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## Finishing with a win

Jay County High School sophomore Cameron Clark has his hand raised Saturday evening after he closed his weekend at the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis with a 7-3 victory over Dillon Tuttle of Delta in the match for seventh place. Clark, a 138-pounder, won his opening match of the state finals Friday night to become just the third sophomore state medalist in school history. For more on the state finals, see page 10.

## Local projects receive grants

**Foundation awards nearly \$700,000**

Local organizations will be getting financial support.

The Portland Foundation on Monday announced nearly \$700,000 in grants that have been approved to 21 local projects.

The foundation also announced more than \$4,500 in Teacher Creativity Mini-Grants.

"As always, The Portland Foundation is very pleased to be able to award these grants," said Doug Inman, executive director of The Portland Foundation, in a press release. "The generosity of Jay County citizens over the last 71 years allows the Foundation to carry out its mission - to enhance the quality of life for the people in Jay County."

The largest of the grants — \$30,000 each — in the 2022 winter round went to A Better Life — Brianna's Hope and Arts Place. Brianna's Hope will use the money to fund addiction treatment for Jay County residents while the grant to Arts Place will go toward its MusicWorks program. Arts Place also received \$7,500 for four performances at the amphitheater at Hudson Family Park.

John Jay Center for Learning received a \$29,900 grant for its SkillStrac Industrial Maintenance training program for Jay County High School seniors. The organization also received \$5,000 for its robotics and science, technology, engineering and mathematics camps and \$5,000 for its senior learning series.

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## FR facility gets new equipment

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — There's new workout equipment at the high school.

Fort Recovery School Board accepted just under \$81,000 in donations for nine new workout machines in the Jerome and

Maurice Athletic Training Facility on Monday. The machines were previously purchased and installed at the end of January.

Fort Recovery High School principal Tony Stahl explained this morning the equipment previously located in the gym was

about 20 years old. The new machines offer bench presses, power racks, rope and pulley attachments and other workout equipment.

The training facility — it's also known as the student activity center — gets a lot of daily use, Stahl noted, because it is

open to students, athletes and community members. He estimated at least 100 students use the facility each day.

Funds for the new machines were raised by Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters and an anonymous donor.

See **Equipment** page 2

## Russian troops move in

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV, YURAS KARMANAU and AAMER MADHANI

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The White House today began referring to Russian troop deployments in eastern Ukraine as an "invasion" after initially hesitating to use the term — a red line that President Joe Biden has said would result in the U.S. levying severe sanctions against Moscow.

Several European leaders said earlier in the day that Russian troops have moved into rebel-held areas in eastern Ukraine after Russian President Vladimir Putin's recognized their independence — but some indicated it was not yet the long-feared, full-fledged invasion.

Later, the White House signaled a shift in its own position.

"We think this is, yes, the beginning of an invasion, Russia's latest inva-

### White House refers to deployments as 'invasion'

sion into Ukraine," said Jon Finer, principal deputy national security adviser. "An invasion is an invasion and that is what is underway."

The White House decided to begin referring to Russia's actions as an "invasion" because of the situation on the ground, according to a U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The administration resisted initially calling the deployment of troops and invasion because the White House wanted to see what Russia was actually going to do. After assess-

ing Russian troop movements, it became clear it was a new invasion, the official added.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki also alluded to the Russian action as being an invasion in a twitter post commenting on Germany chancellor Olaf Scholz decision to halt the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline in response to Russia's actions.

The U.S. president "made clear that if Russia invaded Ukraine, we would action would act with Germany to ensure Nord Stream 2 does not move forward," Psaki said.

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## 'She Loves Me'

Caden Marchal (left) and Joscie LeFevre (right) perform together Sunday evening during Fort Recovery High School's production of the Broadway musical "She Loves Me."

### Deaths

Vernia Bailey, 94, rural Roseland  
 Rosemary May, 91, Fort Recovery  
 Elizabeth Harshman, 82, Ossian  
 Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 59 degrees Monday. The low was 41.  
 There is a chance of additional rain tonight, and flood watch is in effect until 7 p.m. The low will drop into the mid 20s. Expect partly sunny skies Wednesday with a high of 34.  
 See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

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

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of tonight's Portland City Council meeting.

**Thursday** — Results from the FRHS boys basketball tournament opener.



# Felony court news

**Robbery**  
A North Vernon man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to robbery, a Level 5 felony.  
James L. Mosley, 61, 3040 E. 200 North, was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit

for time served since Sept. 23. Mosley was assessed \$185 in court costs. He was also ordered to pay \$4,492.20 restitution to Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

**Resisting law**  
A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading

guilty in Jay Superior Court to resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony.  
Robert A. Songer Jr., 32, 997 S. Boundary Pike Apt. 43, was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given 222 days credit for time served. Songer was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and a habitual enhancement were dismissed.  
**Escape**  
A man was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit

Court to escape, a Level 5 felony.  
Justus P. Folkerth, 29, was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction. He was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

## CR almanac

Wednesday 2/23	Thursday 2/24	Friday 2/25	Saturday 2/26	Sunday 2/27
<b>34/24</b>	<b>31/22</b>	<b>27/11</b>	<b>30/19</b>	<b>31/11</b>
Wednesday will be partly sunny with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	There's a 70% chance of snow in the afternoon Thursday under cloudy skies.	Mostly cloudy skies are expected Friday, with the high reaching 27 degrees.	Saturday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies, with a low around 19 degrees.	Another day of partly sunny skies is on the horizon for Sunday. The low may reach 11 degrees.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 2-36-37-45-69 Powerball: 3 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$45 million	54-56-61-70-73-74-77 Cash 5: 3-16-29-30-42 Estimated jackpot: \$135,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$75 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-5-1 Pick 4: 3-1-5-2 Pick 5: 4-6-2-6-1 Evening Pick 3: 4-7-5 Pick 4: 6-2-2-8 Pick 5: 9-8-0-0-1 Rolling Cash 5: 10-16-32-33-38 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-3-3 Daily Four: 0-7-7-5 Quick Draw: 7-11-12-13-15-16-18-19-24-25-27-31-39-46-51-52-66-70-73-79 Evening Daily Three: 0-5-5 Daily Four: 7-0-3-4 Quick Draw: 2-4-13-19-27-29-32-33-34-38-41-45-49	Classic Lotto: 1-3-13-26-33-47 Kicker: 1-0-4-7-4-4 Jackpot: \$22.5 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.71 March corn .....6.72 April corn .....6.71	Wheat ..... 7.97 March wheat ..... 7.97
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.75 March corn .....6.76 April corn .....6.71	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.61 March corn .....6.61 Beans .....16.10 March beans .....16.13 Feb. wheat ..... 8.07
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.65 March corn .....6.65 Beans .....16.08 March beans .....16.08	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.70 March corn .....6.62 Beans .....16.00 March beans .....16.03 Feb. wheat .....7.72

## Today in history

**On Feb. 22, 2021**, the number of U.S. deaths from COVID-19 topped 500,000, according to Johns Hopkins University.

**In 1630**, English colonists in the Massachusetts Bay Colony first sampled popcorn brought to them by a Native American named Quadequina for their Thanksgiving celebration.

**In 1732** (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

**In 1935**, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

**In 1959**, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

**In 1967**, more than 25,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Junction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the Cambodian border. (Although the communists were driven out, they later returned.)

**In 1980**, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

**In 1987**, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58.

**In 1997**, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly" (Dolly was later put down after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.)

**In 2007**, Fort Recovery High School girls basketball players Holly Stein, Tiff Gaerke and Vicki Roessner were named to the All-District 8 Division IV team by the District 8 Basketball Coaches Association. Clint Tobe earned the honor for the boys team.

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## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
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.

**Wednesday**  
5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

## Obituaries

**Vernia Bailey**  
*Feb. 9, 1928-Feb. 19, 2022*  
Vernia Mae Bailey, age 94, a lifelong resident of rural Portland, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at Cardinal Care in Muncie.  
Vernia was born on Feb. 9, 1928, in Jay County, the daughter of Clyde and Jennie (Smith) Corle. She and her husband owned and operated Bailey Furniture in Portland from 1959 to 1999.  
She married Frederick Merlyn Bailey on Dec. 25, 1946, and he passed away on Dec. 15, 2013.  
Survivors include:  
Two sons — Greg Bailey, Portland, Indiana, and Phil Bailey (wife: Connie), Indianapolis  
Daughter-in-law — Mary Bailey, Whitestown, Indiana  
Five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.  
She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Merlyn Bailey; and a son, Marvin Bailey.  
Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Graveside services will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.  
Memorials may be directed to Heart to Heart Hospice.  
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.



Bailey

(Elaine) Fortkamp of Dayton; in-laws Howard (Donna) May of St. Henry, Ohio, Charlene May of New Weston, Ohio, Ruth (Henry) Kunkler of Burkettsville, Ohio, Walt (Irene) May of St. Henry and Lou Ann May of St. Henry.  
In addition to her late husband, "Bud," and her parents, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law Jim Thobe; great-grandchild Paige Thobe; siblings Rita (Jim) Zehringer, Cyril (Mary Ann) Fortkamp, Henry (Arlene) Fortkamp, Vincent (Jean) Fortkamp and Ralph Fortkamp; brothers-in-law Dick Poling and Gene Steinke; in-laws Rita (Jerry) Pottkotter; Jeanette (Ernest) Homan, Ralph (Marilyn) May, Vic May, Jerry May, Tom May and infant Dolores May.  
Rosie and her husband Bud worked many years at Crystal Ballroom, Eldora Ballroom and Eldora Speedway. She enjoyed playing cards and dancing.  
She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Sharpsburg, Ohio, Daughters of Isabella Circle 810, Fort Recovery, American Legion Post 345, Fort Recovery, and St. Paul's Ladies Sodality.  
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022, at St. Paul Catholic Church with Fr. Michael Kapolka as celebrant. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.  
Guests may visit with Rosie's family on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.  
Memorial contributions may be given to EverHeart Hospice, 1350 N. Broadway St., Greenville, OH 45331.  
Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.



May

Deloris (Knoelke) Stout. She was a 1957 graduate of Portland High School.  
Elaine was a charter member of the Ossian Volunteer EMT and was a member of the Montpelier Church of the Nazarene.  
She worked as a veterinary assistant and worked at Bluffton Rubber, Mix Mill and Denny's Gas Station. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.  
Elaine was always willing to help in any way possible. She always had a smile on her face. She will be remembered for her response to someone asking her How Are You and she would always say "fat and sassy!!"



Harshman

On Dec. 29, 1957, at United Brethren Center Church, Elaine married Henry LeRoy Harshman. They shared 64 years of marriage together.  
Survivors include her husband, Henry LeRoy Harshman of Ossian; Adelbert "Del" Lynn Harshman (wife: Rebecca) of Churubusco, Darwin Edward Harshman (wife: Juanita) of Bryant, and Darol Ray Harshman (wife: Yelonda) of Brownsburg; along with 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.  
She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Diana Renee Fox; and two brothers, Sam and Lester Stout.  
Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, also at the funeral home.  
A funeral service to celebrate Elaine's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Jesse Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Alberson Cemetery near Geneva.  
Memorial may be made to the Montpelier Church of the Nazarene.  
Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.  
Friends can express condolences to the Harshman family at thomarich.com.

**Rosemary May**  
*July 31, 1930-Feb. 19, 2022*  
Rosemary "Rosie" C. May, 91, of Fort Recovery, died Feb. 19, 2022, at Briarwood Village, Coldwater, Ohio.  
She was born July 31, 1930, in Mercer County, to the late Henry and Mary (Homan) Fortkamp. On Nov. 24, 1949, she married Wilfred "Bud" May, who died Feb. 19, 2010.  
Surviving are her children, Mike (Sue) May of Fort Recovery, Ron (Pat) May of Fort Recovery, Bob May of Fort Recovery and Phyllis Thobe of Maria Stein, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; siblings Bernice Poling of Coldwater, Alice Steinke of Florida and LaVern

**Elizabeth Harshman**  
Elizabeth Elaine Harshman, 82, of Ossian passed away Saturday morning Feb. 19, 2022, at her home surrounded by family.  
Elaine was born in Jay County Indiana to Donald Argo and Bernice

## Equipment ...

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Plans are to host a dedication ceremony or open house at 2 p.m. March 5.  
In other business, school board members Sean Kahlig, Anne Guggenbiller, Jake Knapke, Nick Wehrkamp and Don Wendel:  
•Accepted a resignation from Mary Diller, who is retiring at the end of the school year. Diller is the preschool program director, grant administrator and lead teacher at Fort Recovery Elementary School. She's been teaching for more than 30 years, according to superintendent Larry Brown.  
•Heard from Matt Kerns of Fort Recovery High School, who highlighted the requirements each student must meet in order to graduate. All of the current seniors are on track to graduate in May, he noted.  
•Hired or renewed contracts with the following: substitute Karli Jutte, high school baseball assistant coach Ben Will, high school softball assistant coach Renee Evers and non-teaching employee Kimberlie Jarrett.  
•Approved a one-year contract with Health Lawns for maintaining athletic fields.  
•Appointed Deanna Knapke as the public records officer.  
•OK'd Brown to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Mercer County Head Start for informational purposes.

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## Baughers celebrate 50 years



Karan and Larry Baugher - 1972

### Karan and Larry Baugher

Larry and Karan (Taffinger) Baugher celebrated 50 years of marriage Sunday.

The couple wed Feb. 20, 1972, at Redkey United Methodist Church. Larry is a retired electrician, and Karan is a retired housekeeper.

They have two children, Chris (wife: Cathy) Baugher and Jennifer Baugher of Redkey, and one grandchild, Logan Orso. The Baughers plan to celebrate their anniversary with a family dinner.



Larry and Karan Baugher - 2022

# President's Day brings back memories

By **DIANA DOLECKI**  
Special to The Commercial Review

## As I See It



Happy birthday to our first president, George Washington. When I was a child, many moons ago, we were taught that he uttered the famous words, "I cannot tell a lie. I chopped down the cherry tree." I have since been told that he never said that. I have yet to hear if the cherry tree was actually chopped down or not.

Once upon a time, a long time ago, everybody thought that George had wooden dentures. This has also been proven false. Now it is believed that the dentures were made from bone, hippopotamus ivory,

human teeth, lead, brass and anything except wood. This brings up a whole list of questions.

Teeth made of bone? Where did the bone come from? Was it from a human or animal?

Where would one get hippo ivory? Was it imported from some far away land?

Human teeth? Again, where did the teeth originate?

Lead? I guess they didn't realize that was a really bad idea.

The point is that much of what we have been taught turned out to be more fiction than fact. We used to color pictures of our first president then the teacher would tape the pictures to the school windows. These days George has lost his luster and has joined all the other presidents in a holiday known as President's Day. I suppose he takes it in stride, after all, his birthday was changed from February 11 to February 22 when the Julian calendar was scrapped in favor of the Gregorian calendar that we use today.

Please don't think I am being disrespectful with this next story. When Mom was in the hospital for the last time one of the questions they asked her was who was president of the United States. Her answer was "George Washington." The nurses were puzzled because our immediate reaction was "Yay. She got one."

Mom had almost no interest in history. We were pleased with her answer because Washington was a president at one time. It could have been very awkward if she had said "Obama" because there likely would have been socially unacceptable adjectives along with

his name.

They also asked her what day it was. I don't know about you but it is very easy to lose track of time, especially if your body is shutting down and your daily schedule has been turned inside out. I often have to check the newspaper to determine the day and date and I am not in the process of dying.

George is not the only president to lose a holiday in order to join the rest of the guys. Abraham Lincoln's birthday also gets lost. Again, we used to color pictures of him, and our teachers would tape them on the school windows. Gone are the days

when we struggled to memorize the Gettysburg Address. Gone are the stories about a little girl who convinced him that he would look better with a beard. He was always my favorite because I was born on his birthday.

All the other men, and so far it has always been men, who have ruled this country are in a special group. Together they have tried their hardest to do what they think is best for our nation. And, yes, this applies to all of them, not just the ones who believe the same things we do.

Happy birthday, George, Abe and all the rest. I hope you had a good President's Day yesterday.

# Friend grows uneasy as wedding approaches

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Sophie," just became engaged to her longtime boyfriend, "Brian." I want to be happy for her, but he doesn't deserve her. She knows it, but she won't leave.

My problem is, I may very well be asked to be maid of honor at her wedding, and I dread the idea of having to write a speech about their relationship.

How do I write a speech when I have nothing good to say about it?

I know Sophie will expect something heartfelt since she's my close friend. I get anxious just thinking about it. Please give me

## Dear Abby



of anecdotes about what a caring, loyal, fun friend Sophie is, and state how lucky "Brian" is to be marrying her. Then toast the happy couple, wish them a lifetime of happiness together (even if you feel it won't turn out that way) and "drop the mic."

You do not have to sing Brian's praises if you feel he doesn't deserve it. That privilege should belong to the best man.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have friends — a married couple — we socialize with every few

weeks. "Charles" is kind-hearted, pleasant and enjoyable, always with a good balance between speaking and listening during conversations. His wife, "Claire," on the other hand, isn't interested in hearing about our lives.

When we try to initiate a conversation, Claire cuts us off and switches the subject to a nonrelated, self-centered topic. She also interrupts Charles while he's talking. She goes on and on describing at length the minutiae of her activities and, worse, the lives of her friends (who we don't know or have any interest in). We no longer enjoy her company, but

we hate to lose the connection with Charles. Any suggestions? — BORED IN MISSOURI

DEAR BORED: It may be time for you and Charles to see each other without wives in tow — for lunch or a sporting event. That way you will be off the hook having to tolerate Claire, and your wife won't have to put up with her because she can socialize with friends whose company she enjoys.

I don't have a crystal ball, but I have a strong hunch you and your wife won't be the first to do this.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade

will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal

starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

## Wednesday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-

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

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.



Swiss Village

## NOW HIRING: EVENING FOOD SERVICE AIDES

Swiss Village is now seeking Evening Food Service Aides. Part-time, evening shift positions with flexible scheduling available. No experience required. Seeking candidates who are at least 15+ years of age.

Accepting applications through Thursday, March 3rd. Come join our team!!

Apply online at [www.swissvillage.org](http://www.swissvillage.org), or send Resume to:

Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist

Swiss Village

1350 W. Main St., Berne, IN 46711

Or email: [kaylar@swissvillage.org](mailto:kaylar@swissvillage.org)

# Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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# AP wire has become propaganda

To the editor:  
I can remember when the Associated Press was one of the most respected news organizations in the country.

That day is long past as evidenced by the so called Jan. 18 "hard news" article headlined "Bill debate underway."

The article repeatedly promotes the "Republicans are suppressing the vote" myth, repeats Democrat talking point after talking point, and repeat-

## Letters to the Editor

edly trashes the only two remaining moderate Democrats, Senators Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, for having the courage to vote for the

wishes of their constituents instead of the extreme left of their party.

In its 24 paragraphs, there is not one that states the Republicans' reasons for opposing this atrocious federal takeover of our elections. Eighty-one percent of Americans favor voter ID. This bill would ban it in all states. The bill would require mail-in ballots and it would allow ballot harvesting. It would be a race to see which

party could get to the nursing homes first to get the Alzheimer's vote. And it would require counting ballots that come in up to seven days after the election. Instead of Election Day, we would have an election month with seven extra days for Democrats to find the thousands of "lost" ballots that seem to turn up in some Democrat districts in every recent election.

the filibuster Democrats want to end was used by them over 300 times against former President Donald Trump. The party that always says they want bipartisan legislation wants to end the one thing in congress that actually requires it.

If I was an editor, I would be embarrassed to print AP Democrat propaganda anywhere but the opinion page.

Stephen Erwin  
Portland

## Quiet time is a good thing

By KELLY HAWES  
CNHI News Indiana

As I reached for my phone for what seemed like the 50th time, it occurred to me that I really wasn't comfortable being cut off from the rest of the world.

I had no signal, so I couldn't call anyone. And no one could call me.

I also couldn't check my email, and every time I launched Facebook, I saw the same post I had seen all those times before. I had no idea what was happening on Twitter.

Google couldn't even tell me where I was.

I couldn't send or receive text messages. It was as if I had dropped off the face of the earth.

This had all happened by accident. My wife and I were spending a Saturday night at a state park, and we had somehow wandered away from our cellular communications network.

We were incommunicado. It was almost as if we had stepped back in time to a day when people had never heard of the internet, to a time when phones hung on a wall or sat on a desk, and they had to be connected to a network of wires to be able to reach anyone at all.

I could no longer pull my phone from my pocket and fire off a message to a friend or a colleague hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

I was reminded of the 1960s, when to send a greeting to a friend you needed a postcard and a stamp. That stamp might cost only a nickel, but delivery could take weeks or even months.

A postcard mailed to Grandma from a family vacation might well reach its destination after the family returned home.

Clearly, I had been spoiled by modern technology. That contraption in my pocket could give me today's weather forecast or the latest news from around the world.

It could also send a picture of a cute dog to everyone on my friends list, and it could order a pizza to be delivered to my door or picked up on my way home.

Using that tiny device in the palm of my hand, I could sit in on a business meeting or attend a lecture in a college class.

I could listen to my favorite team on the radio or even cast the game to a smart TV.

If I only had a signal. With even the slightest bit of a signal I could call

Kelly Hawes



Moments like this provide a stark reminder of just how attached I am to this lousy phone.

my son to complain about the lousy officiating. We could talk about the implications of this loss for March Madness only weeks away.

But I had not even a hint of a signal. The device in my hand was as worthless as a rock.

Moments like this provide a stark reminder of just how attached I am to this lousy phone. Each time I look again at that small screen is an illustration of just how often I check to see how many of my friends have reacted to that picture of the dog or to the latest news out of Washington.

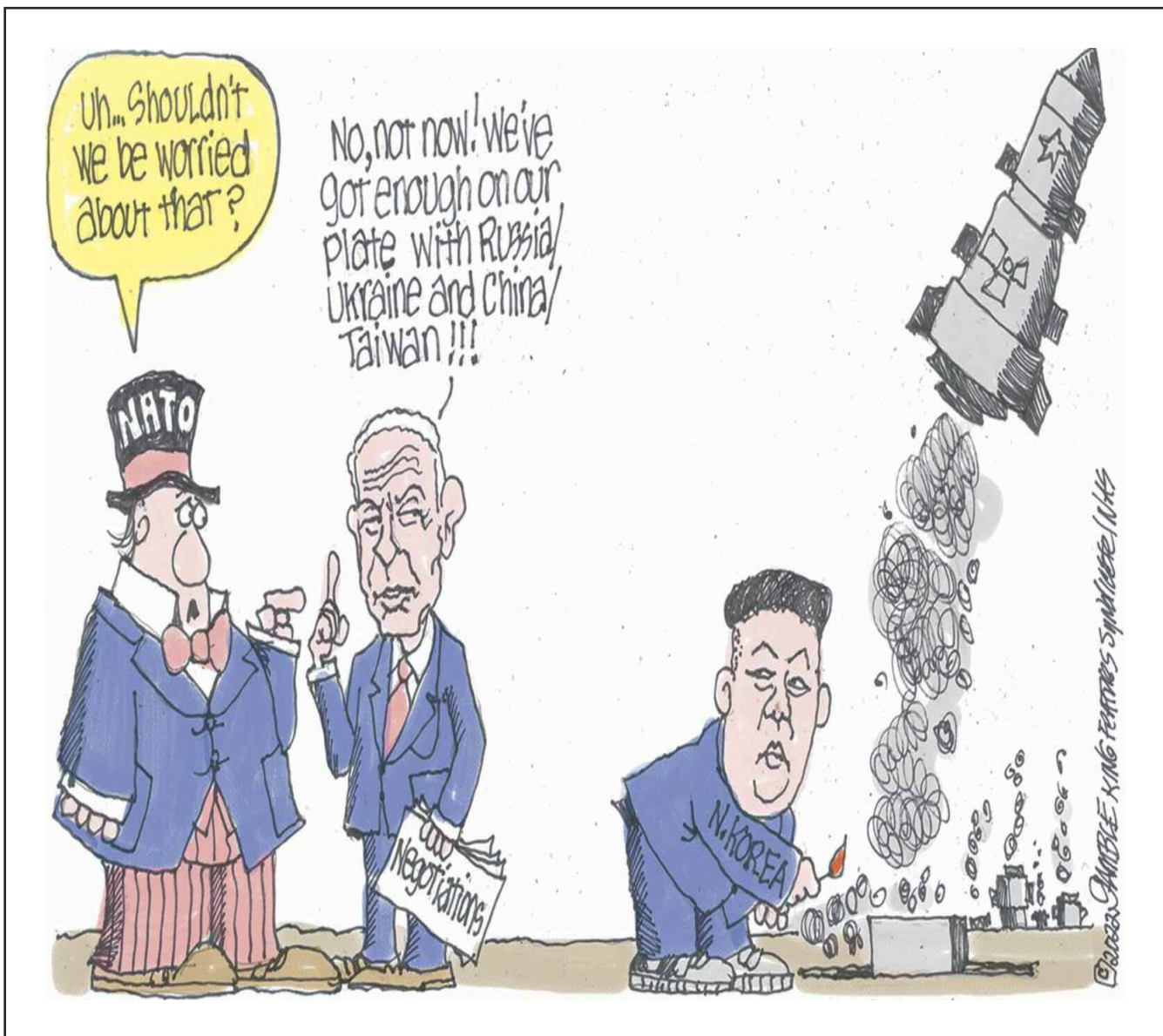
And what exactly was the latest news out of Washington anyway?

I had no idea. I was lost in the wilderness. My friends couldn't reach me. My colleagues at work couldn't reach me. My family couldn't reach me.

It was like that for almost 24 hours. Sitting there in that park, we were completely out of touch. It was an unfamiliar feeling.

I was reminded of that the very next day when the phone rang just as I was about to sit down to dinner. There was a crisis at work. Dinner would have to wait.

Firing up my laptop, I took a moment to reflect. Modern technology has its advantages. Then again, so does a little time in the wilderness



## Great Retirement is a problem

By HELAINE OLEN

Special To The Washington Post

Mario Valadez, now 67, hadn't intended to stop working yet. Starting as a busboy at 16, he had moved from one Los Angeles-area dining establishment to another, eventually working his way up to restaurant manager. When he lost a position in January 2020, he thought it would be a temporary pause.

Then COVID hit. The longer Valadez was out of work, the less he wanted to return to 12-hour days in the stressful environment of the restaurant industry. When the economy reopened and potential employers began to reach out, he surprised himself by saying no. "I talked to my wife, I talked to my sons, and they told me, 'Don't work. You work too much,'" Valadez told me. Instead, he filed for Social Security.

And that's how Valadez came to take part in the Great Retirement of the baby boomers — a workplace exodus with the power to upend both the workplace and the U.S. economy.

Goldman Sachs estimated last fall that more than half of those who had left the workforce during the COVID era's Great Resignation were over 55. An analysis released by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis found workforce exits are higher among baby boomers than pre-COVID trends would indicate, with a report last month finding women — many of whom work in public-facing positions and are between the ages of 65 and 74 — among the groups leading the way.

Employers are dependent on the outside baby boomer cohort, whose exit is contributing to growing shortages of workers everywhere, from nursing to school bus drivers to the service industry. It's not just 22-year-old baristas who have had it with working conditions. Those understaffed stores? Retailers became increasingly reliant on older workers in the wake of the Great Recession. Many are now making an exit.

This is a significant reversal. In

the years leading up to the pandemic, many Americans said they wanted to work well past the traditional retirement age. In 2013, a solid 10 percent told Gallup they would "never" exit the workforce. Sure, some of this was driven by financial necessity — Americans, famously, do not have enough money set aside for their senior years — but it also reflected an obsession with work as a way of finding meaning in life.

By refusing to go gentle into the good retirement night, baby boomers were doing the economy a favor: Their continued presence in the workforce helped compensate for everything from reduced immigration to the falling birthrate.

Their sudden exit, on the other hand, raises a host of gnarly issues. It's potentially inflationary because employers competing for scarcer labor will have to pay higher wages, so they will raise the prices of their products. This could contribute to a wage-price spiral, where rising prices lead empowered workers to demand raises to keep up, fueling even more inflation.

It could also turn into an economic drag. Long before COVID, there were fears the baby boomer retirements would stress the finances of Social Security. And the new retirees — many currently flush with outside gains in the stock and housing markets — could find themselves in a more difficult economic position than they expect if those assets decline significantly in value.

All this provides yet another reason for American employers to improve labor conditions — for older

workers and for everyone else. The American workplace is often harsh and takes more than it gives back. There's no mandated paid sick leave or vacation time. Age discrimination is rife. The vast majority of us are at-will employees, which means we can be let go at any time. The mass layoffs and remote commuting of the COVID period, it seems, finally gave Americans reasons to decide they no longer wanted to take part in it.

Many older employees, however, say they would like to stay connected to their jobs in retirement, but worry that they won't be able to do so. In a recent survey conducted by the Harris Poll for Express Employment Professionals, a staffing agency, a vast majority of respondents expressed interest in semiretirement, where they could either work a flexible schedule or reduced hours or consult — but only one in five of their employers offered up such an option.

Let me be clear. The boomers are going to retire at some point anyway. But it would be better for all of us in the immediate future if we could entice them to do it on a gradual basis. Valadez provides an example. When he found he needed more money than his Social Security check provided, he took a part-time position selling organic fruit at farmers markets. The gig is pleasant, and if he wants to take time off to see his mom in Mexico, no one complains.

He doesn't rule out the possibility of returning to restaurant work. But it would need to be in a place with enough staff — something not common in the COVID era. And he doesn't want to put in any more monster workweeks. Now, "I can spend more time with the family, with the friends, go to visit my mom, my brothers, my sisters," Valadez told me. "I start enjoying life."

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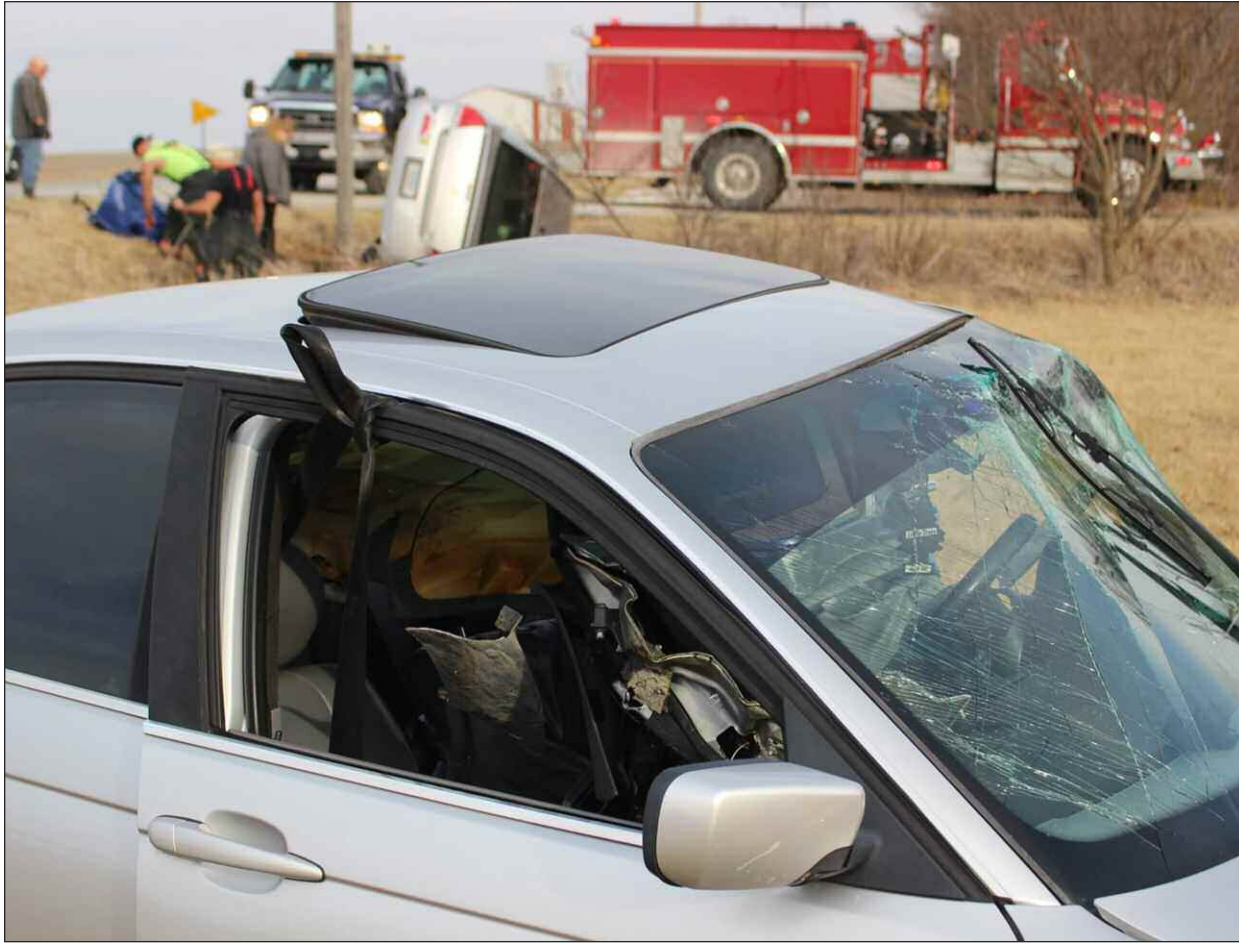
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## County crash

Pictured are the remnants from an accident at the intersection of county road 1050 West and Indiana 18 about 3:10 p.m. Monday. The driver and a passenger were taken to area hospitals for treatment. For details, see Capsule Reports on page 6.

## City court

### Judge Donald Gillespie Failed to appear

Brandon S. Koons, Muncie, speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone; Jai P. Singh, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph zone; Jack A. Wall, Portland, distracted driving; Tabitha L. White, Winchester, failure to change information.

### Paid by waiver

Ambrocio Santiz Gomez, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Jonathan A. Bole, Hartford City, speeding 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Shannon Kuhn, Bryant, distracted driving, \$160.50; Gaylen Miller, Millersburg, Ohio, distracted driving, \$160; Tyler J. Bowden, Daleville, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Kari L. Brotherton, Portland, disregarding auto signal, \$160.50; Oscar A. Gutierrez, Louisville, Kentucky, allowing an unlicensed person to operate a vehicle, \$160.50; Sebastian Ventura Perez, Louisville, Kentucky, driving without a valid license (\$160.50) and driving left of center (\$25); Sharon Potter, Buffalo, New York, off the truck

route in Dunkirk, \$260.50; Jose L. Barranco, Portland, driving without a valid license (\$160.50) and speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph zone (\$14); Eva Ajqui Riz, Portland, speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph zone (\$145.50) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Noe Lopez Alvarado, Portland, driving the wrong way on a one way (\$160.50) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Shane L. Williams, Portland, driving with expired plates, \$160.50; Trent J. Miller, Portland, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Janaiya S. Bright, Fort Wayne, speeding 77 mph in a 45 mph zone, \$171; Kimberly L. Jellison, Portland, distracted driving, \$165.32; Timothy R. West, Muncie, driving without lights, \$160.50; David D. Duke, Fort Recovery, Ohio, disregarding a traffic signal, \$160.50; Shanti B. Inninger, Berne, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Miguel A. Toruno, Indianapolis, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone (\$150.50), disregarding a stop sign (\$25) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Joseph D. Best, Middletown, speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$149.50.

## Deeds

Amanda B. and Nathaniel B. Schwartz to David D. and Mary S. Wickey, warranty deed — Part of Section 23, Jackson Township, 1.732 acres

Mark and Susan Bellante and Laura Riggins to Carol L. Felger, warranty deed — Part of Section 16, Jackson Township, 1.86 acres

Ad Home Properties to Jackie D. and Sharon E. Brenner, warranty deed — Lot 3, McNelly Subdivision; Lot 8, Sullivan George Addition; and Lot 39, Hoover Addition

Joseph Z. Toth and Louise M. Toth (both deceased) to Dean L. Burgess, deed affidavit — Section 9, Greene Township, about 9.43 acres

Lew F. McKibben (deceased) and Sherri A. McKibben to Sherri A. McKibben, deed affidavit — Lot 19, Hawkins Addition

Bobbie Siegrist to Rodney Moneysmith, quit claim deed — Lot 62, Votaws First Addition

Menno J.M. and Rosie B. Schwartz to Barbara B., Lydia B., Matthew J. Marcus J. and Rosie B. Wickey, and Rosie B. Schwartz, quit claim deed — Part of Section 3, Jackson Township, 42.81 acres

Michelle Kelly to Jeffery and Michelle Kelly, quit claim deed — Lots 61, 62 and 63, Grisells Riverside Addition

Tom Nixon to himself, death deed — Lot 5, Block 5, original plat of Portland

WJH to Audrey and Quint Miesse, warranty deed — Lot 35, Quincy Place

WJH to Yiwei Li, warranty deed — Lot 34, Quincy Place

WJH to Jacob and Rachel Lucia, warranty deed — Lot 27, Quincy Place

Charles B. and Staci R. keen to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Section 2, Greene Township, 0.343 acres

Joseph Z. and Louise M. Toth (both deceased) to Dean L. Burgess, personal representative deed — Section 9, Greene Township, 9.43 acres

Dean L. Burgess to Edna R. and Joe J. Schwartz, warranty deed — Section 9, Greene Township, 9.43 acres

Vicki J. Smitley to Diana and Pedro Serna, quit claim deed — Part of Section 7, Pike Township, 2 acres

Vicki J. Smitley to Brian Brown, quit claim deed — Woodlawn Park Addition

Mary H. Myron to Laci P. Schell, quit claim deed — Lot 150, Woodlawn Park Addition

Reed Enterprises to April Y. and Steven R. Huggins, corporate warranty deed — Section 2, Jackson Township, 78 acres

G and W Properties to Gaerke Properties, war-

ranty deed — Part of Outlot 7, Woodlawn Park Addition

Georgia A. Varnham to Seth Eltzroth, warranty deed — Part of Section 15, Penn Township, 1.69 acres

Robert M. Hall (deceased) and Mildred E. Hall to Mildred E. Hall, death deed — Part of Lots 49 and 50, Haynes Addition

Emma J. Crouse (deceased) to Donna M. Shaner-Pfeifer, deed affidavit — Lot 3, Cartwright and Headington Subdivision

Sharlee M. Landers to herself, death deed — Lot 28, Hawkins Addition

Susan D. Bollenbacher to Rhodessa Gabbard and Jason R. Robbins, warranty deed — Lot 47, Spahr and Andrews Addition

Derek W. Bartlett to Eric Smitley, warranty deed — Part of Section 33, Penn Township, 2.34 acres

Wuebker Brothers Dairy to Joshua Schmackers, warranty deed — Part of Section 33, Jackson Township, 10 acres

Marvin L. Sills Revocable Trust to Kevin L. Sills, trustee deed — Section 21, Greene Township, 22.19 acres

Homan Properties to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 4, Greene Township, 1.486 acres

Jennifer L. and Steven E. Schwieterman to Arrowhead Poultry Farms, quit claim deed — Part of Section 10, Noble Township, 18 acres

Nila M. Rudrow (deceased) and Ronald M. Rudrow to Ryan K. Massie, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Pike Township, 3.48 acres

Teresa A. Guffey (deceased) and James I. Guffey to James I. Guffey, deed affidavit — Part of Lot 6, Block 2, original plat of Redkey; Part of Section 23, Richland Township; Part of Section 32, Greene Township; part of Lot 1, Life and Gordin Addition

Leanne K. Bowen (deceased) and Michael R. Bowen to Michael R. Bowen, quit claim deed — Part of Section 3, Richland Township, 9 acres

Sherri and Terry Finnerly to Lynnette L. and Matthew S. Sisco, warranty deed — Lot 18, Dunkirk Land Co First Addition

Adam and Ronnie Construction to Carl R. and Kevin D. Hardyman, warranty deed — Part of Lot 301, Shank Addition

Carmelia M. McBride to Austin Breymaier and Jessica Bruggeman, warranty deed — Part of Section 34, Madison Township, 1 acre

Kenneth E. and Stacey R. Clevenger to Margarito and Tyanne Vazquez, warranty deed — Lots 5 and 6, Spahr Third Addition



## 4 common heart conditions

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death across the globe. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 17.9 million people die each year from cardiovascular diseases, which are a group of disorders of the heart and blood vessels.

The sheer volume of deaths caused by heart disease each year suggest there's little people can do to avoid it. However, the Canadian organization Heart & Stroke notes that healthy behaviors like eating a heart-healthy diet and exercising regularly can help individuals delay the onset of heart disease by as much as 14 years.

Education is another valuable asset in the fight against heart disease. Individuals who are aware of common heart illnesses can discuss them with their physicians and take measures to reduce their risk.

**1. Angina:** Heart & Stroke notes that angina is another word for chest pain. The discomfort associated with angina, which can feel like squeezing, suffocating or burning, is caused by a tem-

porary disruption in the flow of blood and oxygen to the heart. Though angina symptoms typically do not last long, they are considered warning signs for heart attack and should be discussed with a physician immediately after they appear.

**2. Atherosclerosis:** Atherosclerosis is characterized by the buildup of plaque on the interior wall of an artery. That buildup makes the walls of the artery thick and hard, thus restricting the flow of blood, and can potentially contribute to a blockage. The experts at Johns Hopkins Medicine note that risk factors for atherosclerosis include high cholesterol, high blood pressure, obesity, and a poor diet that includes lots of saturated fats. Atherosclerosis can cause angina, though many individuals with the condition experience no symptoms until it has reached an advanced stage. Blockages in the leg may cause cramping when exercising or walking, while those in the arteries of the heart can cause heart attack. Blockages that develop in the brain can cause stroke.



**3. Cardiomyopathy:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that cardiomyopathy often goes undiagnosed, making it hard to determine just how common the condition is. But the CDC estimates that as many as one in 500 adults have cardiomyopathy. Cardiomyopathy is a disease of the heart muscle that makes it harder for the heart to pump oxygen-rich blood to the body at optimal capacity. Heart & Stroke notes that cardiomyopathy can lead to heart failure. Early stages of cardiomyopathy may not produce any symptoms, but as the disease gets worse individuals may experience fainting, irregular or rapid heartbeats, lightheadedness, and swelling of the hands and feet, among other things.

**4. Coronary artery disease:** Heart & Stroke notes that coronary artery disease

(CAD) is the most common form of heart disease. CAD occurs when one or more of the coronary arteries narrows or becomes blocked. CAD causes damage or disease to major blood vessels that supply blood, oxygen and nutrients to the heart. Certain risk factors for CAD, such as age, are beyond individuals' control. However, many risk factors are within a person's control. Individuals can speak to their physicians about how to maintain a healthy blood pressure and a healthy weight, limit stress, and reduce their cholesterol, all of which can lower risk for CAD.

Heart disease claims the lives of millions of people each year. Recognizing common heart conditions and how to prevent them can help individuals lower their risk for this deadly, yet often preventable disease.

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# Troops ...

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For weeks, Western powers have been bracing for an invasion as Russia massed an estimated 150,000 troops on three sides of neighboring Ukraine. They warned an attack would cause massive casualties, energy shortages in Europe and economic chaos around the globe — and promised swift and severe sanctions if it materialized. The European Union and Britain announced Tuesday that some of those measures were coming. Western leaders have

long warned Moscow would look for cover to invade — and just such a pretext appeared to come Monday, when Putin recognized as independent two separatist regions in eastern Ukraine, where government troops have fought Russia-backed rebels in a conflict that has killed over 14,000 people. The Kremlin then raised the stakes further Tuesday, by saying that recognition extends even to the large parts now held by Ukrainian forces. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that

Russia has recognized the rebel regions' independence "in borders that existed when they proclaimed" their independence in 2014 — broad territories that extend far beyond the areas now under the rebel control and that include the major Black Sea port of Mariupol. Putin's move to recognize the territories' independence opened the door for him to formalize his hold on them and send forces in, though Ukraine and its Western allies have charged Russian troops have been fighting there for

years. Moscow denies those allegations. Condemnation from around the world was quick. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he would consider breaking diplomatic ties with Russia and Kyiv recalled its ambassador in Moscow. But confusion over what exactly was happening in eastern Ukraine threatened to hobble a Western response. While the U.S. clearly called it an invasion, some other allies hedged. "Russian troops have entered in Donbas," the

name for the area where the two separatist regions are located, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said in Paris. "We consider Donbas part of Ukraine." But in a distinction that could complicate a European and Western response, he added: "I wouldn't say that (it is) a fully fledged invasion, but Russian troops are on Ukrainian soil." Poland's Defense Ministry and British Health Secretary Sajid Javid also said Russian forces had entered Ukraine's east, with Javid telling Sky

News that "the invasion of Ukraine has begun." Not all in Europe saw it that way. Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares noted "if Russia uses force against Ukraine, sanctions will be massive." The Kremlin hasn't confirmed any troop deployments to the rebel east, saying it will depend on the security situation. Vladislav Brig, a member of the separatist local council in Donetsk, told reporters that the Russian troops already had moved in, but more senior rebel leaders didn't confirm that.

# Capsule Reports

## Intersection crash

Four Indiana residents were taken to hospitals after their vehicles collided at the intersection of county road 1050 West and Indiana 18 about 3:10 p.m. Monday.

Christopher A. Walters, 22, Muncie, stopped his 2001 BMW 330i on county road 1050 West at the intersection with Indiana 18. According to Jay County Sheriff's Department, he continued south and entered the path of a westbound 2013 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Keshia M. Sanders, 37, Marion. Sanders' vehicle crashed into the driver's side of Walters' car, causing both vehicles to go off the road and into a southwest yard.

Walters was trapped in his vehicle when emergency personnel arrived. Medical responders transported him to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. His passengers, Paige N. Miller of Muncie and an uninjured infant, were taken to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital of Muncie. Sanders was transported to IU Health Jay.

Walters and Sanders were not wearing seat belts at the

time of the collision. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

## Council informed

Fort Recovery Village Council learned Monday a request has been filed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to exempt the railroad crossing on Ohio 49 near Railroad Street.

Village administrator Randy Diller noted the railway has not been active for years. A public meeting will be held on the request at a later date.

Also Monday, mayor Dave Kaup announced Fort Recovery Radio Christmas Gala Committee has won the annual community service award. More information on Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce awards recipients will be released later today.

## Deer hit

Animals caused multiple accidents recently.

Brianna E. Shields, 39, Dunkirk, was driving north on Indiana 167 just south of county road 300 South when a deer ran in front of her 2014 Buick Encore, causing a

crash. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Norma J. Best, 59, Pennville, was driving her 2012 Chevrolet Equinox on Indiana 67 approaching the intersection with Indiana 26 when a deer ran in front of her vehicle. She wasn't able to stop before colliding with the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in damage estimated. Best's vehicle was towed.

Cheryl L. Moyer, 59, Ridgeville, was driving west on county road 800 South about 5:30 a.m. Thursday when a deer ran across the road. She wasn't able to stop her 2017 Honda Civic before it collided with the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in damage estimated.

## Lost control

A Texas man lost control of the truck he was driving, causing it to go off county road 200 South about 5:44 p.m. Friday.

Courtlin E. Davis-Laurent, 27, Desoto, was driving west on the road just west of county road 425 East when he drove off the road. The 2015 Freightliner M2 he was driving struck a utility pole, causing between \$10,000 and \$25,000 in damage estimated.

# Grants ...

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Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition and Jay County Fair Association each received \$25,000 to fund the Community Reinforcement and Family Training (CRAFT) program and replacement of the heating ventilation and cooling system in the Women's Building, respectively. Jay Community Center was awarded a \$20,000 grant for its Boomer Sports program.

Jay County FFA received a \$13,000 grant on a 1-for-1 matching basis for concrete work for a new building at Jay County Fairgrounds, and the Town of Redkey also received \$13,000 for a new floor at the cabin at Redkey Morgan Park.

Receiving grants of \$10,000 or less were:

- Jay County 4th of July Committee — \$10,000 for Fourth of July activities
- West Jay Community Center — \$8,500 for replacing a heating, ventilation and cooling unit
- Community and Family Services — \$7,800 for its Rapid Rehousing/Homeless Prevention program
- Midwest Pet Refuge — \$6,162 for new windows at its shelter
- Jay County Historical Society — \$5,000 for its Heritage Festival
- Kate's Kart — \$5,000 for new books for distribution to children at IU Health Jay
- Jay School Corporation — \$4,050 for curriculum and

other materials needed for its John Jay Annex Program

• Jay-Randolph Developmental Services — \$2,382 for materials for clients

• Dunkirk Beautification Committee — \$2,085 for the Webster Depot Park summer concert series

• BIGJAWS Youth for Christ — \$2,000 for the Jay County Campus Life program.

The Teacher Creativity Mini Grants are for \$300 or less to help cover the cost of learning experiences teachers feel are important but are outside of the school budget. They are provided through the Virgil and Josephine Thomas Educational Fund.

Receiving grants of \$300 were Carol Bantz of West Jay Elementary School, Kelly Bricker (Redkey Elementary and West Jay), Stacy Campbell (Redkey), Megan Chalfant (West Jay), Amy Fullenkamp (Bloomfield Elementary), Allison Homan (Redkey), Kim Hyatt (Bloomfield), JoAnn Scott (Jay Schools special education) and Jennifer Silson (East Elementary). Additional mini grants were: \$299.50 to Jennifer Rupe (West Jay), \$289.05 to Rachel Doll (East), \$286.81 to Kimberly Hawkins (West Jay), \$280 to Holly Farr (West Jay), \$203.99 to Natalie Corcoran (Redkey) and \$199 to Beth Mathewson (East Jay).

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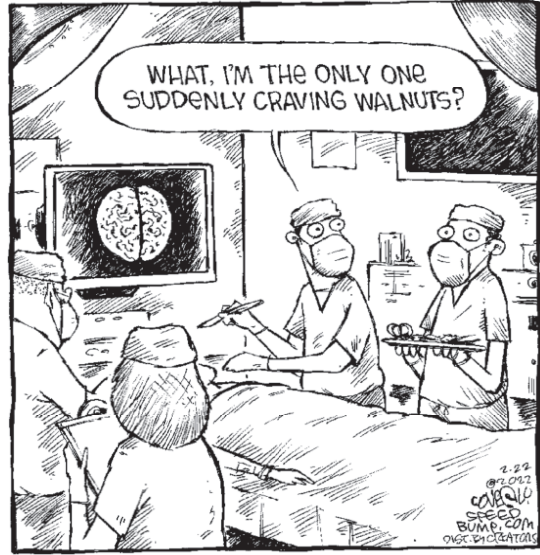
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North dealer.  
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**NORTH**  
♠ 9 5 4 2  
♥ A K 3  
♦ J 5  
♣ A J 9 5

**WEST**  
♠ —  
♥ Q 10 8 5  
♦ K Q 10 6 3  
♣ 8 7 6 3

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 7 6 3  
♥ J 7 4 2  
♦ A 8 2  
♣ 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead—king of diamonds. The outcome of most deals depends largely on how the adverse cards are divided. Good contracts might fail because the defenders' cards are divided unfavorably, while bad contracts might succeed because the defenders' cards are favorably located. However, good play can sometimes overcome a bad lie of the cards.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of diamonds against four spades. Declarer has no way of knowing at this point how he will eventually fare. The outcome depends mostly on how the missing cards are distributed.

Thus, if the trumps break 2-2 and either defender has a singleton or doubleton queen of hearts, declarer makes 12 tricks. If the cards are divided somewhat less favorably, he finishes with either 10 or 11 tricks; and if the cards are badly stacked against him, the contract might fail altogether.

Declarer starts by winning the diamond lead with the ace and plays the ace of spades, learning to his horror that East has two sure trump tricks. The contract now seems doomed, since South apparently must lose a diamond and, unless he gets very lucky, a heart as well.

But South carries on, hoping to overcome the 4-4 trump division. He begins by conceding a diamond, planning to crossruff thereafter. West takes the diamond with the queen and shifts to a club. Declarer wins with dummy's ace and ruffs a club. He then trumps a diamond in dummy, ruffs another club, leads a heart to the king and cashes the heart ace.

South next ruffs the jack of clubs with the seven of spades as East helplessly follows suit, and so winds up scoring 10 tricks even though the opponents have four apparent winners. One of the defenders' tricks gets lost in the shuffle because, at the end, West's high heart and one of East's high trumps are telescoped into one trick.

Tomorrow: Pointing the way.  
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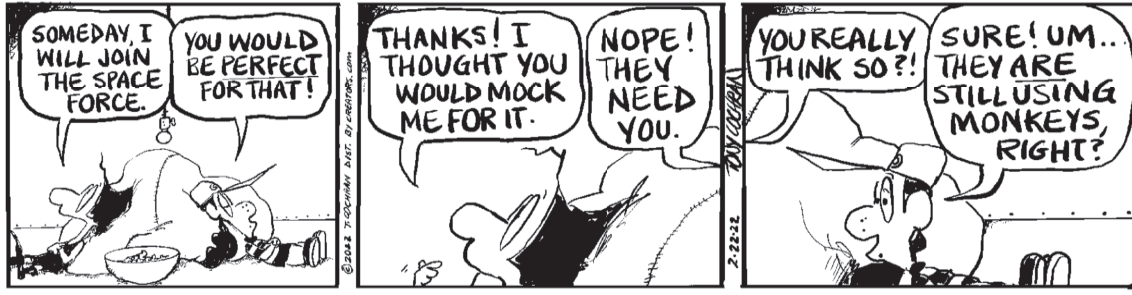
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**Rose is Rose**



**Agnes**



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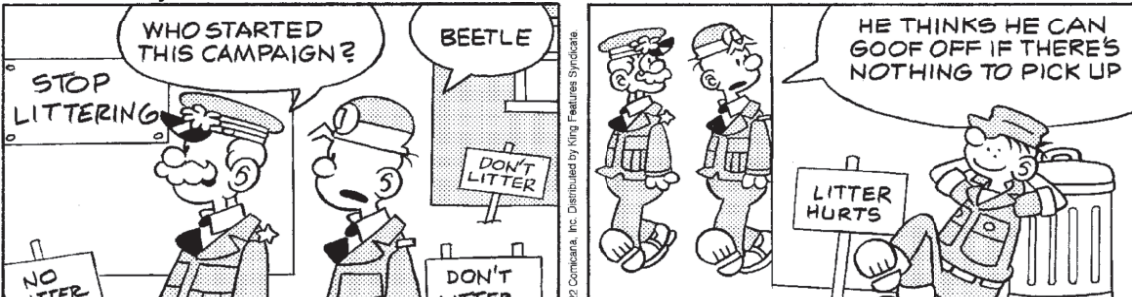
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**2-22**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

MB CR CLVCWF VDMR JFLF  
PCWF BLDP C VFLUCMR  
WGLCEAF JDDW, UOFR UOCU  
VDGAW EF CR DCYFR UDYFR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EERIE LEGENDARY BOAT ROWER WHO'S MISSING A RATHER IMPORTANT BODY PART: THE HEADLESS OARSMAN.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals O

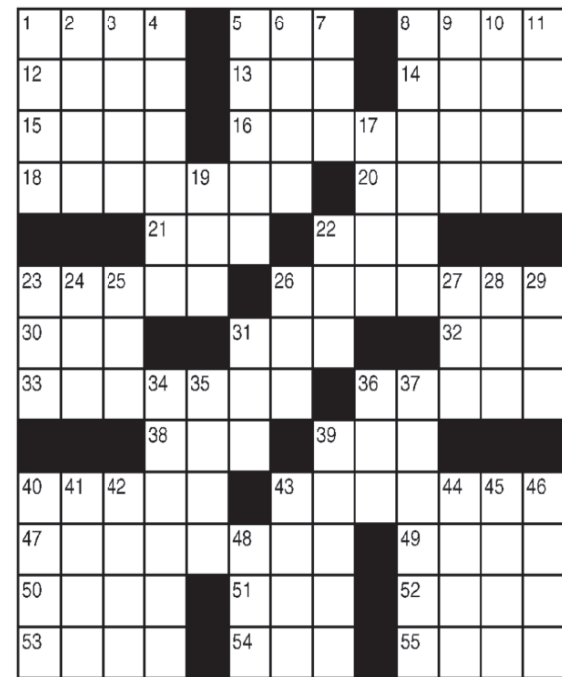
**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Coffee Cantata" composer
  - 5 TV alien
  - 8 — Hari
  - 12 Wrinkly fruit
  - 13 Shell game item
  - 14 Airline to Tel Aviv
  - 15 Harvest
  - 16 Actress Cruz
  - 18 Foreign correspondents?
  - 20 November tally
  - 21 Fury
  - 22 Chaps
  - 23 Fleeting
  - 26 Thoughtful
  - 30 Oklahoma tribe
  - 31 Upper limit
  - 32 Long, crosser
  - 33 Quintets
  - 36 Honeycomb units
  - 38 Apt. divisions
  - 39 "— voyage!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Baby-feeding finale
  - 2 Baseball's Tommie
  - 3 Family
  - 4 Woodstock attendee
  - 5 Pie fruit
  - 6 Sediment
  - 7 Summer cooler
  - 8 Honeydews
  - 9 Oodles
  - 10 Carton sealer
  - 11 Pub orders
  - 17 Tied
  - 19 Canine greeting
  - 22 Tex.— cuisine
  - 23 Conk on the head
  - 24 Hwy.
- 25 Bit of physics**
- 26 — de deux
  - 27 Unwell
  - 28 Batman portrayer
  - 29 UFO fliers
  - 31 Rx writers
  - 34 Slop container
  - 35 Clock radio toggle
  - 36 Anti
  - 37 Nail polish
  - 39 Hot dog side dish
  - 40 Quarrel
  - 41 Prefix with conference
  - 42 Singles
  - 43 High school dance
  - 44 Old Italian money
  - 45 Advanced math
  - 46 Music's Ono
  - 48 Plead

Solution time: 22 mins.



Yesterday's answer 2-22



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# Dowlen's free throws lift Jay past 'Cats

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

MUNCIE — There were plenty of turnovers and timeouts in the final two minutes and 30 seconds.

It was the points that were difficult to come by.

The Patriots broke through first.

Josh Dowlen hit a pair of free throws with 49.4 seconds left to break a tie and the Jay County High School boys basketball team went on to a 37-32 victory Saturday over the Muncie Central Bearcats.

"I'm proud of them," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt. "I said in the huddle ... 'You've got to figure out a way to win.' ... And they did."

The game was even at 32 after the Bearcats' Princeton Young hit an 18-foot, pull-up jumper from the left wing with just under three minutes left on the clock. Then both teams slipped into an unwanted pattern.

The Patriots turned the ball over, and Muncie Central followed with a time out to set up a play.

Then the Bearcats turned it over, and Jay County called a timeout.

Patriot turnover, Muncie Central timeout.

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—Josh Dowlen, Jay County junior



Bearcat turnover.

After trading turnovers and timeouts for nearly two minutes, Jay County's Josh Dowlen was finally fouled in the backcourt. The junior guard, who had departed the game with a hip injury midway through the third quarter, stepped to the line and made both shots.

"I know those free throws were really crucial," said Dowlen. "We work a lot on free throws, so I was feeling really confident going up there."

The two he hit proved to be enough.

An Ethan Dirksen steal led to a free-throw split to push the Patriots' advantage to three, and then Dowlen hit two more free throws with 7.1 seconds left on the clock to seal the victory.

"We were trying to make sure we

got to the free-throw line," said Bomholt. "We had the double bonus. We were going to get two every time. We feel like we can at least make one, and fortunately we make more than that most of the time."

For the Bearcats, the final minutes were a missed opportunity to knock off a JCHS squad that has lost just three times all season.

"We had control of the game at the end," said Muncie Central coach Chandler Thompson, whose team was looking for back-to-back wins for the first time since the opening two games of the season. "We had the ball. We called a timeout, put us in a good situation. We didn't execute, turned the ball over twice. That's the difference in the game. They made free throws. We made turnovers."

See Lifts page 9

## Marquee game is the opener

The premier game is the opener.

In the Class 3A Sectional 24 girls draw, the teams with the best records played in the opening round.

The boys draw had the same outcome.

Jay County and host New Castle are lined up to meet in the first game of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament at 6 p.m. March 1 following the IHSAA tournament draw Sunday evening.

The Patriots (18-3) and eighth-ranked Trojans (15-4) are the only teams in Sectional 24 with winning records. Their game will kick off the

tournament, with Delta (11-11) and Yorktown (7-13) following in the second opening-round game March 1.

The winner of the JCHS/New Castle contest will advance to play Hamilton Heights (10-10) at 6 p.m. March 4 in the semifinal round. Burris (7-12) awaits the winner of the Delta/Yorktown game in the second semifinal March 4.

The championship is set for 7:30 p.m. March 5, with the winner returning the following weekend to New Castle for the regional tournament.

See Game page 9

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**LAND AUCTION**  
Monday, February 28th, 2022

TIME 5:00 P.M.  
LOCATED: On 500 E, just south of 400 S, in Hartford City (Millgrove)

**REAL ESTATE**  
Land consists of 60 acres located in Section 4 of Jackson Township, Blackford County, Indiana. Land is practically all tillable and buyer will have possession at closing. Drive overs are welcome dependent upon the weather. Auction will be held on site. For any questions, contact the auctioneers!

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Saturday Morning, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 10:00 A.M.

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Nancy Cline, Greene Township Trustee  
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Date this report was to be published January 22, 2022  
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LEGAL NOTICE

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John Hemmelgarn  
Zoning Administrator/Director  
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ORDINANCE 2022-W & S

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(A) Consumption per Month Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Next 5,000	\$13.63
Next 15,000	\$11.33
Next 30,000	\$12.62
Next 50,000	\$6.78
Over 50,000	\$4.54

(B) Minimum Charge

Each User shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the size of the meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set in the metered schedule of rates. This charge will be for up to 3,000 gallons usage.

Size of Meter	Per Month
5/8 - 3/4 inch meter	\$37.94 up to 3,000 gallons
1 inch meter	\$68.12
1 1/4 inch meter	\$125.03
1 1/2 inch meter	\$181.94
2 inch meter	\$318.43

(C) Flat Rate

The minimum flat rate charge per month shall be

\$37.94 5/8-3/4" meter	up to 3,000 gallons
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\$318.43	2" meter

based on the size of meter service that you have.

There is no charge to have your service turned off.

(D) Fire Hydrant Rental

Public and private hydrant rental shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year

(E) Tap Charges

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(F) Water Deposit

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A property owners deposit shall be reimbursed after one year of no delinquent payments. For renters the Deposit Shall be returned to the renter upon payment of all bills and after moving. After 30 days the deposit shall be applied to any balance due.

(G) Collection and Deferred Payment Charges

All bills shall be due and payable monthly, and bills unpaid more than 10 days following the date of billing shall include a collection charge of 10% on the balance of unpaid water billing. An additional charge of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) shall be collected for turning off or turning on thereafter any water service that is delinquent in payment.

(H) Real Estate Owner Liability

That the owners of all real estate located in the Town of Pennville, Jay County, Indiana, be liable and responsible for the payment of all water services furnished by the Town of Pennville to the Owners of said real estate.

SECTION 2

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed; provided, however, that the existing schedule of water rates and charges shall remain in full force and effect until the schedule of rates and charges fixed by this ordinance shall be approved by the Pennville Town Council.

SECTION 3

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Pennville Town Council.

SECTION 3 OF SEWAGE RATES IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

(A) The quantity of water used per month by all user classes shall be as follows

Quantity of Water Used Per Month	Rate Per User	Month Per Debit Service	1,000 Gallon Total
Next 5,000 gallons	\$4.93	\$2.66	\$12.07



# Wins ...

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Those losses put him in a rematch of the previous week's semi-state championship against Delta's Dillon Tuttle for seventh place.

Just as he did in becoming the Patriots 10th semi-state champion, Clark controlled Tuttle beginning with a single-leg takedown midway through the 1-minute first period. He allowed an escape, but then got one back at the start of the second period and added another single-leg takedown for a 5-1 lead. He came up with a third takedown in the final period while Tuttle scored all of his points on escapes.

"It was pretty similar," said Clark, comparing it to their bout from the previous week. "We lost a minute ... other than

that, it was a pretty similar match."

Clark had hoped to be wrestling for a top-four spot on the podium, especially after scoring the first takedown of his quarterfinal match against Hayhurst (17-2). But he couldn't keep the momentum. Clark was up 3-1 in the second period when Hayhurst caught him with the first of three double-leg takedowns that would flip the match into an 8-4 victory for the Knights' senior.

"We were in really good shape," said Myers. "We had kind of a wild scramble where I thought we were going to come out on top — we were in a good sprawl position — and we ended up giving up a takedown and going down 6-4. I felt like that was a pretty defining moment

in that match. ...

"I think that is a match he can learn something from."

In the consolation semifinals, Clark was never able to find a foothold against third-ranked Bryce Lowery of Runcall. He gave up the first points of the match with 30 seconds left in the opening period, eventually fell behind 7-1 and gave up a pin in 4 minutes, 19 seconds.

Hayhurst went on to place third while Lowery finished fifth. Jesse Mendez of Crown Point won the state title, becoming just the 10th four-time state champion in Indiana history. Of the six wrestlers who finished in front of Clark, four are seniors. (State runner-up Cole Solomey of Kankakee Valley and Lowery are both juniors.)

Clark missed parts of the sea-

son with a broken ankle and a sprained ankle, and then had to work his way back into top wrestling shape, but was at his best in the tournament. After finishing as the sectional and regional runner-up at JCHS, he broke through to win the semi-state title prior to his seventh-place finish at the state finals.

"He puts a lot of time and a lot of hard work in," said Myers. "It's just great to see him have the opportunity to earn a state medal."

He acknowledged Clark's disappointment in losing in the quarterfinals, but looked at the overall weekend with a different perspective.

"He's a state medalist," he said. "You're a state medalist for the rest of your life."

This year marked the 12th in

a row in which the Patriots had at least one athlete at the state finals — only a dozen wrestling programs have longer streaks — and the sixth in a row in which they had two or more make it to Indianapolis.

Tony Wood was a state finalist for the second year in a row, following up last season's appearance at 120 pounds with a return trip at 126. His campaign came to an end Friday night with a 7-4 loss to Ka'Mari'Yon Nelson of Castle in the opening round. Nelson went on to place eighth in the state.

Wood finished his season at 37-4, with two of those losses coming in the tournament to fifth-place state finisher Aidan Sprague in the semi-state championship match and to Nelson this weekend.



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Muncie Central's Timothy Arnold Jr. fouls Jay County High School junior Bennett Weitzel during the first half of the Patriots' 37-32 victory Saturday night. Weitzel led JCHS to its 18th win of the season with 15 points.

# 5th ...

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The Patriots totaled 71.5 points. The host Trojans won the event with 101.6.

Ring's best mark came on the vault, during which she earned 8.4. Her 7.45 on balance beam was more than a point higher than the rest of her squad, and she was the only JCHS competitor on the uneven bars. She finished with 7.2 on floor exercise and ended with a 27.325 all-around score.

Karci Hopkins (8.2) and Mattie Ardizzone (8.125) also competed on the vault. Grace Yowell had Jay County's second-best beam score of 6.675, with Hopkins not far behind at 6.45.

Hopkins totaled 7.35 on

floor as the Patriots' best score on the event.

## Patriots fall to Knights

OSSIEN — Jay County Junior High School's swim teams both fell to the host Norwell Knights on Monday.

The boys lost 111-69, and the girls fell 131-49.

Raif Beiswanger had two individual wins for the Patriot boys. He had a time of 1 minute, 11.59 seconds, for first in the 100-yard individual medley, and he won the 100 backstroke in 1:14.07.

Lauren Fisher (100 IM — 1:14.06) and Avery Wentz (400 freestyle — 5:22.71) had two wins for the Jay County girls.

# Game ...

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The Trojans are responsible for one of Jay County's three losses this year, having defeated the Patriots 49-37 Dec. 11. JCHS is 2-1 against sectional rivals overall, with wins over Yorktown and Delta.

The girls Sectional 24 tournament also featured the top two teams in the opening game — a 36-33 overtime loss for the sixth-ranked Patriots to

No. 8 Hamilton Heights.

Jay County's boys have not won a game in the sectional tournament since topping Wayne 46-35 in the opening round in 2015. It dropped the semifinal game that year 51-35 to Homestead and has lost its tournament opener every year since, including a 42-26 loss to Delta last season.

The Patriots' last sectional championship was in 2011.

# OSU outlasts Hoosiers in OT

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Malaki Branham scored 27 points and No. 22 Ohio State rallied to beat Indiana 80-69 in overtime Monday night.

Indiana led by four with 2:47 to go in regulation, but E.J. Liddell forced a steal with 1:11 remaining and slammed home the tying dunk with six seconds left.

"We played as well as we could play it," Indiana coach Mike Woodson said. "We lost our man Liddell at the rim. He was able to dunk it and send it to overtime. That's probably the biggest possession of the game."

The Hoosiers jumped ahead by two early in overtime, but Jamari Wheeler hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 2:58 left as Ohio State took the lead for good.

"A really, really gritty, emotional win," Buckeyes coach Chris Holtmann said. "I just thought our guys were phenomenal in the closing two or three minutes."

Branham, a freshman guard born in Columbus, finished 9 of 13 from the field and topped his season average by 16 points. Liddell had 16 points and Eugene Brown III scored 10 as Ohio State shot 48%.

The Buckeyes led by 10 with 12:06 remaining in the second half, but the Hoosiers used an 18-4 run to grab a 59-55 lead with 5:09 left.

Xavier Johnson led Indiana with 16 points, going 10 of 10 from the free-throw line. Trayce Jackson-Davis and Race Thompson added 13 points apiece, and Parker Stewart scored 11.

"We've got to get them

over the hump," Woodson said. "I wish I had the magic pill to get them over the hump right now because we're right there."

The Buckeyes led 33-28 at halftime and pulled further ahead by making their first seven field goal attempts in the second half.

## Defense leads to offense

Ohio State had five blocks and a steal in the second half, forcing a turnover that helped tie the game at the end of regulation.

In overtime, the Buckeyes prevented Indiana from grabbing any rebounds while snatching eight themselves. They closed the game on a 10-0 run while the Hoosiers missed their last seven shots.

"I'm so happy we just fought through adversity," Liddell said. "Our defense carried our offense. I just felt like us locking in on that end really propelled us to go win that game."

## Freshman maturity

Over his first 10 games to start his collegiate career, Branham averaged 6.3 points. He's averaged 17 points in the 13 games since.

Branham knocked down a pair of free throws with 53 seconds left in regulation before assisting on the game-tying dunk by Liddell. The freshman scored four points in overtime.

"I just look for the right play," Branham said. "I'm not a guy that really forces up a bad shot. I just read the game. It's kind of slowing down for me."

# Lifts ...

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The Bearcats, absent leading scorers Daniel Harris and Malik Hasani because of injuries, were led by 14 points from Timothy Arnold Jr. and 11 from Jaion Childress.

The game stayed close throughout, with the Patriots (18-3) building their largest lead at 20-14 early in the second half. But Muncie Central (4-16) went on a quick 9-2 spurt to pull ahead and was up 26-24 heading into the final period.

JCHS scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to reclaim the

advantage, only to have the Bearcats pull even again to set up the final sequence.

The Patriots did all of their fourth-quarter scoring from the foul line, shooting 13-of-15 behind a 6-for-6 effort from Bennett Weitzel and Dowlen making all of his four tries in the final 50 seconds.

Weitzel also scored six points in the first quarter as he set the pace for JCHS with 15. Blake Bogenschutz added eight points — two 3-pointers in the second quarter and two free throws in the fourth — and

Dowlen added six.

It was a bounce-back win for the Patriots, who had lost 71-47 to Class 3A No. 7 Norwell on Friday night and were playing for the fifth time in nine days.

"It really felt good to bounce back," said Dowlen. "After that loss against Norwell — that was a tough loss, we were just making mistakes after mistakes in that game. And we came in here and we were a little shaky at first. Still at the end it was a close game, but we were able to pull through."

# MLB's lockout threat intensifies

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Baseball negotiations resumed with new intensity Monday in an effort to salvage opening day, and owners made a pair of slight moves toward locked-out players but put off big-ticket bargaining issues until later.

With a week or perhaps a little more time left to preserve openers on March 31, union head Tony Clark attended negotiations for the

first time since since the work stoppage began on Dec. 2.

New York Mets stars Max Scherzer and Francisco Lindor were among 10 players who were at a pair of sessions during a five-hour span. In contrast to the union leaders Tom Glavine and David Cone during the 1994-95 strike, none of these players spoke publicly.

MLB increased its offer of a

bonus pool for pre-arbitration players by \$5 million to \$20 million that would go to 30 top players, a fraction of the \$115 million for 150 players the union has asked for.

Clubs also increased their proposal for a lottery for the amateur draft from the top three picks to the top four.

Players have asked for the top eight.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
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.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling vs. Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball tripe-header at Belmont — 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Gymnastics sectional at

Concordia — 11 a.m.; Junior high wrestling hosts Jay County Invitational — 9:30 a.m.

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

## TV schedule

**Today**  
3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League Soccer: Lille vs. Chelsea (CBS)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan State at Iowa (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Villanova at UConn (FS1); Nebraska at Northwestern (BTN)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas State at Kansas (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: New Mexico at Utah State (FS1)

**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at St. John's (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Duke at Virginia (ESPN); Northern Iowa at Indiana State (BALLY); Rutgers at Michigan (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Tampa Bay Lightning (TNT)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at Seton Hall (FS1)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: LSU at Kentucky (ESPN); Wisconsin at Minnesota (BTN)  
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Arizona Coyotes (TNT)  
10:30 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions League Soccer: Deportivo Saprissa vs. Pumas UNAM (FS1)

**Thursday**  
5:30 p.m. — High school basketball: Vertical Academy vs. Oak Hill Academy (ESPN2)  
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Michigan State at Michigan (BTN)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Temple at Memphis (ESPN2); Maryland at Indiana (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Brooklyn Nets (TNT)  
8 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Iowa at Rutgers (BTN)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ohio State at Illinois (FS1)  
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Oregon (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Portland Trail Blazers (TNT)

# Sports

## Clark wins rematch, places 7th

*Patriot becomes third sophomore to medal in program history*



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By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — Unless they finish on the top of the podium, there's always the desire for more.

But Cameron Clark finished his weekend on the biggest stage in Indiana high school wrestling with his arm raised.

He high-fived his coaches.

He stood on the state podium.

Clark became just the third Jay County High School sophomore and 17th athlete overall to earn a state medal as he placed seventh at 138 pounds Saturday in the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

"It feels real good," said Clark, who closed his weekend with a 7-3 win over Delta's Dillon Tuttle in the seventh-place match. "I feel like I should have placed higher, but I'm a state medalist as a sophomore, so that's pretty good."

"I came here as a freshman, didn't place, and I told everyone, I said, 'I'm going to come back stronger and place next year.' And I'm coming back stronger next year — hopefully be in the finals."

Crown Point, which had three individual champions, cruised to the team state title with 178 points. Brownsburg was a distant second with 105.

Clark's effort earned four team points for Jay County to tie with Indian Creek for 58th out of 106 participating teams.

He joins 2013 graduate Eric

Hemmelgarn and 2020 graduate Mason Winner on the short list of sophomore state medalists, and his effort over the weekend ended the Patriots' medal hiatus at just a single year. They went without a medalist in 2021 after reaching the podium each year from 2016 through 2020.

"I'm pretty proud of him," said JCHS coach Eric Myers. "I know that he wanted to place here and I think that he's happy that he did. But I think in the next day or two things will start to sink in that he's a state placer as a soph-

omore. Pretty awesome."

After posting wins over the 11th- and 10th-ranked wrestlers at the semi-state and then topping Mount Vernon's eighth-ranked Carson Johnson on Friday night at the state finals to guarantee himself a medal, Clark ran into a couple of highly touted foes he was unable to knock off in seventh-ranked Ashton Hayhurst of Castle in the quarterfinal round and third-ranked Bryce Lowery of Roncalli in the consolation semifinals.



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Cameron Clark, a Jay County High School sophomore, wraps up Dillon Tuttle of Delta during their seventh-place match Saturday in the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Clark won 7-3 to finish seventh, becoming the school's 17th state medalist.

*'I came here as a freshman, didn't place, and I told everyone, I said, 'I'm going to come back stronger and place next year.' And I'm coming back stronger next year — hopefully be in the finals.'*

—Cameron Clark, Jay County sophomore

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## Jay boys take sixth

The Patriots were right in the middle.

Jay County High School's boys swim team concluded its season Saturday with a sixth-place finish out of 11 teams as hosts of the sectional meet.

Norwell won four events and scored 451 points to break Delta's run of seven consecutive sectional championships. Bluffton was a distant third with 288.

The Patriots, who were also sixth last season, were just a single point behind Adams Central and Muncie Central, who tied for fourth with 162 points. Burriss was seventh with 158 and Huntington North followed with 157.

The sectional champion — Delta finished as the team runner-up by taking first place in six events, while Adams Central and Bluffton each had one — in each swimming event advances to this weekend's IHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving State Finals at Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis. The top four divers move on to regional competition tonight. (Jay County has not had a state qualifier

### Senior Sanders finishes third in 50-yard freestyle

since James Keen and Sok Vormohr in 2015.)

Senior Kyle Sanders was the JCHS swimmer who came closest to extending his season, posting a third-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle. His time of 22.92 seconds was more than a second off of the winning time from Adams Central's Jake Kaehr (21.77) and Delta runner-up Brad Shue (21.81).

Sanders also held his seed in the 100 freestyle, recording a time of 50.74 to place fifth.

Josh Monroe, a junior, also held his seed in the 100 breaststroke, improving on his preliminary time from Friday evening. He was 0.67 seconds faster in the championship heat on the way to a fourth-place finish in 1 minute, 7.23 seconds.

The only other Patriot to compete in a championship race Saturday was sophomore Nick Lyons. He finished eighth in both the 100 backstroke and 200 individ-

ual medley with times of 1:03.38 and 2:01.42, respectively.

Jay County's best relay finish came in the 200 freestyle event, with Wyatt Kunkler, Sanders, Monroe and Lyons cutting more than 2.5 seconds from their seed time to finish in 1:37.93.

Each of the Patriots' two other relay teams were seventh. Konner Sommers, Sanders, Monroe and Lyons had a time of 1:51.11 in the 200 medley relay and Joseph Dow, Kolby Baldwin, Sommers and Kunkler completed the 400 freestyle relay in 4:00.9.

Also competing for the Patriots Saturday were Kunkler (11th — 200 freestyle), Monroe (11th — 200 individual medley), Sommers (12th — 100 butterfly) and Kunkler (16th — 100 freestyle).

Portland's Nico Minnich, who swims for Burriss, was 14th in the 100 butterfly and 16th in the 200 IM.

## Fortkamp 5th at district

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — The year ended one meet sooner than a season ago.

Fort Recovery High School's girls swim team had its campaign come to an end on Friday in the OHSAA Northwest Division II district meet at Bowling Green State University.

Teigen Fortkamp had the best individual finish for the Tribe, placing fifth in the 100-yard backstroke in 1 minute, 1.19 seconds, missing out on the state finals after qualifying as a freshman.

Fortkamp was also ninth in the 50 freestyle with her time of 25.24 seconds.

Audra Bupp was 12th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:13.95, an improvement of more than half a second off her seed time. She was also 19th in the 200 individual medley in 2:30.61, nearly three seconds off the time that qualified her for district.

Joelle Kaup ended 29th in the 100 back-

### Local roundup

stroke in 1:19.49.

Kaup, Kaup and Fortkamp joined Melissa Laux for a time of 2:01.78 in the 200 medley relay, which was 15th. The same trio teamed with Paige Guggenbiller to end the 200 freestyle relay in 16th with a time of 1:49.12.

### Ring leads Jay

NEW CASTLE — Erin Ring posted team highs in three events Saturday for the Jay County gymnastics team as it placed fourth at New Castle.

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