English as a Second Language teacher and has been an interpreter at Jay County Courthouse for at least 20 years.

"So, I'm pretty busy all the time," she said.

The Ruiz family is a blend of cultures, Ruiz explained. She's from Honduras. Jorge is from Mexico. Their children were born and raised in Portland.

"Three cultures in one — it's not easy," she said. "We have to satisfy a little bit of all the cultures here."

That thought process carries through her new business.

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## Hospital shifts to new era

*IU Health Jay will be governed by east central board*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

This weekend marks the end of another era for Jay County's hospital.

The duties of the IU Health Jay board come to an end at midnight Sunday, three years after Jay County Hospital's integration with IU Health.

Beginning Monday, IU Health Jay will fall under the jurisdiction of the IU Health East Central Region Board, which also governs IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and IU Health Blackford. The change marks what amounts to the final step of the integration process that was agreed upon in November 2017 and went into effect at midnight Feb. 28, 2018.

Dr. Jeff Bird, president of IU Health's east central region, said he's appreciated the work the board has done.

"We knew that there were going to be challenges in the integration, and the Jay board has been walking in partnership with me and the Jay presidents, Dave Hyatt and now Jon Vanator, and it's just been an extraordinary pleasure for me," he said. "I appreciate the devotion to healthcare they have for Jay County. They've been incredible to work with."

"We didn't always know what direction we were going, didn't always see things exactly the same, but we worked together to be able to really make some extraordinary changes the last few years ..."

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## Chamber names awards finalists

*Fisher, Freeman and Ronald are up for lifetime achievement*

tion; and in their own way, contributed to our Jay County communities. They make Jay County proud, strong and resourceful."

The finalists will be honored and the winners announced at an awards ceremony and banquet May 15 at Jay County Event Center.

Leading the nominations were three finalists for The Spirit of Vicki, previously known as the Lifetime Achievement Award and now named in honor of former chamber executive director Vicki Tague. In contention for that honor are Randy Fisher of Fisher Real Estate & Auction who has also been an advocate for murals in the county; Ron Freeman, former president of Jay Petroleum who has been active in the arts, his church and other community activities; and Jack Ronald, president of The Graphic Printing Company and former president of the chamber and The Portland Foundation.

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The year 2020 was a challenge for everyone.

In Jay County, there were still plenty of efforts worthy of praise, even as the coronavirus pandemic brought so much change.

Jay County Chamber of Commerce on Friday recognized some of those efforts Friday as it announced the finalists for the Jay County Community Awards.

"In a year, as challenging and arduous as 2020 was, it gives us great pleasure to celebrate the best of Jay County," the chamber said in a press release. "Each finalist is deserving of this recogni-

## Retrospect

### FTs lifted JC over Carmel

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Jay County High School boys basketball team closed out its best season since 1988.

The Feb. 24, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the Patriots' 45-44 victory over visiting Carmel with senior Andy Mitchel delivering the game-winning points in free throws with six seconds left.

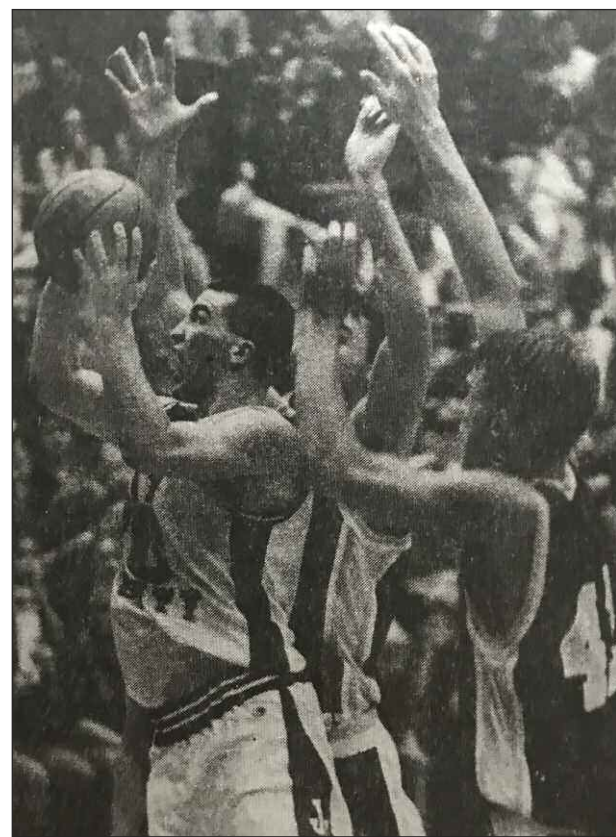
Jay County (14-6) scored 18 points in the second quarter for a seven-point halftime lead before watching it slip away. It fell behind by four before Brian Bickel buried a 3-pointer to make it 44-43 with 33 seconds left. With the Greyhounds (13-7) trying to run out the clock, Bickel slapped the ball away from Shannon Polk, the ball going off Polk's leg and out of bounds.

After a pair of timeouts, the Patriots got the ball to Brock Raszkowski, who then handed it off to Mitchel. The senior attacked the lane and threw his hands up when he felt contact from Carmel's Kyle Stuck. The result was a trip to the foul line, where Mitchel calmly buried both of his attempts.

"I was just trying to relax and do the same thing you do at the free-throw line any other time," said Mitchel.

Matt Tribul of the Greyhounds got a good look at a potential game-winning shot from his own free throw line, but it went off the left-front of the rim as time expired.

The Patriots would go on to win their third consecutive sectional title and make the regional final before falling 52-51 to Anderson.



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Jay County High School's Andy Mitchel drives past a couple of Carmel defenders on the way to scoring during the Patriots' 45-44 victory Friday, Feb. 23. Mitchel's free throws with six seconds left lifted JCHS to the victory.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 43 degrees Friday.

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with the high climbing to 50. Tonight's low will be 41, and there is a 50% chance of rain after midnight.

More rain is expected until about noon Sunday. Skies will be partly cloudy as the high climbs to near 60 with winds gusting as high as 20 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

Fort Recovery High School closes its production of "And Then There Were None" with a final performance at 7 p.m. tonight in the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School auditoria. Tickets are \$6 and will be available at the door.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Results from the JCHS gymnastics team in today's sectional meet.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of Tuesday's Portland Park Board meeting.



# Treats ...

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“I am trying to bring a little bit of everything from different countries,” she said.  
“I’m from Honduras, so I know when you go to a place and you find something from your country, you (get) excited about it.”  
She recently had two customers visit the store. They came specifically for Samba, a

Venezuelan chocolate wafer treat. Others have come in with similar requests.  
Bright colors and painted piñatas decorate the opening vestibule to the shop. There’s also a small air balloon hanging from the ceiling. From there, aisles of candy, snacks and piñatas fill the room.  
Ruiz said she wanted to have a place for kids, although she

does currently have some piñatas in stock that resemble popular adult beverages (White Claw, Hennessy, Modelo, Buchanan and Don Julio).  
She’s also decided to stock some groceries that are essentials in other countries but not easy to find in rural Indiana.  
Ruiz’s coworker, Tina Fisher, helped her put up shelving and get the store ready to open, and

she has also scouted with her for potential businesses in the past.  
“I did not expect to be opening 50 more businesses in a year and everything,” Fisher teased, “But I couldn’t ask for a better boss.”  
Ruiz is still working through all the paperwork for importing items.  
She and her husband have

been to Chicago and back several times to keep Around The World stocked, and any time there is a noticeable space on the shelves, she tries to fill it quickly.  
Ruiz said she is thrilled to share her creativity with Jay County.  
“I’m excited and glad that I can give the community a little bit of my creations,” she said.

## CR almanac

Sunday 2/28	Monday 3/1	Tuesday 3/2	Wednesday 3/3	Thursday 3/4
<b>59/29</b> There is a 40% chance of rain starting after noon. Mostly cloudy skies with 10 to 15 mph winds.	<b>42/20</b> Skies will be sunny in the morning with a mostly clear evening. Temperatures will dip to low 20s at night.	<b>41/31</b> Another sunny day, with temperatures near freezing point. Some clouds at night.	<b>49/33</b> Temperatures will continue to climb to the high 40s. Mostly sunny skies during the day.	<b>51/35</b> Mostly sunny skies during the day with overcast at night. Highs in the low 50s.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 6-3-3 Daily Four: 6-6-1-7 Quick Draw: 1-3-10-17-19-22-26-27-31-37-41-42-48-49-53-60-67-74-77-80	Pick 4: 0-1-9-5 Pick 5: 6-7-5-7-7
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 5-3-5	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$106 million
	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.61 Wheat .....6.20	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.49 April corn .....5.51 Beans .....14.04 Sept. beans .....11.78 Wheat ..... 6.42 July wheat ..... 6.20
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.65 March corn .....5.65	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.64 March corn .....5.64 Beans .....13.96 March beans .....13.96 Wheat .....6.10 March wheat.....6.10
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.55 March corn .....5.55 Beans .....14.16 March beans .....14.16 Wheat ..... 6.60 March wheat ..... 6.60	

## Today in history

**On Feb. 27, 1933,** Germany’s parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire; Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.  
**In 1922,** the Supreme Court, in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.  
**In 1942,** the Battle of the Java Sea began during World War II; Imperial Japanese naval forces scored a decisive victory over the Allies.  
**In 1951,** the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.  
**In 1968,** at the conclusion of a CBS News special report on the Vietnam War, Walter Cronkite delivered a commentary in which he said the conflict appeared “mired in stalemate.”  
**In 1971,** six Portland girls were injured when a vehicle driven by Teresa L. Bynum, Portland, went off a rural Portland road and rolled three times. Sheriff Harold Loy said the girls — Candace Elick, Wanda Caster, Barbara Koegel, Julie Cripe, Mary Chiddister and Bynum — were “lucky to be alive.”  
**In 1982,** Wayne Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young Blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period. (Williams, who was also blamed for 22 other deaths, has maintained his innocence.)  
**In 1991,** Operation Desert Storm came to a conclusion as President George H.W. Bush declared that “Kuwait is liberated, Iraq’s army is defeated,” and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.  
**In 1998,** with the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain’s House of Lords agreed to end 1,000 years of male preference by giving a monarch’s first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born son.  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, auditorium, Jay County Junior-Senior High School, 2072 W. Indiana 27, Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Hall, Schoolhouse Community Center.
<b>Tuesday</b> 7 p.m. — Portland	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board special meeting, city building, 131 S. Main St.



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## Hospital ...

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Facing massive financial losses in the millions with no end in sight, Jay County Hospital Board in early 2017 began looking for options to create a sustainable future. After researching several health systems, the board settled on the strategy of integrating the hospital into IU Health. As part of that agreement, the Jay County Hospital board members became part of the IU Health Jay board, along with Bird, IU Health Ball chief operating officer Lori Luther, IU Health’s east central region board chair John Littler (Dave’s brother) and Dr. Frank Vormohr, to govern the hospital for a period of three years. That board held its final meeting virtually Feb. 16, with bricks from the hospital — it is currently undergoing several renovations — presented to board members Dave Littler, Pat Miller, Roger Locker, Janet Bantz, Bill Hinkle, Debbie Kummer and Chuck Huffman.  
Hinkle and Dave Littler will continue to represent Jay County on the east central region board, which also includes Bird, Hyatt, John Littler, Terry Whitt Bailey, Dr. Derron Bishop, Daniel Borgeheimer, Tory Castor, Dr. Patrick Cleary, Wil Davis, Jud Fisher, Dr. Samuel Kim, John Littler, Geoffrey Mearns, Steven Rhea, Dr.

Charles Routh and Dr. Pete Voss. (The integration agreement calls for two members of the board to be Jay County residents.)  
The outgoing board members have been invited to be a part of IU Health Jay’s new president’s advisory council. It is modeled after a similar group Hyatt started at upon becoming president of IU Health Blackford last year.  
Vanator, who took over for Hyatt as president of IU Health Jay, said he plans to utilize the council as a sounding board for community sentiment and outreach, advice on business best practices, engagement and assessment of community needs.  
“We still want the local community feedback on how the hospital is doing,” said Dave Hyatt, who started as CEO of Jay County Hospital in 2013 and then became president of IU Health Jay before turning over the reins to Vanator on June 1. “We still want the community to know how we’re doing from a quality standpoint, what our strategic planning is, to be sure that we’re working toward the community health needs assessment. The president’s advisory council is a good way of doing that. It still engages the community in the local hospital ... It’s a good thing for us.”  
Perhaps the largest responsibility

for the outgoing IU Health Jay Board over the last three years was to determine how to spend \$5 million that IU Health contributed to a capital improvement fund as part of the integration. Those plans were announced in December, with funds going to relocate the outpatient physical therapy (\$1.26 million), outpatient behavioral health from the former Vormohr Medical Center building (\$1.16 million) and cardiac and pulmonary outpatient rehabilitation (\$821,100) from satellite buildings to the hospital and expand the Family First practice (\$767,500). Each of those projects is expected to be complete during 2021.  
The remaining \$1.25 million has been transferred to The Portland Foundation to establish the IU Health Jay Hospital Legacy Endowment Fund. It will be used to “benefit the health and well-being of the residents of Jay County.” (The fund is The Portland Foundation’s 400th.)  
Looking back on the efforts of Jay County Hospital Board during the financial challenges that led to the integration, Little said he feels the group made the right choice in selecting IU Health.  
“It was a difficult decision,” he said. “There wasn’t anything easy about it. But I think we did make the right decision.”

## Finalists ...

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Finalists for Citizen of the Year are Cindy Denney, who has been involved with United Way of Jay County and Jay County Special Olympics; Tracey VanSkyock, owner of Grounds on the Fly; Mike Weitzel, Portland’s fire chief; and Mindy Weaver, chair of the Arts Place capital campaign and president of Jay County Humane Society.

Finalists for other awards are as follows:  
Business of the Year — Bizzy Dips, Glass Capital Grill and Pizza King of Portland  
Industry of the Year — Advanced Seal Technology, TLS by Design and Tyson Foods  
Not-for-profit of the Year — Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, Pregnancy Care Center and United Way of Jay County  
Young Professional of

the Year — Erin Davis, Adam Homan and Hannah Long  
Innovator of the Year — Dilcia Ruiz, First Bank of Berne, and Chartwells and the Jay School Corporation food service program  
Dunkirk Community Commitment Award — Ryan and Kelly Johnson, Aaron and Stephanie Walter, and West Jay Optimist Club  
Small Community Commitment — Brooks Fugiet, Debbie James and Kelly Smeltzer  
The list includes multiple previous community award winners, as Denney was Citizen of the Year in 2016, and her family received the award in 2010. Ronald was honored as Citizen of the Year in 2007.  
Each of the three Industry of the Year finalists — TLS (2014), Advanced Seal Technology (2003) and Tyson (2001) — is a previous winner.

## Portland City Court

**Judge Donald Gillespie Fined and sentenced**  
Whitney N. White, Marion, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171.  
**Waivers**  
Trevor K. Leudike, Portland, speeding 64 mph in a 40 mph zone, \$171; Brandon P. Purvis, New Castle, speeding 50 mph in a 40 mph zone, \$145.50; Angela S. Bowman, Portland, speeding 40 mph in a 30

mph zone, \$145.50; Bobbie J. Melton, Lynn, speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.50; Kevin A. Jett, Seymour, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Johnnie J. Brewer, Logansport, speeding 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Tonia D. Piercy, Muncie, speeding 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171, and license violation, \$25; Desiree D. Overton, Winchester, speeding 67 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$147.50; Tyler D. White, Redkey, speeding 77 mph in

a 55 mph zone, \$171, and expired plates, \$25.  
**Failed to appear**  
Paul L. Luna, Dunkirk, expired plates; Johnathan J. Riley, Bluffton, speeding 76 mph in a 55 mph zone.  
**Trials scheduled**  
Angela Dixon, Redkey, expired plates, March 3; Derek E. Rogers, Redkey, passing violation, March 3.

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## McGinnis granted

Logan McGinnis of Jay County FFA recently received a \$1,000 grant through the National FFA and Indiana Farm Bureau for his efforts in his swine entrepreneurship supervised agriculture experience program. Pictured are Jay County FFA advisor Melissa Wolters and McGinnis.

# Aid help is available

Indiana students can get help with their financial aid applications next weekend.

## Taking Note

As part of College Goal Sunday, Ivy Tech Community College is offering assistance from financial aid professionals. The event is 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7.

Students can get help with filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that is required for federal grants, scholarships and loans. The form must be filed by April 15 in order to be eligible for Indiana financial aid.

"We hope all Hoosiers who have not filed already, take advantage of College

Goal Sunday, file the FAFSA, and get one step closer to fulfilling their educational goals, said Bill Wozniak, co-chair of College Goal Sunday. "With FAFSA filing rates across the country down significantly this year's event is more important than ever."

For more information, visit [CollegeGoalSunday.org](http://CollegeGoalSunday.org).

## HSE classes offered

John Jay Learning

Center is offering free classes for earning a High School Equivalency diploma.

Previously called the General Educational Development diploma (GED), it is the standard equivalent to a high school diploma.

Classes are Monday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Those interested can call (260) 729-5525 or email [info@johnjaycenter.com](mailto:info@johnjaycenter.com) for more information.

John Jay requests attendees wear masks during class and practice social distancing when possible.

## Births

### Miller

Oliver, a son, was born Feb. 12 at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur to Chad and Kristin Miller of Berne.

He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are David and

Lisa Brown of Berne. Paternal grandparents are Greg and Shirley Miller of Portland.

Great-grandparents are Karen Powell of Geneva, Barbara Kadinger of Berne and Alice Miller of Portland.

# Student living in new country misses home

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved from the U.S. to Germany. It has been a big change, and I honestly don't know how to handle it. A lot of the kids at school make fun of me and call me names.

My family plans to stay here another two years. My parents say that when/if we move back to the United States, we won't return to our hometown. I find this very hard to accept because it was the only home I've ever known. I tried asking them if I could live with a friend there, but they always brush me off.

I don't want my family to worry about me since my mom is working hard going back to college, but keeping my feelings bottled up inside seems like the wrong choice. Should I tell them honestly how I feel or

## Dear Abby



**Geographical distance does not mean you must lose relationships forever.**

While moving back to the town you left may not be practical, you can keep in touch with your friends online and may eventually be able to visit them.

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DEAR ABBY: A beautiful flower arrangement was delivered to me at my home today. While on the phone, I told my friend about the thoughtful gift and mentioned that my two cats wouldn't leave it alone. She said, "I hope there aren't any lilies in it!" There were, Abby — white oriental lilies. I Googled it and discovered they are very poisonous to cats, although not to other animals. When I called the florist, they claimed not to know. Thought

your readers should! — LOVES MY FELINES

DEAR LOVES: I agree. And thank you for sharing that information. I learned from my own Google search that lilies are not the only flowers that are poisonous for pets. Azaleas, daffodils, amaryllis, chrysanthemums, tulips, oleander, hyacinth, English ivy, sago palm, cyclamen, autumn crocus, widow's thrill, hydrangea, aloe vera, caladium, pothos, philodendron, lily of the valley, castor bean, poinsettia, asparagus fern, peace lily and corn plants can be lethal as well. Kitty lovers, be warned!

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DEAR ABBY: Is it possible for a single woman (me) to continue a neighborhood friendship with a widower who is

now dating a woman? He shared homemade soup with me weekly, leaving it at my door, and occasionally we would have tea together on our decks. I feel awkward; he does not. Should I go with my gut? — STUMPED IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR STUMPED: It would be a shame to lose a good friend. Talk to him about the awkwardness you are feeling. Perhaps it can be resolved. However, if it can't, then follow your instincts and step back.

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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).

### Today

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.

### Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in room 205 at John Jay Center for Learning.

### Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

## Sudoku

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3		1				7		
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	7			9				
9			5	7			3	

Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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

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# Tell legislators to vote against 1005

To the editor:

The Republican supermajority in the Indiana General Assembly is attempting to prioritize private education benefiting fewer than 10% of students, while underfunding its constitutional duty of providing a system of common school open and available to all.

It is public schools that educate more than 90% of Hoosier students and are the “schools of choice” when considering open enrollment data. Unfortunately, the legislature wants to expand private school choice options and benefit their profiteers. The absurdity of these proposals is that parents in Indiana have always had choice in schooling. The laws clearly state that children only need to be in a school. No one is forced to utilize any particular school.

This issue is really about who pays for the schooling. School choice advocates would have you believe that money should follow the child, because this platitude is simple and seems to make sense on the surface. This is detrimental to the overall concept of a

## Letters to the Editor

tuition-free public school system. Taxes are collected from everyone to support government activities. Public schools are government entities designed to improve society by providing education. Everyone is better off with an educated populace. School funding does not support any individual child, but the overall public school system. Siphoning school funding away from public schools through vouchers and education savings accounts to support attendance in private schools diminishes the ability of our public schools to serve the remaining children. Public funding should only fund public schools.

The argument put forward by the privatizers that our public schools are failing and in need of

replacing with private, profit-driven schools is false. A recent peer-reviewed journal article (Waddington & Berends – 2018) about Indiana’s voucher program conclusively demonstrates that while there is no statistical difference in language skills between public school and voucher-taking private school students, math skills decline and remain lower for years. The high-paying jobs of the future will require math skills, and these students are having the deck stacked against them. School-choice advocates would have you believe that the free market in education ensures a better, high-quality education for children when, in fact, the opposite is true.

The free market works on the profit motive. Business entities supplying goods and services desire to make as large a profit as possible from their operations. That means cutting expenses to a minimum in order to become the low-cost provider. Public entities work on standards-driven missions to provide goods and services for the benefit of everyone. Yes,

we pay our instructors more, because we only hire qualified professionals. We spend significant time and effort on our curriculums, because we utilize experts to carefully determine and review what we teach. Our buildings are expensive because we want our children safe, secure and well-cared for when they are under our supervision. When presented in this light, does anyone really want their children educated by the low-cost provider who is guided by the profit motive?

The Indiana General Assembly would have you believe that profit-driven, low-cost educational providers are best for everyone. They are currently attempting to double down on vouchers through education savings accounts. These are essentially open spending debit cards given to parents that leave public schools and opt-in to the program for their private “educational expenses.” Vouchers and education savings accounts are subject to less regulation, accountability and transparency than public

school spending. Audits of education savings accounts in other states that have tried these programs routinely uncover significant abuse in which the children are the ultimate losers when their educational funding is spent by parents for non-educational purposes.

The legislature has additionally proposed raising the income limits to qualify for the existing school voucher program to levels incorporating families that can only be described as “well-off” or “wealthy,” completely undermining their original talking point of helping poor families escape “failing” schools. This proposal will not improve the education of Indiana’s children. It will not save the state any money, and it is fiscally irresponsible. It is in everyone’s best interest to maintain a strong public school system. Please contact your legislators and encourage them to vote no on House Bill 1005.

Robert Stwalley  
President  
Indiana School Board Association

## Disagreement shows real choice

By JENNIFER RUBIN  
The Washington Post

At least we know the hapless House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-California, has a sense of humor.

At a joint news conference Wednesday, McCarthy was asked whether the disgraced former president should be speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). McCarthy said immediately, “Yes, he should.”

The reporter then asked Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyoming, who voted for impeachment and memorably declared last month, “There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution.” Cheney initially deflected. “That’s up to CPAC,” she said. However, she went on: “I’ve been clear on my views about President Trump and the extent to which, following Jan. 6, I don’t believe that he should be playing a role in the future of the party or the country.”

McCarthy glibly declared, “On that high note, thank you” and made a quick getaway. Awkward laughter followed.

The moment was a high note if you think parties should have standards, respect the Constitution, eschew political violence and accept election outcomes. Still, it leaves Cheney and a thin slice of Republicans in the House and Senate in a bit of a quandary.

From all appearances, the twice-impeached former president is the undisputed leader of the party. McCarthy and House GOP Whip Steve Scalise, R-Louisiana, went on bended knee to Mar-a-Lago. Polling shows the former president to be the overwhelming favorite candidate for 2024.

This is not a difference over the top marginal tax rate or even over a hot-button issue such as abortion. It is a disagreement over whether to remain within the confines of American democracy.

What does a conscientious Republican do?

Writing for the Bulwark, Never Trumper Amanda Carpenter observes that MAGA Republicans brook no dissent. “The institutional GOP is saying any anti-Trump speak is unwanted. Canceled,” she

Jennifer Rubin



writes. “The few Republicans who dared to vote to impeach and convict Trump are being censured and primaried.”

She offers four options for dissenting party members:

- 1) Retire from politics
- 2) Come together to “forge an intraparty faction, pledging to withhold their support unless certain conditions are met, such as an acknowledgment that the 2020 election wasn’t stolen and a commitment that voting restrictions based on Trump’s big election lie not be enacted”
- 3) Form a third party
- 4) “Align with moderate Democrats so long as the leadership of the GOP remains under Trump’s thumb.”

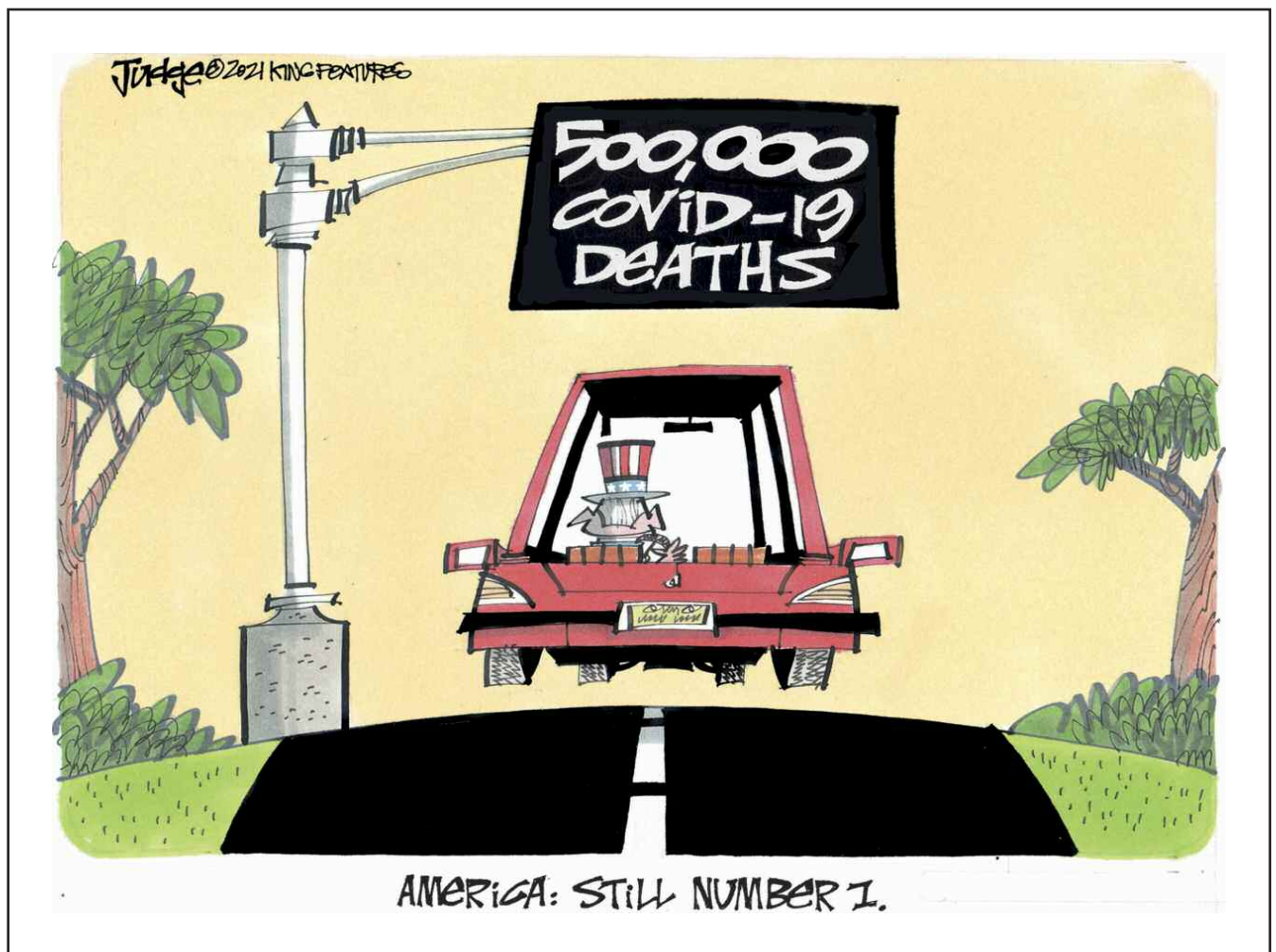
Retirement — or leaving D.C. for state office if the home-state crowd is saner — is a popular choice, but it means conceding defeat.

Interest in a third party is high among Republicans, but mostly because they want a solidly MAGA party. And in any case, an anti-Trump third party would essentially be a protest movement unless the GOP’s fortunes collapse.

As for joining Democrats, veterans of partisan politics might never bring themselves to align with moderate, pro-defense, incrementalist Democrats. But I am at a loss for why moderate Republicans such as Rep. Adam Kinzinger of Illinois or Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska wouldn’t be comfortable in the moderate wing of the Democratic Party.

And for GOP voters, aligning with the Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota, wing of the Democratic Party to stand up against the Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, wing seems morally sound and politically useful — if only to preserve the Union and prevent its descent into one extreme or the other.

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Rubin writes reported opinion for The Washington Post.



## Etsy isn’t a flash in the pan

By SARAH HALZACK  
Bloomberg Opinion

If it wasn’t clear already, it ought to be now: Etsy Inc. is more than just a stay-at-home stock.

The website for handmade goods became a go-to destination for face masks early in the pandemic thanks to quick pivots by its independent sellers to making this new necessity. That helped spark a rally in its shares that made it one of the best-performing stocks in the S&P 500 Index in 2020.

On Thursday evening, Etsy put an exclamation point on its breakout year with a fourth-quarter earnings report that included revenue and profit that blew past analysts’ expectations. For the full year, Etsy’s revenue more than doubled, and the total sales that took place on its platform, or gross merchandise sales, soared to \$10.3 billion. That represents a 106.7% jump from a year earlier, an increase that means it grew far faster than the overall U.S. e-commerce market. Etsy CEO Josh Silverman told investors on Thursday that the way the year’s finances shaped up, his team “roughly achieved our 2023 aspirations in 2020.”

For context on what a force Etsy now is in the shopping universe, sales on its platform in fiscal 2020 were greater than the pre-pandemic annual revenue of large retail chains Ulta Beauty Inc. and Dick’s Sporting Goods Inc. And the details of the fourth-quarter report provide strong signals that the site is well-positioned to build upon the market share it has captured.

Sarah Halzack



on the site at least six times a year. That is a testament to its efforts to personalize search results within its vast digital catalog and to use marketing to get Etsy customers to think of it for a wider array of purchase occasions.

On marketing, Etsy stepped up its spending significantly in the fourth quarter, including plowing more dollars into digital forms such as search-engine ads. But perhaps more noteworthy, it more than doubled its spending from the third quarter on brand-focused ads such as TV commercials. The impact of those types of campaigns isn’t as immediate or easily quantifiable impact as the one for digital ads, but Etsy was smart to make the investment. The business will benefit if it is not just winning people over one product at a time in Google search results.

Etsy did not offer full-year guidance for 2021, but it’s a near certainty that growth will cool because of the tough comparison with 2020. I’ll be more focused on how good a job it does hanging on to the more than 81 million active buyers it had in the fiscal year. With a vast merchandise selection in social-distancing-friendly categories such as home goods as well as reopening-friendly categories such as personalized clothing and wedding decor, I expect Etsy will remain in strong shape this year, whatever course the health crisis takes.

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# TCC donated to Redkey Elementary

The Cellular Connection announced Monday that it donated appreciation boxes to more than 500 schools in the United States.

Redkey Elementary School was among those that received the boxes as part of the company's Teachers Rock Supply Giveaway. Participating stores partnered with schools to donate supply packs valued at more than \$350.

"Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have had to balance a whole new list of concerns," said Scott Moorehead, CEO of Round Room, parent company of TCC, in a press release. "About three-fourths of the 100 largest school districts are on complete remote learning, and a little over a quarter of all districts began the year with a hybrid approach. Despite the challenges and changes they are facing, our teachers continue to put forth their best effort to positively influence our youth. It is more important than ever that we show our deep appreciation for their efforts."

## Saylor named

Swiss Village has named Sierra Saylor as its new vice president of healthcare services.

Saylor previously served as administrator at The Laurels of

## Business roundup

Shane Hill in Rockford, Ohio. She has a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science from Ohio State University and a master's degree in health care administration from Utica College.

"We are excited to have Sierra join the Senior Team at Swiss Village and are quite pleased that she has agreed to do so," said Swiss Village president and CEO Rod Mason in a press release. "Her education and the practical skills of her background and experience have her well-poised to step into this role. Her affable personality and approach to relational management will have her perfectly suited to step in and become warmly accepted by all residents, family members and employees with whom she will interact, from the very first day of her involvement at Swiss Village."

## Vaughn selected

eKeeper Systems announced this week that it has hired Ryan

Vaughn as its business development director.

Vaughn joins the Yorktown technology consulting firm after previously working for InGate Solutions. He attended Ball State University, earning a bachelor's degree in business information technology and a master's degree in information and communication sciences.

"Ryan has been instrumental in helping organizations grow by developing teams that provide superior service and a commitment to excellence," said eKeeper president Dustin Humm in a press release. "His expertise in sales, marketing, and computer information systems makes him a natural fit for eKeeper's team and he will quickly become a key member of our organization."

## Adams resuming

Adams Memorial Hospital will resume laboratory services at its Berne Outpatient clinic beginning Monday.

The clinic will have reduced hours — 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays — for laboratory services at the Berne location.

## Ardagh offering

Ardagh Group announced Thursday that Ardagh Metal

Packaging has launched a \$2.65 billion bond financing.

The announcement from Ardagh, which operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, follows Tuesday's news that Ardagh proposed combining its metal business with Gores Holdings and its beverage can business.

Ardagh Metal Packaging is the second-largest producer of sustainable beverage cans in Europe and the third-largest in North America and Brazil.

## Battlefield focus

A company affiliated with Purdue University is working to reduce mortality and morbidity from battlefield injuries.

OYE Therapeutics, which is located in the Purdue Research Park of Northwest Indiana, announced this week that it has entered into a cooperative research and development agreement with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine Inc. It includes researching the effectiveness of OYE drugs for acute pain control, cognitive processing, psychomotor resilience and mission capabilities.

"An aspect of this (agreement)

is to evaluate peer-reviewed medical literature to assess OYE's drug product pipeline for potential in military medicine," said Dr. Jong Lee, an assistant professor of anesthesiology at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

## NextEra recognized

NextEra Energy announced Tuesday that Ethisphere Institute has recognized it as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies.

Ethisphere, an organization that works to establish and advance ethical business practices, awarded NextEra with the honor for the 14th time. It was one of nine companies in the energy and utilities sector to earn the title this year.

"This recognition demonstrates once again our team of nearly 15,000 employees' commitment to excellence, doing the right thing and treating people with respect," said NextEra chairman and CEO Jim Robo. This honor aligns with our passion to challenge the old ways of doing things and generate innovative solutions to our energy challenges, shaping how energy is produced and delivered on this continent while advancing a sustainable energy era."

# Theaters make return in China

*At half capacity, cinemas shatter records*

## By ANDY WONG

Associated Press

BEIJING — The thrills and chills of the big screen are back big-time in the world's largest film market.

With the coronavirus well under control in China and cinemas running at half capacity, moviegoers are smashing China's box office records, with domestic productions far outpacing their Hollywood competitors.

February marked China's all-time biggest month for movie ticket sales, which have so far totaled 11.2 billion yuan (\$1.7 billion). China overtook the U.S. as the world's biggest market for movie ticket sales last year as the American box office took a massive hit from the closure of cinemas because of the pandemic.

Chinese theaters were able to reopen by midyear and have seen steady audience growth since then. Local movies have also benefited from periodic unofficial "blackout" periods, when only domestic productions are allowed to be screened. A dearth of major Hollywood blockbusters over recent months appears to have also boosted the market for Chinese films.

"People were encouraged to stay in Beijing for the Lunar New Year, and so watching movies in the cinema became the top choice of entertainment," said Chu Donglei, marketing manager at Poly Cinema's Tiananmen branch in central Beijing.

Mask wearing is mandatory and moviegoers must register with a cellphone app so they can be traced in the event of an outbreak. Only every other seat is allowed to be occupied, making it even harder to obtain tickets for the most popular films.

According to the China Movie Data Information Network, 95% of ticket sales came from the seven top-grossing films timed for release around the Lunar New Year festival, which began this year on Feb. 12.

"Hi, Mom," a time-traveling comedy written and directed by and starring Jia Ling, was the top earner with 4.36 billion yuan,

followed by action comedy "Detective Chinatown 3," with 4.13 billion yuan.

Wang Xiaoyu, 32, who works in the film industry, was only able to procure a ticket for "Hi, Mom" on Thursday and called the viewing experience "deeply moving."

"I know there are some movies that are released and streamed online. But I think the experience of watching movies online is not as good as that of watching in a cinema," Wang said.

A lack of entertainment options helped pump up ticket sales during the pandemic, foretelling a bright future for the Chinese film industry, Wang said.

Recent box office figures show the "great resiliency and powerful foundation of China's film industry," said Fu Yalong, deputy general manager of the Solution Center at ENDATA, an analysis firm focusing on the entertainment industry.

"During the Lunar New Year, there were films with a variety of genres and topics and the audiences were satisfied," Fu said. "Even with the impact of the pandemic and the increase in ticket prices, we were still able to score such achievements."

College student Zhang Jiazhi, 21, said the movie theater experience was a welcome break from staying at home watching videos. Successful online film promotion also helped attract many viewers to brick-and-mortar cinemas, Zhang said.

"I'm bored, and you can't stay at home watching (streaming service) Douyin all the time, so I came to the cinema to watch a movie. There's nothing to do," said Zhang, who is on winter break and came to the cinema to see "A Writer's Odyssey," a Chinese fantasy film which he said he didn't quite understand.

Last year, China sold an estimated \$2.7 billion in tickets compared to \$2.3 billion in the U.S., which saw an 80% drop in ticket sales. "The Eight Hundred," an action drama glorifying China's resistance to Japanese invaders in 1930s Shanghai, was the world's biggest hit, making \$461.3 million at the box office, most of it within China.

China's theaters also closed for a time during the height of COVID-19 in the country last spring, but gradually reopened over the summer. As of Friday, China has gone 11 days without reporting a single new case of local transmission of the virus.



Bloomberg/Ty Wright

A rancher passes in front of a heard of cattle grazing in a field Jan. 22 at the Barthle Brothers Ranch in Dade City, Florida. The COVID-19 pandemic upended food supply chains, paralyzing shipping, sickening workers that keep the world fed and ultimately raising consumer grocery costs around the globe last year. Now farmers — especially ones raising cattle, hogs and poultry — are getting squeezed by the highest corn and soybean prices in seven years.

# Food inflation may worsen

By MICHAEL HIRTZER, MEGAN DURISIN and TATIANA FREITAS

Bloomberg

There are signs that the food inflation that's gripped the world over the past year, raising prices of everything from shredded cheese to peanut butter, is about to get worse.

The COVID-19 pandemic upended food supply chains, paralyzing shipping, sickening workers that keep the world fed and ultimately raising consumer grocery costs around the globe last year. Now farmers — especially ones raising cattle, hogs and poultry — are getting squeezed by the highest corn and soybean prices in seven years. It's lifted the costs of feeding their herds by 30% or more. To stay profitable, producers including Tyson Foods are increasing prices, which will ripple through supply chains and show up in the coming months as higher price tags for beef, pork and chicken around the world.

Feed prices "go up and down, and you tend to take the rough with the smooth," said Mark Gorton, managing director at the British chicken and turkey producer Traditional Nor-

folk Poultry. "But when it rallies as much as it has, it starts to impact massively on the business."

The last time grains were this expensive was after the U.S. drought of 2012, and meat prices saw a dramatic run-up. Now, meat is again poised to become a driver of global food inflation, and part of the intensifying debate over the path of overall inflation and exactly what central banks and policymakers should do to aid economies still working to recover from the pandemic.

Vaccinations promising a return to normal life and fiscal stimulus programs amounting to trillions of dollars are already expected to unleash pent-up demand and drive a surge in consumer prices. U.S. and European bond markets are sending signals that inflation is back. Americans' one-year inflation expectations last week rose to the highest since 2014.

As for what's driving the feed prices, that's due to bad crop weather shrinking world harvests. Demand is also increasing. China, the biggest buyer of commodities, is scooping up record amounts of the available supplies to feed its expanding hog herds.

Meat producers across major exporting countries are feeling the impact of the higher grain costs. In Brazil, the biggest poultry shipper, the cost of raising chickens jumped 39% last year due to feed, according to Embrapa, a state-owned agricultural research agency. Costs rose again last month by around 6%, said Itaú BBA bank.

In Europe profitability of livestock operations has plunged due to the combination of high feed expenses and stifled demand from COVID-19 lockdowns. Some smaller hog farmers may be forced to exit the market, according to Rabobank senior analyst Chenjun Pan.

The United Nations' Food & Agriculture Organization said global meat prices in January climbed for the fourth straight month.

Since Dec. 1, corn futures in Chicago have risen 29% and soybeans 19%. "We definitely expect profit margins to be squeezed and then producers will have to somehow start thinking about how they're going to cover that price," said Upali Galketi Aratchilage, senior economist at the FAO.

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** EVERYBODY SHOULD SEE THIS FILM ABOUT A BIG VISE-MANUFACTURING COMPANY. IT'S A GRIPPING STORY.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals S

### Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

#### Egyptian information

- 1) What is the oldest known monumental sculpture in Egypt??
- 2) Which Egyptian pharaoh had the longest documented reign?

(1) The Sphinx  
(2) Ramesses II (67 years)

## 3-1 CRYPTOQUIP

G Y W R D E Y J P K E T P K C Y O H G Y J G  
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P W R G T J G Y T S W R P U K T S D D Q :  
R G T E P C T O T C U Y E T .  
**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** IF SPIDERS ATTENDED COLLEGE, WHAT FIELD OF STUDY WOULD THEY BE LIKELY TO PICK? WEB DESIGN.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals H

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to getting organized. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = R)

**A. 17 4 8 2 4 21 6**  
Clue: Neat and tidy

**B. 12 21 17 23 2 22**  
Clue: Place for clothing

**C. 12 21 24 22 22 2 4**  
Clue: Excess stuff

**D. 23 22 17 4 18 1 2**  
Clue: Space for housing items

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to getting organized.

T N C S N O E T

Answer: Contents

### Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Georgia on February 23, 1994. I started my career in a national commercial for laundry detergent at age 5. I had my breakthrough role opposite Sean Penn. I was the youngest person to be nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award.

Answer: Dakota Fanning

### kids' corner

### PEOPLE FACT:

ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND CAREFUL MEASUREMENTS ARE REQUIRED DURING THIS CULINARY ACTIVITY.

ANSWER: BAKING

### How they say that in...

**ENGLISH:** Flour  
**SPANISH:** Harina  
**ITALIAN:** Farina  
**FRENCH:** Farine  
**GERMAN:** Mehl

### What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

**A** **B**

Answers: 1. Fortune cookie next to wrist 2. Missing cookie heart middle at bottom 3. Cookie middle inside of cookie next to wrist 4. Cream instead of jam

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

**FEB 26**

- 1815: NAPOLEON BONAPARTE ESCAPES FROM EXILE IN ELBA.
- 1919: THE GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK IS ESTABLISHED.
- 1955: RADIO DETECTION AND RANGING IS FIRST DEMONSTRATED BY ROBERT WATSON-WATT. THIS LEADS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RADAR.

### New word

**FOLD**

to mix an ingredient gently

### BE ORGANIZED WORD SEARCH

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

**WORDS**

CLEAN  
CLOSET  
CLUTTERED  
CONTAINER  
DESIGN  
DESK  
DONATION  
DRAWERS  
MESSY  
NEATEN  
ORGANIZED  
PAPERS  
PHOTOGRAPHS  
PROFESSIONAL  
RESOLUTION  
SHELVING  
SORTING  
STORAGE  
STREAMLINE  
TIDY  
TRASH

### Did you know?

THE FIRST CUPCAKE RECIPE WAS INVENTED IN 1776. IT WAS A LIGHT CAKE BAKED IN SMALL CUPS. THE SECOND CUPCAKE RECIPE WAS INVENTED IN 1871.

**GET THE PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CINNAMON ROLL

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- 1 Back talk
- 5 String
- 9 Candied veggie
- 12 Squad
- 13 Taxi
- 14 Hosp. scan
- 15 Singer
- 16 Fiddle sticks
- 17 Inmate
- 18 Singer
- 19 Suffix
- 20 Green gem
- 21 Super Bowl stats
- 23 Gardner of Hollywood
- 25 Country song?
- 28 Pies with toppings
- 32 Martial arts mercenary
- 33 Ultraviolet filter
- 34 Still existing

**DOWN**

- 1 Remain
- 2 Saab
- 3 Polio
- 4 Easy-listening
- 5 Picasso's
- 6 Bassoon's
- 7 Cover
- 8 ER
- 9 Gym site,
- 10 Yankee
- 11 Coal source
- 20 Rhythmic workout
- 22 Diplomat
- 24 "Fences"
- 25 Chemical
- 26 Veto
- 27 Potent
- 29 Actress
- 30 Reply (Abbr.)
- 31 Observe
- 35 Musical
- 36 Basketball position
- 39 Gourmet cook
- 40 Hot dog holder
- 41 Unsilently
- 43 Intends
- 45 Spanish greeting
- 46 Elevator name
- 47 Bulb
- 49 Trio

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 2-27**

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## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K J 5  
♥ 7  
♦ A Q 7 4  
♣ K Q 9 4 2

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ 9 8 2  
♥ A K Q J 9 6  
♦ 8  
♣ J 8 5

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♥  
Pass 2♦ Pass 3♥  
Pass 3NT Pass 4♥  
Opening lead — four of spades.

**Back in 1935,** Ely and Jo Culbertson played a long challenge match against Hal and Dorothy Sims. Although it did not stir up as much public interest as the famous Lenz-Culbertson encounter two years earlier, the match was followed with great interest by most of the faithful in the bridge world.

**Sims, a giant of a man** with a dominating personality, was one of the great card players of all time. He had an unerring instinct for good card play that produced the best possible result in virtually every hand.

**But in this deal,** Sims, South, met his match in the person of the brilliant but shy Jo Culbertson, who chose the four of spades as her opening lead against four hearts!

**The underlead of an ace** against a suit contract is a practice severely frowned upon in expert circles. But Mrs. Culbertson reasoned that Sims' unwillingness to play three notrump stemmed from a weakness in spades and that dummy was correspondingly marked with some spade strength by virtue of her three-notrump bid.

**So Jo, taking advantage** of what seemed an ideal occasion in view of the bidding, underled the ace of spades. After studying the situation at length, Sims played low from dummy, hoping Mrs. Culbertson had led low from either the ten or the queen, or both. Ely won with the ten and returned a club to his wife's ace, whereupon Jo led a low spade again!

**Sims glared at Jo** for quite a while before finally deciding she wouldn't dare underlead an ace twice against the likes of himself. Accordingly, he played the jack from dummy. Ely won with the queen and returned a spade to Jo's ace, and a scarlet-faced Sims went down one.

Tomorrow: Misdirection play.  
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## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Another string to your bow

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q J 10  
♥ Q J  
♦ K 7 3  
♣ A J 6 5

**EAST**  
♠ 9 6 5 2  
♥ K 10 8 6  
♦ Q 10  
♣ 7 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 3  
♥ A 9 7 5 4 2  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 1♣ Pass  
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass  
3♦ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♥ Pass 6♥ Pass  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

**Assume you're declarer** at six hearts and West leads the king of clubs. You win with the ace and lead the queen of hearts, everyone following low. When you next lead the jack, East covers with the king, you win with the ace, and West shows out. What do you do now?

**With East holding** the 10-8 of hearts, and with no more trumps in dummy, it would seem that you have to lose two trump tricks. But all is not yet lost. If East has the right distribution and you time the play correctly, you can still make the slam.

**To succeed, you must arrange** to be in dummy at trick 12, leading toward your hand. If East still has both of his trumps at this stage, he will not be able to score more than one of them.

**You begin by leading** a low spade to dummy's ten at trick four and ruff a club. You then cross to dummy with a diamond and ruff another club, reducing your trump length to the same as East.

**Next, you cash** the ace of diamonds and then overtake the king of spades with dummy's ace. The Q-J of spades are played, on which you discard two diamonds. When East follows suit to both spades, the contract is assured.

**Eleven tricks have been played,** and you are in dummy, which now consists of the jack of clubs and seven of diamonds. East has the 10-8 of hearts, and you have the 9-7. When you lead either of dummy's cards, East is helpless. Whatever he does, he cannot stop you from scoring the nine of hearts, and the slam is home.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- 1 Nile bird
- 5 Egos' counter-parts
- 8 Glitz partner
- 12 Disney film with dancing hippos
- 14 Slimming surgery, for short
- 15 Jonathan Swift, e.g.
- 16 Salt Lake City team
- 17 USN officers
- 18 Says
- 20 Use the
- 23 Verifiable
- 24 Pen pals?
- 25 Subs
- 28 "— -haw!" (oater cry)
- 29 Varieties
- 30 Author Tolstoy
- 32 Risky undertaking
- 34 Friend
- 35 French river
- 36 Blood-hound's clue

**DOWN**

- 1 Conditions
- 2 Sheepish remark
- 3 Bankbook abbr.
- 4 Long-legged wading birds
- 5 Egyptian deity
- 6 Insult, slangily
- 7 Soak
- 8 Derriere
- 9 Low-calorie
- 10 Unoriginal one
- 11 Rolling stone's lack
- 13 Jocular
- 19 Harbor vessels
- 20 CIA operative
- 21 Chicken
- 22 Pulitzer winner
- 23 Baseball's Joe
- 25 Took care of a neighbor's home, say
- 26 "Legally Blonde" role
- 27 Vend
- 29 Swizzle
- 31 Popeye's Olive
- 33 "Take your time"
- 34 Current measure
- 36 Missile shelter
- 37 Fraction
- 38 Frozen drink brand
- 39 Stately trees
- 40 Ascend
- 43 CEO's deg.
- 44 Govt. lender
- 45 — Lingus
- 46 Pro Bowl stats

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

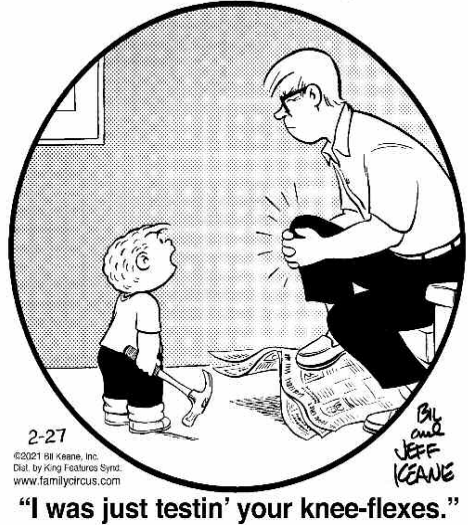
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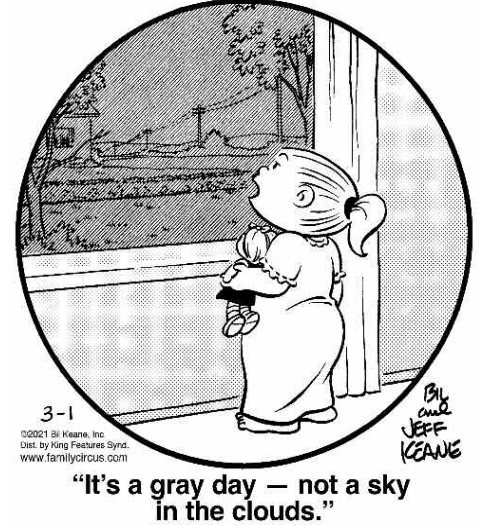
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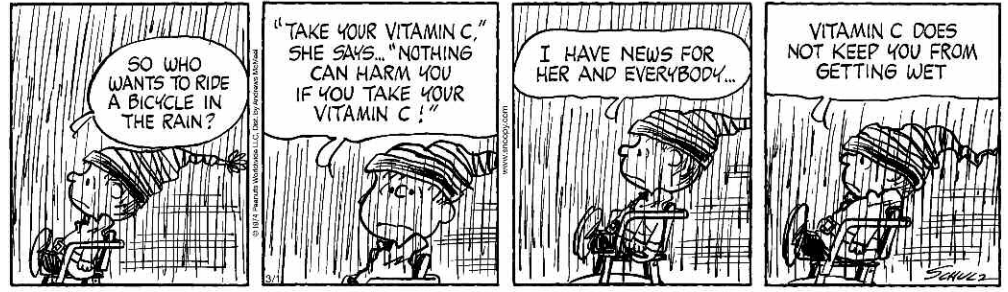
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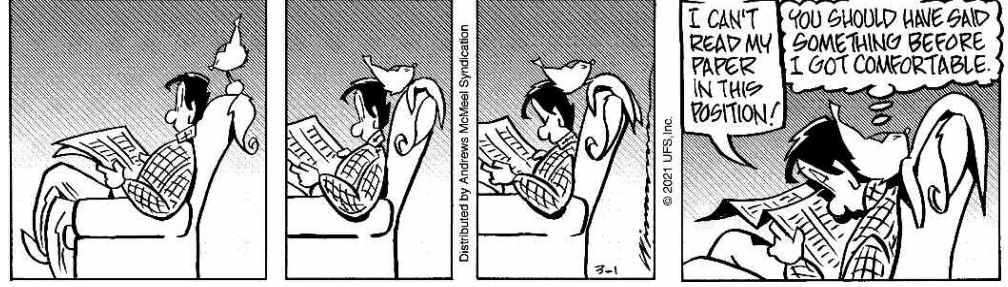
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**Rose is Rose**



**Rose is Rose**



**Agnes**



**Agnes**



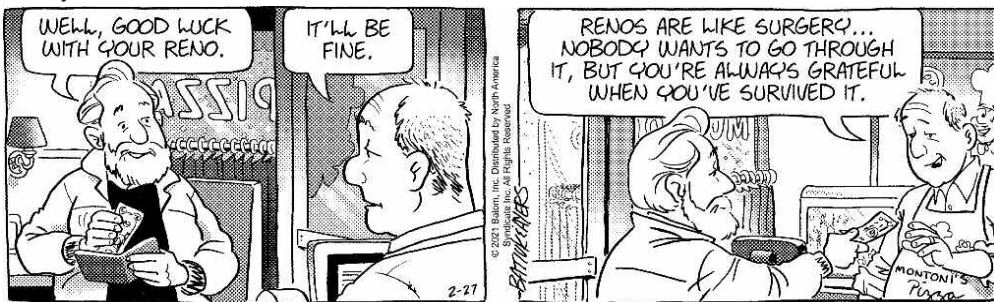
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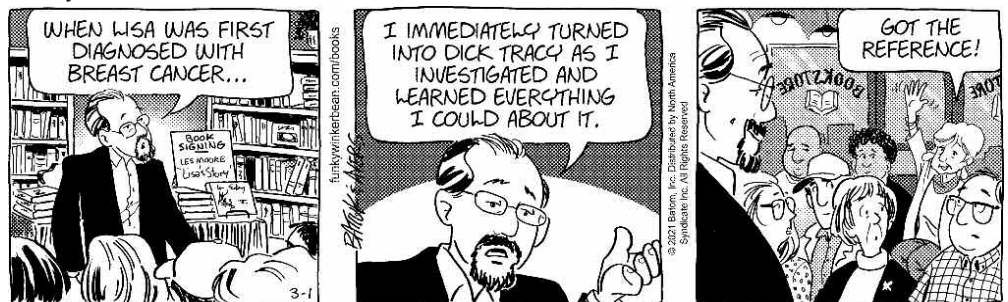
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**Funky Winkerbean**



**Funky Winkerbean**



**Blondie**



**Blondie**



**Snuffy Smith**



**Snuffy Smith**



**Beetle Bailey**



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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
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Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:00am  
7+ acres w/4brm, 1 1/2ba, ranch style home. 2011 Lincoln MKX, 1999 Dodge 1500 Laramie SLT, 1978 Dodge PW-250 JD Z-930M, 3010NF diesel non-running, 42 pull-type combine; 2005 Polaris; EZ-Go golf cart; skid steer; 6x10 trailer. Bush Hog; power washer; 5500watt generator; welder; PTO seeder; wrenches shop tools; log chains; 3-wheel bike. Wood washing tub; 30gal cast iron kettle, dinner bell; mantle clocks; furniture; 5gal crock; lamps; mirrors; dresser; twin bed; end tables; gun safe; washer/dryer; upright freezer; kitchen smalls; much more.  
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Located: Bubb Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN  
Saturday, February 27th, 2021 10:00am  
Household Goods-Old & Collectors Items; Hover Round mobility cart; Jazzy mobility cart; Oak 4 drawer dresser w/mirror, 4 drawer marble top commode; 4 piece bedroom suite; 3 cushion sofa; Bavaria 4 place setting china; Samsung flat screen TV; 2 Lazboy recliners; Camel lighters, presser cooker; Western Flyer wagon; crock pots; Coke crates; cast iron skillets-Wagoner; Quality Pro 20 hp 46” deck riding mower; John Deere 5.5 hp 21” electric start push mower; Poulan 4 1/2 hp mower; 1 1/2 ton floor jack; work bench; ventless gas wall heater; and many other items not listed.  
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Monday, March 8, 2021 Time 4:30 pm  
Real Estate: 55 acres located on section 26 of Knox Twp., Jay County, Indiana. Practically all tillable with frontage on CR 100 S. Farm sells on site.  
Terms on Real Estate: Cash with 10% non-refundable deposit day of auction. Balance due at closing. Sale not subject to buyer obtaining financing. Arrange financing if needed prior to auction. Final sale subject to owner confirmation.  
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Saturday, February 27th 10:00 pm  
4-H Building, at Jay Co. Fairgrounds Portland, IN  
Alsip Auctioneering will be selling the estate of Morris Alsip due to a sudden illness. Our intent was to hire a third party auction service because of the personal nature of the sale. However, I know my father would want me to handle this for him. I became an auctioneer at the age of 20 and he has been by my side every step of the way. I want to thank the Auctioneers and the ones who have asked to help with set up. The weather is making set up more difficult so pictures will be added on a day to day basis prior to the sale.  
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COUNTY OF JAY, SS:  
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  
CAUSE NO.  
38C01-2101-MF-000002  
CROSSROADS FINANCIAL  
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,  
Plaintiff,  
VS.  
DAVID A. BROWN,  
Defendant.  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
By virtue of a certified copy of a Decree to me directed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in cause no. 38C01-2101-MF-000002, wherein CROSSROADS FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION is Plaintiff and DAVID A. BROWN is Defendant, rendering a Judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the sum of \$28,396.61, together with interest and costs thereon, ordering me to sell the real estate hereinafter described to make assets for the payment of said Judgment, and having served notice of this sale upon each owner claiming interest in the real estate hereinafter described, pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 32-29-7-3, including publication upon any owner whose whereabouts are unknown, I will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the 1st day of April, 2021, at 10 AM, at the Office of the Sheriff of Jay County, Indiana, 224 West Water Street, in the City of Portland, Indiana 47371, the real estate described as follows:  
Forty-eight feet off and along the entire east side of Lot One Hundred Eight (108) in South Portland, now a part of the City of Portland, Indiana. More commonly known as 204 West 2nd Street, Portland, IN 47371  
together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof. Said sale will be made for cash and without any relief whatsoever from valuation and appraisal laws, and the purchaser at such sale will receive a Sheriff's Deed to real estate as by law provided.  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located at the Jay County Fairgrounds Bubb Exhibition Hall on Saturday  
**MARCH 6, 2021**  
10:00 A.M.  
**HOUSEHOLD-OLD & COLLECTOR ITEMS-TOOLS:**  
Smith Brothers leather sofa; Smith Brothers leather chair; Lazy Boy leather recliner; Lighted Oak hutch; marble top table; round kitchen table w/board; wood tri-fold room screen; White dining room table w/chairs; wing back chair; Oak makeup table; wicker loveseat; metal patio table w/2 chairs; end tables; table w/6 chairs; Hitachi 53" TV; Maple dresser; oak 3 drawer chest; full size mattress & box springs; rocking chair; John Deere pedal tractor w/wagon; childs rocking chair; occasional chairs; trunk; crocks; crock bowls; 15 gal. wood barrel; milk cans; chicken crate; jewelry; pocket watches; Whirlpool Cabrio dryer; assortment of wood rolling pins; cast iron skillets; brass bucket; Hoover sweeper; computer desk; cabinet; blender, chopper, pasta maker, waffle iron, toaster oven; baking pans; blue & white dishes; cups & saucers; Germany plates, bowls; Crystal dishes; figurines; Boyds bears & figurines; Ty Beanie toys; comic books; football, baseball & basketball cards; kids books; Ninja turtle figurines; transformers; Hot Wheels; Nascar toys; Radio controlled plane; Sports memorabilia; Barbie dolls; Kids toys; picture frames; lamps; quilts; afghans; pillows; sleeping bags; Christmas tree; baby scales; decorations; flower decorations; fans; metal decorative fence; treadmill; exercise bike; Toro Power Throw 724 snowblower; 7' fiberglass step ladder; Craftsman 3.0 shop vac; dehumidifier; Pro Force 7 gal. air compressor; generator; camp stove; chain saws; lantern; Coleman stand; garden tools; and many other items not listed.  
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**260 PUBLIC AUCTION**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
AUCTION LOCATION: 3413 W 100 SOUTH, PORTLAND IN 47371  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021**  
10:00 A.M.  
**REAL ESTATE**  
7+ acres with 4 bedroom, 1 and 1/2 bath, ranch style home with Central Air. Basement, two car attached garage, 24' x 32' detached garage/shop building, 40' x 64' pole building, 30' x 52' lofted barn, grain bins, and stocked pond. Great opportunity to purchase country home in a great location.  
**VEHICLES- MOWER- TRACTOR- COMBINE- ATV**  
2011 Lincoln MKX loaded 125,000 miles. 1999 Dodge 1500 Laramie SLT 143,450 miles with topper. 1978 Dodge PW-250 4x4 92,500 miles partial restoration approx. 80% complete with Meyer snowplow. John Deere Z-930M zero turn mower 72 in cut 284 hours. John Deere 3010 NF diesel tractor non running. John Deere 42 pull type combine (older restoration). 2005 Polaris Ranger TM. EZ-Go gas golf cart painted John Deere colors with canopy, rear seat, mirrors, street legal. Bobcat-Melroe skid steer with Wisconsin engine. 2006 6' x 10' single axle utility trailer (tilt bed).  
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# Tumbles ...

Continued from page 10  
"Fort shot really well against us in the first half." St. Henry, the district's No. 3 seed, meets top-seeded Lima Perry (16-3) in the district semifinal Tuesday at Wapakoneta.

The Indians, who have now lost in the sectional final for three straight years, got a 16-15 lead in the second quarter following a pair of Brian Bihn free throws.

At the other end, Bennett Gels gave the Redskins (17-6) back the lead, and three straight Indian turnovers resulted in points at the other end. Luke Gels scored from the right block, Carter Ontrop almost had a clean dunk but the ball bounced around the rim before going through the hoop, and Bennett Gels added a jumper from the left elbow as the Tribe deficit rose to nine, 23-16.

Fort Recovery had a bit of a rally on four points each by Derek Jutte and Bihn and went into the break only down four, 28-24.

A Schmitz 3-pointer from the right wing on a Cale Rammel pass brought the Tribe as close as two, 30-28, with 6:10 to play in the third quarter. After four points from Ontrop and two by Rammel, it was a 34-30 game nearly three minutes into the second half.

That's when things started to unravel for Fort Recovery's offense, which had shot an even 50% (8-of-16) in the first half while St. Henry was 12-for-20 (60%).

Jaden Lange, who had three offensive rebounds in

the third quarter, put back one of them for two points after the teams traded turnovers. Following another FRHS giveaway, Lange grabbed another offensive board, which led to a Bennett Gels 3-pointer. Ontrop later added two points as St. Henry scored 10 straight while the Tribe committed three turnovers and missed four 3-pointers.

"That was just will," Rosenbeck said of the effort by Lange, who at 5-feet, 8-inches tall is listed as the shortest player on the court. "He wanted it that bad so he comes flying in there from the 3-point line, all 5-8 of him or whatever he is — and that's being generous — and did a great job."

Bennett Gels led a SHHS contingent of four players to score in double figures with his game-high 16 points. Ontrop finished with 14 points, Lange had a dozen and Logan Lefeld put in 10.

Fort Recovery committed six of its 15 turnovers during the fourth quarter when it tried to trim away the 44-30 deficit it had at the end of the third. Half of those six turnovers were charge calls.

"Their defense is pretty good," Schmitz said. "But we had some open looks that we couldn't capitalize on and we had some bad turnovers."

Bihn, who led the Indians with 11 points, made two free throws with 3:05 to play, bringing the score to 52-38, but the Indians never scored again.

# Bury ...

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While JCHS continued to give the ball away, Belmont turned the turnovers into offense as 3-pointers by James, Isaiah Wellman and Staub extended its lead to 14-5.

"I think our offense is always dictated by how well we play defensively," said BHS coach Jonathon Feulling. "We play zone at times but I think we get after it better in our man-to-man. I thought our guards did a really good job of knifing in on their bigs and getting their hands on a lot of stuff that let us get out in transition a little bit."

Ethan Dirksen got the Patriots back into the game, pulling them to within four with a 3-pointer off of a Gavin Muhlenkamp assist with eight seconds left before halftime. But Belmont hustled down the floor with Wellman dishing to Nic Ellsworth for a layup at the buzzer.

"That doesn't seem like much, but it is," said Bomholt. "It's a momentum swing. Instead of going in off a made field goal and feeling good about what we were doing, we gave them a layup."

Those final two points of the opening half combined with five straight from James — he led the way with a game-high 20 points — to open the third quarter and push Belmont's lead to double figures. The Patriots, who lost Muhlenkamp to an injury early in the period, never got closer than seven the rest of the way as the visitors used a 10-0 run later to put the game firmly in their grasp.

Staub hit two of his four 3-pointers during that run as he finished a perfect 4-for-4 from beyond the arc to follow James with 15 points. Belmont was 9-of-16 (56%) from long distance after Winchester hit 11 triples against the Patriots on Tuesday.

"We've got five guys that actually shoot it pretty well," said Fuelling. "We haven't had that in quite



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some time. ... That helps us stretch out defenses ..."

Ellsworth had seven points to go along with 11 rebounds and four assists.

Dirksen was the only Patriot to reach double figures as he scored 14 points. Pearson tallied the team's first seven points en route to finishing with nine.

The loss capped Jay County's second consecutive losing regular season after 18 winning seasons in a row. It heads to the tournament to play Delta (16-4) in the opening round of the sectional Tuesday.

"We're going to have to play a lot better than we played tonight," said Bomholt. "We're going to have to have our best game because the first time we surprised them a little bit, I think, with the game plan. And now, that's out. ..."

"If we don't bring our A game, we might as well stay home and call it a season."

## Junior varsity

Jay County's offense disappeared in the second quarter as it fell 45-27 to Belmont.

The Patriots trailed by just one after the opening

Jay County High School sophomore Bennett Weitzel reaches for a rebound over Belmont's Caden Staub during the second quarter of the Patriots 47-35 loss Friday. JCHS finished the regular season at 7-10 and will play Delta in the opening round of the sectional tournament Tuesday at New Castle.

## Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Belmont Braves					
<b>Boys varsity summary</b>					
Belmont (15-7)					
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS			
Ellsworth	3-6	1-1	7		
Wellman	1-5	0-0	3		
Staub	5-7	1-2	15		
Rumple	0-0	0-0	0		
James	8-15	0-0	20		
Ulman	1-4	0-0	2		
Reinders	0-0	0-0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18-37</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>47</b>		
	<b>.486</b>	<b>.667</b>			
Jay County (7-10)					
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS			
Heniser	2-5	0-0	6		
Weitzel	3-5	0-3	6		
Faulkner	0-5	0-0	0		
Dowlen	0-1	0-0	0		
Dirksen	6-11	0-0	14		
GMhlnkmp	0-3	0-0	0		
AMhlnkmp	0-0	0-0	0		
Pearson	4-6	0-0	9		
Alexander	0-1	0-0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>35</b>		
	<b>.405</b>	<b>.000</b>			
<b>Score by quarters:</b>					
<b>Belmont</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>— 47</b>
<b>Jay Co.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>— 35</b>
<b>3-point shooting:</b> Belmont 9-16 (Staub 4-4, James 4-8, Wellman 1-3, Ulman 0-1). Jay County 5-16 (Dirksen 2-3, Heniser 2-5, Pearson 1-2, Faulkner 0-2, Muhlenkamp 0-2, Dowlen, 0-1, Alexander 0-1).					
<b>Rebounds:</b> Belmont 26 (Ellsworth 11, Staub 6, James 5, Wellman 2, Ulman 2). Jay County 17 (Weitzel 6, Pearson 4, Dirksen 2, team 2, Faulkner, Dowlen, GMuhlenkamp).					
<b>Assists:</b> Belmont 14 (Ellsworth 4, Wellman 4, Staub 2, James 2, Ulman 2). Jay County 7 (GMuhlenkamp 3, Dirksen 2, Faulkner, Dowlen).					
<b>Blocks:</b> Belmont 1 (Ulman). Jay County 2 (Weitzel 2).					
<b>Personal fouls:</b> Belmont 6 (Wellman 2, Staub 2, James, Ulman). Jay County 7 (Faulkner 4, Dirksen 2, Alexander).					
<b>Turnovers:</b> Belmont 14. Jay County 14.					

## Box score

No. 3 seed St. Henry Redskins vs. No. 6 seed Fort Recovery Indians					
<b>Division IV Wapakoneta District sectional final at St. Henry</b>					
<b>Boys varsity summary</b>					
Fort Recovery (12-12)					
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS			
Martin	0-1	0-0	0		
DJutte	3-5	2-4	8		
Schmitz	3-10	1-1	8		
Rammel	4-12	0-1	8		
Bihn	2-3	7-10	11		
OJutte	1-3	0-0	3		
Thobe	0-0	0-0	0		
DEvers	0-1	0-0	0		
Post	0-0	0-0	0		
Grover	0-0	0-0	0		
Pearson	0-0	0-0	0		
CEvers	0-0	0-0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13-35</b>	<b>10-16</b>	<b>38</b>		
	<b>.371</b>	<b>.625</b>			
St. Henry (17-7)					
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS			
BGels	6-11	0-3	16		
Bruening	1-2	3-4	5		
Lange	3-6	4-4	12		
Ontrop	6-14	2-2	14		
Lefeld	5-6	0-5	10		
LGels	1-1	0-0	2		
Heitkamp	0-0	0-0	0		
Franck	0-0	0-0	0		
Koesters	0-0	0-0	0		
Everman	0-0	0-0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-40</b>	<b>9-18</b>	<b>59</b>		
	<b>.550</b>	<b>.500</b>			
<b>Score by quarters:</b>					
<b>Fort Rec.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>— 38</b>
<b>St. Henry</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>— 59</b>
<b>3-point shooting:</b> Fort Recovery 2-12 (OJutte 1-3, Schmitz 1-1, Rammel 0-5, DJutte 0-2, DEvers 0-1). St. Henry 6-13 (BGels 4-5, Lange 2-5, Ontrop 0-3).					
<b>Rebounds:</b> Fort Recovery 21 (Bihn 6, Rammel 5, DJutte 4, team 3, Schmitz, OJutte, Thobe). St. Henry 27 (Lefeld 7, Lange 6, Bruening 5, BGels 3, Ontrop 3, team 2, LGels).					
<b>Assists:</b> Fort Recovery 4 (Martin, DJutte, Rammel, OJutte). St. Henry 5 (Lange 3, Bruening, Lefeld).					
<b>Blocks:</b> Fort Recovery 3 (DJutte, OJutte, Thobe). St. Henry 1 (Bruening).					
<b>Personal fouls:</b> Fort Recovery 20 (DJutte 4, Rammel 4, OJutte 4, Schmitz 2, Bihn 2, Thobe 2, Martin, DEvers). St. Henry 13 (Lange 4, Lefeld 4, BGels 3, LGels 2).					
<b>Turnovers:</b> Fort Recovery 15. St. Henry 13.					

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Gymnastics sectional at Concordia — noon; Junior high wrestling hosts Jay County Invitational — 9:30 p.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional quarterfinal vs. Delta at New Castle — 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Junior high swimming at Bluffton — 6 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional semifinal vs. Burris at New Castle — 7 p.m. (TBD)

**March 6**  
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional final vs. TBA at New Castle — 7:30 p.m. (TBD)

**March 8**  
Jay County — Junior high swimming at Belmont — 5:30 p.m.

**March 9**  
Jay County — Junior high swimming vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.

**March 11**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.

**March 13**  
Jay County — Junior high swimming hosts ACAC championships — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling in ACAC championships at South Adams — 9 a.m.

## TV schedule

**Today**  
Noon — Men's College Basketball: Texas at Texas Tech (CBS); Tennessee at Auburn (ESPN); Georgetown at DePaul (FS1)

2 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Illinois at Wisconsin (ESPN); LSU at Arkansas (ESPN2)

2:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Marquette at UConn (FOX)

3 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (ABC); Washington at Arizona (CBS)

4 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Kansas State at West Virginia (ESPN2); Florida State at North Carolina (ESPN); Florida at Kentucky (CBS)

5 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Creighton at Xavier (FOX)

Louisville at Duke (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Minnesota at Nebraska (BTN)

7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (FSIN)

8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Baylor at Kansas (ESPN); USC at Utah (ESPN2)

8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Brooklyn Nets (ABC)

10 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Loyola Marymount at Gonzaga (ESPN); UCLA at Colorado (ESPN2); Oregon at California (FS1)

**Sunday**  
Noon — Men's College Basketball: Villanova at Butler (CBS)

1 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Memphis at Cincinnati (ESPN)

2 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Michigan State at Maryland (CBS)

3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Milwaukee Bucks (ABC)

4 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Iowa at Ohio State (CBS)

7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Nevada at Utah State (FS1)

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

**Monday**  
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Philadelphia 76ers (FSIN)

7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: North Carolina at Syracuse (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (ESPN); Arizona at Oregon (ESPN2)

**Tuesday**  
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Illinois at Michigan (ESPN); Xavier at Georgetown (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Boston Celtics (TNT)

9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Marquette at DePaul (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: UConn at Seton Hall (FS1)

7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Louisville at Virginia Tech (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (FSIN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Houston Rockets (ESPN)

8:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Creighton at Villanova (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: UCLA at Oregon (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Portland Trail Blazers (ESPN)

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# Sports

## TOs bury JC in finale

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Sitting on the steps next to the locker room Tuesday night at Winchester Fieldhouse, Jerry Bomholt listed the things his team would need to do to succeed in its next game.

The No. 1 item was to take care of the basketball.

The Patriots proceeded to turn the ball over six times in the first four minutes Friday.



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Jay County High School's boys basketball team fell behind by nine in large part because of those turnovers and was unable to recover in a 47-35 loss Friday to visiting Belmont.

"Way too many turnovers," said Bomholt, whose team finished the regular season at 7-10. "The JV started it. They had 10 the first quarter. And then we go out and we have eight (in the first quarter). And give them credit, they were double-teaming, but we work on that all the time. ... We just weren't strong with it."

Each of Jay County's first two possessions resulted in turnovers as Belmont (15-7) took a 5-0 lead on a Caden Staub 3-pointer and a Tyler James layup off of a steal. The Patriots evened the score thanks to a put-back and a 3-pointer, both from sophomore Dusty Pearson, but then the turnovers bit them again.

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## Tribe tumbles in sectional

Crucial turnovers, missed shots end Fort's season

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

ST. HENRY, Ohio — The old adage is true in the Midwest Athletic Conference; what happened in the regular season means nothing come tournament time.

The Indians found that out the hard way Friday.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team had too many crucial turnovers and wasn't able to get shots to fall all the while St. Henry was more fortunate on offense in handing the Indians a 59-38 loss in the Division IV Wapakoneta District sectional final.

"Well, going into this game we knew they were very good and it (was) going to be a challenge," said FRHS senior Clay Schmitz, whose team ended its season 12-12. "But down the stretch they hit a few more shots and ours weren't falling."

"This opened their lead, and it's hard to come back in games like these."

Fort Recovery coach Jim Melton, whose team lost 43-42 to St. Henry during the regular season, would not speak with media following the game.

St. Henry coach Eric Rosenbeck, however, reiterated something he's been telling media all season.

"I just love this team," he said. "Their toughness, their moxy, the way they approach practice on a daily basis, and for it to showcase itself out there ... We try to hang our hat on defense, but for whatever reason teams have been shooting really well against us."

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Fort Recovery High School senior Clay Schmitz attempts to shoot near St. Henry defenders Carter Ontrop (23) and Jaden Lange (11) during the first quarter of a Division IV Wapakoneta District sectional final on Friday at St. Henry. The Indians lost 59-38.

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## Walker, Celtics beat Pacers

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Kemba Walker made two late free throws and scored a season-high 32 points to help the Boston Celtics snap a three-game losing streak with a 118-112 win over the Indiana Pacers on Friday night.

Daniel Theis added 17 points and Jaylen Brown finished with 15.

Indiana led by as many as 14 points in the first half, but never led in the final 24 minutes in losing for the third time in four games.

Domantas Sabonis led the Pacers with 24 points and nine assists. Justin Holiday added 19 points and five rebounds.

A 12-4 run by the Celtics, capped by a driving layup by Walker, gave Boston a 110-101 cushion in the fourth quarter.

Indiana pulled within 112-109 on a layup by Sabonis with 1:23 to play. A turnover by Jaylen Brown then gave the ball back to Indiana.

Holiday missed a 3-pointer from the corner and Theis hit one on the other end. But on Indiana's next possession Sabonis got a friendly bounce off the top of the backboard on a deep 3 that trimmed Boston's lead to 115-112.

The Celtics nearly got an 8-second violation, but Walker hustled the ball up the court and was fouled, and connected on his two ensuing free throws with 11.6 seconds remaining to help seal it.

One of the things Celtics coach Brad Stevens believes has ham-

pered his team at times this season is doing too much ball watching when primary scorers Jayson Tatum, Brown and Walker have the ball in their hands.

There was a lot more movement from their teammates, who pressed the action in the half court, aggressively attacking the interior of Indiana's defense.

The Pacers started fast, scoring the game's first 12 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers and a three-point play by Myles Turner. Indiana's lead grew as high as 18-4, but Boston responded by closing the quarter on a 28-13 run to take a 32-31 lead.

Tatum and Brown combined to shoot just 2 for 8 from the field for seven points in the opening period.

Most of the heavy lifting for the Celtics' comeback came from another source. Their bench stepped up, contributing 27 points in the first half to help Boston take a 61-60 lead into the break.

**Tip-ins**  
**Pacers:** Were outscored 48-32 in the paint. ... JaKarr Sampson was added to the health and safety protocol Friday.

**Celtics:** Held a 39-34 edge in bench scoring. ... Led by as many as 10. ... Marcus Smart missed his 15th straight game with a left calf tear.

**Up next**  
**Pacers:** At Knicks on Saturday.

**Celtics:** Host Wizards on Sunday.