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Boyd trial to be moved again

Proceedings had been scheduled to begin Monday

The trial for a Portland man charged with murder has been delayed again.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison reported to The Commercial Review Roger L. Boyd Jr.'s trial for the Sept. 5, 2020, murder of James P. Miller that was scheduled to begin Monday has been postponed.

Jay County Prosecutor's Office on Wednesday filed a motion for a continuance.

A new trial date has not yet been set. (The trial, which was originally set to begin in February 2020 but was delayed because of coronavirus pandemic restrictions, has been moved several times.)

Along with the murder charge, Boyd also faces a charge of criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weapon, a Level 3 felony.

Boyd was arrested by police shortly after Miller, 49, Montpelier, was shot in the early hours of Sept. 5, 2020, outside the house at 1215 S. Bridge St. Portland. Miller was pronounced dead at the scene.

A probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case says that, according to police, Boyd admitted to shooting Miller. Police said Boyd told them the shooting was self defense and that he believed Miller had a weapon. No such weapon was found, court documents show.

Miller's girlfriend, Nicole L. Burke, was later found in the basement of the house. court documents say she told police she was standing in the driveway after the shooting and Boyd ordered her to go in the house and into the basement.

Brittney Shewmake, Boyd's girlfriend, who owned the 1215 S. Bridge St. property at the time of the incident, is charged with criminal confinement, a Level 3 felony, in connection with the incident. Her trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 14. (She has since been charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony, and maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony, in a separate case.) Court documents indicate she was inside the house with two children, ages 3 and 5, at the time of the shooting.

Boyd is a former law enforcement officers, first with Dunkirk Police Department and then with Jay County Sheriff's Office. He was fired from his job at the sheriff's office.

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Still hazardous



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Staff from Ohio Valley Gas was working about 7 a.m. today to clear the sidewalks and street parking in front of their business and others along Main Street on the west side of Portland. Jay County remained under a travel warning as of this morning, meaning travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only and residents should refrain from driving.

City streets are mostly clear, but county roads remain a concern after additional snow Thursday

By BAILEY CLINE and RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The worst of the biggest winter storm thus far this winter has passed.

Now it's just a waiting game until roads are cleared.

Snow continued to fall across Jay County and the surrounding area Thursday, dropping an estimated additional 6 inches of snow from 6 a.m. through the rest of the day and left Jay County continuing to deal with a travel warning.

As of press time, Jay County remained under a travel warning, which means travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only and residents are directed to "refrain from all travel." Adams, Blackford and Randolph counties were also under travel warnings, while Delaware and Wells counties were under travel watches. (Under a watch, travel is allowed



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only to and from work and for emergencies.)

Mercer County was under a level three snow alert.

Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Amy Blakely noted the county will likely shift to a lower advisory level sometime today.

"We do understand the effect this has on the public, on industry, so we are aware of that and we will modify things in a safe way as soon as we possibly can," she said.

Local estimates show an additional 6 inches of snow fell during a windy Thursday. After

compacting overnight, there was about 8 inches of snow on the ground in Portland.

There is a chance of additional snow showers between 10 p.m. tonight and 4 a.m. Saturday. There is currently no more snow in the forecast through at least Thursday.

A Portland street department worker plows snow from Commerce Street at its intersection with Main Street on Thursday afternoon.

Extreme cold will be the issue for the next 24 to 36 hours, with tonight's low dropping to zero with wind chill values at negative 10. The temperature Saturday will range from 9 to 18, with wind chills falling as low as negative 15.

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Storm moves on to PA, New England

By KATHLEEN FOODY and JILL BLEED

Associated Press

A major winter storm that already cut electric power to about 350,000 homes and businesses from Texas to the Ohio Valley was set to leave Pennsylvania and New England glazed in ice and smothered in snow Friday, forecasters said.

The storm disrupted flights at major hubs in the U.S. on Friday morning, including airports in New York City, Boston and Dallas.

More snow was forecast, but it was the ice that threatened to wreak havoc on travel and electric service in the Northeast before the storm heads out to sea

late Friday and Saturday, said Rick Otto, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in College Park, Maryland.

"Snow is a lot easier to plow than ice," he said.

Even after the storm pushes off to sea late Friday and Saturday, ice and snow were expected to linger through the weekend because of subfreezing temperatures, Otto said.

Parts of New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont had snowfall reports of a foot or more Friday morning, according to the weather service.

About 350,000 homes and businesses lost power from Texas to Ohio on Thursday as freezing rain and snow weighed down

tree limbs and encrusted power lines, part of a winter storm that caused a deadly tornado in Alabama, dumped more than a foot of snow in parts of the Midwest and brought rare measurable snowfall to Texas.

The icy weather is blamed for widespread power outages in the Memphis, Tennessee, area, where more than 125,000 homes and businesses were without power Friday morning, according to the website power-outage.us, which tracks utility reports. Nearly 85,000 homes and businesses in Ohio were without electricity.

Many schools and businesses remained closed Friday in areas hit by the wintry weather a day

earlier because roads remained icy and temperatures never rose above freezing.

Along the warmer side of the storm, in western Alabama, Hale County Emergency Management Director Russell Weeden told WBRC-TV a tornado that hit a rural area Thursday afternoon killed one person, a female he found under rubble, and critically injured three others. A home was heavily damaged, he said.

Tornadoes in the winter are unusual but possible, and scientists have said the atmospheric conditions needed to cause a tornado have intensified as the planet warms.

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Deaths

Nilah Amadio, 92, Berne
Todd Wolford, 56, Brownsburg
Details on page 2.

Weather

Four to 6 additional inches of snow fell during the day Thursday. The high temperature was 28 degrees and the low was 21.

Tonight's low will be zero with wind chill values as low as negative 10. Saturday's high will be 18,

with wind chill values as low as negative 15. After a low of 9 Saturday night, the temperature will climb to a high of 29 Sunday under sunny skies.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's girls swimming sectional preliminaries at JCHS.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



Trial ...

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He is one of five Jay County residents who was charged with murder in 2020 stemming from three different incidents. The other four defendants have all either been convicted of murder or pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

New date has not yet been set

habitual offender enhancement for the Aug. 22, 2020, fatal shooting of 47-year-old Shanna Jones. He was sentenced to 47.5 years in prison. In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years.

Pet of the week

Olaf, a male cat that is neutered, is available for adoption from Midwest Pet Refuge. The fee is \$50. Adoption applications are available at midwestpetrefuge.com.



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Table with weather forecasts for Saturday (2/5) through Wednesday (2/9), including icons and temperature ranges.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$137 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$22 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-8-8
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-1-0

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn 6.27
POET Biorefining Portland Corn 6.31
The Andersons Richland Township Corn 6.19

Today in history

On Feb. 4, 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.
In 1811, John Marshall was confirmed by the Senate as chief justice of the United States.

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Obituaries

Nilah Amadio

Nilah June Amadio, 92, of Berne, passed away peacefully, Thursday, Jan. 27, surrounded by her surviving four children. A native of Portland, Indiana, she was born to the late Harold and Mabel (Hines) Bost.



Amadio

She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Valerie Lynn; and dearest granddaughter Christi Mae Lane. She maintained treasured close relationships with her many nieces, nephews and cousins. June graduated valedictorian of Governor I.P. Gray in 1948.

Berne, raising her five children while being involved in many local civic and church organizations. In October 1970, she moved to Fort Wayne and joined JC Penney SouthTown Mall management team where she remained until September 1973 when she was promoted to the New York Corporate offices as salary cost analyst.

burg, Indiana, passed away Feb. 1, 2022, at home.



Wolford

Todd was born in Jackson, Michigan, on April 2, 1965, to Max L. Wolford, who preceded him in death, and Bernadine (Maitlen) Wolford, Brownsburg. Todd also has a sister, Beth Byrum, from Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Todd graduated from Jay County High School in Portland, Indiana, in 1983. He attended Purdue University, where he obtained a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. In 1998, Todd earned his professional engineering license.

Todd married his high school sweetheart and best friend Lorean (Grady) Wolford on Aug. 20, 1988.

Todd spent several years in the automotive industry for Subaru Isuzu in Lafayette. He also spent part of his work career at Alcoa HC industries in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and then at Dana in Danville, Indiana.

In 2005, at the encouragement of family and friends, Todd started Home Changers Home Improvement.

Todd and Lorean have two daughters, Haley and Mallory Wolford, both of Brownsburg.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, at New Hope Christian Church, 5780 S. Main St., Whitestown, IN 46075. Funeral services will be at the Church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Visitation will also be held from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland, Indiana. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Hillcrest Cemetery, 7230 S. Indiana 1, Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Hope Christian Church.

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.

Her close family and friend connections over the miles, along with her creative writing projects continued up to the time of her passing. A truly inspiring, beloved matriarch, her strong faith and prayers for her family continued to sustain until the very end.

Now there are many things for you to do, and so many ways to grow.

So get busy, be happy and live your life!

Miss me dear ones, but let me go! ~ Blessings on your way!

Preferred memorials may be sent to Visiting Nurse Hospice Care, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 (memo June Amadio); Wellington Cares Inc., 11924 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 10A-223, Wellington, FL 33414 (memo June Amadio); or United Servants Abroad, 14530 Rolling Rock Place, Wellington, FL 33414 (memo June Amadio, Peru)

Cremation arrangements entrusted to Liechty Funeral Home. A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Todd Wolford

April 2, 1965-Feb. 1, 2022 Todd D Wolford, 56, of Browns-

SERVICES

Today Meyer, Richard: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Saturday Green, Helen: 2 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.
Monday Hutson, Harriett: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Thursday Wolford, Todd: 1 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, 7230 S. Indiana 1, Redkey.

Capsule Reports

Fire destroys

A fire devastated a house and pickup truck in Bryant on Thursday night.

Portland, Bryant, Penville and Geneva fire departments responded to a call from Dusti Gillum's home at 304 W. Main St. about 8:40 p.m.

Bryant fire chief Mike Kimmel said the fire appeared to start in the living room. Gillum told the department she believed a candle caught the curtains on fire. There were also oxygen tanks in the room.

"The house was pretty much engulfed when we arrived," said Kimmel. Bryant fire fighters spent about three hours on scene.

Intersection crash

A Portland woman crashed her vehicle into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Harrison and High streets about 10:02 a.m. Tuesday.

Five file

Jay County Clerk's Office has five new candidates file Wednesday to run for their party's nomination in the May primary election.

Republicans filing Wednesday were Terry Rigby for Jackson Township Advisory Board, Joelle Rinker for Knox Township Advisory Board and Carrie Petro for state delegate.

Also filing were Democrats Billy Bailey and Don Whitenack for Greene Township Advisory Board.

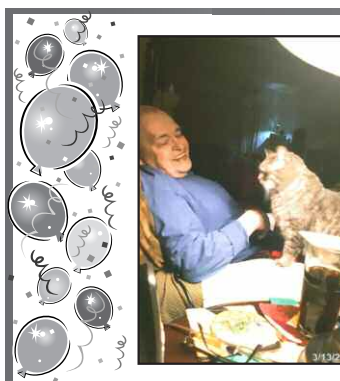


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Tourney starts Saturday

ROCKFORD and VERSAILLES, Ohio — The Tribe's quest for a conference title kicks off Saturday.

Fort Recovery Middle School's seventh grade boys basketball team begins the Midwest Athletic Conference tournament at 1:15 p.m. Saturday against New Knoxville at Versailles.

The eighth graders begin on Tuesday.

(The seventh grade Indians were scheduled to begin tournament play Thursday, but games were called off because of inclement weather.)

Fort Recovery's seventh grade team is the No. 7 seed, and they'll be the home team as they play the Rangers on Saturday afternoon. The winner advances to the quarterfinal against No. 2 seed Coldwater at 5 p.m. Monday.

Winner of that quarterfinal will meet either No. 3 seed St. John's or No. 6 seed St. Henry in the semifinal at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Top-seeded Marion Local received a bye to the quarterfinal and awaits the winner of No. 8 seed Minster and No. 9 seed Parkway (they play at noon Saturday). The other quarterfinal game pits No. 4 Versailles against No. 5 New Bremen, with the first semifinal slated for 5 p.m. Tuesday.

First-round through semifinal tournament games will be played at Versailles. The championship — 10 a.m. Feb. 12 — will be at Parkway in Rockford.

The entirety of the eighth grade tournament will be played at Parkway. Fort Recovery, which is the No. 5 seed, opens action with a quarterfinal matchup against No. 4 seed St. Henry at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday. Earlier in the evening, top-seeded St. John's will square off against either No. 8 Coldwater or No. 9 New Bremen.

Quarterfinal winners advance to the semifinal at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

The other first-round game has No. 7 Parkway against No. 10 New Knoxville at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, with the victor meeting No. 2 Minster at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

No. 3 Versailles and No. 6 Marion Local will play their quarterfinal matchup at 6:46 p.m. Tuesday, and the winner moves on to the second semifinal set for 6:45 p.m. Thursday.

The eighth grade tournament final will be 11:30 a.m. Feb. 12.

Half dozen favorites

Jay County High School sophomore Cameron Clark, right, competes against Dominic Litchfield of Belmont in their their 138-pound championship match of the IHSAA sectional tournament on Saturday at JCHS. Clark, a returning state qualifier, and 10 other Patriots will wrestle in Saturday's regional, also at JCHS.



Six Patriots primed for first-round victories and a berth in the Feb. 12 semi-state

The Patriots sent six wrestlers to Allen County War Memorial Coliseum a year ago. They will have a chance to match, or surpass, that total this year.

Six Jay County High School wrestlers are favored to win their opening-round matches Saturday as the Patriots host the regional tournament beginning at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). Another is involved in a pick 'em match, based on records. Four more would need to score upsets to advance.

The top four athletes in each weight class will advance to next weekend's semi-state at the coliseum in Fort Wayne. That means the opening match of the day is key — winners earn a spot in the semi-state while those who lose have their season come to an end.

The JCHS favorite list for Saturday features sectional champions No. 7 Tony Wood at 126 pounds, No. 11 Cody Rowles at 113 and Bryce Wenk at 182, sectional runners-up No. 16 Cameron Clark at 138 pounds and Taye Curtis at 120, and sectional third-place finisher Ethan Reiley at 132.

Wood (31-2), the 2021 regional

champion at 120 pounds and a returning state qualifier, will open his regional day against Yorktown sophomore Justin Boone (26-8). A win would give him a semifinal match against either Blake Luginbill (16-8) of Belmont or Dawson Brooks (21-8) of Daleville.

Rowles (30-1), who won the 2021 regional title at 106 pounds and also qualified for state last season, has a first-round match against Winchester freshman Isaiah Spurlin (21-7). His potential semifinal opponents are Bowen Keith (21-4) of Cowan and Tate Krueckeberg (14-12) of Belmont.

Wenk (31-4) will be looking for his first semi-state berth after losing his opening-round regional match last season. He starts his day against Yorktown's Thomas Price (8-16), with Cowan's Dalton May (22-4) and Belmont's Isaac Friedt (14-5) as potential semifinal opponents. His bracket also includes fifth-ranked Hunter Page (36-1) of Monroe Central.

One of the most interesting brackets of the day is at 138 pounds, where Clark is one of four wrestlers ranked in the top 20 in the state. With a 16-2

record, he starts his day against Winchester's Zach Bates (27-5). The 2021 state qualifier could meet 10th-ranked Daleville senior Julius Gerencser (21-1) in the semifinals, and No. 6 Dominic Litchfield (33-1) of Belmont and No. 11 Dillon Tuttle (29-3) of Delta are on the opposite side of the bracket.

Though he placed third in the sectional, Reiley (28-7) carries the better record into the regional as he meets Delta sectional runner-up Ben Edwards (22-12) of Yorktown in the opening round. A win would likely give him a semifinal match against 10th-ranked Landon Bertsch (27-1) of Belmont.

The toss-up match of the opening round for JCHS features junior Daniel Moore (19-6), who placed second in the sectional, against Yorktown's Joey Cline (26-8). If he wins and earns a semi-state berth, he would meet No. 15 Ayden Bollinger (29-2) of Delta or Wesley Lehman (22-6) of Adams Central in the semifinal round.

Each of the remaining four Patriots — 145-pounder Cameron Gage, 160 pounder A.J. Myers, 195-pounder Ramon Bravo and 220-pounder Conner

Specht — all face tall tasks in the opening round.

Gage (19-14), who qualified for the regional last year but lost in the opening round, faces perhaps the most difficult of the opening-round matches. He will have to square off against unbeaten Cowan senior Tony Abbott (26-0), who is ranked fifth in the state.

Specht (23-13) and Bravo (25-10) also face state-ranked opponents in their first-round matches. Specht will have to deal with Monroe Central's No. 14 (36-1) while Bravo takes on Daleville's No. 19 Jackson Ingenito (23-4).

Myers carries a 26-10 record into the regional tournament and will meet Monroe Central's Jonah Jones (35-2) in the first round.

JCHS is looking to continue a strong season that has included championships in the Allen County Athletic Conference duals, the Franklin Invitational, the Carroll Super Duals and the East Central Indiana Classic. The team was also the runner-up in the Class 2A Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association team state tournament.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls swimming hosts sectional preliminaries — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Minster — 6 p.m.

Saturday

Jay County — Wrestling hosts regional — 9 a.m.; Girls swimming hosts sectional finals — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Ridgmont — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Tri-Village — noon; Freshman boys basketball vs. Coldwater — 10 a.m.; Seventh boys basketball in Midwest Athletic Conference

Tournament vs. New Knoxville at Versailles — 1:15 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers (BALLY)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Creighton at Seton Hall (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: NHL All-Star Skills Challenge (ESPN)

8 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Texas at Baylor (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: San Diego State at Colorado State (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)

11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nevada at Fresno State (FS1)

Saturday

Noon — Men's college basketball: Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (ESPN2); UConn at Villanova (FOX)

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Communities rally together. And the moment we're in requires all of us to do our part to regain control before the situation grows even worse. Here's what you can do:

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- 2. Get boosted.** It will strengthen your immunity and provide further protection from all variants of COVID-19, including Omicron.
- 3. Get tested.** If you have symptoms, please get tested. Should the result come back positive, inform those whom you've been in contact with.
- 4. Get masked.** Face coverings are a simple and effective way to reduce the spread.

And please remember, if you have a mild case of COVID-19, call your doctor or go to a MedCheck/Urgent Care facility. Do not go to an emergency room, as we'd strongly prefer to save those beds for the very sickest and most in need of immediate attention.

Our strength is in our ability to come **together**. And it is **together**, that we will finally see our way out of this.

