

The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371

www.thecr.com

\$1

New festival launches on Saturday

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

Sometimes the pieces all fall together.

What started as an idea to bring some vendors to Portland blossomed to include four partner organizations coming together to create an event they hope can become an annual tradition.

The inaugural Portland Main Street Fall Festival is set for 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, with Bizy Dips, John Jay Center for Learning, Portland Main Street Connect and Arts Place coming together to provide activities, food, shopping and entertainment.

"It's mainly just to engage

the community in Portland," said Bizy Dips owner Hannah Long. "We just don't really have a Portland festival."

Long had been to Swiss Days in Berne and has been involved in Dunkirk's new farmer's market all summer. She thought she'd like to see aspects of both in Portland.

So she talked to Rusty Inman of John Jay about the possibility of having the facility available for restrooms and as a site if the weather turned bad. (The forecast currently calls for a high of 69 with partly sunny skies). Inman thought the idea would be a natural fit for Portland Main Street Con-

nect. Arts Place, located at the opposite end of the block, was a natural fit as well, especially with plans taking shape for Placemaking Action Week.

The festival, which will be on Main Street between Meridian and Harrison streets, came together in a matter of about a month. (Reda Theurer-Miller

visited Portland City Council on Sept. 6 to get closure of the street approved.)

It will include a range of clothing, craft and other vendors as well as Ta-Jay's Caribbean Delight and Sunny Side Up food trucks along with Bizy Dips. Portland Police Department reserves will have hot dogs and other refreshments available and The Rock Church will provide free popcorn and cotton candy.

Arts Place is handling the bulk of the entertainment, including chalk art, children's activities and studio open hours.

See Festival page 2

Organizations came together to provide vendors, food and entertainment

Reagle to lead Indiana DOC

By **DAN GARDEN**
The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

Gov. Eric Holcomb has selected an executive in finance, technology and construction at the Indiana Department of Correction to become the agency's new leader.

The Republican announced Wednesday he's chosen IDOC Deputy Commissioner Christina Reagle to succeed Rob Carter as commissioner.

Reagle has been with IDOC since 2011 in a variety of finance-related roles. The agency's 5,220 employees located across the state, including the Northwest Indiana prisons in Michigan City and Westville, comprise about one-sixth of the state workforce.

"Christina has demonstrated that she understands the constant collaboration needed for success and has a deep understanding of the staff development, investment in technology and program development and planning that is needed for the success at IDOC," Holcomb said. "I look forward to her leadership."

See DOC page 5



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Title trophy

The Jay County High School boys tennis team celebrates as it accepts the sectional championship trophy Thursday evening from tournament director Scott Miller. The Patriots avenged a pair of 3-2 regular-season losses to win the title as they defeat Union City 4-1 Wednesday and Winchester 3-2 in the championship Thursday. For more on Thursday's championship victory, see page 8.

Absolute devastation

By **ZACHARY T. SAMPSON**
Tampa Bay Times
Tribune News Service

FORT MYERS BEACH — They thought second floors would be safe.

But Hurricane Ian was more brutal than some residents of Fort Myers Beach ever imagined.

Kevin Behen left his studio apartment and hunkered down in a corner room in a stout building by the foot of the bridge into town. The surge licked the second-floor deck. He sprinted upstairs and banged on a door until someone let him in.

"It sounded like there was a tornado coming every five minutes," Behen said.

The water rose rapidly like a dam had collapsed.

Daybreak on Thursday revealed devastation — another slice of salt-streaked Florida forever altered by a storm.

Blown-out homes blocked side streets, each an eruption of soggy wood

Hurricane decimates Fort Myers Beach

and metal. Sand covered the main drag, Estero Boulevard, as if hurling the barrier island back in time.

Beer bottles and kegs spilled out from shattered bars like confetti, and Winds — the beach souvenir shack near the northern edge of town — was a husk. Ian blew out all the shop's windows, and most of the tile inside, too. Soaked neon swimsuits, hats and sunset-colored T-shirts lay in a wet curl around the building.

The stiff sea breeze was tainted by the smell of natural gas.

Behen took a call from his father as pickup

trucks rumbled into the city.

"The island is like somebody took an atom bomb and dropped it," he said into his phone.

Behen soon stumbled upon another man, who said he'd ridden his roof through the flood to shelter, slept on a porch, and feared his roommate and two others were dead. He had no shoes and bloody gashes on both his head and legs.

An untold number of people stayed while Ian battered Southwest Florida as one of the most powerful storms to ever make landfall in the United States.

See Devastation page 5



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Spooky Sandersons

Cooper Neal, 5, and Emree Spoonmore, 6, join witch Sarah Sanderson Thursday at Jay County Public Library. The Sanderson sisters from "Hocus Pocus" visited the library for the evening in honor of the popular Halloween movie's sequel releasing today.

Deaths

Thomas Lyons, 86, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 66 degrees Thursday. The low was 45.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 40s. Expect partly sunny skies Saturday with a high of 69.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Development Corporation will host its Launch Jay! business pitch competition at 6 p.m. Saturday in the auditorium at Jay County High School. The event is free and open to the public.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS football game against South Adams.

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday's Portland Park Board meeting.



Festival ...

Continued from page 1
Musical performances by G'Lo n Butch and Elvis Presley impersonator Todd Berry are scheduled for 4 and 7:30 p.m., respectively.

"We're hoping that this is the first of many events," said Long. "We're hoping next year it can be bigger and better. That's our plan going forward is that it can be an annual event."

"It has four different organizations coming together to put on a fall festival," added Theurer-Miller. "It's truly last minute. ... But the four together have created what I think will be a fun festival."

The festival is serving as a launch point for Arts Place's activities for Placemaking Action Week — "a global week to map and celebrate the place-making movement, showcasing

local projects and creating new ones."

Other activities planned for the week at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place include:

- Chalk art with Sarah Shaffer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons next week.

- Creative arts for veterans at 6 p.m. Wednesday

- Ceramics with JB Goodrich at 9:30 a.m. Thursday

•A Jay County Civic Theatre story circle led by the organization's former president and former Jay County High School theatre teacher Carol Gebert at 6:30 p.m. Thursday

"It's getting the community involved and bringing them together through creative activities," said Lylanne Musselman, Arts Place's marketing director. "It's just kind of nice to have the sense of community."

Also for Placemaking Action Week, Arts Place will also host a concert with Doc's Houseband at 6 p.m. Saturday at Weiler Plaza in Hartford City, chalk art at Blackford County Arts Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 8, an open mic night from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 9 at Deja Brew in Hartford City and various activities at its Mercer-Auglaize Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 9.

CR almanac

Saturday 10/1	Sunday 10/2	Monday 10/3	Tuesday 10/4	Wednesday 10/5
69/49	68/41	67/39	68/43	72/47
Saturday's weather looks to be partly sunny with a high in the 60s. Wind gusts may hit 25 mph.	Sunny skies are expected Sunday with wind gusts again reaching up to 25 mph.	Monday's forecast shows sunny skies. The low at night will be in the upper 30s.	More sun is on the horizon for Tuesday. The low at night is expected to hit 43.	Mostly sunny Wednesday, with a high near 72 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$322 million	19-20-23-24-27-29-38-40-51-52-55-57-58-75-76-79 Cash 5: 5-14-18-32-44 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$355 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 3-9-3 Pick 4: 6-2-7-3 Pick 5: 8-2-8-5-5 Evening Pick 3: 8-9-6 Pick 4: 1-2-0-8 Pick 5: 5-4-4-1-2 Rolling Cash: 4-8-10-11-19 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-5-2 Daily Four: 8-8-1-0 Quick Draw: 8-10-11-18-20-22-26-35-37-38-43-45-50-51-52-59-60-65-69-71 Evening Daily Three: 1-1-0 Daily Four: 6-1-7-4 Quick Draw: 6-7-10-16-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.93 Oct. corn.....6.63 Wheat7.56	Wheat 8.44 Nov. wheat 9.14
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.07 Oct. corn.....6.97 Oct./Nov. corn6.67	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.53 Oct./Nov. corn6.53 Beans14.02 Oct. beans14.02 Wheat8.78
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.53 Oct. corn6.53 Beans13.94 Dec. beans14.08	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.51 Oct. corn6.41 Beans13.89 Oct. beans13.82 Wheat8.64

Today in history

In 1791, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart debuted his opera "The Magic Flute."
In 1927, Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees became the first Major League Baseball player to hit 60 home runs in a season.
In 1949, the Berlin Airlift, through which the western Allied powers delivered more than 2.3 million tons of food and other supplies to West Berlin following a Soviet blockade, officially came to an end.
In 1955, actor James Dean, who grew up in Fairmount, Indiana, died in a car crash in Salinas, California. Dean was just 24 at the time of his death but had already made a name for himself in movies, including "Rebel Without a Cause." Fairmount holds a festival in his honor each year.
In 2003, Portland mayoral candidates Republican Bruce Hosier and Democrat Maxine Lewis met and discussed election issues during a luncheon forum hosted by Portland Area Chamber of Commerce. (Hosier, who had lost to Lewis in the 1995 mayoral election, went on to win and serve two terms.)
In 2021, The City of Portland was notified that it was awarded a \$780,450 State Transportation and Stormwater Grant from the State Water Infrastructure Fund toward its proposed Meridian Street sewer project. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council special meeting, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
--	---

Obituaries

Thomas Lyons

April 28, 1936-Sept. 29, 2022
Thomas Lyons, age 86, of rural Portland, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, in Reid Hospital in Richmond, Indiana.

He was born in Jay County on April 28, 1936, the son of Rex and Floy (Wade) Lyons. He was married on April 27, 1958, to Annabelle Corle and she passed away on July 1, 1997.

Tom served in the US Army and was a 1954 Portland High School graduate. He was a salesman for

Klink Trucking, Muncie Paving and Ashland Oil. Tom played guitar for Shady Grove String Band, enjoyed collecting Indian artifacts, making arrowheads, hunting, fishing and was a Civil War buff.

Surviving are one daughter Suzanne Fields of Portland, one brother John Lyons (wife Sandy) of Portland and one grandson Cody Fields of New Smyrna Beach, Florida. He was preceded in death by a daughter Christie.

There will be no funeral services.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

.....
The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

Festival snack

A boy enjoys a bowl of ice cream Saturday at Jay County Historical Society's Heritage Festival.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Capsule Reports

Lost control

A Portland man being chased by police drove into a pole in front of Burger King about 4:23 a.m. Monday.

Conner S. Kunkle, 21, was driving away from Portland police officer Lukas Darby. After a pursuit that lasted one hour and 30 minutes, Kunkle lost control of his 2017 Ram 2500 and drove into a telephone pole at 1610 N. Meridian St.

Kunkle was given a breath test. His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Rear struck

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Winchester man drove into the back of an Ohio man's car about 5:39 p.m. Thursday on State Line Road.

Joshua J. Springer, 50, Celina,

Ohio, was driving his 2001 Honda CR-V south on the road just south of county road 600 South and started to turn east into a driveway. Elijah Thornburg, 24, was driving a 2002 Kenworth T600 behind Springer and struck the back of his vehicle as he turned.

The vehicle Thornburg was driving is registered to Brumfield Ag Equipment of Winchester.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

A Portland man was arrested Thursday for drug charges.

Jimmy R. Tapley, 37, 506 E. Main St., was charged in Jay Superior Court with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a narcotic drug, both Level 6 felonies.

He was released on a \$3,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Saturday
Tabor, Gary: 1 p.m., Gant Funeral Homes, 2215 S. Broadway St., Yorktown.

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

Get your local news online at thecr.com

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

The Jay County Humane Society and Shelter is seeking an innovative and passionate leader to serve as

Executive Director.

The Jay County Humane Society and Shelter is seeking an innovative and passionate leader to serve as Executive Director. This professional will lead a team of staff and volunteers and oversee the operations of the non-profit animal shelter located in northeastern Indiana. The Jay County Humane Society and Shelter serves over 300 animals each year in its mission to use best practices to find forever homes for animals in our care, and to promote and assist in the humane treatment of all animals.

The Executive Director responsibilities/duties include but are not limited to:

- Lead and direct the staff and volunteers in daily operations
- Work in collaboration with the Board of Directors on shelter objectives and planning
- Develop and maintain the organization's annual budget
- Cultivate and build strong community partnerships
- Establish and coordinate community education and support programs
- Oversee and promote development and marketing initiatives for fundraising
- Represent the shelter as the chief spokesperson
- Maintain and oversee all intake and adoption data for the Shelter
- Develop and manage the budget
- Plan and execute successful fundraising

The ideal candidate should have:

- Minimum five years of experience working in an animal shelter with at least two years of administrative or supervisory experience; or an equivalent combination of related education and experience
- A Bachelor's degree (preferred) or demonstrated equivalent education and experience.
- All applicants who are finalists will be required to complete a background investigation and drug test.
- The salary range based on education, experience, skills, etc. will be negotiated. A stipend for Health Insurance may be available and vacation time and personal leave will be part of a negotiated contract.
- Applicants may obtain a full job description for the position of Executive Director by emailing the following: robandmindy80@gmail.com or by calling/texting Treasurer Mindy Weaver at 260-726-0581. Interested applicants shall send a complete resume with cover letter briefly summarizing organizational management and animal shelter experience to the following email address: robandmindy80@gmail.com



Photo provided

New member

Desiree Duell was recently inducted into Portland Rotary Club as a new member. Pictured with Duell is rotary club president Annette Alexander.

Ex's stay is unwelcome

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I was in a relationship that abruptly ended because he cheated. We didn't have kids, so I moved in with my parents until I was able to get back on my feet and eventually moved out. Because I couldn't afford a place on my own, I asked several friends about rooming together, including a close co-worker friend who was there for me throughout my separation.

At the time, she said no. Then she got another job, made better money and, seven months later, messaged me asking if I was still looking for a roommate. I said yes. She has a 9-year-old daughter, which I was cool with because it would just be us girls. We went apartment hunting, finally chose a place and signed a one-year lease.

My friend mentioned to me that she had started "talking" to her ex — the father of her daughter — but I didn't know it was a full-blown relationship when I moved in. He has been here since day one and spends the night. They have little family dinners and get-togethers at the apartment.

I told her a month later that I noticed he stayed over a lot — and that if this was going to continue, I was going to move out because this is not what I signed up for. She apologized and said she would talk to him. But we are eight months in now, and he's still here every day. There are days I just leave the apartment and go to my mom's house or to my boyfriend's house because he is there, while I am stuck paying half the rent. Should I stick it out for the remainder of the lease, talk to her again and have him pay a portion of my rent, or just move out? — OVER IT BIG TIME

DEAR OVER IT: The time to have insisted the boyfriend pay a portion

of the rent was seven months ago, when it became plain he was part of a package deal. Not only should he pay up, he should do it in arrears. If you can't move out without a penalty, then you will have to wait until your lease runs out. Sorry.

.....

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé and I have been together for three years. He has a large family, and one of his cousins is being married next year. We recently received a "save the date" card addressed only to him, although we have lived together for more than two years. Does this mean that I will not be invited to the wedding?

My fiancé and I aren't sure what to think, or if we should ask the couple. They are not close, and one of the bridesmaids has a deep dislike for both my fiancé and me. Could you give your expert opinion? — NOT INVITED IN THE EAST

DEAR NOT INVITED: Because your fiancé received the invitation without a specific reference to you or "and guest," you can assume that you have not been included. This may have been an oversight by whomever is hosting the event. In light of the fact that you and your fiancé have been a couple for three years, HE should contact his relative and ask if this was an oversight. Base your acceptance or refusal to attend on that information.

Ball State awarded \$2.6 million grant

MUNCIE — Ball State University's Teachers College has been awarded a \$2.6 million grant to develop and implement an approach for identifying and supporting gifted students with disabilities.

The five-year grant given by the U.S. Department of Education is part of the Office of Elementary & Secondary Education's Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program, an initiative dating back to 1988 for funding projects that enhance elementary and second schools' capacity to identify talented students and meet their educational needs, according to a Ball State University press release.

The project, named "Project Brilliance," will focus on third-grade students from several large school districts. Their goals are to identify and monitor talent development in students, develop and implement an after-school program to increase

Taking Note

identification and development of student abilities, implement targeted reading interventions and educate school personnel on how to identify or serve gifted students with disabilities.

German Club dinner

Oktoberfest is nearly here. Jay County Junior-Senior High School's German Club will be hosting an Oktoberfest dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The meal — it includes bratwurst on a bun, two sides, a desert and sparkling water — will be available

for dine-in or carryout in the southwest corner of the school cafeteria. It costs \$10.

Scholarship available

There's one day left to apply for a local medical scholarship.

Applications for the 2022 Mercer Health Student scholarship are being accepted until Saturday. A committee will award \$2,000 to a medical school student demonstrating a connection to Mercer Health or surrounding communities, according to a press release from the organization.

Applicants must be a resident of Mercer County or an adjacent county who is currently enrolled at an accredited medical school in the United States. Students may apply each year for the scholarship.

To learn more or to receive an application, visit mercercare.com/foundation/mercercare-health-medical-student-scholarship.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at

510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members

welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday 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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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.

BANNERS

40" x 13" ONLY
Order Today!

About the same cost of a Greeting Card!

BUY ONE FOR \$6.95
GET ONE FOR \$3.50

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Get Well, Parades, Happy New Year, Valentine's Day, Merry Christmas and Many Others.
Over 150 different images have been preselected for you to choose from.

GRAPHIC PRINTING

309 West Main Street
Portland, IN 47371
260-726-8141 • print@thecr.com

Be aware during harvest season

By JULIA A. WICKARD

As harvest is underway in the Hoosier heartland, how fortunate we are to benefit from the hard work and dedication of America's farmers. National Farm Safety and Health Week is this month. As we reflect on the agricultural abundance we enjoy in Indiana and this Nation, let's acknowledge the risk inherent in this occupation. As these hard-working men and women are creating this agricultural abundance — food, feed, fuel, and fiber — over the next several months, they must be ever-vigilant for their own safety.

From their toil on farms, we have an abundance of healthy food to sustain us and make our lives enjoyable and a wealth of materials for clothing and manufactured products. Every day our lives are touched and

Julia A. Wickard



enriched by the fruits of their labors.

Indiana's farm families are among the most productive in the world. An amazing bounty is produced on the idyllic family farms we picture in our minds. But while living and working on a farm might seem like an entirely wholesome and stress-free existence, there are few jobs in America that are more dangerous.

The National Safety Council consistently ranks agriculture as one of the most hazardous

occupations in the United States. A survey by USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service showed 200,000 work-related injuries occurred on U.S. farms annually. Farm family members accounted for 65 percent of those injuries.

We often think of dangerous jobs as firefighters, police officers, or miners. But according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, in 2020, 368 farmers and farm workers died from a work-related injury. Only fishermen, loggers and aircraft pilots have occupational fatality rates that are higher.

Dangers built into agricultural work include harsh weather, difficult environmental conditions, operation of heavy machinery and equipment and working with dangerous materials and chemicals. Tractor roll-

overs and ATV accidents continue to be responsible for a great number of adult and adolescent farm fatalities on our Nation's farms. Accidents happen in any field, but in agriculture, accidents frequently can be fatal.

I fondly look back on my childhood on the farm and cherish the hours spent riding on the tractor with my dad or taking care of the Angus cattle herd. I still marvel at how quickly he then could plant a crop, bale a field of hay or sort cattle. I also remember the fear I have had many times with the "close calls" on the farm with either the crop or livestock operation. Our family farm does its best to practice farm safety every day.

For every serious agricultural injury, the victim will have experienced 10 close calls and 30 cases of personal property damage. It is so easy to become com-

placent in daily farm work that safety basics can be overlooked. Farm safety must be constantly reinforced.

Please join with me in expressing our appreciation and gratitude to our farmers and farm families for their phenomenal contribution to our very well being. At the USDA Farm Service Agency, we are taking this opportunity during harvest to raise the awareness of farm safety to help them stay safe, healthy, and on the job. After all, it is the very practice of farm safety that sustains the health of our Nation's farm families. Here's wishing all Indiana farmers a productive and safe harvest!

.....
Wickard is executive director of Indiana Farm Service Agency. Email her at Julia.Wickard@usda.gov.

Reform shouldn't be controversial

The Seattle Times
Tribune News Service

The U.S. House of Representatives last week passed a bill to reform how Congress certifies electors after a presidential election. That bill (or a similar but slightly weaker Senate one) needs to pass the Senate now.

After the November general election, Congress' focus will turn to the 2024 presidential race. Good luck getting any meaningful election reforms passed then.

Ostensibly, the Presidential Election Reform Act is a response to the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol and its aftermath. When Congress reconvened, 147 Republican representatives and senators voted against certifying that President Joe Biden had won. There also were desperate machinations to convince then-Vice President Mike Pence to throw out the election result.

Jan. 6 is only the impetus of the hour, though. The need for reform has been clear for decades. It just took a near-complete collapse of the process and democratic-norms to prompt action.

The problem goes back to the 1887 law known as the Electoral Count Act. Historians, lawyers and Constitutional law scholars for decades have argued that it was so poorly written, vague and ambiguous that it was only a matter of time until some lawmakers tried to abuse it.

Indeed, Republicans in 2021 weren't the first to object to certifying presidential electors, though they took it further than anyone before. Some Democrats objected to certifying electors in 2001, 2005 and 2017 when Republicans won the White House. The difference was that those were just protests after a candidate had already conceded, not an outright attempt to overturn a fair election.

The House bill would clean up the Electoral Count Act. It would raise the bar for members of Congress to object to certification and would make it explicit that the vice president's role is strictly ceremonial. It also would establish clear rules for who in the states certifies electors.

None of this should be controversial. Establishing well-defined ground rules for elections and the transfer of presidential

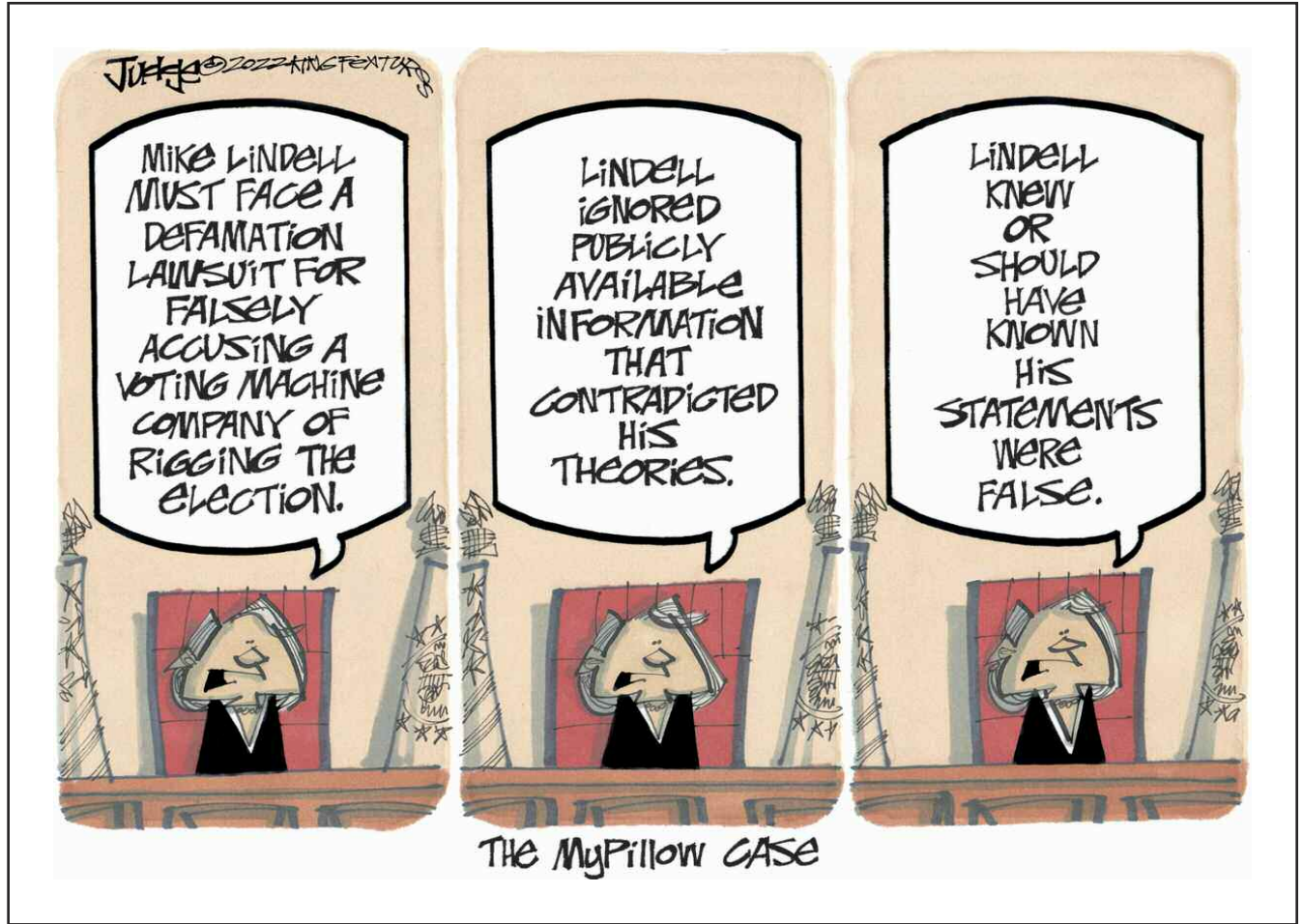
Guest Editorial

It also would establish clear rules for who in the states certifies electors. None of this should be controversial. Establishing well-defined ground rules for elections and the transfer of presidential power benefits everyone.

power benefits everyone. Yet only nine Republicans in the House joined Democrats in passing the bill. Most of the nine also had voted to impeach Trump after Jan. 6 and won't return to Congress after this year's election. They include Washington's Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, who lost to a Democrat and a Trump-backed challenger in the top-two primary.

Disappointingly, Washington Rep. Dan Newhouse, who often portrays himself as a moderate and supported impeachment, voted against the reform bill.

The Senate should act without delay, though whether it can overcome a Republican filibuster is uncertain. If it cannot, senators should vote on a similar Senate bill that does have bipartisan support. That one doesn't go quite as far, but something is better than nothing. The alternative is heading into 2024 with the same broken law that led to a riot and members of Congress trading their honor for fealty to a losing presidential candidate.



Ignorance is all too common

By MICHAEL LEPPERT
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

When I first heard about Andy Borowitz's new book, "Profiles in Ignorance," I knew it was moving to the top of my must-read stack. Then I found out he was reading the Audible version himself, and so I am now that guy walking down the street who spontaneously bursts into laughter at seemingly nothing.

As anyone who is a Borowitz fan, yes, the book is hilarious. Unless you consider yourself a "Reagan Republican," or if you are merely willing to admit that you know Dan Quayle, that is.

The book is a discussion of the three stages of ignorance: ridicule, acceptance, and celebration. But more importantly, Borowitz appears to be attempting to answer the question of why so many ignorant people are attracted to elected office in America. I'm not quite halfway done with it, so I hope to report back if he actually finds an answer.

Spoiler alert! America has already progressed to the phase of "celebrating" its ignorance in the political world, and I want to share some examples from just this week to confirm it.

Last Friday, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy unveiled the House GOP's "Commitment to America" in a campaign event in Pennsylvania. Flanked by 30 members of his caucus, this plan, which sounds strikingly similar to Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America" from 1994, McCarthy was able to make this extensive list of new promises reading them from a notecard he had kept in his suit pocket. It's hard to begrudge the skillful brevity it takes to communicate confusing policy ideas to a culture with a severe

Michael Leppert



attention deficit. So, in this case, McCarthy didn't even try.

As reported by Luke Broadwater of the New York Times, "the plan would 'increase accountability in the election process through voter ID.' And it hinted that Republicans would look to change the Affordable Care Act and roll back legislation allowing Medicare to negotiate the cost of prescription drugs, saying that the party wanted to 'personalize care' and 'lower prices through transparency, choice, and competition.'"

Hmmm. Sounds like the House Republicans want to make it harder to vote and they don't want the government to drive down prescription drug prices. Why not just say that? My version was significantly more concise and understandable.

Fore!
Then there's the Republican Study Committee's meeting with golfer, Greg Norman, that happened the day before the notecard commitment was announced. Norman is a leader of LIV Golf, the new professional golf tour that is trying to displace the PGA Tour. I am a golfer, but I was only aware of the meeting because the RSC is led by Indiana Congressman Jim Banks. I don't know if Banks plays golf, just like I don't know why he wants to give Mohammed bin Salman an audience.

That's right, LIV Golf is a venture of the royals in Saudi Arabia, and

Norman is just one of the front men of the venture.

The ignorant are impressed by celebrities, and while Norman spent a good amount of time as the world's number one player, he is more well-known in golf circles as a guy who finished second a lot. I hope he finishes second again on this venture too, though it's hard to bet against the deep pockets of the Crown Prince, who is clearly just trying to make the world forget all of his routine awfulness with this newfound interest in sports.

It was ignorant to even have the meeting. And as a bonus, Norman didn't seem to impress anyone, as reported by Politico.

After the LIV Golf team put off several members of the RSC trying to curry favor somehow, Norman went to meet with Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC), who leads the congressional golf caucus. That's not a Borowitz-style joke. Apparently, there is a congressional golf caucus of which I was ignorantly unaware. Even as a golfer, I think this is dumb.

But Rep. Mace did something even dumber with her performance on Meet the Press this Sunday. Chuck Todd asked her if she thought the Republicans would impeach President Joe Biden if they took control of the House. She answered, "I think that's what some folks are considering." Neither Todd nor Mace identified for what reason this impeachment was even being discussed.

That is just the last six days. Borowitz's book is wildly entertaining so far, and he is committed to pointing out some Democrat ignorance too. One thing that recent trends are showing, however, is that the ignorance coming out of today's GOP is leading the league. I think they are counting on nobody noticing.

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

"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

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 (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.

VOLUME 149-NUMBER 109
FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 30, 2022

www.thecr.com

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



Tribune News Service/Tampa Bay Times/Matias J. Ocnr

Donna LaMountain, 51, embraces her friend, Tammey Lynch, 55, after looking at damage in Matlacha Florida, devastated by Hurricane Ian.

Sanctions follow Russian move to annex

By ELI STOKOLS
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

The United States and Group of 7 allies responded Friday to what they called Russia's illegitimate annexation of Ukrainian territories, issuing a new round of sanctions and warning other nations that they will be similarly punished should they support the Kremlin's latest move.

"Russia is violating international law, trampling on the United Nations charter, and showing its contempt for peaceful nations everywhere," President Biden said in a statement condemning Russia's actions. "Make no mistake: these actions have no legitimacy."

Following Russian President Vladimir Putin's speech from Moscow announcing the annexation, the Treasury Department sanctioned 14 international suppliers for supporting Russia's military supply chains as well as 109 additional state Duma members and 169 members of the Federation Council of the Russian Assembly of the Russian Federation.

Biden, who vowed that the U.S. would continue to support Ukraine with defense aid, including a new \$1.1-billion package announced earlier this week, urged "all members of the international community to reject Russia's illegal attempts at annexation and to stand with the people of Ukraine for as long as it takes."

Russia defended its move by claiming annexation had been supported by local referendums, but the international community dismissed them as sham votes.

Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken, in a statement, issued a clear warning, noting that the G-7 had agreed to impose sanctions on "any individual, entity, or country that provides political or economic support for Russia's illegal attempts to change the status of Ukrainian territory."

But seven months into a conflict that has seen the U.S. and Western allies impose severe economic consequences for Putin's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine, Russia only looks to be digging in deeper.

Devastation ...

Continued from page 1
Some are now missing.

A Coast Guard helicopter thwacked over Fort Myers Beach about 10 a.m., dropping a stretcher into the wreckage and hauling a person up.

Emergency officials expect to find bodies in the rubble, said Jennifer Campbell, the local fire marshal. They know people did not all heed the evacuation orders. Campbell walked through town with a colleague Thursday, surveying the damage and shutting off gas lines.

"Absolute devastation," she said. "There's barely anything left."

Just before the last bridge to Fort Myers Beach, Max Lopez-Figueroa, 28, and his wife, Zhenia, 30, had planned to huddle in their second-floor condo during the hurricane. But the surge rose and rose until it approached their deck.

They scrambled upstairs to another unit with their

children, Yuriel, 2, and Azriel, 2 months. Then the entire side of the building blew off.

"No preparation could have prepared us for this," Max said. Azriel slept through the storm, and Yuriel, remarkably calm, watched "Dog Gone Trouble."

Flying debris — they can't know what — dented their storm shutters. Their brand new Mazda SUV was completely flooded. But the inside of their unit turned out mostly OK.

Around their home, grounded boats lined the road like shadows. A pleasure cruiser's stern sat atop a squashed SUV.

The Lopez-Figueroas said they think they will move north now, out of Florida.

"It's not because we're running from it," Zhenia said. "We have nothing. So you start over."

Down Estero Boulevard near the elementary school, Cheryl Summers

and Jay Kimble had abandoned their first floor home to stay with an upstairs neighbor. They took their four cats with them.

Still, Ian blew out the walls of the building's lower level, and the whole structure shook. Dark water rose outside.

They feared they would have to swim for safety. Kimble, 48, tied a hammer to a rope and stepped onto an exterior staircase, trying to hook a kayak for their escape. Wood beams and a trailer floated by. The wind howled.

The kayak, he realized, was tied to a tree. Out of reach.

The couple hadn't wanted to take their cats to a shelter. So, in the thick of the storm, they took sleeping pills to ease their panic.

Up the road, Karla Quillen nervously watched the sea rise to just below her second-floor apartment. Her windows rattled, and rain leaked inside. The

surge was tinted muddy brown.

She knew the nearby convenience store had been destroyed when the ice cream cooler floated past her window.

Ian's forecast had seemed to swallow much of Florida, she said, and she figured she couldn't get out of the state completely before it arrived. Her boss offered a place to stay in Cape Coral, but it was just a single-story.

Quillen, 67, works in a souvenir shop that she said blew away from the first floor of the Lani Kai Island Resort.

Walking down Estero Boulevard, surveying the damage just before the sun peaked out Thursday morning, she felt lucky to have only lost a bike and car. Her voice caught behind tears.

"I just can't believe that Mother Nature would do something like this," she said. "My God."

Not far away, along San

Carlos Boulevard near Fort Myers Beach, Dana Pearson plucked lead sinkers from the pavement that had blown across the street during the storm.

Her husband's 65-foot boat was tossed like a toy into the nearby mangroves. Their poles were buried in the branches.

Another captain Sean Adler, of Estero, walked around looking at the damage. He's been a fishing guide for 15 years in the area, and lately, business had been excellent.

But after Ian, he's thinking about a move to Jupiter on Florida's East Coast.

"The people aren't going to come here," he said.

The Fort Myers area relies on hotels and beaches, which were decimated by the hurricane.

Adler's condo was still in good shape, he said, but he needed time to process what happened to the place he loved.

"Things aren't adding up right now," he said.

DOC ...

Continued from page 1

Reagle is a mentor for IDOC's Leadership Academy and its Women in Leadership training program. She's a graduate of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and earned her master of business administration degree from Indiana State University.

"I look forward to leading a committed team," Reagle said. "I am committed to the responsible management of IDOC that results in a safe environment where employ-

ees are valued and incarcerated individuals are given the best opportunity to return to their communities as productive citizens."

Carter's last day at IDOC is Oct. 14. He's leaving after six years for a role with the Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP Public Affairs Strategies Group.

"Since the start of my administration, Commissioner Carter has brought a wealth of management, public safety and security experience to the Indiana Department of

Correction, helping the agency navigate the challenges we have faced, especially in recent years," Holcomb said.

According to the governor's office, Carter oversaw improvements during his tenure to prison education and job training programs, mental health care and addiction recovery services, inmate credit time rules, building efficiencies, and safety and security through the use of new technologies.

"Day in and day out, Rob has

remained focused on building a network of leaders statewide for IDOC facilities and implementing the best training programs for incarcerated individuals, which will have a ripple effect across the state in the years to come. I thank him for his service," Holcomb said.

IDOC is poised in coming years to completely rebuild the Westville Correctional Facility in LaPorte County using \$400 million appropriated by the 2021 Indiana General Assembly.

Local Businesses & Services

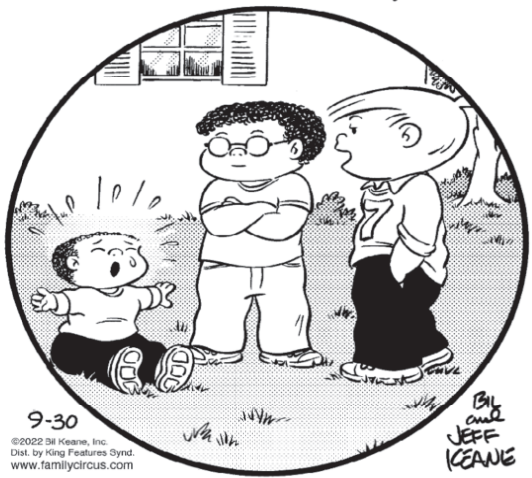
<p>Fortkamp Foam 3216 Wabash Road Fort Recovery, OH 45846 419-852-1390 Fortkampfoam.com</p>	<p>Hopkins Repair, LLC Auto & light truck repair Mon-Fri. • 7am-4pm Call Scott Hopkins 260-251-0459</p>	<p>Adair Processing 190 N. Union St. Pennville, IN 260-731-3221</p>
<p>All Weather Heating and Air Conditioning (260)726-4822 24 hr Emergency Service Serving Portland & Surrounding Areas</p>	<p>Dr. Thomas Banta 1413 W. Votaw St., Portland 260-726-7822</p>	<p>Display Craft Signs 630 E. Votaw St. Portland, IN 260-726-4535</p>
<p>All Circuit Electrical, LLC 5510 N. US 27, Bryant, IN 260-997-8336 www.allcircuitelectrical.com</p>	<p>Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition 100 N. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371 260-251-3259 Email: jcdpcccontact@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dunn Family Dental Care 110 W. North St. Portland, IN 47371 260-726-8007</p>
<p>Brigade You're safer with us 1976 W. Tyson Road, Portland, IN 47371 (260)766-4343 brigade-electronics.com/en-us</p>	<p>Williams Auto Parts, Inc. 1127 Detroit Ave. Portland, IN 8-5:30 Mon-Fri, Closed Sat & Sun. Used auto parts since 1951 (260) 726-8001 www.williamsautoparts.com</p>	<p>Ohio Valley Gas 129 E. Main St., Portland 260-726-8114 www.ovgc.com</p>
<p>Baird Freeman Funeral Home 221 N. Meridian St. Portland, IN 260-726-7171</p>	<p>Fuqua Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep & Ram 127 E. Commerce St., Dunkirk Garage is open! 765-768-6224 www.fuquachrysler.com</p>	<p>Home Idea Center 901 Industrial Dr. Ft. Recovery, OH 419-375-4951 www.ehomeidea.com</p>

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

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Your little brother looks a lot like my little brother.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

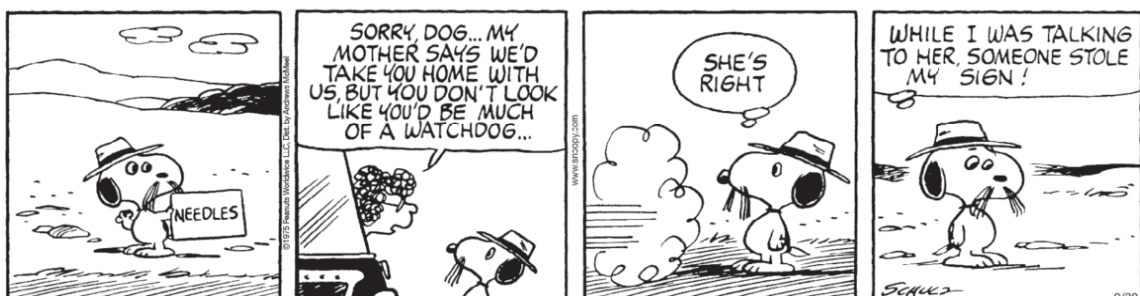
Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone: South West North East 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♠ Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠K4♥AK742♦10♣AJ963 2. ♠9♥AQ764♦A8♣KJ742 3. ♠J4♥QJ1053♦AQ♣AK106 4. ♠982♥KQJ83♦A♣AJ92

— which seems to be the case here — you should throw in the towel as soon as you can. The only other possible action would be to bid three clubs, but this might lead you deeper into the morass if partner cannot support that suit.

Peanuts



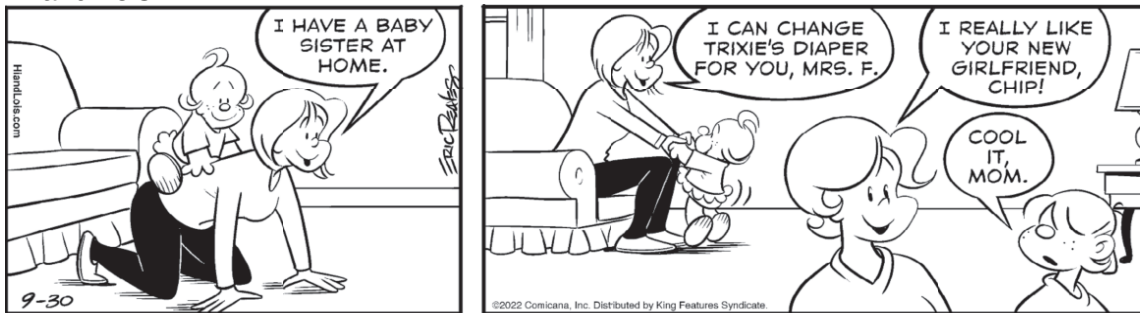
Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



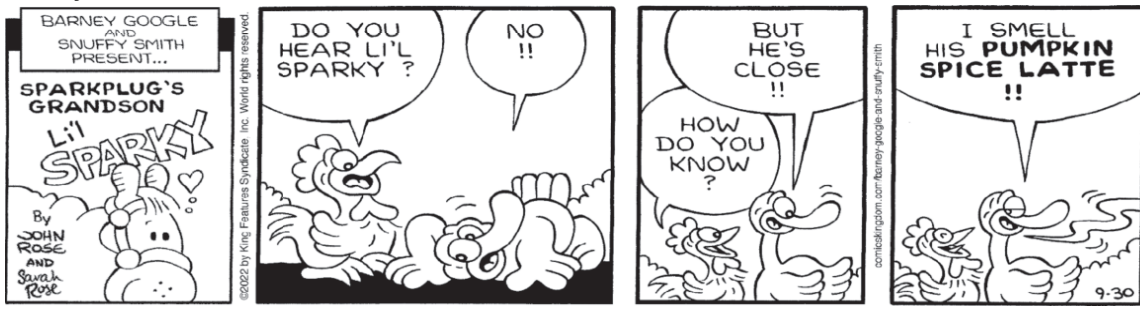
Funky Winkerbean



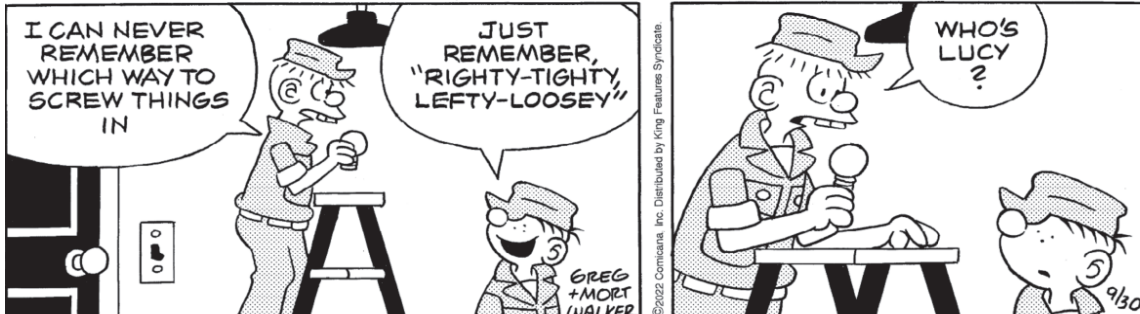
Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



9-30 CRYPTOQUIP

ZASL PC ESUZF IXUI YUE PYSFL DM IXF OUAS JXUKUJFK PC IXF "KPJZM" CAROE: U DURDPU JPSEIKAJIPK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT LADY WORKING AT THE CHECKOUT COUNTER WAS BEING REALLY RUDE. SHE SHOULD BE CASHIERED. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals K

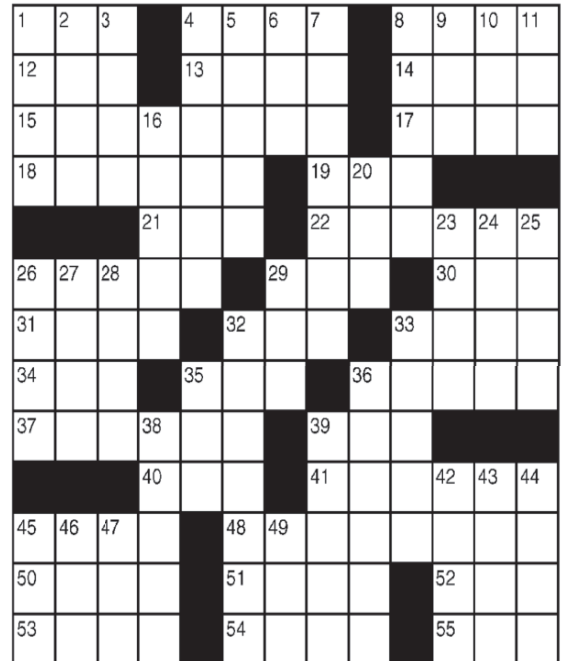
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Listening device 4 Wrestling style 8 Wax-coated cheese 12 Cagers' gp. 13 Jannings of old films 14 Show-room model 15 Cheek 17 Pleased 18 Sports venues 19 CEO's deg. 21 Cowboys quarterback Prescott 22 Equivalence 26 London 29 Allen or Tebow 30 "Kitchy-—" 31 Ore deposit 32 Madrid Mrs. 33 Small bell sound 34 '50s president 35 Layer creators 36 Speakers' platforms 37 Chasteness 39 Fixed 40 Search for gold 41 Salad choice 45 Designer Wang 48 Magnitude 50 During 51 Vend 52 Homer's bartender 53 First-rate 54 Lays down the lawn 55 Evening hrs. DOWN 1 Tolkien creatures 2 Help a hood 3 Hindu hero 4 — number 5 Inuit boat 6 Cambridge sch. 7 Dukakis of "Moon-struck" 8 Mystery writer's award 9 N.J. neighbor 10 "I — Rock" 11 '60s chic 16 "Frasier" pooch 20 "Kapow!" 23 "— you not!" 24 "Sula" author Morrison 25 Meditative practice 26 Radar image 27 Video-streaming brand 28 Baltic Sea feeder 29 Attempt 32 Fox's trait 33 Tribal emblem 35 Sch. fundraising group 36 Gems from oysters 38 Apple tablets 39 Berate 42 Ninny 43 Fermi's bit 44 Deli loaves 45 Cistern 46 Punk rock offshoot 47 Shred 49 "The Matrix" hero

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 9-30



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.

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

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

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. Custom sizes available.

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

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

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

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

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

Medicare Seminar Advantage Plans Jay Community Center 115 E Water St - Portland, IN 47371. Saturday, October 8th 10 AM, 1 PM Saturday, November 5th 10 AM, 1 PM Saturday, December 3rd 10 AM, 1 PM Portland Walmart hours: M., W., F. 10-3 pm. RODFATHER INSURANCE NOT JUST BUSINESS, IT'S PERSONAL 260-418-9492 • RODNEY PENROD • RPNROD@CGNAZ.ORG

CSA Society of Certified Senior Advisors A.M.D.A. American Medicare Disability Advocate Founding Member

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

Visit Us At: thecr.com

Bricker's Flowers & More 414 N. Meridian St. Portland Call or text to order 260-703-0304 Open 9:30-5:00 Monday - Friday 9:30-3:00 Saturday

Champs ...

Continued from page 8
The victory avenged Jay County's 3-2 loss to the Golden Falcons during the regular season. It brought the sectional trophy back to the Patriots, 2020 champions, after they lost to Union City in last year's championship match. They move on to the regional Tuesday at Marion.

"It belongs to the boys," said Gillespie. "I am very proud of them. I think everybody thought tonight, we lose (No. 2 doubles) it was over. ... He just clawed up the ladder and he got it. ...

"I'm just super happy."
The Patriots (11-10) expected that if they were to reverse the regular-season result it would happen at No. 2 doubles, where Isaac Miller and Austin Dirksen had taken Camden Preston and Cooper Hummel to three sets

before losing during the regular season. So when Luke Muhlenkamp and Miller fell 6-1, 6-4, a team victory seemed unlikely.

But Simon Dirksen was still standing. He was down 3-2 in the second set after having lost 6-1 in the first, but he was still there. And he was just getting started.

The senior employed a strategy he didn't enjoy, but it was effective. He didn't try to win points. He simply hit the ball back over the net.

He'd track it down, slap it over and then hustle back to the center of the baseline. And then he'd do it again. And again. And again.

The match was typified by long rallies, the ball often crossing the net 20, 30, 40 times — some points, each one being cheered by a crowd of about 75, lasting more than a minute.

Dirksen won three straight games to take control of the second set and then scored a service break to even that match at one set apiece. He proceeded to win the first five games of the deciding third set, serving the last of those at love.

McHolland wouldn't go away easily, hitting some key winners to take the next two games. But Dirksen earned a double match point in the next game and a McHolland shot sailed deep to end the match.

"I tried to play defensively against him," said Dirksen. "My main goal tonight was just to make him make the mistakes. ... I used that as my main strategy. "It's not the funnest way to win, but a win's a win."

He hit only a handful of winners over the final set and a half.

His unforced errors could also be counted on one hand.

That level of consistency paid off.

"Heart and soul," said Gillespie when he joined his players on the court immediately after the match. "That was pure determination."

Simon's championship comeback completed a Dirksen day for the Patriots as their other two points came from his brother Eli at No. 3 singles and cousin Abraham at No. 1 singles.

Eli was off the court first, winning his first nine games before finally giving one up to Winchester's Levi Hines. Using a strong serve to control the action, he rolled to a 6-0, 6-1 victory.

"Eli's cooking his serve," said Gillespie. "His serve is harder than most of my kids' serves."

Abraham was nearly as dominant, jumping out to 4-1 leads in both sets against Trey Pullins en route to a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

"He's very consistent," said Gillespie. "I just knew he was going to take care of business."

Muhlenkamp and Miller fought back after falling behind 5-2 in the second set against Preston and Hummel. They won the next two games, but after going to deuce five times on Miller's serve they fell on a Hummel volley slam.

In the No. 1 doubles match, Jay County's Sam Myers and Gage Sims dropped their first five games to Andrew Loyd and Charles Sauser in a 6-2, 6-2 defeat. With wins in both of their sectional matches, Loyd and Sauser will advance in the doubles tournament.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Football vs. South Adams — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football at Marion Local — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Volleyball hosts Patriot Invitational — 9:30 a.m.; Cross country in Allen County Athletic Conference Championships at Adams Central — 10 a.m.; Boys soccer at Oak Hill — 10 a.m.; Junior high cross country in Allen County Athletic Conference Championships at Adams Central — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at Knight Invitational hosted by Crestview — 7:30 a.m.; Freshman football at St. Mary's Memorial — 10 a.m.

TV sports

Today
2:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Tulane at Houston (ESPN)
7 p.m. — High school football: Buford vs. Collins Hill (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College football: San Diego State at Boise State (FS1)
8:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
10:30 p.m. — Canadian Football League: BC Lions at Ottawa RedBlacks (ESPN2)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Washington at UCLA (ESPN)

Saturday
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Tottenham Hotspur at Arsenal (USA)
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Crystal Palace (USA)
Noon — College football: Purdue at Minnesota (ESPN); Kentucky at Mississippi (ESPN); Oklahoma at TCU (ABC); Michigan at Iowa (FOX); Illinois at Wisconsin (BTN)
Noon — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — MOTUL Petit Le Mans (USA)
12:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series — Talladega 250 (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League: Wolverhampton at West Ham United (USA)
2:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Rutgers at Ohio State (BTN); Northwestern at Penn State (ESPN); Iowa State at Kansas (ESPN2); Michigan State at Maryland (FS1); Alabama at Arkansas (CBS); Wake Forest at Florida State (ABC); Oklahoma State at Baylor (FOX)
4 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Sparks 300 (USA)
7 p.m. — College football: LSU at Auburn (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — MOTUL Petit Le Mans (USA)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
7:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay Rays at Houston Astros (FOX)

7:30 p.m. — College football: North Carolina State at Clemson (ABC, ESPN2); West Virginia at Texas (FS1); Indiana at Nebraska (BTN)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Arizona State at USC (ESPN); Stanford at Oregon (FS1)

six dual competitions. Registration fees are \$80 and \$120, respectively.
The sign-up sessions for third through six graders will be 6 p.m. Oct. 13 and 6 p.m. Oct. 18. Sign ups for kindergarten through second graders will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

Turkey Trot is Nov. 5

The Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K is scheduled for Nov. 5.
The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cooper Farms processing facility, 1 Cooper Farm Drive, St. Henry, Ohio. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. For more information or to register, visit speedy-feet.com and search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K."
.....
To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR

LEIST AUCTION
Saturday, October 1, 2022
10:00 A.M. / 10:30 A.M.
Double Ring
3486 S 1150 W Dunkirk, IN 47336

Islander w/ 70 HP Evinrude; Polaris 300 4x4 Xplorer; Fabrique 4-Wheeler; Murray 12 HP; Amana Freezer; Frigadaire Fridge/Freezer; Kenmore Washer; Whirlpool Dryer; Compost tumblers; Motors; homemade utility trailers; yard carts; ; Wood splitter; Coleman Powermate Maxa 5000 EP Gen; Generac Powerwasher; 2.5 HP 21 Gal Air Compressor; Craftsman stackable tool box; paint guns; tools; 2 loads birch wood; tree stands; lots of scrap; Vin Gosley Shelvador Ice box; Old butcher block; Primitives; Cast Iron King Bed; Antiques; Collectibles; Furniture; Household misc. Lots and lots more!
www.auctionzip.com #11389 Full Ad & Pictures
Terry Leist, Owner Mel Smitley's Real Estate & Auctioneering 260-726-6215 - Office Laci Smitley AU10600051 (260)-729-2281- Cell Gary White AU19800069

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: 922 W Seventh Street Portland, IN
Saturday morning
OCTOBER 15th, 2022
10:00 AM.

REAL ESTATE PARCEL #1:

This parcel has a ranch style home with 2039 square feet of living space and was built in 1973.

PARCEL #2:

This parcel has a 2 bedroom, 1 full bathroom home setting on it with approximately 3.6 acres of wooded area with pond.

PARCEL #3:

There are approximately 13.13 acres of tillable and wooded ground in this parcel.

PARCEL #4:

This parcel consists of Parcel #1 and Parcel #2. 2 houses with approximately 4.12 acres.

PARCEL #5:

This is the entire property with 2 houses and 17.25 acres.

For more information or private showing contact LOY REAL ESTATE & AUCTION 260-726-2700 or GARY LOY AUCTIONEER 260-726-5160.

DONNA TYNDALL ESTATE

Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 Travis Theurer AU11200131

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bob Schmit Memorial Building Jay County Fairgrounds East Votaw St. Portland, IN
October 8th, 2022
10 AM

ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD-MISC Washstands and marble top, 2 antique high back beds, Dresser with mirror, Wooden rocking chair, Trunks, 4 piece dresser set, Round dining room table w/6 chairs, Lighted curio cabinet, Fireplace heater, Westinghouse flat screen T. V. Coca-Cola memorabilia, Kitchen aid and Kenmore washer and dryer, Eden pure heater, 3 cushion sofa, Recliner loveseat.
BOAT-LAWN & GARDEN-TOOLS 14ft. aluminum 3hp Evinrude engine, Trolley motor and trailer, 2 cycle mini rototiller, Kennedy tool boxes, Delta miter saw, several items not mentioned.

OWNERS: Partial Estates and others Shawver Auctioneering and Real Estate AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Pete D. Shawver AU19700040 260-726-5587 Zane Shawver AU10500168 260-729-2229

Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: 525 N Middle Street Portland, IN
Friday afternoon
OCTOBER 7, 2022
4:30 P.M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

Ge washer; Maytag dryer; 3 pc. bedroom suit; Jim Davis and Kent Helms paperweights; Daisy BB pistol; US Navy photo 4g; Carnival Glass; Shambarger bottle; Black Depression bowl and berry set; old children's books; ; foot locker; Navy uniform; Japan flags and officer badges; German Swatsika arm band; 1922, 1964 and 1965 Indianapolis 500 programs; Kennedy newspapers; Griswold skillet; Wagner skillets; cast iron cat; ; and other items not listed.

HALL FAMILY Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 Travis Theurer AU11200131

Visit Us At: thecr.com

READ THE CR THEN RECYCLE

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
OCTOBER 1, 2022
TIME 10:00 A. M.
LOCATED: 8108 W. 400 S. Redkey IN
REAL ESTATE

3 bedroom 1 bath home containing 1,651 sq. ft. of finished living area. nicely situated on 3.4 acres. Open house September 18th from 1-3 p.m.. Or for private showing call auctioneers.

CAR-FARM EQUIPMENT - LAWN AND GARDEN
2012 Chevy Impala 75k miles, Int. 354 utility tractor (non running), (2) fifteen ft. flat bed hay wagons. COINS - JEWELRY - GUNS

1837 \$5 gold coin, 1908,1911,1914,1925 \$2.5 gold coins, (2) 10k and 14k diamond solitaire rings, Smith and Wesson.32 cal., 5 shot revolver with original box. ANTIQUES - HOUSEHOLD - MISC Cast metal glass horse figurines, glass elephants, hull pottery, 1937 American legion Muncie IN medallion, 2 arrow heads, horse drawn sleigh, wood spoked wagon wheel, several items not mentioned.

OWNERS: MYRNA COOK ESTATE Shawver Auctioneering and Real Estate AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS

Pete D. Shawver AU19700040

260-726-5587 Zane Shawver AU10500168 260-729-2229

Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: 525 N Middle Street Portland, IN
Friday afternoon
OCTOBER 7, 2022
4:30 P.M.

REAL ESTATE

Single story home with 2 bedrooms, 1 full bathroom and 1229 square feet of living area. This home has a gas forced air furnace and new gas water heater. There is a 2 story detached garage and house sets on a corner lot.

10% nonrefundable deposit day of sale with balance due at closing. Seller will provide General Warranty Deed and Owners Title Insurance. PERSONAL PROPERTY will sell immediately following real estate.

HALL FAMILY Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 Travis Theurer AU11200131

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN
Saturday Morning
OCTOBER 1, 2022
9:30 A.M.

ANTIQUES-OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS-ART WORK-HOUSEHOLD

Oak dry sink cupboard; Oak settee bench with storage; glass claw feet organ chair; "The Artist" by Jim Gray, #168 of 1776; "French Market" by Jack Miller; "Market Street" by Philip Clayton, #39 of 500; "Santa" by Carolyn Shores Wright, #319 of 1950 and #357 of 1950; "Evening in Winter" by Robert Frost; Marilyn Feighner signed print; ; PFALTZGRAFF YORKTOWN; LARGE ASSORTMENT OF DECORATIONS FOR ALL HOLIDAY SEASONS. ; corn hole set; pet crate; heater; and other items not listed.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Please note that this is only a small partial listing of the items to be sold and we will be running 2 rings.

NAME WITHHELD AT OWNERS REQUEST
Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 Travis Theurer AU11200131

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: Womens Building at Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw Street, Portland IN
Sunday Afternoon
OCTOBER 9, 2022
12:30 P.M.

MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - GE washer; Roper dryer; refrigerator; kitchen table with 4 chairs; hutch; buffet; large ceramic elephant; Wilow Tree figurines; Carnival glass; Western Germany figurine goblets; BHG stand mixer; large assortment of decorations to include fall and Christmas; wood step ladder; scoop shovel; patio chairs; and other items not listed.

NAME WITHHELD PER OWNERS REQUEST
Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 Travis Theurer AU11200131

100 JOBS WANTED

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 In packing room Ft. Recovery Chicken House Call 419-852-0309.

PRAISES AND PATHWAYS

We are hiring! Praises and Pathways is a daycare located in Portland. We have part-time positions and full-time positions available. No weekends and no holidays! For more information about our fun work environment, contact Emily at 260-251-8463

130 MISC. FOR SALE

APPLES & CIDER FOR SALE Menchhofer Farms 5679 Wabash Rd Coldwater, OH. 419-942-1502

SCRATCH PADS ARE BACK 4 for a \$1.00 pick up at The Commercial Review Tuesday thru Friday 10am to 4pm.

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

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

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

2467 E 200 N PORTLAND
On 10/18/2022 @ 10:00 AM
2009 CHEVROLET
1G1AT58HX97130206 \$1,360.00
2019 HYUNDAI
TRANSLAD TRLR
3H3V532C5KT585330 \$7,022.00
CR 9-30-2022 - HSPXFLP

200 FOR RENT

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

210 WANTED TO RENT

SEEKING BARN Professionals seeking barn or boarding facility for horses. Please E-mail Anniegirl1962@yahoo.com.

Visit Us At: thecr.com

260 PUBLIC AUCTION

Public Auction

Bricker Auction Gallery
414 N Meridian St. Portland, IN 47371
Live/Webcast

Saturday, October 1st

11:00 AM

This auction will include a Scottie dog, glass hens on a nest, glass shoes, and lots of other glassware including Fenton. There will also be clocks, cast iron Coca-Cola items, matchbox cars with case, anvils, glass coin banks, glass stretch vases, paper weights, candy dishes, dressers, sellers cabinet, black glass collection, salt and pepper shakers, jewelry boxes, costume jewelry, sewing cabinet, night stands, drill press, a glider, chairs, recliners, an oak hutch, cedar chest, roll top desk, stove, grandfather clock, vintage secretary, curio cabinet, kitchen island, lamps, Amberina glass collection, an air compressor, Dewalt & Craftsman planer, and much much more!

The preview for this auction will be held Friday, September 30th from 2-5 PM.

Go to bidbricker.com to bid or download our app (Bricker Auction Company) from your Apple or Android store.

Tel: 260-251-4445 Cell: 260-703-0839
Real estate will be sold at a later day.

Paul and Betty LeMaster

Bricker Auction Company
Chad Bricker - Auctioneer
AU11600027
CR 9-30-2022

SUBSCRIBE TO THE COMMERCIAL REVIEW

up to

49% off

Newsstand prices

Subscribe at

thecr.com

or call 260-726-8141

Simon says ... Sectional champs



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Simon Dirksen, a Jay County High School senior, lines up a shot during his third set Thursday against Ethan McHolland of Winchester during the sectional championship match. Dirksen trailed 3-2 in the second set after losing the first but rallied to win the next nine games on the way to a 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory that lifted the host Patriots to the sectional title.

Senior Dirksen lifts Jay County to the title

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The last streaks of direct sunlight were on the court, soon to disappear with only an orange glow left behind.

Parents and other fans were chit-chatting about dinner plans.

Every other match had long been completed.

And there stood Simon Dirksen.

The Jay County High School senior had returned to the court in the midst of the break between the second and third sets, walked to the service line, stood and waited.

Ethan McHolland of Winchester, meanwhile, was sitting at the net, arms draped over his knees.

Dirksen didn't look at

his opponent. He didn't smile as he walked to pick up the ball. He was straight-faced as he shook hands with his vanquished foe.

It wasn't until his teammates, led by brother Eli, stormed the court that he finally let out some emotion.

"If we were going to have one person go to that third set, Simon Dirksen's the one to have out

there," said JCHS coach Donald Gillespie.

Why? "Senior," Gillespie continued. "And he has no emotion. There is no ups, no downs. ... You can't tell if he's winning, or you can't tell if he's losing."

To be clear, he was winning.

After dropping nine of the first 12 games of his match, Dirksen won the

next nine in a row as he rallied for a 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory that gave the host Patriot boys tennis team the sectional championship with a 3-2 victory over the Winchester Golden Falcons.

"It feels great after a season like this," said Dirksen, emotions still subdued. "I'd like to thank my (teammates) and everybody that supported me."

See Champs page 7

Link scores two to lead a shutout victory

ANDERSON — The Patriots had gone three weeks without a victory.

With the sectional looming, they've gotten back on track.

Jay County High School's boys soccer team blanked host Liberty Christian 4-0 Thursday for their second victory of the week.

Carter Link, who had four goals in Tuesday's victory over Blackford, added two more in Thursday's win. Prior to Tuesday, the Patriots had been 0-4-1 in their previous five games with their last win coming 3-1 against Norwell on Sept. 1.

Kaleb Meadows and Levi Muhlenkamp added one goal and one assist apiece against Liberty Christian. Brenden Runyon also recorded an assist.

JCHS will close its regular season Saturday with a visit to Oak Hill before opening the sectional tournament against New Castle at 5 p.m. Monday at Delta.

FR 8th in sectional

HARROD, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys golf team's season came to an end as it finished

Local roundup

eighth out of 12 teams in Thursday's sectional tournament at Colonial Golfers Club.

The Indians shot 388 to finish 13 strokes behind seventh-place Lima Central Catholic and 16 ahead of ninth-place Crestview. St. John's won the sectional title at 31, with Minster (330) and Marion Local (345) claiming the other district-qualifying spots.

The top three teams and top three golfers not on advancing teams move on to the next level.

Senior Isaac LeFevre had nine pars as he shot 89 to lead the Indians. He was three strokes behind final individual district qualifier Ty Post of St. Henry, who beat Crestview's Mathew Dealey in a two-hole playoff.

Eli Lennartz followed with a 98 for the Tribe. Matthew Romer

shot 100 and Alex Dues completed the team total with a 101.

Keegan Muhlenkamp's 104 did not factor into the team score.

Lopez, Bader lead

Jay County's girls soccer team scored its second mercy-rule win of the week, clobbering the visiting Muncie Central Bearcats 9-0 in just 60 minutes Thursday.

Freshman Aixa Lopez and senior scoring champion Mara Bader each recorded hat tricks for the Patriots, who finished the regular season at 10-3. They have a week off before playing Delta at 7 p.m. Thursday in the sectional semifinal at Yorktown.

Lopez got Jay County on the board 10 minutes into the game, Bader followed with goals on assists from Molly Muhlenkamp and Gabi Bilbrey, and then Lopez completed her hat trick on assists from Bilbrey and Morgan DeHoff for a 5-0 halftime lead.

Bader's second-half goal, also assisted by Bilbrey, pushed her school record single-season and career totals to 36 and 73, respectively.

Jenna Dues scored once in the second half on a DeHoff assist, and then DeHoff added two goals of her own less than two minutes apart before the nine-goal mercy rule ended the game at the 20-minute mark.

Spikers fall to Heritage

MONROEVILLE — The conference champions proved too powerful for the Jay County volleyball team Thursday as the Patriots lost 25-12, 25-16, 25-12.

Offense was difficult to come by for JCHS, which slipped to 6-16 overall and 2-4 in the Allen County Athletic Conference. Abbie Fields' four kills were the team high and Maggie Dillon added three.

Brenna Haines paced the Jay County defense with 16 digs and Dillon followed with nine. Joske Herndon had nine assists and a pair of aces.

The JCHS junior varsity rolled to a 25-14, 25-8 victory over Heritage. Meredith Dirksen led the way with seven kills and a pair of blocks. Mya Kun-

kler and Elizabeth Barnett had five kills apiece, Brenna Bailey recorded 13 digs and Paisley Fugiett put up 11 assists.

JH volleyball rolls

MONROEVILLE — Jay County's junior high volleyball teams each defeated host Heritage on Thursday, the eighth graders by a 25-17, 20-25, 15-9 score and the seventh graders by a 25-12, 25-15 final.

The teams also swept Southern Wells on Tuesday with eighth graders winning 25-16, 25-13 and the seventh graders scoring a 25-15, 25-8 victory.

Hallie Schwieterman's six kills led the eighth graders against Heritage. Ella Rigby put up 10 assists.

The seventh grade team got six kills from Amelia Heath against Heritage. Brenna Ruble scored 12 points and Emalyn Homan had five assists.

In Tuesday's wins, Schwieterman recorded five kills for the eighth graders while Makayla Bishop racked up six aces for the seventh grade team.

Game on at Raymond James

By RICK STROUD
Tampa Bay Times
Tribune News Service

Tom Brady remembers playing NFL games after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and Sept. 11.

That's why he was hopeful the Bucs could play the Chiefs on Sunday at Raymond James Stadium to at least bring some relief and entertainment to Southwest Florida, which has been impacted so severely by Hurricane Ian.

The NFL decided Thursday that the game will be played as scheduled at 8:25 p.m. in Tampa.

"I always feel like sports has brought people together over a long period of time," Brady said. "Watching different adversities,

whether that was 9/11 or whether that was Katrina, sports has an amazing way of healing wounds and bringing people together and bringing communities together. ... Any time you can participate in things like that it's a great feeling.

"I know it means a lot for us to have the opportunity to go out and play for our fans always. But after what so many people have gone through in our state, it's great to go out there and give them something to cheer about."

In a statement released Thursday, the Bucs thanked everyone who had worked to allow the game to be played as scheduled. The league is

planning relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Ian and details will be provided later.

"Our thoughts and prayers remain with the many thousands in the Southwest Florida region who have been severely impacted by Hurricane Ian. We are also very thankful that the Tampa Bay area was spared the most damaging consequences of this powerful storm. ...

"We would like to thank all of the local government agencies and the thousands of emergency personnel who worked tirelessly over the past few days to ensure that our area would be ready to respond if needed. We

would also like to acknowledge the Miami Dolphins organization for their assistance and hospitality in allowing us to use their practice facilities this week.

"We also want to express our sincere appreciation to the first responders and emergency personnel who are already battling the elements, saving lives, and helping our neighbors in those most impacted areas to our south."

Earlier Thursday, the Tampa Sports Authority and Tampa mayor Jane Castor informed the NFL that it has the emergency and safety resources available to host Sunday night's game.



Pena's
Mechanical
Contractors, Inc.

Pena's Mechanical Contractors, Inc. is now hiring Millwrights, Pipe Fitters, Welders, Fabricators and Maintenance Personnel. CDL license a plus. Benefits include health insurance, dental and vision. IRA with 3% match. Paid vacation and paid holidays.

Please visit our website:
www.penamechanical.com

You can apply online or call **260-622-1312** to schedule an interview.

Over 20 Years of Experience