

# The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371

www.thecr.com

\$1

## 'Little Patriot' begins banner effort

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Krista and Troy Muhlenkamp were talking about what they could do to honor their son.

They thought about Jake's patriotism. They thought about the veterans in his life. And they thought about their own love for small-town spirit.

Those aspects came together to inspire the Muhlenkamps to launch the Jay County Hometown Heroes Project, an effort to create banners honoring local veterans and display them in downtown areas.

"His fund is called the Little Patriot Fund," said Muhlenkamp of Jake, who died at the age of 15 in October 2020 after an off-road vehicle he was driving struck a utility pole. "He was a lover of his country. My own dad (Terry Linn) is a veteran."

### Muhlenkamps launching project in honor of Jake

"And when Jake was probably 6 or 7 years old he started helping my dad put flags up at Trinity Cemetery out in Bryant for Memorial Day every year. So he just had a love of veterans."

She met with Portland Main Street Connect about the possibility of hanging the banners on light poles in the city's downtown. The group threw its support behind the idea.

She has since also talked with Dunkirk officials to arrange for

banners to be hung there as well.

Jake's Little Patriot Fund is handling advertising for the project. Applications for a banner — the cost is \$45 in Portland and \$40 in Dunkirk — are available at Jay County Chamber of Commerce, The Portland Foundation, First Merchants Bank, First Bank of Berne, Edward Jones and John Jay Center for Learning in Portland.

See **Banner** page 2



Graphic provided

Krista and Troy Muhlenkamp have launched the Jay County Hometown Heroes Project through their son's Jake D. Muhlenkamp "Little Patriot" Endowment Fund. The goal is to create and display banners in downtown areas in honor of Jay County veterans.

## Request gets OK from advisory group

*Committee recommends \$18,000 for Brianna's Hope podcast*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

A podcast created by Brianna's Hope is growing.

The organization is planning to increase production for "Faith In Your Recovery," a program aimed at increasing addiction awareness. Jay County Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee agreed Wednesday to recommend the county give \$18,000 to Brianna's Hope to help with its efforts.

A Better Life - Brianna's Hope, a support and recovery movement for those struggling with substance abuse, started as a small gathering in November 2014. Since then, the organization has grown to 48 chapters across Indiana, Ohio and Virginia.

Randy Davis, founder and executive director of Brianna's Hope, approached Jay County Commissioners in April with a request for \$15,000. Davis explained the organization's podcast has increased substantially, having at least 27,500 listeners since it started in October. (That figure doesn't include listeners tuning in to its regular Sunday airing on WPGW.)

"It's given folks who won't attend a meeting an opportunity to understand and get a better idea of those folks who do struggle and go through all of it," said Davis.

Last week, he noted, he recorded 19 podcasts at the Fire Department Instructors Conference International conference at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. He's interviewed guests from more than 40 nations for the podcast since it launched in October.

See **Request** page 2



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

### Staff connection

Administrative assistant Amber Brandon connects on a shot during a volleyball game Wednesday night as part of Jay County High School student council's Students vs. Teachers night in partnership with United Way of Jay County. A team of JCHS staff put the pressure on a group of senior boys, but fell short in the match.

## Zelenskyy pleads for evacuations

By LAURA KING and JAWEED KALEEM  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pleaded today for a cease-fire to allow the evacuation of civilians trapped in a sprawling complex of underground bunkers and tunnels beneath a Mariupol steel plant, where fighters continue to try to fend off the Russian troops who have taken over the rest of the city.

As the Kremlin's war on Ukraine entered its 11th week, Zelenskyy said time was needed "to lift people out of those basements, out of those underground shelters" in Mariupol, the southern city whose bombardment and intense suffering have become a symbol of the human costs of the war.

"In the present conditions, we cannot use heavy equipment to clear the rubble away. It all has to be done by hand," Zelenskyy said

### Ukrainian president seeks cease-fire to allow movement of those who are trapped

in an early morning address, adding that 344 people were evacuated from Mariupol in a second round of rescues Wednesday and taken to Zaporizhzhia, around 140 miles northwest. At least hundreds remained trapped.

The president asked for more help from the United Nations, which has joined the International Red Cross to usher civilians to safety from the Azovstal steel plant, the last Ukrainian holdout in the city.

Ukraine reported more attacks

Thursday in the east along a crescent-shaped, 300-mile-long front line in the Donbas region. In the Luhansk area, an official reported that Russian troops shelled 24 times on Wednesday. Posting on Telegram, regional Gov. Serhiy Haidai said the attacks hit homes, killing five people and injuring 25.

But Kyiv said its forces had regained control of "several settlements" on the border between two key southern districts, Kherson and Mykolaiv. Kherson was the first major city to fall to the Rus-

sians and remains in their hands. The Ukrainian-held city of Mykolaiv, near the Black Sea, has been a bulwark against Russian forces moving toward the principal seaport of Odesa.

Russia claimed overnight to have killed 600 Ukrainian fighters, saying it hit an airfield in the Kirovohrad region in central Ukraine and an ammunition depot in Mykolaiv. Ukraine did not comment on the claim, which could not be independently verified.

Mariupol, a strategic prize that would allow Moscow to stitch together a land corridor connecting Russia, Crimea and western Ukraine, has been the site of some of the war's biggest tragedies and most forceful negotiations. The once-thriving city of 450,000 people has lost more than three-quarters of its population — contributing to the millions of displaced Ukrainians — with its mayor and city leaders operating from outside its borders.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 57 degrees Wednesday. The low was 48.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 50s with showers and thunderstorms expected after mid-

night. More rain and storms are possible Friday with a high of 64. Showers are also in the forecast for Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

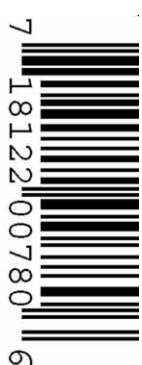
Jay County is rated low risk for the spread of coronavirus for the 10th straight week. The county recorded just 13 new cases of COVID-19 in April after having nine in May.

The county has not had more than one new case reported in a single day since April 7.

### Coming up

**Friday** — Coverage of today's Portland Board of Works meeting.

**Tuesday** — Results from Monday's FRHS sectional game against Ridgmont.



# Disney CEO to speak at IU graduation

By **JOSEPH S. PETE**  
The Times (Munster)  
Tribune News Service

Hammond native and Disney CEO Bob Chapek, one of the most successful executives to emerge from the Region, will return to his alma mater to deliver the commencement address to graduating students at Indiana University Bloomington this year.

“Our Indiana University graduates are exceptional, and

we are thrilled to celebrate their remarkable academic achievements during our commencement ceremonies throughout the state,” IU President Pamela Whitten said. “We are also honored to welcome our distinguished guests to our IU campuses to mark this significant milestone in the lives of our graduates and their family and friends.”

Chapek, an IU grad, will speak at the undergraduate

ceremony Saturday in Bloomington, the first to be held in person since before the coronavirus pandemic in 2019.

In 2020, he became CEO of Disney, the global entertainment titan whose brands include Marvel, Star Wars, Pixar, ESPN and National Geographic.

He led the Fortune 50 company through the COVID-19 pandemic, expanding streaming services like Disney+, ESPN+,

Hulu and Hotstar and improving Disney’s parks and resorts. He oversaw the launch of Disney+, helping it reach 100 million subscribers in record time.

Working his way up the ranks of the multibillion-dollar company based out of California and Florida, he previously served as chairman of Disney Parks, Experiences and Products, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts,

head of Disney Consumer Products, president of distribution for The Walt Disney Studios and president of Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment. He oversaw the largest investment in and expansion of Disney Parks in its 60-year history.

IU will grant Chapek, a Clark High School graduate, an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during the undergraduate graduation ceremony.

## CR almanac

Friday 5/6	Saturday 5/7	Sunday 5/8	Monday 5/9	Tuesday 5/10
<b>64/51</b>	<b>60/49</b>	<b>68/53</b>	<b>78/61</b>	<b>87/63</b>
Rain is expected Friday with a thunderstorm also possible. The high may reach 64.	More showers are in the forecast for Saturday with a 60% chance of rain.	Sunday looks to be partly sunny, with temperatures in the upper 60s.	Mostly sunny skies planned for Monday with a warm high of 78.	Sunny skies and hot temperatures Tuesday, with a high of 87.

## Lotteries

**Powerball**  
37-39-55-63-69  
Power Ball: 23  
Power Play: 2  
Estimated jackpot: \$51 million

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

**Hoosier**  
Midday  
Daily Three: 4-2-7  
Daily Four: 0-8-0-6  
Evening  
Daily Three: 8-5-5  
Daily Four: 8-8-3-3  
Quick Draw: 6-10-11-13-17-27-34-37-42-45-51-52-58-64-66-69-70-71-75-77  
Cash 5: 3-21-25-31-37

Hoosier Lotto: 3-4-7-9-25-31  
Estimated jackpot: \$11.4 million

**Ohio**  
Midday  
Pick 3: 7-4-6  
Pick 4: 3-3-6-3  
Pick 5: 6-3-1-0-0  
Evening  
Pick 3: 1-1-2  
Pick 4: 8-3-3-5  
Pick 5: 4-8-5-2-2  
Rolling Cash: 5-6-25-33-37  
Classic Lotto: 18-34-38-41-44-48  
Kicker: 8-1-6-8-3-4  
Estimated jackpot: \$27 million

## Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....8.02  
June corn .....8.02  
Wheat .....8.98

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....8.04  
June corn .....8.07  
July corn.....8.06

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn.....7.82  
June corn .....7.92  
Beans .....16.58  
June beans .....16.63

Wheat ..... 10.02  
June wheat..... 10.02

**Central States Montpelier**  
Corn.....7.84  
Late May corn .....7.84  
Beans .....16.87  
Late May beans.....16.53  
Wheat.....10.49

**Heartland St. Anthony**  
Corn.....7.59  
June corn .....7.66  
Beans .....16.39  
June beans .....16.44  
Wheat.....10.55

## Today in history

**In 1260**, Kublai Khan became ruler of the Mongol Empire.

**In 1809**, Mary Kries became the first woman to receive a U.S. patent for her technique of weaving straw with silk.

**In 1818**, philosopher Karl Max was born in Trier, Germany.

**In 1821**, Napoleon died while in exile on Saint Helena in the South Atlantic.

**In 1862**, Mexico pushed back French forces at the Battle of Puebla in a victory that became its symbol of resistance from foreign foes. It is now celebrated as Cinco de Mayo.

**In 1891**, Carnegie Hall had its official opening in New York City.

**In 1904**, Cy Young recorded the first perfect game of the modern era of Major League Baseball for the Boston Americans against the Philadelphia Athletics.

**In 1925**, high school science teacher John

Scopes was arrested for teaching evolution.

**In 1927**, English author Virginia Woolf published “To the Lighthouse.”

**In 1934**, the first Three Stooges movie was released.

**In 1945**, a Japanese bomb exploded at Mitchell Recreation Area in Oregon, resulting in six deaths.

**In 1955**, West Germany regained full sovereignty following World War II.

**In 1961**, Alan Shepard Jr. became the first U.S. astronaut to travel in space when he made a 15-minute flight on Freedom 7.

**In 1972**, Dennis Hart, 14, Portland, was injured when he was apparently struck by a semi and a van truck on U.S. 27 north of Portland. He suffered head and back injuries, but was reported in satisfactory condition at Jay County Hospital.

—The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

**Today**  
2:30 p.m. — Portland Historic Preservation Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works,

mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

**Friday**  
3 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners’ room, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

## Respect week

Local officials recently signed proclamations recognizing this week as Jay County Optimist Clubs Respect for Law Week. Pictured above right are Dunkirk Police Chief Dane Mumbower, Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins and Optimists Club members Jane Crouch, Debra Imel and Sandy Rogers. At lower right are West Jay Optimists Sandy Rogers and Jane Crouch, Evening Optimists Leland LeMaster and Debra Imel, and Portland Police Chief Mitch Sutton.



Photos provided



## Request ...

Continued from page 1  
“We’re at a point to where, within our office, within our skills, we can no longer meet the needs that are there,” he said.

Plans are to create a marketing position for the podcast. The cost for a year’s production comes out to about \$30,000, Davis noted. The Portland Foundation is contributing about \$12,000 of that amount. He requested the county provide \$15,000.

Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation noted the county in previous years allotted \$10,000 in EDIT funds to the organization in 2018. (All recommendations made by the advisory committee are sent to county officials for approval.)

Advisory committee member and commissioner Rex Journay pointed out that Davis’ request for \$15,000 still leaves the organization \$3,000 short. Ray Newton of the advisory

committee asked if it could recommend the county give Brianna’s Hope the full amount requested along with an additional \$3,000.

“This is a growing problem, it’s not going away,” said Newton of addiction.

Advisory committee member and commissioner Chad Aker also vocally supported giving the organization \$18,000. The committee then decided to forward the recommendation to county officials.

## Banner ...

Continued from page 1  
They are also available at Glass Capital Grill, Fuqua Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM and Dunkirk City Hall in Dunkirk. They can also be requested by emailing jakedavid-memorial@gmail.com.

Hailey Moeller, who works for Muhlenkamp at Sunshine Boutique in Fort Recovery, created the initial design. Display Craft in Portland will handle the printing.

A banner can be made for any veteran who was honorably discharged and who at any time has lived in Jay County. A different veteran will be placed on each side of the banner.

“Our mission is to honor Jay County’s hometown heroes,” the application reads.


“And hopefully we’ll get people to come downtown,” said Muhlenkamp. “I see it in Fort Recovery

— people park and then they walk.”

(Fort Recovery’s Sophie Pearson started a similar project last year as part of her effort to receive her gold award, the highest achievement attainable as a Girl Scout.)

The deadline for the first round of applications for the Jay County Hometown Heroes Project is June 1. Banners will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis, and Muhlenkamp said she’s hopeful that they can be up by July 4 and remain until Veterans Day. She added that she, Troy and their family plan to help hang the banners.

“For us it’s keeping his memory alive, doing good,” Muhlenkamp said. “And it’s also very healing for us to put that hurt into something positive. It keeps our focus on good things.”



### Swiss Village

**PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME CNA POSITIONS ON 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD SHIFTS ARE AVAILABLE AT SWISS VILLAGE!**

- Opportunities to work in the Rehab unit!
- Flexible scheduling – applicants can choose 8-hour or 12-hour shifts!
- \$2.00/hr. bonus for picking up open shifts!
- Shift premium for 2nd and 3rd shifts!
- Full-Time positions eligible for benefits including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, Paid Time Off (PTO), and 403(b) retirement plan participation!
- Part-Time positions eligible for Paid Time Off (PTO) and dental and vision insurance!
- Sign-On Bonuses for certified Full-Time new hires/driving record.

**CNA class will be offered beginning June 6th, 2022! Upon successful completion of the 30 hours of C.N.A. class time, class students will receive a \$250 bonus!! Apply today!!**


## Wendelin 2.0

### Food & Spirits

2981 Fort Recovery Minster Rd  
St Henry, OH · 419-375-2751

- \* Dine In and Carry Out
- \* Open 7 days a week at 10:30 am
- \* Daily Luch Specials
- \* Happy Hour Every Day 1pm-4pm
- \* Accepts Reservations
- \* Band/DJ-Karaoke Every Friday and Saturday 10 pm-2am

Birthplace of the Charlie Burger  
Home of the Pineapple Bowl



Mention this ad on your next visit, Get **\$2 OFF**  
*Alcohol not included*

## JAY COUNTY DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

(400 Ft. Minimum)  
Cost. .. \$1.00 per foot

Must come to Jay County Highway Dept. to

- 1) Pick up flags to mark the area
- 2) Specify dust control location & specify footage
- 3) Make payment to the Jay County Highway Dept.

ONE APPLICATION ONLY  
DEADLINE: May 27, 2022  
LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT  
PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE  
Check or Money Orders Only

**Jay County Highway Department**  
1035 E 200N  
PORTLAND, INDIANA 47371

**For More Information, call 726-8701**



Photo provided

## Mandy's Blessings donates

Mandy's Blessings, in memory of Mandy Theurer, recently donated \$5,000 to the Jay County Walk Against Cancer. Pictured (from left) are JCCS president Andrea Poore, Linda Kennedy, Charlene Theurer and Carol Kennedy.

# Concert set for Saturday

A Christian artist is coming to Portland.

Billy Ballenger will perform "Faith Like a Child: The Acoustic Tour" at 7 p.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church.

The event features songs and stories shared by Ballenger. Portland native Eric Maitlen will also be a special guest at the performance.

Ballenger's nonprofit, Break the Grey, has performed at hundreds of schools, and he's shared his testimony and songs with more than 500,000 people across the world, according to his website. He's released six recordings and two extended plays.

Doors open for the church at 204 E. Arch St. starting at 6 p.m. General admission is free.

For more information, visit [asburyministries.org](http://asburyministries.org).

## Taking Note

### Farmers Market

MUNCIE — The Farmers Market is returning to the Minnetrista.

The first market of the season goes from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and will continue each Saturday through October. Options from local vendors include fresh produce, baked goods, plants, eggs, meats and other items, according to a press release from Minnetrista.

Free parking is available in the Center Building parking lot and the gravel lot at the Nature Area.

For more information, visit [minnetrista.net](http://minnetrista.net).

# Mother wonders how to reveal parentage

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful 12-year-old son, "Oliver," who was conceived during a date rape at a work party. I don't remember much about that night. When I found out I was pregnant, I hoped my husband at the time was the father. When the baby came, it was obvious he wasn't, because Oliver is a different race. (I am Caucasian, and I'm thinking Oliver may be Pacific Islander.)

We divorced when Oliver was 2, and my ex had a DNA test, which, of course, proved he was not the father. Despite the findings, after I explained what happened, he offered to be Oliver's "dad" because he had bonded with him — provided he would not have to pay child support. I agreed. I have two other older sons whom he fathered.

There have been times when

## Dear Abby



Oliver and his brothers have asked about his brown skin, and I have been able to dodge the question. He's getting to an age where I don't think I can hold off much longer.

I always knew the time would come when he would have to know his dad is not his biological father, but I'm not sure what to tell him. I don't think I want him to know he is a product of rape, nor do I want to throw myself under the bus and say I cheated on his dad. That would

open up questions about who his bio dad is. Please help. — **LOOKING FOR BEST WAY IN WASHINGTON**

**DEAR LOOKING: I fail to understand why you would equate "rape" with "cheating." What happened wasn't your fault, and you should feel neither guilt nor shame that it happened. While I understand your desire to protect Oliver, you should tell him the truth. When you do, be sure to emphasize how much you and your ex love him and how proud you are that he is your son.**

.....  
**DEAR ABBY: I'm in the process of building my first house down the street from my parents. (The lot was a good deal.) Recently, my mom told me she wants a key so she and Dad**

can have access to my house in case of severe weather (we live in tornado country). The layout and foundation of my house are sturdier than theirs. When I told her I didn't want anyone to have a key, she got really offended. It made me feel awful, but Abby, this is my first house, and if I have to give a key to someone when I don't want to, it defeats the purpose of having my own place.

I have been living with my parents to save up, and Mom has used guilt trips against me before. My sister and brother-in-law agree I shouldn't give in to her. I feel like a horrible daughter for refusing because she's not the type to snoop, but there have been instances when I've been in my room and she has entered without knocking. Should I stick to my guns or am

I wrong? — **DAUGHTER IN DILEMMA**

**DEAR DAUGHTER: It strikes me as somewhat pushy that your mother would ask for a key to your home before it is even completed. What have your parents done during previous tornadoes? Because the house symbolizes your independence, I don't think you should hand the key over. It may make sense to have someone you trust be able to enter if you are traveling or have a pet that needs to be walked while you are working. In that event, you may change your mind and see the wisdom in offering her one.**

**P.S. If she abuses your trust, you can always have your locks changed.**

# Community Calendar

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

## Reunions

Bryant High School graduates will hold an alumni banquet on May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Madison High School's alumni banquet is scheduled for May 14 at Asbury United Methodist Church. To register, call Dennis Theurer at (317) 999-0429 or (317) 654-5184, or send mail to 14429 E. 196th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Graduates of Portland

High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome. For more information, call Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

## 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.

**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. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

**PORTLAND LIONS CLUB** — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

**FORGET-ME-NOT** — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

## Friday

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

**SOFT SHOULDERS** — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

## Saturday

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

## Wednesday's Solution

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

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.



## WE ARE HIRING!

Inteva Products, a leading global Automotive supplier is hiring for all shifts for our Bluffton Indiana facility.

Positions available include:

- Production** – up to \$17.00 per hour
- Mold Injection Jobsetters** – up to \$25.50 per hour
- Material Handlers** – up to \$17.00 per hour
- Maintenance Technicians** – up to \$30.50 per hour

If you are looking for growth and an atmosphere where your input is valued, then this is an excellent opportunity to be part of our amazing team!

We offer:

- Flexible "employee-centric" culture for better work/life balance
- Part-time and full-time positions
- Full benefit package that starts at 1st of the month following 30 days of employment
- Company paid life insurance, AD&D Insurance, and short-term disability benefits
- 401K with a company match of 50% up to 6%
- Additional shift premium for 2nd and 3rd shifts
- Sign-on bonus and Referral bonus programs

To apply, stop in at 1805 W. Lancaster Street, Bluffton or visit our careers page at [www.intevaproducts.com](http://www.intevaproducts.com)



## Need a part-time job?

We need responsible people to deliver the paper! City routes now available!!

Apply at

**The Commercial Review**  
309 W Main St., Portland  
or call Nacie • M-F 10 am - 4:30 pm  
260-726-8141 or  
after 5 pm 260-251-9588

# What's the reality of the numbers?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

We continue to hear it whispered where once it was shouted: "Manufacturing isn't dead yet, but it is certainly dying."

If growing is a signal of dying, then there is no hope for anything.

From 2009 to 2019, the best years available for comparisons given the COVID crisis, the U.S. economy, as measured by gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 51% and manufacturing by 39%. Those are current dollar figures, not adjusted for inflation, but inflation was not a significant factor in those years.

For Indiana, those growth figures were 46% for the state's economy and 44% for manufacturing. In both years, manufacturing accounted for 29% of Indi-

## Eye on the Pie



ana's economy, a percentage no other state exceeded.

Nationally, in those 10 years, manufacturing added one million jobs and 100,000 of those were in the Hoosier state. Only Michigan added more manufacturing jobs (168,000) than did Indiana. Together, these two neighbors accounted for one-quarter of the entire increase in American manufacturing jobs.

"Now drop the other shoe,"

Faye of the Forest, almost invisible on the deck railing in her green tunic and slacks, snidely says.

There are some concerns about the manufacturing picture in our state. The dollar value of Indiana's manufacturing output per job, a measure of productivity, rose from \$151,100 (10% above the national average) to \$178,600 (just 2% higher than the U.S.).

With just an 18.2% increase in this productivity measure, compared to the nation's 28.6% increase, we ranked 37th in the nation.

"We don't hear those numbers from our state economic development cheering squad," Faye chortled.

We dig a bit deeper and there is more disturbing data. Hoosier

manufacturing workers averaged a \$12,900 increase in compensation compared to a national boost of \$16,500. Our 20% increase in compensation compared with a nationwide 25% increase.

Additionally, in Indiana 44% of our manufacturing GDP went to compensation of workers, the seventh lowest level in the nation. This compares to 38% in North Carolina, 45% in California and 73% in Vermont.

"Do you expect to hear from the IMA about this?" Faye asks.

"Why should the Indianapolis Museum of Art have anything to say on the issues?" I ask.

"The other IMA, the Indiana Manufacturers Association," she says dismissively, and is gone.

No doubt there are reasons for these unfavorable figures for Indi-

ana. Clearly, the mix of firms here is different from that in other states. We're manufacturing RVs while others are making airplanes. We process corn into chips while elsewhere they're manufacturing microchips.

There are differences in technology to be considered. Some places have many robots replacing labor and other places are still making things people value by hand. Maybe those figures for Vermont reflect butter churns with hand-carvings sold to summer tourists.

It would be worth finding out the reality behind the truth of the numbers.

Marcus is an economist. Email him at [mortonjmarcus@yahoo.com](mailto:mortonjmarcus@yahoo.com).

# One reform is within reach

St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Tribune News Service

A bipartisan group of senators reportedly is close to agreement on recommending reforms to a flawed, archaic law that former President Donald Trump abused in his attempt to overturn the 2020 election. The Electoral Count Act of 1887 gives the vice president a ceremonial role in approving state vote counts, but it is worded vaguely enough that Trump claimed, outrageously, that it provided Vice President Mike Pence authority to unilaterally throw out Joe Biden's victory.

Responsible leaders in both parties understand the urgency of fixing that and other problematic language in the Electoral Count Act now, before a Republican takeover of Congress makes it impossible to move any legislation on this issue. But some Democrats are holding up a deal because they want to roll valid but more contentious voting-rights issues into it. They're playing a dangerous game. They should accept this half loaf immediately, while they still can.

The act was written in response to the contested presidential election of 1876, in which several states sent competing slates of electors to Washington. The law was an attempt to clarify how Congress should decide such disputes. Unfortunately, its muddled language further confused the issue, while creating an opening that could allow bad actors to corrupt the process. Among those is a provision that allows one representative and one senator to trigger the process of challenging states' election results. It was this provision that Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Missouri, exploited to turn what should've been the routine election certification into a showdown that ended with a mob sacking the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Among the changes that most fair-minded reformers agree is needed is to set the bar for such challenges much higher than it currently is. It should take more than one self-serving member of each chamber to light that fuse, and it should take more than a bare majority of each

## Guest Editorial

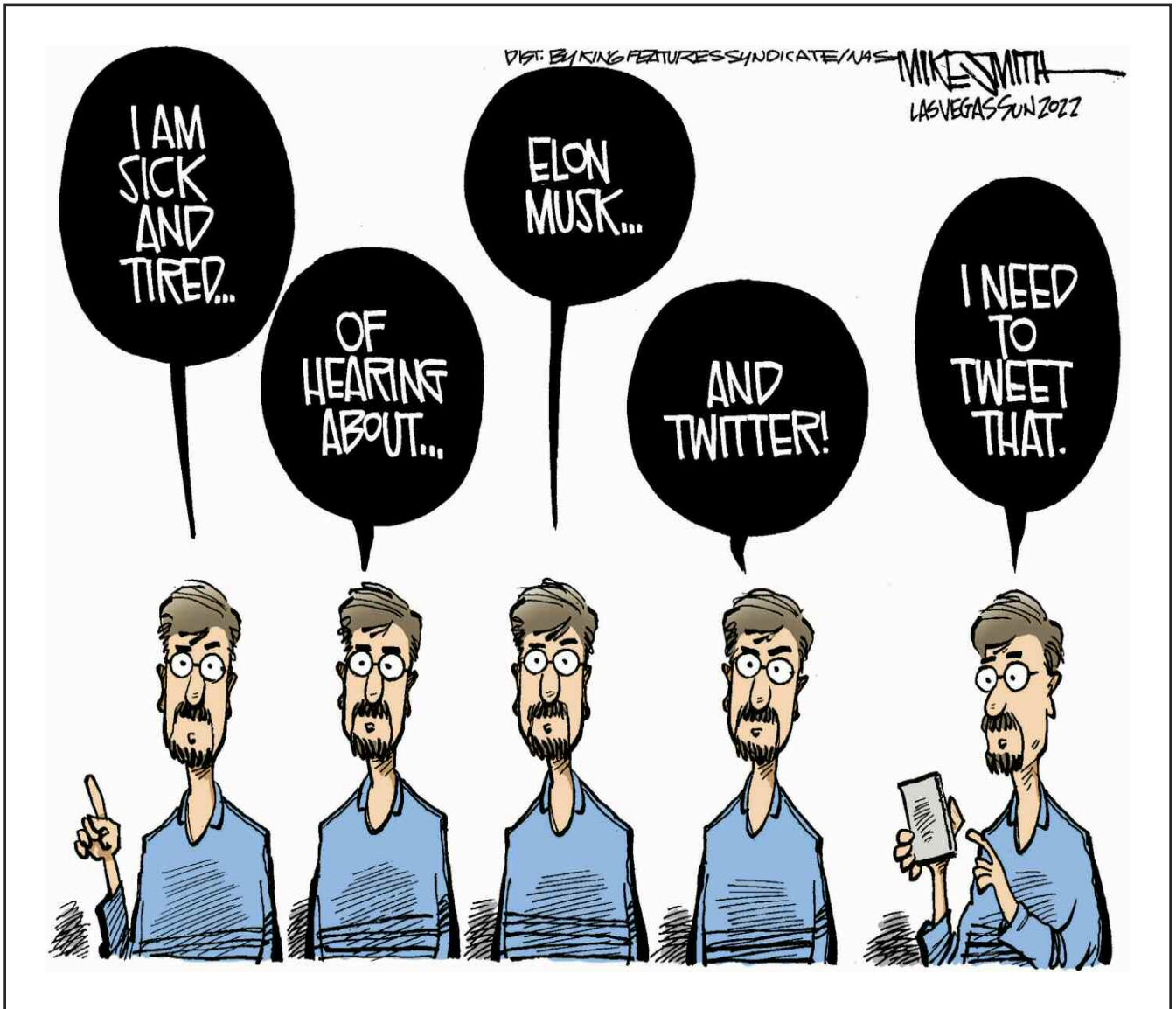
*It should take more than one self-serving member of each chamber to light that fuse, and it should take more than a bare majority of each chamber to reject states' results.*

chamber to reject states' results. Messing with electoral slates should be the heaviest of lifts.

Similarly, the vice president's purely ceremonial role needs to be specified. No reasonable person could argue that the law as written gives the vice president power to overturn an election. But Trump backers made exactly that claim, and it was only Pence's responsible refusal to indulge them that prevented a constitutional crisis.

The bipartisan working group, headed by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-West Virginia, reportedly is in general agreement on those reforms. The problem, Collins said last week, is that some Democrats want to relitigate other issues from their recent failed attempt at omnibus voting rights legislation.

Such legislation shouldn't be controversial, but it is, and it may yet prevent Congress from acting to head off any future replay of Jan. 6 — or worse. Democrats should accept this limit-ed but important safeguard for democracy, and live to fight another day on the rest.



# Driving is a leap of faith

By BUD HERRON

The Republic (Columbus)

Eight years old with a flour sack cape tied all around his neck, He climbed up on the garage figurin' what the heck. He screwed his courage up so tight The whole thing came unwound. He got a runnin' start and bless his heart He headed for the ground. He's one of those who knows that life Is just a leap of faith. Spread your arms and hold your breath And always trust your cape.

— From the song "Leap of Faith" by Steve Earle and Townes Van Zandt  
A frightening thought crossed my mind recently while I was driving up I-65 on my way to Indianapolis — a thought that would have been safer to contemplate at home in my easy chair than while hurling down the road at 70 miles per hour in a 3,375-pound Toyota.

The thought was one of those electric flashes of fear better left buried in my deep subconscious with visions of snakes slithering out of my toilet and knife-wielding psychopaths hiding under my bed in the middle of the night.

Unlike the snakes and deranged killers — 2 a.m. trips to fantasyland brought on by a bedtime pizza with jalapeños — my fear as I drove north was an unsettling trip to reality.

Reality was that driving an automobile requires a totally irrational leap of faith, similar to that of jumping off the garage with a homemade Superman cape. There I was, inside a speeding capsule

made of plastic, fiberglass, carbon fiber, aluminum and just enough steel to hold it all together.

In front of me, behind me and on each side of me were other cars, mixed in a stew of 18-wheeler semis, box trucks, dump trucks, buses and an assortment of other vehicles from tank trucks full of toxic chemicals to motorcycles between the knees of teenagers.

My cruise control was set on 72 mph, a speed that seemed to infuriate many of my fellow travelers as they careened in and out of traffic looking for ways to go faster.

The highway added a third lane at the Franklin exit, allowing me to join the games of "choose-a-lane" and "switch-a-lane."

I could drive in the left lane to the honks and obscene hand signals of drivers intent on parking their vehicles in my backseat.

I could choose the right lane and risk death from traffic merging on to the highway from entry ramps. While cars in back of me rode my bumper and cars on my left boxed me in, the entry ramp vehicles worked to crash into me on the right.

I could choose the middle lane, a no-man's strip of concrete created to allow drivers to go back and

forth quickly to the two other lanes in order to go faster, weave more efficiently and sideswipe me on both sides.

Still, years of driving made these road wars so commonplace — so taken for granted — that they left no real electric flash of fear — at least nothing comparable to the snakes in my toilet or the killers under my bed.

The flash of reality that so unnerved me was the leap of faith I was taking every time I drove my car. I suddenly was struck by the reality that all these vehicles were being driven by people.

In order not to declare myself totally insane for driving my car in traffic, I had to believe no other driver was drunk, on mind-altering drugs, distracted by a cellphone conversation or was prone to dizzy spells. Nor were they afflicted with blackouts or fits of road rage.

I had to believe all drivers had experience and appropriate skills and were keeping their minds on the road.

I thought for a moment about pulling off the highway, placing a "For Sale" sign on the windshield of my car and walking home through farm fields.

Trusting my cape if I ever jump off the roof of my garage may be worth a try. Trusting drivers on an interstate highway is a sure sign of insanity.

Herron is a retired editor and newspaper publisher who lives in Columbus. He served as publisher of *The Republic* from 1998 to 2007.

# The Commercial Review

US PS 125820

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus  
JOHN C. "JACK" RONALD (1948-2022), Publisher Emeritus

**RAY COONEY**  
Editor and publisher

**TONIA HARDY**  
Business manager

**BRIAN DODD**  
Production manager

VOLUME 149—NUMBER 260  
THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 5, 2022

[www.thecr.com](http://www.thecr.com)

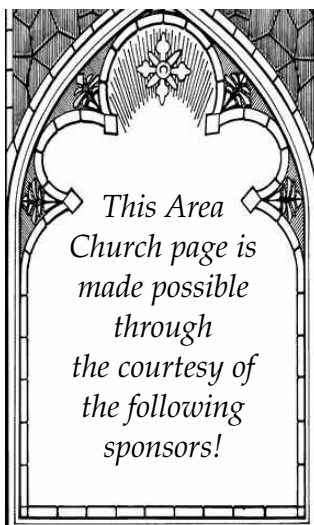
The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and four holidays (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address 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](mailto:news@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



This Area  
Church page is  
made possible  
through  
the courtesy of  
the following  
sponsors!

## Baird-Freeman Funeral Home

The Teeter Family

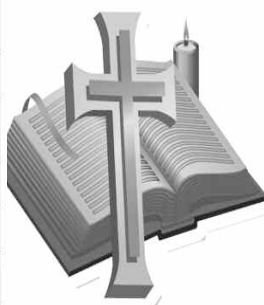
221 N. Meridian St  
Portland, IN 47371  
(260) 726-7171



**(260) 726-9345**  
115 E. Main St.  
Portland, IN  
www.portins.com



**Great Food,  
No Bull!**  
1204 W. Votaw Portland  
(260) 726-9647



## Swiss Village, Inc.



Independent Duplex Homes  
Independent Living Apartments  
Residential & Assisted Living  
Short Term Rehabilitation  
Healthcare & Dementia Care  
Therapy Services  
Berne, IN • 260.589.3173 • www.swissvillage.org

## Matt's Garage



205 W. Union St.  
Portland, IN 47371  
**260-726-8761**  
Call us today!



## Williams

Auto Parts  
**Used Auto and  
Truck Parts**  
www.williamsautopartsinc.com  
1127 S. Detroit Ave.  
Portland, IN 47371  
(260) 726-8001  
All inventory online



Mellissa Hall  
**260-729-5200**  
Call me for your  
Promotional Pens • Pencils  
Business Gifts • Calendars

Area churches are listed  
with location, pastor and  
phone number, services and  
website or email address.  
All services are Sunday,  
unless otherwise indicated.

### Asbury United Methodist

204 E. Arch St., Portland  
Joe Boggs  
(260) 726-8464  
Services: 9:30 a.m.  
asburyministries.org

### Banner Christian Assembly of God

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

### Bellefontain United Methodist

440 S. 600 East  
Gordon Jackson  
Services: 9 a.m.

### Bethel United Methodist

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

### Bluff Point Friends

80 E. 650 South  
Services: 10 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

### Boundary St. Paul

Corner of Treaty Line  
Road and county road 300  
East  
Ava Gannon  
(260) 726-2373  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

### Bryant Wesleyan

209 S. Hendricks St.  
Paul VanCise  
(260) 997-6231  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.  
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

### Calvary United Methodist

301 N. Main St., Dunkirk  
Susan Durovey-Antrim  
(765) 499-0368  
Services: 10 a.m.  
susan.duroveyantrim@in  
umc.org

### Christ Chapel

105 S. Elm St., Fort Recov-  
ery  
Quentin Elsea  
(419) 733-1469  
christchapelfr.com

### Church of Christ (Southside)

1209 S. Shank St., Portland  
Bob Graham  
(260) 726-7777  
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6:30  
p.m.

### Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)

8472 S. 800 East, Union City  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

### Church of God of Prophecy

797 N. Creagor Ave., Por-  
tland  
Nanette Weesner  
(260) 766-9334  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
nanybell@yahoo.com

### Church of the Brethren

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

### Church of the Living God

South Broad Street,  
Dunkirk  
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Fri-  
day

### Collett Nazarene

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

### Cornerstone Baptist

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

### Dunkirk Nazarene

226 E. Center St., Dunkirk  
Tom Felt  
(765) 768-6199  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

### Evangelical Methodist

930 W. Main St., Portland  
Steve Arnold  
(260) 251-0970  
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

### Fairview United Methodist/Jay County

2875 E. 200 South  
Gordon Jackson  
Lay leader: Beth Stephen  
(260) 726-9184  
Services: 10:15 a.m.

### Faith Community

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

### Family Worship Center

200 E. Elder St., Portland  
Ronald Willis  
(260) 726-4844  
Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
thefamilyworshipcenter.o  
rg

### Fellowship Baptist

289 S. 200 West  
Hugh Kelly  
(260) 726-8873  
Services: 10 a.m.  
pastorkelly@fbc-port-  
land.com

### First American Baptist

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

### First Church of Christ

1049 Union City Road,  
Fort Recovery  
David J. Nicholson  
(419) 375-2860  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
fccftrecovery.org

### First Community Baptist

341 S. Meridian St., Red-  
key  
Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

### First Free Will Baptist

12369 W. 600 South,  
Dunkirk  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6  
p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

### First Presbyterian

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

### Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene

401 E. Boundary St., Fort  
Recovery  
Revs. Brad and Kate  
Ratliff  
(419) 375-4680  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
frnaz@frontier.com

### Fort Recovery United Methodist

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

### Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle

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

### Geneva First United Methodist

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

### Geneva Nazarene

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

### Gilead Church

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

### Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren

Indiana 1 and Indiana 26  
Earl Doll  
(260) 731-4477  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### High Street United Methodist

435 High St., Geneva  
Rev. Joseph Hampton  
(260) 368-7233  
Services: 9 a.m.

### Holy Trinity Catholic

7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant  
Fr. Peter Logsdon  
Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30  
p.m. Saturday  
churchofthemostholyltri-  
nity.com

### Hopewell of Life Ministries

County road 200 South, 2  
miles east of Indiana 1  
Rev. Ruth Funk  
(260) 251-8581  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6  
p.m.

### Immaculate Conception Catholic

506 E. Walnut St., Port-  
land  
Fr. Peter Logsdon  
(260) 726-7055  
Services: 6:30 p.m. Satur-  
day, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

### Kingsley Full Gospel

4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk  
Stuart Phillips  
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6  
p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

### Mary Help of Christians

403 Sharpsburg Road,  
Fort Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
(419) 375-4153  
Services: 4:30 p.m. Satur-  
day, 9:30 a.m.

### Mount Tabor United Methodist

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

### Mount Zion United Methodist

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

### New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine

4017 W. 200 South  
Randy Smith  
(260) 251-2406  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
nbholiness.com

### New Covenant Fellowship

1238 W. 450 South  
Chuck Myers  
(260) 251-0063  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### New Life Ministries

415 S. Helen St., Port-  
land  
Dr. Kay Fairchild  
(260) 755-6354  
Services: 4 p.m.  
drkayfairchild.com

### New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist

5905 S. Como Road  
Tim Wallace  
(765) 499-7838  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### Noble Congregational Christian

1964 N. 800 East  
Aaron Huey  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### Oak Grove United Methodist

829 S. Indiana 1  
Mark Dennis  
(765) 730-3770  
Services: 10:45 a.m.

### Pennville United Methodist

190 W. Main St., Pennvil-  
le  
Gary Newton  
(765) 669-1070  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### Pleasant Hill

9945 N. 800 East, Union  
City  
Bruce Bryan  
(765) 964-3664  
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.  
mypleasanthillchurch.org

### Portland First Church of Nazarene

920 S. Shank St., Port-  
land  
Steve Cecil  
(260) 726-8040  
Services: 10:45 a.m.

### Portland Friends

226 E. Main St., Port-  
land  
Herb Hummel  
(260) 202-9732  
Services: 10 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

### Praise Chapel Church of God

4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-  
Randolph county line)  
Rev. Josh Canfield  
(765) 584-7045  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### Redeemer Lutheran

Malin and Elm streets,  
Bryant  
Father Dan Layden  
(260) 997-6787  
Services: 9 a.m.

### Redkey Faith Ministries

9811 W. Indiana 67,  
southwest of Redkey  
Rev. Craig and Robin  
Cotherman  
(765) 369-2920  
Services: 10 a.m.  
RedkeyFaith.org

### Redkey First Christian

Union and Malin streets,  
Redkey  
Jeff Hammers  
(765) 468-6172  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

### Redkey United Methodist

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

### Redkey Church of the Nazarene

801 W. High St.  
Chuck Hollandbeck  
(765) 369-2676  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6  
p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

### River of Life

722 W. Main St., Portland  
Susan Hathaway  
(260) 729-1095  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### The ROCK

1605 N. Meridian St., Por-  
tland  
Matt Ransom  
(260) 726-7474  
Services: 10 a.m.  
matt@therockjc.org

### Salamonia Church of Christ

3900 S. 600 East  
Bruce Phillips  
(260) 335-2017  
Services: 9 a.m.

### Second Chance at Life Ministries

228 S. Meridian St., Port-  
land  
Dave Keen (260) 251-8792  
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### St. James Lutheran

County road 600 East,  
south of county road 400  
South  
Robin Owen  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
pastorrobino@gmail.com

### St. Joseph Catholic

1689 St. Joe Road, Fort  
Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

### St. Mary's Catholic

346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk  
Rev. Kevin Hurley  
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday,  
5:30 p.m. Thursday

### St. Paul Catholic

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

### St. Peter Catholic

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

### Sugar Grove Nazarene

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

### Sugar Grove United Methodist

County roads 600 South  
and 1150 West, Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
Services: 9 a.m.

### Temple Baptist

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

### Trinity Lutheran

301 N. Wayne St., Fort  
Recovery  
Robin Owen  
(419) 375-4498  
Services: 9 a.m. (contem-  
porary service, fourth Sun-  
day)  
pastorrobino@gmail.com

### Trinity United Methodist

323 S. Meridian St., Port-  
land  
Joe Boggs  
(260) 726-8391  
Services: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.  
portlandtrinity.com

### Union Chapel

6200 N. 375 West, Bryant  
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

### Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene

County road 900 North  
(Jay-Wells county line)  
Fred Stevens  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

### Walnut Corner

County roads 200 North  
and 500 West  
Steve Rogers  
(260) 251-1113  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

### Westchester United Methodist

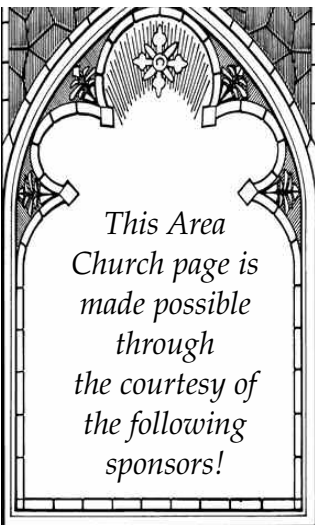
4487 E. 400 North  
(260) 726-6311  
Services: 10:35 a.m.

### West Walnut Church of Christ

204 W. Walnut St., Portland  
Gil Alcega  
(260) 726-4691  
Services: 10 a.m.  
westwalnutchurchof-  
christ.org

### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Darrell Borders  
218 E. High St., Portland  
(260) 726-8832  
zionlutheranportland@g  
mail.com  
Services: 10:30 a.m.



This Area  
Church page is  
made possible  
through  
the courtesy of  
the following  
sponsors!



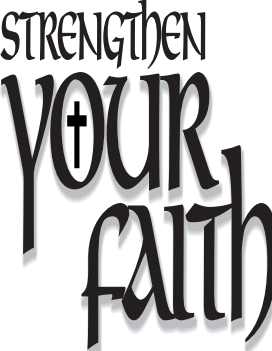
LIFE • HEALTH  
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS  
MEDICARE  
SUPPLEMENTS  
ANNUITIES

**JEFF HALL**  
your hometown agent  
for over 30 years  
**(260) 729-5200**  
jeff@mayfg.com  
111 W. Main Street • Portland, IN



Complete Septic  
Systems  
Backhoe • Dozer  
Hauling • Trenching  
Drain Cleaning

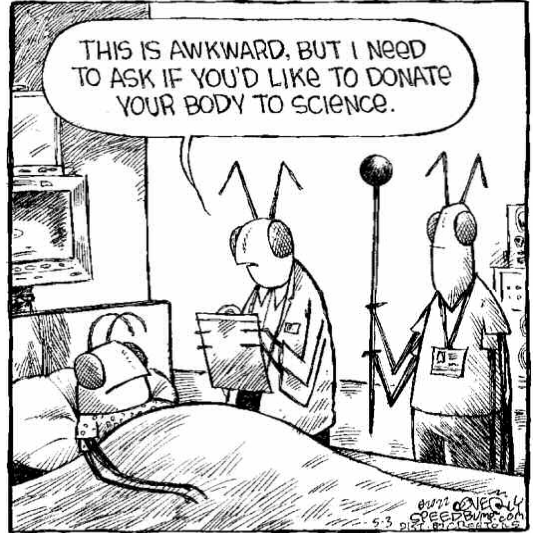
3042 West 400 North,  
Portland  
p 260.726.2230  
f 260.729.5026



## Arm's Auto Body

260.726.7343  
Mike Brown,

**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Seeking the percentage play**

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 9  
♥ Q 10 6  
♦ A K Q 7 6  
♣ 9 3 2

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

**EAST**  
♠ 8 3  
♥ K J 9  
♦ J 9 3 2  
♣ K 7 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 10 7 5  
♥ A 7 5 2  
♦ 5 4  
♣ A

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass  
3♦ Pass 3♣ Pass  
4♦ Pass 6♣  
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

of play exists and, second, even if he is aware, that he may not know which play offers the better chance of success.

Consider this deal where South wins the club lead, plays three rounds of trump and cashes the A-K-Q of diamonds, hoping for a 3-3 division. When this does not materialize, he ruffs a diamond and plays the ace and another heart toward dummy's Q-10. As the cards lie, he finishes down one.

This is somewhat unlucky, since South had about a 75% chance of making the slam by adopting this approach.

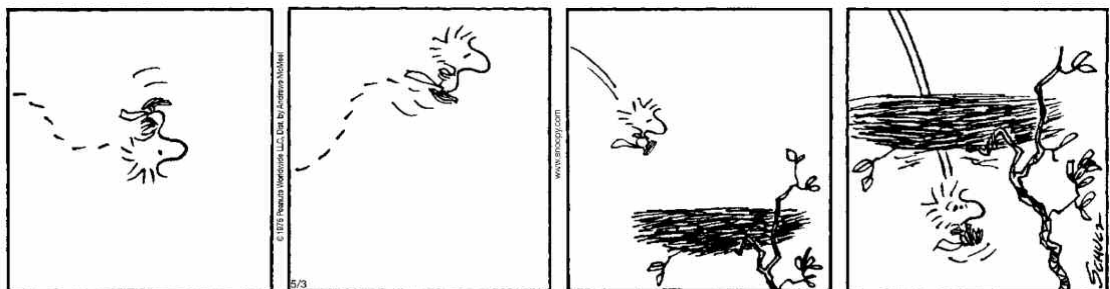
Now let's examine a different line of play, which might easily be overlooked. After drawing trump, declarer leads a diamond at trick five and plays low from dummy!

This guarantees 12 tricks — six spades, a heart, four diamonds and a club — if the diamonds are divided 3-3 or 4-2, failing only when the suit splits 5-1 or 6-0.

In deciding which of the two lines of play to adopt, it is obviously helpful for declarer to know how often the diamonds can be expected to divide 3-3 or 4-2. The combined probability is 84%, so deliberately conceding a diamond trick is the better method of play.

Tomorrow: Accidentally on purpose.  
©2022 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

**Peanuts**



**Rose is Rose**



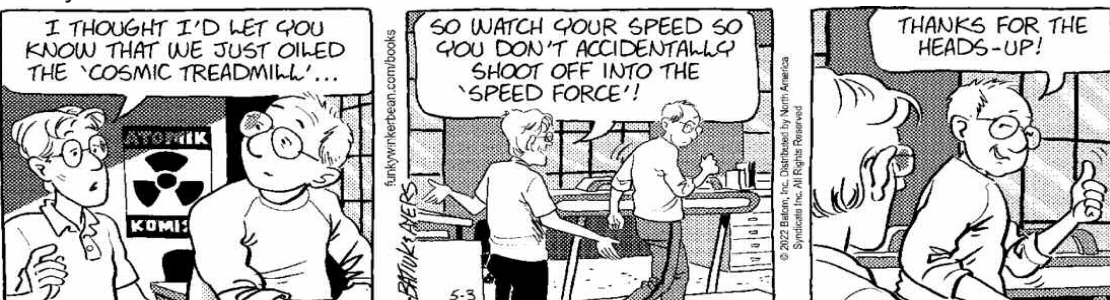
**Agnes**



**Hi and Lois**



**Funky Winkerbean**



**Blondie**



**Snuffy Smith**



**Beetle Bailey**



**5-3 CRYPTOQUIP**

TW LSHLJS ZNS YMTUYMZUUTKF  
HK UMS UHLTY HW NQEEJS,  
YHQJI OHQ CZO UMSO'NS

**CMHHUTKF ISENTC?**

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GREAT ACTRESS WHO IS AN EXTREME AFICIONADO OF A CERTAIN MEXICAN MEAT DISH: TAMALES RINGWALD.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals P

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Gear teeth  
5 Bee follower  
8 "Memory" musical  
12 Zwei follower  
13 \$ dispenser  
14 Farm-land unit  
15 Cave in  
17 Film spool  
18 Half a ton  
19 Suez Canal terminus  
21 Pulled Salvador  
24 Painter  
25 "East of Eden" twin  
26 Dialogue  
30 Sign before Virgo  
31 Singer  
32 French article  
33 Amasses  
35 Oscar-winning actress Moreno

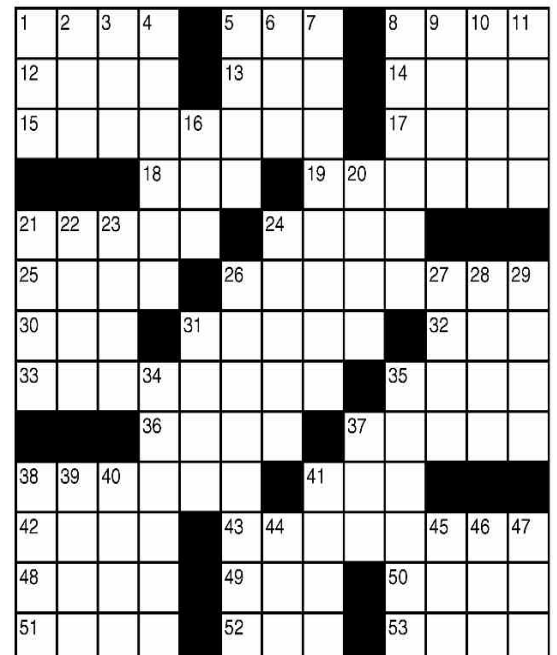
**DOWN**  
1 Govt. health org.  
2 Acapulco gold  
3 Solidify  
4 Soft and lustrous  
5 Dog-patch creator  
6 UFO pilots  
7 Green gems  
8 Aerobic workout, briefly  
9 Experts setting  
10 Nest  
11 Actress Ward  
16 Help  
20 Vogue rival

**40 NOTICES**  
21 Body powder  
22 Twistable cookie  
23 Scarf material  
24 Taboos  
26 Having a repeating series  
27 Witticism  
28 Golden Rule word  
29 Once around the sun  
31 Chopped Hang around  
34 Hang around  
35 Holiday Inn rival  
37 Actor Kilmer  
38 Two of a kind  
39 Designer Gucci  
40 The Big Easy acronym  
41 Spill the beans  
44 Plastic Band  
45 Mountain pass  
46 Recede  
47 Snake's sound

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

D	O	H	C	A	D	R	E	F	E	W	
E	A	U	E	L	I	A	S	A	X	E	
F	R	E	E	A	G	E	N	T	D	I	V
S	S	E	D	E	L	E	T	E			
R	A	F	T	E	R	S	E	E	D		
E	P	A	S	T	P	M	I	A	M	I	
D	O	L	L	A	D	D	S	W	A	M	
S	P	L	I	T	F	E	B	A	K	A	
A	L	O	E	C	R	A	Y	O	N		
T	Y	P	I	F	I	E	R	O			
M	O	A	F	I	R	E	A	L	A	R	M
E	R	R	E	N	D	E	D	M	A	O	
N	E	T	E	G	A	D	S	A	M	P	

Yesterday's answer 5-3



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

**GABBARD FENCE**  
FARM • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL  
RESIDENTIAL • VINYL  
"SINCE 1969"  
rgfence@yahoo.com  
(765) 546-8801

**BAIL BONDS**  
Travis Weaver  
260-726-3189  
across street from Jail

**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  
Green Seal® Approved  
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

**ROD PENROD, LICENSED AGENT**  
Local Agent  
Medicare Supplements  
Medicare Drug Plans  
Medicare Advantage  
Senior Life Insurance  
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 \$6.95  
GET ONE FOR \$3.50  
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.

**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.

**30 LOST, STRAYED OR FOUND**

**ATTENTION! LOST A PET** Or found one? The jay county humane society can serve as an information center. 260-726-6339

**50 RUMMAGE SALES**  
**208 E RACE, PORTLAND** under carport. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9:00am - ??? Table, chairs, microwave, bedding, toys, decor, glassware, clothing, miscellaneous.  
**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, Appliqué, 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

**GET IT IN THE CLASSIFIEDS**  
You never know what you might find in  
The Commercial Review Classifieds.  
From a new car to a new home, to a new job,  
the Classifieds deliver!  
Go to thecr.com  
or call  
260-726-8141

## Local ...

Continued from page 8  
Sylas Wenk's 60 did not factor in the team score.

### All-stars split

Portland's 12-and-younger all-star baseball team split games Wednesday with Winchester, losing the opening 6-3 before taking the second game 7-5.

Jace Vance's two singles and an RBI led Portland in its win. Cooper Reynolds and Brayden O'Brian each drove in a run. Grant Fennig struck out four in two innings as he earned the win in relief.

Varen Ridgway and Vance each had two singles and an RBI in game one.

## Arbuckle throws for Foresters

A former Patriot kept the Foresters in the game.

They just couldn't produce any offense to help him out.

Noah Arbuckle, a 2020 Jay County High School graduate, took the loss despite a solid outing for the Huntington University baseball team.

Arbuckle started and went 5 2/3 innings for the Foresters (24-21) in their 5-0 loss to Mount Vernon Nazarene. He allowed three earned runs — a fourth was unearned — on seven hits and three walks.

Huntington managed just four hits in the loss.

Max Moser, who graduated from JCHS in 2016, drew a walk for the

## Collegiate Check-up

Foresters in his only plate appearance.

### Brenna Homan Fort Recovery - 2021

Saw some action recently for the University of St. Francis softball team in games against Huntington and Grace.

Homan entered the second game of the Cougars' doubleheader April 28 against Huntington as a pinch runner for third baseman Dani Karr in the fifth inning.

She and Grace Renbarger executed a double steal of second base and third base, and then both scored on a Tori Miller double to center field. Homan's run gave St. Francis the lead for good in their 12-9 win.

The freshman also handled pinch-running duties in the opening game April 28, a 12-7 win, as well as both games of a doubleheader split with Grace on April 29.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County senior Haleigh Clayton prepares to send a pitch to the plate Wednesday during the Patriots' 8-3 victory over South Adams. Clayton struck out 12 batters while walking just one as she earned the win.

## Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. South Adams Starfires						
<b>South Adams (6-7, 1-2 ACAC)</b>						
	ab	r	h	bi		
MPries ss	4	0	1	0		
Wynne rf	4	0	0	0		
PPries 3b	4	0	0	0		
Schwartz 3b	4	1	2	0		
Schwartz c	4	1	2	0		
Alberson pr	1	1	0	0		
Sealscott cf	3	1	2	1		
Hamrick 1b	2	0	0	0		
BPatterson	1	0	0	0		
Baker lf	2	0	0	0		
LPatterson ph	1	0	0	0		
O'Dell 2b	3	0	1	1		
Bixler	2	0	0	1		
Myers cr	0	0	0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Jay County (6-5, 2-1 ACAC)</b>						
	ab	r	h	bi		
Fraley cf	4	1	2	0		
Winner lf	3	2	2	3		
Lykins c	2	2	1	0		
Bright ss	3	1	1	2		
Shimp 1b	4	1	1	3		
Brainerd pr	0	0	0	0		
Schwieterman 2b	3	0	0	0		
Champ 3b	3	0	1	0		
Ison dp	3	0	0	0		
Jacobs lf	1	1	0	0		
Ardizzone ph	1	0	1	0		
Clayton p	0	0	0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>		
<b>S. Adams</b>	<b>020</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>— 3</b>		
<b>Jay Co.</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>— 8</b>		
LOB — South Adams 6, Jay County 6, 2B — South Adams 1 (Schwartz), HR — Jay County 3 (Shimp, Winner, Bright), SB — South Adams 1 (MPries).						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>South Adams</b>						
Bixler L	1.2	4	8	8	2	1
PPries	4.1	5	0	0	1	3
<b>Jay County</b>						
Clayton W	7	3	3	1	12	

## Power ...

Continued from page 8  
Pries went 4 1/3 scoreless innings in relief, allowing five hits and a walk. She struck out three batters.

After a 2-4 start, Jay

County has won four of its last five games to move above .500 for the first time since winning its season opener over Blackford. It is currently tied for second in the ACAC, one game

behind Heritage. (The two Patriot squads are scheduled to meet May 13.)

"They're clicking," said Green, adding that she felt her team turned the corner with last week's 2-1 vic-

tory over ACAC rival Adams Central after enduring several losses in tight games. "They're hitting. They're playing well. "I think I've finally got them settled into their

spots. Everybody seems to know what their job is out there.

"They're just doing all the little things right. It's connecting. They're playing better together."

## Kenseth to lead NASCAR Hall of Fame class

By ALEX ANDREJEV  
The Charlotte Observer  
Tribune News Service

Twenty years after winning a Cup Series championship, driver Matt Kenseth will be inducted into NASCAR's Hall of Fame. Along with Kenseth, Kirk Shelmerdine and Hershel McGriff will comprise NASCAR's 2023 class.

Shelmerdine, a four-time Cup

championship crew chief with Dale Earnhardt, and Kenseth were selected by a voting committee Wednesday from among 10 nominees on the Modern Era ballot. Longtime former driver McGriff, who is 94 years old, was selected among five nominees on the Pioneer Era ballot, which honors individuals in the sport whose careers began more than 60 years ago.

Mike Helton, a senior adviser to NASCAR, was selected as the Landmark Award recipient. The award honors those who have made an "outstanding contribution to the sport." Helton was the first person outside the France family to take over NASCAR's day-to-day operations and he was the third president in NASCAR's history.

The induction ceremony for

the 2023 NASCAR Hall of Fame class is scheduled to take place Jan. 20, 2023.

In addition to his 2003 Cup Series championship, the 50-year-old Kenseth has won the series' major events, including two Daytona 500s, the Coca-Cola 600, the Southern 500 and the All-Star Race. His career Cup wins total 39 and include victories at 19 of the 23 tracks

where he's competed more than once.

Shelmerdine won four championships with the late Earnhardt in 1986, '87, '90 and '91. He won 46 races during his 16 years as a crew chief with famed drivers like Earnhardt, Ricky Rudd and James Hylton. In 1992, Shelmerdine moved from crew chief to driver, making 41 starts across NASCAR's national series.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Softball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Boys golf three-team match at Belmont — 4:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Winchester Driver and Monroe Central — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high girls track at Adams Central Relays — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Track in Mercer

County Meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Junior high track in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.

### Friday

Jay County — Baseball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Track ACAC Championships at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Muncie Central — 6:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — JV baseball at Wapakoneta — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Minter — 5 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
1:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Washington Capitals at Florida Panthers (TBS)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Nashville Predators at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)

**Friday**  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals — Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Carolina Hurricanes at Boston Bruins (TNT)  
7:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series — Dead on Tools 200 (FS1)  
9 p.m. — Mixed martial arts: Kayla Harrison vs. Marina Mokhnatkina (ESPN2)

9:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinals — Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Minnesota Wild at St. Louis Blues (TNT)  
10 p.m. — USFL football: Michigan Panthers at Philadelphia Stars (FS1)

### Local notes

**Boomer registration is open**  
Registration is now open for Jay Community Center's Boomer T-Ball and Coach Pitch.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 3 through 6. Games will be played Saturdays at Portland Junior League fields.

Cost is \$55 before May 16, and registration includes t-shirt, hat and practice ball. Multiple child discounts are available.

For more information, contact Jay Community Center at (260) 726-6477.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@theccr.com.

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

#### DOUBLE RING PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, May 14th  
Both rings start at 11AM  
Located: Bricker Auction Gallery at 414 N Meridian St. Portland, IN Room 1  
Small Animal Auction Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, Peacocks, Rabbits, Etc. Farm Equipment and Farm Related Items.  
Room 2  
Sportsman Consignment Auction  
Guns, Ammo, Reloading Equipment, Knives, Fishing, and other outdoor items!  
Call Chad for commission rates and to consign! A background check will be ran for all firearms purchased day of auction.  
www.brickerauctioncompany.com  
Cell: 260-703-0839  
Tel: 260-251-4445  
Chad Bricker-Auctioneer  
AU11600027

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: Wheel and Spoke Event Center (located within the Wheel and Spoke Antique Mall, 500 S Meridian Street, Portland, IN)  
Saturday Morning  
MAY 7, 2022  
10:00 A.M.  
ANTIQUES - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS — HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
Sheraton Cherry 1850's blanket box; hanging cupboard; hump back trunk with insert; 5 pc. cast iron patio set; copper kettle, Haywood Wakefield Wheat end table; New Haven mantle clock; 1894 Seagrams mirror "The Old Orioles"; Valvoline and Chevron cans, never opened; New Germany barometers; brass eagle door knocker; green slag glass hanging lamp; military clothes; galvanized chicken coop; Civil War era wood desk; Schinkin Messer 18 pc kitchen set; milk can; and many other items not listed.  
The Smith Family  
Loy Auction  
AC#31600027  
Auctioneers  
Gary Loy AU1031608  
Ben Lyons AU10700085  
Travis Theurer  
AU11200131  
Troy Foust AU19800068

### 100 JOBS WANTED

**AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR** any work. No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489.

### 130 MISC. FOR SALE

**PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE** Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.

**ALUMINUM SHEETS** 23"x30", .007 thick. Clean and shiny on one side. .35 cents each or four for \$1.40, plus tax. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland 260-726-8141.

### 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

### 200 FOR RENT

**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.sycamoreospace.com

**NEED MORE STORAGE?** PJ's U-Lock and Storage, most sizes available. Call 260-726-4631.  
**TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT** 712 N Main, Dunkirk. Stove/refrigerator furnished. Total electric. \$400 plus deposit. 765-748-2379.

### 230 AUTOS, TRUCKS

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

### The Commercial Review

**Newspaper Delivery  
Comments or Problems?  
Call our Circulation  
Hotline**

**260-251-9588**

After 5:00 p.m. Leave Message Please.

**Carrier Delivery Deadlines  
Tuesday - Friday: 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.**

The Commercial Review  
309 West Main St., Portland.  
Front Office Hours:  
Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Circulation Department Hours:  
10:00 am - 4:30 p.m.

### THE CLASSIFIEDS

Find it, Buy It, Sell It!  
(260) 726-8141

**THE CLASSIFIEDS**  
Find it, Buy It, Sell It!  
(260) 726-8141

**ADVERTISE**  
in the  
Commercial Review  
**CLASSIFIED**  
**ADS**  
**726-8141**

# Sports

## Two-out power

Home runs from Shimp, Winner and Bright push the Patriots to 8-3 win over South Adams

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

With two outs in the bottom of the first inning, Jozey Shimp connected for a three-run home run.

It was the first of her high school career. And it started a pattern.

The Jay County High School softball team scored all of its runs on two-out homers Wednesday night as it topped the visiting South Adams Starfires 8-3.

"It was an awesome game," said JCHS coach Trisha Green. "It was fun to coach in. ...

"It's nice to come out early and get a big lead."

Mallory Winner and Jaelynn Lykins each drew one-out walks for the Patriots after Haleigh Clayton had retired South Adams in order in the top of the first inning. South Adams pitcher Gracy Bixler got a line drive from Olivia Bright for the second out and had a chance to escape unscathed.

Shimp wouldn't let her.

The freshman first baseman crushed a homer to left center field, giving Jay County a 3-0 lead it would never relinquish.

"She's a big hitter," said Green. "Jozey, she's been due. She kinda got in a little bit of a slump there. I knew she was going to come out of it."

After the Starfires responded with two runs, JCHS did all of its second-inning damage with two outs. A walk by Janae Jacobs and a single to left field by Mady Fraley set the table for freshman Mallory Winner, who clobbered a no-doubt home run to left-center field.

That wasn't enough for the Patriots, though, as Lykins drew another walk before senior Olivia Bright smacked their third home run of the game to make it 8-2.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School freshman Jozey Shimp celebrates her first career home run with coach Trisha Green as she heads toward home plate Wednesday. Her blast was the first of three two-out home runs for the Patriots as they defeated visiting South Adams 8-3.

What could the Starfires have done to save them from their two-out nightmares?

"Don't put runners on base," said SAHS coach Jessie O'Dell. "That's the thing. We fell behind and got kids on base. And when you throw two balls in a row, you've got to throw a strike. And they hit the strikes."

O'Dell turned to Peyton Pries after that, and the junior was able to

hold off the JCHS offense the rest of the way.

But Clayton surrendered just one more run in the game — she gave up a double to Sofia Schwartz and an RBI single to Carlie Sealscott in the sixth inning — and struck out the side in the seventh to finish off the win.

"She's a great kid," Green said. "She's fun to coach. ... She's throwing the ball great."

Clayton sat down the Starfires in order in the first, third and fifth innings, and was able to work out of potential trouble in the fourth and seventh. She finished with a dozen strikeouts while allowing just one walk as she went the distance.

"She hits her spots," said O'Dell. "Velocity wise, she's no different from our kids. But she just does a great job of hitting her spots. She

can go outside. She can come in. She gets the ball elevated. She's not in the middle of the plate. When she gets ahead of us, that puts us in a pretty tough spot."

Winner led the offense, going 2-for-3 with the home run, a walk, three RBIs and two runs. Shimp had three RBIs on her homer. Bright drove in two runs with her blast and Lykins scored twice.

See Power page 7

## Jay Co. takes ACAC opener

BERNE — The Patriots' conference fate will be decided in three days.

The first went well. Jay County High School's girls tennis team won the first match of its Allen County Athletic Conference **Local roundup** sprint

Wednesday, defeating the host South Adams Starfires 4-1.

Weather has forced the Patriots' ACAC tennis schedule to be smushed together. Their original conference opener against Bluffton was called off because of wind and the match against South Adams was originally set for Monday. Now, they will follow up Wednesday's win with a visit to Adams Central tonight and a home match Friday against Bluffton.

The No. 1 doubles team of Holly Hemmelgarn and Madison Dirksen led Jay County, which pushed its record to 5-1 with its fourth straight win. They cruised to a 6-2, 6-0 victory.

Grace Brewster gave the Patriots a sweep of the No. 1 spots with her 6-2, 6-1 win.

Each of the other victories for JCHS came in three-set rallies. Brenna Haines kept her unbeaten season intact with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 3 singles while twins Kaylee and Melana Zimmerman bounced back from a first-set defeat for a 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 triumph.

Lilly Hedges suffered a 6-1, 6-0 loss at No. 2 singles.

### JH golfers fall

The Jay County junior high golf team suffered a 205-216 loss Wednesday to Selma at Cardinal Hills Golf Course.

Cody DeHoff posted the best score for the Patriots in the nine-hole match with a 48. He earned the team's lone par on the sixth hole.

Jayden Comer followed with a 54, while Jacob Monroe and Dawson Goldsworthy shot matching 57s.

See Local page 7



**Find Local Businesses & Services**

<p><b>Fortkamp Foam</b> 3226 Wabash Road Ft. Recovery, OH 419-852-1390 <a href="http://Fortkampfoam.com">Fortkampfoam.com</a></p>	<p><b>Hopkins Repair, LLC</b> Auto &amp; light truck repair Mon-Fri. + 7am-4pm Call Scott Hopkins 260-251-0459</p>	<p><b>Adair Processing</b> 190 N. Union St. Pennville, IN 260-731-3221</p>
<p><b>All Weather Heating and Air Conditioning</b>  (260)726-4822 24 hr Emergency Service Serving Portland &amp; Surrounding Areas</p>	<p><b>Dr. Thomas Banta</b> 1413 W. Votaw St., Portland 260-726-7822</p>	<p><b>Display Craft Signs</b> 630 E. Votaw St. Portland, IN 260-726-4535</p>
<p><b>Baird Freeman Funeral Home</b> 221 N. Meridian St. Portland, IN 260-726-7171</p>	<p><b>Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition</b>  100 N. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371 Email: <a href="mailto:jcdpcontact@gmail.com">jcdpcontact@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Dunn Family Dental Care</b> 110 W. North St. Portland, IN 47371 260-726-8007</p>
<p><b>All Circuit Electrical, LLC</b> 5510 N. US 27, Bryant, IN 260-997-8336 <a href="http://www.allcircuitelectrical.com">www.allcircuitelectrical.com</a></p>	<p><b>Williams Auto Parts, Inc.</b>  1127 Detroit Ave. Portland, IN 8-5:30 Mon-Fri, Closed Sat &amp; Sun. Used auto parts since 1951 (260) 726-8001 <a href="http://www.williamsautoparts.com">www.williamsautoparts.com</a></p>	<p><b>Ohio Valley Gas</b> 129 E. Main St., Portland 260-726-8114 <a href="http://www.ovgc.com">www.ovgc.com</a></p>
<p><b>This local business listing runs 4 times a month with packages of either \$25, or \$50. Give us a call at 260-726-8141 to be included</b></p>	<p><b>Fuqua Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep &amp; Ram</b> 127 E. Commerce St., Dunkirk Garage is open! 765-768-6224 <a href="http://www.fuquachrysler.com">www.fuquachrysler.com</a></p>	<p><b>Home Idea Center</b> 901 Industrial Dr. Ft. Recovery, OH 419-375-4951 <a href="http://www.ehomeidea.com">www.ehomeidea.com</a></p>