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## Bringing in beans

Debris flies from the rear of a combine while a farmer harvests beans Friday in a field on the north side of Votaw Street on the west edge of Portland. The high temperature was in the 70s.

## Ballot crowded for seat on board

*Four are in race for seat in District 1*

The current District 1 representative on Jay School Board moved out of the district.

Four candidates are hoping to replace him.

Mike Foreman, Brandon Kloer, Marcie Vormohr and Chad Bricker are all seeking the District 1 seat on Jay School Board. The winner of Tuesday's election will replace Chris Snow, who moved out of the district and is now running in District 5.

Brick is the owner of Bricker Auction Company and Realty and also works for Tucker of Muncie Real Estate. He graduated from Reppert School of Auctioneering and Tucker School of Real Estate.

Foreman is a graduate of Monroe Central High School (1974) and Ball State University (1978). He is retired.

Kloer is a mechanical engineer at Honeywell. He graduated from Muncie Southside High School in 2001 and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Indiana University (2005) and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from IPFW (2018).

Vormohr graduated from Jay County High School in 1977 and DePauw University. She is a homemaker. Her husband Frank served two terms on Jay School Board and Snow is her nephew.

The candidates, none of whom have held elected office before, were asked to respond to a questionnaire from The Commercial Review. Their answers follow.

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## Three seek to follow Shannon

A retired manufacturing supervisor, a children's pastor and a former teacher and judge are seeking to replace a longtime school board member.

Tom Crouch, Gloria Hamilton and Tommy "Chip" Phillips are all running for the District 2 seat on Jay School Board. Incumbent Mike Shannon, who has served five terms, decided not to run for re-election.

Crouch is retired after a career as a supervisor for manufacturing firms including Sheller-Globe and Sonoco in Portland; Magna Powertrain in Muncie; and Integrated Manufacturing & Assembly in Berne. He is a 1969 graduate of Dunkirk High School and ran for the Republi-

### *Crouch, Hamilton and Phillips are running for District 2 seat*

can nomination for Dunkirk Mayor in 2019.

Hamilton serves as the family and children's pastor at Dunkirk Nazarene Church. She graduated from Muncie Southside High School in 1992, Ivy Tech (early childhood education) in 1995, Indiana Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in business

administration in 1999 and a master's degree in management in 2001. She home schools her children, she said, in part because of curriculum and to be able to give individualized learning that would not be available in large classrooms. This is her first time running for office.

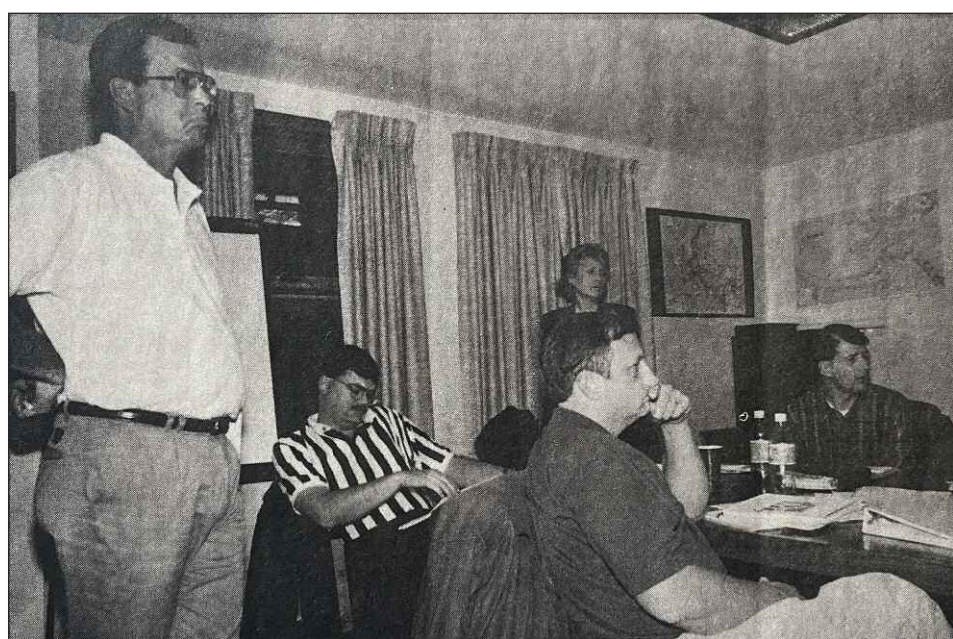
Phillips is retired after a 38-year

career in teaching with 34 of those years for Jay School Corporation. He was also Dunkirk City Court Judge for 16.5 years. (He resigned from that position and was reprimanded by Indiana Supreme Court in April 2017 following an altercation with Dunkirk's police chief.) He retired as a lieutenant colonel after serving 27 years in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Marion College in 1978 and master's degree in education from Ball State University in 1985.

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## Retrospect



The Commercial Review/Mary Ann Lewis

Fort Recovery Local School's superintendent Pat Niekamp (left), high school principal Ed Snyder, school board member Jack Staugler, elementary school principal Nancy Knapke and board member Dan Kahlig react after learning an election equipment issue would delay the results of voting on Nov. 4, 1997. Though it took a bit longer, the news turned out to be good as voters approved a levy to fund the construction of Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School.

## School levy passed

Twenty-five years ago this week, voters gave the green light to build a new school.

The Nov. 5, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured election coverage that included 79% approval for a school levy for the construction of a new elementary school.

The result of that levy and subsequent building project is the current Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School on Sharpsburg Road.

Voters overwhelmingly supported the 4.75 mill levy that included an additional 0.5 mill for maintenance. It was expected to raise about \$3.5 million for the project.

With the levy approved, the school district qualified to

receive \$13 million from Ohio's Building Assistance Program to construct the new school and remodel the high school for handicapped accessibility.

Work on the project had started with a facilities assessment committee four years earlier with plans quickly solidified to pursue a building assistance project. The committee, school board members and administrators worked beginning in September 1993 to learn more about the program and gain approval. That finally came from the state in July 1997 with funding approved a month later, but the project still hinged on the levy issue. Superintendent Pat Niekamp and school board mem-

bers had spent months advocating for the project prior to election day at club meetings, sorority gatherings, church functions and anywhere anyone would listen.

They got positive early indications on the project with the handful of district voters in Burkettsville and Darke County supporting the levy 28-4. But an issue with election equipment delayed the tally.

"I wish those results would come in," said Niekamp about 10:45 p.m. while pacing the board room.

The final phone call came at 11:45 p.m.

Niekamp's reaction? "That's super!"

"I'm tickled to see that kind of support from the community," he added later.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for showers with winds at 25 to 30 miles per hour — gusts will be up to 50 miles per hour — and a high of 68. More rain is expected

tonight with the low dropping to 45.

Skies will be sunny Sunday and Monday with highs in the 60s. Lows will be in the 40s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Arts Place will host performance troupe Letters Aloud for "All Our Best: Perseverance in Times of Trouble" at 7 p.m. Saturday. The event features actors reading letters by individuals experiencing pandemics, social upheaval, discrimination and more. Admission is free.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Results from the FRHS cross country team at the state finals.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of all of the local races from Election Day.







Photo provided

## Optimist donation

The City of Portland donated \$100 Wednesday to the Evening Optimists of Portland. The group is hosting an auction at 10 a.m. today at Smitley Auction.

# Couple in friend group constantly complain

**DEAR ABBY:** We have a group of friends who get together most Friday nights. We go out to eat, meet for drinks or gather at one of the group member's homes for dinner and drinks. One person in particular constantly complains about everything every single week. They don't like the restaurant that was chosen, or the food the host prepared or the place the pizza was ordered from. Once, they kept repeatedly telling the host they wanted to punch the host's son in the face because he was rude to the host on his way out for the evening. This guest's spouse also nipsicks relentlessly. It makes everybody uncomfortable. It has reached the point that

*Dear Abby*



**DEAR DOWN:** No, there isn't. But you could stop inviting this particular couple. If you are asked about it, all you have to say is that you grew tired of their constant criticism, which put a damper on the events.

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the group doesn't want to get together anymore. My spouse and I haven't seen the group for several weeks now, but we miss them. Is there a polite way to tell this couple their negativity is a drag on the rest of the group, and maybe they should seek professional help or learn to keep their mouths shut? — DOWN WITH THE DOWNER

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is married with children, and she's happy with a wonderful husband and a beautiful home. My concern is that they have hung professionally done photos of themselves, their kids, their friends and candid images from their wedding in many of the rooms on the first floor, but there are none of my husband and me or the other grandparents. Every

Christmas we receive another framed family photo of them. What would you think if we gifted them a lovely portrait of us? — UNSEEN IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR UNSEEN:** I think it's worth a try, but don't be offended if they don't display it. They appear to be so centered on their nuclear family that there isn't room for anyone else in their picture-perfect house.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Recently, my wife told me her brothers have been mad at her for more than a decade and don't talk to her because of something I said at a family get-together 12 years ago. I asked what they were mad about and

what the discussion was about that upset them, but they didn't say — they just quit contacting her. To me, it's childish and rude to treat their sister that way. Do you have any thoughts or suggestions? — DID NOT KNOW IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR DID NOT:** Yes, I do. The term for what your wife's brothers have been doing is "passive aggression." Because your wife's brothers aren't willing to address the issue, nothing can be done to resolve it. This is why I suggest the two of you — and whatever other relatives you do get along with — go on with your lives and waste no more time looking back.

## Community Calendar

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

**Saturday**  
**PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET** — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.  
**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.  
**MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER** — Is open from noon

to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.  
**Monday**  
**PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS** — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.  
**BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER** — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
**PING PONG** — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.  
**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.  
**EUCHRE** — Will be played starting at 1 p.m.

each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.  
**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER** — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.  
**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)** — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at South Side Church of Christ, 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.  
**BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL** — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.  
**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

**PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.  
**Tuesday**  
**JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS** — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.  
**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 - 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.

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## Sudoku

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8	6			3				4
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Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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.

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## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

### For Jay County Schools

#### October 7-11

**Monday: Main Entrees:** Chicken and waffle, Breakfast syrup  
**Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch, Ham and Cheese Chef Salad, Saltine Crackers, Light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Hash brown patty

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheeseburger in bun  
**Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch, Ham and Cheese Chef Salad, Saltine Crackers, Light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Baked crinkle fries

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Mini turkey dogs **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch, Ham and Cheese Chef Salad, Saltine Crackers, Light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Glazed carrots

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Teriyaki glazed chicken, brown fried rice **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch, Ham and Cheese Chef Salad, Saltine Crackers, Light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Steamed broccoli florets

**Friday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch, Ham and Cheese Chef Salad, Saltine Crackers, Light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

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# Casting ballot is crucial

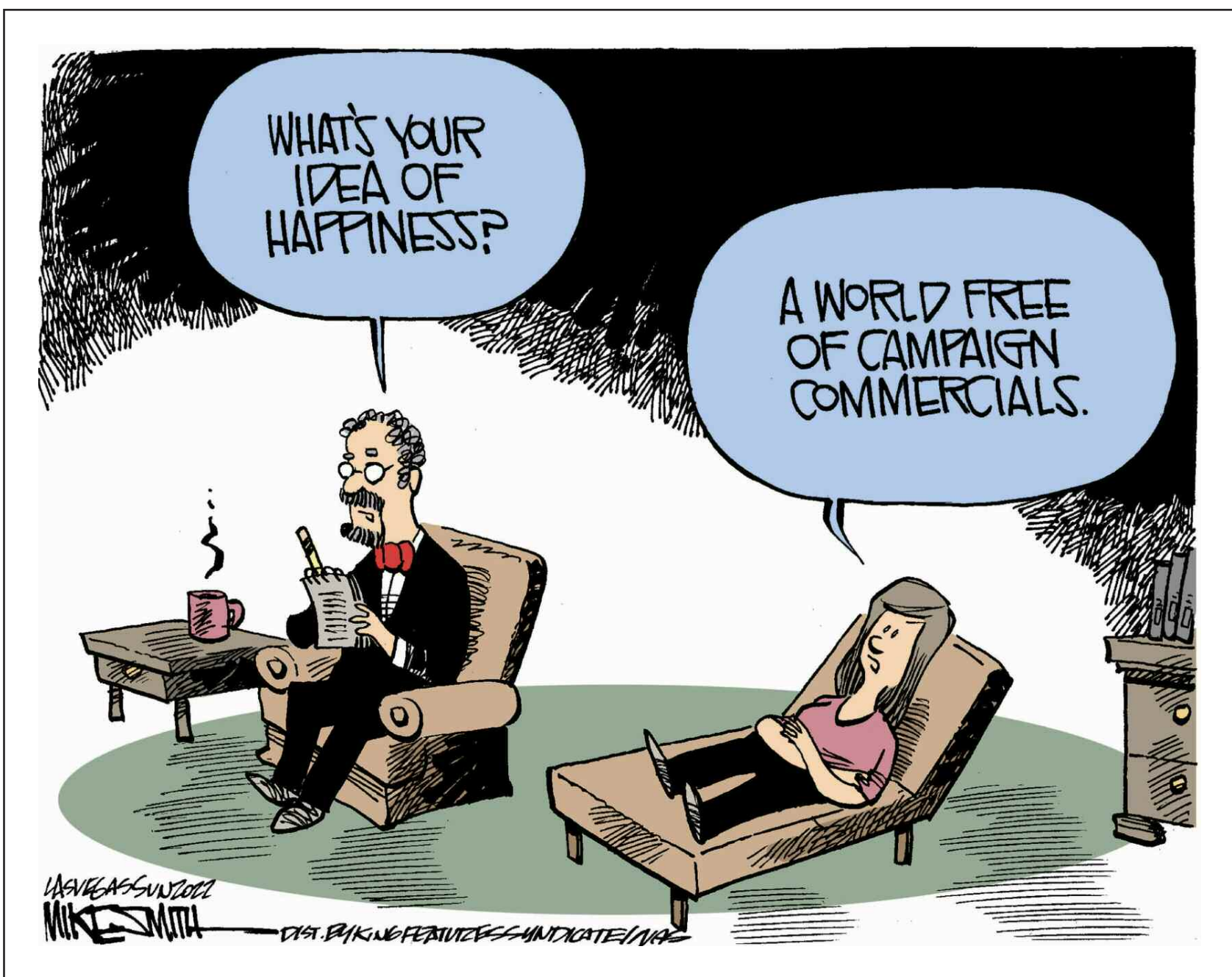
To the editor:  
I would like to remind everyone of voting age and eligibility about the importance of casting your vote. It is the duty and responsibility of each of us as citizens to exercise this most crucial obligation.  
David Johnson  
Portland

## Letters to the Editor

# Do not tolerate political violence

New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service  
A man who marinated in the stew of virulent right-wing rhetoric allegedly broke into the San Francisco home of the speaker of the U.S. House, shouted "Where is Nancy?" and then brutalized her husband Paul with a hammer. A nation that's seen the shooting of Gabby Giffords and Steve Scalise, where threats and intimidation against members of Congress have been rising rapidly, can hardly act surprised, but we must not lose our capacity for outrage.  
Nor should we mince words about who is responsible for the current climate. While American politics has been dangerously divisive for decades, it's Donald Trump who, while holding the nation's largest megaphone, swaggered about in a tough-guy costume, played coy with the Proud Boys, Oath Keepers and unhinged conspiracy theories like QAnon, called his critics enemies of the state and smirked as crowds chanted to lock up his political opponent.  
Trump's kerosene on the smoldering fire helps explain why recorded threats against members of Congress increased more than tenfold to 9,625 in 2021, according to the Capitol Police. Though these were aimed at Democrats and Republicans alike, many were Republicans or pro-Trump individuals attacking Democrats or Republicans considered anti-Trump. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, the only Republican save Liz Cheney bold enough to serve on the Jan. 6 Committee, released chilling audio of callers menacing him and his family.  
Even more disturbing have been vile attacks on poll workers whose job is not to make tough political decisions, but to fairly administer our elections.  
A September speech by President Joe Biden on safeguarding American democracy, which critics wrongly said vilified half the country, gave no quarter to intimidating extremism of any kind: "I want to say this plain and simple: There is no place for political violence in America. Period. None. Ever."  
In the wake of the attack on Paul Pelosi, every Democrat can be expected to repeat that refrain. Every last Republican must join them, and make their voices loud.

## Guest Editorial



# Hospitality, tourism have grown

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Fall is a time for inexpensive conferences and parent weekends at colleges, and so, over the last month, I've been traveling extensively in the eastern half of the country.

Some folks enjoy travel for the beautiful scenery, historic architecture and differing cultures. As an economist, I also think about local productivity differences over time — we are romantic in that way. What I saw offered only good long-term prognosis for the economy.

Travel causes intense interaction with the hospitality and tourism sectors. These are sophisticated industries, whose productivity has local effects on employment and business profitability. This is also the only sector nationwide not to have a full employment recovery in the post-recession period. That's not necessarily a bad thing if it is accompanied by productivity improvements. Everywhere I visited, I saw productivity improvements.

Economists measure productivity as the value of goods or services sold per unit of inputs. Inputs are people, raw materials or equipment. In the hospitality and tourism sector, this means mostly getting more revenue per worker. People are a huge cost share to this industry, so making more money per worker is always the goal of productivity improvements.

This example also demonstrates the importance of thinking like an economist. A more productive business requires — and hires — fewer workers. So, if you think that business is the single measure of an economy, as many novices do, you'll view productivity growth as unwelcome news for a region. However, fewer workers in a hotel or restaurant is just the first in a multi-step effect of productivity growth.

Productivity growth, and a declining number of employees, means that each remaining worker is more valuable to a company. This ultimately means higher pay, more investment in worker training and better fringe benefits. Moreover, if the productivity effects are widespread, it boosts the wages of all

Michael J. Hicks



workers across the region. Productivity growth also reduces the price of the goods or services sold, causing customers to buy a larger quantity.

There are a couple caveats to these salutary effects. If the productivity growth is very fast, it will place more workers than can be absorbed by the natural growth of the economy. If the displaced workers have few other skills, they might struggle finding new work. Also, if the local industry is heavily monopolized, workers might not see the gains of their productivity.

Fortunately, in the case of hospitality and tourism, few places will exhibit any of these characteristics. Even in Orlando, Florida, home of the largest destination tourism market in the world, labor markets are competitive. Disney doesn't enjoy a glut of workers. So, the effects of productivity growth in these sectors will be shared by business owners, workers and consumers alike.

There's enormous focus on automation and digitization as a source of productivity growth. That makes sense; robotics, computers and other equipment are all around us. But, automation is probably not the largest factor affecting productivity growth.

We've all seen the newish automatic pay kiosks that are the standard in most fast food restaurants. These cut labor costs, but are really just the next iteration of productivity enhancements that came from McDonald's laying out a production line 70 years ago. This pace of productivity improvement is relentless, from self-service drinks to drive-thru lines. There are hundreds of other small examples of this.

Most of us have experienced online payments as well. This seems new, but it is just a few technological steps up from a cash register, or the numberless

picture keys that were introduced on them in the '80s and '90s. Each step that cuts out human involvement cuts labor costs in some tasks, but it also increases the importance of the workers who remain.

Perhaps the biggest change to productivity comes from altering what and when a task is performed. This is an area that is particularly tied to human skills and judgment. I spent six nights in a hotel room this month, and did not have my towels exchanged or bed made. That's a marked departure from even a few years ago, when most hotels changed towels and at least made beds every day. Likewise, many restaurants are closing earlier, choosing to operate only during the most productive periods. Cutting tasks and delivering fewer services during periods of low demand are evidence that these hospitality and tourism businesses are trying to be more productive. What's left are workers performing tasks that are more complex, such as customer service, rather than mundane tasks like making a bed.

That's the story of almost all productivity changes. We automate those things humans aren't particularly good at, and pay more for the things we are good at doing. Humans aren't particularly strong animals, so our early attempts at productivity growth used animals to move goods, plow fields and grind flour. We aren't fleet of foot, so we built aqueducts to move water and roads to carry wagons. Newer productivity improvements used robotics to do mundane but complex tasks like assembling cars. Computers now do computations in portions of a second that 75 years ago would've required every human being to do calculations by hand for years.

This productivity growth is better for firms. We know that simply because they are spending resources to become more productive. We need no more insight than their behavior. When the dust settles, it is almost certain that hospitality and tourism will be less expensive in inflation-adjusted terms than they were before COVID.

*... if the productivity effects are widespread, it boosts the wages of all workers across the region. Productivity growth also reduces the price of the goods or services sold, causing customers to buy a larger quantity.*

That has been the case throughout the past 300 years of remarkable productivity growth. But, has it been better for workers in the hospitality and tourism sector? In the most recent jobs report, that sector saw the largest annualized increase in wages. Hourly wages in this sector grew by 7.9 percent, much faster than the 5.0 percent that all private sector workers received.

This is good news for business owners in the travel and tourism industry, good news for those of us who consume their services, and especially welcomed news for the people working in that industry. Of course, it should go without saying that all of this is possible through the marvels of market economics, where business, workers and consumers all seek what's best for themselves. In so doing, they quietly deliver value and growth across the economy.

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

**Bricker:** I think our school board is in need of help in an abundance of school violence. I would like to look into more school hallway monitoring.

**Foreman:** Our society today is bombarded with social media and woke agendas. Controversial issues like critical race theory are being pushed in our public education systems. According to our school policy, the superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines for dealing with controversial issues and with parental concerns about program content or the use of particular materials. The superintendent has full administrative authority for properly discharging his professional duties while the school board holds him responsible for acceptable results. As a school board member and concerned grandparents I look forward to working with Mr. Gulley regarding controversial issues that need to be addressed.

**Kloer:** The most important issue should always directly relate to the students and their education. To ensure that our students get the best education possible, we need to be fiscally responsible, hire and retain the best teachers and ensure that students have the necessary resources. I will work within our budget and find the right balance to do all three of these things. Many students have fallen behind due to the pandemic, and I want to ensure we are doing what we can to help students get to where they need to be.

**Vormohr:** The most important issue facing any school board today is knowing our children are in a safe environment, one that affords each student the opportunity to explore many different options for choosing a career path after high school. I believe that recess, art, music, auto mechanics, physical education, etc. are equally as important in a child's well-being as are English and Math. I would like to see smaller classrooms with sufficient support staff. Teachers should be able to use their gifts and knowledge in less restrictive, more creative ways thus allowing students the ability to expand their horizons.

*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?*

**Bricker:** I would like to make sure our school pay for all employees is current and compatible to other school districts. I'd also like to make sure we don't have an abundance of school administrators.

**Foreman:** As a school board member it will be my responsibility to be well informed concerning all issues before the board. I am very interested in the budget. As a corporation we have a responsibility to our tax payers, school personnel and community to be fiscally responsible. During the budget process I will ask questions and express my concerns.

**Kloer:** To maintain the strong financial position that Jay Schools is in, we need to make responsible decisions even when they may seem unpopular. The priority should always be the students and what is best for their education. I am willing to make tough decisions so that we can continue to offer beneficial programs, hire and retain the best staff and keep our

facilities and students safe. We need to be flexible, and I will think outside the box on ways to partner with organizations in our community and access resources and grants to supplement our budget.

**Vormohr:** For Jay Schools to stay in a strong financial position, we need to be proactive. We need to maintain current facilities, both school buildings and sports complexes. A good school system and its available extracurricular activities are the first things many prospective families will look at when choosing a community. Additionally, as our population may change with different cultures and ethnicities, we need to plan for the future of the children. We might want to begin looking for more bilingual teachers who are able to educate and communicate with both students and parents.


*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 ensure an education that provides a bright future for all Jay School Corporation students?*

**Bricker:** I would like to work to bring back some more of our vocational classes and to make sure we are offering enough school financing to our teachers for teaching supplies.

**Foreman:** We have a diverse student population so it makes sense that we should offer diverse vocational programs along with opportunities for post secondary education. Our role as a school corporation is to encourage the growth of individual employees for the ultimate goal of improving the educational program. As a board member I will support a salary pay schedule that is partially merit based to encourage individual growth which will help to ensure a bright future for our students.

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**Tommy "Chip" Phillips II**  
District 2 Jay School Board

- ✓ **38 yrs. Public School Teacher**  
*Last 34 years in the Jay School Corporation as a classroom teacher*
- ✓ **27 years in the United States Air Force Reserve**  
*Retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel*
- ✓ **Iraq war veteran**

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# CHAMP

**for County Council**

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## Swiss Village

**JOB POSTING: DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

The Director of Facilities Management is the professional staff person responsible for supervising all aspects of the interior and exterior maintenance of the Swiss Village Main Campus and the North Campus, including the Muselman Wellness Pavilion. Responsibilities also include overseeing facility renovations and other projects, as well as managing the Maintenance staff.

This position requires a high school diploma. An Associate Degree or higher or applicable experience is preferred. Seeking candidates with previous maintenance experience and experience with Life Safety Code. 5 or more years of supervisory experience is preferred. Long-term care experience is also preferred.

If interested, please submit a Resume and Cover Letter to Taylor Lehman, Vice President of HR, by Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

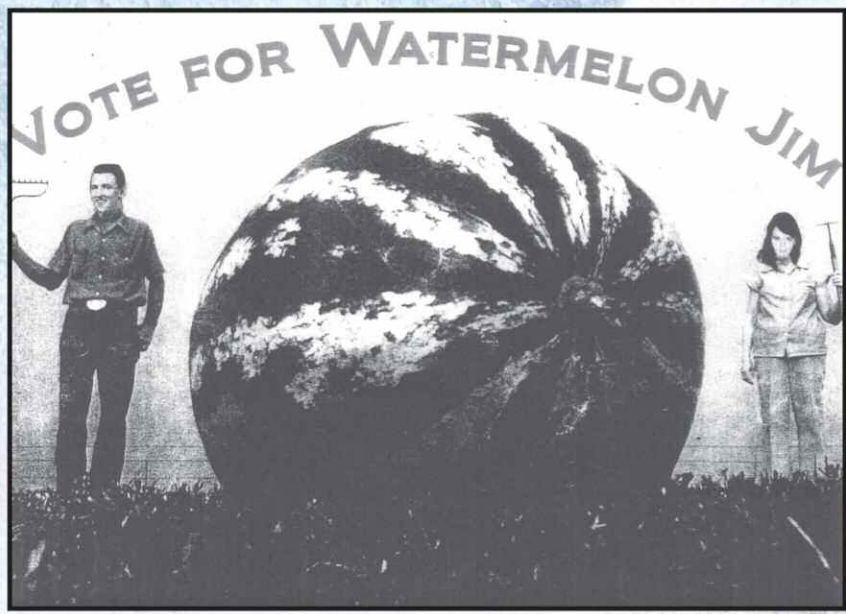
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God and Country is the foundation on which our Nation was founded

The fundamental IDEALS of American Government are Justice, Freedom, and Equality for all.

There are no losers on the Ballot cause Everybody is a winner to get on the ballot.



## True Story

Back in the fifties Thelma had 9 kids  
No one would rent to her when they saw them 9 kids.  
She took the 9 kids to the Cemetery and told them to get out and stay she would come for them in an hour. The first place she went to this woman had a house beside of hers for rent. She rented the house the lady asked her if she had any kids she said I have 9 kids they are all in the cemetery.  
Thelma went back to the cemetery and picked up her kids.

When she got back, the lady called the police.  
They came and she told the police Thelma had 9 kids all in the cemetery.  
Thelma said you didn't ask me if they was dead, did you.  
Thelma got the house.  
*She was the best renter I ever had.*

# Watermelon Jim

11-5 CRYPTOQUIP

JFPO RZ EZH APYY P AVYVIKGOE
CKZZXGDC FGB HDTVXSO FPGK
PUOVK JPTGDC? PD HS-PDR-
AZXIGDC BOPK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SONG ABOUT SOMEBODY LIVING IN A VALLEY DRAFTING A CONSTITUTION: "THE FRAMER IN THE DELL."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals G

Trivial Review
(Serious questions)
1) Who is the only player in the top five in World Series home runs who did not play for the Yankees?
2) The Yankees have the most World Series wins. What team has the most World Series losses?

11-7 CRYPTOQUIP

LABFA ZMHY KT DMFA LDDV
NAKPCJ TKCVN NDY MNBBD YK
NPRWBY ZMXWDIYN KI YADBH
RBCCN? JPDN-JMX.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT DO YOU CALL A CELEBRITY GROOMING HIS UNKEMPT HAIR AFTER WAKING? AN UP-AND-COMBING STAR.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals W

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to November. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = A)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to men's health.
CRENCA

Guess Who?
I am a musician born in New Jersey on November 5, 1987. I am part of a successful trio of brothers who burst on the scene after making an appearance on "Hannah Montana."

kids' corner
THESE ARE MANY CHILDREN'S INITIAL INTRODUCTIONS TO READING.

PEOPLE FACT!
THESE ARE MANY CHILDREN'S INITIAL INTRODUCTIONS TO READING.

How they say that in...
ENGLISH: Picture
SPANISH: Imagen
ITALIAN: Immagine
FRENCH: Image
GERMAN: Bild

Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1890: LONDON'S FIRST DEEP-LEVEL TUBE RAILWAY OPENS BETWEEN KING WILLIAM STREET AND STOCKWELL.

New word
AUTHOR
a person who writes a book

MEN'S HEALTH WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS
ANNUAL ASSIST AWARENESS CANCER CAUSE DIAGNOSE DIAGNOSIS DOCTOR FUNDRAISER HEALTH MENTAL MOUSTACHE NOVEMBER PHYSICAL PROSTATE RESEARCH RISK SCREENING SYMPTOMS TESTING THERAPY

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
RGTAE OBKO

Did you know?
"GOODNIGHT MOON" BY MARGARET WISE BROWN IS A VERY POPULAR CHILDREN'S BOOK.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 34 Tile art 55 — and 20 Speaks
1 Ship's staff 36 Oust from office 56 Med. plan 22 Expected
5 Latin 101 word 37 Chemical suffix 24 Kind of question
9 Shriner's cap 38 Decay 1 Hoofbeat 25 Actress
12 Chorus syllables 39 Construction piece sound Dawber
13 Curbside yell 42 PBS supporter Shankar
14 "Evil Woman" band 44 Pundit's piece 3 Flair 26 Okla-homa tribe
15 Cameo shape 49 Envelope abbr. 4 Feels 27 Not neg.
16 Svelte 50 Incite for short 5 Swear 29 Needle hole
17 Uncle (Sp.) 51 Rushmore sayings 7 Wise 35 Basket-ball
18 Flamingo's color 52 Saitor 8 Allen or Curry 36 Faraway orb
19 Green prefix 53 Token of defiance 9 Big party 39 Persian Gulf land
20 Abound 54 Proof letters 11 Go fast 40 Actress Neuwirth
21 Radical '60s gp. 11 Go fast 41 Mellowed
23 One-named R&B singer 43 Coup d'—
25 Emerge suddenly 45 Baby carriage
28 Choose 46 Waffle brand
32 Make amends 47 DJ Rick of "Disco Duck" fame
33 Video chat format 49 Lawyers' org.

Yesterday's answer 11-5
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Rescuing a lost cause
West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH
WEST EAST SOUTH
The bidding: West North East South
Assume you're declarer at four hearts and West leads the jack of spades.

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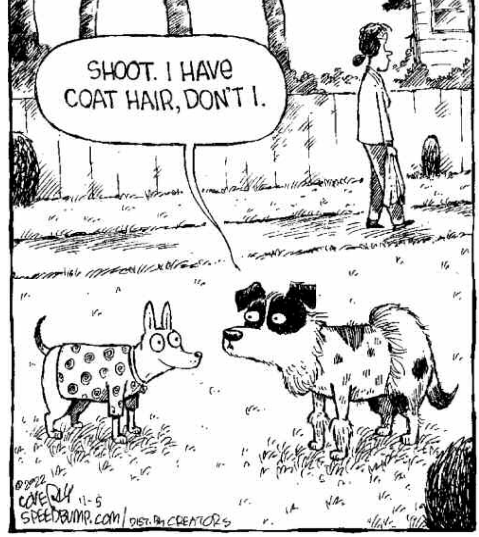
Famous Hand
South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH
WEST EAST SOUTH
The bidding: South West North East
This deal was played many years ago by Ralph Hirschberg, one of the top players of his era.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 36 From days of yore
1 Commotion 37 Consider 20 Taunting laugh
5 Stanley Cup org. 40 Docs' org. 21 Guitarist Clapton
8 Cygnet's parent 41 "Aquarius" musical 22 Opera set in Egypt
12 "Okay, get ready ..." 42 Reach, as a vacation isle 23 Erect
14 Gelato holder 47 Sea eagle 25 Hint at fat
15 Obey 48 Craved beetle 26 Cooking
16 Intro studio class 49 "Sad to say ..." 27 Perimeter
17 Music's Yoko 50 British ref. work 29 Dread
18 Corny bit? 51 Noble Italian family 31 Mafia boss
20 Core 13 Departed students 33 Trumpet sounds
23 Lugosi of film 19 Yale 34 Pass by
24 Bone-dry 35 Praise 36 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
25 Within earshot 40 Battery fluid
28 Stashed 43 "Thar — blows!"
29 Darts about 44 UFO crew
30 Toss in 45 Hanoi holiday
32 "Havana" singer Camila 46 Poem of praise
34 Thus 46 Poem of praise

Saturday's answer 11-7
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14
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24 25 26 27
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**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



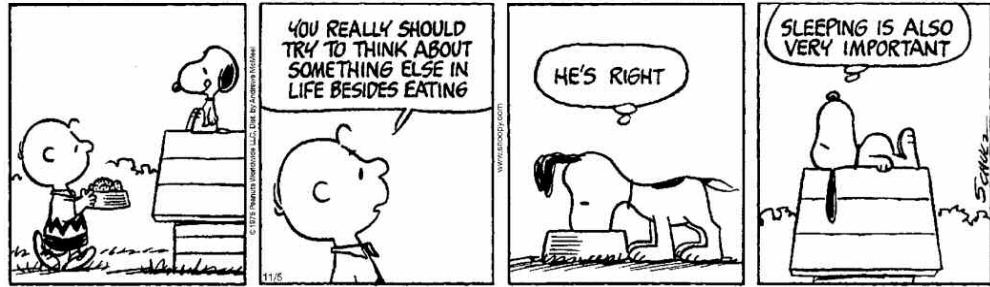
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



**Peanuts**



**Peanuts**



**Rose is Rose**



**Rose is Rose**



**Agnes**



**Agnes**



**Hi and Lois**



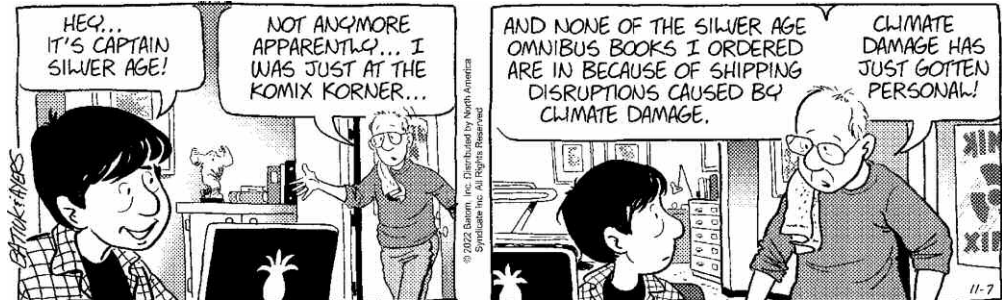
**Hi and Lois**



**Funky Winkerbean**



**Funky Winkerbean**



**Blondie**



**Blondie**



**Snuffy Smith**



**Snuffy Smith**



**Beetle Bailey**



**Beetle Bailey**



# We Deliver

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

# Laughter

The Commercial Review *We Deliver*







Photo provided

## Phillips signs

Former Portland resident Hannah Phillips, who now lives in Hartford, Alabama, recently signed to play college softball at Enterprise State Community College. Phillips, a pitcher for Wiregrass High School in Dothan, Alabama, is pictured with her trainer Tray Lacey.

## Time ...

Continued from page 10  
The rest of the Patriots' starting five projects to feature senior Gabi Bilbrey and juniors Sophie Saxman, Breanna Dirksen and Molly Muhlenkamp. Mabrey McIntire, who transferred from Winchester last year but missed most of the season with a knee injury, will be the first player off the bench. Junior Bella Denton is also expected to see varsity minutes.

That group will need to provide scoring support for Schwieterman after JCHS lost Dirksen (11.5 points per game) and Izzy Rodgers (9.2) to graduation. The next two best scorers last season were Bilbrey (5.9) and Saxman (5.1). No one else scored more than three points per game.

"I think on different nights it could be different people, but Gabi Bilbrey has really been doing well," said Comer. She is the top returning rebounder after grabbing 6.3 boards per game as a junior. "She had a great summer. She's carried it over into the fall here.

"She's so strong. And she's really matured... She really finishes inside now. She's playing with a lot more confidence. From her freshman year to today, it's like night and day."

"I think consistently our top six players are going to be pretty balanced as far as scoring other than Renna. It could be any of them that's our second scorer."

Comer, who enters the season 15 wins away from becoming the 24th coach in Indiana history to reach 400, said his team will con-

### 2022-23 schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, Nov. 8	South Side (FW)	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Nov. 12</b>	<b>Hamilton Heights</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, Nov. 15	Oak Hill	6 p.m.
<b>Friday, Nov. 18</b>	<b>Bellmont</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 19</b>	<b>Winchester</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, Nov. 25</b>	<b>Woodlan</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 29</b>	<b>Northeastern</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Dec. 3	Fort Recovery	noon
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Muncie Central	6 p.m.
<b>Friday, Dec. 9</b>	<b>Adams Central</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Thursday, Dec. 15	New Castle	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17	South Adams	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27	Yorktown	6 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Dec. 29</b>	<b>Pendleton Heights</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Concordia	5 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6	Bluffton	6 p.m.
Jan. 10-14	ACAC Tournament	TBA
<b>Thursday, Jan. 19</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Jan. 21	Southern Wells	6 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 24</b>	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 26</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Home games in bold</b>		

tinue to use its Zorro defense.

"We are gonna look to be at our best when we're running. But we're going to hopefully create that off our half-court defense, not our full-court."

The Patriots will get an almost immediate look at how they stack up against its top sectional rival as it hosts No. 5 Hamilton Heights on Nov. 12. The Huskies are the two-time defending sectional champions and have ended Jay County's season in three of the last five-years, including in overtime in the opening round in February.

The only other team on the JCHS schedule that is currently ranked in the top 10 is Class 2A No. 2 Winchester. It comes in the

midst of a run of four straight home games to close out November before the team plays seven of nine on the road heading into the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament. (The Patriots are the defending champions.)

Comer said he believes the team is prepped for another strong season after winning 39 games over the previous two years.

"I really like this team," he said. "They work extremely hard. They're really fun to coach. The chemistry's really good. They get along really good on and off the floor. They're gonna be really exciting to watch... If I could pick the way I want a team to play, this is that team."

They're hopeful it will all lead to a sectional trophy.

## Crowded ...

Continued from page 5

**Kloer:** The board's goals have provided a strong foundation to ensure that children receive the best education possible. As a school board member, I want to connect with the community to ensure that we use available resources wisely, welcome feedback, and be consistent in our decisions. I would work to find the right balance to maintain a fiscally responsible budget while also providing our students with the best education possi-

ble. We must invest in the right places to ensure our children have a safe and effective learning environment.

**Vormohr:** We need to provide as many options as possible for our students. We live in a rural area where many of our kids will not be heading to college. We should encourage a wide variety of alternatives. It is the school board's task to listen to the needs of the parents and the public and then attempt to incorporate

those ideas into the curriculum. As a school board member, I would be willing to listen to and cooperate with parents and board members alike so that we are able to maintain and/or improve our existing quality of education.

*Why should residents of Jay County vote for you?*

**Bricker:** I would like for Jay County to vote for me so I can work hard to make Jay School safe, efficient and appealing to all students and employees.

**Foreman:** I have six grandchildren that are attending or will attend school at Jay County. As a school board member, I will do my best to ensure that my grandchildren and all students at Jay County will receive the very best education and support we can provide.

**Kloer:** I am running for Jay County School board because I want to serve my community and help our students grow to be successful no matter what path they choose. I will be

open and transparent and welcome feedback and advice from parents, students, and all community members. I understand the importance of the issues brought before the school board and the weight and impact of those decisions. I believe in fiscal responsibility and am willing to make the tough decisions to keep our schools properly funded and successful.

**Vormohr:** I am passionate about our youth and education. I graduated from Jay County. For the

past 30 years, I have had five of my own kids (one adopted from Cambodia, one with special needs) and two exchange students enrolled in our schools. I have worked as a teacher and coach. One thing I am certain of is that all kids are the same. They want to be loved, respected and included. Our teachers do a fantastic job of providing those needs. I wish to become involved with the school board in hopes that we, as a community, will remain passionate.

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located 3976 W SR 28  
Ridgeville IN  
Sunday Afternoon  
NOVEMBER 13th, 2022  
12:30 P.M.

OLD & COLLECTORS  
ITEMS - HOUSEHOLD  
GOODS

Sellers cabinet with bin;  
Pine cabinet with glass  
doors; wood rocker; dry-  
ing rack; GE refrigerator;  
GE electric range;  
Whirlpool gas stove;  
Frigidaire and Amana  
small chest type  
freezers; lift chair; cast  
iron wagon and horse  
hitch; cider press; and  
other items not listed.  
TRACTOR - MOWER -  
TOOLS

Farmall Super M narrow  
front gas tractor with  
loader, # L512183;  
Country

Clipper Wrangler 22 hp  
- 41" zero turn mower;  
Viper

E43 gas hole auger;  
Reddy Heater 55,000  
BTU; Dura Heat 80,000  
BTU; Cornwell

metal tool cabinet;  
Hobart Stick Mate LX  
welder; Garden cultiva-  
tor; planter;

live traps; wheelbarrow;  
portable cement mixer;  
and many other  
items not listed.

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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located at 333 Blaine  
Pike (former DAV Build-  
ing), Portland, IN  
Monday Evening  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

206.43 ACRES IN  
JACKSON TOWNSHIP  
- JAY COUNTY INDI-  
ANA

TRACT 1 - 76.84 acres  
with 67.39 tillable acres,  
9.1 acres of woods, and  
.35 acre of roadway.

This tract is very level  
with Blount-Glywood,  
Glywood and Pewamo  
soils.

TRACT 2 - 129.59  
acres with 127.57 tillable  
acres, 1.50 acres of  
woods, and .52 acre of  
roadway. This tract is  
very level with Blount-  
Glywood, Pewamo and  
Glywood soils.

TRACT 3 - 206.43  
ACRES (Tracts 1 and 2  
combined).

This farm can be farmed  
in one field

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
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 pri-

vate showing phone  
auctioneers.

ANTIQUES-FURNI-  
TURE-APPLIANCES  
Childs roll top desk,  
antique blower, antique  
roller, Cuckoo clock, wall  
clock, kerosene  
lanterns, spinning wheel,  
crook butter churn, 6 and  
4 gal crocks, Kenmore  
upright freezer (nice),  
Kenmore washer and  
dryer..

SHOP-GARAGE-OUT-  
DOOR  
Wen 40 gal air compres-  
sor, bench model drill  
press, 10" table saw, 15  
psi pressure washer,  
Dewalt and Makita bat-  
tery and power tools,  
rabbit cages, pet cages,  
tomato cages, live traps,  
2x2 lumber, recurve  
bow.

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AC31800004  
AUCTIONEERS  
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Zane Shawver  
AU10500168  
260-729-2229  
Check Auctionsoft and  
AuctionZip for more pho-  
tos.

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

vate showing phone  
auctioneers.

TRACTOR-MOTOR  
HOME-CAMPERS-VAN-  
MOWERS

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-APPLI-  
ANCES- HOUSEHOLD  
Texaco and Tonka toy  
trucks, Valvoline road  
signs, 3 coin operated  
candy machines, Coca-  
Cola cooler, Broyhill  
entertainment center,  
Kirby sweeper, luggage  
rack.

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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 con-  
taining 1,704 sq. ft. of  
finished living area.  
24'x24' attached garage.  
24'x22' attached work  
area. 32'x42' pole build-  
ing. 28'x32' shop, above  
ground pool.

Open house will take  
place on November 6th  
from 1-3pm. or for pri-

vate showing phone  
auctioneers.

TRACTOR-MOTOR  
HOME-CAMPERS-VAN-  
MOWERS

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-APPLI-  
ANCES- HOUSEHOLD  
Texaco and Tonka toy  
trucks, Valvoline road  
signs, 3 coin operated  
candy machines, Coca-  
Cola cooler, Broyhill  
entertainment center,  
Kirby sweeper, luggage  
rack.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: 564 West 100  
North

Portland In, 47371  
November 5, 2022  
10 A.M.

TRACTOR-EQUIP-  
MENT-SHOP TOOLS  
Ford 5000 dsl tractor  
with 4687 hrs and  
hydraulic loader, 3 pt. 7  
ft rotary mower, 3.6 chis-  
el plow, 3 pt. post hole  
auger, Snap-on 2000 psi  
pressure washer.

ANTIQUES-FURNI-  
TURE-MISC  
1,2, and 3 gal crocs and  
jugs, ammo boxes,  
metal and wood pulleys,

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

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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# Sports

## It's time

*Patriots focused on taking the next step with sights on first sectional championship since 2006*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

It's been 17 seasons since the Patriots have won a sectional title.

They've had 14 winning seasons since then. But they haven't been able to come reclaim tournament glory.

Coach Kirk Comer's feeling? It's time.

The Jay County High School girls basketball team, ranked No. 4 in the Class 3A preseason poll, will open Tuesday with an Election Night trip to Fort Wayne to take on the South Side Archers, starting a campaign it hopes will end with a sectional trophy.

"Success for this team is the same as it's been for every season, and that is playing our best basketball at the end of the season. And saying that, it's time that we take the next step," said Comer, who was in his first stint leading the team when it defeated Elwood 54-43 at Mississinewa to claim its last sectional crown. "We are a top-10 program, have been ...

"Unfortunately for us we've been in the same sectional with some really good teams over the years. But it's time for us to take the next step."

Senior Renna Schwieterman returns to try to lead the Patriots to that next step having already established herself as one of the top players in school history.

She became just the fourth player in the history of the JCHS girls program



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Pictured is the 2022-23 Jay County High School girls basketball team. Pictured, front row from left, are Sophie Saxman, Mollie Muhlenkamp, Renna Schwieterman, Gabi Bilbrey and Breanna Dirksen. Back row are Cash Hollowell, Danielle May, Bella Denton, Meredith Dirksen, Cassie Petro and Mabrey McIntire. The Patriots are ranked fourth in the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Class 3A preseason poll.

to hit the 1,000-point mark last season. With 1,222 points, she is 236 behind the school's all-time scoring record of 1,458. If she were to match her 2021-22 pace of 18.3 points per game, she would break the record Dec. 27 against Yorktown.

Schwieterman, who was an IndyStar Indiana girls Junior All-Star this summer and has signed to play at Purdue-Fort Wayne in college, also led the Patriots with 4.5 assists and 2.4 steals per game last season. She also averaged 5.8

rebounds per game last season and shot 42% from 3-point range.

"I think she's matured every year as a player," said Comer. "She's become better off the dribble. She involves her teammates really well.

"This year she's going to attract probably a lot of double teams. We're going to have to be able to find the open man. She's done a really good job of that this summer.

"She's just a great leader. She can post up.

She can run the point. She can run the two guard for us. She's our best 3-point shooter. She's just an all-around athlete. A lot of times, the way Renna goes is the way we go."

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## Jay stays in Sectional 24

Most of the Patriots' sectional rivals will remain the same.

Jay County High School's baseball and softball teams retained many of the same sectional opponents as the IHSAA announced sectional assignments Friday.

Sectional assignments in other sports were announced in the spring.

The Patriot baseball team will remain in Class 3A Sectional 24 along with Yorktown, New Castle and Delta. Centerville will be new to the group, replacing the departing Hamilton Heights and Guerin Catholic.

*Group for baseball, softball still includes Yorktown, Delta and New Castle*

Jay County's softball team returns to Class 3A Sectional 24 along with New Castle, Delta and Yorktown. Joining the group will be Centerville and Mississinewa, also in place of Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights. Tournament host sites in both sports will be announced in the spring.

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## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Fort Recovery — Cross country state finals at Fortress Obetz — 11 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls basketball at Fort Wayne South Side — 6 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
11 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Fulham at Manchester (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — College football: Air Force at Army (CBS)  
Noon — College football: Ohio State at Northwestern (ABC); Florida at Texas A&M (ESPN); Minnesota at Nebraska (ESPN2); Maryland at Wisconsin (BTN); Texas Tech at TCU (FOX); Iowa at Purdue (FS1)  
1:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Leicester City at Everton (NBC)

3:30 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Georgia (CBS); Oregon at Colorado (ESPN); Texas at Kansas State (FS1); Central Florida at Memphis (ESPN2); Michigan State at Illinois (BTN); Oklahoma State at Kansas (FS1)  
4 p.m. — Major League Soccer: MLS Cup 2022 — Philadelphia Union at Los Angeles FC (FOX)  
6 p.m. — Autoracing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Championship Race Phoenix (USA)  
7 p.m. — College football: Alabama at LSU (ESPN); Texas at Kansas State (FS1); Clemson at Notre Dame (NBC)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Clemson at Notre Dame (NBC); Auburn at Mississippi State (ESPN2); Florida State at Miami (ABC); Michigan at Rutgers (BTN)  
8:03 p.m. — Major League Baseball: World Series — Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros (FOX)  
9:30 p.m. — College football: UCLA at Arizona State (FS1)

10:30 p.m. — College football: California at USC (ESPN)

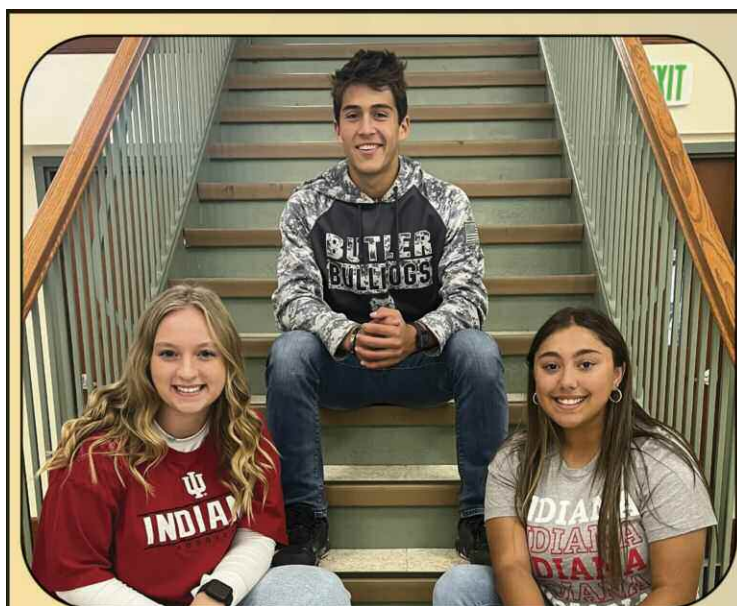
**Sunday**  
7 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at Chelsea (USA)  
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Crystal Palace at West Ham United (USA)  
1 p.m. — NFL football: Indianapolis Colts at New England Patriots (CBS); Green Bay Packers at Detroit Lions (FOX)  
1 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Montreal Alouettes at Hamilton Tiger-Cats (ESPN2)  
3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — Championship (NBC)  
4 p.m. — NFL football: Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (CBS)  
4:30 p.m. — Canadian Football League: BC Lions at Calgary Stampeders (ESPN2)  
5 p.m. — NHL hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Carolina Hurricanes (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — Soccer: USL League One — Tormenta at Chattanooga (ESPN2)  
8:03 p.m. — Major League Baseball: World Series — Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros (FOX)  
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Tennessee Titans at Kansas City Chiefs (NBC)  
8:30 p.m. — USL Championship: Colorado Springs at San Antonio (ESPN2)

**Monday**  
7:45 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Baltimore Ravens at New Orleans Saints (ESPN)

**Tuesday**  
2:30 p.m. — Soccer: Bundesliga — Werder Bremen at Bayern Munchen (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Ohio at Miami (Ohio) (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Tampa Bay Lightning (TNT)  
8 p.m. — College football: Ball State at Toledo (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Nashville Predators at Seattle Kraken (TNT)

### Local notes

**Wrestling registration set**  
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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