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## Election 2022

### Incumbents retain school board seats

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

The two incumbents held their seats.

One of the races for an open seat was tight while the other produced a clear favorite.

Jay School Board president Ron Laux won his fourth term in office in a rare race between two incumbents and Donna Geesaman, the current vice president, earned a second term by a wide margin. Winning election to their first terms on the board were Marcie Vormohr and Tommy "Chip" Phillips. Laux scored a relatively close

#### Phillips, Vormohr win races for openings representing Portland and Dunkirk

victory for the District 5 seat that represents Jackson and Bearcreek townships and Wayne Township outside of Portland. He beat fellow board member Chris Snow by 264

votes out of nearly 4,800 cast, getting the nod with 52.8% of the vote.

Snow had previously held the District 1 seat, but was unable to run again for that slot

because he moved out of the district. That created the quirk of two incumbent school board members squaring off against each other.

"All through the whole process, I knew it was a very difficult race," said Laux via phone after the final results were tallied Tuesday. He won 14 of 18 precincts including Jackson and Bearcreek townships by solid margins. "And I figured it would be closer than it was.

... "I like doing it. I feel honored the people think enough of me to have me there. ... I'm overwhelmed right now."

He reiterated that he was realistic about the difficulty of the race against another current board member and said Snow sent him a message of congratulations after the results were finalized.

In by far the closest race of the night, Phillips, a former teacher and Dunkirk City Court Judge, eked out a victory over Tom Crouch and Gloria Hamilton. All three were seeking the District 2 seat, which represents the City of Dunkirk, after incumbent Mike Shannon chose not to run for a sixth term.

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# GOP sweep



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

State Rep. J.D. Prescott and Doug Horn share a laugh Tuesday evening during a gathering of Jay County Republicans to listen to election results at John Jay Center for Learning. Prescott cruised to a third term over Democratic challenger John Bartlett as GOP candidates dominated up and down the ballot in Jay County. In the foreground are Cindy Bracy and Harold Towell, both of whom won Jay County Council seats in the election.

## Republicans dominated in Jay Co.

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

It was a GOP sweep.

Jay County Republicans thoroughly dominated countywide races in Tuesday's general election, including flipping a Jay County Council seat by solidly defeating a long-time incumbent.

Voters in Jay County backed Republicans in

contested races for sheriff, commissioner and council, with all of them earning at least 65% of the vote. One of those races featured Redkey Town Council member Randy May defeating incumbent Democrat Ted Champ, who was seeking a fourth term in office.

It was the same story in races for federal and state offices, with Repub-

licans earning at least 69% of the vote in all of those cases.

"Wow," said Jay County Republican chair Jenae Blasdel as the final results were coming in at a party gathering at John Jay Center for Learning on Tuesday evening. "I'm surprised.

"I knew there was this red wave coming, but I didn't know locally how

much that would affect. I think the Republicans showed that we're the party people want to be behind right now and I think a lot of that has to do with the national scene."

The May versus Champ races was the closest of the evening for countywide office but was still decided by a wide margin. May swept all

precincts in the district for a 914-481 victory as he earned 65.5% of the vote.

May could not be reached for comment Tuesday evening.

Champ's defeat left prosecutor Wes Schemenaur as the lone Democrat holding elected office at the county level. He was unopposed for reelection Tuesday.

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## House, Senate control still in doubt

By NOAH BIERMAN, MELANIE MASON and NOLAN D. MCCASKILL

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON

The balance of power in both houses of Congress is still in question, defying the historical precedent of punishing losses for the president's party and lending a fittingly uncertain air to the conclusion of this unsettled election season.

Republicans still appeared to have the upper hand to flip the five seats necessary to control the House, but their successes so far stopped short of a commanding "red wave" that would wash out endangered Democratic incumbents. And in the Senate, most marquee races remained on razor's edge.

The known results so far paint a decidedly mixed picture on the mood of the country, far short of the "thumping" that President George W. Bush acknowledged after losing 30 seats in 2006 or the 63-seat "shellacking" Democrats took under President Barack Obama in 2010.

While President Joe Biden may have avoided a decisive referendum against his presidency, the prospect of Republicans holding at least one house in Congress puts his legislative agenda in peril and sharpens the questions over him seeking reelection.

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## Ukraine: Missile attacks are continuing

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Tribune News Service

KYIV, Ukraine — The Russian military attacked a number of targets in Ukraine on Tuesday, according to the Ukrainian general staff, with both missiles and fighter jets used in attacks in the regions of Kharkiv, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya and Kherson.

"In violation of international humanitarian law and the rules of warfare, critical infrastructure and homes continue to be attacked," the military wrote on Facebook. No further details

were given about the impact of the attacks.

Ukraine's general staff accused authorities in neighboring Belarus of continuing to support Russia's attacks on Ukrainian targets by providing "infrastructure, territory and airspace."

"There is also a continuing danger that the enemy will launch airstrikes with combat drones from the territory and airspace of this country."

In the region around the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson,

the general staff in Kyiv registered continued organized looting by Russian soldiers. Convoys with stolen household appliances and building materials had been observed the previous day. At the same time, the dismantling of mobile phone masts and installations was continuing.

In addition, "all the art objects and even the furniture" from the regional museum of the Soviet-Ukrainian painter Oleksiy Shovkunenko were taken by the occupiers, it said.

Elsewhere in Ukraine, several

Russian soldiers received a visit from Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu on Tuesday, according to a video released by his ministry.

The video shows Shoigu being updated by the new commander of Russian troops in Ukraine, Sergei Surovikin, getting a breakdown on the military situation. The minister also passed out medals to some troops. It was not clear where the event took place.

Russia said earlier it remains open to dialogue with the U.S. for "mutual benefit," according

to the Foreign Ministry in Moscow.

It wants to "maintain targeted contacts with the United States on necessary issues," ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said on state television.

Russia is ready for any kind of dialogue of mutual benefit and interest, she said.

Relations between the two countries are at a low point because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Washington has also warned Moscow several times not to use nuclear weapons.

### Deaths

Veda Youngblood, 85, Parker City  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 60 degrees on Election Day. The low was 43.

Tonight's low is expected to be in the upper 40s. The forecast calls for sunny skies Thursday with a high of 71.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Portland City Council has scheduled a work session for 6 p.m. Nov. 15 to discuss the city's golf cart ordinance.

### Coming up

Thursday — A look at local athletes competing on the college level.

Friday — Revived American Legion Riders have grown in the last two-plus years.



# Obituaries

## Veda Youngblood

April 25, 1937-Nov. 8, 2022  
Veda Youngblood 85, a former resident of Jay County, passed away Tuesday morning at Parker Health and Rehabilitation in Parker City, Indiana. Veda was born April 25, 1937, in Delaware County, Indiana. Veda is the daughter of Ermel and Ethel (Larmore) Smith. Veda worked at the Portland Post Office for over 20 years. She also worked in the cafeteria at Jay County High School.

She married Robert Youngblood on April 1, 1960. They were happily married for over 52 years before Robert passed away on July 13, 2012. Veda's family always came first. She enjoyed fishing, art, gardening, water skiing and square dancing. She was also a member of the Stoney Creek Homeclubs. Survivors include:



Youngblood

Four sons — David Lowman (wife: Brenda), Winchester, Indiana, Victor Lowman, Greencastle, Indiana, Vincent Lowman (wife: Darleen), Parker City, and Randy Youngblood (wife: Loretta), London, Ohio. Three daughters — Terri Snyder (husband: Dave), Winchester, Indiana, Teresa Lowman, Muncie, Indiana, and Karen Smith (husband: Larry), East Palestine, Ohio. Seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services will be held following the visitation at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Herb Hummel officiating the service. Graveside services will follow at Reitenour Cemetery east of Ridgeville. Memorials can be directed to the Randolph County Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.  
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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

# CR almanac

Thursday 11/10	Friday 11/11	Saturday 11/12	Sunday 11/13	Monday 11/14
<b>71/48</b>	<b>58/30</b>	<b>41/24</b>	<b>39/20</b>	<b>40/22</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday with a high in the low 70s.	Veterans Day has a slight chance of rain in the morning. Wind gusts could reach up to 20 mph.	Partly sunny weather for Saturday. The low at night may dip to the low 20s.	Mostly sunny skies on Sunday, with highs in the upper 30s and a low of 20.	Monday should be mostly sunny. Temperatures will reach the low 20s at night.

# Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Quick Draw: 3-5-7-12-15-21-28-31-33-37-38-43-47-48-49-50-51-59-71-80 Cash 5: 3-4-23-30-40 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> 5-13-29-38-59 Mega Ball: 23 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$189 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 3-0-2 Pick 4: 8-9-8-8 Pick 5: 5-1-6-2-9 Evening Pick 3: 4-4-6 Pick 4: 6-4-4-8 Pick 5: 6-3-3-0-8 Rolling Cash: 8-17-25-30-39 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 6-2-5 Daily Four: 3-2-0-9 Quick Draw: 3-4-10-11-12-13-20-26-32-34-36-48-50-51-55-65-72-73-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 9-1-7 Daily Four: 7-6-4-1	

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.75 Dec. corn.....6.81 Wheat.....6.69	Wheat.....7.58 July wheat.....8.27
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.70 Dec. corn.....6.80 Jan. corn.....6.77	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.54 Late Nov. corn.....6.54 Beans.....14.37 Late Nov. beans.....14.37 Wheat.....8.25
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.54 Dec. corn.....6.59 Beans.....14.22 Dec. beans.....14.42	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.24 Dec. corn.....6.34 Beans.....14.17 Dec. beans.....14.22 Wheat.....7.77

# Today in history

In 1731, Benjamin Banneker was born in Ellicott's Mills, Maryland. A mostly self-taught mathematician and astronomer, he was part of the surveying team that laid out Washington, D.C.

In 1918, Spiro Agnew was born in Baltimore. He served as vice president under Richard Nixon before resigning in 1973 as a result of the Watergate scandal. He had previously served as governor of Maryland.

In 1922, Albert Einstein won the 1921 Nobel Prize for Physics for his explanation of the photoelectric effect.

In 1972, the Portland High School freshman boys basketball team defeated Pennville 56-28 in its season opener. Dean Hunt led the Panthers with 16 points.

In 1984, the horror film "A Nightmare on Elm Street" was released in theaters. It introduced the character Freddy Krueger, who is considered a classic in the genre.

In 2021, the Jay County girls basketball team opened its season with a 66-55 victory over the visiting South Side Archers. The Patriots trailed by two at half-time but took control with a 12-3 run in the third quarter. Junior Renna Schwieterman led the way with 22 points.

—The CR

# Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay County	School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 p.m. — Portland City Council work session, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	

# Sweep ...

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Republican victories for other county offices were all blowouts. Ray Newton led that list as he earned a return to the office of sheriff that he previously held for eight years. He clobbered Democrat "Watermelon" Jim Phillips 4,519-878 as he earned almost 84% of the vote. Newton served two terms as sheriff from 2007 through 2014. (Sheriffs are limited to two consecutive terms.) He lost a bid to unseat Sheriff Dwane Ford in the 2018 Republican primary but returned this year to defeat Tony Lennartz and Patrick Wells in the GOP primary prior to beating Phillips on Tuesday. Chad Aker, the current president of Jay County Commissioners, and incumbent Jay County Council member Harold Towell both rolled to victories with just over 77% of the vote. Aker earned a second term in office by defeating Joel Bowers, chair of the Jay County Democrats, 4,109-1,219. Towell, who was selected by a GOP caucus to fill the council District 2 seat following the resignation of Amy Barrett, earned his own term by topping Democrat Kelly Stipp 1,155-341. Republicans unopposed for county offices Tuesday were Emily Franks for auditor, Melanie Upp for recorder, Robin Alberson for assessor, Faron Parr for county council District 3 and Cindy Bracy for county council District 4. (Earlier in the evening, a Republican caucus appointed Bracy to fill the remaining 53 days of Mike Rockwell's term in the District 4 seat. He resigned last month because he is moving out of the county sooner than expected.) Jay County voters also solidly backed Republican J.D. Prescott for a third term as state representative in District 33, giving him 3,089 votes compared to 1,324 for Democrat John Bartlett. (The district includes the southern two-thirds of Jay County while Wabash, Bearcreek, Penn and Jackson townships are part of District 79, where incumbent Republican Matt Lehman was unopposed.) "I'm just very thankful for the voters here in Jay County and through-

# More than 40% of those who cast ballots in Jay County voted early

out the rest of House District 33," said Prescott before leaving the local Republican gathering to head to other sites in the district that also includes all of Randolph and Blackford counties and part of Delaware and Henry counties. "I look forward to getting back to the statehouse and getting back to work. "We've got a busy budget session coming up ahead of us. I look forward to continuing to work with our local elected officials and community leaders and hear from constituents here in Jay County and throughout the rest of House District 33." Prescott won the race across the district with 70.2% of the vote. State Sen. Travis Holdman, the incumbent Republican who represents Jay County as part of District 19, was unopposed. Even in small communities where the letter beside the candidate's name tends to matter less, Republicans rolled. They took both seats up for election on both Redkey Town Council and Pennville Town Council, knocking out incumbent Democrats in both cases. In Redkey, current town marshal Chance Retter, a Republican, earned the high of 161 votes in a four-way race for two seats. Fellow Republican Floyd Life followed with 131 votes. Incumbent Democrat Dottie Quakenbush was a distant third with 82 while independent Gavin Grady finished last with 75. Current Pennville Town Council president Alicia Corwin, a Republican, earned another term with 11 votes. In the three-way race for two seats, Republican Branda Manns followed with 87 votes while incumbent Democrat Millie Ellis finished with 42. The only ever-so-slight blemish on local Republicans' record on the evening came in Salamonia, where two independents eked out wins in a six-way race for three seats. Republican Michelle Jones led the balloting with 24 votes with independents Donald Shauver (20) and Penny Gaskill (18) earning the other two seats ahead of Republican Mike Shreeve (13), independent Ronald Mills (13) and Republican Carrie Shaneyfelt (12). For state offices, Jay County backed Republicans Diego Morales for secretary of state, Tera Klutz for auditor and Daniel Elliott for treasurer by wide margins. All three are projected for victories overall with 89% of the vote reported as of this morning. Jay County voters also supported incumbent Republican Jim Banks with 75% of the vote as he cruised to another term in the U.S. House of Representatives representing Indiana's third district. More than 40% of ballots cast in Jay County were done so early, with 2,006 early voters at the courthouse and another 210 via paper absentee ballots. Voter turnout came in at 45.3%, with 5,520 cast out of 12,200 registered voters. A total of 1,771 straight-party ballots were cast in Jay County — 1,492 for Republicans and 279 for Democrats.

# Board ...

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The race was nearly a dead heat when the early voting results were tallied shortly after polls closed at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Those showed Phillips with 33.8% of the vote, followed by Hamilton at 33.7% and Crouch with 32.6%. The battle would remain close all night, with Phillips earning just 34.8% of the vote to win the three-way race. He took eight precincts, including all three in Richland Township, as well as Wayne 2, Wayne 4, Knox, Greene and Pike. Crouch (33.2%), who finished second to Phillips by 72 votes out of 4,514 cast, took the northwest (Penn), northeast (Wabash) and southeast (Madison) corners of the county as well as Jefferson Township. Hamilton won the Wayne 1, Wayne 3 and Wayne 7 precincts as well as Jackson, Bearcreek and Noble townships but finished third with 31.95% of the vote. "Pretty good right now," said Phillips via phone of his feeling about 8 p.m. Tuesday. "I feel very blessed. I'm very happy about it. "I think I've got the background to do a good job and I look forward to getting started." The other two races produced solid victories, with Geesaman winning by a nearly two-to-one margin in District 3 and Vormohr picking up more than 46% of the vote in a four-way race in District 1. Geesaman, a former elementary school teacher who is finishing her first

## SERVICES

Thursday

**Youngblood, Veda:** 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# Keep pets on leashes

By KWAME DAWES

The title of the poem, "The Love Ridge Loop", is, no doubt, something of a joke, an exaggeration built on irony. After all, the poem is an ironic love poem, and, at the same time, an anti-dog poem. But it allows for something else, a poem about the unreliability of affection, of how, in love, we dare not admit to the animal danger in those we love or, at least, own in love. Abbie Kiefer's poem res-

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onates nicely for those of us who view with deep skepticism, the expressed assurances of our safety by pet-owners, while we walk among unleashed dogs in our neighborhoods.

### The Love Ridge Loop

In disregard of the signs, no one bothers with leashes, dogs barreling unbounded over every grooved path. He's friendly they yell, 50 yards back. Don't worry, he's darling, a cuddlepie of a pup. I'm never not wary. Show me any person who could call their dearest unworthy. Who would warn me Walk wide. He's teeth and more teeth. This creature I love beyond my control.

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Wed Aug. 14



Lauren Haggenjos and Zachary Watson

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Lauren Haggenjos and Zachary Watson were married Aug. 14 in Seattle.

Lauren is 2009 graduate of Jay County High School. She graduated cum laude from the University of Evansville in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in theatre education with a minor in English. She is a senior training specialist with Bristol Meyers Squibb - Cell Therapy in Seattle.

Zachary is a 2009 graduate of Rincon High School in Tucson, Arizona. He graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2014. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology with a focus in conservation biology. He is a research assistant for Bristol Meyers Squibb in Seattle and a published ornithologist.

Lauren is the daughter of Donna and Mark Haggenjos of Portland. Zachary is the son of Deborah Watson of Tucson, Arizona.

# Benefit auction set for next week

It's the holiday season. Jay County Campus of Arts Place's annual holiday benefit auction will kick off at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 18. The "Wizard of Oz" themed auction this year, called "There's No Place Like Arts Place," will be fully in-person. It will follow the Winterfest community sing at Jay County Courthouse.

The event will also include a silent auction, food and beverages. Donation forms may be picked up from Arts Place at 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Items may be delivered to the front desk.

To learn more, call (260) 726-4809.

**Plant identification**  
Indiana Department of Natural

## Taking Note

Resources is offering a workshop demonstrating how to identify native plants in the winter.

Salamonie Interpretive Center will host a workshop at 1 p.m. Saturday with Jake Wyatt, an Indiana master naturalist and Huntington County native, sharing different methods of plant identification. The three-hour-long session at 3691

New Holland Road, Andrews, will include hands-on outdoor learning.

Registration is required, and the cost is \$10 per person. To secure a spot, call (260) 468-2127.

## Book fair

There's still time to stop by the book fair.

Friends of the Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair at Fort Recovery Public Library through Sunday.

The book fair will be open during regular library hours through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday during the Fort Recovery Christmas Open House.

# Strangers assume disabled spouse is drunk

DEAR ABBY: My husband has cerebral palsy. He can talk, but his speech is slightly slurred. He can walk, but he's unsteady on his feet. We love to go out and have a few drinks, but the issue is that people think he is intoxicated. We have been thrown out of places. We were almost thrown out of a ride-share service until I told the driver he has a disability. We were at a concert going up the steps (I was holding beers), and everyone stared at him thinking he was drunk.

Do you have any advice (short of putting up a sign that

## Dear Abby



he is disabled)? — SOCIAL SPOUSE

DEAR SPOUSE: Your husband should not have to display a sign. When you go to a bar or a restaurant, inform the manager or the bartender as soon as you enter

that your husband has a disability that affects his balance. While it won't work in large crowds such as at a concert, it should save you and your husband from any misunderstandings in smaller venues.

DEAR ABBY: I don't cry when friends or close relatives pass away, which embarrasses me and makes me feel guilty. I do feel empathy, though. I cry only when a pet has died. What's wrong with me? — DRY-EYED

DEAR DRY-EYED: No one

can predict when they will be moved to tears, so please quit beating yourself up over whether teardrops flow — or not — when a friend or relative passes. If the only time you cry over a death is when you have lost your pets, I surmise you may have had a deeper emotional attachment to them than to your late relatives.

DEAR ABBY: My friend wears a retainer and removes it at the dinner table, even in restaurants. How do I tell her that it attracts a lot of attention and is

gross to witness? — CAN'T UNSEE IT IN NEW YORK

DEAR CAN'T UNSEE: Say it in plain English. Suggest she visit the ladies' room to remove her retainer and carry its container in her purse because when you see her do this it ruins your appetite.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmo-

ny Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St. JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in room 205 on the second floor of John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m.

the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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 - BRIANNA'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.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

Announcing

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



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

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

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

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

The 2021 winner

"Gifts of Love  
for Angie"

By Mary T. Hemmelgarn

# Life is wonderful despite challenges

*(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Nov. 10, 2004. It offers a poignant reminder that we can all live life to its fullest even with all of the difficulties it can involve.)*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

Some friendships require effort.

Others sustain themselves. You know the ones I'm talking about, those friendships which can be disrupted by years and hundreds of miles but are renewed as easily as a conversation that has been momentarily interrupted.

That's the sort of friendship we've had over the years with Kathy and Dave.

Its roots go back to college, when Kathy and my wife Connie were roommates for three years. I didn't really know Dave then, though I'd seen him around the campus.

He lived in a different dorm and was a couple of classes ahead of me.

It wasn't until he and Kathy found each other that we got to know the two of them together.

Even then, the friendship was

## Back in the Saddle



one of those interrupted by the complications of daily life and paths which took us in different directions. But it was always self-sustaining, interruptible but irrevocable.

I think back to their wedding in 1982. Though Connie and Kathy had been out of touch for a while, we had no hesitation about driving to Pennsylvania for the event. It was a marriage which faced incredible challenges from the start, but it was one that you knew was going to succeed, a case where the whole of their life together was greater than the sum of its parts.

Sure, there were folks who had misgivings.

Dave had been dealing with muscular dystrophy since age 12. It had slowed him down in college and put him on crutches

as a young man. By the time they were wed, when he was 34, Dave was using a motorized cart to get around in because his legs had failed him.

He was still using the cart one memorable weekend, I think it was 1984, when he and Kathy came to our house in Portland for a visit. We were joined by two other friends — another of Connie's college buddies and her husband from Ohio — and that couple's two kids.

The house was full for a couple of delightful nights full of talk and laughter and more talk.

The discussion moved back and forth between two topics — our mutual concern about our parents and our concern about our children.

My father had died the year before, and Connie's had been knocked down by a series of strokes.

One thing we did not talk about was Dave's illness. It wasn't a point he dwelled upon much. It was simply the life he'd been dealt, and he was going to play every hand.

We later learned that Kathy was pregnant when they had

visited. Jefferson would be their first child, and their daughter Rachel would follow.

Caught up in raising our families, we fell back on those old methods of communication: Christmas letters and random moments when our paths crossed and the interrupted conversation was resumed seamlessly.

Our last visit to their home was about seven or eight years ago.

Dave's situation had worsened mightily. He was bedfast by then and was on a respirator. All of us knew there are limits to how long the human body can be kept alive under those conditions.

Dave defeated those limits. When he died the last Sunday in October, he had been on a ventilator for 14 years. The usual limit is seven.

On Saturday, the conversation resumed again, right where it left off. The self-sustaining friendship was renewed at Dave's memorial service.

It was a day of tears, of laughter, and humbled awe at the strength Dave had brought to

life and the depth of Kathy's love through very trying times.

At the memorial service, one of Dave's former pastors recalled stopping by the Sunday school class Dave taught. The class was doing some exercise where questions were randomly drawn and people were to answer with the unvarnished truth.

The question Dave drew was this: If he could change one thing about his life and live it over again, what would it be?

His answer, the pastor said, was instantaneous: There was absolutely nothing he would change. He had lived a wonderful life and wouldn't have altered a single detail.

Trapped in a body that was letting him down, faced with an inexorable decline by painful inches, he could have been expected to lash out. At the very least, he could have been expected to say he would have preferred a life of perfect health.

But he didn't. He had lived, he said, a wonderful life.

And thanks to his wisdom, the conversation — and our friendship — will continue uninterrupted from now on.

# Key factors are economics and opportunity

The Baltimore Sun  
Tribune News Service

Life expectancy is down across the United States for the second year in a row — from an average of 77 years in 2020 to 76.1 years in 2021 — with much of the drop attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. But an even more troubling and persistent trend is evident in the data presented earlier this year by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Black Americans are still expected to live much shorter lives than white, Asian and Hispanic Americans, with their average life span last year pegged at 70.8 years. That's 5.6 to 12.7 years fewer than those other racial categories. In fact, Black men are consistently shorter lived than all groups except native Alaskans (where a chronic lack of medical care is a major factor for the isolated population).

So, why are Black lives so much shorter? Maryland's statistics from 2020, the latest year for which state and local numbers are available, offer a major clue.

While the state's overall life expectancy is 78.6 years, the number for Black individuals living in Baltimore City is 69.7, a nearly nine-year difference. Meanwhile, white city residents have a life expectancy of 75.7 years. This might lead the casual observer to assume the discrepancy might be a matter of race. But it really isn't about race at all. It's a matter of income and opportunity.

In wealthier counties, including Montgomery and Howard, life expectancy is much higher for Black residents: nearly 82 years for Montgomery County. The major difference? Black Americans living in Baltimore are far more likely to be stuck below the poverty line, while the median household incomes in Montgomery and Howard counties are at least twice that of the city.

Racial disparities in life expectancy have long been analyzed and debated. The leading view is that while individual behavior can play a factor, what we're seeing is the result of

## Guest Editorial

broader social trends. Call it the legacy of redlining: For generations, in cities like Baltimore, African Americans have been offered the short-end of the stick. They are more likely to be forced to live in neighborhoods with toxic environmental threats and to have less access to well-paying jobs (or transportation to them), good schools, quality medical care and so on. They are more likely to face housing insecurity and to live in neighborhoods with failing infrastructure and poor return on investment. Racial segregation and wealth stratification reflecting generations of system racism — this is at the heart of the imbalance.

Scratch the surface of any of the recent controversies that have captured the public's attention in Baltimore and you will find the legacy of concentrated poverty and its impact on the

Black community. Squeezee workers coming into conflict with white suburban motorists? Check. Gun violence when firearms are easy to obtain but jobs aren't? Obviously. COVID deaths? Yes. Police brutality? The protests following the death of Freddie Gray were supposed to provide a wake-up call. Some heard it. Some did not.

To lengthen the lives of Black people living in Baltimore will take more than better medical care or lifestyle choices. Catch-up investments in housing, health, education, social support structures, environmental safety and opportunity are needed, yes. But any effort ought to start with a recognition of the terrible harm that systemic racism and segregation have done to so many families for so long. Baltimoreans have come to understand this on some level. Can the same be said for the rest of the country?



# U.S. critics have it wrong

By KYLE LARSON and DANIEL SILVERMAN  
Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

The U.S. and its allies have been engaging in a significant military intervention to help Ukraine resist Russia's brutal invasion for the past nine months. Not only have they given considerable financial, humanitarian and military resources — including sophisticated weapons systems — to Ukraine, but they also have embedded advisers with Ukrainian forces, allowed thousands of their citizens to join Ukraine as foreign fighters and provided a vast amount of real-time intelligence to the country.

While this intervention has enjoyed broad domestic support, it has its share of determined critics. Notably, much of the anti-war camp in foreign policy circles has loudly opposed vigorous U.S. intervention. Its criticism is simple: The U.S. has done this before. With Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria, America's recent interventions have been a parade of mission failures.

In each of these cases, the reasons for failure were similar: As has been highlighted by critics, the U.S. has shown that it is thoroughly capable of using military force to destroy hostile governments, from dislodging the Taliban regime in Afghanistan in 2002 to helping revolutionaries overthrow Moammar Gadhafi in Libya in 2011. But what happens afterward?



Kyle Larson and Daniel Silverman



These situations have either left America beating a quick retreat and leaving behind a country in ruin, as in Libya, or else undertaking a prolonged and costly occupation to ensure that its chosen proxy faction stays in power, as in Afghanistan. Either way, they have led to absolutely disastrous results for the U.S., the relevant countries and their broader regions.

The anti-war camp's critique of these actions is right on the money. But what it misses is a remarkably simple point: Not all interventions are created equal. Intervening to back a state defending itself in an interstate war is a different strategic proposition from intervening to support a rebel group or revolution against a regime in a civil conflict. In short, U.S. support for Ukraine is more like support for Kuwait in 1991 or South Korea in the 1950s than Iraq or Afghanistan.

Why is this distinction so crucial? The reasoning here is straightforward as well: When backing a state defending itself against foreign aggression, there is a viable situation in the country once the fighting is over. The U.S. won't need to engage in a prolonged and costly military occupation

to ensure stability in Ukraine. It won't have to undertake the herculean task of building a new nation. It won't have to stand up a new military and range of governing institutions. And it won't have to conquer Ukraine province by province, fighting a bloody insurgency waged by an ousted regime. In a nutshell, someone will be in charge.

In fact, like most defensive interstate conflicts, the fighting has helped substantially strengthen Ukraine. As political scientist Charles Tilly famously said, "War made the state." He could have added that it makes the nation too. The Ukrainian state and army have been forced to become far more efficient and capable to meet the tremendous threat facing them, and the Ukrainian people have rallied strongly in defense of their beleaguered nation. The war has congealed Ukrainian society and crystallized the Ukrainian state. Like other states to come out intact from modern defensive wars such as Iran, Israel or Turkey, Ukraine will emerge from this stronger, more cohesive and more prosperous than it was before. This makes concerns about postwar anarchy or quag-

mire a particularly foolish misreading of the lessons of history and the current situation in Ukraine.

Others will debate the value of the U.S. interests at stake in Ukraine, which include some combination of preserving democracy, upholding territorial sovereignty, restoring the power of deterrence and reassuring frightened allies. And while most analysts agree that the risk of Russia using nuclear weapons in Ukraine is low, it is not something that can be entirely dismissed out of hand. But it is worth stressing that what is perhaps the primary critique of U.S. interventionism over the last 20 years simply doesn't apply here.

Those invoking the specter of America's post-9/11 decade are misunderstanding the situation at hand and the important distinction between involvement in an interstate versus a civil war. The U.S. is not invading a country and installing a new regime — that is what Russia is trying, and failing, to do. Instead, it is helping one country defend itself from aggression by another.

Not all interventions are the same — and this is Kuwait or South Korea, not Libya or Afghanistan.

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**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Perseverance pays off**

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 6  
♥ 4  
♦ K Q J 10 9 7 3  
♣ A 6 3

**WEST**  
♠ 19743  
♥ 8 3  
♦ 6 5  
♣ K J 7 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10852  
♥ A J 10 9 7  
♦ A 4  
♣ 8 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K  
♥ K Q 6 5 2  
♦ 8 2  
♣ Q 10 9 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ 1♥ 2NT Pass  
3♦ Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — eight of hearts.

Defensive play can sometimes be hard work, requiring pinpoint accuracy to reach the desired goal — defeat of the contract. As a case in point, consider this deal, where one slip by either East or West would have allowed South to make three trump. But the defenders hit on every correct card for the first five tricks, leaving declarer absolutely helpless. West started the ball rolling by leading the eight of hearts, which East correctly read as the highest card his partner held in the suit. On another deal, East's proper play to the first trick might be to withhold the ace to avoid establishing two tricks for declarer. But here, East had more pressing business at hand — namely, to try to stop declarer from utilizing dummy's long diamond suit. So he took the ace of hearts and shifted to the eight of clubs, hoping to drive out dummy's ace before the diamonds could be established. South played the ten and West the jack, which declarer ducked. It was now West's turn to make a sacrifice for the common cause, and he came through with flying colors by returning the club king! Once again declarer followed low from dummy, hoping that West could not continue clubs. But that hope went aglimmering when the club deuce dislodged the ace. South's only chance now was to find the ace of diamonds singleton, but it was not to be. East refused to take the ace on the first diamond lead, and declarer finished with only seven tricks — two spades, two hearts, two clubs and a diamond. Of course, South would have gone down only one had he taken the second club lead with the ace, in effect conceding defeat. But that's the best he could have done against a relentless defense that never let up from the word "go."

Tomorrow: The Blackwood convention.  
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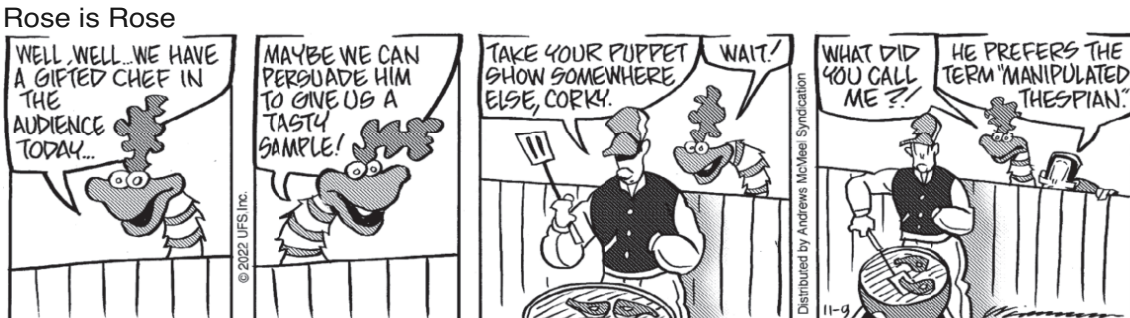
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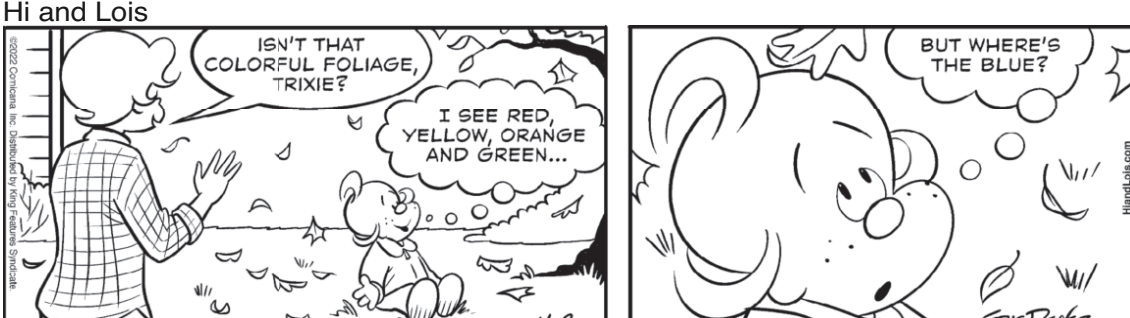
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**Agnes**



**Hi and Lois**



**Funky Winkerbean**



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**Snuffy Smith**



**Beetle Bailey**



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H'T DJFWHRO TFV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CELEBRATED DISCO SINGING GROUP WHOSE MEMBERS ALL WEAR FARMERS' OUTFITS: THE TILLAGE PEOPLE.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals G

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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4 Activist Parks  
8 Missile shelter  
12 "Selma" director  
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14 Notion  
15 Zero-star review  
16 Seedy nightclub  
18 Aquarium growth  
20 Pouch  
21 Gentle soul  
24 Sacred song  
28 Chamomile drinks  
32 Butte's kin  
33 Multi-purpose truck  
34 Eyelid woes  
36 — de mer  
37 Flower part  
39 Current Twitter subject

**DOWN**

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6 — Diego  
7 Requests for one  
9 Altar affirmative  
10 Novelist  
11 Wainscot wood  
17 Orange tuber  
19 Priestly garment  
22 "Breaking Bad" drug  
23 Louisiana waterway  
25 Office part-timer  
26 Morales of "Ozark"  
27 Body powder  
28 "Be quiet!"  
29 Words to Brutus  
30 Film spool  
31 Late-night host  
35 Im-passive  
38 Defaced  
40 Resistance unit  
42 Tennis match division  
45 Garrison  
47 Melville captain  
48 Powerful wind  
49 Israeli carrier  
50 Day divs.  
51 "Feels so good!"  
52 Anger  
53 Little louse  
54 Glacial

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Doubt ...

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"Part of what the midterm fallout means for the president depends in part on how large the House majority is for Republicans," said John Hudak, a senior fellow of governance studies at the Brookings Institution.

"If the House majority is 15 or 20 seats ... it's going to be difficult," Hudak said. "He's going to be investigated endlessly, they're going to be passing a lot of legislation that he's forced to veto, et cetera. But if the House majority is narrower, in the single-digit range, I think the chances of Republicans speaking with a unified voice is going to be quite limited."

The results also underscored how former President Donald Trump, even when out of the White House, remains a significant liability for his party. Trump wielded his endorsement to shape the contours of Republican primaries, resulting in a number of candidates at all levels of government that sputtered in the general election.

Despite nationwide anxiety, there were no reports of political violence or widespread problems at the polls in the first major test of the country's democracy since the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection. Localized problems with voting machines were reported in the Phoenix area and some other jurisdictions.

Democrats hoped that alarms over democracy and the loss of nationwide abortion rights will help



Tribune News Service/The Philadelphia Inquirer/Tyger Williams

Close friends of the Democrat John Fetterman, from left, Patrick Jordan, Kristen Michaels, Leslie Wertheimer and Lydia Morin, celebrate as he was announced the winner against Mehmet Oz for U.S. Senate at his election night event early Wednesday at Stage AE in Pittsburgh. Fetterman's victory flipped a Senate seat in favor of the Democrats. Overall control of both the House and Senate remained in doubt this morning with a handful of races left to be called.

them preserve their 50-50 control of the Senate and also win several key governors races. But Republicans were bullish that inflation, crime and other day-to-day concerns, coupled with President Biden's low approval ratings, would give their party an advantage.

Both parties found reason to cheer — and grimace — about early results.

In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis, who has signaled ambitions for the 2024 presidential race, sailed to an easy win in the onetime swing state. Republican Gov. Brian Kemp of Georgia also notched a decisive victory over Democratic challenger Stacey Abrams.

Elsewhere, two Democratic winners made history — Wes Moore as Maryland's first Black governor and Maura Healy in Massachusetts as the first lesbian elected to lead a state. They replaced two of the nation's few remaining moderate Republican officials, neither of whom were up for reelection.

In the Georgia Senate race, the lead has seasawed by tenths of a percentage point between Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock and his Republican challenger, Herschel Walker. They will face off in a December runoff if neither candidate clears the 50% threshold.

Tech investor Blake Masters in Arizona has consistently trailed incumbent Democratic Sen. Mark

Kelly in early returns, although the race remained close. And in New Hampshire, polls showed retired Army Gen. Don Bolduc consistently trailing Democratic Sen. Maggie Hassan.

In Pennsylvania, Democratic Lt. Gov. John Fetterman is projected to defeat Mehmet Oz, a Republican and well-known former TV personality who won Trump's backing, with about 93% of precincts reporting.

Recklessness
An Ohio man was arrested Friday for criminal recklessness. Kyle A. Adams, 52, 1245 W. 21 St., Lorain, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, along with two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and disorderly conduct.

He was released on a \$100 bond from Jay County Jail.

Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

An Ohio woman was arrested Monday for possession of methamphetamine.

Patricia J. Martin, 52, 911 N. 7th St. Apt. 11, Coldwater, Ohio, was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. She's being held on a \$16,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Theft

A Georgia resident was arrested Sunday for theft of a firearm.

Shaquayvia Barnes, 20, 410 E. Randolph Drive, Vidalia, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, as well as a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

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

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2022-23 schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday, Nov. 5	New Palestine	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 12	East Noble	9 a.m.
<b>Thursday, Nov. 17</b>	<b>Columbia City</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Nov. 19	Northview	TBA
Thursday, Dec. 8	New Haven	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10	Lebanon	TBA
Dec. 16 and 17	Findlay	TBA
<b>Friday, Jan. 6</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
Friday, Jan. 13	State	Noon

Home events in bold  
All are tournaments with the exception of the Nov. 17 match against Columbia City

Pictured is the 2022-23 Jay County High School girls wrestling team. Front row from left are Maleah Parsons, Tatianna Willis, Dakota Chowning, Jayla Huelskamp, Katie Rowles and Haley Ridenour. Back row are Willow Hardy, Emily Manor, Lina Lingo, Janae Jacobs, Kiley Williams, Mattie Affolder and Lilly Lothridge. Not pictured are Mallory Winner, Paityn Chapman and Alexis Hitchfiel.

# Leading emergence

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots had the fourth-most athletes advance to the 2022 state tournament.

This year, their opportunity to send even more will come on their home mats.

The Jay County High School girls wrestling team, which opened its season with a third-place finish Saturday, will host a regional tournament as it continues to be among the leaders in what is now deemed an "emerging" sport in Indiana.

"That's over the top," said Chad Chowning, one of several assistant coaches who works with the girls program under head coach Eric Myers. "To be one of the four schools that gets the opportunity to host one of the original four regionals ... for the emerging sport, it's just an awesome chance to get to do something like that. ... That's huge for Jay County."

The Patriots were already one of the top programs in the state when they sent five girls to the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Finals last sea-

## Jay County girls eye regional and state crowns

son. Only three schools — Penn, Columbia City and Jeffersonville — had more state qualifiers.

Jay County scored 44 points to finish third at the tournament behind Penn and Southport.

The team will bring back the wrestler who led the way to that third-place state finish, though it'll take her some time to rejoin the lineup. Mallory Winner, who won the 160-pound state championship as a freshman, is working her way back after suffering a broken leg in the offseason.

She returns as the No. 1 ranked wrestler at 160 pounds after going 25-0 last season. Myers said she's hopeful to be back by mid-December and get a tournament or two in before JCHS hosts the Indiana High

School Girls Wrestling regional on Jan. 6.

"She has the best technique out there," added Myers. "She's calm, focused competitor. She doesn't let a whole lot of things rattle her. She's persistent and focused."

Joining Winner as a returning state qualifier is senior Lilly Lothridge at 132 pounds. She dropped her opening round match of the state finals last season.

And sophomore Jayla Huelskamp enters the season ranked seventh in the state at 113 pounds.

The rest of the lineup includes freshman Katie Rowles at 98 pounds and sophomore Kiley Williams at 195, both of who made their wrestling debuts with

championships at New Palestine. The team has a logjam of wrestlers in the 120- and 126-pound weight classes with Emily Manor, Dakota Chowning, Willow Hardy and Lina Lingo, followed by Lothridge at 132 and Janae Jacobs at 138. Freshman Haley Ridenour and Maleah Parsons slot in at 145 and 152, respectively, with Paityn Chapman, Mattie Affolder and Alexis Hitchfiel filling in the upper weight classes.

Myers said he's seen vast improvement from wrestlers who are now in their second season and he was encouraged by the effort at New Palestine with Winner, Hardy and Jacobs all not competing in the tournament.

"Without some of our varsity girls, out for various reasons, we thought we might be in the middle of the pack there," said Myers. "Because with emerging sport status, we saw a lot of new teams and a lot of teams with 10 or more girls. We had one of the bigger teams there, but not proportionally as much bigger as we were in previous years."

"We had more girls that put in the extra time in the offseason.

They look like wrestlers rather than first time stepping out on the mat."

In addition to the two championships, the Patriots got a runner-up effort from Lingo and third-place finishes from Huelskamp, Chowning and Ridenour.

Jay County will continue its season Saturday in a tournament at East Noble and then host Columbia City on Nov. 17.

And when they host the regional in early January, the goal for the Patriots is to do more than just be one of the competitors. They want to win on their home floor and then be one of the top contenders for a state title as well.

"Our goals are just to punch as many through to state as we can," said Myers. "We just really want to get a girls regional title and a girls state title. And it's tournament scoring, so it's a little bit different — it's more individualistic than a dual is — but our goal is still the same. I think that our girls are getting to the point where that's our next step — to win a regional title and compete for a state title."

## 'Dogs back at No. 1

By CHIP TOWERS  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution  
Tribune News Service

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia finally was able to impress the selection committee.

Clearly, that is a difficult task. This time last week, College Football Playoff's august group of 13 carefully-chosen scrutinizers thought the defending national champion Bulldogs' march to undefeated status was more a product of having not faced any decent competition along the way. Sure, that 46-point shellacking of top-10 Oregon to open the season was nice. But in their estimations, it didn't compare to the work Tennessee had done arriving at the same record.

Georgia crumpled up that argument like a scratch sheet of paper when the Vols visited San-

ford Stadium last Saturday. The Bulldogs rolled up 306 yards of offense in the first half and didn't give up a play of more than 20 yards to Tennessee's vaunted offense until 4 1/2 minutes remained in what ended in a rain-soaked second half.

The 27-14 final score that was not entirely reflective of the one-sided domination.

But in elevating Georgia to the coveted No. 1 spot in the CFP's second evaluation of the season — and dropping Tennessee only to No. 5 — the committee proved that it was not just looking at final tallies, but actually also took time to dissect the unfolding events that arrived at them.

"Tennessee comes in averaging (49) points per game and for Georgia to hold them to 13 clearly

separated them in the eyes of the committee," selection committee chairman Boo Corrigan said.

The rest of the top four released Tuesday was Ohio State (9-0), Michigan (9-0) and TCU (9-0), which moved up three spots.

Previous No. 6 Alabama fell three spots to ninth after a 32-31 overtime loss to LSU in Baton Rouge on Saturday.

As for the Vols (6-1, 4-1 SEC), their goal of participating in the playoffs for the first time in school history remains attainable. Some might even say likely after falling just four spots Tuesday.

"They're still in the mix, but we don't know what everybody else is going to do," ESPN lead college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit said of the Vols. "I think they're certainly sitting pretty."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

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

### TV sports

**Today**  
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: League Cup — Leeds United at Wolverhampton (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — College football: Buffalo at Central Michigan (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Minnesota Wild at Anaheim Ducks (TNT)

**Thursday**  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Tulsa

### Local notes

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**Wrestling registration set**  
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Sunday, Nov 13th 12-4

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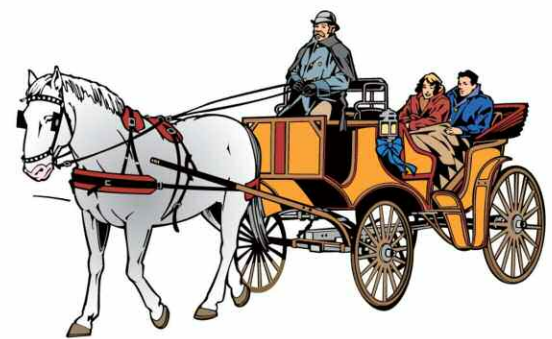
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