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## Making changes

*Council plans to clarify garbage collection ordinance and reconsider at a special meeting*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

An updated garbage collection ordinance looks to be headed to approval, with some tweaks.

Portland City Council discussed the proposed ordinance update at length during its meeting Tuesday, ultimately deciding to revise it and consider it again at a special meeting next week.

It also allocated funding for a planned storm sewer project in the downtown area and heard updates about the possibility of Wendy's and Tractor Supply Company opening locations in the city.

Council members spent about a half hour discussing changes to the city's garbage collection ordinance that they had approved on first reading at their Feb. 22 meeting. The ordinance change would require residents to use the 96-gallon totes Portland Board of Works purchased in January in an effort to making pick-up easier and safer. (They were delivered to homes last week.)

Rather than picking up trash bags or trying to pull out bags that have been stuffed into trash cans, workers can instead wheel the totes to the rear of the truck. The truck would then pick up and empty totes automatically. Both trash and recycling bags should be put in the totes. (Recycling is separated at a facility in Muncie.)

The ordinance update would eliminate the twice-a-year city clean-up days in favor of accept large items free of charge at the street department building once a quarter. (Residents would also have the option to get a permit from city hall to have large items that do not fit in the totes such as furniture or mattresses to be picked up. (Fees are set at \$10 for a chair and \$15 for a mattress.)

As they had a week earlier, council members brought up a variety of questions about the updated garbage collection ordinance, including:

- Can residents buy a second tote rather than pay an additional \$5.50 each month? No. The payment is for the service rather than for the tote, which is owned by the city.
- Where should totes be placed? Pick-up locations have not changed. Residents can continue to place the totes where they previously placed trash.
- When does the new ordinance go into effect?



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

A City of Portland trash tote sits along an alley on the south side of the city this morning. Portland City Council discussed proposed updates to its garbage collection ordinance this morning, ultimately deciding to make some changes and clarifications. Council members will revisit the ordinance at a special meeting at 6:05 p.m. Monday.

Street department superintendent Tom Leonhard said there would be a grace period of a couple of weeks to allow residents to get used to the new system.

•What do residents do if they are physically unable to move the totes to the street/alley for pick-up? Leonhard said exceptions can be made in those situations by calling the street department.

•If a resident already has a container that is compatible with the city's trucks, can it be used? Yes.

•If a tote is stolen, will the city cover the cost to replace it? (No answer was provided to this question.)

"This ordinance needs worked on," said council member Janet Powers, saying she's received many calls about the issue. "I think we need to rescind the first reading, work on it and then get it out to the public so that they know what they're getting into."

Leonhard acknowledged that his department has received a "couple hundred" calls regarding the ordinance changes.

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## Leaders discuss tax cut 'trigger'

By TOM DAVIES  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Proposed cuts to Indiana's individual income tax rates might not be automatic under methods legislative leaders discussed Monday.

A push led by Indiana House Republicans for broad cuts to business and individual taxes is a major remaining issue as lawmakers look to finish this year's legislative session this week.

Senate Republican leaders have resisted making major tax cuts now, citing concerns about the economy's future even as state tax collections have recorded big jumps over the past year. Gov. Eric Holcomb dropped his previous reluctance on tax cuts last week by proposing cuts to the state's current individual income tax rate of 3.23% to 2.9% in small steps over the next seven years.

The leader of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee said Monday that talks with senators included possibly linking tax rate cuts to whether state tax collections remain strong.

A similar process is already in place for the state's automatic tax refund that will result in \$125 payments to all Indiana taxpayers based on the size of the state government's cash reserves.

"We're looking at — can we formulate that and put that into a staged reduction that has some trigger mechanisms?" said committee Chairman Tim Brown, a Crawfordsville Republican.

Holcomb's income tax cut proposal would reduce state revenue by a projected \$900 million a year when fully implemented in 2028, according to the governor's office.

House Republicans have also backed cuts to several business taxes, potentially worth \$700 million to \$850 million a year.

Democrats urged a suspension of the state's 32 cents-a-gallon gasoline tax.

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## Biden to ban imports

By ZEKE MILLER,  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden has decided to ban Russian oil imports, toughening the toll on Russia's economy in retaliation for its invasion of Ukraine, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The move follows pleas by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to U.S. and Western officials to cut off the imports, which had been a glaring omission in the massive sanctions put in place on Russia over the invasion. Energy exports have kept a steady stream of cash flowing to Russia despite otherwise severe

*Source says oil from Russia will no longer be allowed*

restrictions on its financial sector.

The White House said Biden would announce on Tuesday "actions to continue to hold Russia accountable for its unprovoked and unjustified war on Ukraine."

The U.S. will be acting alone, but in close consultation with European allies, who are more dependent on Russian energy

supplies. The European Union this week will commit to phasing out its reliance on Russia for energy needs as soon as possible, but filling the void without crippling EU economies will likely take some time. Natural gas from Russia accounts for one-third of Europe's consumption of the fossil fuel. The U.S. does not import Russian natural gas.



Bloomberg/Andrey Rudakov

Oil pumping jacks, also known as "nodding donkeys" in a Rosneft Oil Co. oilfield near Sokolovka village, in the Udmurt Republic, Russia, on Nov. 20, 2020. As source told The Associated Press that President Joe Biden has decided to ban Russian oil imports.

### Deaths

**Kevin Zimmerman**, 36, Dunkirk  
**Connie Archer**, 67, Portland  
**Gary Charlton**, 63, Dunkirk  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 45 degrees Monday. The low was 34.  
Tonight's low will be 31. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the upper 40s.  
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** — Results from tonight's junior high swim meet at South Adams.

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



# Obituaries

## Kevin Zimmerman

April 7, 1985-March 3, 2022  
Kevin P. Zimmerman, 36, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, March 3, 2022, in Dunkirk, Indiana.

Kevin was born in Muncie, Indiana, on April 7, 1985, a son of Marcia Lee and the late Tony L. Zimmerman. He was a 2003 graduate of Jay County High School and worked as a machine operator at FCC in Portland, Indiana.

Kevin was an avid Chicago Bears fan and loved sports, hiking, nature, writing, animals,

hip hop and classic rock music, sports video games, traveling to visit state parks and collecting Bears memorabilia.

In his school days, Kevin was involved in a variety of school sports, including soccer, basketball, football and baseball. He is survived by his mother Marcia Lee (husband: Mike); brother Dana Zimmerman; step-grandmother Nancy Lee; special friend Emmy Bruggeman; sever-



Zimmerman

al aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; and his cat Zeus.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father Tony L. Zimmerman; grandparents Marshall and Donabelle Cortner; and John and Juanita Zimmerman; two aunts, Debbie Hatfield and Nancy Champ; and one cousin, Jason Cortner.

Friends are invited to call Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from noon to 2:30 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Midwest Pet

Refuge, 601 N. Charles St., Portland, IN 47371.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental illness, free and confidential support is available 24 hours a day at the Be Well Crisis Helpline. Call 211 or (866) 211-9966. They can also be reached at bewellindiana.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

**Connie Archer**, Portland, Sept. 21, 1954-March 6, 2022. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

**Gary Charlton**, Dunkirk, March 11, 1958-March 5, 2022. Services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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

They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

## CR almanac

Wednesday 3/9	Thursday 3/10	Friday 3/11	Saturday 3/12	Sunday 3/13
<b>47/28</b>	<b>46/31</b>	<b>41/18</b>	<b>26/17</b>	<b>43/33</b>
Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Wednesday with a cool 5 to 10 mph wind.	Thursday's forecast calls for more mostly sunny skies. The low will be around 31 degrees.	There's a 40% chance of rain after 1 p.m. and a 50% chance of snow at night.	Partly sunny skies are expected Saturday, with a low around 17 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday, with a high near 43 degrees.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 10-43-55-59-67 Powerball: 2 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$99 million	58-66-69-72-74 Cash 5: 6-21-22-29-33 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$126 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 0-4-7 Pick 4: 6-1-2-9 Pick 5: 1-5-2-2-3 Evening Pick 3: 2-1-2 Pick 4: 2-9-0-4 Pick 5: 0-3-0-4-7 Rolling Cash 5: 12-18-20-21-22 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000 Classic Lotto: 7-15-27-35-38-48 Kicker: 4-8-6-0-9-4 Jackpot: \$23.4 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 1-4-7 Daily Four: 0-4-9-7 Quick Draw: 3-4-8-14-20-25-28-29-31-39-41-42-43-45-46-47-49-52-66-69 Evening Daily Three: 0-0-0 Daily Four: 8-2-9-7 Quick Draw: 3-4-8-10-18-22-32-35-36-37-38-40-42-49-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.96 April corn.....6.96 Wheat.....10.00	Wheat ..... 11.27 April wheat ..... 11.27
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.01 April corn .....7.06 May corn .....7.11	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.04 Late March corn.....7.04 Beans.....16.42 Late March beans..16.44
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.97 April corn .....6.97 Beans .....16.51 April beans .....16.51	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.96 April corn .....6.96 Beans .....16.15 April beans .....16.17 March wheat.....9.74

## Today in history

**On March 8, 1965**, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

**In 1618**, German astronomer Johannes Kepler devised his third law of planetary motion.

**In 1817**, the New York Stock & Exchange Board, which had its beginnings in 1792, was formally organized; it later became known as the New York Stock Exchange.

**In 1948**, the Supreme Court, in *McCollum v. Board of Education*, struck down voluntary religious education classes in Champaign,

Illinois, public schools, saying the program violated separation of church and state.

**In 1971**, Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali by decision in what was billed as "The Fight of the Century" at Madison Square Garden in New York. Silent film comedian Harold Lloyd died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 77.

**In 1972**, Jay County REMC filed a request with the Indiana Public Service Commission for a 9% increase in electric rates for most of its uses. It marked the first time in the 35-year history of the cooperative that it had requested an increase.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Wednesday</b> 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St, Portland. 5:15 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

# Long chase ends in arrest

A Fort Recovery man was arrested after he drove away from police, leading to a low-speed chase through Jay County and Mercer County, Ohio, starting after midnight Monday.

Christopher Lessing, 31, was initially stopped by Jay County Sheriff's Office at the intersection of Hayes and Water streets in Portland for driving erratically. Lessing had his two children, a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old, in his back seat.

Before police were finished with Lessing, he drove away and continued down a variety of roads with the sheriff's office and a Portland police officer in pursuit, according to police. He continued in the general southeast direction and eventually crossed the state. Police continued following him with their sirens off.

Fort Recovery officer Adam Diller attempted to stop Lessing for ignoring the stop sign at the intersection of Wayne and Milligan streets, according to a press release from Fort Recovery Police Department. Lessing continued onto Sharpsburg Road and into Darke County. He

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drove to Burkettsville, Ohio, and back onto Watkins Road, where a Mercer County sheriff's deputy placed a tire deflation device. Lessing continued driving after his vehicle hit the device until his tires were flat, according to Jay County Sheriff Dwane Ford. He resisted police, and officers used a taser on him. He then was arrested and transported to Mercer Health of Coldwater, Ohio, for treatment.

Police said they found more than 30 grams of methamphetamine, along with marijuana and other drug paraphernalia, in the vehicle. The children were unharmed.

### Candidate visited

Fort Recovery Village Council met

a Mercer County candidate for a commissioner seat Monday.

Dave Buschur introduced himself to council. A resident of Maria Stein, Buschur owns hauling business Buschur Farms. He's running against current commissioner Greg Homan in the May Republican primary.

Also Monday, council heard the village has hired Brandon Wyerick as a part-time officer. Wyerick previously worked with the department.

### Barn fire

A rural Portland resident's barn was destroyed in a fire Saturday morning.

Exhaust from a skid loader caught a hay bale on fire in the barn on Yvonne Thompson's property at 1688 W. 550 South. Portland Fire Department responded to the blaze about 10:50 a.m. and stayed for around three hours. The fire spread to approximately 70 other bales and ultimately destroyed the structure, according to the fire department. No one was injured in the accident.

# Felony arrests

### Dealing

A Redkey woman was arrested Friday for dealing methamphetamine and other drug-related charges.

Cheryl L. Johnson, 46, 9701 W. Indiana 67, was preliminarily charged with the following: a Level 2 felony for dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of a legend drug or precursor and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

She's being held on a \$60,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Drug possession

Four people were arrested recently for possessing drugs.

Brian P. Jordan, 45, 2720 S. 400 East, Marion, was arrested Friday. He was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of metham-

phetamine and two Class B misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Jordan was released on a \$4,500 bond from Jay County Jail.

Johnny R. Morgan, 46, 1208 W. Arch St., Portland, was arrested Sunday. He was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine. Morgan is being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Alyssia N. Large, 33, 290 E. Second St., Pennville, was arrested this morning and preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Joshua D. Troxel, 34, 290 E. Second St., Pennville, was also arrested this morning and preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, along with two Class A misdemeanors for invasion of privacy and domestic battery and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. He's being held on a \$7,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

## SERVICES

**Tuesday**  
**Schmitz**, Eileen: 1 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery.  
**Davis**, Theodore: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.  
**Zimmerman**, Kevin: 3 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

**Wednesday**  
**Minnich**, George: 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Catholic Church, 471 St. Anthony Rd., Fort Recovery, Ohio.  
**Charlton**, Gary: 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Friday**  
**Archer**, Connie: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# Granddaughter practices martial arts

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Granddaughter Emma won her first victory at a jiu-jitsu competition a few days ago. It was her first tournament and her third match. In the video I saw, she was paired with a boy who appeared to be her size. Even though she hadn't been expecting her opponent to be of the opposite sex, she fought a good fight. She said that the boy had made a couple of illegal moves that were considered to be choke holds but the referee didn't call him on it.

She said the tournament was at a small gym. There were several members of her family cheering her on. She appreciated the support even

## As I See It



though she was getting conflicting suggestions from them. Plus, her coach was also giving her instructions during the match.

She was left with a sore shoulder, a huge feeling of accomplishment and the determination to do it again. I thought she had gotten into the sport through school but I was wrong. It was something she had asked to try when she saw a gym that was near her aunt Rachel's house. Now she

has found that she likes it enough to keep going.

Before the pandemic, Emma enrolled in the drama club at school. They are required to take one of three classes. Band, drama and something I can't remember are the choices. Jacob is in band and Nicky isn't old enough yet to have to decide which of the options sound interesting to him.

COVID changed all that. It is a little difficult to put on a play when all the actors are safely at home. (Jacob seems to have done well with his trombone and has been known to play it for some of his younger cousins.) Now that things are a little more relaxed, a contact sport like jiu-jitsu

doesn't seem as dangerous as it did last year. And if you are wondering, yes, they have all had their shots.

When I was looking for information about jiu-jitsu, I found several different ways to spell it. I read that it is a Japanese system of unarmed combat and physical training. It looks like wrestling to me. Emma said that the version of the sport that she is participating in is called Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Why a Japanese sport has a Brazilian classification is beyond me.

Emma had taken karate lessons when she was in preschool and I expect that gave her a bit of an advantage in learning this new martial art. I

have a picture of her on our piano. She is 4 or 5 and striking a karate pose. Maybe I should add a new picture of her having her hand held high in victory.

When she was just beginning the class, she complained about the bruises she was left with. Beth told her to expect it because it was a contact sport.

As I was watching the video Beth sent, I was impressed at how much Emma resembles her mom. There were a couple of times that I would have sworn that it was Beth competing and not Emma. At one point she had her partner pinned and she looked at the camera and smiled before going back to conquer him.

I am glad for social media. I get to watch snippets of baseball, football, martial arts and any number of other things that Beth and the kids are doing.

I am not too fond of the ones of Jacob and Nicky holding snakes as I firmly believe that snakes can live where they want to as long as I can't see them.

Both of her brothers are currently playing baseball. Last year Jacob was a pitcher and Nicky was a catcher. I am not sure if that applies this year or not.

Emma has never shown much interest in playing ball. But dress her in a gi, wrap a belt around her waist and watch out. That girl plays to win.

# Partner ready to break off workplace affair

DEAR ABBY: I'm a supervisor at my job and have feelings for a married man who also works here. He's lonely and looks to me for attention, companionship, sex and to listen to his troubles. We have only had sex once, but I know I cannot continue this "relationship."

It breaks my heart because I care for him deeply, and IF he was single, this is someone I could actually have a relationship with. I have already told him I won't accept any more of his offers to walk me home, and to quit texting me. He's open with his wife regarding dating other people. It seems she's also "talking" to another man outside of their marriage.

Am I delusional to think he will leave her for me? Would he have the same problems with me that he has with her? He has difficulty expressing his emotions, but I think he still loves his wife. I know their marriage is broken, and it's not my job to fix it for them or to push him to choose me over her. It should not have to

## Dear Abby



be this way. Please, I would appreciate any advice you can offer.

By the way, I'm also married, but my husband lives 7,000 miles away. After seven years, his immigration status still needs to be resolved. I'll probably ask him for a divorce because, even though I care about him, I'm no longer in love with the man I married. He knows I have been dating someone because I told him. — IN KNOTS IN NEW YORK

DEAR IN KNOTS: You didn't mention whether there are policies in your business about fraternizing, but if there are, then what you have been doing could get you

fired. You have already started disengaging from this office romance, so please continue to do that.

Because of the unique circumstances of your marriage, you have some serious decisions to make. Do not drag your co-worker into it. IF there is the possibility of a future with him, he also needs to decide if he is satisfied with the status quo before making any other commitments. I know you are lonely, but for your sake and his, back off.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of more than 20 years has taken to hiding decorative accessories that he doesn't like. An example: A designer bowl set packaged in a box suddenly disappeared from the cupboard. The plug-in air freshener from my home office also went missing. A lamp I moved from the living room to the foyer appeared on my bookcase two hours later. My complaints fall on deaf ears. His

favorite coffee mug and iPad are about to mysteriously vanish. Can you talk some sense into him? — HIDE AND SEEK IN GEORGIA

DEAR HIDE: Is this recent behavior, or has your husband been hiding things all during your marriage? If it's recent, your husband may need a medical checkup, because what you are describing can be a symptom of dementia. If he's mentally fit, you two need to work on sharpening your communication skills and, perhaps, agree that before any more items are brought into the home the TWO of you share, they're not something either of you will hate.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I bought my mother-in-law a 9-by-13-inch pan with a lid (a popular name brand). While I was visiting her, she mentioned that she needed a new lid for her pan. When I asked her what happened to the original lid, she told me it

had gotten warped. My sister-in-law then piped up and said it was her fault because she had it close to the hot oven and it had melted.

I think my sister-in-law should replace the lid, but she is refusing. My mother-in-law expects me to do it. Please help me figure this out. My husband thinks we should just replace it, but I honestly think his sister should. — HER FAULT IN THE EAST

DEAR HER FAULT: You may honestly think that your sister-in-law should replace the lid she ruined (an opinion with which I concur, by the way), but it ain't gonna happen. So keep peace in the family by ordering a new one for your MIL, and try to smile when you do it, even if it's more like a grimace.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.Dear-Abby.com](http://www.Dear-Abby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

## Today

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.

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

A BETTER LIFE - 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 MORN-

ING 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.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

4	1	3	7	9	2	8	5	6
6	5	9	3	4	8	1	2	7
2	7	8	1	5	6	4	9	3
1	8	7	4	3	5	2	6	9
5	2	4	6	8	9	3	7	1
3	9	6	2	1	7	5	8	4
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# History can be our guide

To the editor:  
I finished reading "American Carnage: On The Front Lines Of The Republican Civil War And The Rise of President Trump," by Tim Alberta.

The book is a historical perspective of the evolution or, depending on your perspective, the devolution of the Republican Party in the 2009 to 2019 decade. This book is a good prequel to "Peril" by Bob Woodward and Daniel Costa.

I admit, I read "Peril" first, but the two books together offer a broad view, historically, of the rise and reign of Donald J. Trump. While

## Letters to the Editor

"Why We're Polarized" by Ezra Klein looks at changing demographics being a contributing force in the growing divide in the country, Alberta, Woodward and Costa examine the same growing divide from a political standpoint.

It is fascinating to read how a reality television star rose to occupy the highest

office in the nation — a textbook example of a demagogue, elected by a minority of America's voters, who came perilously close to destroying the world's most enduring democracy.

Trump was overwhelmingly successful in showing the power of "the big lie." The world's most enduring democracy stands at the precipice of an abyss.

John Adams, in a letter he wrote in 1780, was poignantly prescient: "There is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties ... This, in my humble apprehension, is to be dreaded as

the greatest political evil under our Constitution."

James Madison in Federalist, No. 51, "... In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed, and in the next place oblige it to control itself."

In a world in which governments are increasingly willing to subrogate the rights and freedoms of their citizenry, history can give us the will and foresight to step back from the abyss.

Michael Kinser  
Portland

# Coverage has been lacking

To the editor:  
Durham investigation filings said the Hillary Clinton campaign paid to hack data from servers in the Trump Tower, the Trump campaign and the Trump White House.

If Donald Trump had done that to Joe Biden, it would have led the news cycle for weeks and there would have been a third Trump impeachment.

However, in the liberal media and this paper the silence is deafening.  
Stephen Erwin  
Portland

# Game enthusiasm offers opportunity

By RYAN TRARES

Daily Journal of Johnson County

We may have created a monster born out of nostalgia.

One of the joys of being a parent is sharing the hobbies and interests that you love with your kids.

Not that you have to force them to be hardcore about it, but kids are going to pick up on the things that you find interesting.

For example, my wife is about as big a Disney fan as you can imagine. Obviously, she's seen all the movies; it's not uncommon for her to pop in "Cinderella" or "The Lion King" on a random Sunday.

She's also visited Disney World more than a dozen times — she's the one in a newest set of Mickey ears with tears in her eyes just walking around.

And now she's getting the opportunity to show Anthony why those films mean so much to her.

For me, I've always been a huge sports fan. Baseball, basketball, football, soccer; I follow them all. But at the top of my list is spending fall Saturdays in front of the TV, cheering on Ohio State's football team (spare me the boos — I realize I'm in enemy territory here). Since Anthony was born, I've included him in my Saturday tradition. And much to my Purdue-alumna wife's disdain, he's a diehard Buckeye.

But in recent years, we've had the chance to include our son in something we both love. I was 7 years old when our family first got the Nintendo Entertainment System. My brother and I had worked chores all summer long to earn enough to buy it, and once we did, we spent hours in front of the television playing "Super Mario Bros." and "Duck Hunt."

My wife also started playing video games as a child, and was even more obsessed over the years, carrying fond memories of playing with her father. She even saved her old game systems from over the years, and when we married, they also joined the family.

It made sense, then, that as Anthony grew older, he'd pick up on that interest.

We just didn't realize

Ryan Trares



how much he'd pick up on.

What started with a few clumsy attempts at "Mario Kart" has blossomed into a craze that would warm my 8-year-old self's heart. Anthony has discovered the joys of old-school Nintendo, from "Donkey Kong" to "The Legend of Zelda" to "Double Dragon."

As a football fan, he loves the original "Tecmo Super Bowl," a very basic yet extremely playable game featuring actual NFL teams. I've already passed on the wisdom to always be the L.A. Raiders (this game is very old) who, as any Tecmo fan can tell you, is nearly unstoppable with Bo Jackson at running back.

We've had fun playing back-and-forth games together, even as I've taken it a little bit easier on him.

I'm not sure I'll need to do that too much longer. Anthony's getting better and better, at a rate that my 42-year-old reflexes can't keep up with.

Now, as Anthony has gotten better, he's wanted to play more. We didn't think we'd have to impose limits on video games at this point as parents, but here we are.

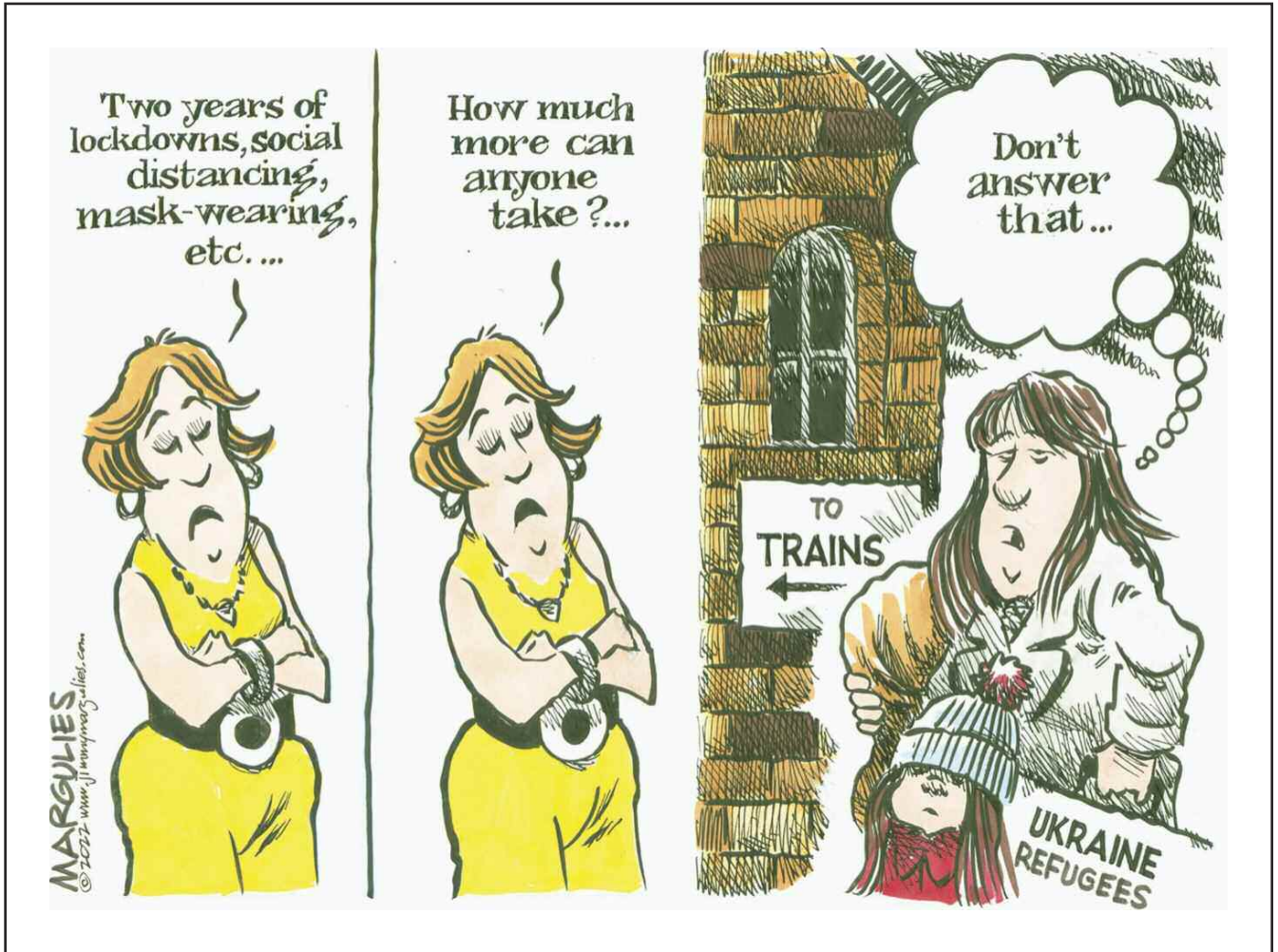
The newfound enthusiasm has provided an opportunity to teach about limits and responsibility.

Despite his complaints, Anthony has to finish his homework, pick up the toys in his room or straighten up the kitchen. Hopefully, this will be the foundation that before playtime, your work has to be done.

So far, the approach has worked.

We've limited the time he's spending on Nintendo, framing it as a reward for doing the things that will make him a good student and a good member of the family.

Plus, it has given me the chance to practice a little bit more on my own. I'm not quite ready to pass the mantle of Tecmo Bowl champ on quite yet.



# It's time to ban Russian oil

By HENRY OLSEN

Special To The Washington Post

President Joe Biden is understandably leery of embracing a building bipartisan consensus to ban imports of Russian oil when gas prices at U.S. pumps are rising. But Americans understand that sometimes freedom requires sacrifice. This is one of those moments, and the president can still show real leadership by standing up and saying so.

U.S. imports of Russian oil are not inconsiderable. The almost 700,000 barrels per day is less than 10 percent of our total oil and petroleum imports, but that still generates an important source of income for Russian President Vladimir Putin. Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) estimates that at current global oil prices, we send \$22 million a day to Russia just for the 200,000 barrels of pure Russian crude we import. Add to that all the other various petroleum products we buy from them, and pretty soon you're talking about real money.

And right now that money is subsidizing Russia's unjustified invasion of Ukraine, which is simply inconsistent with the overall strategy of Western sanctions.

Economic sanctions ideally have two effects. First, they can force an unfriendly government to change its behavior. This rarely happens in dictatorial regimes such as Russia, where power does not flow from popular consent. This means the second effect — starving the target country of resources that it can use to fuel its military and state apparatuses — becomes paramount. Sending Russia tens of millions of dollars a day gives Putin breathing room to continue his attempted Ukrainian conquest.

Biden, already paying a political price for inflation, has to be unhappy at the prospect of further increases in domestic gasoline prices. But the stir-

ring words in his State of the Union message this week about defending freedom will mean little if he doesn't do everything he can to meet the more important challenge of Russian aggression against a sovereign neighbor.

Our European allies, shaken by the largest war on the continent since World War II, are moving heaven and earth to shift from accommodating Russia to confronting it. What message do we send if we won't shut off the relatively small amount of oil we get from Russia?

The right answer is clear: Biden should forcefully explain to the American people why the modest pain that will result from an import ban is necessary. If he does, he will be talking to a receptive audience, as polls show overwhelming, bipartisan support for Ukraine. Biden can also point out that the planned release of 30 million barrels of oil from our own Strategic Petroleum Reserve will offset 150 days' worth of Russian crude imports, which should help mitigate the expected rise in oil prices.

Biden should also level with the American people about the global price of confronting Putin. Oil prices have already risen above \$110 a barrel because of the expected disruption to Russian exports. They are going to increase further whether the United States imposes an import ban or not. Embracing the ban simply means that U.S. dollars won't fund an American adversary.



But it's not all net downside: Increasing world oil prices also should drive increased production in the United States. American oil is more expensive to produce than it is in many other places because much of it comes from fracked wells. U.S. producers, though, respond when prices rise, and in fact are already increasing production. Biden touted his efforts to "Buy American" in his State of the Union. He can explain to Americans that, in the short term, higher prices will drive the investment needed to make it possible to eventually buy more of our oil here at home.

And this would be tougher for a Democratic president, but — ideally — Biden would then go even further and embrace more domestic production.

The United States has vast untapped oil reserves, especially those off the Alaskan coast, but Biden suspended drilling leases in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge this past year. While his administration has continued to approve a high number of drilling permits on federal land, it's also true that it unilaterally halted action on approving or processing new permits in February, even as it was trying to stave off Putin's invasion. Reducing oil production at home right now will not save the climate; all it does is force us to buy the oil required to meet current needs from other, often less-democratic and stable nations.

Even House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has embraced banning Russian oil imports. Read the room, President Biden. Do the free world a favor and get behind a full ban on Russian petroleum imports now.

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# Tax ...

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They argued that would give immediate savings to residents with the national surge in prices past \$4 a gallon since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Brown said such action wasn't being considered as money from the fuel tax was dedicated to the state's highway construction program. The Senate's top budget leader said he remains more focused on taking steps to

reduce the state's future teacher pension liabilities and recoup what now amounts to more than \$1 billion a year in state spending for those pensions. "I would rather do something more transformative when we have that billion," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ryan Mishler, a Republican from Bremen. "Instead of kind of guesstimating on the billion, I want to wait until we could actually have that

billion and make some of these tax cuts. That's my preference." The proposed changes would result in state government becoming even more dependent on its 7% sales tax, which is already its biggest revenue source and the second-highest rate in the country. Indiana's individual income tax is currently lower than any surrounding state. Republicans who dominate the House and Senate have turned aside proposals from

Democrats for steps such as lowering the sales tax to 6.5%, increasing the state's tax deduction on rent from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year and eliminating the sales tax on diapers and tampons. Democrats argue the Republican proposals would continue a "bad habit" of continuing to shift reliance to the sales tax with steps in recent years of cutting corporate income tax rates and eliminating the state inheritance tax.

Democratic Sen. Tim Lanane of Anderson said the "highly volatile" world situation should lead to prudence on major state tax changes until a new two-year state budget is written in 2023. "We don't know what the economy is going to be like in 30 days, not to mention a year from now," Lanane said. "So, I think the better approach is to wait till next year, when it's a budget year."

# Changes ...

Continued from page 1  
Council member Dave Golden suggested another letter be sent to residents along with water bills, with council president Kent McClung suggesting radio and newspaper advertising as well. The council — Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Powers, Golden and McClung — ultimately decided against voting on the ordinance on second reading. Instead, they will send suggested changes to the ordinance to clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips. Council will then consider the ordinance update again at a special meeting at 6:05 p.m. Monday.

Several council members also raised questions about how the purchase of the toters was handled, noting a lack of communication with both council and the public. (The board of works approved the purchase of the toters before any information about them or the proposed ordinance changes was presented to city council.) As a result, they approved the claims docket, minus the \$235,000 expenditure for the trash toters.

Several council members asked if any local firms had provided bids for the toters, with Boggs responding that there was no bidding process. The board of works purchased the toters from Best Equipment, the same company it bought its garbage trucks from several years ago. McClung questioned whether that process was allowable under Indiana Code and wondered out loud whether it would cause problems with the state board of accounts. City attorney Wes Schemenaur said he would look into those questions.

Council also allocated all of the

city's \$1.355 million in federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to its planned Meridian Street storm sewer project. In addition to that funding, the city was awarded a \$780,450 State Transportation and Stormwater Grant from the State Water Infrastructure Fund for the project and Portland Redevelopment Commission has committed \$350,000.

The full cost of the project, with engineering costs and other contingencies, is estimated at \$2.62 million. The sewer work is focused on mitigating downtown flooding by adding a new storm line running under Meridian Street from south of Race Street to the Salamonie River.

Responding to a question from Brewster, Boggs said he and Schemenaur met with Jae Shilling of WenZak, the firm looking to bring a Wendy's restaurant to Portland. He said plans are moving forward, and a hearing is being planned to vacate the alley between the former Ken Kunkle Chevrolet lot at the corner of Meridian and Race streets and Medler's Furniture to the north.

Boggs said it is his understanding that the property has been sold to WenZak, which operates Wendy's restaurants around the state including in Anderson and Connerville. He said the company's goal is to have the restaurant open by late August.

Responding to a question from Aker, Boggs said Iprop Portland, a Chicago-based entity that owns the 220 W. Lincoln St. property that once housed a Marsh grocery store, is asking for financial assistance to make upgrades to the building in an effort to attract Tractor Supply Company to move in. It is asking for help with asbestos removal and separation of

the sprinkler, water and electric systems.

Boggs said asbestos removal is estimated at \$31,000, but there are no estimates as yet for the other parts of the project.

He said he would like to use economic development income tax (EDIT) funds to assist with that work and will take the request first to the city's EDIT advisory committee.

In other business: •Boggs noted that he recently met with the owners of The Greazy Pickle, the restaurant and bar at 211 W. Main St. The meeting was part of ongoing discussions about tearing down the adjacent Bailey Building, which is in disrepair and shares a common wall with The Greazy Pickle. Boggs said the owners plan to have their own structural assessment done to determine whether the shared wall can be reinforced to allow the bar to stay in place if the Bailey Building is demolished.

•Voted 5-2, with Powers and Golden dissenting, to donate \$2,500 to The Journey Home, a Randolph County facility that assists veterans in the region. Powers and Golden both said they're supportive of the organization, but voted no because of concerns about donating to a not-for-profit based outside of the city.

•Powers asked about the status of the former Sheller-Globe south building on Bridge Street. Boggs said Crown City Logistics has inquired about the building but that the process is in the early stages. When Powers again brought up the possibility of using the site as a location for a new street department facility, Boggs and Leonhard said they have been unsuccessful in efforts to get quotes for a renovated or new facility.



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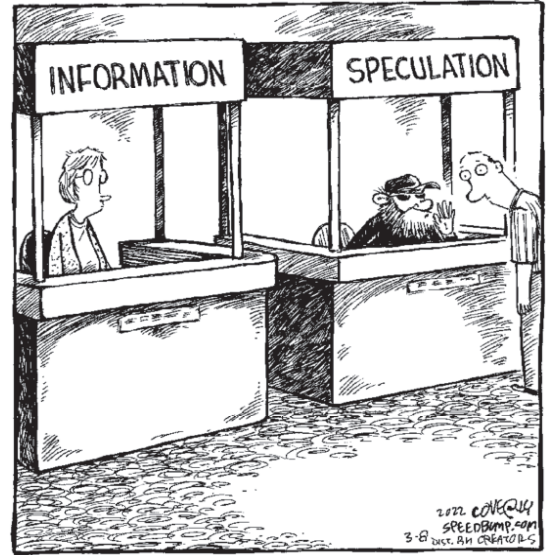
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Swapping horses in midstream

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠72, ♥K5, ♦Q1087632, ♣J3. WEST: ♠AQ8, ♥8762, ♦K, ♣AQ985. EAST: ♠109543, ♥93, ♦J94, ♣1062. SOUTH: ♠KJ6, ♥AQJ104, ♦A5, ♣K74.

ton king of diamonds, at least one overtrick was assured. So at trick two, declarer led a diamond to the ace. The fall of West's singleton king was not a welcome sight — it meant that the diamond suit would furnish only two tricks, since East could not be given a trick with the jack. Therefore, declarer was going to have to score his ninth trick in either spades or clubs. With West holding the A-Q of both black suits, this might seem an impossibility, but in fact, success was a near certainty. If West had the ace of spades for his two-club bid, as was highly likely, a surefire endplay was only a few tricks away. Accordingly, at trick three South began ruffing his hearts, West discarding a club on the fifth heart. Declarer then crossed to the diamond queen and led a spade to the jack. If East had the queen, this would have forced West's ace, but the actual location of the queen was of no import. As it was, West took the jack with the queen and was then forced to concede a trick to one of South's black kings. Thus South, who started out thinking he had an easy assignment if he could establish dummy's diamonds, wound up needing to execute an endplay just to finish with nine tricks.

The bidding: South West North East 1♥ 2♣ Pass Pass 3NT Pass 3♦ Pass Pass

Opening lead — eight of clubs. It is not unusual for a declarer to start out with one plan and then, a few tricks later, find himself executing an entirely different plan. Consider this deal from a tournament pairs event. South reached three notrump as shown and won the opening club lead with dummy's jack. The contract could not be defeated if dummy's diamonds could be established without East gaining the lead for a club return through South's king. In fact, if West had the doubleton or triple-

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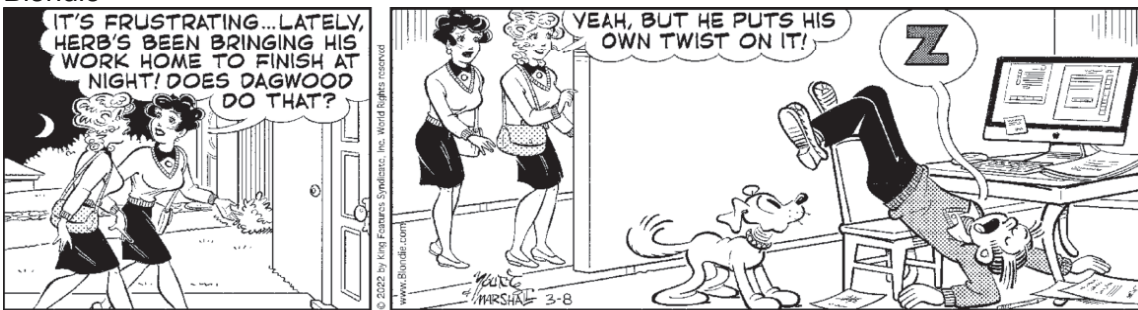
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## Stymied ...

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And then the 3-point barrage came in the second quarter.

With Jay County trailing 15-10, there was a scramble for a loose ball. Grim, who regularly penetrated the Patriots' zone defense and dished to shooters as he totaled six assists, was able to get his hands on it and find AJ Dunn for his first 3-pointer of the game. Dunn hit another on the next Tiger trip down the flow, and then Tewari and Dunn went back-to-back midway through the period to push the advantage to a dozen points. Tewari would eventually finish the run with a triple from the right corner with seven seconds left in the half.

Yorktown shot 69% (9-of-13) from long distance in the opening half.

"The big thing tonight, for us, was defensively we just didn't get out and challenge their two shooters, the two guys that we knew could hurt us, (Dunn and Tewari) — and we knew, we knew from the first time," said Bomholt. "The first time we played them, we did a great job of defending them. And tonight, we just didn't do a very good job."



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Ethan Dirksen of Jay County is fouled by Yorktown's Mason Moulton (33) while AJ Dunn defends during the Saturday sectional title game.

The Patriots scored the first six points of the second half and whittled the Yorktown lead down to 40-34 when senior Trenton Alexander hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 14 seconds on the clock. But Tewari scored with 0.2 seconds remaining to start a 14-0 Tiger run that would put the game away.

"They made the bucket at the end of the third quarter. When that happened, it was like it put a

dagger right in our heart," Bomholt said. "Even though it was only eight, we had expended a lot of energy in that third quarter trying to get back in."

Jay County was down by 15 with 2:03 left when seniors Ethan Dirksen (nine points) and Gavin Muhlenkamp (five points, five rebounds, three assists) went to the bench for good along with junior Dusty Pearson (four points). The

Tigers cleared their bench 36 seconds later.

Dunn and Tewari each had 19 points to power Yorktown, which will return to New Castle for the regional Saturday to meet third-ranked NorthWood (24-2) in the semifinal. The Panthers thumped Wawasee 40-23 in their sectional championship game Saturday.

The other regional semifinal at New Castle will feature No. 7 Norwell (22-4) against No. 8 Leo (19-5).

Junior Bennett Weitzel matched Dirksen for the Patriot team high of nine points Saturday.

The defeat brought to an end a season that saw Jay County return to winning in a big way after back-to-back losing campaigns. The team set a new single-season record for wins (21), surpassing the 20 set by the 2005-06 Class 3A state runner-up squad and tied by the 2012-13 team. The Patriots had a 10-game winning streak, the longest since the 2012-13 team won its final 14 regular-season games, and earned the Allen County Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament titles.

"The basketball tourn-

Box score					
<b>Jay County Patriots vs. Yorktown Tigers</b>		Williams	0-0	2-2	2
		Douglas	1-1	0-0	2
		Loveless	2-2	2-2	6
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>19-27</b>	<b>13-15</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Class 3A Sectional 24</b>			<b>.514</b>	<b>.867</b>	
		<b>Def. rebound percentage:</b>	<b>.769</b>		
<b>Championship at New Castle</b>		<b>Score by quarters:</b>			
		Jay Co.	9	11	14
		Yorktown	15	21	6
			18	—	60
<b>Boys varsity summary</b>		<b>3-point shooting:</b> Jay County 5-23 (Dowlen 2-7, Alexander 1-1, Weitzel 1-2, Muhlenkamp 1-3, EDirksen 0-4, Bogenschutz 0-4, Garringer 0-1, Pearson 0-1), Yorktown 9-17 (Dunn 3-4, Tewari 4-8, Fields 1-2, Grim 1-3).			
		<b>Rebounds:</b> Jay County 20 (Muhlenkamp 4, EDirksen 4, Pearson 4, Dowlen 3, Weitzel 2, Alexander, Bihn), Yorktown 37 (Loveless 10, Tewari 9, Dunn 6, Grim 5, team 2, Daugherty, Gibson, Morrow, Moulton, Williams).			
		<b>Assists:</b> Jay County 7 (Muhlenkamp 3, Pearson 2, EDirksen, Weitzel), Yorktown 9 (Grim 6, Tewari 2, Dunn).			
		<b>Blocks:</b> Jay County 1 (Pearson), Yorktown 1 (Grim).			
		<b>Personal fouls:</b> Jay County 11 (EDirksen 4, Bogenschutz 3, Davis, Dowlen, Muhlenkamp, Alexander), Yorktown 15 (Grim 5, Moulton 3, Douglas, 3, Dunn 2, Loveless 2).			
		<b>Turnovers:</b> Jay County 6, Yorktown 18.			

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Junior high swimming at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Atlantic Sun Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Cleveland

Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Northeast Conference Tournament — Championship (ESPN2); Horizon League Tournament — Championship (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Memphis Grizzlies (TNT)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: West Coast Conference Tournament —

Championship (ESPN); Summit League Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors (TNT)  
10 p.m. — Soccer: Juarez at Monterrey (ESPN)

### Wednesday

Noon — Men's college basketball: ACC Tournament — Syracuse vs. Florida State (ESPN); ACC Tournament — TBD vs. Wake Forest (ESPN)

4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big East Tournament — Butler vs. Xavier (FS1)  
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Nebraska vs. Northwestern (BTN)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big East Tournament — DePaul vs. St. John's (FS1); ACC Tournament — TBD vs. Virginia Tech (ESPN2); ACC Tournament — TBD vs. Virginia (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Miami Heat (ESPN)

8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Minnesota vs. Penn State (BTN)

9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big East Tournament — Georgetown vs. Seton Hall (FS1)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball — Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz (ESPN)

upcoming registrations for its 2022 season.

They will be from 9 a.m. to noon March 12 at Jay Community Center.

Forms can be picked up at JCC, or online registration is available at the Portland Junior League's Facebook page. PJL is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 15.

### Local notes

**Registration dates upcoming**  
Portland Junior League will have two

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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
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### Public Notice

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# Celebration stymied

## Yorktown's three-point process thwarts the Patriots' hope of ending 11-year sectional championship drought

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

NEW CASTLE — The Patriots were planning an evening of celebration.

They had knocked out the sixth-ranked team in the state and were playing a squad they had topped by 15 just three weeks earlier.

Then Kieran Tewari hit a 3-pointer.

Then Jacob Grim made one.

Then the Tigers swished seven in the second quarter.

Yorktown's long-distance outburst was too much for the Jay County High School boys basketball team to overcome Saturday as it was the Tigers who celebrated the end of a long sectional drought with a 60-41 victory in the Class 3A Sectional 24 championship game at New Castle Fieldhouse.

"The big thing is, we let them make the shots," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose team defeated Yorktown 51-36 Feb. 12. "Normally we can respond a little bit. ... It was a sign of fatigue. We just didn't get back out on them."

He put blame on himself, saying he should have let the players rest rather than holding a shoot-around Saturday morning.

"That's a mistake you can't make as a head coach," he added. "I apologize to the community. I didn't do a very good job of getting our kids ready to plan in a championship game."

The Patriots (21-5) had been hoping to win their first sectional championship since defeating Fort Wayne South Side in the Class 4A Sectional 6 title game in 2011.

Instead, it was Yorktown (10-14) that ended its 12-year section-



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School's Josh Dowlen reacts after hitting the floor while scrambling for a loose ball against AJ Dunn (20) of the Yorktown Tigers. It was a painful night for the Patriots, who saw hopes of a sectional championship slip away as the Tigers hit seven second-quarter 3-pointers. JCHS was seeking to win its first title since 2011.

al slump. Its last title came when it defeated Delta 39-38 under coach Blake Everhart, a former Jay County assistant, in 2010.

Coach Matt Moulton of the Tigers noted that this year marked the 50th anniversary of

the school's first sectional title, with those players returning to be honored during the regular-season game against Jay County.

"Our players saw that," he said. "They got a taste of what that was like, seeing those guys

come back after all these years. ... The guys, they were kind of hungry for it.

"It feels great."

The 34-point swing from the previous meeting was sparked at the 3-point line.

After Bennett Weitzel opened the game with a triple for the Patriots, Yorktown took the lead for good on the back-to-back long balls from Tewari and Grim.

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## JC splits with Braves

The Patriot girls did just enough to win. The boys came up just short.

In a tight meet Monday, the Jay County Junior High School girls swim team won all three relays to fight off the visiting Belmont Braves 131-126. The boys team just missed a victory, falling 143-136.

Sophia Hoevel and Lauren Fisher were dominant for the Patriot girls, with the former first winning the 200-yard freestyle by more than 15 seconds in 2 minutes, 31.88 seconds. Fisher followed by posting a times of 1:12.44 and 1:03.19 to take first place in the 100 individual medley by more than 11 seconds and the 100 freestyle by more than 13 seconds. Hoevel then cruised to her second win by more than 11 seconds in 1:24.92 in the 100 backstroke. Fisher and Hoevel also

powered a pair of winning relays, joining Maisey Keller and Ariel Beiswanger in the 200 freestyle event and teaming with Avery Wentz and Keller in the 300 freestyle. Wentz picked up the only other individual win for the Jay County girls, finishing the 400 freestyle in 5:17.05. She also teamed with Mikalah Shawver, Kaitlyn Fisher and Nevaeh Wellman for first in the 200 medley relay.

The Patriot boys got their lone relay win in the 200 medley, with Raif Beiswanger, Matthew Fisher, David Keen and Lincoln Clamme finishing in 2:19.73. Raif Beiswanger reached the wall on 28.35 to place first in the 50 freestyle, and Rockland Beiswanger took the 100 backstroke in 1:15.78. Matthew Fisher won the 50 butterfly in 30.92 and Jacob Monroe took the 200 freestyle in 1:28.19.

## Hoevel and Fisher each win two events to lead Patriot girls



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