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## Board must update plan for projects

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

It's time to add to the wish list.

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman & Seufert reported to Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday that it will need to update its capital improvement plan to include information about how it intends to spend funds allocated from this year's federal infrastructure bill.

Clearwaters had told the board last month that the bill allocates \$110,000 in Federal Aviation Administration funding annually for Portland Municipal Airport for five years, beginning in 2022. Though he said there has not been a lot of additional information provided about the funding, updated capital improvement plans are required. He added that the funding can be rolled over year to year to allow it to build up and that any improvements must follow federal guidelines.

Current projects in the airport's capital improvement plan are expanding the apron, installing a wildlife fence and rehabilitating the current apron.

Board members Mitch Sutton, Clyde Bray and John Ferguson, absent Faron Parr, spoke briefly about options for additional projects, mentioning T-hangar upgrades such as lighting and doors.

Clearwaters' only recommendation was that the board considering rolling over the money this year in order to get a better understanding of the process.

The board plans to discuss the capital improvement plan again at its March 16 meeting.

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# County still red

*Jay remains at highest risk level as cases decline*

By RAY COONEY

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New case numbers have plummeted.

They were just so high that, as of Sunday, they had still not fallen quite far enough to move Jay County out of the highest risk level.

In Indiana State Department of Health's update Wednesday, Jay County remained "red" (extreme risk for the spread of coronavirus) for the fifth consecutive week.

While the county stayed at the highest risk level, its numbers continued to fall in the metrics the state uses to determine risk levels.

Its cases per 100,000 residents dropped to 337 this week, down from 567 last week and 1,321 two weeks ago.

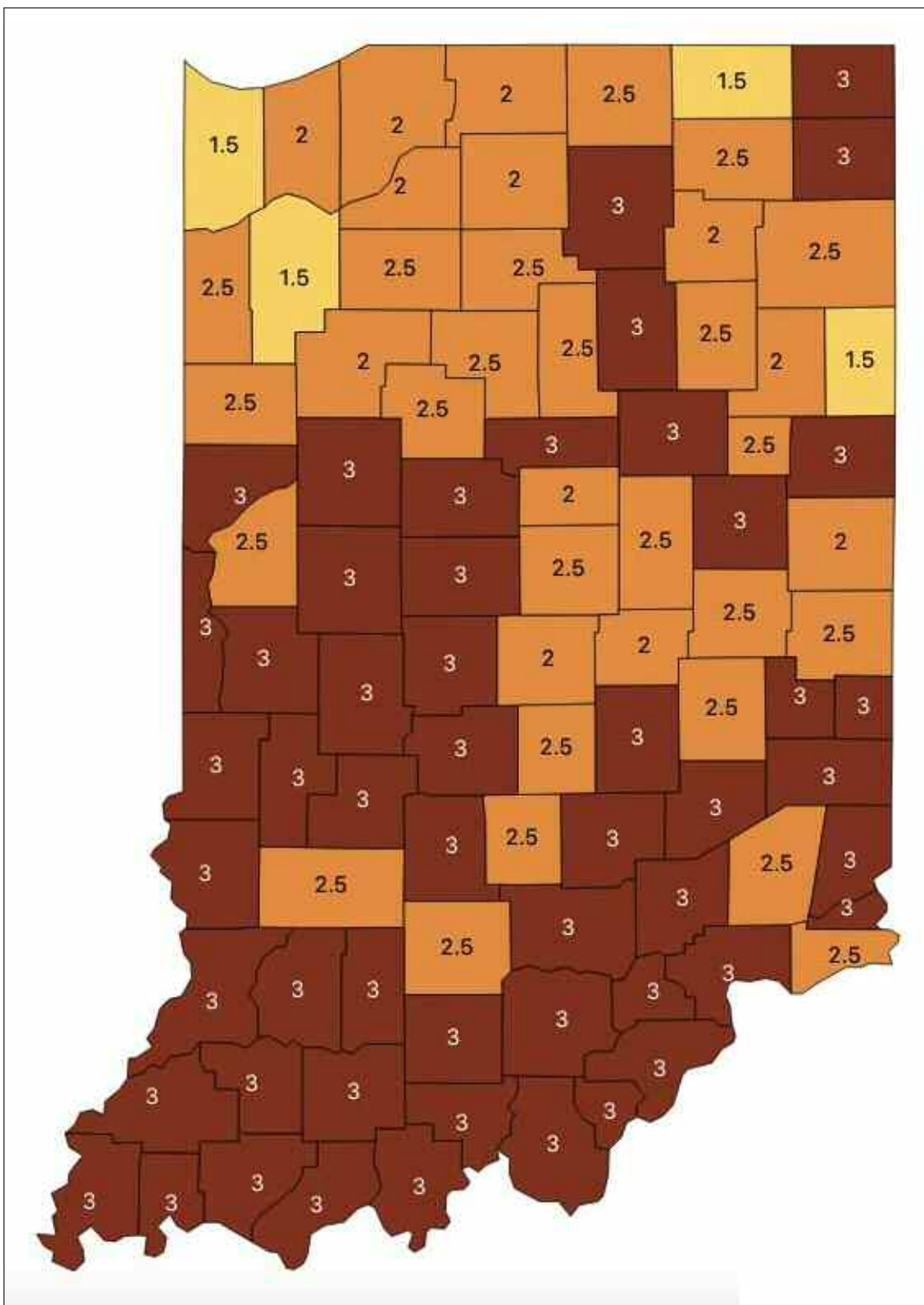
Its seven-day positivity rate came in at 18.88%, down from 25.63% a week ago. It had been above 30%.

The thresholds to drop from red to "orange" (high risk) are 200 cases and a 15% positivity rate.

While Jay County remained red, the state as a whole showed significant improvement from a week ago. After 88 out of 92 counties were red last week, that number dropped to 52 this week. Thirty-six, including Wells, Blackford and Randolph counties, were rated orange and four, including Adams County, dropped to "yellow" (moderate risk).

After recording double-digit new cases for 32 consecutive days through Feb. 3, Jay County has been in single digits eight times this month, including each of the last four days.

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Indiana State Department of Health

The Indiana State Department of Health coronavirus risk map showed significant improvement this week, with 52 counties rated "red" (extreme risk), down from 88 at that level last week. Jay County remained at red, but its new-case numbers are dropping.

## Curriculum bill modified

By CASEY SMITH

Associated Press and Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers rolled back a contentious bill aimed at increasing transparency of school curricula Wednesday in response to mounting criticism from teachers and education advocates.

State senators also moved forward with a separate bill that would ban transgender women and girls from participating in K-12 school sports that match their gender identity, despite opposition from activists that it's unconstitutional, sexist and bigoted.

The Senate education committee adopted significant changes to a Republican-backed "curriculum transparency" measure Wednesday that legislators could advance to the full Senate next week.

An amendment offered by Republican bill sponsor Sen. Linda Rogers of Granger removed strongly-debated provisions in the bill requiring classroom materials to be posted online and vetted by parent review committees.

Instead, the amended bill now ensures parents have access to their school's learning manage-

*Amendment removes requirement that would require classroom materials to be posted online*

ment system and allow them to review any other learning materials used in their child's classroom upon request. Parents could request a school board to adopt a parent committee to review curriculum, though it would not be required.

"I wanted to provide a path for parents to be involved in their child's education," Rogers said, adding that she also wanted to ensure that school districts still maintain local control. "I wanted to recognize that we have over 60,000 teachers here in Indiana, great teachers. Now do some of them cross the line? Yeah, they do. ... This legislation, hopefully, will rein them back in."

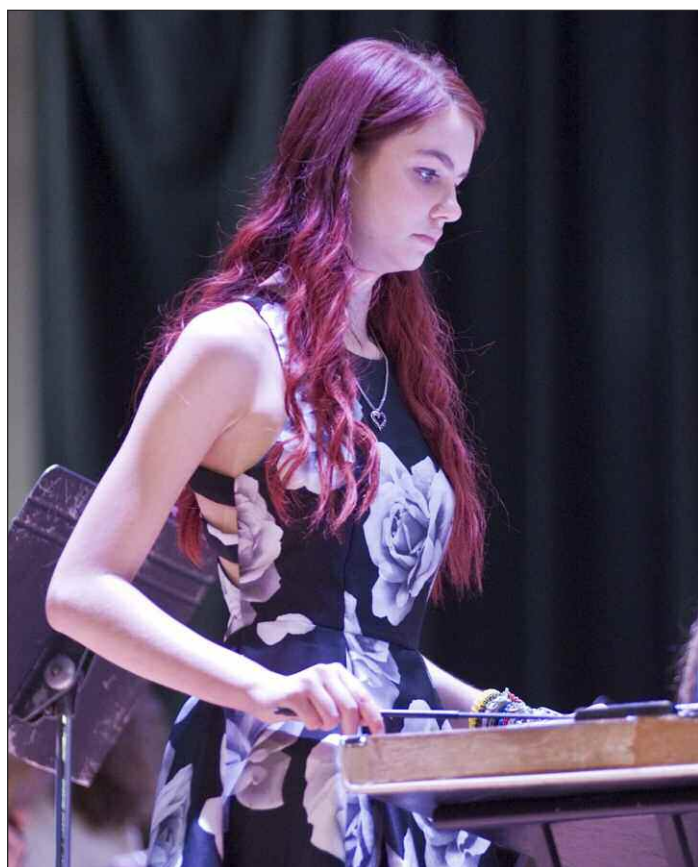
Language about lawsuits for violations of the bill were also removed. Instead, the new version of the bill allows parents to

appeal to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to take administrative action for a violation if they remain unsatisfied after following the school's grievance process.

Other provisions in the original bill that would have restricted teaching about racism and politics were removed with the amendment.

Rather than a ban on teaching certain "divisive concepts," the bill stipulates that schools would be barred from teaching that one group is inherently superior or inferior to another, that one group should be treated adversely or preferentially, and that individuals, by virtue of their traits, "are inherently responsible" for the past actions of others who share their traits.

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## Pops percussionist

Keira Corwin performs Sunday during the Jay County High School band's winter pops concert.

### Deaths

**Terri Moser**, 60, rural Bryant  
**David Pyle**, 78, New Castle  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's low temperature early Wednesday was 39 before climbing to a high of 55. Rain will shift to freezing rain and sleet this evening, followed by snow after 8 p.m. Accumulation of less than 1 inch is expected. Skies will be mostly sunny Friday with a high of 29. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The Commercial Review's Cars special section will be included in Friday's newspaper. It includes stories about transforming a former Hummer manufacturing facility to making electric vans and an automotive company partnering to create a vehicle for the lunar surface.

### Coming up

**Friday** — Coverage of tonight's Redkey Town Council meeting.

**Saturday** — Results from Friday's JCHS boys basketball game at Norwell.





# Obituaries

## Terri Moser

July 31, 1961-Feb. 15, 2022

Terri Moser, age 60, a resident of rural Bryant, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at her home following an extended illness.



Moser

Terri was born on July 31, 1961, in Decatur, Indiana, the daughter of Howard "Don" and Shirley (Rauch) Bash. She graduated from Jay County High School in 1979 and worked as a caretaker for many years.

Terri married Mark Moser on June 27, 1984.

Survivors include:

Her husband of 37 years — Mark Moser, rural Bryant, Indiana

Two sons — Shawn Bash (wife: Kristy), South Haven, Michigan, and Michael Moser (wife: Rebecca), rural Bryant, Indiana

One brother — Heath Bash, Portland, Indiana

Two sisters — Vicky Bash, Muncie, Indiana, and Tammy McBash (wife: Sharon), Saugatuck, Michigan

Three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Friday from noon to 3 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Terri's life will follow at 3 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

## David Pyle

Feb. 25, 1943-Feb. 15, 2022

David "Dave" J. Pyle, 78, of New Castle went to be with the Lord Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at Henry Community Health in New Castle.

He was born Feb. 25, 1943, in Portland, Indiana, a son of the late James S. and Anna C. (Romey) Pyle.

He was a member of the New Castle First Christian Church and also attended New Salem United Baptist Church. Before moving to New Castle in 1998, he was a member of West Walnut Church of Christ in Portland for 46 years.

A native of Adams County, he lived most of his life in the Bryant area where he graduated High School in 1961. Later, he served as Bryant Town Marshal for 10 years and fire chief for eight years. He retired from Marsh Supermarkets in 2004 after 42 years of service. He was a former sergeant in both Jay County Sheriff's Department Reserves and the Army National Guard, and did volunteer work for the Civil Defense in Portland.

After moving to Henry County, he did volunteer work for HCEMA, HCMRC and Westmin-

ster Community Center. Dave was a charter member of the NRA and former member of the 700 Club, the Model A Ford Club of America and the Mustang Club of America. He was an amateur radio operator and storm spotter. Dave enjoyed having friends and family over for cook-outs and bonfires, working in his yard, flea markets and NASCAR. His hobbies included restoring vintage cars and more recently, collecting and restoring vintage toy wagons.

Survivors include his daughters, Cynthia Ann (Ben) Lagow of Brownsburg and Sandra Kay (Jay) Ogle of New Castle; stepdaughter Kim Wood Schoeff of Fishers; special friend Patricia Perkins of New Castle; and six grandchildren, Spencer Ogle and Oriana Ogle, both of New Castle, Kasey Schoeff and Lyndsey Schoeff, both of Fishers, and Anneke Lagow and Dexter Lagow, both of Brownsburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Pyle in 2000.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, at Green Hills Memory Gardens with Pastor Brett Rains officiating. Military rites will be conducted by VFW and American Legion.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Henry County Salvation Army, P.O. Box 571, New Castle, IN 47362, or Westminster Community Center, P.O. Box 603, New Castle, IN 47362.

You may express condolences or share a memory of David at hinsey-brown.com.

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

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

# CR almanac

Friday 2/18	Saturday 2/19	Sunday 2/20	Monday 2/21	Tuesday 2/22
<b>29/15</b>	<b>23/15</b>	<b>49/37</b>	<b>55/42</b>	<b>54/30</b>
Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Friday, with wind gusts reaching as high as 20 mph.	Saturday will also be mostly sunny. Wind gusts may reach up to 30 mph.	Sunday's weather calls for sunny skies and a high temperature of about 49 degrees.	There's a 20% chance of rain after 1 p.m. At night, rain is expected.	Rain is likely Tuesday with a 60% chance of precipitation under cloudy skies.

# Projects ...

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Clearwaters also updated the board on its current capital improvement project — extending the runway to 5,500 feet from the current 4,000 feet. There is still some work required on the first phase of the project to level the land west of the current runway — construction began in June — with HIS Constructors expected to return April 1. He said he's hopeful

the work can be done by the end of that month to allow Milestone Contractors to move forward with the second phase — paving and lighting — as weather improves. The extended runway is expected to open in the fall.

Board members also learned from Clearwaters that this year's FAA grant applications are due April 11. They plan to vote next month on grant

applications for apron expansion design and a wildlife assessment.

In other business, the board:

- Approved an independent fee evaluation, as required by the FAA, at a cost of \$3,000.

- Learned the door to the Lutheran Air medical helicopter hangar recently broke and was fixed the same day. Airport manager Hal Tavzel is gathering quotes for

what it would cost to install a new door.

- Approved updated hangar lease agreements that were changed to clarify start and end dates and payment procedures.

- Learned Jay County resident Dave Blackford recently earned his private pilot's license.

- Heard the airport sold 4,863.58 gallons of fuel in January for \$19,613.45.

- Approved the payment of \$2,310.72 in claims.

# Modified ...

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Teachers and other critics argued that the earlier version of the bill, authored by Republican Rep. Tony Cook of Cicero, would amount to "censorship" of classroom instruction and curriculum. Dozens of educators who testified at the statehouse on Wednesday were appreciative of the changes but still had concerns.

Gail Zeheralis, the Indiana State Teachers Association's Director of Government Relations, said the largest teachers union in the state remained opposed to the amended bill, arguing that the proposal's foundation rests on "pitting parents against teachers" and preventing students from receiving a well-rounded education.

"A wrongly conceived idea can only be improved so much. And then when things are stripped

away, we're left with this misdirection," Zeheralis said.

The House advanced the measure last month, largely along party lines.

The Senate education committee killed a similar proposal in January after Republican Sen. Scott Baldwin of Noblesville said maintaining neutrality on contentious issues required teachers to be "impartial" when discussing Nazism and other political ideologies.

Following widespread criticism, Baldwin walked back the comments, saying in a statement that he "unequivocally" condemns Nazism, fascism and Marxism and agrees that teachers should do the same.

A bill seeking to prohibit transgender athletes from playing school sports will additionally head to the full Senate after the education com-

mittee advanced the proposal in an 8-3 vote, along party lines. The measure advanced from the House last month.

Democratic Sen. J.D. Ford of Indianapolis Ford called the bill "unnecessary and unconstitutional," noting that the Indiana High School Athletic Association already has a policy that requires transgender girls who want to play sports to show they've completed hormone therapy, and that their muscle mass or bone density is typical of other girls the same age.

"Instead of addressing the teacher shortage, instead of addressing student mental health, we're getting sidetracked with bills like this," Ford said in a statement Wednesday. "Even filing this bill sends a message to trans kids and their families that they're not welcomed in our state."

# Red ...

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Hospitalizations have also been dropping consistently since Feb. 1. After having 328 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 on Jan. 31, District 6, which includes Jay County, was down to 170 as of Tuesday. (Its lowest recent mark was 127 in November.)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Boosters are recommended for everyone 12 and older. (The CDC also recommends that masks be worn indoors in areas of "substantial or high transmission," which includes Jay County.)

Walk-in vaccinations are available at Jay County Health Department from 9 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## SERVICES

**Today**  
**Welch**, Lucinda: 4 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

**Friday**  
**Kelly**, Gloria: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.  
**Moser**, Terri: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Saturday**  
**Wilder**, James: 10 a.m., St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 414 Madison St., Decatur.  
**Clear**, Mary: 2 p.m., Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

**Monday**  
**Pyle**, David: 1 p.m., Green Hills Memory Gardens, 3578 Indiana 38, New Castle.

**February 27**  
**Fieley**, Joseph: 3 p.m., The Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago.

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## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 22-30-40-42-48 Power Ball: 16 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$31 million	Cash 5: 3-4-9-28-34 Hoosier Lotto: 6-9-12-17-20-35 Estimated jackpot: \$7 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$64 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 1-9-0 Pick 4: 5-3-6-3 Pick 5: 0-5-2-3-0 Evening Pick 3: 4-0-7 Pick 4: 2-2-0-1 Pick 5: 1-3-3-9-5 Rolling Cash: 9-23-31-34-36 Classic Lotto: 2-11-30-38-46-49 Kicker: 7-8-4-0-0-8 Estimated jackpot: \$22.2 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 4-2-4 Daily Four: 2-6-2-1 Evening Daily Three: 2-7-1 Daily Four: 7-1-2-3 Quick Draw: 4-7-8-9-14-26-37-38-41-44-45-50-55-56-63-64-65-70-71-77	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.59 March corn.....6.60 Wheat .....7.70	Wheat ..... 7.86 March wheat ..... 7.86
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.63 March corn.....6.64 April corn .....6.59	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.48 March corn.....6.48 Beans .....15.87 March beans .....15.90 June wheat..... 7.96
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.53 March corn.....6.53 Beans .....15.87 March beans .....15.87	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.58 March corn.....6.50 Beans .....15.76 March beans .....15.79 Wheat .....7.62

## Today in history

On Feb. 17, 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1815, the United States and Britain exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

In 1863, the Interna-

tional Red Cross was founded in Geneva.

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting.

In 2012, Kegan Comer scored 17 points to lead the Jay County High School boys basketball team to a 56-37 victory over Union City, coached by his father Kirk Comer. —AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.	cil, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Coun-	<b>Tuesday</b> 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

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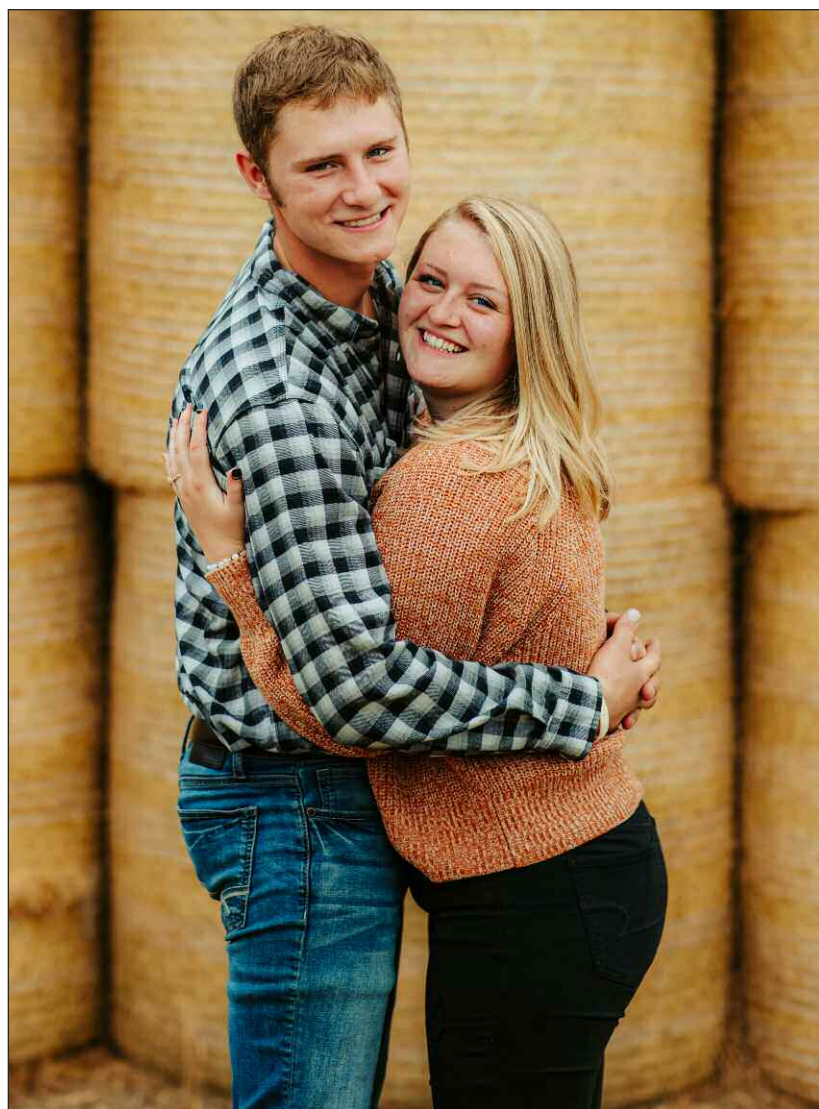


## Harris, Kunkle to wed March 5

### Kimber Harris and Cameron Kunkle

Cameron Kunkle and Kimber Harris are planning a wedding March 5 in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Harris' parents are Paul Harris of Wabash and Stacy Harris of Pennville. A 2018 Jay County High School graduate, Harris now works as a teller at Crossroads Financial Federal Credit Union in Portland. Kunkle is the son of Mike and Kathy Kunkle of Portland. He's a 2015 Jay County High School graduate and now works as a farmer and maintenance technician at FCC Indiana in Portland.



Cameron Kunkle and Kimber Harris

## Re:wild looking for rare species

By LELA NARGI

Special to The Washington Post

From Cuba to New Zealand, teams of scientists around the world are looking for rare species of animals, plants and fungi. How rare? They haven't been seen by humans for at least 10 years — and in some cases, almost 200 years.

This global effort is part of the Search for Lost Species, a program run by an organization called Re:wild. In 2017, Re:wild came up with a list of its 25 Most Wanted Lost Species. It was reduced from a much larger list of more than 2,200 species in 60 countries that was made with the help of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). IUCN tracks species around the world that are threatened with extinction.

Since the Re:wild program began, eight species have been rediscovered, surprising even the program's leaders, who weren't sure they would find any of the lost species. Among the rediscovered animals are two species in Africa: a tiny mouse-size elephant shrew called the Somali sengi in Djibouti,

and the Voeltzkow's chameleon in Madagascar. Also rediscovered is a bunny-size deer, known as the silver-backed chevrotain, in southern Vietnam.

Regarding the chevrotain, "we got the first photographic evidence that the species still exists," said Andy Tilker, Re:wild's Asian species officer. An Nguyen, who led the search in the field, says that three populations of the chevrotain were found. He and Tilker will work to better protect the mammal, which may get caught in hunters' snares. Better protections are the goal of all Re:wild's efforts. This month, eight new species were added to the lost species list to replace the ones that have been found. They include a South American fungus, a Portuguese spider and a Brazilian tree that hasn't been seen for 184 years.

Andy Gluesenkamp is director of conservation at the San Antonio Zoo in Texas. He's heading a team seeking the Blanco blind salamander. He says it's the rarest amphibian in North America and one that is probably a top predator — like a "tiny great white shark" — in its ecosystem.

## Cousin's relationship is worrisome

DEAR ABBY: I have always been extremely close to my cousins; we even refer to ourselves as sisters. The problem I'm having is with the boyfriend of one of them. They have been dating for almost 10 years.

For the first few years we were all close, and I enjoyed spending time with them. The past three years, however, have been heartbreaking. He's rude to her and her mother and belittles and ridicules everything she says and does. We all walk on eggshells when he's around, not to mention he constantly stares at our chests.

They recently moved hours away for his job. I feel he has purposely isolated her from all of us, and is mentally and emotionally abusing her. She used to want to get married and have a family with him, but now she is calling me selfish for being pregnant. He's dragging her down and has bought himself more time by getting her a dog. Even if they did get engaged, I'd feel sad she's spending her life with this man. If he treats her like this in front of all of us, what is he doing behind closed doors? My cousin is very prideful and shuts down any criticism. How can I explain to her that I'm worried about her without risking our relationship? — SCARED FOR HER IN THE EAST

Dear Abby



DEAR SCARED: Tell your cousin you love her dearly and will be saying this only once, so you want her to remember it. Then repeat to her what you have written to me. Explain that abusers erode the self-esteem of their "love object" through constant criticizing and belittling. Say you realize she has invested 10 years of her life in that relationship, but if she ever has doubts or changes her mind about living away from the family, you will be there for her. Then give her the contact information of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800-799-7233; thehotline.org) if there have been any instances in which he has hit or threatened her — or the dog — when he's angry.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband will not

do things unless I "remind" him. He has a medical issue and experiences painful symptoms if he forgets to take the medication his doctor prescribed. He'll then have a flare-up, take his medicine and not take it again until another flare-up happens.

Also, he'll need to have an important doctor's appointment for a procedure and he won't even think about making the call to schedule it. I used to remind him about all these things but, frankly, I'm not his mother. I'm his wife. — NOT HIS MOTHER

DEAR NOT HIS MOTHER: Being a loving spouse requires us to fill varying roles in the life partnership. Not only are we lovers, best friends and sometimes nurses, but we must sometimes act as "parents." It's hard to believe someone who has a chronic condition that brings painful flare-ups would forget to take a medication that would avert them, which makes me wonder about your husband's mentation. Doctor visits can sometimes be uncomfortable, which may be why he hesitates to schedule them.

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## 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

EN AVANT CLUB —

Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

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

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PTSD SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former WE.

Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Feb. 18, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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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# Pee Wee says thanks for support

To the editor:

For those of you who may not know, last year was the 50th anniversary for the Jay County Pee Wee Football program.

What an awesome season it was, and we were blessed to have it, especially with everything going on around us in this community right now. We were able to have more youth than we have had for a very long time and it was great.

First of all, I want to say thank you to all the parents who trust us with their youth and allow us the opportunity to work with them each and every season.

Second, I want to say thank you to all of our coaches who volunteer their time and knowledge with our youth.

Third, I want to thank the City of Portland and its parks depart-

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ment for their time and maintenance of our facility, for the nice concrete work that was done this year (with more to come in the future).

Fourth, I want to thank The Portland Foundation for its help with obtaining a much-needed scoreboard for the facility.

Lastly, I want to thank each and every individual who worked our concessions, ran our chain gang, officiated and served on our board. I want to thank the Daniels family for allowing us to

use the wonderful Jay County Event Center and the Dunkirk Kiwanis for serving and purchasing the items of our banquet meal for the program.

We had the opportunity to recognize some wonderful individuals — Jack Scott, Steve McClung, Doug Inman and Ned Reece — for their service to the league last year. I don't want to forget Brett Resler for his awesome job he did on our 50th anniversary helmets.

We also want to thank the following businesses and individuals who placed banners at our facility: KBL Transport, Bollenbacher & Associates, Church of the Brethren, Clear Chiropractic, Coldren, Frantz and Sprunger, CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union, Dave Brick and True Value, Dave Fullenkamp, Display Craft, Fraternal Order of

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If I forgot anything or anything, I apologize.

Thanks for the great year.  
Jay County Pee Wee Football Board  
Chett Franks, commissioner

## The GOP struggle for control isn't the story

By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN  
Bloomberg Opinion

The best story in primary elections this year is going to be the struggle for control of the Republican Party between former President Donald Trump and his various opponents, most prominently Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. It's such a good story, in fact, that everything is likely to be interpreted as a test of Trump's strength, regardless of what's really going on.

Take reports that McConnell has been recruiting anti-Trump candidates for Senate campaigns, with the assistance in some cases of former President George W. Bush and his circle. Reported examples include: Republican Governors Doug Ducey of Arizona, Larry Hogan of Maryland, and Chris Sununu of New Hampshire. He's also fighting for Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski to win re-election against a Trump-endorsed challenger, and has worked to avoid any primary threat to South Dakota Senator John Thune.

I don't doubt that McConnell would like to see Trump's influence diminished. But it's unlikely that any of these examples are mainly motivated by antipathy toward the former president. McConnell has long made clear that what he cares about is electing as many Republicans to his chamber as possible. After nomination catastrophes in the Tea Party era, such as Todd Akin in Missouri and Christine O'Donnell in Delaware, both of whom lost potentially winnable Senate races in landslides, McConnell has tried hard to prevent what he calls "goofball" candidates. That hasn't always worked — Roy Moore's Senate campaign in Alabama in 2017 was a more recent example — but it's been McConnell's priority. Popular governors such as Ducey, Hogan and Sununu are obvious strong-on-paper general-election candidates. And congressional leaders almost always support incumbents such as Murkowski and Thune. McConnell would surely be recruiting and supporting each of these candidates even if Trump never existed.

So far at least, there's no sign — not even a hint — that McConnell would be willing to risk a Senate seat to diminish Trump's standing.

As far as Trump is concerned, it's also not entirely

Jonathan Bernstein



clear what his motives are. In some cases, he appears to be trying to punish opponents, such as those in Congress who voted to impeach or convict him or state officials who refused to overturn the 2020 presidential election for him. In other cases, he appears to be just endorsing incumbents, a fairly ordinary task for high-visibility party figures. Thirty of Trump's 42 House race endorsements are for incumbents, as are most of his picks for state offices in the upcoming Texas primaries. Overlapping with everything Trump does, of course, are his continuing efforts to steer as much money into his own pocket as possible.

At the same time, candidates seeking Trump's endorsement many not necessarily continue to support him if they win. We've seen this throughout Trump's political career. He doesn't generally trade his backing for policy commitments or even specific forms of support. Instead, he seems to expect absolute loyalty from those whom he has endorsed, or those he named to his administration, only to have them refuse to go along with him on something — after which he denounces them and often severs the relationship. In other words, while some of those Trump endorsees will surely stay loyal, others will turn out to have been using him when it was convenient and will support him only if it remains in their self-interest. This is, of course, normal U.S. politics, but Trump seems very good at blinding people to that.

Which gets back to where I started: Whatever is actually going on, the battle for influence within the party is the story that everyone will be focused on during the primaries this year. And to at least some extent, that will become a self-fulfilling interpretation; if everyone is convinced that Trump is or isn't powerful, it will affect how they act going forward.

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## Cultural tropes must change

By KARA ALAIMO  
Bloomberg Opinion

There's been a huge shift in the way people date and marry in recent decades. As the stereotype goes, successful men used to marry their secretaries; now people choose spouses with similar levels of education and earnings. The phenomenon is called assortative mating. But smart, successful women still have to navigate enormous landmines in their romantic relationships with men.

Of course, not all women want to be in relationships or get married. According to a 2020 Pew survey, just 38% of single American women are looking for dates or a relationship. But if women are seeking romantic relationships and they're uber-successful, they often have to choose between career success and romantic success. To change this ugly part of our culture, we need to radically rethink our conceptions of masculinity.

Part of the problem is that many men don't want to be in relationships with women who they perceive as smarter than they are. A 2006 speed-dating experiment involving heterosexual Columbia University graduate students found that when a man thinks a woman is smarter than he is, he becomes less interested in dating her.

And women who are hugely successful in their careers have said they think it hurts their romantic prospects. As Maureen Dowd wrote in her book "Are Men Necessary? When Sexes Collide," the day one of her friends won the Pulitzer, the woman called her "in tears," saying that as a result, she'd "never get a date." Federal judge Frederic Block wrote in his book that Sonia Sotomayor considered turning down her nomination to the Supreme Court because she knew it would hurt her dating life. To state the obvi-

ous, successful men don't tend to have this problem.

A woman is also less likely to marry a man if she makes more money than he does. A large-scale analysis of census data by Marianne Bertrand and Emir Kamenica of the University of Chicago and Jessica Pan of the National University of Singapore found that, in places where women are more likely to out-earn men, there are fewer marriages.

If a woman who is in a position to out-earn her husband does get married, she's likely to jump through hoops to avoid making him feel emasculated, according to the study — and she's less likely to work at all. If she does work, she's more likely to earn less than she could. And if she does earn more than her husband, she's likely to try to make up for it by doing even more housework. She's also likely to pretend she earns less than she really does: A paper released by the Census Bureau in 2018 found that when women make more money than their husbands, they often underreport their income to census surveyors.

But despite (or perhaps because of?) all this, if a woman is the breadwinner of the household, she and her husband are likelier to be unhappy, experience relationship strife or get divorced, according to the census data analysis. When women experience other kinds of career success, it can also jeopardize their relationships. One study found that women

who won Academy Awards for best actress remained in their relationships for 67% less time afterward than men who won best actor awards. Even research out of supposedly egalitarian Sweden found that winning government office doubled a woman's chance of divorce.

The intersection of women's success and expectations of masculinity could well be one reason there aren't more women in top leadership positions. Women who go out into the world and do great things should make their families proud. When women earn outside salaries, their families — including the men — benefit from those resources.

There are enthusiastically supportive men out there, of course: Second gentleman Doug Emhoff and Vice President Kamala Harris started dating when she was already California's attorney general, and he put his own high-powered law career on pause to support her political aspirations. My own husband, a physician, would do the same if I wanted to run for office.

But the list of such men in the public eye isn't long. Where are the Hollywood rom-coms about men who romantically pursue women CEOs? Their absence is a problem, because men privately say they feel pressured to live up to our society's conceptions of masculinity, even when they don't like or agree with them.

The solution starts with recognizing the problem. Once we appreciate what successful women are up against, we can look to men to treat them differently — and change our cultural tropes about masculinity and strength. Then more men might have a change of heart about relationships with successful women, and making them work.

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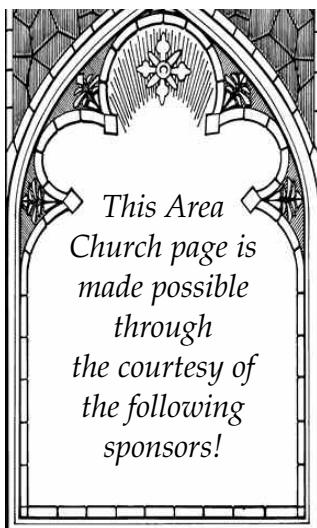
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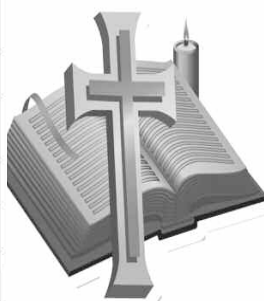
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[asburyministries.org](http://asburyministries.org)

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1217 W. Votaw St., Portland  
Michael Burk  
(260) 726-4282  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Bellefontain United Methodist**  
440 S. 600 East  
Gordon Jackson  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Bethel United Methodist**  
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
Services: 10:45 a.m.

**Bluff Point Friends**  
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**Boundary St. Paul**  
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East  
Ava Gannon  
(260) 726-2373  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Bryant Wesleyan**  
209 S. Hendricks St.  
Paul VanCise  
(260) 997-6231  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.  
[bryantwesleyanchurch.com](http://bryantwesleyanchurch.com)

**Calvary United Methodist**  
301 N. Main St., Dunkirk  
Susan Durovey-Antrim  
(765) 499-0368  
Services: 10 a.m.  
[susan.duroveyantrim@in.umc.org](mailto:susan.duroveyantrim@in.umc.org)

**Christ Chapel**  
105 S. Elm St., Fort Recovery  
Quentin Elsea  
(419) 733-1469  
[christchapelfr.com](http://christchapelfr.com)

**Church of Christ (Southside)**  
1209 S. Shank St., Portland  
Bob Graham  
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**Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)**  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland  
Nanette Weesner  
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Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
[nanybell@yahoo.com](mailto:nanybell@yahoo.com)

**Church of the Brethren**  
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland  
Kevin McClung  
(260) 729-7295  
Services: 10 a.m.

**Church of the Living God**  
South Broad Street, Dunkirk  
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

**Collett Nazarene**  
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27  
Billy Stanton  
(260) 251-2403  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Cornerstone Baptist**  
211 E. Main St., Portland  
Wayne Ward  
(260) 726-7714  
Services: 10 a.m.

**Dunkirk Nazarene**  
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk  
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Evangelical Methodist**  
930 W. Main St., Portland  
Steve Arnold  
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Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Fairview United Methodist/Jay County**  
2875 E. 200 South  
Gordon Jackson  
Lay leader: Beth Stephen  
(260) 726-9184  
Services: 10:15 a.m.

**Faith Community**  
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk  
Joe Schmit  
(260) 251-5254  
Services: 10 a.m.

**Family Worship Center**  
200 E. Elder St., Portland  
Ronald Willis  
(260) 726-4844  
Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
[thefamilyworshipcenter.org](http://thefamilyworshipcenter.org)

**Fellowship Baptist**  
289 S. 200 West  
Hugh Kelly  
(260) 726-8873  
Services: 10 a.m.  
[pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com](mailto:pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com)

**First American Baptist**  
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk  
Dan Coffman  
(765) 768-7157  
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

**First Church of Christ**  
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery  
David J. Nicholson  
(419) 375-2860  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
[fccfrecovery.org](http://fccfrecovery.org)

**First Community Baptist**  
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey  
Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**First Free Will Baptist**  
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk  
Marion Donathan  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

**First Presbyterian**  
402 N. Ship St., Portland  
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu  
(260) 726-8462  
Services: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.  
[firstpcportland.org](http://firstpcportland.org)

**Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene**  
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery  
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff  
(419) 375-4680  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
[frnaz@frontier.com](mailto:frnaz@frontier.com)

**Fort Recovery United Methodist**  
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery  
Rev. David Porath  
Rev. James Stilwell  
(419) 678-2071  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle**  
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk  
Robert Thomas  
(765) 348-4620  
Services: 9:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

**Geneva First United Methodist**  
100 W. Line St., Geneva  
Barry McCune  
(260) 368-7655  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Geneva Nazarene**  
225 Decatur St., Geneva  
(260) 525-8609  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.  
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

**Gilead Church**  
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren**  
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26  
Earl Doll  
(260) 731-4477  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**High Street United Methodist**  
435 High St., Geneva  
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(260) 368-7233  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Holy Trinity Catholic**  
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant  
Fr. Peter Logsdon  
Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday  
[churchofthemostholyltrinity.com](http://churchofthemostholyltrinity.com)

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**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
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Stuart Phillips  
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Mary Help of Christians**  
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Rev. Ned Brown  
(419) 375-4153  
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

**Mount Tabor United Methodist**  
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk  
John Retter  
(765) 768-7273  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Mount Zion United Methodist**  
County roads 600 East and 200 North  
Rev. Darrell Borders  
(260) 726-4786  
Services: 9 a.m.

**New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine**  
4017 W. 200 South  
Randy Smith  
(260) 251-2406  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
[nbholiness.com](http://nbholiness.com)

**New Covenant Fellowship**  
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Chuck Myers  
(260) 251-0063  
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415 S. Helen St., Portland  
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(260) 755-6354  
Services: 4 p.m.  
[drkayfairchild.com](http://drkayfairchild.com)

**New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist**  
5905 S. Como Road  
Tim Wallace  
(765) 499-7838  
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1964 N. 800 East  
Aaron Huey  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Oak Grove United Methodist**  
829 S. Indiana 1  
Mark Dennis  
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Services: 10:45 a.m.

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190 W. Main St., Pennville  
Gary Newton  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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[myleasanthillchurch.org](http://myleasanthillchurch.org)

**Portland First Church of Nazarene**  
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Services: 10 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

**Praise Chapel Church of God**  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Redkey United Methodist**  
122 W. Main St., Redkey  
Lori McIntosh  
(765) 369-2085  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Redkey Church of the Nazarene**  
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**Salamonia Church of Christ**  
3900 S. 600 East  
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Services: 9 a.m.

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**St. James Lutheran**  
County road 600 East, south of county road 400 South  
Robin Owen  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
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**St. Joseph Catholic**  
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Rev. Ned Brown  
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346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk  
Rev. Kevin Hurley  
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

**St. Paul Catholic**  
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 8:30 a.m. Sunday

**St. Peter Catholic**  
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 10 a.m. Sunday

**Sugar Grove Nazarene**  
County roads 400 North and 550 West  
Rev. Mike Heckman  
(260) 731-4733  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. (the 2nd and 4th Sunday at Pennville Park from June through September)

**Sugar Grove United Methodist**  
County roads 600 South and 1150 West, Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Temple Baptist**  
Indiana 167, between Dunkirk and Albany  
(765) 768-7708  
Services: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Trinity Lutheran**  
301 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery  
Robin Owen  
(419) 375-4498  
Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)  
[pastorrobino@gmail.com](mailto:pastorrobino@gmail.com)

**Trinity United Methodist**  
323 S. Meridian St., Portland  
Joe Boggs  
(260) 726-8391  
Services: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.  
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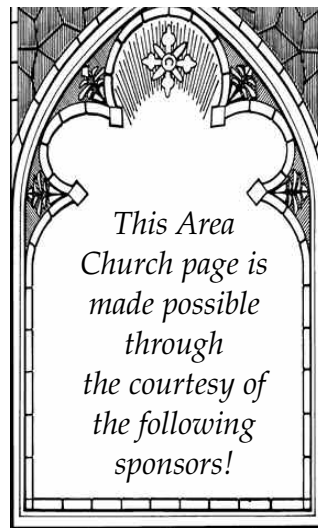
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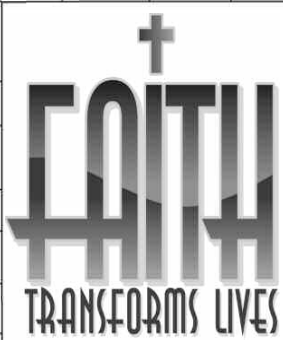
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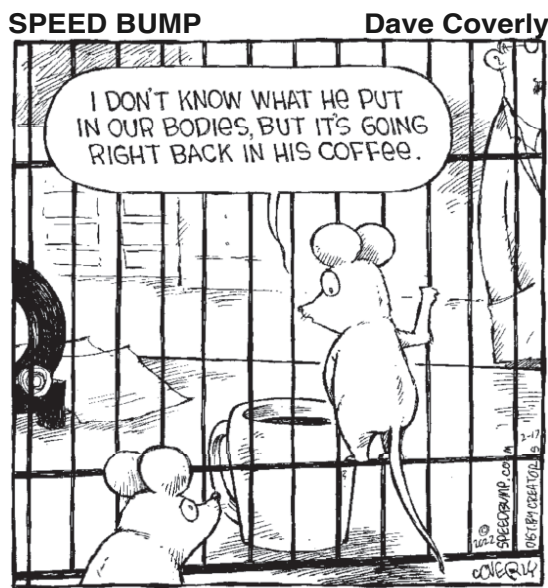
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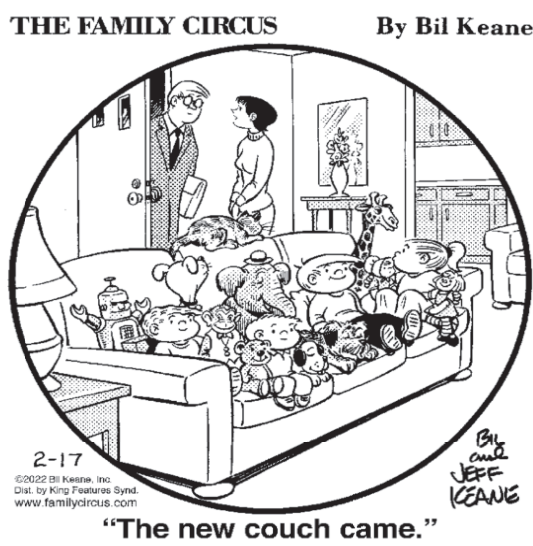
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**The telltale heart**

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East-West vulnerable.

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

**WEST**  
♠ A 5 4  
♥ 7 6 5 2  
♦ J 10 8 4 3  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ 2  
♥ A 9 8 3  
♦ Q 9 7 6 5 2  
♣ 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 10 8 7 6  
♥ 10  
♦ A  
♣ A J 8 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
3 ♣ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♣ Pass 5 ♣

Opening lead — five of clubs.

Assume you're West and it's your lead against five spades. North's five-club bid over four notrump, using regular Blackwood, tells you that he is aceless, and South's retreat to five spades should say he has only two aces.

This means that your partner has an ace — which could easily be the ace of clubs — and this in turn tells you that the best lead by far is your singleton club. So you lead a club, taken by declarer with dummy's queen.

At this point — assuming that your theory about partner having an ace is correct — you have no way of knowing whether it is the ace of diamonds or the ace of hearts. (He can't have the ace of clubs or he'd have taken it at trick one and returned a club).

So, when declarer next leads a low spade from dummy and plays the king, you must resist the temptation to win it because you wouldn't know which suit to return to secure the club ruff. Fortunately, you can afford to duck the king because you have another low trump available for the club ruff.

When South next plays the six of spades, you step up with the ace, hoping East can clarify the situation for you. As it happens, East shows out of trump and, aware that you are looking to him for guidance, signals with the nine of hearts.

This is manna from heaven. East's illuminating discard removes all the guesswork, so you lead a heart to East's ace, and his club return puts South out of business.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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LOCATED: On 500 E, just south of 400 S, in Hartford City (Millgrove)

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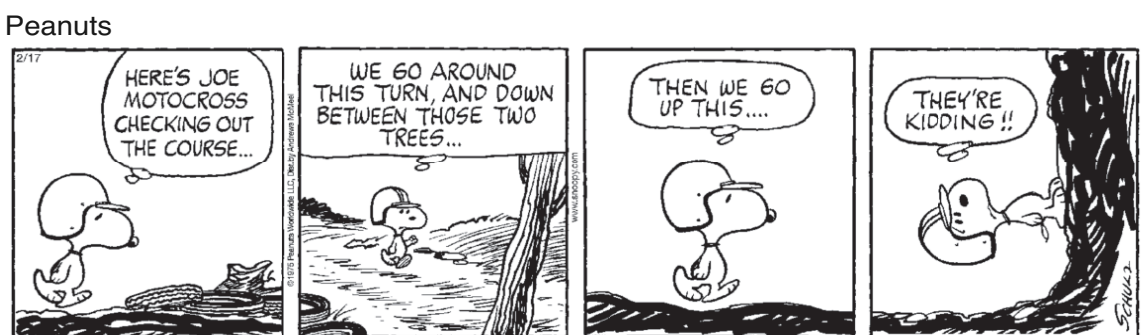
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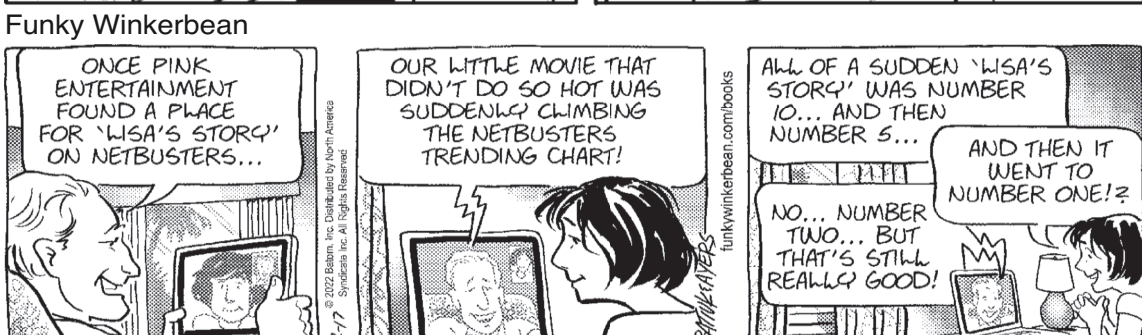
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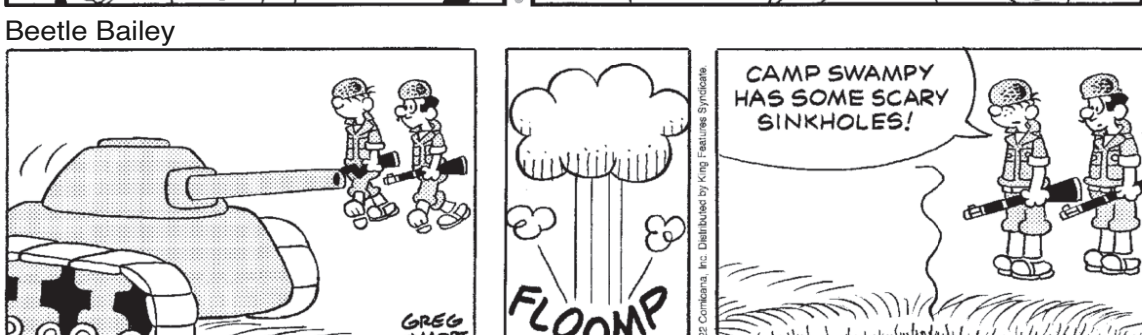
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**CRYPTOQUIP**

NZVRR BVE DQ TVNJ XDS  
ZCPJU MIA DL JVLE QDF  
ASFTJVNCLP UDDUIE BJIIRN:  
NAFDTMU ZDLIX.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE ACTOR SCOTT PLAY A VAMPIRE IN A MOVIE. THEN HE'D BE A BAKULA DRACULA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals E

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Corn castoffs  
5 Duel tool  
9 Buddy  
12 In — (miffed)  
13 Sandwich shop  
14 Slangy suffix  
15 Was logically sound  
17 Arg. neighbor  
18 Football team  
19 "To recap ..."  
21 UFO pilot  
22 Bucking horse  
24 Church song  
27 Cato's 502  
28 "hiring!" (new store sign)  
31 French pronoun  
32 Heart chart (Abbr.)  
33 Convent dweller

**DOWN**  
20 SSE's opposite  
22 Harley rider  
23 Latvia's capital  
24 "Let me think ..."  
25 One of us  
26 Sushi bar bowlful  
27 Take out of context?  
29 Wish undone  
30 Conclusion  
35 Fourth-yr. students  
37 Pester  
39 Igloo shapes  
40 Elmer, to Bugs  
41 Under-stands  
42 Beige  
43 Prejudice  
44 Close  
45 Billions of years  
46 Vacillate  
49 Music booster  
50 "Today" rival, briefly

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

EMMA	JOB	GPAS			
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Yesterday's answer 2-17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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## History ...

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Myers said Johnson likes to shoot single-leg attacks and ride legs when he's on top.  
"Every match we've watched of him, he's shooting in the first 10 seconds," added Clark. "I just have to be ready for that."  
Wood (37-3) blew through the first two levels of the tournament series, winning sectional and regional titles. He continued to roll through the first three rounds of the semi-state, including a 17-0 technical fall over Lake-land's Keegan Schlabach in the semifinals, before falling to third-ranked and unde-

feated Aidan Sprague (39-0) of East Noble in the finals for the second year in a row.  
He will face another highly ranked foe in Friday's opening round as he takes on No. 5 Kamariyon Nelson (40-1) of Castle. The only loss this year for Nelson came in Saturday's semi-state semifinal to fourth-ranked Joey Buttler (36-1) of Whiteland.  
"He's a longer, kind of a taller wrestler," said Myers. "He likes to wrestle in a three-point stance. He's kind of explosive."  
If they're able to win Friday night and earn state medals, they will put them-

selves on an exclusive list. Only two previous Patriots — 2014 graduate Eric Hemmelgarn and 2020 graduate Mason Winner — have made it to the podium as sophomores.  
They're both hoping to do that, and more.  
"I'd really like to win the thing," said Wood. "But really, if I just keep winning matches ... that's really the goal, to just win the match ahead of me."  
"Go out and wrestle my best and get better," said Clark. "For sure, placing at state, but my biggest goal is just going out, wrestling my best and getting better."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball vs. Winchester — 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball sectional opening round vs. Parkway at St. Mary's Memorial — 7:30 p.m.

**TV schedule**  
**Today**  
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Minnesota at Penn State (BTN)  
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — NextEra Energy 250 (FS1)  
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Northwestern at Indiana (BTN)  
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Montreal Canadiens (BALLY)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan at Iowa (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Bluegreen Vacations Dual 1 at Daytona (FS1)  
8 p.m. — 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics: Freestyle Skiing, Figure Skating & Speed Skating (NBC)  
8:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Ohio State at Maryland (BTN)  
9:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Blue-

green Vacations Dual 1 at Daytona (FS1) 10:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)  
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Washington State at UCLA (FS1)  
**Friday**  
12:05 p.m. — 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics — Freestyle skiing (NBC)  
3 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — NextEra 250 qualifying (FS1)  
5:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Monster Energy Cup Series — Daytona 500 (FS1)  
6:30 p.m. — College hockey: Minnesota at Penn State (BTN)  
7 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — NextEra 250 (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Richmond at VCU (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: All-Star Celebrity Game (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics — Freestyle skiing, Figure skating, Bobsled (NBC)  
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wright State at Oakland (ESPN2); Maryland at Nebraska (BTN)

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Dunkirk, Indiana that Chapter 52.15, Rates and Charges, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph is substituted: There are established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City, the following rates and charges, based on the use or water supplied by said waterworks system:  
(A) Metered User Block Schedule:  
Effective June, 2022, for use and service rendered by the waterworks system of the City, based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system:  
Consumption per month      Rate per 100 cu. ft.  
First 133 cu. ft.                      \$17.17  
Next 1,533 cu. ft.                      \$8.61  
Over 1,666 cu. ft.                      \$7.20  
(B) Metered User Minimum Schedule:  
Effective January 1, 2022, each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates.  
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## Public Notice

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Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal. Jan 1, 2021	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec 31, 2021
Governmental Activities					
101	GENERAL FUND	\$2,383,658.50	\$1,543,685.48	\$1,358,004.68	\$2,569,339.30
176	ARP RECOVERY FUND	\$0.00	\$254,617.86	\$424.17	\$254,193.69
201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$439,359.04	\$175,590.15	\$123,731.32	\$491,217.87
202	LOCAL ROAD AND STREET	\$39,242.55	\$15,144.53	\$14,149.60	\$40,237.48
203	MVH RESTRICTED (SUBFUND OFMOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY)	\$20,664.94	\$49,545.91	\$29,558.47	\$40,652.38
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245	RAINY DAY	\$45,120.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,120.55
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271	POLICE CONT. EDUCATION	\$18,935.75	\$1,388.00	\$0.00	\$20,323.75
272	POLICE DONATION FUND	\$6,632.85	\$287.00	\$0.00	\$6,919.85
273	PARK NONREVERTING OPER	\$23,172.15	\$19,630.05	\$27,455.14	\$15,347.06
275	USER FEE FUND	\$6,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,875.00
276	COMMUNITY	\$0.00	\$107,037.00	\$103,309.93	\$3,727.07
CROSSINGS GRANT FUND					
278	1996 DRUG FREE ALLOTMENT	\$50.59	\$0.00	\$50.59	\$0.00
279	POLICE K-9	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
280	HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION	\$899.62	\$0.00	\$899.62	\$0.00
321	LIEN PAYMENTS	\$2,559.33	\$2,604.60	\$1,880.60	\$3,283.33
401	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - CIGARETTE TAX	\$40,776.27	\$6,552.45	\$1,205.00	\$46,123.72
410	FIRE EQUIPMENT (EQUIPMENT COSTS, NOT DEBT SERVICE)	\$3,166.38	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$3,182.38
444	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX (EDIT)	\$103,429.01	\$96,866.96	\$118,263.00	\$72,032.97
471	OTR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$132,191.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,191.19
473	NDOT FED GRANT - CFDA 20.205	\$18,528.40	\$593.21	\$0.00	\$19,121.61
474	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$838.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$838.58
475	FIRE EQ (NOT DEBT SERV)	\$100.03	\$0.00	\$100.03	\$0.00
476	IHCDA GRANT-BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROJECT	\$5,260.90	\$0.00	\$4,715.90	\$545.00
602	WATER UTILITY BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$215,432.19	\$161,050.01	\$161,160.20	\$215,322.00
607	SEWAGE UTILITY BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$29,275.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,275.08
623	TRASH AND GARBAGE PICKUP (IF OPERATING MOSTLY FROM STORM WATER CONSTRUCTION)	\$2,509.96	\$135,677.36	\$139,346.68	-\$1,159.36
629	WATER DEBT RESERVE-BONY	\$0.00	\$145,662.13	\$35,105.00	\$110,557.13
632	WATER DEBT RESERVE-BONY	\$142,934.28	\$17.81	\$0.00	\$142,952.09
633	SEWAGE DEBT RESERVE-BONY	\$432,197.99	\$40.50	\$0.00	\$432,238.49
635	SEWAGE BOND & INT INVEST	\$654.92	\$316.97	\$0.00	\$971.89
636	SEWAGE IMPROV INVESTMENT	\$193,777.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$193,777.12
802	POLICE PENSION	\$35,612.85	\$66,253.52	\$26,686.81	\$75,179.56
803	POLICE PENSION CD	\$21,623.18	\$12.56	\$0.00	\$21,635.74
806	PAYROLL	\$74,938.64	\$1,148,936.49	\$1,071,370.52	\$152,504.61
812	CREDIT CARD CLEARING ACCT	\$3,417.86	\$269,941.69	\$270,116.69	\$3,242.86
813	CASH ON HAND	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
WASTEWATER					
606	SEWAGE UTILILY OPERATING	\$616,264.05	\$1,316,565.60	\$780,167.15	\$1,152,662.50
631	SEWAGE IMPROVEMENT	\$1,583,783.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,583,783.54
634	SEWAGE B&I- HUNTINGTON	\$65,409.19	\$336,925.23	\$336,920.00	\$65,414.42
637	SEWAGE OPERATING INVEST	\$700.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.09
WATER					
601	WATER UTILITY OPERATING	\$404,909.10	\$875,100.15	\$649,301.25	\$630,708.00
603	WATER UTILITY DEPRECIATION	\$491,339.11	\$0.00	\$14,346.65	\$476,992.46
604	WATER UTILITY METER DEPOSIT	\$57,094.07	\$16,756.91	\$16,318.50	\$57,532.48
Total All Funds		\$7,813,186.15	\$6,809,690.13	\$5,368,145.75	\$9,254,730.53

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# Sports

## History on the horizon?

### Patriot sophomores Clark, Wood eyeing rare company with victory Friday night at IHSAA wrestling state finals

By RAY COONEY

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Cameron Clark and Tony Wood have spent their careers making history.

A year ago, they put themselves on the short list of Patriot freshmen who qualified for the state finals.

Their dreams are much bigger. While the first step for both Jay County High School sophomores is to win the opening match to guarantee a medal, they're both expecting more of themselves as they head to the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals that begin Friday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

"It would feel amazing, especially as a sophomore," said Clark, who won the 138-pound semi-state title Saturday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. "There's not very many sophomores who have placed."

"That would be a great feeling," added Wood, the seventh-ranked 126-pounder in the state. "It's that hard work that pays off."

The top eight wrestlers in each weight class earn a state medal, meaning a win in Friday's opening round guarantees a spot on the state podium. Friday's action is again split into two sessions, with weight classes 152 pounds and up wrestling at 11 a.m. and 145 pounds and lower at 7 p.m. First-round winners return to compete in the quarterfinals at 9 a.m. Saturday.

This marks the sixth year in a row that the Patriots have taken



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two or more to the state finals. They have had at least one wrestler at the state finals for 12 straight years — the run dates back to Drake Meska in 2011 — which is tied for the 13th-longest current streak.

"I think it says a lot about the amount of work that our kids have been willing to put in and the time that they've put in in the offseason," said JCHS coach Eric Myers. "It raises their expectations to a level that multiple guys have put in the time and have the

talent ... and are deserving to go to the state finals."

Clark (22-3), who lost his opening-round match last season to eventual 132-pound state champion Kyson Montgomery of Brownsburg, has gotten better at every level of the tournament. After multiple ankle injuries sidelined him for portions of the season, he bounced back to finish as sectional and regional runner-up to sixth-ranked Dominic Litchfield of Bellmont. When Litchfield was upset in the ticket

round at Saturday's semi-state meet, the 16th-ranked Clark took advantage of the opportunity, pinning 10th-ranked Julius Gerencser in the semifinals and then handling No. 11 Dillon Tuttle of Delta 7-2 to win the semi-state championship.

His recent efforts have him believing almost anything is possible this weekend.

"I just wrestled like I have been," he said after the win over Tuttle. "My confidence is through the roof right now. I feel like I can

Jay County High School's Tony Wood tries to fight off third-ranked Aidan Sprague of East Noble in the semi-state championship match Saturday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Wood and fellow Patriot sophomore Cameron Clark will compete at the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals on Friday night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, both hoping for a first-round victory that would earn them a state medal.

beat anyone in the state, other than Jesse Mendez."

Crown Point's Mendez is a three-time state champion who is undefeated at 37-0 and is seeking to become just the 10th four-time state champion in Indiana history.

Clark, who wouldn't have to deal with Mendez until the state championship match, opens his state tournament against eighth-ranked Carson Johnson (34-4) of Mt. Vernon (Fortville).

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## Geesaman gets win in debut

Wyatt Geesaman is at a new school. He's already making an impact with his new team.

Geesaman, a 2019 Jay County High School graduate, made his debut and earned a victory pitching for the Lincoln Trail Community College baseball team Friday in a 12-2 victory against Scoutz USA.

The transfer from the University of Cincinnati threw three innings for the Statesmen, allowed one hit and walked two while striking out seven of the 12 batters he faced.

The Statesmen (1-3) staked Geesaman to an 8-0 lead after the first inning and he exited after three frames with his team leading by the same margin.

The former Patriot and IBCA North-South All-Star made two appearances as a freshman at Cincinnati, totaling one inning. He surrendered three earned runs on three hits, walked two

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and struck out one.

He did not make an appearance for the Bearcats in 2021, but didn't have to wait long before getting on the mound for his new club.

### Alli Vaughn Fort Recovery - 2021

Had one start and came off the bench for the Huntington University women's basketball team as it split a pair of recent games.

In an 80-36 loss Saturday to Indiana Wesleyan, Vaughn had two points on 1-of-8 shooting as she got the starting

nod. She also had a pair of rebounds.

On Wednesday, Vaughn came off the bench to grab seven rebounds, one off her career high, while also finishing with an assist and a steal. She scored four points as the Foresters (4-21, 2-12 Crossroads League) beat Goshen 76-65.

### Eliza Bader Jay County - 2021

Competed for the Ball State University women's swim team during the Ohio State Winter Invitational on Friday through Sunday.

The freshman's best finish came in the 100-yard backstroke as she placed sixth in 1 minute, 0.54 seconds. She was also ninth in the 100 butterfly, 14th in the 100 freestyle and 15th in the 50 freestyle.

Bader teamed with Meri Gray, Emma Horton and Makayla Miller to place third in the 200 medley relay and fourth in the 200 freestyle relay.

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