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GOP race set in middle district

Alexander files to challenge Aker for commissioner

Contested races are lining up on the Republican side of the ballot.

Bryan Alexander filed Friday to challenge incumbent Chad Aker in the Republican primary for Jay County Commissioner representing the middle district.

His addition to the ballot brings the total to three contested races for county-level offices in addition to a contested race for state representative in District 33. Also filing Friday were incum-Democrat Schemenaur for Jay County prosecutor and Republican Jon Eads for state convention delegate.

Alexander, a Portland resident, has held elected office in the county previously. He served two terms on Jay School Board from 2003 through 2010. He was unopposed in his 2006 bid for re-elec-

Aker, also a Portland resident and current commissioners dent, is seeking a second term in office. He defeated his cousin Brian Aker in the 2018 general election after knocking off incumbent Barry Hudson and Caleb Lutes in the GOP primary.

Two Republicans have also filed paperwork in Indianapolis to run for District 33 state representative, which includes the southern two-thirds of Jay County as well as all of Randolph County and part of Delaware County, setting up a rematch from 2020.

See Race page 2

Jones gets 47.5



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Cory Jones, left, steps out of the elevator on the first floor of Jay County Courthouse on Friday morning after he was sentenced to 47.5 years in prison for the 2020 shooting death of Shanna Jones. Cory Jones in November pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, a Level 2 felony, for the shooting.

Jay County man was sentenced Friday morning for the 2020 shooting death of Dunkirk's Shanna Jones

By RAY COONEY

voluntary the death of a Dunkirk woman will spend decades in prison.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison on Friday sentenced Cory M. Jones, 45, to a total of 47.5 years in prison for the Aug. 22, 2020, shooting death of Shanna

Cory Jones pleaded guilty 19 to voluntary

Shanna Jones. Hutchison senmanslaughter in relation to tenced him to 27.5 years for the voluntary manslaughter charge — the maximum is 30 years — and the maximum of an additional 20 years for the habitual offender enhancement stemming from a criminal record that dates back to the mid-1990s. He was given credit for time served since

Aug. 25, 2020. Cory Jones had previously

manslaughter, with a habitual been charged with murder, judge pointed out, it's going to offender enhancement, for the A Jay County man who fatal shooting of 47-year-old to 65 years with an advisory for him either way." sentence of 55 years.

"I think that's a pretty good outcome considering all the circumstances," said prosecutor County Schemenaur. "It's within the range of what he would have received on a straight-up murder sentence. While it's not as much as he would have gotten had he gone to trial and been convicted of the murder and the habitual together, as the

Relatives of Shanna Jones declined to make a victim's impact statement in court as part of the sentencing hearing but spoke to The Commercial Review afterward.

"It makes me feel a little bit better at night knowing that he's not going to get out any time soon and come after me,' said Natashia Jones, Shanna's daughter.

See **Jones** page 2

Retrospect

Apache visited Dunkirk



The Commercial Review/Robert Banser

Westlawn Elementary School music teacher Kathy Nelson talks with Apache warrior Nig-Kke about how he made a tom-tom when he was a child on the Apache reservation in Arizona.

local elementary school students were learning about Native American

The Jan. 8, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of Apache warrior Nig-Kke visiting Westlawn Elementary School in Dunkirk.

Nig-Kke — the name means Dark Sky – Bright Star in Apache — spoke to students in two groups and also allowed them to get a close look at items he brought, including a pipe, tomahawk, dream-catcher and tom-tom

Indiana and Ohio. He had previously visited Pennville

and Portland. "When an apache comes in peace, he gives something in return," Nig-Kke explained to the students. "I give each school a piece of turquoise because that says I come in

peace. Two of his main goals were to describe reservation life and encourage children to become pen pals with those on the Apache reservation.

Nig-Kke explained that as an Apache warrior he learned to live off of the he made when he was 9 years land. One of the requireold. He said he had delivered ments was being able to sursimilar presentations at vive in the desert without from.'

Twenty-five years ago this about a half dozen schools in taking any food or water with him.

> In addition to other items, he showed students his medicine bag that had been passed down from generation to generation.

> He emphasized the importance of education and said he hoped members of the Apache nation would continue to visit schools like Westlawn for years to come.

> And he emphasized the importance of preservation and pride in not only his culture, but all cultures.

> 'We don't want to ever lose who we are," he said. "Indian or not, just be proud of who you are and where you come

Deaths

Sandra Blaylock, 85, Mt.

Jeffrey Hurst, 73, Pinetop-

Lakeside, Arizona Chris Dugan, 64, Portland Joan Franks, 80, Parker

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 21 degrees Friday. The low was 5, with a wind chill of zero.

Expect a high of 34 today under sunny skies with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Rain, with freezing rain possible, is expected tonight.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay School Board will meet three times Monday.

The board will first meet in executive session at 4 p.m. at General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. It hold its organizational meeting for the year at 5 p.m. and will then meet as the corporation's board of finance at 5:15 p.m.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's Jay County Invitational swim meet.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.



Obituaries

Sandra Blaylock

Dec. 31, 1936-Jan. 5, 2022 Sandra "Sandy" Yvonne Blaylock, 85, of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, passed away Jan. 5, 2022, at West River Health Campus.

She was born Dec. 31, 1936, in Redkey, Indiana, to the late Robert L. and

Kathryn (Morrical) Prevost.

Sandy was a graduate of Royerton High School. She worked as a bookkeeper in the accounting field, retiring in 2010.



Blaylock

Sandy was a life member of the Eastern Star, Upland Chapter #411.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald "Dee"

grandson, Jonathan Anderson; and brother, Phillip Prevost.

She is survived by her children, Carroll R. Marcus, Sherilynn S. Anderson (Demont) and Belinda "Jeannie" Duckworth grandchildren, (Mark); Matthew Osborne (Hazel), Jeffrey Osborne, Jr., Joseph Ander-(Rhiannon) and Billy Osborne; great-grandchildren, Danielle Robbins, Carter Howe, Mason Osborne, Khloe Osborne, Maverick Anderson, Monte Anderson and Maxen Anderson; niece, Kathryn Davis; and nephew, Tim Prevost.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, at Schneider Funeral Home, 512 Main St., Mt. Vernon, Indiana, with burial to follow in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10 Blaylock; son, Billy Joe Marcus; a.m. until the 1 p.m. service time

on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital Transportation Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at chneiderfuneralhome.com.

Jeffrey Hurst

Arizona.

Dec. 19, 1948-Dec. 2, 2021 Jeffrey Allen Hurst, 73, passed away Dec. 2 in Pinetop-Lakeside,

He was the son of the Mr. and Mrs. Jesse and Louanna (Valentine) Hurst. He graduated from Portland High School in 1966. He was the quarterback on the football team.

After graduation, he attended Ball State University. He earned a bachelor of science degree in 1970 as well as a master of arts in education in 1971, a master of arts education in 1974 and a doc-

tor of education (psychology) in 1978, all from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

He was a psychologist for 42 vears when he retired from prac-

He obtained a fourth-degree black belt in tae kwon do and was co-founder of the WolfHurst Tae Kwon Do Clubs of America.

Hurst

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his wife; children Matthew David, Jeffrey and Jessica Anna; six grandchil-

dren; his brother Jesse Hurst; and his mother Louanna Hurst of Portland, Indiana.

Services were held in Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona.

Joan Franks, 80, Parker City, a Fort Recovery native and former Portland resident, Oct. 14, 1940-Jan. 7, 2022. Services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Chris Dugan, Portland, March 20, 1957-Dec. 27, 2021. Services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod

Funeral Home in Portland.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.

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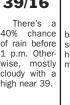
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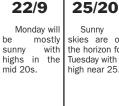
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Thursday.

42/30 Another day of partly sunny skies

Lotteries

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 3-2-3 Daily Four: 2-5-6-0 Quick Draw: 2-10-12-17-18-28-36-40-41-42-46-50-53-55-56-57-60-62-65-67

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 9-3-5 Pick 4: 5-0-3-4 Pick 5: 3-0-9-8-1 Evening Pick 3: 5-0-0

Pick 4: 0-9-5-1 Pick 5: 0-9-8-8-2 Rolling Cash 5: 7-13-17-

26-38 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$278 million

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Jan. corn	6.08
Beans	13.76
Jan. beans	13.80
Wheat	7.23

Today in history

America."

In 1815, the last major engagement of an end as U.S. forces Mississippi. defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having treaty.

House of Representatives joined the Senate

On Jan. 8, 1964, in overriding President President Lyndon B. Andrew Johnson's veto Johnson, in his State of of the District of the Union address, Columbia Suffrage Bill, declared an "uncondigiving Black men in the tional war on poverty in nation's capital the right to vote.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley the War of 1812 came to was born in Tupelo,

In 1972, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team received word of the clobbered the host signing of a peace Ansonia Tigers 69-45. Fred Aisenbrey led a In 1867, the U.S. balanced scoring effort with 15 points.

—AP and The CR

Jones Continued from page 1

She clarified that her mother and Cory Jones were not in a relationship at the time of the shooting.

According to court documents, Ray Jones, Cory's father, called police late Aug. 22, 2020, to request a welfare check at Shanna Jones' home. He told police that his son said he accidentally shot Shanna Jones. He also told officers that his son later sent a text saying he was "going 110 mph toward Illinois."

Upon searching the property at 10402 W. 400 South, police found Shanna Jones lying face down with injuries to the back of her head. She was pronounced dead at the scene and an autopsy later showed she died of a shotgun wound to the

Cory Jones was arrested by the U.S. Marshal Service's Fugitive Task Force in Martinsburg, West Virginia, about 75 miles west of Baltimore, three days after the shooting.

Friday's hearing was brief, with deputy prosecutor Zec Landers asking the court for the maximum 50year sentence based on Jones' criminal history and the fact that he fled after the shooting.

"He tried to run after he committed this crime," said Landers. "He was trying to get away and not answer for what he did to Shanna Jones."

Public defender Brandon Murphy asked for a total sentence of 24.5 said Schemenaur of the decision to

years, saying Cory Jones accepted responsibility by pleading and that he expressed remorse in the pre-sentence report.

"I highly regret what happened." Cory Jones said during a short statement. "I could say sorry for the rest of my life and it wouldn't change anything."

In delivering the sentence, Hutchison noted significant aggravating factors, including two previous felonies, six previous misdemeanors and multiple probation violations and failures to appear in court. He added that Cory Jones was on probation in two counties at the time of the shooting.

He said he did not give much weight to Cory Jones' plea or his statement of remorse.

In addition to the 47.5 years in prison, Cory Jones was assessed the standard \$185 in court costs. He was advised that he is allowed to file an appeal of his sentence within 30 days.

Jay County Prosecutor's Office had been preparing for a murder trial — it was previously scheduled to begin Monday — before Cory Jones agreed to plead to the lesser Level 2 felony charge of voluntary manslaughter. It had filed to the habitual offender assessment as part of that process based on felony convictions for burglary (1994) and auto theft (2014).

"It's nice to have the sure thing,"

accept the plea. "It's good for the family. It's good for the community, I think, to put these tragedies behind us and move on. It saves resources for the county. And we got as good of an outcome as we could have probably hoped for at trial."

Natashia Jones agreed Friday that avoiding a trial was "for the best."

"A trial would have been just more drug out," added Mara Brown, Shanna's niece. "We would have had to re-live anything. So yeah, we're happy it didn't go to trial. It's less that we have to put up with. At the same time, if he would have admitted to it at the get-go then we could have had this done and over with

Cory Jones' plea marks the fourth conviction related to the deaths of Jay County residents in 2020. Esther J. Stephen and Shelby Hiestand, both of Portland, were convicted by Jay Circuit Court juries last year for the January 2020 death of Shea Briar of Portland and were each sentenced to 55 years in prison. A third woman, Hannah Knapke of Fort Recovery, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in connection with Briar's death and was sentenced to 17.5 years in prison.

The last murder trial stemming from 2020 on the court's docket is scheduled to begin Feb. 7 as Roger L. Boyd, 36, Portland, faces the charge for the Sept. 5, 2020, shooting death of James P. Miller of Montpelier.

Capsule Reports

City mishap

Vehicles driven by a Fort Wayne woman and a rural Anderson man collided at the intersection of Meridian Street and Industrial Park Drive shortly before 2 p.m. Friday.

Chelsea M. McCarthy, 34, Fort Wayne, told Portland police she was northbound on Meridian Street and was attempting to make a left turn onto Industrial Park Drive when the 2014 Chevrolet Cruze she

was driving was clipped by the trailer of a southbound semi making a right turn at that intersection.

Christian J. Williams, 30, rural Anderson, was driving a 2012 Volvo registered to Jart Xpress LLC and told police he did not see the other vehicle.

The Cruze was registered to Dean L. Groo. Decatur.

Damage was estimated between \$2,500

Race

Continued from page 1 Incumbent Prescott (R-Union City) filed Wednesday to seek a third term in office. Also Brittany Kloer, a Portland resident and current director of Area 18

Education Cooperative. Prescott and Kloer faced off in the 2020 GOP primary, with Prescott earning 63.13% of the vote before going on to defeat Julie Snider in the general election.

Career and Technical

Other recent filers include "Watermellon" Jim Phillips, a Democrat, for Redkey Town Council at-large and Republicans Matt Lehman for state representative in District 79, Rex Pinkerton for Jackson Township Trustee and Scott Hilfiker for Madison Township Trustee. (Lehman is the incumbent in District 79,

J.D. northern third of Jay County following redistricting in the fall.)

Phillips is a former filing Wednesday was Redkey Town Council member and a regular on the ballot. He most recently finished secondto-last in a six-way race for three at-large seats on Redkey Town Council in 2019.

(He also applied to take over a seat when former council member Terri Taylor resigned, but party leadership instead chose Dottie Quakenbush.)

Redkey Town Council seats up for election this year are currently held by Randy May and Quakenbush.

In addition to those for commissioner and state representative, Republican side of the ballot also features races between Tony Lennartz

which will include the and Patrick Wells for Jay County Sheriff and Melanie Upp and Becky Hesher for Jay County

> recorder. In both cases, incumbents Dwane Ford (sheriff) and Betty St. Myers (recorder) can not seek re-election because they have served two consecutive terms.)

The deadline to file to run for election this year is noon Feb. 4.

Filing for school board seats, which are non-partisan, begins July 27.

SERVICES

Today

May, Vickie: 11 a.m., Salamonia Church of Christ, 3900 S. 600 East, Portland.

Ashcraft, Mary: I p.m., Southside Church of Christ, 1209 S. Shank St., Portland.

Tuesday

Sandra, Blaylock: I p.m., Schneider Funeral Home, 512 Main St., Mt. Vernon.

Thursday

Dugan, Chris: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday Franks, Joan: 7 p.m.,

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County ery School Board, con-

Public Library Board,

Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E.

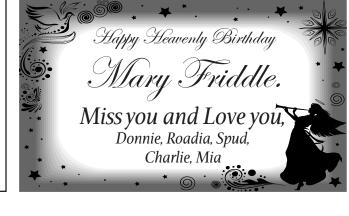
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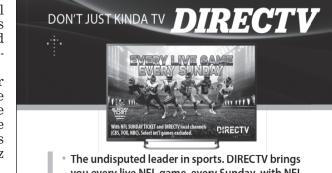
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5:15 p.m. — Jay School Corporation Board of Finance, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Fort Recov-

ference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk

Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.





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Lions Club donates

Portland Lions Club treasurer Mark Tillman presents a donation for the Youth Service Bureau Christmas to PJ Corwin.

Book sale begins Monday

It's almost time for a book sale.

Fort Recovery Public Library will be hosting a used book sale from Monday through Jan. 15 during regular business hours. Book and DVD donations are still being accepted.

Business hours for the library at 113 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery, are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed on Thursday.

For more information or to

Taking Note

from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and inquire about acceptable donations, call the library at (419) 375-2869.

Paws & Pages

Paws & Pages is back.

for children to read to a certified therapy dog, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday. Each participant will have 15

host Paws & Pages, an opportunity

minutes of reading and playtime with Sonny the chihuahua. Children may bring their own reading materials or read from books pro-

Register by calling (260) 726-7890 or while visiting the library. A parent or guardian must sign a waiver Jay County Public Library will at the time of the event.

Mixed signals stir feelings

been talking to my exboyfriend of more than 22 years. We have a grown son. We are now in our 50s and talking and texting again. I still love him, and I want a relationship with him, but I'm not sure he wants me back. I don't know if he's interested in me or just being friendly.

Can you help? At the end of our last phone call he said, "It's been a long time. Twenty-two years. We are both different people now. I don't know if it could be like it was then," and we said goodnight.

Should I wait for him to text me back? I don't even know if he's dating someone. He didn't say. Please SECOND help. CHÂNCE IN THE EAST

SECOND DEAR CHANCE: Continue talking to your ex and let this scenario play out further. Is he initiating these calls and texts, or are you? If it's him, that's a hopeful sign. Yes, it is true you are both different people now — but that can be a plus. With the passage of time, you both may have mellowed and matured. If the discussions continue, you will find out soon enough if he's involved someone or interested in getting back together. And remember, if he's just being "friendly," the son you share is a good reason for keeping that friendship going.

DEAR ABBY: My wife is les, CA 90069.

Dear Abby

very protective of our dog, "Spencer." I agree with her that Spencer should not receive table food. Yesterday, my wife put a large pile of dog vomit on my desk. She said it "proves" I have

I may have done some peculiar things in my time, but I have never put vomit on someone's desk. How should I respond? – FLABBERGASTED **IOWA**

been feeding Spencer. Her

accusation is not true.

DEAR FLABBER-GASTED: There can be various reasons for a dog having an upset stomach besides having consumed table scraps. Spencer should checked by a veterinarian to be sure there isn't something else going on. As to your wife putting vomit on your desk, well, since you asked — I wouldn't blame you if you made it plain that SHE is in the doghouse.

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 www.DearAbby.com P.O. Box 69440, Los Ange-

Community Calendar

Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, news@thecr.com.

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-Hardware, Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-

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

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

FAST OPTIMISTS — Will tion or to schedule an

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one time each.

Notices will appear in meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be MOUS — Will meet at 10 played from 9 a.m. to noon Everyone is welcome. a.m. upstairs at True Value each Monday at Jay Com-Meridian munity Center.

> **EUCHRE** each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

> JAY COUNTY DRUG **PREVENTION** COALI-TION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month. For more information, call (260) 251-

PREGNANCY 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 PORTLAND BREAK- Friday. For more informa-

appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will Will be meet for weigh-in at 5:30 played starting at 1 p.m. p.m., with the meeting at 6 Tuesday at 2nd Chance at p.m., in the fellowship hall Life Ministries, 228 S. at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

Tuesday JAY COUNTY PASTORS

AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in mation, call (260) 766-9334.

the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospi-

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

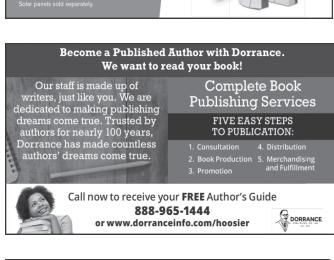
THE LANDING — A 12step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

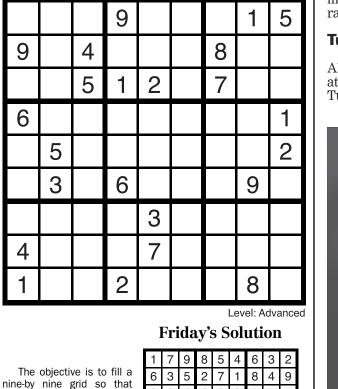
JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

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

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more infor-

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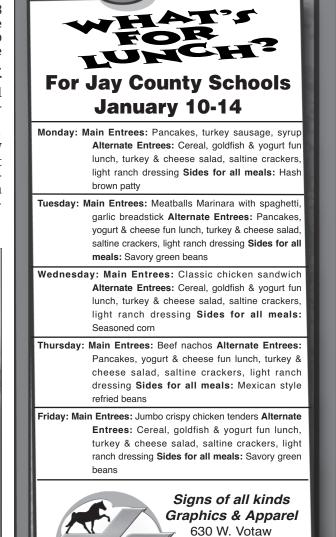
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Now they were in the United States, forced to leave everything behind because they stood by America's side.

For Team Rubicon assisting with others on Operation Allies Welcome was a new type of mission. We're a veteran-led organization built to serve at-risk and vulnerable populations affected by disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and wildfires.

But this mission was different, it was new and there was no assist at 10 separate locations item a sacrifice of someone's

Letters to the Editor

across the United States with the ultimate task of conducting donations management support. Working in a warehouse collecting, sorting and providing donated items to recently displaced individuals all in an effort to help, all amid a pandemic.

Hoosiers demonstrated their hospitality. In just a few weeks, our warehouse was bursting with new diapers, toothbrushes and shampoos, along with an increasing number of socks, shirts and pants. Over 2 million items of donated goods were processed at the warehouse assisting Camp Atterbury. roadmap to refer to. Before it Almost the entirety were providwas over Team Rubicon would ed by the people of Indiana, each

another start a new life.

In addition to the material goods came the new Team Rubicon members, people of Indiana who raised their hand, saying "pick me, I want to help." Close to 250 individual Team Rubicon volunteers assisted over the course of these four months. Many of these individuals were new to Team Rubicon, the majority of them from Indiana, and all of them willing to give of their time, ability and heart. Each was open to sweat in the heat of September and shiver in the cold of December to sort, pack and process the mountains of donated items provided through the generosity of their friends, neighbors and fellow Hoosiers.

Donations came from every corner of the state. Faith communities, charitable organizations, civic groups, businesses, families, children, veterans and others dropped off items at Indiana armories across the state and our collection site at John-

time and money, given to assist son County Park. Many of you you who lifted up and gave supgive often, returning time and time again to demonstrate your Hoosier Hospitality.

Our mission, to receive, sort and prepare for distribution all donated items in support of Operation Allies Welcome would not have succeeded the way it did without the support of Indiana state leadership, namely Gov. Eric Holcomb along with the military leaders at Camp Atterbury, national and stage agencies and other non-governmental organizations. Each knew their role and executed their duties with the intent to serve. It has been amazing to work for and alongside each and every one involved and to witness the care and sensitivity demonstrated to our guests.

At Team Rubicon, we often say our actions are characterized by the constant pursuit to prevent or alleviate human suffering and restore human dignity — we help people on their worst day.

Hoosiers, you did that. It was

port to our Afghan guests that was beyond anything we could imagine. But you know this is only the first phase. We trust that you will continue to support our Afghan allies as they settle in your communities and across our country by continuing to demonstrate Hoosier Hospitali-

We share all of this to say thank you for stepping into the arena with us, for demonstrating that Hoosier Hospitality is more than a tag line, for meeting and exceeding the need and for giving hope and showing love to others.

May each recipient never forget your compassionate and generous giving as we will never forget all that you have shown us.

In gratitude, Russ Hessler, Task Force

Leader Tyler Smith Liaison Team Rubicon

Camp Atterbury

Kazakh uprising also about Russia

The Washington Post

For three decades after the Soviet Union's collapse, oil- and uraniumproducing Kazakhstan was, to all appearances, the most prosperous and stable of its former Central Asian republics.

To be sure, President Nursultan Nazarbayev monopolized political power, using it to enrich himself, his family and his friends. Now 81, he has remained influential even after stepping down in favor of President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev nearly three years ago. The Kazakh people, better off economically than most others in their region, seemingly went along.

The United States — Nazarbayev's valuing support on nuclear nonproliferation and the Afghanistan War as well as his welcome to Western oil companies adopted a friendly attitude toward the regime,

Events since Jan. 2 have shown how brittle the status quo really was. A fuel price hike trigtown that day, and the uprising quickly grew into an all-out national insurrection.

Eighteen police officers were killed, according to official reports. Meanwhile, forces loyal to Tokayev used violence, including live ammunition, against demonstrators — whom he called "terrorists" — claiming dozens of civilian lives and sending hundreds to hospitals, according to reports trickling out despite a governmentimposed Internet shutonly issued a shoot-to-kill order but also cast blame on what he called "suplets," portents of a coming crackdown on peaceful dissent.

Also ominously, the regime has made false charges of foreign subversion to justify a miliintervention by Kazakhstan's closest ally, Vladimir Putin's Russia. The Russian boots on the ground, like Putin's support for Belarusian dictaprotests in 2020, demon- Western response.

Guest **Editorial**

strate the strategic priority he places on propping up fellow autocrats, so as to preserve a Russian sphere of influence in the former Soviet space. To be sure, the Belarusian protests were nonviolent and Putin's assistance to Lukashenko relatively discriminate.

The goal, though, is consistent: prevent a repetition of the 2014 revolt that toppled a corrupt, authoritarian, Moscow ruler in Ukraine. Putin undoubtedly calculates that, if it survives, Tokayev's government would be beholden to Russia.

Kazakhstan's sudden crisis might also reverberate in Ukraine, on whose borders Putin has massed roughly 100,000 By LARRY DEBOER troops, making accusagered protests in one and its allies — and refusing to rule out an invasion.

Kazakhstan could make an invasion of Ukraine less likely, by diverting Russian military resources and consuming Putin's attention. Or the Russian leader could seize on the events in Central Asia as yet another purported Western-instigated destabilization in Russia's "near abroad" and — as such a fresh rationale for direct Russian domination of Ukraine.

No matter how Putin down. Tokayev has not plays it, the Kazakh crisis provides the Biden administration a reason to double down on the posedly free media out- principles it has already articulated ahead of U.S.negotiations Russian Monday in Geneva. Russia's neighbors have a right to self-determination, and their peoples are entitled to human

rights. Moscow has no right to impose its will on Ukraine or any other country through force. Any attempt to do so Alexander should be met with a against swift, strong and unified



Long-term inflation has impact

The property tax is the biggest tions and demands source of tax revenue for most Indiagainst the United States analocal governments, and they were worried about the effect of the COVID

recession on property tax revenues. But rising home values in 2020 will increase assessed values for tax bills in 2022. The federal COVID relief bills increased Indiana income in 2020, so the state's limit on property tax revenue will keep increasing in 2022. Tax rates are likely to fall in many jurisdictions next year, so fewer taxpayers will be eligible for tax cap credits. Local governments will collect a bigger share of their tax levies. Looks like the recession will not be a problem in 2022.

So, what should we worry about now? How about inflation?

We have no experience with high inflation. The Indiana property tax is much different today than it was during the high inflation of the 1970s. So let's try to think it through.

Suppose there is a "pure inflation," which adds the same increase to prices, incomes and property values. It couldn't happen, but it's a useful experiment to look at inflation's effect.

Suppose property values rise with inflation. Assessed values rise. The maximum levy is based on income growth, so it rises too. If the levy and assessed value rise at the same pace, tax rates are unchanged. Rising assessed values increase the constitutional tax caps, so tax bills also

Inflation would be annoying, but essentially nothing happens. Local governments have enough added revenue to pay their higher costs. Taxpayers still pay the same share of

Larry DeBoer



their inflated property values and incomes in property taxes.

What could mess this up? Any part of the tax system that doesn't respond to inflation. I can think of four.

First, suppose inflation increases property values in 2021. Assessors measure this rise for assessed values in 2022. Those assessed values are used for tax bills in 2023. Assessments can't reflect today's inflation until

Second, the state limits property taxes to a maximum levy, which increases each year at a percentage called the maximum levy growth quotient. It's based on a six-year average of Indiana non-farm income growth, calculated by the Department of Local Government Finance. In summer 2022 the DLGF will calculate the MLGQ for 2023, based on the most recent six income growth numbers, 2016 through 2021.

That means the growth rate of the property tax levy won't begin to reflect 2021 inflation until 2023. Even then, the six-year average will include one year of high inflation, and five years of low inflation.

Inflation is raising local government costs now, in 2021. Some costs are fixed by contracts, but many must be rising. Assessments and maximum levies don't respond, so local governments won't have the revenue *cultural economist*.

to cover inflation for at least two We're losing hope that the inflation

away during 2022, and is back in the 2% range by 2023. Assessments and the MLGQ will rise based on what happened in 2021. Local government budgets would begin to catch up. What if inflation is sustained, though? Suppose it continues

will be transitory, but suppose it fades

through 2028. At that point all six growth rates in the MLGQ would reflect inflation. Maximum levies would finally rise enough to cover cost increases. Except for problem number three.

The MLGQ has a legal maximum of 6%. If inflation is greater than that – as it is at the end of 2021 — the maximum levy can never catch up to cost increases.

Now for number four. The standard deduction for most homes is fixed at \$45,000. It's subtracted from assessed value before the tax rate is applied. If home values rise rapidly, this fixed deduction becomes less important in reducing assessed values. Taxable assessed values would rise faster than home values. Homeowner taxes would rise faster than inflation.

That's not a problem for local government budgets, but it could be a problem for local politics. Homeowners are voters, and they tend to complain when their taxes go up.

High inflation would squeeze local government budgets for a couple of years. If inflation is transitory, budgets would start to catch up in 2023. If inflation is sustained — well, let's hope not.

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Soybeans are unloaded into a truck during a harvest in Ita, Sao Paulo state, Brazil, on Feb. 24, 2021. Crop forecasters have cut projections for Brazil's soybean crop, originally as high as 145 tons, to below the 137.3-ton mark it hit last year.

La Niña cuts projections

By TATIANA FREITAS

The world's largest sovbean producer and exporter will fail to deliver a record crop this year.

Crop forecasters have slashed their estimates for Brazil's soy output as persistent drought and heat caused losses in the nation's south. Production is now seen below last year's level, when the South American nation reaped 137.3 million tons. The harvest could have reached as much as 145 million tons this season, according to initial

A tighter supply of the oilseed used to make everything from cooking oil to animal feed may add fuel to global food inflation. Concerns over the South America crop have caused a rally in Chicago, with soyare necessary right away to avoid release bean futures rising 13% since more losses in the state," AgRural crop.

December. Brazil's lower produc- added in its report. In other ments and may increase the competitiveness of U.S. exports.

Heat and dry conditions were so intense in December in Brazil's south, a region accounting for about a third of the nation's crop. That led brokerage StoneX to cut its production estimate by 7.7% to 134 million tons earlier this week. On Thursday, the local consultancy AgRural said output may be even lower at 133.4 million tons. While losses in Parana are consolidated as the crop is at a more advanced stage, yields in Rio Grande do Sul, which has a late planting, also had a big cut as adverse weather shortened the plant cycle in several areas, it said.

"Rain and lower temperatures

tion is also likely to curb its ship-regions, the crop is developing well and high yields are expected in the top-growing state Mato Grosso, where reaping has started.

Lack of rain and extreme heat in southern Brazil are conditions caused by the La Niña phenomenon, which is hitting the nation's agriculture for the second year in a row. Argentina, also a major supplier of the oilseed, faces a similar weather pattern, with moisture deficits reaching at least 75% of the nation's soy next week, according to the Commodity Weather Group.

The reviews made this week on Brazil's crop estimates may signal official cuts next week, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Brazil's Conab are scheduled to release forecasts for the nation's

Ardagh earns sixth gold rating

A company with local ties earned another high honor.

Ardagh Group, which operates glass manufacfacilities Dunkirk and Winchester, has received a gold rating from EcoVadis for its "responsible and sustainable practices."

It marked the sixth time Ardagh has received the gold rating. It ranked in the 97th percentile for sustainability management systems according to Eco-Vadis, an independent sustainability rating platform.

"As a leader in infinitely sustainable metal and glass packaging, we have set specific goals to reduce our environmental impacts," said Ardagh chief sustainability officer John Sadlier in a press release. "They include emission reductions, renewable electricity sourcing and zero waste to landfill across our production facilities to name a few. We are delighted to have improved our Eco-Vadis rating and we look forward to achieving more on our sustainability journey to 2030.'

Ardagh also has a goal of reaching zero emissions by 2050.

Scout buys

Scout Clean Energy announced last week that it has purchased a solar facility.

On Thursday, Scout announced its acquisition of Blue Sky Solar from developer Renewable Energy Systems. development, which has been approved but not yet constructed, calls for the installation of a 369 megawatt solar facility on 2,700 acres in Grundy County, Illinois.

'We are pleased to com-

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plete another renewables investment with the team at RES," said Scout CEO and founder Michael Rucker in a press release. "The Blue Sky project is one of the largest solar projects approved to date in the PJM and is the second Midwest solar project Scout has added to its expanding renewables portfolio this year. ... Blue Sky further diversifies our fleet across wind, solar and storage.'

Scout owns and operates Bitter Ridge Wind Farm in southwest Jay County and is planning Sun Chief Solar in the same area.

Lilly purchases

Eli Lilly has purchased exclusive rights to Entos Pharmaceuticals' Fusogenix nucleic acid delivery technology, Fierce Biotech reported this week.

Lilly is providing \$50 million up front to use the technology to research and develop therapeutics against targets in the nervous system. The companies will work together on multiple programs.

Fierce Biotech reported that Entos could get up to an additional \$500 million for reaching development and commercial goals.

"Overcoming barriers to the safe and effective delivery of [nucleic acidbased therapies] to specific target cells is essential to realizing their potential," Eli Lilly vice president of genetic medicine said in a statement.

Rule oversteps?

By MARK SHERMAN and JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press WASHINGTON — Fully vaccinated and mostly the Supreme masked, conservativeCourt's majority appeared skeptical Friday of the Biden administration's authority to impose a vaccine-or-testing requirement on the nation's large employers. The court seemed more open to a separate vaccine mandate for most health

The arguments in the two cases come at a time of spiking coronavirus cases because of the omicron variant, and the decision Friday by seven justices to wear masks for the first time while hearing arguments reflected the new phase of the pandemic.

care workers.

An eighth justice, Sonia Sotomayor, a diabetic since childhood, didn't even appear in the courtroom, choosing to remain in her office at the court and take part remotely. Two lawyers, representing Ohio and Louisiana, argued by telephone after recent positive COVID-19 tests, state officials said.

But the COVID circumstances did not appear to outweigh the views of the court's six conservatives that the administration overstepped its authority in its vaccine-or-testing requirement for businesses with at least 100 employees.

"This is something the federal government has never done before," Chief Justice John Roberts said, casting doubt on the administration's argument that a half-century established law, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, confers such broad author-

Roberts and Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett probably hold the key to the outcome in both cases, as they have been more receptive to state-level vaccine requirements than the other three Court seems skeptical of vaccine mandate for large employers

rett and Kavanaugh also are we to make of that?" he had tough questions for Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, the administration's top Supreme Court

The court's three liberal covers justices suggested support for the employer rule. Justice Elena Kagan said officials have shown "quite clearly that no other policy will prevent sickness and death to anywhere like the degree that this one will." And Justice Stephen Breyer said he found it "unbelievable" that it could be in the "public interest" to put that rule on hold. He said that on Thursday there were some 750,000 new cases in the country and that hospitals are full.

Beginning Monday, unvaccinated employees in big companies are supposed to wear masks at work, unless the court blocks enforcement. But testing requirements and potential fines for employers don't kick in until Feb-

Legal challenges to the policies from Republicanled states and business groups are in their early stages, but the outcome at the high court probably will determine the fate of requirements vaccine affecting more than 80 million people.

Roberts, Kavanaugh and Barrett seemed to have fewer doubts about the health care vaccine mandate. Kavanaugh said it was a "very unusual situation" that hospitals and health care organizations affected by the regulation were "not here complaining" about the rule but conservative justices. Bar- instead support it. "What

The second regulation is a mandate that would apply to virtually all health care staff in the country. It health providers that receive federal Medicare or Medicaid funding, potentially affecting 76,000 health care facilities as well as home health care providers. The rule has medical and religious exemptions.

Decisions by federal appeals courts in New Orleans and St. Louis have blocked the mandate in about half the states. The administration has said it is taking steps to enforce it in the rest.

"I think effectively what is at stake is whether these mandates are going to go into effect at all," said Sean Marotta, a Washington lawver whose include the American Hospital Association. The trade group is not involved the Supreme Court

Both vaccine rules would exacerbate labor shortages and be costly to businesses, lawyer Scott Keller argued Friday on behalf of more than two dozen business groups. Without an immediate order from the court, "workers will quit right away," Keller said.

Administration lawyer Prelogar told the justices that COVID-19 "is the deadliest pandemic in American history and it poses a unique workplace danger." OSHA has estimated that its emergency regulation will save 6,500 lives and prevent 250,000 hospitalizations over six



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SOMETIMES IF I'M BEING FORCED TO BE BRUTALLY HONEST WITH SOMEBODY, I WILL GET A TRUTH-ACHE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals G

Trivial Review

D.C. questions

1) What is the name of the statue that stands atop the U.S. Capitol dome?

2) What U.S. Capitol feature has a 96-foot diameter and is 180 feet tall?

> 2) The rotunda 1) Statue of Freedom

1-10 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: GOVERNMENT GROUP THAT AMASSES INFO ON PARTICULAR FISH FINS: THE VENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals P

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WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to blood donations. SVLIA Answer: Vials

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on January 7, 1971. I was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actor for a role as a military sergeant. Later, I went on to play a key role in Marvel's Avengers movies.

үигмек: Јекешу Кеппек

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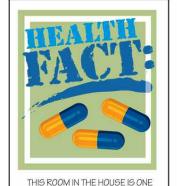
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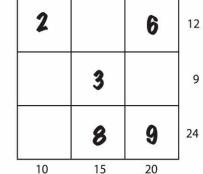


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ANSWER: BATHROOM

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom



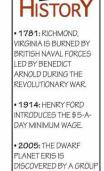


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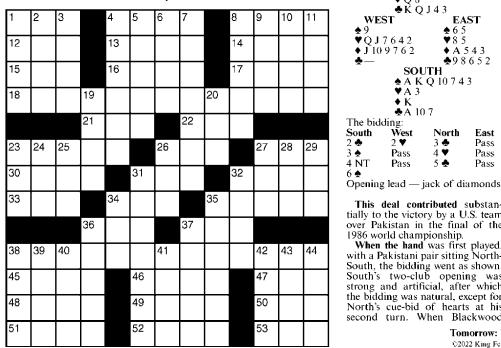
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Contract By Steve Becker

Rectifying the count

East dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH **★**A Q 10 3 **♥**9 6 4 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ A Q J EAST ♦ J 9 6 2 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ J 9 8 5 WEST **♠**754 ♥KQJ2 SOUTH **♠** K 8 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ K Q 6 3 ♣ K 10 9 4 The bidding:
East South
Pass 1 NT West Pass

Opening lead - king of hearts. There is a term in bridge called "rectifying the count," which applies to a condition necessary to perform a squeeze play. The expression is not well known to most players because squeezes are generally regarded as exclusively the province of the experts. However,

this is more a case of lack of knowledge than of actual fact. For example, take this deal where South gets to six notrump and West leads the king of hearts. When dummy appears, declarer finds he has only 11 sure winners.

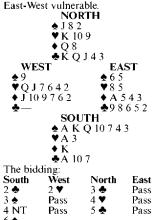
squeezes, he wins the king of hearts with the ace and cashes all his high-

If South is unfamiliar with

Even if a player is not able to visualize the position that might develop later in the play, he should still make the technique part of his standard operating procedure, and occasionally he will be rewarded by a squeeze that seems to materialize out of nowhere.

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Famous Hand



South dealer.

This deal contributed substantially to the victory by a U.S. team over Pakistan in the final of the

1986 world championship.

When the hand was first played, with a Pakistani pair sitting North-South, the bidding went as shown. South's two-club opening was strong and artificial, after which the bidding was natural, except for North's cue-bid of hearts at his second turn. When Blackwood revealed that North had no aces, South settled for a small slam in

East, Robert Lipsitz, won the opening diamond lead with the ace and quickly concluded that his side's best — and probably only chance to defeat the slam was to find his partner with a void in clubs. So he returned a club at trick two and was delighted to see West ruff for down one. The deal seemed headed for an

identical result at the second table when the American North-South pair also reached six spades. Here, however, because of a quirk in the U.S. pair's bidding methods, North bid spades first and was therefore about to become the declarer. But this development prompted West to double six spades, hoping to steer East to a club lead.

West's plan would have worked beautifully had everyone passed (and East led a club). But North, interpreting the significance of the double perfectly, wisely retreated to six notrump, a contract that was safe against any lead. Indeed, had East not cashed the ace of diamonds at trick one, declarer would

have made all 13 tricks. The combined result of plus 990 at one table and plus 50 at the other gave the U.S. a total gain of 1,040

points, or 14 IMPs, on the deal. Tomorrow: No time to relax. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc

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squeezes, he ducks the king of hearts at trick one. The purpose of this play is to "rectify the count," meaning that declarer has all the remaining tricks but one.

Let's say West continues with the queen of hearts. South wins and weeken four alluly triple housing to 14 Corn serving 15 Prepaid convenience for

round of clubs, but he must then discard a spade or a diamond on cell users 49 Cell the fourth club and so present declarer with his 12th trick. 17 Texter's It is not easy to recognize at the outset the importance of ducking "Enough!" the king of hearts at trick one. The duck seems purposeless — but nothing could be further from the truth, since it creates the "all but one" situation that is nearly always required for a successful squeeze. 18 Common

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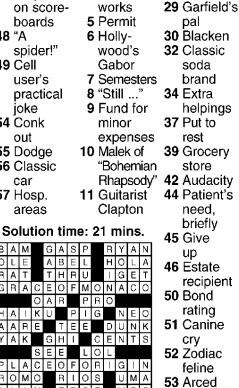
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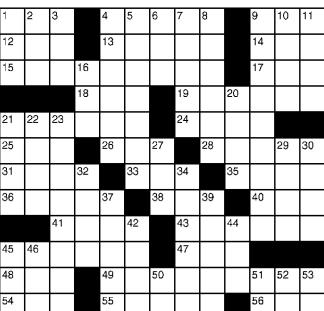
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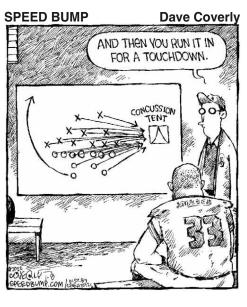


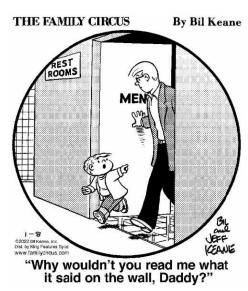
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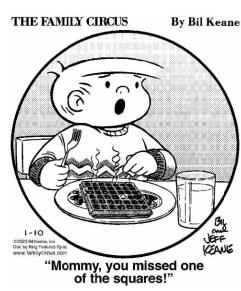


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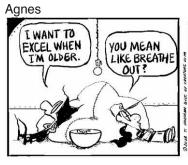


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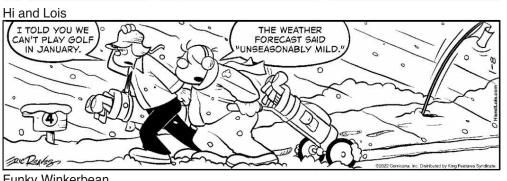
















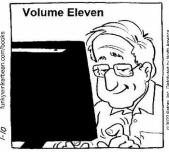


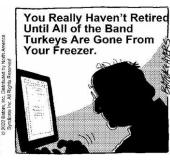














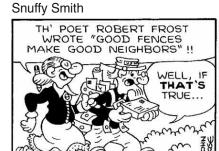






























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STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF JAY, SS

IN THE JAY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO. 38D01-2112-MI-000049

OAKWOOD MHC INDIANA, LLC,

Plaintiff,

SUSAN VANMATRE,

UNKNOWN OWNER(S) OF ABANDONED MOBILE HOME, and INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES,

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF SUIT

To the Defendants named and any

other person who may be concerned, Susan Vanmatre and the Unknown Owner(s) of the Abandoned

Mobile Home who may be interested in the mobile home de

in the Court above-named cause.

Bayshore Heritage, LLC

plaintiff are:

whose whereabouts are unknown.

scribed in this notice you are notified that you have been sued

Oakwood MHC Indiana, LLC has filed a Verified Complaint for

Court Order to Issue Mobile Home title regarding a certain mobile home situated at 1237 N U.S. 27 #113, Portland, Jay County,

Indiana 47371 at a manufactured home community known as

Oakwood. The mobile home is described as a 1985 MAKE: FAIRMONT, MODEL: UNKNOWN, VEHICLE IDENTIFICA-

TION NUMBER UNKNOWN. Title and ownership of the mo-

bile home is unknown. Plaintiff is requesting that title and

ownership of the mobile home be transferred to BSREP II MH

This summons by publication is directed to any person who

may claim an ownership interest in the mobile home and

This summons by publication is directed to Susan Vanmatre

An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the

Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney on or

before thirty (30) days after the last publication of notice of the

suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against

Responses must be filed at the Jay County Clerk's Office, 120

The names and address of the attorneys representing the

Kathryn M. Merritt-Thrasher, #30769-29

J. F. Beatty, #4170-49 LANDMAN BEATTY, LAWYERS

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Fax: (317) 236-1049

Lawyers for Plaintiff

Oakwood MHC Indiana. LLC

Date: December 31, 2021

Jon Eads

Clerk of the Jay County Courts

whose identity and whereabouts are unknown

you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

North Court Street, #11, Portland, Indiana 47371

90 SALE CALENDAR

LAND AUCTION

Saturday, January 29th, 2022 TIME 10:00 A.M. **AUCTION LOCATION:** Bryant Community Cen-

(107 South Malin Street, Bryant, IN) **REAL ESTATE**

This auction consists of two land offerings; one offering in Adams County, and the other within Jay County. Both offerings are a part of the WRP Program and are excellent hunting and recreational areas! All land will be auctioned

from the Bryant Community Building at the address above, but for inquiries or to see the land, contact the auctioneers!

JAY COUNTY OFFER-ING This offering consists of 43 +/- acres, located within Section 3 of

Wabash Township in Jay County, Indiana. OWNER(S): William & Janet Knapke, and Martin Collins

ADAMS COUNTY

OFFERING 128 total acreage locating within Section 17 of Wabash Township in Adams County, Indiana. The land is non-tillable and will be offered as one of three tracts: OWNER(S): William &

Janet Knapke SHAWVER AUCTION-**EERING AND REAL ESTATE** AC31800004 **AUCTIONEERS** Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168

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Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 38C01-2112-MI-000050 OAKWOOD MHC INDIANA, LLC, Plaintiff,

DAWN MARIE KNIPP, BARBERA EMERICK, THOMAS EM-ERICK, UNKNOWN OWNER(S) OF ABANDONED MOBILE

> Defendants. SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF SUIT

To the Defendants named and any other person who may be

concerned. Dawn Marie Knipp, Barbera Emerick, Thomas Emerick and the Unknown Owner(s) of the Abandoned Mobile who may be interested in the mobile home described in this notice you are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named

Oakwood MHC Indiana, LLC has filed a Verified Complaint for Court Order to Issue Mobile Home title regarding a certain mobile home situated at 1237 N U.S. 27 #128, Portland, Jay County, Indiana 47371 at a manufactured home community known as Oakwood. The mobile home is described as a 1985 MAKE: COMMODORE, MODEL: UNKNOWN, VEHICLE IDENTIFI-CATION NUMBER UNKNOWN. Title and ownership of the mobile home is unknown. Plaintiff is requesting that title and ownership of the mobile home be transferred to BSREP II MH

Bayshore Heritage, LLC This summons by publication is directed to any person who may claim an ownership interest in the mobile home and whose identity and whereabouts are unknown This summons by publication is directed to Dawn Marie

Knipp whose whereabouts are unknown. This summons by publication is directed to Barbera Emer-

ick whose whereabouts are unknown. This summons by publication is directed to Thomas Emer-

ick whose whereabouts are unknown An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication of notice of the

suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against

you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Responses must be filed at the Jay County Clerk's Office, 120 North Court Street, #11, Portland, Indiana 47371 The names and address of the attorneys representing the plaintiff are

> Kathryn M. Merritt-Thrasher, #30769-29 J. F. Beatty, #4170-49 LANDMAN BEATTY, LAWYERS 9100 Keystone Crossing, Suite 870 Post Office Box 40960 Indianapolis, IN 46240-0960 Fax: (317) 236-1049 Lawyers for Plaintiff Oakwood MHC Indiana, LLC Date: December 31, 2021 Jon Eads.

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Saturday, January 22nd, 2022

10:00 A.M. **ANTIQUES**

Oak 12-ft bar-back from Cromer Brother's store in Portland, Oak double-drawer drop-front secretary, Large cherry double glass-door display cabinet, Cherry drop-front desk with drawers, Oak rocking chairs, Oak five-drawer dresser, Oak medicine cabinet, Cherry washstand, Walnut gentleman's dresser, Walnut ornate washstand, Ornate three-drawer dresser with glove drawers, Nightstands, Dropleaf stands, Parlor stands, Drop-front cabinet with glass display, Folding card table, Large dressing mirror, Cedar & blanket chest, Marble-top washstand and parlor stand, Drop-front secretary with four serpentine drawers, Ornate oriental liquor cabinet, Ball-on-claw piano chair, Large-door kitchen cabinet, Oak icebox, Oak six-drawer & four-drawer spool cabinets, Oak four-drawer filing cabinet, Jewelry box, Costume & other jewelry, ornate Victorian love-seat & sofa, Marble-base floor lamp, Spool-legged table, Candlestick holders with mirror, Asonia Clock Company 8-day clock, Oak music stand, Cane-bottom and ladderback chairs, Quilt rack, Framed stained-glass, Oval & other antique pictures and frames, Sterling silver silverware set with wood box, Round oak dining room table with 4 leather bottom chairs, Cherry drop-leaf kitchen table with 5 chairs, Large oak pie safe, (2) Oak leaded-glass four-tier bookshelves, Oak highchair, Leather-top footstool, Crocks & wooden bowls, Camel-back trunk, Tiger Woods Hi-boy full-size bed, Ornate Hi-boy full-size bed, Wapak & other cast iron skillets and baking ware, Case XX pocket knife with case & sharpener, Portland & other banks, Perry Funeral Home thermometer, Razor strap, Barrel-back chair, Stained-glass cherub & other collectible lamps, Elephant book-ends, Oil lamps, Book collection, Figurines, 20 ft x 12 ft woven area rug, Large lot of England tealeaf china, Crystal & other collectible china and dishware, Primitive tools, Unicycle, Gary double-combination safe

NOTE: The Joy's were avid antique collectors – This is a truly outstanding high-quality auction! Check out the photos online at either Auctionsoft, or AuctionZip, to see this wonderful collection!

HOUSEHOLD - MISCELLANEOUS

LG 50-in Flatscreen TV, Living room chair, Small kitchen appliances, Shop/Hand/Garden tools, Fishing poles & supplies, 8-ft Fiberglass stepladder, Patio set with 4 chairs, Computer desk, Several items not mentioned.

TERMS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY: CASH - GOOD CHECK - CREDIT CARD

OWNER: Dick Joy (deceased) & Lola Joy (owner)

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JANUARY 15, 2022

HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

Oak ¾ decorative antique bed; Oak dresser with acorn pulls and mirror; Oak secretary; drophead desk; Oak 3 drawer dresser; 6 drawer chest; couch with matching loveseat; metal corner stand; child's rockers; lighted curio cabinet; wood rocker; stereo with cabinet and speakers; bookcase; upholstered rocker; end tables; crystal lamp with glass prisms; floor lamp; Oreck sweeper; wood rocker; full size bed; 3 drawer stand; Oak dropleaf table; Oak table with 4 chairs; metal ice cream stools; (2) chairs with tractor seats; jewelry cabinet; ice cream chairs; glass door showcase; crock bowl; small kitchen appliances; mantel clock; (2) wood side cabinets; Playschool table; Gone With The Wind lamps; glass carboy; lightning rod with cow weathervane; Aladdin lamps; pr of St Clair lamps; antique linens; Precious Moments; old feed sacks; Pyrex; Corning; old German Easter Eggs; glass cane; several crocks and jugs; marble size paperweights signed by Jim Davis; West Moreland childs blue candleholders; American Sweetheart Monax sherbets; ladies folding fans and compacts; hair combs; beaded collars; INDIANA GLASS: Oscar (Sparky) Horses, Peach HCA '90, Rosalene Shiny, Collectors Crystal Cake Plate and Candleholders; vintage cameras; crock bowls; DOLLS: Royal 12" December, Royal 15" Grace, (NIB) and Jan Hagara Effanbee 11" Mary Had A Little Lamb; green walking stick; 1998 McDonald's Ty Beanie Babies in sealed package; unmarked paperweights; barber's pull out mirror with bracket; Decatur Industries humidor; Fenton jewelry beads; scent bottles; Longaberger 1996 Small Pumpkin Basket and 1995 Basket of Love; Fenton Silver Crest, Gold Crest; Boyds Bears resin figurines; Fenton Blue Satin, Blue Marble, and Blue Opal Hobnail; Fenton Crystal Velvet; Sun Rubber truck; 3 position electric hurricane lamp; Cranberry vase; Carnival dish; P Keeling 17 x 22 oil painting; Pink Depression; Fenton basket; jewelry; watches; Torsion mantle clock; Coleman items; fishing items; local advertising items; vintage Philco radio/alarm clock; smoker stand; copper boiler with lid; spinning wheel; stained glass hanging light; wood rocker; sewing machine with cabinet; Sony flat screen TV; cedar chest; That Kid doll; gum ball machine with stand; gas grill; Oak wall telephone; medicine cabinet; Singer sewing machine; full length mirror; drop head desk; wood rocking horse; floor fan; plastic tables; wicker patio set; end tables; glass ball claw feet organ stool; wagon; burlap sacks; Emmett Kelly picture and statues; B & D convection oven; Pfaltzgraff dishes; glass baking dishes; crock pots; Texas Ware bowl; flatware; utensils; books; jewelry boxes; Schwinn bicycle; World Globe on stand; dolls; TV trays; bedding; puzzles; cookware; yard sticks; school chair; folding chairs; card tables; record albums; pool table; dolls; plastic stack chairs; lawn chairs; wood folding tables; canning jars; and many other items not listed.

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Toro push mower with bagger; aluminum step ladder; fiberglass step ladder; B & D electric hedge trimmers; wood step ladder; aluminum step ladder; B & D electric weed eater; B & D electric edger; galvanized funnels; metal work lights; shop vac; small garden tools; and many other items not listed.

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CR 1-8-2022

Sports/Classifieds

Continued from page 10 The Patriots will take their winning streak into next week's ACAC tournament, with their opening game at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Adams Central. Winners advance to the semifinal round Fri-

Jay County is hoping to earn its second consecutive tournament title and sixth since joining the conference in 2014-15.

"We have to not let down," said Dirksen. "If we're up ... we have to realize that at any moment somebody could get in foul trouble. somebody could get hurt. We just have to be confident in who we are and play to the best of our potential no matter what.'

Junior varsity

Jay County used a strong second quarter to open its lead en route to topping the Tigers 41-24.

The Patriots (11-4) were up by four after the first quarter and then outscored Bluffton 10-4 in the second. They extended the lead to 33-20 heading into the final period.

Cash Hollowell set the pace for JCHS as she scored a dozen points. Cassie Petro had nine points, and Bella Denton and Meredith Dirksen each added seven.

Ayla Nern's 11 points were the team-high for the Tigers. Tyrah Shaw had six points.

Box score

Class 3A No. 9 Jay County Patriots vs. Bluffton Tigers

Girls varsity summary

Bluffton (6-10, 2-3 ACAC)							
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS				
Stout	0-0	0-0	0				
Johnson	2-5	2-2	6				
Heller	1-7	0-0	3				
Schreiber	3-4	0-0	8				
Gibson	1-7	0-0	3				
Renner	0-0	0-2	0				
LKing	3-5	0-0	8				
CKing	0-0	0-0	0				
Drayer	0-3	0-0	0				
Nash	0-0	0-0	0				
Totals	10-31	2-4	28				

Def. rebound percentage: .667

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Jay Count	y (13-2, FG-FGA	4-0 ACA	
MMhlnkmp	2-3	0-0	4
Saxman	3-4	0-0	6
DMhlnkamp	0-0	0-0	0
Bilbrey	3-6	3-4	9
Rodgers	2-5	0-0	6
Schwtrmn	9-19	1-2	25
BDirksen	0-1	0-0	0
MaDirksen	5-12	0-1	10
MeDirksen	0-0	0-0	0
Petro	0-3	0-0	0
Denton	0-1	0-0	0
Hollwell	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	24-55	4-7	60
	.437	.571	

Score by quarters: Bluffton 10 5 8 5 — 28 Jay Co. 23 22 11 4 — 50

Def. rebound percentage: .739

3-point shooting: Bluffton 4-16 (LKing 2-3, Heller 1-6, Gibson 1-6, Drayer 0-1). Jay County 8-15 (Schwieterman 6-9, Rodgers 2-4, MaDirksen 0-2).

Rebounds: Bluffton 28 (Renner Rebuilled Billing 28 (Refiller 6, team 5, Johnson 4, Stout 3, Schreiber 3, LKing 3, Gibson 2, Heller, CKing). Jay County 28 (MaDirksen 8, Schwieterman 6, Bilbrey 5, MMuhlenkamp 2, Saxman 2, Petro 2, Rodgers, BDirksen)

Assists: Bluffton 6 (Gibson 2, Stout, Heller, Schreiber, Renner). Jay County 11 (Schwieterman 3, MaDirksen 3, Rodgers 2, MMuhlenkamp, Saxman, Bilbrey).

Blocks: Bluffton O. Jay County 4 (Schwieterman 3, Bilbrey).

(Heller 2, Schreiber 2, Drayer 2, Gibson, LKing). Jay County 4 (Saxman, Bilbrey, Petro, Hollwell).

Turnovers: Bluffton 24. Jay

Divers open Jay County invite

The Jay County and Fort Recovery swim teams opened the Jay County Invitational on Friday with the diving portion of the two-day event.

Swimming events are set to start at 9 a.m. today.

Maddy Snow, a Patriot freshman, finished seventh with her score of

Erica Lucas of Centerville scored 333.9 points for the title.

Melissa Laux (149.25) and Abby Knapke (120.4) were 12th and 14th, respectively.

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles, who had four divers, earned a total of 55 points. Lucas helped the Centerville Bulldogs score 34 team points, while the Piqua Indians sit third with 17

Jay County's 12 points are fifth, and Fort Recovery's eight points are

Grant Cates of Oak Hill won the boys' portion of the diving competition. Three Bluffton divers spotted the Tigers 38 points. Oak Hill is second with 36 and Coldwater has 17 points for third.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School freshman Maddy Snow spins high above the water while performing a forward one and one half somersault tuck Friday during the diving portion of the Jay County Invitational. She finished in seventh place. The meet continues with swimming at 9 a.m. today.

Continued from page 10 The top six in each weight class advance to the state meet.

Penn, which had five individual champions, won the team title with 192 points. Jay County was the runner-up with 136 points, two ahead of third-place Columbia City.

Winner, the tournament's No. 1 seed at 160 pounds, received a bye in the opening round and pinned Lilly Sterk of Tri-County 39 seconds into their quarterfinal match. She disposed of Carroll's Alicia Dewitt with a pin with 40 seconds to go in the semifinal before earning a 4-1 decision over Rochester's Grace Hiroms in the championship.

Tricia Ison (170), Lilly Lothridge

(132B) and Mollie Hines (182) also wrestled for championships but fell short. Ison lost to Penn's Mackenzie Konanz by fall in 45 seconds, Lothridge suffered a pin in 1:22 to Penn's Maia Centilli and Hines was pinned in 64 seconds in her match against Penn's Nunarai Helepa.

Lizzie Dollar (106 – third), Dakota Chowning (113A – fifth), Jayla Huelskamp (113B – fifth) and Emily Manor (120B – fifth) also earned state berths.

Willow Hardy, Lina Lingo, Addison Denney and Mattie Affolder competed but had their seasons come to an end.

FR roughs up Rangers

FORT RECOVERY — Fort Recovery's boys basketball team roughed up

the New Knoxville Rangers 49-17 Friday at Fort Site Fieldhouse.

The win improved the Indians to 8-2 on the year and 2-1 in Midwest Athletic Conference play. The Rangers fell to 1-10 (0-3 MAC).

Fort Recovery scored 16 points in each of the first two quarters while holding New Knoxville to two and five points, respectively. Their 32-7 halftime lead turned into a 47-11 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Logan Homan led a balanced Fort Recovery attack by scoring a gamehigh 13 points. Owen Jutte was second with 12 points, and Cale Rammel joined them double figures with 11 points. Daniel Patch chipped in seven points.

90 SALE CALENDAR

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Sunday, January 9th., 2022 7:00 PM Pick up is January 10th from 12-5. China cabinet, corner cabinet, bedroom suite, vintage vanity, bookcases, vintage

trunk, large collection of

Germany clocks, vintage toys, several jewelry boxes, vintage glass lamps. Coca-Cola memorabilia, miniature doll collection, board games, wall hangings figurines vintage tins, kerosene lamps, washboards,

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ny Chad Bricker-Auctioneer AU11600027

PUBLIC AUCTION Located in the Bubp Exhibition Hall at Jay

County Fairgrounds, Portland Indiana, Saturday Morning January 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. HOUSEHOLD GOODS-

OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS 4 Pc. Queen size bed-

room suit, Bookcases, Dresser, Rainbow Sweeper, Cookware, Kitchen Aid Professional

mixer. **MOWER-TOOLS** Craftsman 6 speed-46" riding lawn mower, Power Boss generator, 7350 starting watts and 5250 running watts, Craftsman stack tool cabinet, 4000lb. aluminum racing jack, Snap On 1650 psi pressure washer, Craftsman 19.2V saw, and many other items not listed. Auctioneers Note: This is only a partial listing of the items to be sold. Please note that we will be running 2 rings a portion of the day. KHERA SYLVÍA, DECEASED Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608

Ben Lyons

AU10700085

Travis Theurer

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PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday, January 22nd, 2022

TIME 10:00 A. M. LOCATED: Sapphire's Reception Center -1100 West Votaw Street, Portland, IN

ANTIQUES Oak 12-ft bar-back from Cromer Brother's store in Portland, Oak doubledrawer drop-front secretary, Large cherry double glass-door display cabinet, ornate Victorian

love-seat & sofa. Oil lamps, Book collection. HOUSEHOLD - MIS-CELLANEOUS LG 50-in Flatscreen TV, Fishing poles & supplies, Several items not mentioned. **NOTE: The Joy's were avid antique collectors -This is a truly outstanding high-quality auction! Check out the photos online at either Auctionsoft, or AuctionZip, to see this wonderful col-

lection!** OWNER: Dick Joy (deceased) & Lola Joy (owner) SHAWVER AUCTION-**EERING AND REAL ESTATE**

AC31800004 **AUCTIONEERS** Zane Shawver AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver AU19700040 260-726-5587

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located in the Bubp Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN

Saturday Morning January 15, 2022 10:00 a.m. HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD & COLLECTORS **ITEMS**

Oak ¾ decorative antique bed; Oak dresser with acorn pulls and mirror; Oak secretary; drophead desk; Oak 3 drawer dresser; (2) chairs with tractor seats; lightning rod with cow weathervane; Aladdin

lamps: Coleman items: fishing items; local advertising items; spinning wheel; stained glass hanging light; and many other items not

listed. **MOWER-TOOLS** Toro push mower with bagger; aluminum step ladder; galvanized funnels; metal work lights; shop vac; small garden tools; and many other

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PUBLIC AUCTION

LOCATED: Bryant Community Building (107 Malin Street, Bryant, IN)

Saturday, January 29th, 2022

10:00 A.M.

REAL ESTATE

This auction consists of two land offerings; one offering in Adams County, and the other within Jay County. Both offerings are a part of the WRP Program and are excellent hunting and recreational areas! All land will be auctioned from the Bryant Community Building at the address above, but for inquiries or to see the land, contact the auctioneers!

JAY COUNTY OFFERING

This offering consists of 43 +/- acres, located within Section 3 of Wabash Township in Jay County, Indiana. The land is located approximately 1 mile north of Highway 67 on the Indiana/Ohio state line and borders the Wabash River. The area has great opportunities for the outdoorsman and is part of the WRP Program.

TERMS ON REAL ESTATE: GOOD CHECK – CREDIT CARD – CASH with a 10% non-refundable deposit the day of the auction, and the balance due upon closing. The final sale is not subject to the buyer obtaining financing. The final sale is dependent upon owner approval.

OWNER(S): William & Janet Knapke, and Martin Collins

ADAMS COUNTY OFFERING

128 total acreage locating within Section 17 of Wabash Township in Adams County, Indiana. The land is non-tillable and will be offered as one of three tracts: Tract 1: 82 +/- acres with a large pond, and frontage

on County Roads 850 S and 150 W Tract 2: 46 +/- acres with ponds, and frontage on County Road 150 W

Tract 3: A combination of tracts 1 & 2

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to be split between the buyers and sellers. OWNER(S): William & Janet Knapke

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Jay cruises for 10th-straight win

Patriots treat seniors Rodgers, Dirksen to lopsided victory

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Most of the Patriots' season has been about dominance.

Senior night was no different.

On the evening honoring Madison Dirksen and Izzy Rodgers, the Class 3A No. 9 Jay County High School girls basketball

team cruised past the visiting Bluffton Tigers for a 60-28 victory.

It was the Patriots' 10th straight win, with the last nine of

those coming by at least 20 points.

'It was awesome," said Rodgers. "Coach told us we had to come out with a good start, not to let down. We have to have motivation."

Leading just 10-8 early

— Maryn Schreiber scored all of those eight for Bluffton (6-10, 2-3 Allen County Athletic Conference) — the Patri-ots (13-2, 4-0 ACAC) took control with a strong close to the first quarter and stifling defense in the second. They finished the first period on a 13-2 run capped by back-to-back Rodgers 3-pointers. They then used the combination of a half-court trap and a zone defense to force seven second-quarter turnovers the helped spark a 12-0 run in which scorer.) Gabi Bilbrey scored seven straight points — her points on the firstshe finished with nine and Renna Schwieter- also had two assists and man buried a pair of triples.

"I thought we got off to a good start again. It helps when you're hit-ting shots," said JCHS coach Kirk Comer, whose team shot 17-of-29 (.586) and 8-of-11 (.727) from long distance in the first half. "We were shooting the ball really well from the 3-point line early....

"I thought our halfcourt defense was probably as good as we've played all year."

Jay County was up 45-15 at halftime and extended its lead to 34 with three minutes left in the third quarter.

Schwieterman blistering in the first half, making her first five 3-point attempts before finally missing one at the 1:15 mark of the second quarter. She had 22 of her 25 points in the first half and finished 6-of-9 from long distance while grab-bing six rebounds, blocking three shots and dishing out three assists.

After reaching 1,000-point mark week, she is now just 16 points away from eclipsing 2019 graduate Shelby Caldwell for No. 3 on the program's all-time scoring list and 18 from passing Carissa Phillips for second place.

Dirksen joined Schwieterman in double figures with 10 points while grabbing a team-high rebounds and eight adding three assists. (She now has 860 points for her career, putting her within striking distance of becoming the program's fifth 1,000-point asset to this team," said younger kids. ... She's he said of Rodgers, who

Rodgers scored all of quarter 3-pointers and

one rebound.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Madison Dirksen, a Jay County High School senior, gets past Bluffton freshman Isabella Stout to put up a shot during the third quarter of the Patriots' 60-28 victory Friday night. Dirksen scored 10 points on Senior Night and now has 860 for her career.

part of 62 wins thus far in their careers.

"They're just a great "She looks after the player that she is today,"

Comer of the two sen- willing to do whatever it tore her ACL during a

"If you've never had to come back from an "Madison is a great, injury, it's a lot of work great leader," he added. ... to develop into the

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iors, noting they've been takes for us to win. ... scrimmage prior to her freshman season. "Just like Madison, (Izzy) put a lot of work in behind the scenes.

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UGA land in Indy AP Sports Writer **INDIANAPOLIS** Coach Nick Saban walked

Bama,

off Alabama's team plane Friday night to a cold, harsh reality.

When he returns to the airport for the final time this season, the Crimson Tide will either be celebrating another national championship or heading home disappointed.

Saban's top-ranked team received a warm welcome in frigid Indianapolis, arriving shortly after dusk Friday with streaks of orange and red and a bright crescent moon coloring the sky. Players scurried from the plane to buses with temperatures in the teens as drummers played tunes for Alabama before doing the same when Georgia arrived about 90 minutes later.

Even for a playoff regular like Alabama, this was a different routine.

"It's been pretty cold in Tuscaloosa the last day or two but not this cold," Saban said. "I told them to be ready for the cold. Our guys are not used to it. Fortunately, we won't be playing in it, so I told them to get used to it from the plane to the bus.'

Monday night marks the first time the College Football Playoff championship game will be played in a northern city and though the Lucas Oil Stadium dome will be closed, this was not the greeting organizers hoped for.

Thursday night's wind chills dipped into negative digits and were still hovering there Friday morning. The highs Saturday and Sunday are expected to be near 40 degrees before lows are forecast to hit single digits again Monday night.

The good news is Indy's maze of indoor walkways mean players and fans won't need to be outside much if at all — just like the teams that competed in last spring's NCAA men's basketball tournament.

And in a region bestknown for embracing basketball, racing and the Big Ten, the buzz heating up around town is all about Alabama-Georgia

rematch. One electronic billboard even renamed the city as Indianapoli-SEC.
"We're really pleased to

have the opportunity to be in the CFP and it's a great place have it, a great venue," Saban said, noting some of his players hope to return to Indy in late February for the NFL's annual scouting combine.

Georgia coach Kirby Smart was not scheduled to speak with reporters after the Bulldogs arrived Friday. School officials cited concerns over the latest surge in COVID-19 cases. He did briefly, anyway.



BUNKER HILL — Mallory Winner lived up to her name.

Winner, a Jay County High School freshman, was the lone Patriot to claim a championship Friday for the JCHS girls wrestling team in the IHSGW North Regional at Maconaquah.

She's one of eight Patriots to earn berths to the state tournament, set for Friday in Kokomo.

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