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## Sonrise approved for funding

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

An aviation operation will get some help with its continued growth.

Portland Redevelopment Commission on Thursday approved providing \$75,000 to Portland Economic Development Corporation to be passed on to Sonrise Aviation for its planned construction of a new hangar at Portland Municipal Airport.

Hal Tavzel of Sonrise (he also works as the airport manager) originally approached the re-

### Aviation business plans to build new hangar at Portland Municipal Airport

development commission with a request for funding assistance in July and returned Thursday to present his plans in greater detail. He told the commission he would like to construct a

new 80-foot-by-80-foot hangar that would allow him to store four additional planes.

Sonrise is already in the process of constructing a 25-foot-by-70-foot addition that

will connect its two current hangars.

"I want to build my business here," said Tavzel, noting that he started locally with one plane in 2011.

The business currently has 17 employees with an average of six to eight pilots at a given time. It owns six planes and Tavzel is looking at purchasing another. He also manages several planes. Because of a current lack of space, some of his planes are stored at Randolph County Airport in Winchester. He said his goal is to bring all of the aircraft he owns and manages to Portland.

"So we're expanding our business," he said. "We've outgrown our facility."

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### Coes throw

Shannon and Nathan Coe of Parker City throw clay Wednesday in the Hudson Center for the Visual Arts on the Jay County Campus of Arts Place. The studio was open Wednesday evening for folks to work on their ceramic projects.

## House moves to avoid a rail strike

By VALERIE YURK  
CQ-Roll Call  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday approved resolutions that would enact a labor agreement reached by the White House, freight rail carriers and rail unions and provide an additional seven days of paid sick leave to rail workers.

Both resolutions have been deemed necessary by Democrats, some Republicans and President Joe Biden. Progressives in the Senate have said they would delay a version of the resolution that includes one "paid personal day."

The resolutions included one to enact the labor agreement reached by the White House, railroad management and labor representatives, which passed 290-137, and another, which added the sick leave demanded by four of the 12 rail unions and was adopted 221-207.

The second resolution is part of a complicated strategy to win support from progressive Democrats who insisted on a vote to add the sick leave. But it may not get enough Republican support in the Senate to reach the president's desk.

The votes are Congress' most recent attempts to avert a rail strike scheduled to start next week. Affected rail companies estimated the strike could cost the economy about \$2 billion per day, disrupting industries that rely on rail transportation amid the holiday season.

The resolution to enact the agreement, which was rejected by four of the 12 rail labor unions, would provide for three periods off for medical care visits annually. However, it also required the visits take place on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and to be scheduled at least 30 days in advance.

The agreement includes one of the largest wage packages in nearly five decades, according to its advocates, as well as health benefits. According to the Association of American Railroads, the agreement offers \$16,000 a year in additional wages and other compensation for the average rail employee.

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## Ivy Tech launching new program

By ELIZABETH GABRIEL  
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HSPA Infonet

People who have been formerly incarcerated face many barriers to finding housing and earning a living wage, and often struggle to support themselves and their families. Beginning in January, a program at Ivy Tech Community

College aims to improve the quality of life for justice-involved youth and adults.

The year-long program will assist juvenile or adult residents of Marion, Hendricks and Boone counties who have had a felony conviction or other interactions with the criminal justice system by providing them with academic sup-

port, wraparound services and more employment opportunities. The initiative is called the "ELEVATE: Change Starts Here."

A program goal is to reduce the rate of recidivism. In 2020, over 38 percent of incarcerated Hoosiers returned to jail. A recent WFYI investiga-

tion found that Indiana Indiana detains and commits youth at a rate that's about 40 percent above the national average. Michael Martin Drain, program director, said some people released from a jail or a correctional facility may not have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency — an alternative certifi-

cation to earning a diploma.

"Education is a pathway forward," Drain said. "We can give someone a job all day long, but if there's no passion and purpose behind that job, then guess what — we're going to have people that are disconnected from our workforce."

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### Warming up

Members of a Ukrainian army tank platoon get warm by a fire beside a bus stop riddled with bullet holes. The platoon had been ordered away from the front line for rest when one of their tanks hit a mine and was blown off the road near the village of Shyroke.



Tribune News Service/Los Angeles Times/Carolyn Cole

#### Deaths

Goldie Avey, 95, Dunkirk  
Bruce Murray, 69, rural Pennville  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 33 degrees Wednesday. The low was 26. Tonight's low will be 27 with continued windy conditions. Gusts will be as high as 35 miles per hour Friday with a high of 50 degrees under partly sunny skies. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

#### In review

Jay County Civic Theatre's productions of "Frosty the Snow Man" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical" open Friday at Arts Place in Portland. Additional shows are set for Dec. 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10. Tickets are available at myartsplace.org, by calling (260) 726-4809 or by visiting Arts Place.

#### Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's JCHS swim meet against Anderson.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



# Obituaries

## Goldie Avey

April 11, 1927-Nov. 29, 2022  
Goldie Avey, age 95, a former resident of rural Pennville, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at The Waters in Dunkirk.



Avey

Goldie was born on April 11, 1927, in Jackson, Kentucky, the daughter of Tinsley and Margaret (Carpenter) Rowe. She and her husband Chester were lifelong farmers in Jay County.

Goldie also worked in the obstetrics department at Jay County Hospital for nearly 50 years. She was a member of Union Chapel Church in rural Bryant.

Goldie married Chester Lee

Avey on Aug. 31, 1946, and he passed away on Dec. 29, 2003.

Survivors include:  
Her children — Debra Hidy (husband: Ronald Murphy), Pennville, Indiana, Linda Avey, Albany, Indiana, and Rich Avey (Samantha Donahue), Pennville, Indiana

One sister — Myrtle England (husband: Lloyd), North Manchester, Indiana

Seven grandchildren — Krista Franck, Tyler Hidy, Alexa Ainsworth, Tanner McClain, Audrey Avey, Christopher Post and Lauren Fernung.

Several great-grandchildren  
Several nieces and nephews, including Anita Bourne Jewell

Visitation will be held on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Pennville. Services to celebrate Goldie's

life will follow at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Pastor Earl Doll will officiate and burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant.

Memorials may be directed towards the Alzheimer's Association.  
Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

## Bruce Murray

Jan. 16, 1953-Nov. 29, 2022  
Bruce Murray, age 69, a resident of rural Pennville, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at his home.

Bruce was born on Jan. 16, 1953, in Decatur, Indiana, the son of Dwight and Doris (Heckley) Murray. He graduated from Portland High School in 1971 and was a lifelong farmer in Pennville. He also worked at

First Fleet in Bluffton.

Bruce married Sherry Mills on Dec. 4, 1982.

Survivors include:  
His wife — Sherry Murray, rural Pennville, Indiana

Two sons — Chris Murray, Muncie, Indiana, and Doug Murray (wife: Lisa), rural Pennville, Indiana

One sister — Janet Ramseyer, South Wells area

Two grandsons — Tyler and Carson Murray

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dwight and Doris Murray; and a brother, Max Murray.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at



Murray

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

Memorials may be directed towards the Pennville Community Center.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.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

Friday 12/2	Saturday 12/3	Sunday 12/4	Monday 12/5	Tuesday 12/6
<b>50/32</b>	<b>40/19</b>	<b>39/23</b>	<b>43/34</b>	<b>40/23</b>
Winds may gust up to 35 mph on Friday under partly sunny skies. There's a 50% chance of rain at night.	Mostly sunny throughout the day, with winds again gusting up to 35 mph.	Sunday's forecast shows partly sunny skies with a low around 23 at night.	There's a slight chance of rain and snow in the afternoon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Tuesday has a 30% chance of rain and snow under mostly cloudy skies.

# Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 4-19-24-47-66 Power Ball: 10 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$81 million	42-47-54-60-66-71-77 Cash 5: 1-20-32-34-43 Hoosier Lotto: 3-23-35-40-43-46 Estimated jackpot: \$5.6 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$333 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 2-5-7 Pick 4: 2-7-8-2 Pick 5: 8-8-3-1-5 Evening Pick 3: 7-7-5 Pick 4: 8-2-6-5 Pick 5: 7-5-4-3-0 Rolling Cash: 6-9-11-13-35 Classic Lotto: 21-27-29-41-43-45 Kicker: 9-3-0-0-7-4 Estimated jackpot: \$2.1 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 0-2-3 Daily Four: 7-7-0-3 Quick Draw: 5-8-23-27-29-30-31-32-41-42-43-45-50-55-59-69-71-73-77-80 Evening Daily Three: 2-5-1 Daily Four: 5-6-5-1 Quick Draw: 1-4-10-11-16-19-29-30-31-32-34-35-41-	

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.75 Jan. corn.....6.73 Wheat.....7.05	Wheat.....7.31 Dec. wheat.....7.81
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.82 Jan. corn.....6.69 Feb. corn.....6.71	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.52 Jan. corn.....6.54 Beans.....14.23 Jan. beans.....14.23 Wheat.....7.78
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.63 Jan. corn.....6.63 Beans.....14.30 Jan. beans.....14.35	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.32 Jan. corn.....6.34 Beans.....14.10 Jan. beans.....14.15 Wheat.....7.39

# Today in history

In 1640, Portugal became independent after 60 years of Spanish rule. The Portuguese Restoration War began at that time and lasted until 1668, when Spain recognized the country's independence.

In 1822, 11-year-old Franz Liszt debuts his career as a pianist in Vienna, Austria.

In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. She was arrested for violating segregation laws, sparking a bus boycott.

In 1976, Matthew Shepard was born. While attending the University of Wyoming in Laramie about 22 years later, he was beat to death because of his sexual orientation. His death is one of the most notorious anti-gay hate crimes in American history.

In 2017, the Jay County High School boys basketball team lost 38-55 in a game against South Side Archers. — The CR

# Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort St.	<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

# Funding ...

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Sonrise, Tavzel explained, provides a variety of charter flight services, including transporting samples for the Mayo Clinic, flying mechanics to larger commercial airports, taking business individuals to sites in the region and flying lessons.

He also noted that the new hangar would have a 20-foot door, which would allow it to accommodate jets. (With the recent completion of a runway extension at the airport, it is now able to handle jet traffic.)

Tavzel estimated his company would purchase an additional 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of fuel monthly with more planes at the facility if the new hangar is constructed.

Answering questions

from the redevelopment commission and Portland Mayor John Boggs, Tavzel said he plans to meet with an architect this month and hopes to start on construction in the spring. The goal is to have the new hangar ready for use by about October. (The project would also require working with the city's aviation board on taxiways to the new hangar, which would need Federal Aviation Administration approval.)

He said the increased activity allowed by a new hangar would create two new jobs immediately and likely seven or eight jobs long-term. It would help him retain employees, he added, by allowing them the opportunity to fly larger aircraft.

The new hangar would be paid off in 10 years,

Tavzel said. (He has a 50-year lease, after which the building would become property of the city.)

Redevelopment commission president Rusty Inman told his fellow commission members there is \$75,000 remaining in the "bucket" the group had set aside for projects at the airport. Joe Johnston, Mike Simons and Inman, absent Dave Teeter and Reda Theurer-Miller, then unanimously approved that amount to go to Portland Economic Development Corporation. (Redevelopment commissions are not allowed to directly loan or grant money to businesses, so the economic development corporation is acting as the go-between in this case.)

Also Thursday, the commission approved moving

forward to negotiate an agreement for the purchase of a downtown building for potential development.

Members in July voted to have appraisals done on the Hood Building, home of The Graphic Printing Company. Consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes reported to the commission that appraisals came back at \$320,000 from Integra Realty Resources of Indianapolis and \$400,000 from Appraisers, Inc. of Columbus.

Inman pointed out that typically governmental units are required to pay the average of two appraisals for property purchases — in this case \$360,000 — but Curtin noted that redevelopment commissions are exempt from that requirement.

# Avoid ...

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But paid sick leave has become a sticking point for rail workers, many of whom worked in-person throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The railroad is a dangerous place to go to work. If you go to

work sick, and your attention lapses, you make a bad call of judgment, because you feel terrible that day from a cold or fever or flu, you could get run over by a train," said Clark Ballew, spokesperson for the Brotherhood of Maintenance of

Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. "These are not jobs at a desk, where you answer emails with a sore throat. These are jobs where the track next to you could have an Amtrak train blow by you at 79 mph."

# Program ...

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The Ivy Tech initiative will provide educational tools and mentorship to 100 students — four cohorts of 25 people — within a two-year period.

Participants will take an assessment to find career fields they're passionate about as they complete non-credit and credit programming. Participants can pursue career pathways such as welding or apartment maintenance to learn HVAC, plumbing and electrical training skills. But Drain would like to see more students with this background pursue a career in social work or information technology.

A \$250,000 grant from the Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative established the program. The college will

work in partnership with Indianapolis social services organizations Shepherd Community Center and Public Advocates in Community Re-entry, and American Prison Data Systems, a career readiness organization that works with 19 states.

The college's emergency aid assistance team will also support participants to meet additional needs, such as housing, transportation, food or clothing. They will also work to provide them with health care services, including mental health assessments and drug and alcohol counseling.

Drain, the program director, previously worked with the state's Hoosier Initiative for Re-Entry program for seven years. He became involved with this work after Drain helped his

brother who was incarcerated for five years.

He was able to find his brother a position at a supermarket where he could bike to and from work until he was able to get back on his feet. Now Drain wants to support others navigating similar situations and create a community for people to support future cohorts.

"I would love for individuals that have went through the process to be able to come back, teach, talk — not only help our students that are undergoing enrollment, but to also help the campus and university," Drain said.

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## SERVICES

**Saturday**  
**Degler, Terry:** 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.  
**Amstutz, Gene:** noon, Swiss Village Chapel, 1350 W. Main St., Berne.  
**Avey, Goldie:** 2 p.m., Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

**Tuesday**  
**Murray, Bruce:** 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Announcing

## The Commercial Review's

24th Annual

# Christmas Fiction Contest

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

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

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

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

The 2021 winner

"Gifts of Love for Angie"

By Mary T. Hemmelgarn

# Overseas romance prompts living abroad

DEAR ABBY: I met my boyfriend online last year. He lives in the U.K.; I'm in the U.S. I love him dearly and we talk about moving in together within the next year. The original plan was for him to emigrate, since I am closer to my family and have an established job. However, I'm a bit worried because he doesn't drive. It's not just because of the learning curve it will take to switch sides of the road, but he doesn't drive in the U.K. either.

I recently asked him why he doesn't, and he said he's worried he will relapse. He was addicted to drugs when he was young but has been clean for years. I don't judge him for his past; I'm proud of who he is now. But I'm worried about having to drive both of us when we live together because my city doesn't

Dear Abby



have the best public transportation. Is there a way to bring up trying to drive in the U.S. without putting him in a bad spot? Or is there no way around this? — ONLY DRIVER IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR ONLY DRIVER: Has this person been to the U.S. to visit you before? If he hasn't, and doesn't have a job that would prevent it, why not invite him to stay for three or four weeks? That way you could decide if providing all of his transportation

would be workable and not too stressful in the long term for you.

Frankly, I don't see the connection between his former drug habit and his concern about driving an automobile. The two of you need to get to know each other a lot better before either of you decides to uproot your lives and relocate. If your relationship continues to grow, it might make more sense for you to move to the U.K.

DEAR ABBY: Where do I begin? I've been a loyal reader of your column for years. I have been married to my current husband for 14 not-good years. He was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiomyopathy seven years ago and hasn't had a job since then. We have a

daughter who will be 7 soon. I feel he could solve these problems by taking his medication and dieting. However, he insists his medical conditions keep him from working.

He doesn't take care of our daughter and doesn't do anything around the house. I take out the trash, wash the dishes, give the little one a bath, brush her teeth and hair and take care of ALL the bills. He makes excuse after excuse. I've been the provider for too damn long. Please help. — TIRED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TIRED: You stated that you have been married to this man for 14 "not-good" years. Nowhere in your letter did you mention whether there is any love left between you. Does your husband's

DOCTOR agree that his medical conditions prevent him from working? Ask the question! If the answer is yes, you will then have to decide whether you can live up to your vow regarding "in sickness and in health." If the answer is no, make an appointment with a family law attorney and inquire about your options and what your responsibilities to him may be should you decide to separate or divorce.

DEAR ABBY: I recently started talking to this guy from my past. I really like him. We've been off and on for a year now because we both had things in our lives that needed attention first (i.e., my bipolar depression and seeking counseling).

Anyway, my best friend has threatened to remove me from her life if I pursue a relationship with him. On one hand, this guy makes me feel like I'm on fire — in a good way, of course. But, on the other hand, I don't want to lose my best friend. What do I do? — HARD CHOICE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR HARD CHOICE: You omitted something important from your letter. WHY does your best friend object to this guy so strongly? Is she jealous? Could it have something to do with his issues? The last time you were with him, did it end badly? HOW badly?

Your best friend may be attempting to save you, but she's going about it clumsily. Talk to her.

# Minnetrista 'Luminaria Walk' returns Saturday

Enchanted Luminaria Walk returns to Muncie this weekend.

The annual free experience is slated for 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. While taking a walk along Minnetrista grounds, visitors will have access to free hot chocolate, apple cider and winter craft kits, as well as shopping and

## Taking Note

other activities in celebration of the holiday season. "Enchanted Luminaria Walk

is one of my favorite events to work here at Minnetrista," said Ashley Mann, associate director of experience and education. "It's our gift to the community, and there are so many amazing opportunities for family fun and memory-making."

Minnetrista Parkway and Boulevard roads will close at 4

p.m. both days. Visitors may park at Delaware County Fairgrounds, located directly west of Minnetrista grounds, or on the gravel lot along St. Joseph Street, according to the organization's website.

To learn more about the Enchanted Luminaria Walk, visit minnetrista.net or call (765) 282-4848.

## Nativity festival

A local church is hosting a Christmas celebration.

Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its Nativity festival from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 325 S. Meridian St., Portland.

For more information, call (260) 726-8391.

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

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

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

### Friday

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memo-

ry loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

### Saturday

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.

### Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### 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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

# Find Local Businesses & Services

This local business listing runs 4 times a month with packages of either \$25, or \$50. Give us a call at 260-726-8141 to be included

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<b>Brigade</b> You're safer with us 1976 W. Tyson Road, Portland, IN 47371 (260)766-4343 brigade-electronics.com/en-us	<b>Williams Auto Parts, Inc.</b> 1127 Detroit Ave. Portland, IN 8-5:30 Mon-Fri, Closed Sat & Sun. Used auto parts since 1951 (260) 726-8001 www.williamsautoparts.com	<b>Ohio Valley Gas</b> 129 E. Main St., Portland 260-726-8114 www.ovgc.com
		<b>Baird Freeman Funeral Home</b> 221 N. Meridian St. Portland, IN 260-726-7171
		<b>Home Idea Center</b> 901 Industrial Dr. Ft. Recovery, OH 419-375-4951 www.homeidea.com

# Debacle shows need for regulation

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

For much of the 20th century, regulators empowered by landmark legislation like the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890 struck real trepidation into the hearts of corporate would-be consolidators who used their market position to crush competition and take advantage of consumers.

Even juggernauts like the monopolistic Bell System could not outmaneuver the regulators, who broke up the company in 1983 in what was then

## Guest Editorial

decried as an overboard measure but is now widely viewed as a necessary intervention that laid the groundwork for the modern tech industry.

Now, increasingly dominant tech companies often treat antitrust as an afterthought.

That's been painfully demonstrated by the Taylor Swift Ticketmaster debacle earlier this month, and it's a good thing that the wrath of her ardent fan base has triggered the scrutiny of the Senate antitrust subcommittee.

Ticketmaster has said the root of the problem is demand for Swift's upcoming tour, which could fill "900 stadiums." Perhaps, but when the company is just about the only game in town for ticket sales, we are forced to just take their word for it. In a parallel uni-

verse, after a supposed system error caused Ticketmaster's offerings to skyrocket to exceed \$20,000, a competitor might have swooped in to offer more reasonable prices. Instead, the company's hammerlock on the process meant the whole sale had to be scrapped.

It was the latest stain on a company that, especially since its merger with event promoter and operator Live Nation, has infuriated countless consumers with high and hidden fees, with many sales dominat-

ed by bots who then buy up tickets in batches, then jack up prices on the secondary resale market, and more. A law that went into effect in New York this year, penned by state Sen. James Skoufis, aims to require transparency in ticket sales. It's a good start but only a start.

The dates and times for the U.S. Senate antitrust hearings on Ticketmaster have yet to be announced. When they are, turn on C-SPAN and watch carefully. This live event is free.

## Congress should put end to drama

By KELLY HAWES

CNHI News Indiana

Late last year, Congress was staring down yet another deadline to avoid what pretty much everyone agreed would be a disastrous default on our nation's debt.

For months, Republicans had been using the debt limit to attack the spending programs put forward by Democrats. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell was insistent that he would not be a party to any effort to mitigate what he described as "the consequences of Democratic mismanagement."

Never mind that the debt had been building for decades and was actually the work of both political parties.

The Associated Press reported at the time that an analysis of U.S. Department of the Treasury records showed the debt had grown by nearly \$8 trillion just during the four years of the Trump administration. The non-partisan Tax Policy Center estimated that as much as a quarter of that could be attributed to tax cuts approved by Republicans in 2017.

Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and the Democrats pointed out that this was a bipartisan problem in need of a bipartisan solution, but Republicans didn't see it that way. U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas more or less summed up his party's position.

"Democrats have known this day is coming for two years and did absolutely nothing," he said.

Schumer and McConnell eventually struck a deal. McConnell would round up enough votes to approve a one-time, fast-track process for raising the debt limit on two conditions: Democrats would have to pass the increase without a single Republican vote, and they would have to set a specific dollar amount for the increase.

Not everyone was happy about it. Republican Sen. John Kennedy, who voted against the arrangement, called it "a choice between voting for a heart attack or cancer."

In the end, Democrats approved a new debt limit, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief. The economy had dodged another bullet.

This drama hasn't changed much through the years. Some version of it has been playing out periodically for more than a century.

Kelly Hawes



First established in 1917, the debt ceiling has never really controlled federal spending or the amount the nation needs to borrow to meet its obligations. Those obligations have already been established.

The debt limit is more of a temporary brake on spending. It sets a limit on how much the Treasury Department can borrow until Congress takes further action.

For a long time, the limit was a date on the calendar, a time at which the Treasury Department would be forced to stop borrowing. Now, it's a specific dollar amount, \$31.4 trillion.

As recently as June, the Bipartisan Policy Center estimated the Treasury wouldn't run out of money until sometime in the third quarter of next year. Now, it's saying that date might come sooner.

"The developments since we made our projection in June are likely to have pushed things forward from what they otherwise would have been, but we don't really have a good sense of how much yet," said Shai Akabas, the center's director of economic policy.

Despite the cloudy forecast, he said, two facts are clear.

"First, the debt limit has manifestly failed to restrain federal borrowing," he said. "Second, the limit has created periodic crises that have consumed Congress' time and dragged the United States to the brink of defaulting on our obligations."

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen offered a similar assessment when Congress was staring down the same sort of deadline almost 14 months ago.

"It's become increasingly damaging to America to have a debt ceiling," she said. "It's led to a series of politically dangerous conflicts that have caused Americans and global markets to question whether or not America is serious about paying its bills. It's flirting with a self-inflicted crisis."

In other words, we've seen this show before. It's time for Congress to rewrite the script.



## Breakthrough is in need of patients

By LISA JARVIS

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In a first, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a therapy that slows the onset of Type 1 diabetes. Teplizumab, developed by Provention Bio, typically delays the need for insulin shots, blood-sugar monitoring, and diet control by about two years. For some, the effect lasted years longer.

The treatment could be a way to delay the life-changing regime of managing diabetes, which is often diagnosed in children or adolescence. Unfortunately, there are many hurdles to overcome before the drug can make a real difference. The most immediate and daunting problem: getting the treatment to the right people at the right time.

A drug that can slow the onset of the disease is a gift to people destined to develop Type 1 diabetes, which affects roughly 1-1.5 million Americans. "You don't do anything if you have diabetes without thinking about the diabetes," says Kevan Herold, a professor at Yale School of Medicine who was involved with the clinical studies of teplizumab. "You don't eat, you don't exercise, you don't sleep, you don't go to school [without thinking about it] — it's there all the time."

Type 1 diabetes occurs when the immune system wages war on beta cells, the clusters of insulin-making factories in the pancreas. Eventually, so many of those factories have been depleted that people become reliant on insulin injections to regulate their blood sugar. (By contrast, people with Type 2 diabetes can often still make insulin but can't process it.)

Provention's drug intervenes in that early battle. The antibody, administered as a daily infusion over the course of two weeks, dampens the activity of the immune cells that are causing the damage.

Maximizing that effect will be a huge challenge. For one, insurers will

need to get on board. They may balk at a one-time regimen that costs nearly \$200,000 yet still isn't a cure.

The other issue is finding patients. To participate in the study that led to the drug's approval, volunteers had to meet a number of criteria: a family member with Type 1 diabetes, at least two markers of the disease, called autoantibodies, and signs of blood sugar dysregulation.

Those criteria describe a small subset of a much larger population of people with Type 1 diabetes. The vast majority, some 85%–90%, don't have a familial link to the disease. Nor is it a routine part of pediatric care to screen for it. And for good reason: the tests can be expensive and unpleasant (as anyone who has been pregnant may remember).

There are two ways to figure out who might benefit from the drug, according to JDRF, a diabetes-focused advocacy group that helped fund the development of teplizumab through its venture philanthropy arm. The first would be to look for genetic markers linked to the disease in the heel-prick test every baby gets at the hospital. Not everyone who has those markers will go on to develop diabetes, but the screen could flag children who should be more closely monitored during their early life, says JDRF chief executive officer Aaron J. Kowalski.

The second approach is to look for the autoantibodies detectable in blood before symptoms show up. Researchers have found that a person with two or more of these markers along with abnormal blood sugar has

a 75% chance of needing to rely on insulin within the next five years — and a nearly 100% chance of it in their lifetime.

But those tests need to become much more user-friendly and affordable, an effort JDRF is funding. It's a scientific challenge more diagnostics companies should tackle.

If the right patients can be more readily identified — and that's still a big if — the other question is whether the benefits of the drug can be strengthened. Teplizumab is currently approved as a one-time regimen. But doctors want to know if Type 1 diabetes could be further delayed if, for example, the treatment was administered repeatedly — and if so, how often? And could it help people newly diagnosed, who might still have some functioning beta cells to preserve?

Instead of a two-year delay, "wouldn't it be nice if it was 8-10 years? Or 10-20 years? Or obliterated altogether?" says Bruce Perkins, director of the Sinai Centre for Diabetes, at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital. "This is just the starting point, but it gives us so much hope."

That hope took decades to materialize. The treatment traded hands among biotech and pharma companies as it trudged through clinical studies. It took several champions, and investment from JDRF's venture philanthropy group, to finally heave the drug over the finish line.

It's rare to land on treatments that can so clearly delay the course of a disease — not to mention ones that whisper of putting off the disease for long enough they start to look like prevention. Getting this therapy to the people who need it shouldn't also be a years-long slog.

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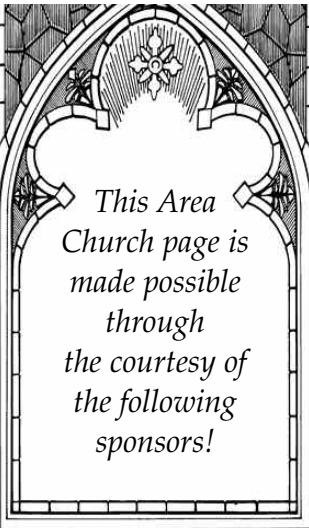
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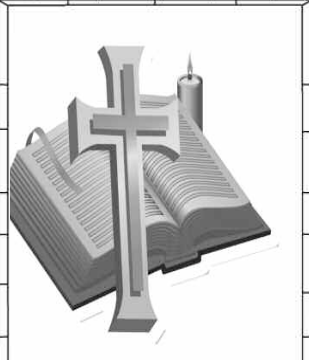


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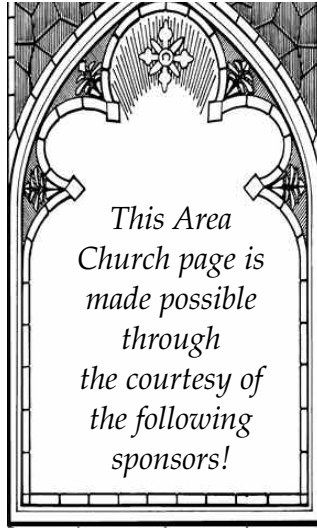
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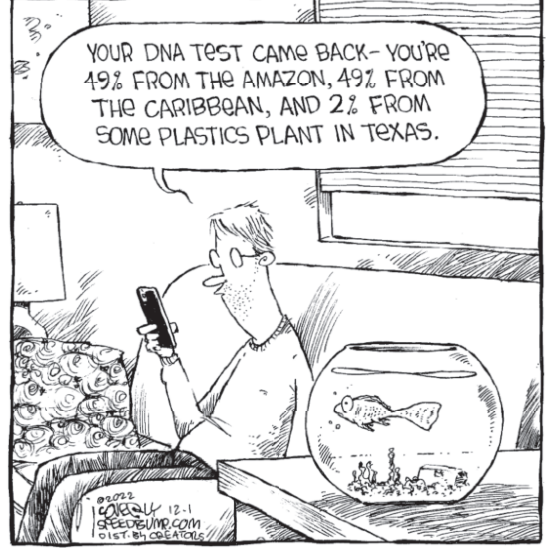
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**Partnership cooperation**

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ A Q 7 6  
♦ 7 3  
♣ A Q 9 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 5  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ A K 9 2  
♣ K J 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ 10 7  
♥ K J 10 9 4  
♦ 8 4  
♣ 10 7 5 4

The bidding:  
North 1♣ East Pass South 1♥ West Pass  
4♥

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Generally speaking, precise defense is much more difficult to achieve than precise declarer play. Nevertheless, the fact remains that in the majority of deals, the defenders should take every trick they'd be entitled to take if they saw all four hands.

Consider this case where East-West cooperated perfectly to defeat four hearts two tricks. West led the queen of diamonds, and East played the deuce, which in effect asked West to stop playing the suit.

Showing complete trust in his partner, West shifted to the six of clubs. Declarer played low from dummy, and East won the trick with the jack.

East could not know that West's club was a singleton, so, in an effort to coax another club lead from partner, East returned the nine of diamonds. East expected West to overtake the nine with the ten or jack and lead another club.

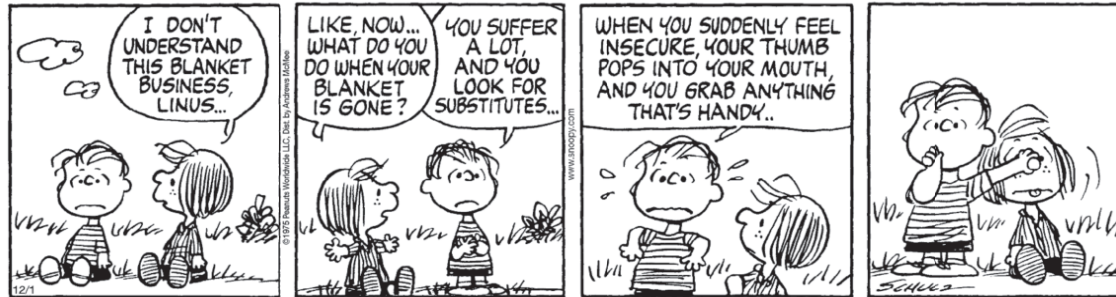
But West allowed East's nine to win the trick because he wanted a club lead from East so that he could ruff and quickly score the setting trick.

It was not difficult for East to size up the actual situation when he found himself still on lead with the diamond nine. The only sensible explanation he could come up with for West's play was that West had no more clubs and wanted a club ruff.

So, displaying full faith and confidence in partner, East returned a club at trick four into dummy's A-Q-9. West refused to put the contract down one, and declarer still had to lose another club to East's king later on for down two.

The hand demonstrates the importance of partnership cooperation during the play. Exercising plain common sense can work wonders on defense.

**Peanuts**



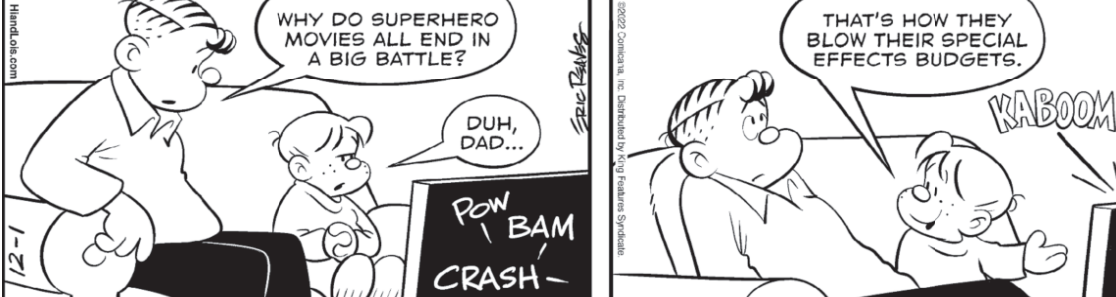
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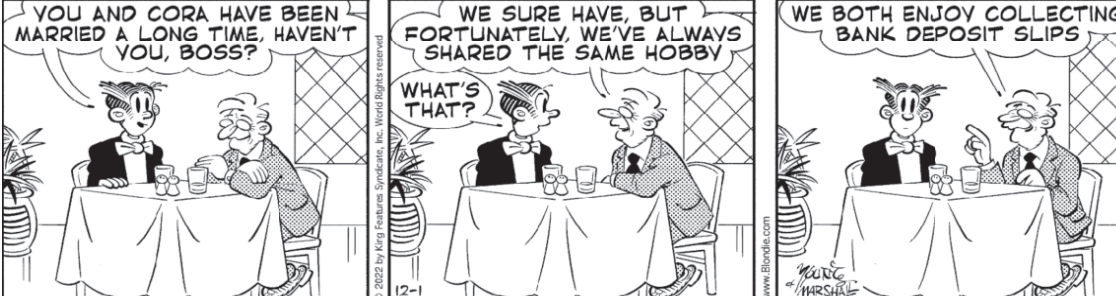
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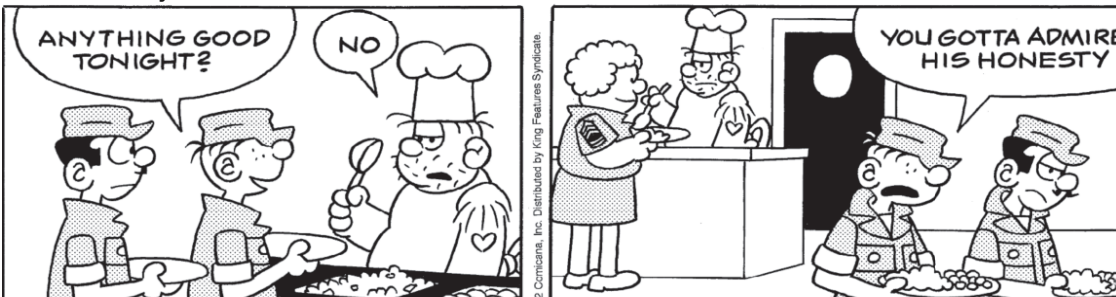
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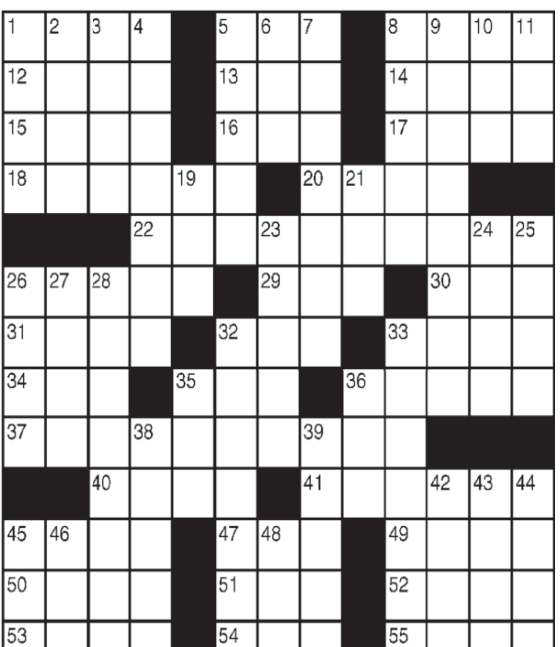
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## Jay County Patriots

Portland, 0-1 (0-0 ACAC)  
**Coach:** Jerry Bomholt, seventh year (42nd overall)

**Conference:** Allen County  
**Saturday at Richmond:** Jay County struggled to handle the Red Devils' full-court pressure and various traps, turning the ball over 24 times in a 56-43 loss. Senior Carter Link's 11 points were the team high for the Patriots.

**Season leaders (per game):** Points — Carter Link 11, Dusty Pearson 9, Josh Dowlen 9. Rebounds — Bennett Weitzel 12, Pearson 9. Assists — Blake Bogenschutz 3, Weitzel 3.

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## Woodlan Warriors

Woodburn, 3-0 (0-0 ACAC)  
**Coach:** John Baker, fifth year (11th overall)  
**Conference:** Allen County

**Tuesday vs. Garrett:** A high-scoring team in its first two games, Woodlan leaned on its defense Tuesday for a 46-27 victory over the Railroaders. Senior Dejay Gerig had 15 points for the Warriors and Dawson Lichty had nine rebounds and three assists.

**Season leaders (per game):** Points — Alex Miller 16, Braden Smith 15, Trey Yoder 9.7. Rebounds — Yoder 7, Dawson Lichty 6. Assists — Lichty 3.

**Last meeting:** Ethan Dirksen's back-to-back hoops gave Jay County a one-point lead with 20 seconds left in the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament championship game and a Josh Dowlen steal and layup sealed the title for the Patriots. Dirksen scored 18 points and Dowlen's late hoop gave him seven for the game. Joe Reidy had 19 points for Woodlan.

**Game notes:** This is the 11th meeting all time between Jay County and Woodlan, and Jay County leads the series 6-4. Prior to last season, the Warriors had won three in a row in the series ... The Patriots will be seeking their 10th straight win over Allen County Athletic Conference opponents. Their last loss to an ACAC rival came by a 50-44 score to Heritage on Feb. 12, 2021 ... The Warriors scored 62 or more points in their first two games and are averaging 58.7 ... Jay County will be trying to avoid its first 0-2 start since 2016, when it dropped its first three games. The Patriots opened last season with four consecutive wins ... Woodlan is seeking its first 4-0 start in more than 25 years. They last opened with four straight wins in 1996 and went on to win a sectional title.



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Pictured is the 2022-23 Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team. Front row from left are managers Crew Fortkamp, Gunnar Thompson, Isaac Niekamp and Bentley Dilworth. Middle row are Briggs Overman, Troy Homan, Riggs Tobe, Reece Guggenbiller, Landon Post and Eli Lennartz. Back row are coach Bob Leverette, Alex Dues, Cale Rammel, Daniel Patch, Rex Leverette, student assistant Wyatt Grover and assistant coach Kyle Whitesel.

## Indians to play Saturday at Jay

After opening its season with a 47-14 blowout of South Adams, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team will return to the court Saturday with a visit to Jay County. Below is a look at some details about the team under first-year coach and FRHS graduate Bob Leverette.

**Top returning scorers**  
Cale Rammel — 15.9  
Logan Homan — 5.8  
Daniel Patch — 5.1

**Top returning rebounders**  
Rammel — 121  
Patch — 87

**Top returning assists**  
Patch — 33

**Top returning 3-point shooter**  
Rammel — 20

**2021-22 season**  
The Indians had a six-game winning streak that spanned the new year and finished 15-9 overall and tied for fifth in the Midwest Athletic Conference at 4-5. They beat Parkway 35-19 in the opening round of the sectional tournament, but lost 54-45 to Perry in their bid for their first sectional title since 2018.

### 2022-23 schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>Saturday, Nov. 26</b>	<b>South Adams</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Dec. 3	Jay County	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Fort Loramie	6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 9	Parkway	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10	Bradford	6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16	Versailles	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Dec. 17</b>	<b>Ansonia</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, Dec. 23</b>	<b>Tri-Village</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Friday, Dec. 30	Lincolnvlew	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Arcanum	6 p.m.
<b>Friday, Jan. 6</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Jan. 7	Botkins	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13	Coldwater	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Jan. 14</b>	<b>Maumee</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 20</b>	<b>Marion Local</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Jan. 21	Graham	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27	St. Henry	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Jan. 28</b>	<b>Mississinawa Valley</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Friday, Feb. 3	Minster	6 p.m.
<b>Friday, Feb. 10</b>	<b>New Knoxville</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, Feb. 11	Newton	6 p.m.
<b>Friday, Feb. 17</b>	<b>New Bremen</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Home meets in bold</b>		

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Swimming vs. Anderson — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at New Bremen — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball at Woodlan (including freshman) — 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Wrestling at Franklin Invitational — 9 a.m.; Swimming in Celina Sprints at JCHS — 11 a.m.; Girls basketball at Fort Recovery — noon; Boys basketball vs. Fort Recovery (including freshman) — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Swimming in Celina Sprints at Jay County — 11 a.m.; Girls basketball vs. Jay County — noon; Boys basketball at Jay County — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at Mississinawa Valley — 10 a.m.

**TV sports**  
**Friday**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Portugal vs. South Korea (FOX); Uruguay vs. Ghana (FS1)  
2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Brazil vs. Cameroon (FOX); Switzerland vs. Serbia (FS1)  
4 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Minnesota Duluth at Ohio State (BTN)  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Minnesota at Michigan State (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN, ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — College football: Pac-10 championship — Utah vs. USC (FOX)  
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Maryland (BTN)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

**Saturday**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — United States vs. Netherlands (FOX)  
Noon — College football: Toledo vs. Ohio (ESPN); Kansas State vs. TCU (ABC)  
2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — Australia vs. Argentina (FOX)  
2:30 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Hero World Challenge (NBC)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Coastal Carolina vs. Troy (ESPN)  
4 p.m. — College football: LSU vs. Georgia (CBS); Fresno State vs. Boise State (FOX); Southern vs. Jackson State (ESPN2); Central Florida vs. Tulane (ABC)  
6 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Minnesota at Michigan State (BTN)  
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Pittsburgh Penguins (Bally Indiana)  
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8 p.m. — College football: Clemson vs. North Carolina (ABC); Purdue vs. Michigan (FOX)

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# Sports



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Pictured is the 2022-23 Fort Recovery High School swim team. Front row from left are Joelle Kaup, Autumn Leuthold, Allison Knapke, Audra Bubp, Danielle Braun, Abby Knapke and Caleb Smith. Back row are assistant coach Jill Andrews, Teigen Fortkamp, Sage Wendel, Jackson Ervin, Isaac LeFevre, Carson Fullenkamp, Paige Guggenbiller and coach Mindy Bubp. The Indians will open their season Saturday in the Celina Sprints at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Teigen Fortkamp returns to lead the team after placing fifth in the district meeting in the 100-yard backstroke last season. (She was a state qualifier as a freshman.) Other returning district qualifiers in individual events are Audra Bubp and Joelle Kaup.

## Indiana struggles against the Kings

SACRAMENTO — The early deficit proved too much to overcome.

The Indiana Pacers fell behind by 13 at the end of the first period Wednesday and never recovered in a 137-114 loss to the Sacramento Kings.

After struggling in the first quarter, the Pacers (12-9) got back to within five points in the second. But they were down again by 14 at halftime and the game was never in question in the second half.

Seven players, including all five starters, scored in double figures for the Kings as they improved to 11-9. Harrison Barnes led the effort with 22 points in 26 minutes and Malik Monk added 20 points in 20 minutes off the bench. Also reaching double figures for Sacramento were DeAaron Fox with 19 points, Terence Davis with 15, Keegan Murray with 14, Kevin Huerter with 13 and former Pacer Domantas Sabonis with 11.

Jalen Smith and rookie Ben Mathurin each had 22 points for Indiana, which shot just 40% from the field compared to the Kings' 50.5%. Buddy Hield added 17 points.

Myles Turner, Isaiah Jackson and Smith each grabbed six rebounds and Tyrese Haliburton and T.J. McConnell added 10 rebounds apiece.

The Pacers continue their Western Conference road trip Friday with a visit to Utah.

## Yankees to offer Judge \$300 million

By JAMES O'CONNELL  
New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — The Aaron Judge watch is expected to kick into high gear with the start of the MLB Winter Meetings on Sunday.

And the Bombers don't plan to go down without a fight.

The Yankees have an offer to Judge on the table that is around eight years and \$300 million,

according to ESPN. This would make him the highest-paid position player in the history of baseball in terms of average annual value. The Yankees are willing to increase the offer depending on how the market shapes up for Judge, per ESPN's Jeff Passan. Reports have also indicated that No. 99 seems likely to sign by the end of the four-day gathering in San Diego.

The other known suitor for

Judge is the San Francisco Giants and their offer — or if they have even made an offer — is unknown at this time. The Giants has long been rumored to be a potential suitor for Judge. The current AL MVP grew up in Linden, Calif., which is about two and a half hours away from San Francisco, as a fan of the Giants.

Judge, 30, a hometown Yankee, is a free agent and was

named AL MVP after he slashed .311/.425/.686 with an AL single-season record 62 homers and 131 RBIs, adding to his resume as he remains on the open market.

The right-fielder turned down a seven-year, \$213.5 offer from the Yankees prior to the start of the '22 campaign. At the time, it was seen by many as a fair offer; however, the right fielder's remarkable season surely upped the price tag.

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