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Myers gets 14 years after pleading

Woman was previously charged with attempted murder

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A Portland woman will serve just under a decade in prison after injuring her daughter.

Raven S. Myers, 25, was sentenced Monday in Jay Circuit Court to 14 years in Indiana Department of Correction for battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a person 14 years old or younger, a Level 3 felony. She will serve up to nine years of her sentence in prison and at least five years on probation.

Myers was originally charged with a Level 1 felony for attempted murder after she slit her daughter's wrists and neck.

During her sentencing hearing Monday, Myers read a letter addressed to her now 3-year-old child.

"I didn't mean to hurt you," she read. "I was very sick in my head, and I honestly thought I was protecting you..."

Myers told the court at a September plea hearing that she has suffered from schizophrenia and psychosis. She is now taking medication for her health issues. (Earlier this year, Myers underwent a competency evaluation, which first indicated she was not competent to stand trial but later her competency was restored. The test indicated she suffered from mental illness at the time of the incident.)

Zechariah Landers, Jay County chief deputy prosecutor, pointed out Monday that Myers cut her daughter three times, once on each wrist and once on the neck.

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Houses burn

Two were injured in Sunday fire

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A fire destroyed two homes and injured two people Sunday.

Dunkirk Fire Department responded to a fire at a home on 506 S. Main St. about 9 a.m. The flames quickly spread west to a nearby house along Jay Street.

Dunkirk fire chief Robert Fields recalled seeing the heavy black smoke in the sky as he drove into town.

"It looked like a thunderstorm pretty much," he said. "(I) was hoping it wasn't the fire, but it was."

Redkey, Albany and Pennville fire departments, as well as the Indiana State Fire Marshal, responded to the scene. The fire slowly consumed the majority of both buildings, leaving behind unstable structures which were later torn down for safety reasons. It was contained about two hours after emergency responders arrived.

Matt Bishop and Sarah Coleman were rescued from the flames and transported to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Bishop sustained third degree burns on his arms and legs, and Coleman sustained minor cuts and other injuries.

After putting out the fire, responders called an excavator to dig through the rubble. They stayed on the premises until about 11 p.m.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, Fields said.



Special to The Commercial Review/Samantha Thomas

A Main Street home on the south side of Dunkirk is engulfed in flames Sunday morning. Four fire departments responded and were on scene for about 14 hours.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Crossing for candy

Five-year-old Opal Green (left) and 3-year-old Daisy Green (right) cross Main Street at its intersection with Meridian Street in downtown Portland with their grandfather Dan Green during Monday's Jay County Chamber of Commerce Merchant Trick-or-Treat.

Towell, Stipp running

An incumbent council member is hoping to win his own term while facing a challenge from a first-time candidate.

Incumbent Republican Harold Towell and Democrat Kelly Stipp are running for the District 2 seat on Jay County Council.

Towell, now retired, was selected by a Republican caucus in Aug. 2021 to take over the District 2 seat following the resignation of Amy Barrett. A graduate of Bryant High School (1971) and Ivy Tech Community College, he runs Towell Family Show Pigs and is a coach for Jay County Junior High School girls basketball.

Stipp is semi-retired after 40 years in clinical laboratory work, including 25 at Jay County Hospital, and is an adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech and a substitute teacher for Jay Schools. A graduate of Connersville High School (1979), Ivy Tech and Indiana University

Incumbent seeks own term against political newcomer

East, she is making her first run for office.

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

What is the most important issue facing county council and what, specifically, would you do to address it?

Towell: Budget and maintaining workforce. We have an urgent need to address the situation concerning the Jay County Retirement Center. We cannot continue to run a deficit of hundreds of thousands dollars a year.

Stipp: As someone who has not been a part of county council, I would

need to review the current issues before deciding.

Jay County's personnel committee and council have spent months working toward finalizing raises and, in conjunction, the 2023 county budget. How would you approach raises and the overall budget?

Towell: Many hours and thought went into the 2023 budget. The cuts were deep and tough decisions were made. Council gave the raises and made the cuts after going over many times the information that we had at our disposal.

Stipp: Raises should be awarded fairly and realistically.

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Deaths

- Bill Fenters, 93, Portland
 - Michael Flowers, 80, Dunkirk
 - Rebecca Castillo, 59, Dunkirk
 - Thomas Du Jardin, 81, Portland
- Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 64 degrees and just under a quarter inch of rain on Halloween. The low was 58.

Tonight's low will be 43. Areas of fog are expected early Wednesday followed by sunny skies with a high of 69.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

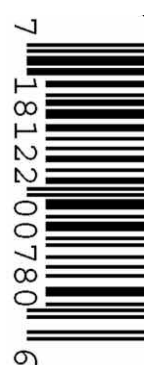
In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will host a free food tailgate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

Coming up

Wednesday — Photos from tonight's JCHS girls basketball scrimmage.

Friday — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.



Capsule Reports

Rolled truck

A Pennville man swerved his truck to avoid hitting a group of deer, causing his vehicle to roll into a field along county road 500 North about 1 a.m. today.

Austin L. Wolfe, 21, was driving west on the road when deer ran in the path of his 1999 Ford F-350. He swerved his truck, causing it to roll into a field just south of the road.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Wolfe's vehicle was towed.

Rear collision

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Portland woman crashed her car into the back of another Portland woman's vehicle stopped along Indiana 67 about 4 p.m. Friday.

Jennifer A. Snow, 42, Portland,

was driving her 2018 Honda Odyssey on the highway and slowed to allow for oncoming emergency vehicles. As she slowed her vehicle to a stop, the 2015 Chevrolet Malibu behind her — it was driven by 18-year-old Makaya N. Champ of Portland — crashed into the back of her car. Champ told police her response could have been delayed because of sunlight blocking her vision.

Champ sustained minor bleeding on her arm, but she refused treatment. The vehicle she was driving was towed.

Backing accident

A Texas woman backed her truck into the vehicle a Portland woman was driving in the Walmart parking lot about 3:20 p.m. Friday.

Elizabeth Escobedo, 45,

Brownsville, told Portland police she was backing her 2003 Ford F-150 out of a parking spot at 950 W. Votaw St. and didn't notice any oncoming vehicles. She backed into a southbound 2007 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 19-year-old Jacqueline Smith.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

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Wednesday 11/2	Thursday 11/3	Friday 11/4	Saturday 11/5	Sunday 11/6
69/45	70/50	72/56	73/53	66/49
Foggy conditions in the morning. Otherwise, sunny, with a high in the upper 60s.	Thursday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high of 70 degrees.	Partly sunny skies are expected Friday, with a high in the low 70s.	Mostly cloudy Saturday, with the high expected to be 73 degrees.	Rain is possible Sunday under partly sunny skies.

Lotteries

<p>Powerball Monday 13-19-36-39-59 Powerball: 13 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million</p> <p>Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$87 million</p> <p>Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-0-7 Daily Four: 7-3-1-1 Quick Draw: 1-7-9-13-15-22-26-27-37-39-45-47-56-62-64-66-68-69-70-77 Evening Daily Three: 5-7-8 Daily Four: 5-9-2-8 Quick Draw: 2-3-18-26-</p>	<p>28-29-30-31-37-38-48-51-52-54-55-70-71-72-74-77 Cash 5: 8-16-17-18-34 Estimated jackpot: \$354,500</p> <p>Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 0-4-8 Pick 4: 7-8-2-4 Pick 5: 3-6-4-0-5 Evening Pick 3: 1-6-9 Pick 4: 4-0-9-2 Pick 5: 8-0-8-9-7 Rolling Cash 5: 15-22-27-31-35 Estimated jackpot: \$150,000 Classic Lotto: 2-18-24-31-32-48 Kicker: 1-2-6-6-2-4 Jackpot: \$39.2 million</p>
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Markets

<p>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.84 Dec. corn.....6.95 Wheat7.24</p> <p>POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.79 Late Nov. corn6.89 Dec. corn.....6.99</p> <p>The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.81 Dec. corn.....6.86 Beans.....13.70 Dec. beans.....14.24</p>	<p>Wheat.....8.17 July wheat.....8.74</p> <p>Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.78 Late Nov. corn6.80 Beans.....14.07 Jan. beans.....14.20 July wheat.....8.72</p> <p>Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.54 Dec. corn.....6.59 Beans.....13.87 Dec. beans.....13.92 Wheat8.54</p>
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Today in history

In 1512, Michelangelo's fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican was open to the public for the first time.

In 1611, "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare was performed publicly for the first time.

In 1755, an earthquake in Lisbon, Spain, killed an estimated 30,000 and destroyed more than 9,000 buildings.

In 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect. It marked the first effort by the British Parliament to raise revenue by directly taxing American colonial commercial and legal papers.

In 1897, the new Library of Congress building opened. The facility had previously been housed in the U.S. Capitol's Congressional Reading Room. Since then, two more buildings have been added to the Library of Congress complex.

In 1950, members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation, a group of Puerto Rican nationalists, made a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry Truman.

In 1972, the Dunkirk High School boys basketball team opened its season with an 83-71 victory over Pennville. All five Speedcats scored in double figures, with Cliff Dunnington, Paul Hart and Kim Younkin all totaling 18 points.

In 1981, Antigua and Barbuda gained independence from the United Kingdom.

In 2021, Portland City Council approved a bonus structure — it would pay \$1,000 after the first year, \$1,500 after the second year and \$2,500 after the third year — for "lateral transfers" in an effort to attract experienced police officers.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
5:30 p.m. — Portland Town Council, school board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, school-house community center.

Thursday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Obituaries

Bill Fenters

Nov. 4, 1928-Oct. 29, 2022

Bill Fenters, age 93, a resident of Portland, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at Albany Health and Rehab in Albany, Indiana.

Bill was born on Nov. 4, 1928, in Pennville, Indiana, the son of Robert J. and Helen (Williams) Fenters. He graduated from Pennville High School and was the owner of Fenters Boneless Beef in Pennville for over 40 years.

Bill married Joy McKinley on May 30, 1948. They celebrated 74 years of marriage.

Bill was a member of West Walnut Street Church of Christ in Portland where he loved teaching and serving the Lord. Bill also served on the Jay County Hospital Board for several years and the Jay County School Board where he served as president during the county consolidation.

Bill was always witty, sincere and considerate of other's needs. His favorite saying that he lived by: James 1:19 "Quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger ..."

Survivors include:
His wife of 74 years — Joy Fenters, Portland, Indiana
Three children — Debora Funk (husband: Jon), Portland, Indiana, Charlotte Fenters, San Diego, California, and Jennifer Gray, Pennville, Indiana
Grandchildren — Carrie Funk, Emily Hider (husband: Tim) and Jessica Ingle
Great-grandchildren — Zach, Ian, Hannah and Emma James

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Helen Fenters; siblings Jerry Fenters and Davita Wall Paxson; and a granddaughter, Courtney Funk.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at noon on Friday at the



Fenters

funeral home. Pastor Gil Alicea and Joe Hines will officiate. Burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice or West Walnut Church of Christ Mission Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Michael Flowers

Aug. 16, 1942-Oct. 29, 2022

Michael L. Flowers Sr., age 80, Dunkirk, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at home in Dunkirk following an extended illness.

Born in Muncie on Aug. 16, 1942, he graduated from Muncie Central High School with the class of 1960. He attended Ball State University and was a United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. Mike was a full-time firefighter and former fire chief with the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years, retiring in 2005. He was also affiliated with the Jay Emergency Medical Service and Albany Emergency Medical Service.

He and his wife, Beverly, lived in Fort Myers, Florida, for 16 years and had moved back to Dunkirk in 2021. Mike was a former drummer and member of the Dunkirk Masonic Lodge, and enjoyed camping, embroidery, quilting and sewing.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Beverly R. (Fisher) Flowers; and their adult children Tracey Lefler (husband: Matthew), Middletown, Mike Flowers Jr. (wife: Angel), Dunkirk, David Flowers (wife: Kiera), Muncie, and Kim Ackerman (husband: Adam), Fishers; sister Bonita Houk, Muncie; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Orval G. Sr. and Mary F. (Dingley) Flowers; two grandchildren, Gabriel and Alexander Ackerman;



Flowers

Rebecca Castillo

Aug. 4, 1963-Oct. 30, 2022

Rebecca S. Castillo, age 59, of Dunkirk passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born in Portland on Aug. 4, 1963, the daughter of Raymond and Phyllis (Younger) Hunley. Rebecca worked at Ardagh Glass in Dunkirk, was a 1981 Jay County High School graduate and was a member of Dunkirk Elks, American Legion and Moose Lodge. She loved to travel and spend time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are one son, Andy Castillo (wife: Kelsey) of Portland; one daughter, Cierra Castillo of Pennville; three brothers, Mark Hunley (wife: Tracy) of Washington Court House, Ohio, Gary Hunley of Portland and Ray Lee Hunley; and five granddaughters, Mylee, Reagan, Addisyn, Maitlynn and Nora.

She was preceded in death by a son, Benjamin.

Funeral services will be Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Hugh Kelly presiding. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Castillo

Felony arrests

Domestic battery

Two Jay County men were arrested over the weekend for domestic battery.

Rex A. Phelps, 41, 117 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk, was arrested Saturday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Juan J. Gaona Jr., 30, 1332 N. Ben Hawkins St., Portland, was arrested Sunday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

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

Failed to appear

A Portland man was arrested Monday for failing to appear in court.

Quinton T. Donnelly, 26, 1007 W. High St., is charged in Jay Circuit Court with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a common nuisance.

He's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

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

Wednesday
Arnold, Ruth: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Fenters, Bill: noon, Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Castillo, Rebecca: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Smith, Annabelle: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Sunday
Du Jardin, Thomas: 2 p.m., Portland Golf Club, 124 W. 200 South, Portland

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Multiple holidays celebrated in November

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

I find it hard to believe that November is here already. November is traditionally a cold and hurried month. The Halloween candy is still around just begging to be eaten. Young children are still holding out their costumes to random adults with the command to "put this on me."

Grandparents, parents and other relatives are demanding a list of what everyone wants for Christmas. Even if Christmas is not celebrated in their homes, people are still buried by the avalanche of what has become Christmas in America.

In the weeks before Halloween, Christmas merchandise appeared on the back shelves of stores next to marked down flower bulbs. Snowmen, reindeer and various incarnations of

As I See It



Santa Claus lurk on store shelves next to a vast assortment of nativities.

Greeting cards range from religious to funny to downright weird. I realize that most people don't send Christmas cards anymore. It is so much easier to use social media to communicate with friends and acquaintances. A general message to one and all is so much more efficient than finding addresses, appropriate cards and stamps, and writing a letter detailing all the happenings since last Christmas. Despite

that, I still send paper cards to my loved ones.

Plans are made for the Thanksgiving holiday. Who is coming and who isn't? The last time we were the hosts, our furnace was acting up and the house was chilly. My attempt to work around all the food intolerances and preferences was a distinct flop. Who can make goodies without milk, corn syrup or gluten? Not me.

Election day is fast approaching. I would like to tell everyone who runs for office that I do not care how wonderful your wife and children are. I do not care what church you do or do not attend. I do not want to know who you do or do not sleep with. None of that tells me that you will do your best at whatever position you seek.

Please tell me why I should vote for you. Why do you think you

deserve the position? Do your views align with mine? Do you really believe all the rhetoric you spout or are you catering to a special interest group because you want their votes?

There are lingering shortages of everything from paper products to peanut butter. No longer do we buy just one or two of anything. We have learned to buy in bulk because we have been faced with empty shelves too often.

This still confuses me. We are told that shortages are because of the havoc that the recent pandemic caused. We are told that businesses can't find qualified workers. I don't understand how things were running smoothly before the pandemic but not any more. Where did all those workers disappear to?

Having said all that, November is bittersweet. I am not fond of

being the senior member of my immediate family. I miss all those who have gone before. Everybody has spouses, in-laws and children that demand their time. Some years it is just my hubby and me. One year we moved on Thanksgiving and had bologna sandwiches for dinner. Other years my brothers and their families come over or we go to their houses.

As fast as time goes these days, November will be over before we know it. The month has barely begun and there is much to do before December. Maybe the weather will stay warm for a little longer as there are still outside projects to be done. Best of all, there are piles and piles of leaves to shuffle through.

I intend to enjoy all that November has to offer even if it is overwhelming at times.

Angry, abusive stepmother's behavior is abhorrent

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a problem with my husband's judgmental and narcissistic stepmom. She wasn't nice to him or his siblings while they were growing up. My hubby recently had a heart attack. After I called to tell his dad and emailed his siblings, she got very upset with me because I didn't give her the details first so she could disseminate the

Dear Abby



information. She also demanded to visit immediately after his surgery and got nasty with me on the phone when I told her she

couldn't come in with Dad because the hospital allowed only two visitors at a time. Now she won't speak to me or answer emails.

This isn't the first time she has done this. She always looks for the worst and gives no grace. You can't discuss anything with her because she gaslights and takes no responsibility. This affects

my husband's relationship with his elderly father, whom she poisons with her vitriol, especially regarding his children by his first wife. She does this with the entire family. She even sends nasty emails to her own children. I'm exhausted from all her drama. What do I do? — EXHAUSTED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR EXHAUSTED:

Don't you think it's time to disengage with this unpleasant, controlling woman? If she won't speak with you or answer your emails, thank your higher power and concentrate on the rest of the family. If they're experiencing the same treatment you are, they, too, may be glad to focus on relationships they find reward-

ing and let her continue to isolate herself.

You cannot fix what's wrong with her, and it may be too late to help your father-in-law, who has tolerated this for years. If another relative can give him important information about your husband, let that person get the message to him if you can't get past his nightmare of a wife.

Birth announcements

Chesney

Wylder Jordan, a son, was born Oct. 25 at St. Vincent Randolph in Winchester to Jalisa D. and Travis J. Chesney of Union City, Ohio.

He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Grandparents are Chad and Stacy

Jordan of Union City, Ohio, Heidi and Tony Bowman of Portland and Tina Lang of Union City, Indiana.

Willmann

Knox Brandon, a son, was born Oct. 7 at St. Vincent Randolph in

Winchester to Ashley and Michael Willmann of Portland.

He weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces. Grandparents are Debbie and Roger Langenkamp of Portland and Don and Pat Willmann of Portland.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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 - BRANNA'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. To learn more, 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. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information,

call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday

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

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

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

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1.

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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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 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

As ban bids rise, support librarians

The Republic (Columbus)

It was a little heartbreaking, but not entirely surprising, to read Andy East's reporting in Sunday's edition of *The Republic* about how our local librarians are holding up while some vocal local culture warriors continue efforts at censorship.

This month, for the first time in 16 years, the Bartholomew County Public Library received requests to reclassify or remove titles. Six requests ask to remove books from the teen section, and multiple requests target the best-selling memoir "Gender Queer." Six of those latter requests sought removal of the book from the library entirely.

"This is definitely a new phenomenon," BCPL director Jason Hatton told East, saying the challenges have been "hurtful" and

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"frustrating" for him and his staff.

That would be a natural reaction for anyone who has trained to serve the public when their professionalism is attacked.

"... I find it very frustrating that there isn't that trust in us as a library and us as librarians that we're going to be doing the right thing for the community because we are. We care about our community. We love our community.

"... There's just, I would say,

low morale, so to speak. It hits home. ... We all got into this job to help people, to uplift them, to care for them, and when you're accused of harming them or doing damage to them, it hurts."

This attempted censorship is dangerous stuff, but it's also part of a familiar playbook. The books in question primarily deal with themes of sexuality and/or LGBTQ content, making these ongoing efforts at censorship an attack by proxy on a population of people who historically have faced discrimination and persecution.

Unnerving as that is, this attempt at censorship is even more than that. It's also part of an ongoing effort to undermine public institutions that inform, educate and serve the public. It's part and parcel of the overheated

rhetoric we've seen aimed at school boards and public health officials who simply are trying their best in difficult times. We in the press have been labeled "enemies of the American people" by no less than the former president.

So we can sympathize, and empathize somewhat, with what our librarians are facing. We'd like to say to Hatton and the staff at BCPL that we do know you are doing the right thing for the community, and we do trust the work you do. And let us say we are a better community because of it.

Librarians are public. They serve all. Period.

The American Library Association has steadfastly stood against efforts to ban books, and this is its official position regarding access to library resources

and services regardless of sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation (with our emphasis added in italics): "The American Library Association stringently and unequivocally maintains that libraries and librarians have an obligation to resist efforts that systematically exclude materials dealing with any subject matter, including sex, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. The Association also encourages librarians to proactively support the First Amendment rights of all library users, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression."

That's what our librarians have been doing. That's why they deserve the community's support.

Reasons exist for optimism

By **BRUCE YANDLE**
Tribune News Service

Though apparently dedicated to winning the battle against inflation, Fed Chairman Powell is fighting a lonely battle that will be difficult to win, at least with an election taking place. There are limits to what the Fed can do when Congress and the White House are busy printing more money. Yes, even after a six-month long Fed effort to raise interest rates, U.S. inflation is still running at a hot 8.2%.

It will take time and restraint from Washington before things have a chance to calm down. Because inflation's causes lie in politics as much as economics, let's look past election-dominated 2022 for possible relief. There are some early data to support this hope.

For all the talk about what's behind the diminishing buying power of our money — war, supply chains, energy prices — inflation can still be thought of simply. Flood the economy with enough money and it will start to lose its value. That's how White House and congressional efforts to forgive debt and increase spending have been countering the Fed's action.

In just the last six months, the Biden administration has initiated massive student debt write-offs as well as forgiven billions of dollars of farmer-owned debt and assisted drought-distressed people in the Southwest by way of the misnamed "Inflation Reduction Act." (It is worth noting that the Wharton school's dispassionate review of the act found the effect on inflation to be "indistinguishable from zero.")

Whatever one thinks of these policies, they mean that while the Fed is hitting the brakes, the White House — perhaps fearful of what midterm elections will bring — is goosing the accelerator. And Heaven help us to get past efforts by Democrats and Republicans alike to spend and score political wins with their constituents and secure majority positions in the House and Senate.

Once midterm "crazy season" is over, it's clearly possible that some of the inflation heat may subside.

We can also see data backing this up. Inflation, as reflected by the Consumer Price Index (CPI),

Bruce Yandle



could hit the healthier 2% range again late in 2023. Hope comes from examining another measurement — M2 — which tracks the U.S. money supply by accounting for U.S. cash, deposit assets and other near-money accounts.

The money supply exploded in early 2020 with COVID-19 relief spending; CPI-registered inflation accelerated about 12 months later. It was a textbook case of too much money chasing too few goods. Now, the latest M2 reading is back at a pre-COVID level. That suggests more normal inflation levels about 12 months from now.

Of course, some of those aforementioned other inflation factors must still be noted. There is always more to the story, including Ukraine-war driven energy price increases, supply chain disruptions, and labor market challenges that emerged during the pandemic and remain to deal with.

It is for this reason that some are suggesting the Fed should be happy with 4% inflation rather than 2%. After all, this thinking goes, living with a little more inflation might be preferable to sustaining the bitter medicine of an economy slowed down by the Fed. But it's also possible that war-caused disruptions in energy and other markets will eventually disappear, making the job of hitting the ideal target easier (though by no means painless).

Yes, we can be optimistic that inflation will be under control in 2023. That is, if the Fed is not forced to hit the brakes harder to offset an election-year spending binge. Let's just hope Congress will not be inspired to write another so-called Inflation Reduction Act any time soon.

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Put constituents over party

By **LYNN SCHMIDT**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
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What if the way to break through our polarized politics was to reward those willing to cross the partisan divide for the greater good?

America is mired in a dysfunctional stew of hyper-partisanship. Too many view members of the opposing political party as enemies and not fellow Americans. Not to mention this environment can make it difficult to govern. A multitude of books have been written about how we ended up this way. Some of those books have even offered suggestions on how we can move beyond this hyper-partisan doom loop.

In her book "Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity," Lilliana Mason writes that it was not that long ago that the two parties were demographically and ideologically hard to tell apart. It feels as if those days are long gone. Americans' social identities have grown increasingly linked with their political party as has their dislike for the opposition. A 2016 Pew Research survey found that for the first time in more than 20 years, majorities of Democrats and Republicans held very unfavorable views of their partisan opponents. I imagine that number has only grown since 2016.

This type of hyper-partisanship is rewarded in primary elections, when ideologically pure primary voters tend to dominate. Compromise, which is a requirement for effective governing, becomes a victim to a polarized electorate. Many elected officials who have worked across the aisle are punished for it. Maybe, just maybe, the incentives can change during general elections to benefit a wider range of voters.

There are several examples of patriots who are willing to cross partisan lines for the good of their citizens, constituents, and the country. One of them is right here in our own backyard.

Lynn Schmidt



Alaska's Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski says she plans on ranking (Alaska uses ranked-choice voting) Democratic Rep. Mary Peltola first in the U.S. House race. Murkowski, seeking reelection, will also be on the ballot. Murkowski told reporters that she has been a Republican since registering to vote at age 18, and that she still believes in party tenets of limited government and strong national defense — but feels no obligation to stick to partisan orthodoxy.

"I know that bothers some people who want me to be that rigid, partisan person, and I'm just not. I'm not, haven't been, and I won't be," Murkowski said. "I do not toe the party line just because party leaders have asked or because it may be expected. My first obligation is to the people of the state of Alaska."

In solidly Republican Utah, the Republican and senior senator, Mike Lee is facing a worthy challenger in his fight for reelection. Former Republican Evan McMullin, who has built a broad coalition, is running as an independent to unseat Lee. Utah Democrats, aiming not to split the anti-Lee vote, strategically decided to back McMullin rather than nominate a Democrat. Texts have been released showing Lee telling then-White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows that he was deeply engaged in an attempt just before the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection to somehow find a way to declare Donald Trump the winner of 2020 presidential election winner.

In Arizona, nearly 50 Republican and independent leaders, including elected officials, small-business owners, and community leaders,

launched "Republicans for Kelly," endorsing Democratic Sen. Mark Kelly's reelection campaign. Kelly, the former astronaut and businessman, is running against Republican Blake Masters. The election-denying Masters recently scrubbed his website of controversial topics.

The Pennsylvania governor's race pits Democrat Josh Shapiro against Republican Doug Mastriano. Nearly 20 prominent Pennsylvania Republicans have come out publicly and endorsed Shapiro. Included in that list is Michael Chertoff, the Homeland Security secretary under President George W. Bush. Chertoff has said, "I dedicated my career in public service to upholding the rule of law and defending the Constitution. Right now, we all have a responsibility to support candidates of whichever party who will stand up and defend our democracy."

Closer to home, St. Louis County voters will have the opportunity for some of the same. Katherine Pinner won the GOP primary in August for St. Louis County executive but dropped out of the race in early September. After a special meeting, the county Republican Central Committee convinced Democrat Mark Mantovani to switch parties and run as the GOP candidate against the incumbent Democrat Sam Page. The local Republicans deserve credit for their selection of Mantovani since he is really not a typical Republican. The committee had enough forethought to offer St. Louis County voters a palatable option, a candidate who is committed to solving the problems facing the county.

All of these heroes have chosen country, state or county over party. In an "us versus them" climate, these examples show the U.S. how to be just us. They deserve our praise and maybe even our vote.

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Lack of crowd control was a factor

By SHINHYE KANG and SOHEE KIM
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Top South Korean officials said a lack of proper crowd management was likely a factor behind a deadly surge of people that left at least 156 dead, with police faulted for not doing enough to heed warnings that masses were growing to dangerous levels.

Prime Minister Han Duck-soo said at a briefing with international media Tuesday that a lack of a sufficient system on crowd management may have caused the incident, adding a full review was ongoing. In parliament, Minister of Interior and Safety Lee Sang-min, expressed his "sincere apologies to the public over the incident."

Yoon Hee Keun, commissioner general of the South Korean National Police Agency, said at a separate news briefing that the country's 112 emergency line received multiple calls warning authorities of the "seriousness at the scene," as thousands packed the narrow streets of the Itaewon nightlife district in Seoul.

"If you look at the contents of the calls, these were urgently informing of the danger of an incident as large crowds gathered before the incident occurred," Yoon said. "Nevertheless, it is judged that the response in the field handling the 112 calls was insufficient."

South Korea has launched a full-scale investigation into the country's deadliest civilian crowd crushes. Those killed were trapped in an 3.2 meter-wide alley that connected a main street in the district to an area with restaurants, bars and nightclubs.

"In order to clarify the truth of this case and establish responsibility, we will promptly and strictly conduct intensive inspections and investigations in all areas without exception," the police chief said.

President Yoon Suk Yeol, who put in place a week-long mourning period soon after the deaths, called on the government to come up with crowd control systems for events like the Halloween festivities in Itaewon that don't have any specific organizer but draw masses of people.

The government's response is shaping up as one of the biggest tests for the president, who came into office in May and has seen his support slump in recent months to hit around 30%.

There has been criticism in local media that the police presence was not large enough. Major national newspaper Chosun Ilbo said 137 officers were on the scene for the Halloween festivities on Saturday night that attracted about 100,000 people. The majority were there mainly for crime prevention.

Most of the victims were in their 20s and 30s, and 101 women were among the dead. At least 26 foreigners were killed. Maeil, a South Korean business newspaper, said it was the biggest loss of life among foreigners in the country since 2007, when a fire in an immigration office killed 9 people.

Experts say the density of people packed in the narrow and restricted alley may have reached a level that made such a disaster almost inevitable. Witnesses told local media that as people squeezed into the tiny space, some began to fall, causing others to tumble and pile into one another.



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Raven Myers walks through Jay County Courthouse on Monday after being sentenced to a total of 14 years for battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a person 14 years old or younger.

Myers ...

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He noted the severity of such injuries as well as the girl's age. Myers has a criminal history, he added, and has violated her probation in previous cases. (She pleaded guilty to theft, a Class A misdemeanor, in 2015, and attempted theft, a Level 6 felony, in 2017.)

Jay County chief public defender Brandon Murphy noted Myers pleaded guilty to the crime. He also referenced Myers' mental health and said there was a significant chance Myers could have been acquitted if taken to trial.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison said Myers has been treated in the past for mental health issues. He admitted he

wasn't sure if her condition acted as an aggravating or mitigating factor in this case.

"I'm not sure which way to weigh (that)," he said.

He said he also wasn't sure Myers would have been acquitted if taken to trial. He added that Myers pleaded to a lesser offense. (Per her plea agreement, the charge for attempted murder — it carries a sentence of 20 to 40 years — was dismissed.)

Diane Camp called police about 8:41 p.m. Jan. 11 to report Myers had taken the girl — Myers' daughter and Camp's granddaughter — from her home at 216 E. North St., according to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case. About an hour and a half

later, Camp called 911 to report Myers had returned to her house with her granddaughter and that the girl's wrists had been cut.

Police found Myers in the living room holding her daughter.

"God told me to do it," she said, according to the affidavit.

The girl was rushed by police to IU Health Jay for treatment and later transferred to Riley Hospital for Children of Indianapolis.

Following the hearing, Landers echoed thoughts from prosecutor Wes Schemenaur, who explained last month that the plea agreement gave the state some control in determining how long Myers would serve time.

"Cases like this are tricky," said Landers.

Myers told the court Monday she plans on taking parenting classes in jail. She hopes someday she can see her daughter again.

"It's a tough sentence, I think, for her," Murphy said. "I think she does have a lot of significant mental health issues that she has taken steps to address ... if she does those things, she'll have opportunities down the line to be released beyond supervision and hopefully turn her life around."

"She's got a great family," he added. "I'm hopeful at some point she can have a relationship with her daughter. But we will see. I think that's mostly what she really wants."

Running ...

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The county, in part through the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP), is working to decide how to utilize its almost \$4 million in coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. What do you see as top priorities for that funding?

Towell: No. 1 — Day-care. Surveys taken show the need in all Jay County. Our job as county council is to work with all necessary agencies to make this happen. No. 2 — Jobs. We have to work to increase the workforce for all Jay County. This includes maintaining current industries and attracting new industries with wages that families can live on.

Stipp: It is a fact that many of our students have fallen behind due to the lockdowns. Staffing within Jay Schools to accommodate students who need extra help would be one use. Also, anticipation of future needs should more surges occur within the next year or two requiring lockdowns. Funds should be used to acquire personal protective equipment for future need.

Why should residents of Jay County vote for you?

Towell: As a county council member, I'm working to make Jay County a better place and

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to live, work and raise a family. As a lifetime Jay County resident, I've been involved in BACC (10 years as president and caretaker), United Way of Jay County (two terms), Junior League Baseball president, Jay County 4-H Council (15 years, 10 as president) and coached basketball and softball. If elected, I will continue to serve all of Jay County. I will listen and talk to anyone that has a concern or idea to make Jay County a better place to live.

Stipp: I am not much for self promotion. I have considered my years in health care and teaching in the health sciences to be public service. I feel the same about serving Jay County as a council member. My incentive to run is simply a concern that all sides be given a voice. I am fully prepared to serve Jay County along with the existing council members for the good of all Jay County.

Capsule Reports

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Intersection crash
A Portland man crashed the truck he was driving into the back of another Portland man's vehicle at the intersection of Meridian and High streets in Portland about 4:20 p.m. Monday.

Thomas B. Jacobs, 65, was stopped in his 2023 Freightliner M2 on Meridian Street at the intersection

with High Street. Leon D. Muhlenkamp, 52, was driving a 2013 Ford F-150 north on the street and crashed into the back of Jacobs' vehicle.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle Muhlenkamp was driving — it's registered to Muhlenkamp Building Corporation of Coldwater, Ohio — was towed.



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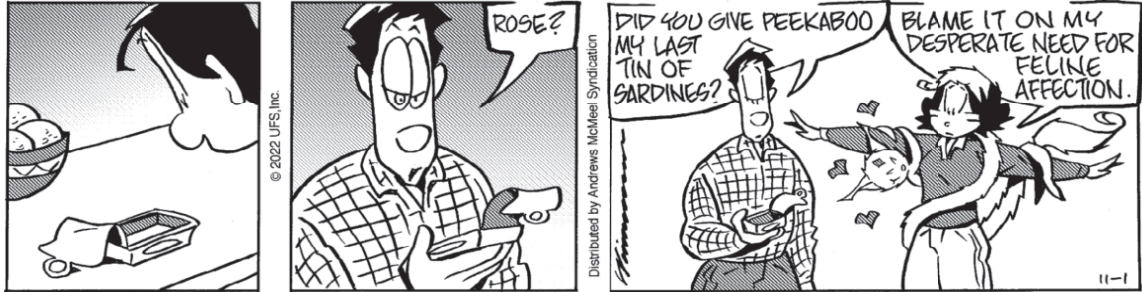
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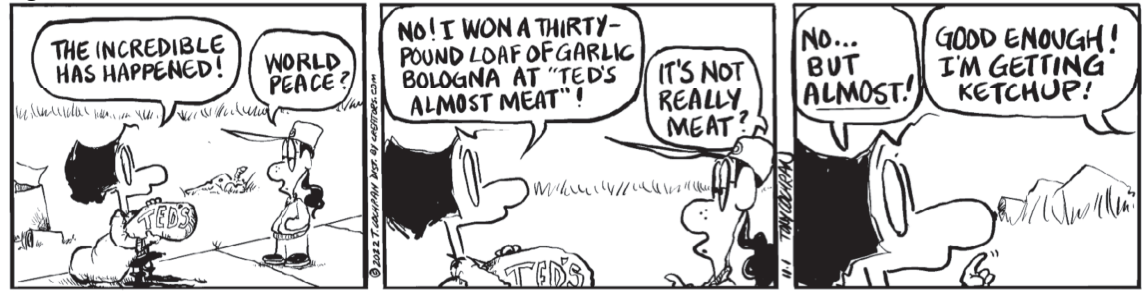
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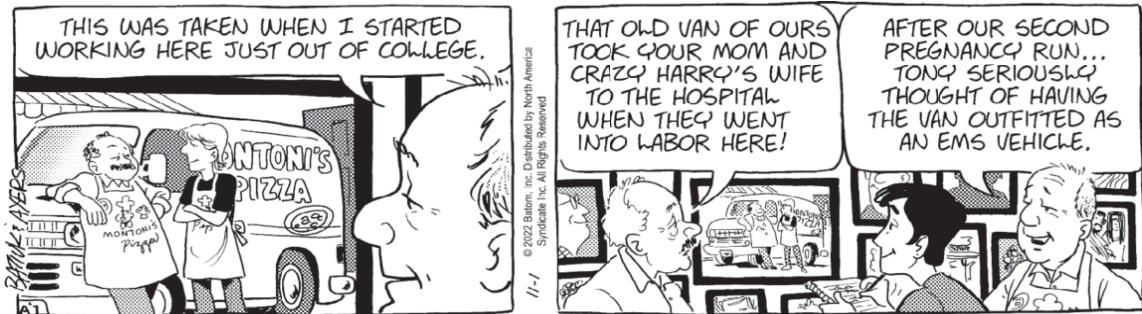
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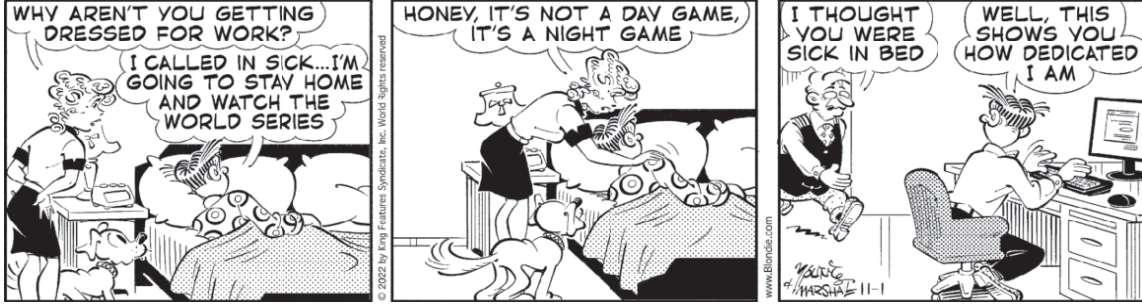
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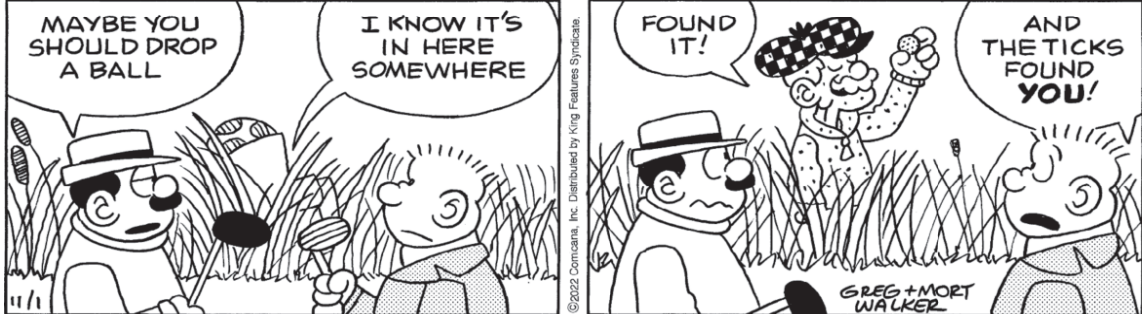
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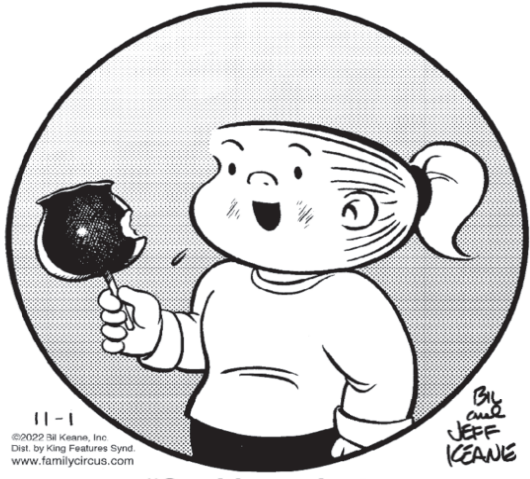
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Tomorrow: The grand slam force.

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State ...

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Heitkamp needed only to be in the top 28 to advance to the state finals for the second year in a row. He never fell out of the top 10.

With four of the top six teams in Division III at the regional meet and about eight others legitimately able to contend for a top-seven finish and a state berth, the girls' spot was anything but assured. They were in a battle with Gibsonburg, New London and Woodmore throughout for the final spot, trailing at least one of those rivals through the first four runners across the line. The No. 5, 6 and 7 spots made the difference as the Indians scored 265 points to edge Gibsonburg by six for the final state-qualifying position.

Fort Recovery's girls, who earned a trip to state for the third straight season, trailed No. 1 Minster (76), No. 2 Colonel Crawford (151), No. 6 Patrick Henry (156), No. 3 Liberty Center (170), Ottawa Hills (201) and Huron (230).

The Indians will compete Saturday in the OHSAA Division III Cross Country State Finals at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park. The boys race is set for 11 a.m., with the girls to follow at 11:45 a.m.

"It's pretty great," said senior Alexis Wendel, who was the fifth runner across the finish line for the Tribe. "We definitely weren't sure if we were going to make it. So that makes it better."

Having battled illness all week — he missed Wednes-



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Fort Recovery High School junior Trevor Heitkamp runs ahead of Paul Westrick of Tinora on Saturday in the OHSAA Division III boys cross country race at Tiffin's Hedges-Boyer Park. Heitkamp finished ninth in the race to earn a second consecutive state berth.

day's practice — Heitkamp wasn't sure what to expect. After the first quarter mile, there was a solid top six with Heitkamp sitting eighth as the field spread out behind the lead group.

He had slipped just one spot to ninth by the midpoint of the race and simply stayed strong there, finishing four seconds behind eighth-place Paul Westrick of Tinora and

four seconds ahead of 10th-place Anthony Caprara of Gibsonburg.

Riley Nixon of champion Ottawa Hills won the regional title at 15:49.9.

"I wasn't happy with my time, but going into the race I wasn't feeling the greatest," said Heitkamp, who was 10 seconds off of his district championship time from the previous week. "Ultimately, I raced,

which let me move on. And that was the goal."

Fort Recovery's girls were proof that every runner makes a difference. They trailed Gibsonburg, New London and Woodmore through two runners. With four athletes in from each team, they were still 20 points behind Gibsonburg, tied with New London and just one point ahead of Woodmore.

But Wendel surged across the finish line to edge Parkway's Paige Williamson — they had matching times of 21:44.4 — and Colonel Crawford's Maria Smith (21:44.5) for 111th place.

"Coming up the hill I did not feel great," said Wendel of the steep incline out of the woods on the east side of Hedges-Boyer Park with about a

half-mile left. "I definitely started to slow down."

"And then I noticed our old coach (New Bremen's Jason Barhorst) cheering on his team. And something in me just kicked it in and I was able to finish strong."

"Alexis had an amazing finish," added Diller. "She basically threw her body across the line."

Then Megan Diller (132nd — 22:08.1), the coach's daughter, and Joelle Kaup (134th — 22:10), the No. 6 and 7 runners for the Tribe, both came in ahead of the No. 5s for all three of the other contenders for that final state berth.

Those efforts pushed Fort Recovery into the No. 7 spot with Gibsonburg eighth while New London and Woodmore dropped to 10th and 12th, respectively.

Junior Natalie Brunswick paced the Indians and would have earned a state berth had they not qualified as a team. She outran Gorham Fayette's Leslie Burrow to the finish line to take 24th place in 19:28.

"Natalie ran a great race," said Diller. "She looked good. She looked strong. Any time we get a kid individually to state it's a pretty good day."

Jenna Hart, another junior, was 55th with a half-mile to go and made progress in the home stretch. She climbed to 51st, finishing in 20:40.1.

Ellie Will, also a junior, was 71st in 21:08.7 and senior Caitlin Weitzel placed 95th with a time of 21:36.3.

90 SALE CALENDAR

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Saturday morning
NOVEMBER 5, 2022
10:00 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
11AM
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1 1/2 story home built in 1939. Home has 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, a basement, and 2700 square feet of living area. House has hardwood floors, a gas forced air furnace, central air, gas water heater, and a 2 car detached garage.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS—OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
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Sunday Afternoon
NOVEMBER 13th, 2022
12:30 P.M.
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NOVEMBER 7, 2022
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Located: 214 East Arch St.
Portland IN
NOVEMBER 12, 2022
10 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
3 Bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 story home containing 1773 sq. ft. of finished living area. Privacy fence, detached 22x22 ft. garage. Open house is Sunday October 30th from 1-3pm or for private showing phone auctioneers.
ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-APPLIANCES
Childs roll top desk, antique blower, antique roller, Cuckoo clock, wall clock, kerosene lanterns, spinning wheel, crock butter churn, 6 and 4 gal crocks, Kenmore upright freezer (nice), Kenmore washer and dryer..
SHOP-GARAGE-OUTDOOR
Wen 40 gal air compressor, bench model drill press, 10" table saw, 15 psi pressure washer, Dewalt and Makita battery and power tools, rabbit cages, pet cages, tomato cages, live traps, 2x2 lumber, recurve bow.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 4057 South 1000 West Redkey IN (just south of 400 south on 1000 west)
NOVEMBER 19, 2022
10 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
3 bedroom, 2 bathroom ranch style home containing 1,704 sq. ft. of finished living area. 24'x24' attached garage. 24'x22' attached work area. 32'x42' pole building. 28'x32' shop, above ground pool. Open house will take place on November 6th from 1-3pm. or for private showing phone auctioneers.
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ITC model UC25HD compact tractor with hydraulic loader and back hoe attachment (53 actual hours), 1992 Ford E350 Airex motor home (low miles), 1988 Ford Econoline 150 van, 1976 Yamaha 350 motorcycle, Polaris magnum 2x4 ATV.
ANTIQUES-APPLIANCES- HOUSEHOLD
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Portland In, 47371
November 5, 2022
10 A.M.
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Ford 5000 dsl tractor with 4687 hrs and hydraulic loader, 3 pt. 7 ft rotary mower, 3.6 chisel plow, 3 pt. post hole auger, Snap-on 2000 psi pressure washer. ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-MISC
1,2, and 3 gal crocs and jugs, ammo boxes, metal and wood pulleys, meat grinder, garden plow, 4 burner camping stove with oven, pots, pans, cooking utensils, canning jars, new wine bottles, several items not mentioned.
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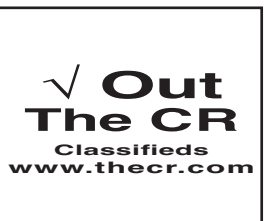
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Indiana falls in rematch with Nets, see Sports on tap

Patriot girls host scrimmage tonight, see Sports on tap

Sports

Back to state



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Heitkamp, FR girls earn trip to Obez

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

TIFFIN, Ohio — In a week during which he wasn't feeling his best, Trevor Heitkamp established his position early and maintained it.

The Tribe girls had to fight for every place and every point in order to give themselves a chance.

All of the Indians who competed Saturday earned a return trip to Ohio's biggest meet.

Heitkamp finished ninth to easily clear the threshold and the Fort Recovery High School girls rallied past Gibsonburg for the seventh and final team state berth in the OHSAA Division III regional cross country meet at Hedges-Boyer Park.

"We got what we needed today," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "Trevor had an awesome race. He went out hard and really pretty much held his position. He looked good. I think he felt pretty good about it."

"The girls made me sweat a little bit again," she added of the girls team, which was also seventh in the regional a year ago, "but they did what they needed to do. ..."

"They showed up, got the job done, we live to run another week. ..."

"I'm super happy."

See State page 7

Fort Recovery High School senior Caitlin Weitzel leads a pack of runners up the hill on the east side of Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin during the OHSAA Division III regional cross country race Saturday. Wendel was 95th in 21:36.3 to help the Indians secure a state berth for the third consecutive season.

Nets defeat Indiana

By KRISTIAN WINFIELD
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Fool me once, shame on you. But fool me twice?

The Nets didn't find out how that age-old adage ends.

At least not this time.

The Nets snapped a four-game losing streak with a 116-109 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Halloween evening. It was a much needed, get-right win after the Pacers thoroughly embarrassed the Nets in Saturday's nine-point loss.

"It was very important for us to get a response," head coach Steve Nash said. "The win was nice. I care much more about our process and I thought the process was great. The spirit was great, we were connected, we played hard. We were able to do the extra things, the little things, and especially at the end. We had tired players at the end. Guys played a lot of minutes and playing a team that flies around — they play with pace, they fly around. They stuck with it. They stuck with the task. They played for each other, rebounded the ball better, did so many things better, so we were proud of the group's effort."

And it was a win that was met with a standing ovation from a Barclays

Pacers' comeback attempt falls short

Center crowd desperate for a quality performance from what has the potential to be a quality late-season team if they can put it all together.

The victory — Brooklyn's second of the season against five early losses — didn't come without drama: The Nets ran up a 24-point first-half lead that evaporated by the fourth quarter. It became a two possession game down the stretch after the Pacers knocked down a flurry of threes.

In fact, Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving each missed critical threes down the stretch, to which the Pacers responded with baskets that kept the game close. In the end, Irving iced the game with a floater and Durant put it out of reach with a pair of free throws.

Durant finished with 36 points on 13-of-22 shooting from the field to go with nine rebounds and seven assists.

"Wins are always incredible. It's tough to

win in this league," Durant said. "It's tough to be successful in this league, so it's easy to take this stuff for granted because we play so many games and we put so much high expectation on ourselves as a team and as individuals, but when you sit back and think about it, it does feel good to get a W."

"It feels good going home and it feels good going to sleep and going into the next game so you can look forward to tomorrow."

Indiana shot 0-of-12 from downtown in the first period, then proceeded to light it up from deep for the rest of the night.

Nets center Nic Claxton had 19 points, nine rebounds, four assists and four blocks.

Irving finished with 28 points on 9-of-19 shooting from the field.

The Pacers got 30 from guard Chris Duarte and 22 from wing Buddy Hield but only shot 11-of-39 from downtown.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball scrimmage vs. Huntington North — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Buffalo at Ohio (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins at Pittsburgh Penguins (ESPN)
8:03 p.m. — Major League Baseball: World Series — Houston Astros at Philadelphia Phillies (FOX)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Phoenix Suns (TNT)
10:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Anaheim Ducks at San Jose Sharks (ESPN)

Wednesday
7 p.m. — College football: Western Michigan at Bowling Green (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Buffalo Sabres (TNT)
8:03 p.m. — Major League Baseball: World Series — Houston Astros at Philadelphia Phillies (FOX)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Portland Trail Blazers (ESPN)



Local notes
Turkey Trot is Nov. 5
The Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K is scheduled for Saturday.
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."

Wrestling registration open
A sign-up session is scheduled for kindergarten through second graders who would like to be part of Jay County Wrestling Club.
The club's Little Patriots Program is for those in kindergarten through second grade and focuses on wrestling basics.
The registration fee is \$80.
Sign ups will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.
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