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## Board members to face off

Two current school board members are seeking the same seat in this year's election.

Ron Laux and Chris Snow, both of whom currently serve on Jay School Board, are running against each other to represent District 5, which represents Jackson and Bearcreek townships and Wayne Township outside of Portland.

Laux currently holds the District 5 seat. Snow was elected to the board four years ago representing District 1, but has since moved out of that district.

Retired from Jay County REMC, Laux currently works at

Laux Plumbing/Heating. A 1970 Portland High School graduate who earned an associate's degree from Ivy Tech in 2004, he is seeking a fourth term on Jay School

Board. He also served for 12 years on the Jay County Development Corporation board of directors.

Snow is a 2002 Jay County High School graduate who works for

GyanSys as a systems, application and products consultant. He is finishing his first term on Jay School Board.

The candidates were asked to respond to a questionnaire from The Commercial Review. Their answers follow.

*What is the most important issue facing Jay School Board and what, specifically, would you do to address it?*

**Laux:** Emphasis on preparation for graduates to enter the skilled trades. The future in trades is beyond what one would believe.

**Snow:** The decline in enrollment. I feel like we need to do a better job of working with county leaders to work on ways to draw families to Jay County. One of the main selling points we should be using to entice families to move here is cost of living. We need to work with other committees in our communities to try to draw families from areas such as Fort Wayne and Indianapolis where cost of living is higher and show them that this is a county where they can raise families and obtain a quality education.

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### Laux and Snow are vying for District 5 seat on Jay School Board

## Fisher adjusts plan to expand

*Project has more than doubled in size*

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review  
REDKEY — Fisher Packing's plans to add to its Redkey facility have been changed.

So have its tax abatements.

Redkey Town Council approved new five-year and 10-year tax abatements for the company Thursday. (It sought a new tax abatement last year for its expansion project that has since been altered.) The company is expected to save \$497,000 in taxes as a result.

Also Monday, council adopted its 2023 budget, which includes 5% raises for town employees, as well as agreed to amend its salary ordinance to hire two part-time officers.

Michael Fisher, treasurer of Fisher Packing, explained demand has increased for the company's snack sticks. It has also brought in new customers, pushing the company to review its expansion plans.

Fisher Packing had previously planned to add a new smokehouse, linking line and other equipment at a cost of \$1.79 million. The new plans call for a \$3.85 million addition to the facility.

"We just decided at that point, well let's just bite the bullet and add (more) square footage so we can size the place so we've got some room to grow with the new businesses coming in," he said.

Updated plans include adding 8,000 square feet to the back of the current building, 9885 Indiana 67, Redkey, as well as expanding the space for the packaging, production and refrigerator space. They're also planning to start offering second-shift positions and hire an additional 20 employees, nearly doubling the amount of workers currently at the facility.

The expansion is projected to generate more than \$1 million total in additional tax revenue over a 10-year period.

Council members Dottie Quakenbush, Randy May and Gary Gardner — John Pierce was absent and Erik Hammers abstained — approved the abatements.

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## Reading together

Librarian Amy Hawbaker reads to kindergarteners from Amanda Clemens' class Thursday at Bloomfield Elementary School.

## Committee's goal is to boost housing

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

An interim study committee examining solutions to Indiana's housing crisis on Thursday approved a lengthy list of recommendations for future legislation — including state funding for housing-related infrastructure and a vague pledge to hold accountable negligent landlords peddling "substandard" housing.

There are 16 early-stage ideas on the draft list. But despite their broad strokes and wide range, all have the same goal: boost housing in Indiana, said Housing Task Force Co-Chair Rep. Doug Miller, R-Elkhart.

"This in no way, shape or form has to be the absolute definitive. We had to take a 10,000-foot view and decide, of all the issues that were presented [at] the task force, what can move the needle?" Miller asked.

Chief among those solutions — and the most likely piece of legislation to hit the Statehouse come January, according to Miller — is state infrastructure financing, through a revolving loan fund or grants. Representatives for builders, buyers and municipal governments repeatedly emphasized the financial strain posed by water-sewer connections and other

necessary infrastructure in previous meetings.

Rep. Cherrish Pryor, D-Indianapolis, said the loans and grants should be targeted to the Hoosiers that most need the help, while Indiana Builders Association President Paul Schwinghammer said the infrastructure support was needed across the state for a "broad spectrum" of income ranges.

The tax force also recommended raising a 1% construction cap on residential tax increment financing districts, with some set of financial guardrails. Representatives for local governments and builders previously said the cap prevented the construction of some housing projects, especially larger ones.

Sen. Fady Qaddoura, D-Indianapolis, successfully argued the cap should be bumped up instead of removed and that legislation should include some financial management restrictions. He also suggested sunset clauses for projects with bonds that don't require the default 25-year TIF lifespan currently in state law.

Another list item, tax sale reform to prevent out-of-state investors from snapping up and mismanaging cheap properties, garnered wide support among task force members — with some caveats.



Tribune News Service/cleveland.com/Joshua Gunter

## On full display

Fall colors are on full display in northeast Ohio this week. Pictured, a woman walks her dog amidst the colorful leaves in Rocky River Reservation.

### Deaths

Clarel Strausburg, 77, rural Portland

Wendell Jellison, 76, Greenfield, Tennessee

David Lingo, 73, Georgetown, Texas

Don Hicks, 70, Portland

Lois Reynolds, 66, Redkey

Annabelle Smith, 92, Berne

Lance Stephen, 36, Redkey  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 54 degrees Thursday. The low was 31.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 30s. Expect sunny skies Saturday with a high of 66.

Highs are expected to be in the 60s through at least Thursday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from tonight's FRHS football playoff game at Minster.

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



# CR almanac

Saturday 10/29	Sunday 10/30	Monday 10/31	Tuesday 11/1	Wednesday 11/2
<b>66/45</b>	<b>63/52</b>	<b>62/46</b>	<b>65/43</b>	<b>66/45</b>
Sunny skies are on the horizon for Saturday with a cool 5 mph wind.	There's a 50% chance of rain in the afternoon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Monday has another 50% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.	Sunny skies, with highs in the mid 60s. At night, mostly clear.	Another day of sun is in the forecast for Wednesday.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$800 million	27-28-29-39-46-52-53-55-58-63-65-68-71-75-76-79 Cash 5: 6-17-25-28-38 Estimated jackpot: \$283,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$64 million	
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 6-1-1 Daily Four: 0-2-9-3 Quick Draw: 5-6-12-18-21-23-25-25-40-48-52-60-61-63-65-67-69-72-73-74-75 Evening Daily Three: 2-3-5 Daily Four: 1-5-7-8 Quick Draw: 7-8-16-17-	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 0-2-5 Pick 4: 1-8-5-4 Pick 5: 5-8-6-2-3 Evening Pick 3: 9-2-3 Pick 4: 6-8-5-7 Pick 5: 3-2-9-9-2 Rolling Cash: 7-15-16-26-29 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.78 Dec. corn.....6.84 Wheat.....6.76	Wheat..... 7.66 Nov. wheat..... 8.36
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.68 Dec. corn.....6.78 Jan. corn.....6.88	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.66 Nov. corn.....6.68 Beans.....13.53 Nov. beans.....13.53 Wheat.....8.29
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.68 Dec. corn.....6.68 Beans.....13.15 Dec. beans.....13.69	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.42 Dec. corn.....6.47 Beans.....13.34 Dec. beans.....13.39 Wheat.....7.86

## Today in history

**In 1875,** Gilbert H. Grosvenor was born in Istanbul. Grosvenor was editor of National Geographic and was credited with transforming it from a small, scholarly publication into a monthly magazine known worldwide.

**In 1886,** President Grover Cleveland officially dedicated the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island (now known as Liberty Island) in Upper New York Bay. The statue was a gift from the people of France.

**In 1914,** physician and medical researcher Jonas Salk was born in New York City. Salk developed the first polio vaccine that was effective and safe.

**In 1919,** Congress passed the Volstead Act that created a system of enforcing the 18th Amendment. Ratified nine months earlier, the amendment prohibited the "manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors" in the United States.

**In 1955,** Bill Gates was born in Seattle. He was co-founder of Microsoft, which became the largest personal computer software company in the world.

**In 1962,** Nikita Khrushchev, premier of the Soviet Union, brought an end to the Cuban Missile Crisis when he agreed to stop delivery of nuclear-armed missiles to Cuba.

**In 1965,** the Gateway Arch was completed in St. Louis. It was designed by Eero Saarinen, an American architect who was born in Finland, to commemorate the city's role as the "Gateway to the West."

**In 1975,** the Jay County High School volleyball team beat host Union City 15-9, 15-5 in the opening round of the volleyball sectional tournament. Lee Hampson led the Patriots with six service points in the second game.

**In 2007,** Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner became the first woman elected president of Argentina.

**In 2020,** the fourth-ranked Fort Recovery High School volleyball team knocked off the No. 7 Marion Local Flyers 25-17, 21-25, 25-22, 16-25, 15-7 in the Division IV District championship match at Fort Site Fieldhouse. It marked the Indians' first district championship since 1991.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Tuesday</b> 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.	Meridian St.
<b>Nov. 7</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	
<b>Nov. 9</b> 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	
<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N.	

# Obituaries

## Clarel Strausburg

June 27, 1945-Oct. 24, 2022  
Clarel Strausburg, age 77, a resident of rural Portland, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, at his home.

He was born on June 27, 1945, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Frances Strausburg and Ruth (Rittenhouse) Strausburg-Nevil. He graduated from Poling High School in 1963.

Clarel served in the U.S. Navy and Indiana Air National Guard for over 38 years. He was a member of American Legion Post #211, where he served on the honor guard.

Other memberships include Community and Family Services, Jay County Landlord Association and Jay County Young Farmers.

Clarel married Kay Doherty on Aug. 12, 1966.

Survivors include:  
His wife of 56 years — Kay Strausburg, Portland, Indiana

His children: Tina Stanley (husband: Earl), Lawrence, Indiana, Suzan Strausburg-Sanders (husband: Chris), Carmel, Indiana, Clarel Strausburg II (partner: Carmen Craig), Portland, Indiana, Laura Strausburg-Smith (husband: Devon), Portland, Indiana

Ten grandchildren — Elliot and Emma Bauman, Madelyn, Ben, Kelly and Emily Strausburg, Ruby Grace and Evan Sanders, Lucy and Logan Smith.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Clarel's life will follow at 5 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military rites at the funeral home on Tuesday following the service.

Memorials may be directed towards Dravet Syndrome Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.



Strausburg

evangelistic ministry for over 25 years, including the formulating of several Gospel singing groups, primarily that of his family singing group, The Jellisons.

He is survived by his daughters, Lana Chandler (husband: Tim) of Greenfield, Tennessee, Teresa Hargis of San Antonio, Texas, and Darla Andrews (husband: Michael); as well as his grandchildren, Tiffany and Lyndsey Chandler, Tristan and Taylor Hargis, and Lincoln and Aubrey Andrews; his brothers, the Rev. Phillip Jellison and Terry Jellison, both of Portland, Indiana.

The arrangements are a visitation on Friday, Oct. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m., with the funeral on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the First United, Pentecostal Church, 202 S. Front St., Greenfield, Tennessee.

Another visitation will be held at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland, Indiana, on Monday, Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a funeral service at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at the Antioch Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

## David Lingo

Nov. 9, 1948-Sept. 30, 2022

David A. Lingo of Georgetown, Texas, passed away on Sept. 30, 2022, following a stroke and suffering from Parkinson's Disease for seven years.

David was born on Nov. 9, 1948, to Charles L. And Anna Marie Lingo in Portland, Indiana. David graduated from Indiana University Kelley School of Business with a degree in finance in 1972.

David proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict and with an honorable discharge in February 1971 as sergeant.

David is survived by his wife of 22 years, Patty Rooney; his sister, Deb Eggert (husband: Steve Eggert) of Webster, New York; niece Shannon Renauto (husband: Tom Renauto); and grand-nieces Elena and Lia Renauto; and grand-nephew Jackson Renauto of Webster, New York; and nephew Derek Eggert of Columbus, Ohio; and grand-nephews Logan, Jonah, Maddox and Ian Eggert, and grand-niece Kassidy Eggert of Columbus, Ohio.

David's career was that of a bank examiner in the supervision and regulation division of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago where he worked for 31 years. Dave's career included assignments in Europe and Asia working with U.S. banks with overseas operations.

Dave was a lifetime supporter of his alma matter, Indiana University, cheering on his Indiana Hoosiers at football and basketball over many years. Dave was a proud member of

the Indiana University President's Circle.

Dave was also a proud member of the San Gabriel Masonic Lodge #89, Georgetown, Texas, the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation, The Sun City Nature Club, Indiana Club, Democratic Club and the Georgetown Area Parkinson's Support Group.

We will always remember Dave for his dry sense of humor, his intelligence, kindness and generosity.

Contributions in memory of Dave can be made to the Georgetown Area Parkinson's Support Group.

## Don Hicks

Jan. 9, 1952-Oct. 26, 2022

Don Thomas "Tommy" Hicks, age 70, of Portland passed away Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.

He was born in Portland on Jan. 9, 1952, the son of Don Edwin and Frances (Missicano) Hicks. He was married in 2006 to Carol Armstrong who survives.

Tommy had worked at City Cigar Store, Ritz Theatre, Horizon Mobile Homes and Persimmon Ridge. Tommy was a 1971 Portland High School graduate and a member of Portland Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge. He was an avid horse shoe pitcher, sponsoring local tournaments, and umpired junior league baseball games.

Surviving are his wife Carol; brother-in-law Sam Voght; and sister-in-law Donna Nelson; several nieces; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Hicks, Joe Nelson and Donald Nelson; and a sister Donna Voght.

Funeral services will be Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Smith presiding. Visitation will be Monday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

## Lois Reynolds

March 8, 1956-Oct. 26, 2022

Lois A. Reynolds, 66, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, while in the company of family members at her residence.

Lois was born in Portland, Indiana, on March 8, 1956, a daughter of the late Bertha M. (Hodgson) Stephen-Bivens and George M. Stephen. She was a 1973 graduate of Redkey High School and formerly worked in quality control for St. Gobain Containers.

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Hicks



Lingo



Reynolds

## SERVICES

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

**Saturday**  
**Stephen,** Lance: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

**Monday**  
**Jellison,** Wendell: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.  
**Hicks,** Don: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Tuesday**  
**Strausburg,** Clarel: 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Nov. 5**  
**Smidt,** Annabelle: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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## Felony arrests

### Failed to appear

Alyssia N. Large, 34, 209 E. Second St., Pennville, was arrested Thursday. She was previously charged in Jay Superior Court with three Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe, possession of a narcotic drug and maintaining a common nuisance, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Harley H. Golder, 27, 615 E. Race St., Portland, was arrested Tuesday. He was previously charged in Jay Superior Court with two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of syringe and battery against a public safety official, as well as three Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and two counts of resisting law enforcement. He's being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

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- ✓ 27 years in the United States Air Force Reserve  
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- ✓ Iraq war veteran

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# Brother's angry outbursts never stop

DEAR ABBY: I have a brother I can't seem to get along with anymore. Sometimes he's OK, but most of the time he's not. I visited him recently for a cook-out, and it wasn't good. He got into an argument with his wife, shattered a glass, tried to fight me out of the blue, and talked about extremist topics — all in front of his young, impressionable kids. I worry about his three boys and want to have a serious talk with him about getting some therapy.

The problem is, we work together. Although we have different shifts, I see him and his team almost daily at meetings, and our teams are already polarized. How can I confront him without making our careers suffer? He is not receptive to confrontation, and it may cause a serious rift. — FRUSTRATED BROTHER IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR BROTHER:** Could your brother have a drinking or drug problem that would account for his volatility, or

Dear Abby



**has he always been this way? Political differences are one thing; shattering a glass and becoming violent during something as mundane as a cookout is worrisome. Have you talked to his wife about how long this has been going on? His behavior could present a danger to her and the kids.**

**Because there are serious differences between your team and his at work, the person who should logically "referee" is your supervisor or boss; what's going on isn't healthy for the business. Your brother is entitled to his political opinions, but if he's a danger to others, there**

**needs to be an intervention. If he raises a fist to you or his family, the police should be called.**

DEAR ABBY: This woman keeps texting my husband. Her husband died last year, and she has been staying in contact with my husband. I know he initiates the messaging most of the time. He also deletes her messages.

Our husbands grew up together but kept in touch only twice a year. They would call each other on their birthdays. Now this woman and my husband text every day, and you know what that is all about. She's lonely, and he thinks he needs to "console" her.

Well, Abby, I don't like it! I can't stop it. If I say anything, he gets defensive. To me, that's a sign of guilt, and his deleting the messages is another sign of guilt. He has to have his ego stroked. He's a classic narcissist, and it's his way or the highway. I'm desperate for

answers. Please help. — ANGRY IN THE EAST

**DEAR ANGRY:** The widow keeps texting your husband because he is encouraging it. I agree with you that the conversations have gone beyond "condolences," or he wouldn't delete the messages. In a situation like this it's important you take steps to protect your investment in your marriage.

**Gather all of the financial information you can and have a private chat with a lawyer about what your rights are as a wife in the state in which you live. Once you have done that, confront your narcissistic spouse and tell him you feel what's going on is a threat to your marriage.**

**Tell him you want it stopped immediately, and the two of you must get marriage counseling either with your religious adviser or a licensed marriage and family therapist. Perhaps once he**

**realizes there could be a stiff price to pay for his "condolences," he may see the light.**

DEAR ABBY: I rent a room from an elderly gentleman. His daughter also lives with him. I have paid to have the general area of the home cleaned for him because of his age. His daughter contributes nothing at all and leaves the kitchen a complete mess along with the rest of the home. He never says anything to her about it. She's basically lazy and sloppy and takes advantage of her father. Should I stop paying for the cleaning service because of her actions? — LENDING A HAND IN FLORIDA

**DEAR LENDING:** What's going on doesn't seem fair. Talk to your landlord and ask if the money you are paying for rent could be reduced by the amount you have been paying the cleaner. And if he refuses, consider finding another place to live.

# Forty-nine donors gave blood in October

Forty-nine donors gave blood at the American Red Cross blood drive Oct. 11 at Jay Community Center.

Donors were Michael Eads, Marlene Runyon,

Thomas Clutter, Jane Switzer, Charles Bentz, Michael Schmidt, Denise Glentzer, Doris Muhlenkamp, John Hart, Adam Westgerdes, Jeffrey Harker, Brian Kunkler,

Rebecca Kunkler and Joyce Eldridge.

Also Sara Hemmelgarn, Paula Barron, Billy Sipe, Gary Schmiesing, Jodi Mekee, Freda Osenbaugh, David Osenbaugh,

Mary Laux, Lori Schilling, Franklin Hogle and Joshua Miller.

Also Jack Freeman, Lorrissa Bousman, Cynthia Morris, Kay Westgerdes, Herbert Westgerdes,

Ernest Schoenlein, Joseph Reinhard, Toby Swartzen-truber, Terri Burk, Lindzy Upp and Rose Howell.

Also Douglas Shidler, Kimbra Schmitz, Donna Bruggeman, Michael

Weitzel, Gracie Barnett, John Gamble, Susan Myers, April Parker, Gregory Neville, Sara Neville, Raymond Brandt, Amos Graber and Steven Swingley.

# Donation opportunity available

Jay County FFA recently received a \$5,000 donation from local farmer Janet Thornburg through the Bayer Fund America's Farmers Grow Communities program.

The program allows farmers across the country to find and fund local organizations. Grow Communities has been partnering with farmers to direct funds to their local programs and organizations serving the community, awarding nearly \$65 million since 2010.

To arrange a Grow Communities

## Taking Note

donation in 2023, farmers may enroll through Tuesday at [americasfarmers.com](http://americasfarmers.com).

### Local history

A local Fort Recovery resident

will be share the history behind his business Thursday.

Bob Hart will be speaking about his shop, Bob's Friendly Service, at 7 p.m. Thursday in the community room at Fort Recovery High School.

Hart's free presentation will walk through the years since he first purchased the Mobil Service Station in 1963 from William Faller Sr.

The public is invited to attend. To learn more about the event, call (419) 375-2308.

# Community Calendar

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

### 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.

**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.

**BREAD OF LIFE COM-**

**MUNITY FAMILY MEAL** — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland.

**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. 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.

### Tuesday

**BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE** — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

**THE LANDING** — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade

will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland.

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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.

Announcing

## The Commercial Review's 24th Annual Christmas Fiction Contest

Open to residents of Jay, Randolph, Adams, Delaware, Blackford and Wells counties in Indiana, also Mercer and Darke counties in Ohio. Former area residents who are subscribers to The Commercial Review may also enter.

Selected entries will be published in The CR's annual Christmas Greetings special section. The first-place entry will also receive \$250.

Original short stories with a Christmas theme or setting should be emailed to [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com) by Dec. 9. Each entry should bear the writer's name, complete address and telephone number.

**Entry Deadline is Dec. 9, 2022.**

The 2021 winner

"Gifts of Love for Angie"

By Mary T. Hemmelgarn

# New map serves party, not people

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

There's got to be a better way to do this. Every 10 years, the state legislature redraws Indiana legislative and congressional districts. And, once a decade, they get it wrong.

That's because the party in power, whether it be Democrats or Republicans, abuses that power, manipulating the maps for political gain instead of adjusting the district lines to account for population shifts and follow the fundamentals of contiguity, compactness and competition.

The most recent redistricting, based on the 2020 census, is particularly outrageous.

Emboldened by its supermajority in both houses, the GOP

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shamelessly ignored pleas from the public for nonpartisan redistricting and redrew lines to favor Republican incumbents and displace Democratic lawmakers.

Consider Congressional District 5, which includes all of Madison County. The district was redrawn to leave out Marion County, which contains Democratic strongholds, and to take in Delaware County and most of

Howard County, both heavily Republican areas.

In 2020, Democrats and Republicans waged a pitched battle for the District 5 seat, pumping millions of dollars into the campaign. The GOP's Victoria Spartz prevailed, winning her first term in Congress by less than 5% of the vote over Democrat Christina Hale. It was the narrowest margin of victory in the district in more than a decade.

Fast-forward two years and, because of gerrymandered redistricting, District 5 is nearly unwinnable for Democrats. Their unwillingness to funnel money into the campaign shows that the Democratic Party knows it's a losing battle.

Through the end of June,

Spartz's war chest was overflowing with more than \$3 million, according to the Indianapolis Star. Democratic challenger Jeannine Lee Lake, meanwhile, had raised around \$11,000.

If it were just District 5, Hoosiers might be able to accept it. But district maps were redrawn statewide by Republicans to almost assure they would continue to maintain the supermajority they've held for the past decade in both statehouse chambers.

Rima Shahid, CEO of the nonpartisan advocacy group Women4Change Indiana, told CNHI State Reporter Carson Gerber that the new maps reinforce the impression among many Hoosiers that their votes

are meaningless when lines are drawn to assure Republican victories.

Shahid says gerrymandering is one reason Indiana typically has such low voter turnout.

The fact is, Indiana doesn't have to let the spoils of gerrymandering go to the victorious party. Enlightened states use independent commissions to depoliticize the system and make sure that redistricting follows the fundamentals of contiguous, compact districts to encourage competition and prohibit party favoritism.

Until Indiana adopts such a system, redistricting in Hoosier land will continue to be all about politics and not at all about voter representation.

# Nation needs real Republicans

By JOHN M. CRISP  
Tribune News Service

In his "Soul of America" speech, delivered at Philadelphia's Independence Hall on Sept. 1, President Joe Biden distinguished between two types of Republicans: mainstream Republicans and MAGA Republicans.

But Biden focused most of his attention on MAGA Republicans. He didn't mince words, and it wasn't pretty.

Biden said: "Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic."

He said: "MAGA Republicans 'promote authoritarian leaders and they fan the flames of political violence.'"

He said: "Democracy cannot survive when one side believes there are only two outcomes to an election: either they win or they were cheated. That's where MAGA Republicans are today."

In fact, Biden so sternly excoriated MAGA Republicans that Donald Trump, the MAGA Republican in chief, called the speech "the most vicious, hateful, and divisive speech ever delivered by an American president."

Trump is prone to exaggeration. Still, I worry that Biden didn't leave enough room, somewhere between the left wing and the MAGA Republicans, to accommodate the traditional conservatives who are essential to our democracy. I wish Biden had given them a little more space, along these lines:

From its founding, America's political history can be described as a struggle over how big the federal government should be. If liberals want a strong federal government, conservatives represent an important restraining force that keeps government somewhere in the mid-range. It's hard to imagine our nation without them.

Of course, this formulation embodies an inherent advantage for conservatives: Republicans can always achieve political traction by running on "small government," "low taxes" and "weak regulations." No Democrat can run on "big government," "high taxes" and "strong regulations."

But terms such as "high taxes" and "low taxes," "big government" and "small government" are meaningless. Politics is about finding the sweet spot, the place where most citizens are more or less

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satisfied with the size of the government they get for the amount of taxes they pay. And conservatives are essential to finding that balance.

This simplified portrayal of ordinary American politics has been skewed by the right wing's successful, albeit often disingenuous, appropriation of cultural territory and values to which it's not necessarily entitled. Here's a striking concrete example:

When Andrew Infante, raised as a Democrat, decided to run as a Republican for justice of the peace in Cameron County, Texas, he said that he was attracted to GOP values: "self-reliance, hard work, God, family and a love of our country."

Nancy Pelosi and Joe Biden don't believe in God, family and hard work? They don't love their country? It's presumptuous of Republicans to claim a monopoly on these values.

Unfortunately, Donald Trump, an outspoken, charismatic figure, has claimed — without necessarily practicing — the virtues of "small government" and "low taxes." He has also commandeered cultural values such as God, family and hard work, a particularly preposterous move for Trump. And he has tapped into our natural human attraction to grievance and anger.

All of this has furnished a tremendous amount of oxygen to the MAGA end of the political spectrum, suffocating the traditional conservatives who live closer to the right of center.

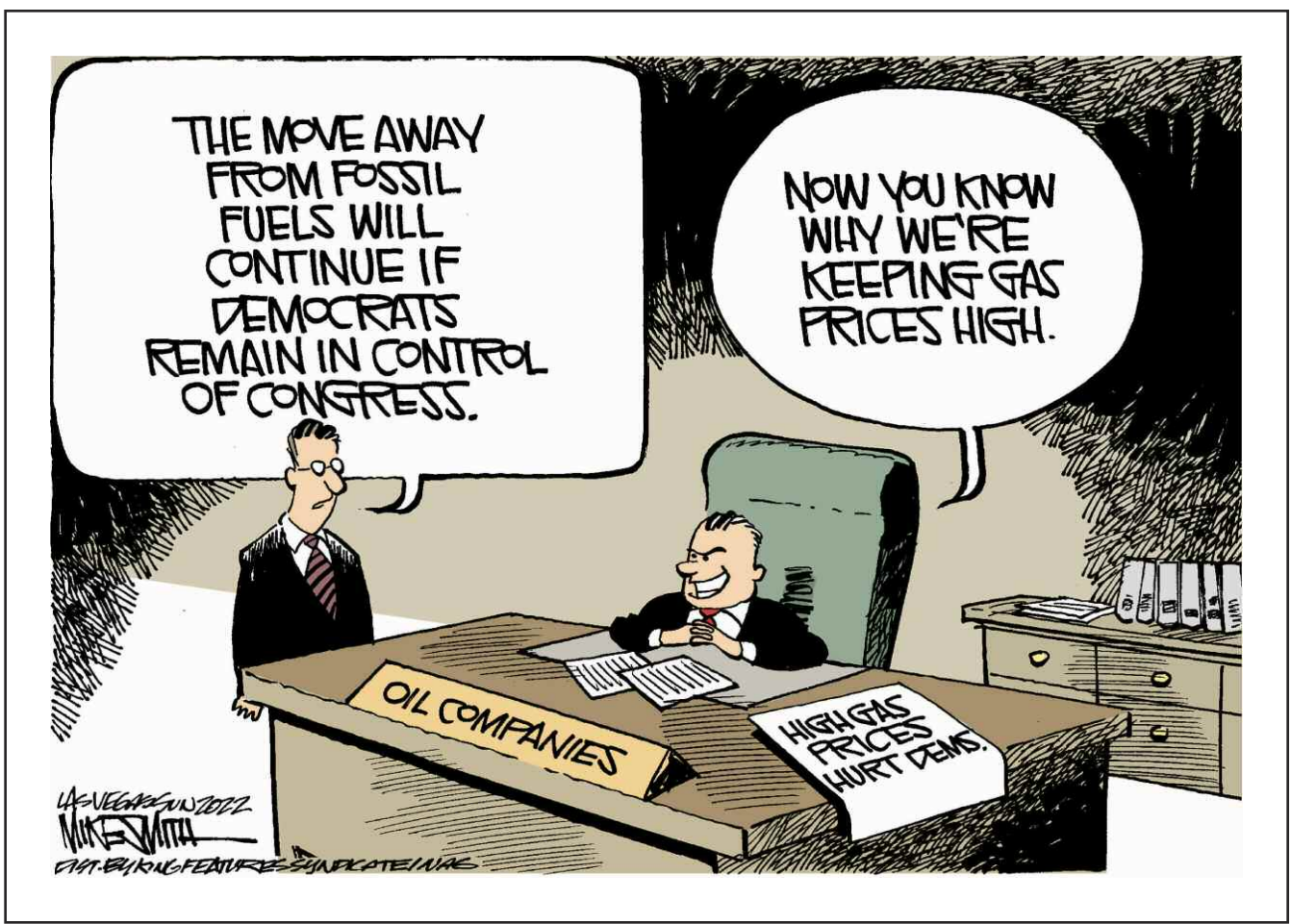
During his "Soul of America" speech, President Biden said "not every Republican, not even a majority of Republicans are MAGA Republicans."

I hope he's right.

But a recent New York Times/Siena College poll reported that more than 70% of Republicans say that they would vote for a candidate who alleges — entirely erroneously — that the 2020 election was stolen.

Normal Republicans, please come back. Your country needs you.

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# Democracy is in our hands

By LEE H. HAMILTON

As the November general election approaches, I've been struck by the rise of an unusual type of news coverage. It's focused not on the campaigns, but on the running of elections themselves.

Some of it is alarming. In California, elections officials worried about their personal safety have just been given the ability to hide their personal information — like home addresses — from the public, using the same program the state uses to help victims of domestic violence. In several states, reports The New York Times, right-wing activists "driven by false theories about election fraud" are flooding elections offices in an attempt to toss tens of thousands of voter registrations, the vast majority of them entirely legitimate. People who deny the legitimacy of the 2020 election are either becoming elections officials or angling for elected posts that would oversee election administration.

And lest there be any doubt about where all this might lead, federal Judge Amy Berman Jackson just put it bluntly as she sentenced a Jan. 6 rioter to prison: "You were trying to stop the singular thing that makes America America: the peaceful transfer of power."

My fondest hope is that the election doubters who are given new responsibility for helping to run elections see what those of us who have watched American democracy at work for decades know to our core: that the overwhelming majority of elections at all levels in this country are administered fairly and competently by people who believe in the right of Americans to express their will at the ballot box.

To be sure, charges of voter

fraud are rife. But study after study and legal investigation after investigation have found that actual voter fraud in the U.S. is exceedingly rare.

There are problems, of course, whether they involve chicanery from politicians bent on disenfranchising voters whose politics they don't like, or the mechanical and logistical issues that stem from an elections system with a patchwork of procedures, obsolete machinery, and increasingly complex training requirements for poll workers.

Still, we have well over 200 years of success in transferring power peacefully, often between political leaders who disagreed with one another, because in communities all over this country dedicated town and city clerks and ordinary volunteers make it their business to ensure that elections are conducted honestly.

I can't put it better than a city clerk and election administrator in a small northern Minnesota community just did in a newspaper commentary: "It is disappointing to see the criticism elections and election officials have received in recent years," she wrote. "The truth is, we are just like you. Election administrators and judges are part of the community. We are your neighbors and co-workers, people you see at church on Sunday or in line at the grocery store. I believe I speak for all election officials when I say we are honest citizens who want to serve

our community to the best of our ability."

It's a truism that elections matter. But we sometimes forget that participation in elections matters just as much. People who don't vote because they can't be bothered or they don't care or — increasingly — they don't trust their neighbors to run a fair election do more than keep vote totals down. They also help to skew election results by making potential candidates hyper-responsive to their party's most loyal, most partisan, voters — the ones they know for certain will turn out. I'd argue that voter apathy and suspicion have contributed directly to this country's heightened political divisions in recent decades.

I wish I could say that the answer is as simple as registering and voting. And in some respects, it is. But some states are making voting harder or less convenient, and in those places, it takes some determination to cast a ballot. Even more challenging, it's not simply voting that matters: It's casting an informed vote, one that looks past all the rhetoric and outright misinformation we encounter daily. That, too, is getting harder.

Yet what choice do we have? American democracy is in our hands. The way we preserve it is at the ballot box, and if it takes some work to exercise that right responsibly, then so be it.

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# Obituaries

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Lois was the loving wife of Larry J. Reynolds who she happily married on Feb. 24, 1974. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Redkey and Local 96, and enjoyed quilting, reading, fishing, camping, baking, boating, bird watching, cartoons, collecting wind chimes, music boxes, magnets and spending time with her dogs.  
Lois is survived by her husband Larry; three sisters, Peggy S. Grayson (husband: Ray), Linda Gannon (husband: Scott) and Brenda Besser; one aunt, Mary Vore; one uncle, Kenneth Hodgson; six nieces

and nephews, Jennifer, Scott, David, Julie, Sam and Matthew; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.  
Services are private at the convenience of the family. Interment will be held in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie, Indiana.  
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ARF in Memory of Lois. Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.  
**Annabelle Smith**, Berne, a former resident of Noble Township, Jay County, July

19, 1930-Oct. 27, 2022. Services will be 1 p.m. Nov. 5 at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.  
**Lance Matthew Stephen**, Redkey, April 10, 1986-Oct. 26, 2022. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.  
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# Board ...

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*Over the last decade, Jay School Corporation has seen its education fund year-end balance grow from less than \$1.5 million to a projected \$6.7 million at the end of 2023. What would you do to make sure Jay Schools stays in a strong financial position?*  
**Laux:** The goal to maintain 20% balance is working and the board sees the balance every month, therefore it is easier to monitor the funds for the corporation. It is important to note it will not be what I do, it is what the board does as a group.  
**Snow:** There have been a lot of tough votes that needed to happen to bring financial stability to Jay Schools. Nobody wants to close a school or consolidate but those were necessary decisions if we were to survive without the

state taking the schools over. To make sure that Jay Schools financial position continues its upward trend, I intend to continue voting for what is best for Jay Schools and our community. I don't always vote the way the rest of the board members vote but I always vote for what is best for our students and staff.  
*Earlier this year, Jay School Board approved a list of 40 new goals covering a wide variety of topics ranging from vocational programs to Early College. As a school board member, what would you do to help to ensure an education that provides a bright future for all Jay School Corporation students?*  
**Laux:** Continue what I have been doing; asking appropriate questions and giving input. Currently,

goals are discussed/discussed at board meetings when the goal is met.  
**Snow:** The first thing we need to realize is that not every student is going to attend a college or university. We need to bring back the vocational programs that we no longer offer or bring in new opportunities. We need to prepare and push students that want to further their academic career so they can be successful later in life, but we also need prepare students that want to start their career right after high school.  
*Why should residents of Jay County vote for you?*  
**Laux:** I have a desire to see all get the best education possible. I have three grandchildren - one in second grade, one in kindergarten and one in preschool. I believe the

curriculum is in place for all to receive the education desired, and it is continually updated. The corporation has a great group of employees who work tirelessly and I like being a part of Jay School Corporation.  
**Snow:** I love Jay County. I have lived here my whole life. I am raising my family here. Four years ago, I decided to run for school board and try to make a difference in our community. You elected me because you knew that I would always listen and be honest with everyone. You believed that I wasn't going to be another "yes man." The votes haven't always gone our way but I always voted for what I felt was best for our students, teachers and community. I will always vote for what I believe is the best for Jay County.

# Adjusts ...

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Also Thursday, council approved its 2023 budget. The coming year's budget of \$460,247 is down nearly \$151,000 from this year's total.  
Clerk-treasurer Mary Eley noted in September the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance instructed her to reduce the town's budget by about \$87,000. (She was also directed to reduce the current budget by around the same amount, which council agreed to in August.)  
According to Eley, the majority of the reduction came out of the Redkey Police Department budget and employee insurance funds, with the largest cut resulting from the removal of the third officer position.  
Quakenbush announced to council Thursday she would like to factor 6% raises into the budget for town employees.  
Eley said 5% raises, rather than 6%, were included in the budget prior to its public hearing. (Raises were not formally proposed at previous meetings.)  
Council then agreed to give 5% raises to town employees next year.  
Also, council amended its salary ordinance to allow for hiring two part-time officers. The positions will each pay \$19 an hour and are not allowed to exceed 20 hours a week.

Their decision comes as an effort to aid town marshal Chance Retter, who is currently the only officer at Redkey Police Department. (Council recently cut its third police officer position, which has not been occupied in more than a year.)  
Council also decided to seek bids for the police department's Chevy Impala, a vehicle that is at least eight years old and has several issues.  
In other business, council:  
•Learned Indiana Department of Environmental Management inspected the water plant recently. Town employee Randy Young noted a few flaws were pointed out, specifically the lack of a complete map for the water system, a valve maintenance and replacement program and a cross-connection backflow prevention program, which would stop debris from getting into the system. Gardner suggested seeking prices for mapping the system and valves across town. Young noted the cross-connection program will require an ordinance.  
•OK'd a building permit from Barbara Armstrong for a new modular home at 503 E. Grandview Ave. Armstrong noted per her loan they are required to tear down the existing structure before moving into the new home, which is estimated to be

ready by Feb. 1. She explained plans fit within the ordinance guidelines.  
•Tabled a request to vacate an alley between Harrison and Butler streets connecting Grandview Avenue and Wayne Street. Quakenbush asked council to hold a separate meeting to discuss if they should be vacating alleys and town property moving forward. Council tentatively settled on a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 16.  
•Agreed to pay \$12,380.13 back to Indiana Department of Transportation. The dollars were left over from a Community Crossings grant used for a paving project in 2020.  
•Tabled a decision between two bids for replacing more than 75 feet of pipe tying into a septic tank on Spencer Street between High Street and Bell Avenue. The two bids from Culy Contracting and Watson's Excavating varied by more than \$35,000.  
•Were reminded trick-or-treat hours are set from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, with line-up at 5:15 p.m. for the costume contest at Redkey Fire Department.  
•Appointed Quakenbush to the Jay County East Central Indiana Regional Planning District board.  
•OK'd contributing \$1,500 toward updating the town's asset management plan, which helps secure funding for grants.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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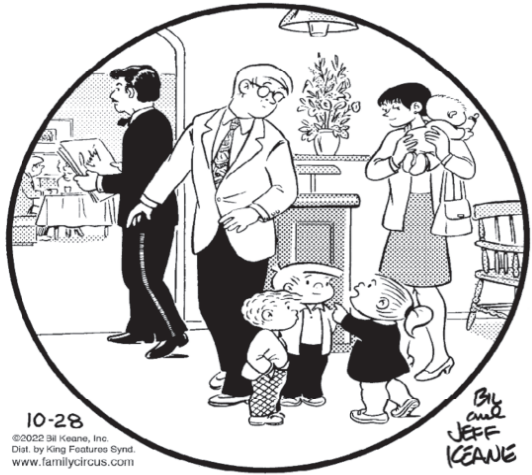
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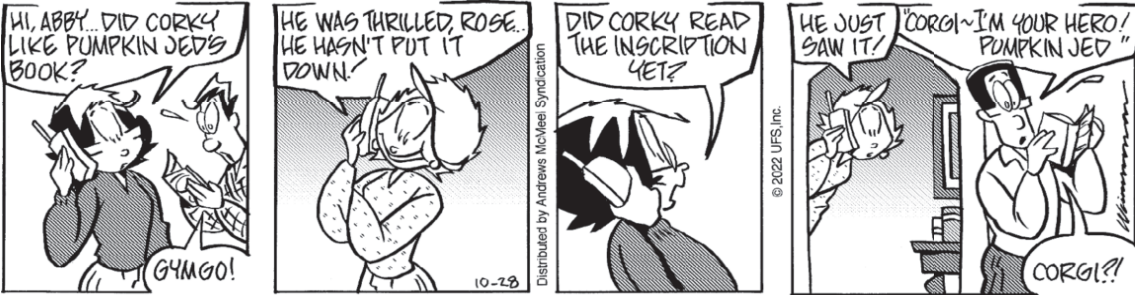
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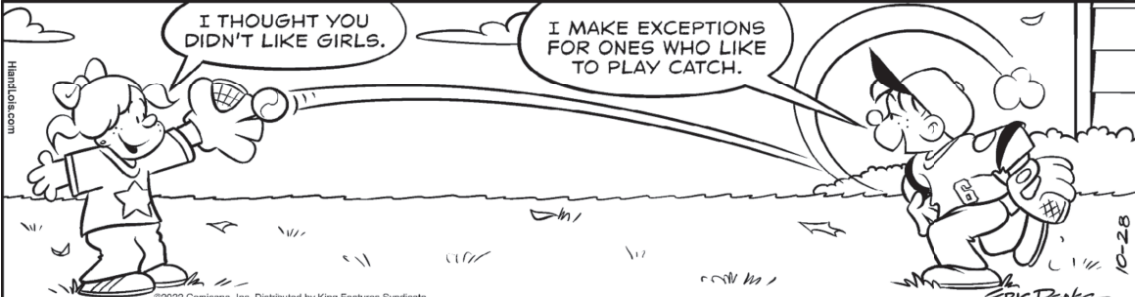
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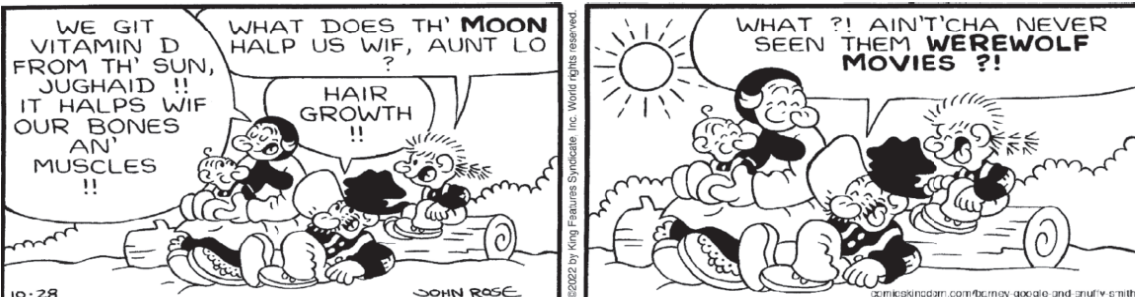
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10 A.M.  
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NOVEMBER 5, 2022  
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NOVEMBER 7, 2022  
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10 A.M.

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**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Test your play**

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North, who overcalled in clubs, leads the king of clubs. How would you proceed?  
WEST  
♠ 10 7 4  
♥ K J 10 8 5 3  
♦ A 10 6  
♣ 8  
EAST  
♠ A K 6  
♥ A 9 4  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ A 7 5 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the ace of clubs, which you ruff. How would you proceed?  
WEST  
♠ Q 7 6 5  
♥ A K J 10 3  
♦ A 8 4 2  
♣ —  
EAST  
♠ A K 2  
♥ Q 9 8 6 2  
♦ K 10 6 3  
♣ K

1. Win the club lead with the ace and trump a club. Play a spade to dummy's king and ruff another club, followed by a spade to dummy's ace and still another club ruff. Now cash the ace of diamonds and exit with either a spade or a diamond.  
The defenders can cash two diamonds and a spade, but will then have to yield the last three tricks to your K-J-10 of trump opposite dummy's A-9-4.  
This approach makes it totally unnecessary to guess where the queen of trump is located or how the suit is divided. If instead you tackled the trump suit at the start of play, you might misguess how to play it and end up down one.

2. This is one of those sure-things hands where the contract is certain to succeed with proper play. After ruffing the club lead, draw trump and cash the A-K-Q of spades. If the missing spades are divided 3-3, your worries are over, so let's assume the spades don't divide evenly.  
Ruff your last spade in dummy and return the diamond three. If South follows low, finesse the eight. Let's say this loses to North's nine. North must now yield a ruff-and-discard or return a diamond. If he returns a low diamond, insert the ten; if he returns the queen or jack of diamonds, play low from dummy and win with the ace. Either way, you're sure to make the slam even if the diamonds are divided 4-1.  
If South plays the nine, jack or queen on the first diamond lead from dummy, win with the ace and return a low diamond. If North follows low, insert the ten; if he follows with the queen or jack, all you lose is one diamond trick. If North shows out on the second diamond lead, play the ten, and South must resign.

Tomorrow: Duck soup.  
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## One goal: State

### FR girls, Heitkamp seek return trip to the Fortress

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Saturday's races aren't about times.

They aren't about a specific placing.

Sure, those things are important. But the one and only true goal for the Indians is to earn an opportunity to run for another week.

Fort Recovery High School's cross country athletes are solely focused on doing whatever it takes to earn a state berth when they travel Saturday to Tiffin's Hedges-Boyer Park to compete in the Division III regional meet.

"Our team goal is to make it out, to survive and advance," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "It's always nice to do well, of course, but I think that just has to be the main goal this week. ...

"And our goals are to get Natalie (Brunswick) and Trevor (Heitkamp) moved on individually."

In order to reach the team goal, the Indian girls will have to finish among the top seven teams out of 22 competing.

To qualify individually, a runner must place in the top 28.

Brunswick and Heitkamp, who were both district champions last weekend at Columbus Grove, are both solidly seeded to advance as individuals.

The top-seven team finish will be no easy task.



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Fort Recovery High School junior Jenna Hart (right) runs ahead of teammates Joelle Kaup and Alexis Wendel during Saturday's district meet at Columbus Grove. The Indians head to Tiffin's Hedges-Boyer Park on Saturday to try to earn a third consecutive state berth.

The girls field at Tiffin includes four of the top six teams in the state, including No. 1 Minster, No. 2 Colonel Crawford and No. 3 Liberty Center. Sixth-ranked Patrick Henry, which topped the Indian girls for the district title, rounds out the group.

There is a pack of about eight teams — Ashland Crestview, which finished 11th in the final Division III poll voting this season, leads the list — that will be competing to earn one of the remaining three state berths.

"We just need everybody to show up and be ready to fight," said Diller, whose team is seeking a third consecutive state berth. "We need Ellie Will to have a good race. And she has been running great. ...

"Everybody is trending in the right direction. ...

"In my mind, we move on if we get our three seniors firing on all cylinders. Because if they show up and they're ready to race, everybody else follows suit."

Those seniors — Caitlin

Weitzel, Alexis Wendel and Megan Diller — tend to be part of the pack that runs behind juniors Will and Brunswick. At the district meet, Weitzel and Wendel were directly behind junior Jenna Hart at the 2-mile mark and the three of them finished 14th, 20th and 21st, respectively. Sophomore Joelle Kaup and Diller both came in under 22:40 to round out the squad.

The key to success this week? "If we just race well, not really worry about our times," said

Wendel, "because it doesn't really matter anymore."

"We just get in our heads a lot," added Megan Diller. "So I feel like we've just got to go out and run. Just don't think about it."

Brunswick, a first-year cross country athlete who focuses on middle distance in track, has led Fort Recovery all season. Her district championship time of 19 minutes, 11 seconds, has her seeded seventh in the regional.

Macie Miller is the favorite after winning last week's Findlay Owens district race in 18:16.

Will posted a time of 21:06 at the district meet. (The top 30 regional seeds all broke the 20-minute mark at the district level.)

Heitkamp enters the regional race as the No. 6 seed and a legitimate contender to jump all the way to the top. He won the Columbus Grove district in 16:16 — it was the third consecutive week he had posted that time — and has shown the ability to go faster as he broke the FRHS record by finishing in 15:48.2 at the Troy Twilight meet Sept. 17.

Riley Nixon of Ottawa Hills is the top seed at 16:02.88. (Each of the next four runners posted times of 16:05 or 16:06 at their district meets.)

A strong start is key for Heitkamp to be in that mix.

"I really want to go out hard and aggressive," said Heitkamp, noting the importance of running smart on turns and hills. "There's a lot of guys there. You don't want to get buried deep."

After earning state berths with a third-place regional finish in 2020 and a seventh-place effort last season, the Tribe girls, and especially the seniors, are hoping to book another trip to Fortress Obetz.

"It would be pretty awesome," said Weitzel. "It's a goal that we've had this whole entire season."

## Ravens rally past TB

By JONAS SHAFFER  
Baltimore Sun  
Tribune News Service

With All-Pro tight end Mark Andrews, top wide receiver Rashod Bateman and top running back Gus Edwards all sidelined by minor injuries, quarterback Lamar Jackson led the Baltimore Ravens (5-3) to 24 second-half points in a 27-22 road win over quarterback Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Jackson powered the offense to points on all four of its second-half possessions, excluding an end-of-game kneel-down. The Ravens' 453 yards were the most Tampa Bay (3-5) has allowed all season.

"I feel like the whole offense is hungry," said Jackson, who finished 27-for-38 for 238 yards and two touchdowns along with nine carries for 43 yards. "Main guys went down, and everyone stepped up. ... We all just went out here to just finish the job."



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Fort Recovery — Football regional quarterfinal at Minster — 7 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Tiffin's Hedges-Boyer Park — 11 a.m.

**TV sports**

**Today**  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Washington Wizards (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — College football: East Carolina at BYU (ESPN2)  
8:03 p.m. — Major League Baseball: World Series — Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros (FOX)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

**Saturday**  
1 a.m. — Golf: Asia Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)  
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester City at Leicester City (USA)  
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)  
Noon — College football: Ohio State at Penn State (FOX); Oklahoma at Iowa State (FS1); TCU at West Virginia (ESPN); Notre Dame at Syracuse (ABC); South Florida at Houston (ESPN2)  
Noon — Men's college soccer: UCLA at Rutgers (BTN)  
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Everton at Fulham (NBC)  
12:30 p.m. — College football: Miami at Virginia (Bally Indiana)  
2:30 p.m. — College football: Rutgers at Minnesota (BTN)  
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Leeds United at Liverpool (USA)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Florida at Georgia (CBS); Illinois at Nebraska (ABC); Northwestern at Iowa (ESPN2); Oregon at California (FS1); Cincinnati at Central Florida (ESPN); Oklahoma State at Kansas State (FOX)  
7 p.m. — College football: Kentucky at Tennessee (ESPN); Colorado State at Boise State (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — Michigan State at Michigan (ABC); Baylor at Texas (ESPN2)  
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9 p.m. — National Women's Soccer League: Kansas City at Portland (CBS)  
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**Local notes**

**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](http://speedy-feet.com) and search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K."

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