

The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371

www.thecr.com

\$1



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Emily Franks speaks at a Jay County Republican caucus Tuesday. Franks has worked in Jay County Auditor's Office since 2008, and she was appointed as auditor to fill out the rest of Anna Culy's term, which ends in December. She's also running against Kristi Morningstar in the May primary election.

Franks appointed

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The county has a new auditor.

Jay County Republicans appointed Emily Franks to fill the vacant seat left by former auditor Anna Culy, who resigned effective Friday, at a caucus Tuesday.

Franks was the only applicant for finishing out the rest of Culy's term, which ends in December. She's also running against Kristi Morningstar in the May primary election.

"The goal was always to be auditor. I didn't mean to do it this soon," Franks said during an interview, noting that

she didn't expect for the position to open before Culy's term ended.

A 2009 graduate of Jay County High School, Franks has lived in Portland most of her life. She graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a bachelor's degree in political science and experience design. Dur-

ing her time at the university, she worked part-time in the university's accounting office.

Franks started working part time in the auditor's office in 2008 and continued working part-time for the county — she worked in the auditor's office, Jay County Sheriff's Office and Jay County Purdue

Extension Office — during her summer breaks from college.

She's been working full-time as general ledger and bookkeeper for the auditor's office since April 2014.

"I absolutely fell in love with the office," Franks said, speaking to Republicans at the caucus at John Jay Cen-

ter for Learning. "There's something to be said for working in county government and working with (the) taxpayers and the citizens."

Culy resigned to begin working for the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. She had worked for the auditor's office in various roles since 2003, including nearly two terms as auditor. At the caucus Tuesday, Culy expressed support for her former coworker. She recounted past audits of the county and commended Franks for helping keep accurate information.

See Franks page 2

First deputy is Jay County's new auditor following Culy's resignation to take job with DLGF

Tax cut bill OK'd

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's individual income tax rate would be gradually cut over the next seven years under a Republican-driven plan approved by legislators early Wednesday.

The bill would cut the state's current income tax rate of 3.23% to 2.9% in small steps until its planned full implementation in 2029 but not include some business tax cuts that faced resistance from Republican senators.

House members voted 82-17 and senators 50-0 in favor of the tax cut package that was the major remaining issue as the Republican-dominated Legislature adjourned this year's session about 12:30 a.m.

House Republicans had pushed the tax cut plan as the state saw big jumps in collections over the past year, fueled by federal COVID-19 relief funding.

GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb joined Senate Republican leaders in being hesitant to support major tax cuts because of worries about inflation and a possible economic slowdown. But Holcomb changed course last week, saying he believed the state could afford tax cuts because of continued strong revenues.

The seven-year implementation of what amounts to a 10% income tax rate cut spreads out both the impact on state revenues and the savings to taxpayers. The plan would reduce state revenue by about \$950 million a year when fully implemented.

The plan would cut the tax rate to 3.15% for 2023, which would amount to a \$40 savings for those with \$50,000 in taxable income.

See Cut page 5

Kyiv suburbs evacuated

By VADIM GHIRDA and YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Residents of the bombarded suburbs of Ukraine's capital snaked their way across the slippery wooden planks of a makeshift bridge that provided the only way to escape Russian shelling, amid renewed efforts Wednesday to rescue civilians from besieged cities.

With sporadic gunfire echoing behind them, firefighters dragged an elderly man to safety in a wheelbarrow, a child gripped the hand of a helping soldier, and a woman inched her way along cradling a fluffy cat inside her winter coat. On the far side of the bridge, they all trudged past a crashed van with the words "Our Ukraine" written in the dust coating its windows.

"We have a short window of time at the moment," said Yevhen Nyshchuk, a member of Ukraine's territorial defense forces. "Even if there is a ceasefire right now, there is a high risk of shells falling at any moment."

United Nations estimates more than 2 million have left Ukraine in last two weeks

Thousands of people are thought to have been killed, both civilians and soldiers, in two weeks of fighting since President Vladimir Putin's forces invaded Ukraine. The U.N. estimates that more than 2 million people have fled the country, the biggest exodus of refugees in Europe since the end of World War II.

The crisis is likely to get worse as Russian forces step up their bombardment of cities throughout the country in response to stronger than expected resistance from Ukrainian forces. Russian losses have been "far in excess" of what Putin and his

generals expected, CIA Director William Burns said Tuesday.

In addition to the humanitarian crisis unfolding in many of Ukraine's cities, concerns for the safety of its nuclear plants amid fighting has raised alarm worldwide.

On Wednesday, the decommissioned Chernobyl nuclear site was knocked off the power grid and forced to switch onto generators. That raised concern about the plant's ability to keep nuclear fuel safely cool, though the U.N. nuclear watchdog said it saw "no critical impact on safety" from the power cut.

See Evacuated page 5



Washington Post/Salwan Georges

Up to 4 million people may flee Ukraine by the end of the war, according to a United Nations estimate. About a quarter of the 2 million refugees who have already fled Ukraine since the start of the Russian invasion left in just two days this week.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County stayed between 32 and 36 degrees Tuesday.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 20s. Expect partly sunny skies Thursday with a

high of 44, followed by a low of 30 in the evening. Rain and snow are expected Friday, with less than 2 inches of accumulation.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Correction

A story in Tuesday's newspaper noted that Portland Mayor John Boggs said the former Ken Kunkle Chevrolet lot on Meridian Street has been sold to a company looking to bring a Wendy's restaurant to the city. The real estate firm involved with the property responded to the story saying the site has not been sold.

Coming up

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

Saturday — Results from the junior high swimming Allen County Athletic Conference Championships.



Capsule Reports

Highway collision

Several people were hospitalized after a Florida man crossed the center line on U.S. 27 and the vehicle he was driving collided with a Ridgeville woman's car about 2 p.m. Saturday.

Joseph A. Grey, 19, St. Mary, was driving south on U.S. 27 near the intersection with county road 400 South when his 2008 Chevrolet Silverado crossed the center line. His vehicle struck a northbound 2002 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by 71-year-old Carol A. Nuckols of Ridgeville.

Shelby L. Tamplin of Middleburg, Florida, a passenger in Grey's car, was taken to Ball Memorial Hospital of Muncie. Patricia A. Pursley of Ridgeville, a passenger in Nuckols' car, was taken to Parkview Health in Fort Wayne. Grey was

taken to IU Health Jay for evaluation.

Grey was given a blood alcohol test with results pending. The vehicle he was driving is registered to Georgena L. Norton of Middleburg, Florida.

Lost control

An Eaton woman lost control of her vehicle, causing her to drive off county road 400 South, hit two mailboxes and enter a ditch about 3:34 a.m. Monday.

Mandy J. Greene, 42, was driving east on county road 400 South and began driving through high water when she lost control of her 2012 Ford Fusion. The vehicle went off the north side of the road and collided with two mailboxes before stopping in a ditch.

Damage is estimated between

\$2,500 and \$5,000. Greene's vehicle was towed.

Drove into ditch

A Pennville man was transported to a Fort Wayne hospital after driving his motorcycle into a ditch around 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Christopher A. Bessesen, 32, was driving his Honda GL1800 east on Indiana 18 and started to pass two cars at the same time. That's when he noticed the vehicle in front of him, driven by Kyle Lortz, was passing another vehicle driven by William Wayman. Bessesen told police he had to drive his motorcycle into a ditch, where it rolled several times before stopping.

He was taken to Lutheran Hospital for injuries all over his

body, and his vehicle was towed. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Deer hit

Animals caused two accidents in Jay County recently.

William F. Ross, 45, Portland, was driving northeast on Indiana 67 about 7:05 a.m. Sunday when a deer ran in front of the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu he was driving. He wasn't able to avoid a collision with the animal. The vehicle Ross was driving is registered to Dlamini Hall of Union City. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Chester W. Franks, 58, Portland, was driving north on U.S. 27 just south of county road 200 North about 5:04 a.m. Tuesday when multiple deer ran in front of his 2001 Chevrolet Silverado,

causing a collision. His headlights and front bumper were damaged, with repairs estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. His vehicle was also leaking fluid and was towed.

Pole hit

A Portland man was taken to the hospital after his vehicle left county road 800 South and struck a pole about 6:40 a.m. Monday.

Tim R. Reff, 63, Portland, was driving east on county road 800 South when his 2019 Nissan Frontier went off the road for an unknown reason, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Department report. Reff's vehicle struck a utility pole.

He sustained a head injury. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

CR almanac

Thursday 3/10	Friday 3/11	Saturday 3/12	Sunday 3/13	Monday 3/14
44/30	40/18	24/17	46/33	53/34
Partly sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday, with a cool 5 to 10 mph wind.	There's a chance of snow early Friday and a 60% chance of rain throughout the rest of the day.	Partly sunny skies are expected Saturday with a high around 24 degrees.	Sunday's weather calls for mostly sunny skies and a low around 33 degrees.	There's a 20% chance of rain. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high around 53 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$99 million	Quick Draw: 3-4-6-10-12-16-20-21-22-23-26-29-31-33-34-43-45-50-57-61 Cash 5: 7-9-17-24-34 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
Mega Millions 7-18-38-58-64 Mega Ball: 24 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-6-2 Pick 4: 2-7-4-3 Pick 5: 9-2-8-6-9 Evening Pick 3: 4-2-7 Pick 4: 3-0-3-4 Pick 5: 2-7-6-2-8 Rolling Cash: 5-7-9-36-37 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-3-6 Daily Four: 9-0-9-1 Quick Draw: 1-12-17-18-19-20-24-34-37-38-44-52-58-64-65-66-67-71-72-78 Evening Daily Three: 0-3-2 Daily Four: 2-7-9-3	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.95 April corn7.00 Wheat9.70	April beans16.54 Wheat 11.18 April wheat 11.18
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.08 April corn7.08 May corn7.13	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.01 Late March corn.....7.01 Beans16.45 Late March beans..16.47
The Andersons Richland Township Corn6.95 April corn6.95 Beans16.54	Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....6.94 April corn6.94 Beans16.23 April beans16.30 Wheat9.56

Today in history

On March 9, 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple later divorced.)

In 1841, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. The Amistad, ruled 7-1 in favor of a group of illegally enslaved Africans who were captured off the U.S. coast after seizing control of a Spanish schooner, La Amistad.

In 1916, more than 400 Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 Americans. During the First World War, Germany declared war on Portugal.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers began launching incendiary bomb attacks against Tokyo, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1972, former Portland Police Chief Harry W. Strohl died at the age of 57. Strohl, who served as the city's police chief for four years, had suffered a heart attack several months earlier.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 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.	Thursday 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive session, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.
---	--

Franks ...

Continued from page 1
"I didn't want to leave my office as soon as I did, but the opportunity arose, and I ... did feel comfortable doing this because Emily is in the office," she said.

At the moment Franks

was selected as auditor Tuesday, Culy let out a cheer. She and Franks both had misty eyes following her appointment.

"I did get emotional," Culy said, noting she's confident in her former coworkers' abilities. "I do

miss them (the office), but they don't need me."

Franks said she's "ready to get in (as auditor) and get started."

She listed off some of her duties for the week, including payroll and Jay County Personnel Committee and

Jay County Council meetings scheduled for this evening. It's also tax season, she noted, which is a busy time for her office.

"You handle so many aspects, and it's a very busy job," she said. "I like being busy."

Pet of the week

Oliver, an approximately 7-month-old male kitten that has been neutered and updated on vaccinations, can be adopted for \$35 from the Jay County Humane Society, located off of Blaine Pike in Portland at 1313 Shadeland Ave. The shelter can be reached at (260) 726-6339.



Photo provided

Felony arrests

Child molestation
Two Portland men were arrested Tuesday for molesting children.

Terry A. Evans, 62, 221 S. Pittsburg Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony. He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$30,000 bond.

Roger Locker, 71, 220 W. Votaw St., was preliminarily charged with three counts of child molestation, each a Level 4 felony. He's being held on a \$25,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Failed to appear

Two men were arrested recently for failing to appear in court.

Paul M. LeMaster, 67, 425 S. Meridian St., Portland, was arrested Friday. He has three original Level 6 felony charges for maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe, and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

Deon D. Nelloms Jr., 21, 10 North Sunrise Ave., Trotwood, Ohio, was arrested Monday. His orig-

inal charges include a Level 3 felony for dealing in a narcotic drug, two Level 6 felonies for obstruction of justice and resisting law enforcement and a Class A misdemeanor for dealing in marijuana. He's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Unlawful possession

A Muncie man was arrested Friday for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Nathan J.A. Miller, 23, 502 S. Mound St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, along with a Class A misdemeanor for possession of a schedule five drug and a Class B misdemeanor for visiting a common nuisance.

He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

See page 5

LIVE - COUNTRY HOME AUCTION

NESS BROS.
REALTORS & AUCTIONEERS
Since 1941

> Inspect > Arrange Financing > Bid your Price

1938 N 500 W, Portland, IN

Saturday, March 26 @ 9:30am

Open House : Monday, March 14 @ 5-6pm

Real Estate Info:
2.43 ACRES with a 1 1/2 story country home that has a total of 7 rooms in a wooded setting. New well has been out in in recent years. Come take a look at the opportunities that this property may offer!

Joe J. & Edna Schwartz - Sellers
Steve Ness, Auction Mgr. 260.417.6556

For a FREE Recorded Msg. Call 1.877.297.7407 ID 5112

260.356.3911 #AC3960001

www.NessBros.com

SERVICES

Today
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.

Service listings provided by

PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS
120 N. Meridian St.
Portland, Indiana 47371
(260) 726-9201
progressiveofficeproducts.com

PRETZELS
- INC -

HIRING EVENT

Bring your friends, family, even your neighbors!

March 10th 10AM - 2PM

Located at:
123 Harvest Road
Bluffton, Indiana 46714

Follow the signs

Packaging - Warehouse - Machine Operators - Bakers - Sanitation

Can't make it?
Apply online today!
www.pretzels-inc.com

Poem is ode to mothering

By KWAME DAWES

One always wonders just how much we should depend on what we know of a poet outside of a given poem, to engage and appreciate that poem. And yet, it must mean something that this tender lyric ode to motherhood comes from an adoptee reflecting on how her life as a writer was shaped by the diligence and prescience of her mother.

American Life in Poetry

Tiana Nobile's poem, "Mother of Letters," is an elegant thank you note to her mother, and by extension, to the art of mothering.

Mother of Letters

For hours my mother hovered over us,
her hand gently guiding mine, her wrist
a helm for my unsteady ship.
I knew how to hold a pencil,
how to grip it between my thumb
and pointer finger, how to lean softly
to avoid a callus. I knew how to form
all my letters perfectly before starting school.
For every birthday, a new notebook
would appear wrapped tightly with a bow.
I would bury my nose inside it
as if the pages would write themselves
with my breath. The pages I'd fill with words
my young tongue was too knotted to express.

American Life in Poetry is made possible by The Poetry Foundation (poetryfoundation.org), publisher of Poetry magazine. It is also supported by the Department of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Poem copyright ©2021 by Tiana Nobile, "Mother of Letters" from Cleave (Hub City

Press, 2021.) Poem reprinted by permission of the author and the publisher. Introduction copyright ©2022 by The Poetry Foundation. The introduction's author, Kwame Dawes, is George W. Holmes Professor of English and Glenna Luschei Editor of Prairie Schooner at the University of Nebraska.

'Moana Jr.' audition dates set

Jay County Civic Theatre has announced audition dates for its upcoming production of "Moana Jr."

Auditions will be from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 28 and March 29 in Hall-Moser Theatre at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Call backs are scheduled for 6 p.m. March 31, with the production process set to begin April 11.

The audition is open to anyone 18 years old or younger. Roles include Moana, Chief Tui, Sina, Pua, Hei Hei, Gramma Tala, Maui, Tamatoa (and his claws), Te Fiti, ancestors and a variety of ensemble roles. Those auditioning will be asked to read a provided line from the show. They're also asked to prepare about 30 seconds from a Disney musical song. (Suggested pieces can be found on the group's Facebook page.)

For more information, please email jaycountycivic@gmail.com.

Taking Note

Planetarium reopens

Ball State's planetarium opens back up to the public this month.

Charles W. Brown Planetarium at Ball State University in Muncie will reopen with "Eclipse: The Sun Revealed," a program about solar and lunar eclipses, at 6:30 p.m. March 18 and March 19. (Four more showings are scheduled for April 1, April 2, April 8 and April 9.)

Other shows on the agenda include:

• "Astronaut," a program detailing the life of a person working in space, at 3:30 p.m. March 19, April 2 and April 9

• "To Space & Back," a show about space exploration, at 5 p.m. March 19, April 2 and April 9

All planetarium programs are free of charge. No tickets or reservations are required.

The planetarium is located on the west end of the Cooper Science Complex, at 2111 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie. For information on visitor parking, visit bsu.edu/planetarium.

Brain health

Jay County Public Library will host a discussion on brain health and memory at 6 p.m. March 29.

Amanda Bullion of Jay County Purdue Extension Office will be speaking, with the library's adult services librarian Hannah Moody sharing tools needed and ideas for making memory kits.

To register, visit the library at 315 N. Ship St. or call (260) 726-7890.

Mother eager to share truth

DEAR ABBY: Thirty-two years ago I was seeing two different men. I slept with each of them in the same week and became pregnant. I told them midway through the pregnancy that the baby might be theirs. One ditched me. I never heard from him again. The other is my husband of 31 years. We went on to have two more children. I have suspected all along that my oldest son, "Todd," wasn't my husband's biological child. When Todd was 8, we did a DNA test, and I was right.

Todd was recently married. I asked him several times before the wedding to tell his future wife his birth story. Todd was adamant in his refusal. He has no interest in meeting his biological father or having a relationship with him. My husband is his dad — period.

I feel guilty for not sharing the truth with Todd's wife when she asks me questions. She knows Todd was born before my husband and I were married. Todd says it's his decision and "it's not a big deal." I disagree. Should I tell her the truth? If I do, I risk upsetting my son and maybe their marriage. They will have kids in the future, and I think she should

Dear Abby



know. What do you think I should do? — KNOWS THE WHOLE STORY

DEAR KNOWS: You have advised Todd, and he has refused. Respect his decision. Do NOT go behind his back and divulge this information to his wife or you may damage beyond repair the relationship you have with your son.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 24-year-old male. I've been seeing this guy, "Kurt," for four years. He moved to New York to be with me. He's 17 years older than I am. At first, it was great. We were amazing together. Then we hit some rough patches.

When I went to meet his family in the Midwest, they treated me horribly. My dad was ill, so I came back home. Kurt let me drive the 18 hours

by myself, which infuriated me. I want him back, and I'm also scared to be alone. I have talked to other men online and searched for the love and companionship I no longer have with Kurt. We don't do anything together anymore, and our relationship has been failing for a long time.

How do I tell him I want out of the relationship and think we lost our spark a long time ago? How do I get out of the rut I'm in because I'm scared to end the relationship? — LOST AND CONFUSED

DEAR LOST AND CONFUSED: At 24, your chances of finding love again are probably better than your 40-year-old partner's. I don't know how long you have been living in the rut you described, but life is short. Do not waste more time than you already have on Kurt, who may be as relieved as you to see this romance come to an end. Break the news by telling him calmly that you feel your relationship has been failing for a long time, the spark fizzled out a long time ago and you are calling it quits. Follow it up by saying you hope you will always be "friends," and move on.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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 - BRANNA'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.

Thursday

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

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

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Richards Restaurant in Portland.

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

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

PORTLAND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

Insertor/Pressroom Assistant

Flexible/varying hours
Solid work ethic, willingness to learn and reliability are a must.
Will train right person.

Apply within or send resume to:
business@thecr.com

The Graphic Printing Company • The Commercial Review
309 West Main Street • Portland, IN 47371
Office Hours: 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday - Friday
260-726-8141
Equal Opportunity Employer

totally promotional
Our Products. Your Story.
450 S. SECOND STREET | COLDWATER, OHIO

WE ARE NOW HIRING FIRST SHIFT CAREERS

--> EXCELLENT BENEFITS
--> DYNAMIC GROWTH

STOP IN FOR OPEN INTERVIEWS (7AM-4PM) OR APPLY ONLINE:

ONLINE: totallypromotional.com/careers.html
IN PERSON: stop by 450 South Second St. in Coldwater
CALL OR TEXT: 567-890-6035

Grammy chokes joy over despair

To the editor:
What a difference a day makes.

March 9, 1988, was one of those days. On that day, I became a Grammy to my grandson Shea Briar.

Shea became an important part of my life from that day until Jan. 12, 2020.

As Shea celebrates his birthday in Heaven, I will celebrate the day with other family members, remembering the 31 years we did have.

I've read that grief is love with no place to go. Even though Shea is no longer here for me to share my love, there are so many I can share with.

I choose to love, not hate. I choose joy over despair. I choose hope that brings peace. I choose to be thankful and not regret. I choose to rejoice because I know I will see Shea again.

Happy Heavenly birthday, Shea.

Sharon Taylor
Redkey

Letters to the Editor



Every Jan. 6 case matters

By JAMES B. COMEY
Special to The Washington Post

The FBI is a complex organization, full of interesting and committed people with a wide range of personal views on all kinds of things, including politics. That's good.

But I keep hearing that some FBI special agents, scattered around the country, don't understand why it's so important that everyone be held accountable who committed any crime at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 — even if that crime was “only” trespassing inside the building. Here's what I would say to them.

We are a nation of laws, and the FBI is an organization dedicated to the rule of law. All of you learned that at Quantico and took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. You also know the country you are charged with protecting is often a messy place. We have always had divisive politics in the United States, going back to when Jefferson and Hamilton started savaging each other during the Washington administration.

But despite all the division, passion and anger, we have never had something like Jan. 6. We have never had a circumstance where Americans decided it was OK to physically interfere with the election procedures set out in our Constitution and laws. It can't ever happen again. Among the great things about being in the FBI is that you have a role to play in ensuring it doesn't.

And this isn't about your politics or what news channel you watch after a long day with the Bureau. It isn't about whether you believe local prosecutors weren't tough enough on crimes committed during street demonstrations in the summer of 2020. It isn't about whether — after all the court cases and investigations — you still believe the people on the Hill that day had legitimate grievances. It also isn't about whether — having watched the videos of bear spray and tactical gear and the beating of police officers and the calls for hanging the vice president — you believe most

James B. Comey



of them were just good people led astray by a lying demagogue.

None of that matters because surely you agree on one thing: Jan. 6 can't happen again. No Americans, whatever their politics, whatever their personal grievances, can ever again try to interfere in the operation of laws governing the election of a president. We have a Constitution and statutes and courts so a mob can't rule in the United States. The FBI's job is to send the message that it can never happen again, if we are to remain a nation under law.

Normally, when you make criminal cases, you are thinking about personal deterrence or incapacitation, two of the main goals of criminal prosecutions. That is, you are making a case to keep a bad guy from hurting someone else. Of course, there are Jan. 6 cases like that, and I suspect all agents agree that anybody who hit a cop or ransacked a room or conspired to violent sedition must be locked up.

But the Jan. 6 investigation is mostly about something you might not think about much in your normal caseload: general deterrence. It is about sending a message — a shock wave of deterrence — so future Americans, whether misled by a lying demagogue or rightfully concerned about the loss of their rights, never again assault the institutions of government. That means that even those who “merely” trespassed by following the crowd inside must be held accountable, even if only guilty of a misdemeanor. “Zero tolerance” is an over-used phrase, but it fits here, if a lasting message of general deterrence is to be sent.

Anyone tempted to “merely” trespass with a future mob at the Capitol must

No Americans, whatever their politics, whatever their personal grievances, can ever again try to interfere in the operation of laws governing the election of a president. We have a Constitution and statutes and courts so a mob can't rule in the United States.

understand that the FBI will find them, no matter how long it takes, and bring them to justice. Maybe “justice” for many of those cases is a sentence of probation. So why care about a no-jailtime misdemeanor case, when you have a caseload full of fraudsters, gangsters and child-sex offenders? Because of the message — even from misdemeanor convictions — which might be one of the most important you ever help send: Never again. Vote, argue, litigate, demonstrate. But don't you dare interfere by force in the operation of this democracy. It can't ever happen.

And it won't, if the FBI does its job. So please go find them all, and send a message that will truly protect the country we all love so much.

.....
Comey is a former director of the FBI and a former deputy attorney general.

Russian aggression is a cause of worry

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

The subject line in the email I sent was, “Watching and worrying.”

There was plenty to worry about.

Events in Ukraine have been unfolding at dizzying speed. Russian invaders — frustrated by logistical failures — transformed that frustration into brutality. Ukrainian forces and civilians responded with valor that caught the attention of the world.

And Moldova is right next door.

If most Americans would have flunked a quiz trying to locate Ukraine on a map of the world, they were even more in the dark when it came to Moldova.

Putin's invasion has changed that a bit. By now most Americans know where Ukraine is located, even if they're still in the dark about much of its history.

To get some understanding about where Moldova is located, hold your right hand up with the palm away from you. Extend your thumb a bit. If your hand represents Ukraine, Moldova is that space between your thumb and your index finger.

Like Ukraine, Moldova was one of the independent states that emerged when the Soviet Union collapsed. But in comparison to Ukraine, it is tiny. Ukraine's population is about 44 million. Moldova's is somewhere south of 4 million. While Ukraine is about the size of Texas in terms of landmass, Moldova is probably smaller than Indiana.

So why was I watching and worrying about Moldova? It was home to my wife, our daughter Sally and me for about six months in 1998. And although that's nearly a quarter of a century ago, our family has maintained contact with friends there.

I was there as a Fulbright Scholar, teaching a couple of classes in journalism at the state university in 1998, and have returned nearly half a dozen times since.

In other words, our connec-

Back in the Saddle



tions run deep.

We have especially close ties to the Cepoi family. We've dined in Corina and Aurel's home. We've watched their sons grow up. Corina has visited us in Portland and at the family cabin in New Hampshire.

So we were worried. “While Moldova is outside the conflict for now, the threat of war is at your doorstep,” I wrote. “And Putin doesn't seem to recognize boundaries anymore. The only thing that's certain these days is uncertainty. My only hope is that Putin will find that the act of invasion is a far cry from conquest and that the costs of any occupation are far greater than Russia is willing to pay. But that's just the view of a retired journalist safely ensconced thousands of miles away in a dinky little town in Indiana.”

The email was sent, and we waited. And waited.

A few days later, the always sunny Corina responded.

“We are doing well, just helped some Ukrainian colleagues with moving on their way to the Baltics,” she wrote. “Did not think I would see refugees flooding Moldova in my lifetime. Let's see what negotiations will bring. We are worried too, but so far Ukraine stands. As long as they are standing, we are protected. In case they fall, we need to worry more and act according to our emergency plans.”

It sounded pretty upbeat until that reference to “emergency plans.”

Those plans would mean leaving their home, piling into the car with whatever they could carry, driving across the country to the Romanian border and becoming 21st century refugees themselves.

So at our house, it's safe to say we're still worried.

The Commercial Review

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus



The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and four holidays (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Commercial Review, 309 W. Main St., P.O. Box 1049, Portland, Indiana 47371 or call (260) 726-8141.

We welcome letters to the editor. Letters should be 700 words or fewer, signed and include a phone number for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit letters for content and clarity. Email letters to news@thecr.com.

JACK RONALD
President

TONIA HARDY
Business Manager

RAY COONEY
Editor and publisher

BRIAN DODD
Production manager

VOLUME 149-NUMBER 219
WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 9, 2022

www.thecr.com

“Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter.” — Thomas Jefferson

Subscription rates: City delivery and Internet-only pay at the office rates: 13 weeks - \$32; six months - \$60; one year - \$108. Motor route pay at the office rates: 13 weeks - \$39; six months - \$68; one year - \$125; Mail: 13 weeks - \$47; six months - \$77; one year - \$135.

Home delivery problems:
Call (260) 251-9588

Evacuated ...

Continued from page 1
The diesel generators at Chernobyl, site of the world's worst nuclear accident in 1986, have fuel for 48 hours, power grid operator Ukrenhero said. The plant was shut down in 2000, but the deserted site still stores spent nuclear fuel from Chernobyl and other nuclear plants around Ukraine.

Authorities announced a new cease-fire on Wednesday to allow civilians to escape from towns around the capital, Kyiv, as well as the southern cities of Mariupol, Enerhodar and Volnovakha, Izyum in the east and Sumy in the northeast. Previous attempts to establish safe evacuation corridors have largely failed due to attacks by Russian forces.

It wasn't immediately clear how successful Wednesday's new effort was. There was no word from the crucial port of Mariupol, where days of shelling have largely cut residents off from the outside world and forced them to scavenge for food and water.

But some people did start streaming out of Kyiv's suburbs along an evacuation route that the Ukrainians said both sides had agreed to, even as explosions could be heard in the capital and air raid sirens sounded repeatedly. Many are headed for the city center, from which they board trains bounded for western Ukrainian regions not under attack.

An intensified push by Russian forces could mean "an ugly next few weeks," Burns, the American official, told a congressional committee, warning that Putin was likely to "grind down the Ukrainian military with no regard for civilian casualties."

Still, Ukraine's general staff of the armed forces said the military is building up defenses in cities in the north, south and east, and forces around Kyiv are "holding the line" against the Russian offensive.



Washington Post/Salwan Georges

A child is carried on board as Ukrainian women and children, along with some men who came to say goodbye before going back to fight, rush for a train to Lviv from the station in Odessa.

That's even as the general staff said Russian forces are placing military equipment on farms and amid residential buildings in the northern city of Chernihiv. In the south, Russians dressed in civilian clothes are advancing on the city of Mykolaiv, a Black Sea shipbuilding center of a half-million people, it said.

Ukrainian resistance is stiffer than many expected — and Western nations are rushing now to bolster their force. Ukraine's president has pleaded repeatedly for warplanes to counter Russia's significant air power, but Western countries have disagreed over how best to do that amid concerns it could raise the risk of the war expanding beyond Ukraine.

Poland late Tuesday offered to give the U.S. 28 MiG-29 fighter planes for Ukraine's use. U.S. officials said that proposal was "untenable," but they would continue to consult with Poland and other NATO allies.

In addition to material support for Ukraine, Western countries have sought to pressure Russia through a series of punishing sanctions. On Tuesday, President Joe Biden upped the ante further, saying the U.S. would ban all Russian oil imports, even if it meant rising costs for Americans.

Energy exports have kept a steady stream of cash flowing to Russia despite otherwise severe restrictions that have largely cut

its economy off from the world. McDonald's, Starbucks, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and General Electric all announced that they're temporarily suspending business in the country, furthering that isolation.

The moves have done little to blunt the conflict so far.

A series of air raid alerts Wednesday morning urged residents of the capital to go to bomb shelters amid fears of incoming missiles. Associated Press reporters later heard explosions.

Such alerts are common, though irregular, keeping people on edge. Kyiv has been relatively quiet in recent days, though Russian artillery has pounded the outskirts of the city.

Kyiv regional administration head Oleksiy Kuleba said the crisis for civilians was growing in the capital, with the situation particularly critical in the city's suburbs.

"Russia is artificially creating a humanitarian crisis in the Kyiv region, frustrating the evacuation of people and continuing shelling and bombing small communities," he said.

Amid the bombardments, authorities have tried repeatedly to evacuate civilians, but many attempts have been thwarted by Russian shelling.

One evacuation did appear successful on Tuesday, with Ukrainian authorities saying 5,000 civilians, including 1,700 foreign students, had managed to escape from Sumy, an embattled northeastern city of a quarter-million people.

But in the south, Russian troops have advanced deep along Ukraine's coastline in an effort to establish a land bridge to Crimea, which Moscow seized from Ukraine in 2014. That has left Mariupol encircled by Russian forces.

On Tuesday, an attempt to evacuate civilians and deliver badly needed food, water and medicine failed, with Ukrainian officials saying Russian forces fired on the convoy before it reached the city, which nearly half of the population of 430,000 is hoping to flee.

Corpses lie in the streets, and people break into stores in search of food and melt snow for water. Thousands huddle in basements, sheltering from the Russian shells pounding this strategic port on the Azov Sea.

"Why shouldn't I cry?" resident Goma Janna demanded as she wept by the light of an oil lamp below ground, surrounded by women and children. "I want my home, I want my job. I'm so sad about people and about the city, the children."

Cut ...

Continued from page 1
The tax rate would then be cut further in 2025, 2027 and 2029, until reaching a total annual reduction of \$165 when fully implemented.

Those tax cuts, however, won't be automatic. The bill calls for the first rate cut to happen for 2023, but the future cuts starting in 2025 only occur if state tax revenue grows by at least 2% in the previous budget year.

Asked about whether taxpayers would notice a tax cut that was spread out over so many years, Republican House Speaker Todd Huston said the goal was to put "hundreds of millions of dollars back in people's pockets and that's what we're doing."

"I think people will feel it in these times with all the inflationary prices," Huston said.

Democrats criticized the Republican plan as going too slow on the income tax cut to give much help to working-class families.

They also called for a suspension until July of the state's 32 cents-a-gallon gasoline tax and the 7% sales tax on fuel, which they argued that would give immediate savings to residents amid a national surge in prices past \$4 a gallon since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Democrats argued that if taxes are going to be cut, then residents should benefit quickly from the state's cash reserves that projections have now grown to a highest-ever level of more than \$5 billion, or about 30% of state spend-

ing in a year, by the end of June.

"We're looking at those dollars that we can get back to the community because we don't want to have any more missed opportunities for working men and women," said Rep. Greg Porter of Indianapolis, the top Democrat on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

The Republican plan included cuts to utility company taxes amounting to an estimated \$220 million annually starting in July, with utilities required to reduce charges by a similar amount to its residential and business customers. But it makes no changes to property taxes charged on business equipment sought by House Republicans that could have amounted to nearly \$400 million a year. Senate Republican leaders objected to cutting the business equipment tax because of concerns over possible impact on local government revenues.

The Republican plan 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 previously 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.

Felony arrests

Continued from page 2
Theft

A Portland woman was arrested Monday for theft.

Carol D. Vanalst, 57, 120 N. Commerce St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for resisting a law enforcement.

She's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

A Portland resident was arrested Tuesday for possessing drugs.

Michael G. Stoner, 44, 126 Boundary Pike, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance.

He's being held on a \$13,000 bond in Jay County Jail.



All the materials and services you need to get it done right on time!
Visit the tax experts
for a stress-free tax season!

KELLER ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICE INC
TAX RETURN PREPARATION, PAYROLL SERVICE,
ACCOUNTING SERVICES & AUDIT REPRESENTATION
OFFICE IS OPEN YEAR ROUND!
CALL OR TEXT FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT 260-849-9362
JANEL KELLER
ENROLLED AGENT
PARTNERED WITH PROTECTION PLUS GUARANTEE
kellertax@icloud.com
6830 E 500 S BERNE IN 46711
260-849-9362

Rose Morgan, CPA
• **Income Tax Preparation**
Monday thru Friday
9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 1 pm
After Hours by appointment
202 South Main Street Dunkirk, IN 47336
Ph. 765-768-6716

GEHRES & Associates
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Portland Office
221 North Meridian
Portland, Indiana 47371
260-726-3910
Fax 260-482-2022
Gehres & Associates, P.C.
5939 Stoney Creek Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825
260-482-9600
FAX: 260-482-2022
www.gehrescpas.com
email: cgehres@gehrescpas.com

GARNER TAX SERVICE
INCOME TAX • BOOKKEEPING
PAYROLL
PHONE: (260)726-7020
FAX: (260)726-8320
1165 N. US HWY 27, PORTLAND, IN 47371
NOTARY PUBLIC

JIM BYRD'S
INCOME TAXES AND BOOKKEEPING
"Refund advances at no extra cost"
BIGGEST AND FASTEST Tax Refunds
Allowed by the IRS - GUARANTEED
Drop in or call for an appointment!!
1108 S Meridian Portland 260-729-7973
109 N East Winchester 765-584-5907
227 W. Oak Union City 765-969-3103
101 S Main Parker City 765-744-1440

Wall Tax Service, LLC
• Professional • Personal • Confidential
ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICES
• 45 Years Experience
• Tax Prep & Consultation
• Individual • Business • Agricultural
• Payroll & Bookkeeping
• Truck Filings
• Notary Public
Call Sharon E. Wall
Year-Round Service
122 East Adams St. • Portland
Office 260-726-7435 Cell 729-2087

SPEED BUMP

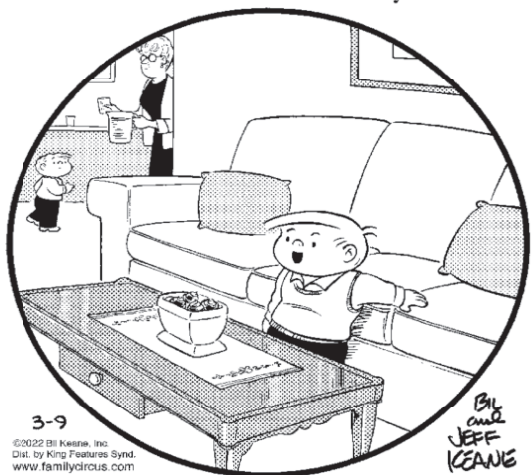
Dave Coverly



MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATION GOWNS

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



3-9
Grandma, I'll sleep here on the couch if you want me to.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A matter of self-preservation

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠93, ♥K 10 9 8, ♦AK J 4 2, ♣Q 5. WEST: ♠A Q 7 5, ♥3, ♦8 6 3, ♣J 10 8 6 2. EAST: ♠J 10 8 2, ♥Q 7 4, ♦9 5, ♣K 9 7 4. SOUTH: ♠K 6 4, ♥A J 6 5 2, ♦Q 10 7, ♣A 3.

The bidding: North East South West 1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass. Opening lead — jack of clubs. Declarer often encounters a situation where it is more dangerous to have one defender on lead than the other and must do all he can to prevent this from happening.

could lose two spade tricks, though, was if East gained the lead and returned a spade through the king and West had the ace. Otherwise, South could eventually discard two spades on dummy's diamonds.

South therefore embarked on a line of play that was designed to keep East off lead. His first step was not to play the queen of clubs from dummy at trick one.

After the jack held, West led another club to South's ace, and declarer now pursued his overall plan by leading a trump to the king and finessing the ten on the way back.

When the finesse succeeded, South drew the last trump and claimed 11 tricks. But note that he would have been on equally firm ground had the trump finesse lost to the doubleton queen in West's hand.

In tackling the trumps as he did, declarer was not so much interested in guessing the location of the queen as he was in making sure that if he lost a trump trick, it would be to West, not East.

Tomorrow: High-class defense. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

CRYPTOQUIP

RKWQ NOSOML DWM JXICNA IX LXO WAAOJC RXONI ZC NXBCI ZL QWSH IMHBCMA

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEBODY IS LEARNING MANY FACTS ABOUT A NORTH CAROLINA CITY, IS HE STUDYING DURHAM-ATOLOGY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals S

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Freshens a lawn, say; 5 Comic Schumer; 8 Thin cut; 12 Prayer ender; 13 Dallas cager, for short; 14 Viral phenomenon; 15 Tart dessert; 17 Greek vowels; 18 "Survivor" team; 19 Twitches; 21 Karate level; 24 Dadaist artist; 25 Unslightly; 28 "Exodus" author; 30 Legislation; 33 "The Matrix" hero; 34 Scholastic hurdles; 35 Football filler; 36 "Lion" actor Patel; 37 TV/radio host John. DOWN: 1 Pretzel seasoning; 2 Biblical grain measure; 3 Ms. Moore; 4 Stuck-up; 5 Pump up the volume; 6 Avril fowler; 7 Saint Laurent of fashion; 8 Mascara mishap; 9 "Game on!"; 10 Mosque leader; 11 Dick Tracy's love; 16 Formerly called; 20 Go by; 22 Elegance; 23 Dumpster filler; 25 German conjunction; 26 "Gosh!"; 27 Verse in a valentine; 29 Texter's "As I see it"; 31 Goal; 32 Like some humor; 34 Words to a backstabber; 38 Playwright Arthur; 40 Eyelid woes; 42 Green shade; 43 Tater; 44 "Legally Blonde" role; 45 Roman 1056; 47 Grand tale; 48 "Peter Pan" dog; 49 Fruit drinks; 52 Snaky fish; 53 Solidify.

Solution time: 23 mins.

Crossword grid with letters filled in.

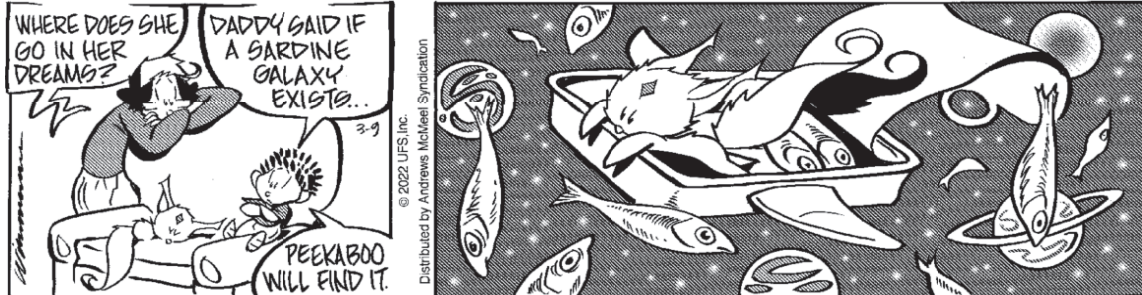
Yesterday's answer 3-9

Crossword grid with numbers indicating starting positions.

Peanuts



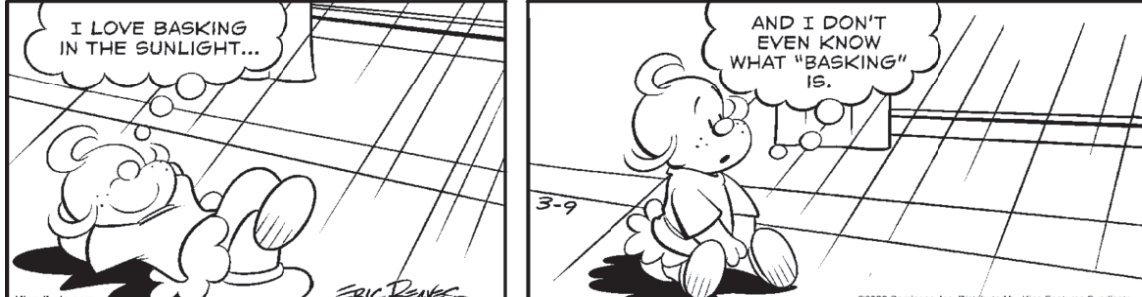
Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Funky Winkerbean



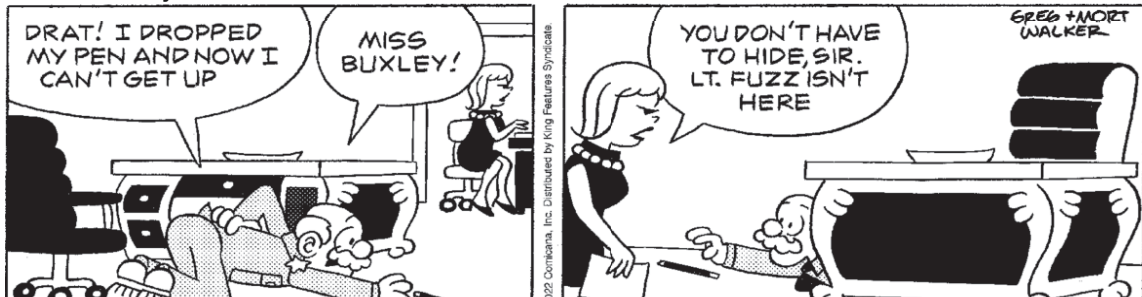
Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Little JJ's Tree Service: Tree Trimming, Removal, Stump Grinding, Firewood available. 765-509-1956

BOOLMAN'S Auto Sales & Service, Inc. Highway 67 W, Portland, Indiana. 260-251-9735

Wendel's Carpets & Upholstery Cleaning. Von Schrader Dry Foam Cleaning. For Quick Drying, Residential & Commercial. Dave Wendel. Ph. 260-726-4520. Cell 260-729-2797

Dave's Heating & Cooling. Furnace, Air Conditioner, Geothermal Sales & Service. 260-726-2138. Now accepting MC/Disc/Visa

GABBARD FENCE FARM • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL RESIDENTIAL • VINYL. (765) 546-8801

ROD PENROD, LICENSED AGENT. Medicare Supplements, Medicare Drug Plans, Medicare Advantage, Senior Life Insurance. Local Agent. 260-418-9492

Bricker's Flowers & More. 414 N. Meridian St. Portland. Call or text to order 260-703-0304. Open daily from 9am-6pm

BANNERS 40" x 13" BUY ONE FOR \$695 GET ONE FOR \$350. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Get Well, Just Because, Valentine's Day, and Many Others. Graphic Printing, 309 West Main St., Portland. Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., TUESDAY - FRIDAY. Custom sizes available.

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

4G LTE Home Internet Now Available! Get GotW3 with lightning fast speeds plus take your service with you when you travel! As low as \$109.99/mo! 1-877-327-0930

ADVERTISERS: You can place a 25-word classified ad in more than 140 newspapers across the state for as little as \$340.00 with one order and paying with one check through ICAN, Indiana Classified Advertising Network. For information contact the classified department of your local newspaper or call ICAN direct at Hoosier State Press Association, (317) 803-4772.

ALLOW HEALING. At Tractor Supply® (www.fleabeacon.com)

ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 pounds. FREE information kit. Call 855-965-4916

BECOME A Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920. Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution Call for Your Free Author's Guide 1-888-965-1444 or visit dorranceinfo.com/hoosier

DENIED SOCIAL Security Disability? Appeal! If you're 50+, filed for SSD and denied, our attorneys can help get you approved! No money out of pockets! Call 1-855-995-4758

DIAGNOSED WITH LUNG CANCER? You may qualify for a substantial cash award. NO Obligation, NO risk! We've recovered millions. Let us help you! Call 24/7, 844-284-4920

DIRECTV for \$79.99/mo for 12 months with CHOICE Package. Watch your favorite live sports, news & entertainment anywhere. First 3 months of HBO Max, Cinemax, Showtime, Starz and Epix included! Directv is #1 in Customer Satisfaction (JD Power & Assoc.) Some restrictions apply. Call 1-888-885-8931

DIRECTV Stream - The Best of Live & On-Demand On All Your Favorite Screens. CHOICE Package, \$84.99/mo for 12 months. Stream on 20 devices in your home at once. HBO Max included for 3 mos (w/CHOICE Package or higher.) No annual contract, no hidden fees! Some restrictions apply. Call IVS 1-844-412-9997

DISH Network. \$64.99 for 190 Channels! Blazing Fast Internet, \$19.99/mo. (where available.) Switch & Get a FREE \$100 Visa Gift Card. FREE Voice Remote. FREE HD DVR. FREE Streaming on ALL Devices. Call today! 1-855-551-9764

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CHARITY! FAST FREE PICKUP-24 HR RESPONSE! Help Children in Need, Support Breast Cancer Education/Prevention or Veterans. Tax Deduction 844-820-9099

EARTHLINK HIGH Speed Internet. As Low As \$49.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-855-977-7069

GUARANTEED LIFE Insurance! (Ages 50 to 80). No medical exam. Affordable premiums never increase. Benefits never decrease. Policy will only be cancelled for non-payment. 833-535-1043

Out The CR Classifieds www.thecr.com



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Maisey moves

Maisey Keller of the Jay County Junior High School girls swim team competes Monday in the 50-yard butterfly during the Patriots' meet at home against Belmont. Keller won the 400 freestyle and 100 breaststroke Tuesday as Jay County traveled to Berne for a meet against South Adams. The girls team won, 72-61.

Stay ...

Continued from page 1
Based on the current class breakdowns, the Patriots would be expected to remain in Class 3A for all four-class sports (volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, softball and baseball). They would be among the top 20 in enrollment in that class.

Jay County would remain in Class 4A out of six classes for football, likely among the 10 smallest schools in the class. And it would remain one of the larger schools in class 2A out of three classes for boys soccer and girls soccer.

The official reclassification and realignment process will take place over the next couple of months. A committee will present its recommendations to the IHSAA Executive Committee at its May 3 meeting.

Pacers fall as they allow 41 to Garland

By MARK AMBROGI

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Darius Garland scored a career-high 41 points, had 13 assists and hit a decisive pair of free throws with 14 seconds left to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Indiana Pacers 127-124 on Tuesday night.

The Pacers went ahead 124-122 with 40 seconds remaining when Malcolm Brogdon was credited with a basket after Evan Mobley was called for goaltending. Mobley then tied the game on a putback, and Garland put the Cavs ahead with his free throws after Jalen

Smith made an ill-advised foul on Garland.

"We have to make sure the guys know the situation," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "This is a kid (Smith) that cares so much. We told him you can mourn it for 10 minutes and then you have to forget about it."

Dean Wade intercepted a pass by Brogdon on the Pacers' next possession. Lamar Stevens hit a free throw, and Indiana's Tyrese Haliburton missed a desperation heave at the buzzer.

Mobley finished with 22 points and 12 rebounds and Lauri Markkanen added 21

points for Cleveland, which has won two straight after losing six of its previous seven.

"It's great to have a point guard like (Garland) that can score the ball and dish out dimes, it makes the game super easier," Mobley said. "We can rely on him when it comes down to the wire or on a bucket or an assist."

Garland said the entire team contributed to his big night.

"I was just playing my game," Garland said. "My teammates told me to keep going and gave me all the confidence."

Garland scored 21 points in the fourth quarter. Cleveland

coach J.B. Bickerstaff said the Pacers tried multiple ways to slow down Garland.

"They tried to trap him, they switched on him, they put bigger bodies on him and he found ways to get it done," Bickerstaff said. "We need every single bucket. He was primed for the moment and he carried us home."

Haliburton led the Pacers with 25 points, and Duane Washington Jr., Jalen Smith and Goga Bitadze each scored 15.

Indiana led 98-90 after three quarters, but Cleveland scored the first nine points of the

fourth to set up the back-and-forth finish.

"We fell victim to a great player that we were having a hard time getting under control all night," Carlisle said. "When great players get going, it's murder in this league to get a guy under control, especially a guy that quick."

The Cavaliers led by as many as 12 in the first quarter. The Pacers rallied in the second to tie it 63-all at halftime.

"It was a hard-fought game and a disappointing loss," Carlisle said. "Some of the things that happened down the stretch we're just going to have to learn from."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

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

TV schedule

Toda
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)

Thursday
11:30 a.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Indiana at Michigan (BTN)
Noon — Men's college basketball: ACC Tournament — Quarterfinal (ESPN); Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament — George Mason vs. Fordham (USA); Big East Tournament — TBA vs. Providence (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big 12 Tournament — TCU vs. Texas (ESPN2)
2:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Big East Tournament — Marquette vs. Creighton (FS1); Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament — TBA vs. St. Louis (USA)

3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big 12 Tournament — TBD vs. Kansas (ESPN)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Atlantic 10 Tournament — Massachusetts vs. George Washington (USA)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Maryland vs. Michigan State (BTN)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big 12 Tournament — Oklahoma vs. Baylor (ESPN); Big East Tournament — TBA vs. Villanova (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: Atlantic 10 Tournament — TBA vs. Richmond (USA)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — TBA vs. Ohio State (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: ACC Tournament — Quarterfinal (ESPN); Big 12 Tournament — Iowa State vs. Texas Tech (ESPN2); Big East Tournament — TBA vs. Connecticut (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Denver Nuggets (TNT)
11:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Pac-12 Tournament — TBA vs. USC (FS1)

Local notes

Registration dates upcoming
Portland Junior League will have registration for its 2022 season Saturday.
They will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday 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.
.....
To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS	STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS	30 LOST, STRAYED OR FOUND	90 SALE CALENDAR	100 JOBS WANTED	110 HELP WANTED	160 WANTED TO BUY
-----------------------	-----------------------	---------------------------	------------------	-----------------	-----------------	-------------------

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET.

We instantly compare speed, pricing, availability to find the best service for your needs. Starting at \$39.99/month! Quickly compare offers from top providers. Call 1-844-961-0666

LIVE PAIN FREE

with CBD products from AceWellness. We guarantee highest quality, most competitive pricing on CBD products. Softgels, Oils, Skincare, Vape & more. Coupon Code: PRINT20 Call Now 833-226-3105

LOOKING TO SELL your Home?

Save time & money, connect with the Top Agents in your area to get more MONEY and close FASTER! Call 317-854-9781

NEVER PAY

For Covered Home Repairs Again! Complete Care Home Warranty COVERS ALL MAJOR SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES. 30 DAY RISK FREE. \$200.00 OFF 2 FREE Months! 1-855-408-3894

PORTABLE OXYGEN

Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 877-930-3271

SERIOUSLY INJURED

in an AUTO ACCIDENT? Let us fight for you! Our network has recovered millions for clients! Call today for a FREE consultation! 844-517-6414

SMART HOME

Installations? Geeks on Site will install your WIFI, Doorbells, Cameras, Home Theater Systems & Gaming Consoles. \$20 OFF coupon 42537! (Restrictions apply) 855-668-0067

USE SEAL N Heal®

to seal wounds on dogs & cats with a bitter taste to prevent gnawing.

WESLEY FINANCIAL

Group, LLC - Timeshare Cancellation Experts - Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 877-329-1207

00 CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS

260-726-8141

ADVERTISING RATES

20 Word Minimum Effective 07/01/2018: Minimum charge.... \$12.40
1 insertion.....62¢/word
2 insertions.....81¢/word
3 insertions.....96¢/word
6 insertions.... \$1.14/word
12 insertions. \$1.52/word
26 insertions. \$1.77/word
Includes Online.....FREE
Classified Display \$6.95/per column inch
No borders or logos allowed on Classified Page
Card of Thanks Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
In Memory Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
Advertising Deadline is 12:00 p.m. the day prior to publication. The deadline for Mondays paper is 12:00 p.m. Friday. Pre-Payment required for: Rummage sales, business opportunities, jobs wanted, boats and sporting equipment, wanted to rent, motorized vehicles, real estate and mobile homes.

ATTENTION! LOST A PET

Or found one? The jay county humane society can serve as an information center. 260-726-6339

40 NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE:

Be sure to check your ad the first day it appears. We cannot be responsible for more than one days incorrect copy. We try hard not to make mistakes, but they do happen, and we may not know unless you call to tell us. Call before 12:00 pm for corrections. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland, Indiana 260-726-8141.

60 SERVICES

J. L. CONSTRUCTION

Amish crew. Custom built homes, new garages, pole barns, interior/ exterior remodeling, drywall, windows, doors, siding, roofing, foundations. 260-726-5062, leave message.

"SEAMSTRESS NAN" HOMEMADE

Sewing and Alterations, Quilts, Baby Blankets, Applique, Zippers, Hemming, Memory T-Shirt, Special Orders, Wedding & Prom Gowns. 260.766.9334

WICKEY CONSTRUCTION

Roofing, Siding, Pole Barns. Call for free estimate. 260-273-9776

GOODHEW'S ALL SEASON

Construction- Specializing in standing seam metal roofs. When Quality Counts, Count On US. A company you can trust. Member of the BBB. New Installation and repairs. Call Rodney Thornbury, owner 765-509-0191

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located : 1675 W Highway 18, Bryant IN, Saturday Morning, MARCH 26, 2022 AT 10:00 A. M.
REAL ESTATE
1 ½ story home with 1580 square feet of living space located West of Bryant Indiana in Jackson Township on 5 acres. This property features a 3 bedroom home with 1 full bath, and heating system. Additional property features include large 2 story barn, machine shed, granary, and other out-buildings. This rural property offers a very nice country setting with a nice set of buildings. For more information or a private showing contact Gary Loy, Auctioneer at (260) 726-5160 or Kim Loy, Real Estate Broker at (260) 726-2700.

JOHN LEWIS
By Randy Lewis, POA Loy Auction
AC#31600027 Auctioneers
Gary Loy AU01031608
Ben Lyons AU10700085
Travis Theurer AU11200131
Troy Foust AU1980006

UPCOMING AUCTION

Bricker Auction Company 414 N Meridian St. Portland, IN
Small Animal Auction
March 12th, April 19th, May 14th, June 11th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th.
Auction Starts at 11AM
Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, Peacocks, Rabbits, Etc. Farm Related Items.
Registration: 8:30am-10:00am
Cell: 260-703-0839
www.brickerauctioncompany.com
Chad Bricker-Auctioneer AU11600027

AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR any work.

No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489.

110 HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED CITY OF PORTLAND

Position: Waste Water Department — Distribution Service Person. The City of Portland is accepting applications for the position of Waste Water Department Distribution and Maintenance Person. Minimum job requirements are high school diploma or its equivalent. A CDL B license or greater or able to obtain such license in a reasonable amount of time. General outline of duties: Install and maintain sewer taps, lines and catch basins according to requirements. Complete smoke and dye testing procedures and locate sewer lines. Lab duties will also be required. Equipment used: Heavy equipment including trucks and backhoes, air hammers, pumps, saws, shovels, wrenches, sensing devices for locating pipes and various other and tools. Work environment: Conditions can include below ground / enclosed spaces and subfreezing temperatures. Applications are available at Clerk Treasurer's Office at City Hall, 321 N. Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday, February 28 thru Thursday, March 10, 2022. No applications will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022. The City of Portland is an Equal Opportunity Employer

THE TOWN OF REDKEY IS

accepting applications for a Full Time Police Officer. Applications may be picked up at the The Redkey Town Hall, 8922 West State Road 67, Redkey, IN. Applications must be submitted before 4 p.m. on March 11th, 2022.

AMISH CREW LOOKING for Driver.

Phone 260-438-2508

CROWNPOINTE OF PORTLAND

is hiring hard working, dedicated part time kitchen cook. Pay is negotiable. Please apply in house at 745 Patriot Drive, Portland, IN 47371 or online at www.cpcommunities.com/portland.​ For questions please call 260-726-3577.

CROWNPOINTE OF PORTLAND

is hiring a part time hardworking, reliable, maintenance assistant. Pay is negotiable. Please apply in house at 745 Patriot Drive, Portland, IN 47371 or online at www.cpcommunities.com/portland. For questions, please call 260-726-3577

THE JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

are taking applications for the position of Jay County Emergency Management Director through noon on March 18, 2022. Applications may be picked up at and returned to the Jay County Auditor's Office at 120 North Court Street in Portland, Indiana. Job Description available upon request. Jay County Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

WANTED TO BUY: INDIAN Artifact Collections, Arrowheads, etc.

Call 419-852-6825 ask for Robin.

190 FARMERS COLUMN

AG RENTAL

Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309

200 FOR RENT

INMAN U-LOC Storage.

Mini storage, five sizes. Security fence or 24 hour access units. Gate hours: 8:00-8:00 daily. Pearl Street, Portland. 260-726-2833

LEASE SPACE

available, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, distribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad access with loading docks and overhead cranes available. Contact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, www.sycamorespace.com

NEED MORE STORAGE?

PJ's U-Lock and Storage, most sizes available. Call 260-726-4631.

230 AUTOS, TRUCKS

CASH PAID FOR JUNK CARS

Any year, any condition. Running or not. We tow away. 765-578-0111 or 260-729-2878. Massey's Towing

WE PAY CASH

for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage

READ THE CR THEN RECYCLE

Out The CR Classifieds www.thecr.com

Visit Us At: thecr.com

130 MISC. FOR SALE

PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE

Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.

130 MISC. FOR SALE

PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE

Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.

130 MISC. FOR SALE

PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE

Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.

130 MISC. FOR SALE

PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE

Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.

Jay is likely to stay in same classes

The new numbers are out.

The Patriots look like they will be staying put.

Indiana High School Athletic Association on Tuesday released revised enrollment figures that will be used in its tournament reclassification and realignment process this spring. Based on those totals, it looks as if Jay County High School's athletic teams will remain in their current classes.

The numbers were originally announced last week, but they were pulled back after large discrepancies were identified in enrollment figures for several non-public schools.

Enrollment figures are used to determine classes for baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, football, boys soccer, girls soccer, softball and volleyball. They will be in effect for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

Jay County High School ranks 118th with an enrollment of 879, down from 107th when the last IHSAA count was taken during the 2019-20 school year. (Its enrollment is likely to continue to fall, as the senior class is the largest with 248 students. The junior class comes in at 209, with the sophomores at 219 and freshmen at 203.)

See **Stay** page 7

Matthew Fisher of the Jay County Junior High School boys swim team competes Monday in the 100-yard breaststroke during the Patriots' meet at home against Bellmont. Jay County was in the water again Tuesday at South Adams, with the boys team winning 109-45 while the girls picked up a 72-61 victory. Fisher helped lead the Patriot boys, finishing first in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Patriots sweep ahead of ACAC

BERNE — The Patriots are looking strong as they head into the conference championships.

Jay County Junior High School's swim teams won three-quarters of the events Tuesday as they swept South Adams. It won the boys meet in dominating fashion, 109-45, and the girls meet 72-61.

The Allen County Athletic Conference Championships are scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday at Jay County.

Matthew Fisher and Raif

Beiswanger powered the Patriot boys with two individual wins apiece.

Fisher took the top spots in the middle-distance freestyle events, posting times of 1 minute, 9.62 seconds, in the 100-yard race and 2:34.71 in the 200. Beiswanger's victories came in the 50 freestyle in 30.87 and the 100 backstroke in 1:13.17.

Beiswanger and Fisher were also part of a pair of winning relays, teaming with Cooper Glentzer and Lincoln Clamme

for first in the 200 medley (2:19.12) and with Rockland Beiswanger and Glentzer in the 300 freestyle (3:17.88).

Rockland Beiswanger added a victory with a time of 30.87 in the 50 freestyle while Glentzer took the top spot in the 400 freestyle in 5:33.44.

Three swimmers combined for six individual victories for the Jay County girls, with Sophia Hoewel starting the night with her win in the 100 individual medley in 1:24.28. She went on to

take the 100 backstroke in 1:28.53.

Maisey Keller picked up wins with times of 5:37.16 in the 400 freestyle and 1:34.64 in the 100 breaststroke, and Lauren Fisher finished first in the 50 freestyle in 28.88 and the 50 butterfly in 32.32.

Hoewel, Keller, Lauren Fisher and Kaitlyn Fisher won the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:30.74, and Ariel Beiswanger, Keller and the Fishers earned the top spot with a time of 3:29.63 in the 300 freestyle relay.

SALE LIKE CRAZY!

in

The Commercial Review

Jayland's Daily Newspaper!

1/4 page color
\$250

(regular price \$609.50)

p/u color - \$200

p/u B&W - \$175

Run one 3x6
ad in March
for \$150

(regular price - \$234)

Run four 3x6 ads
in March
for \$450

(regular price - \$900)



Contact Lindsey Cochran

260-726-8141

L.cochran@thecr.com

Don't Miss

Advertising

Special sections

We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss them.

Spring Sports

Wednesday, April 6 (ad deadline Mar. 30)

Ag Outlook

Friday, April 22 (ad deadline Apr. 15)

FRHS Graduation

Friday, May 20 (ad deadline May 13)

Summer Festivals

Friday, May 27 (ad deadline May 20)

The Commercial Review
260-726-8141 • ads@thecr.com