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Critical team



Jay County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team, pictured above, formed in an effort to help local responders impacted by traumatic events.

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Responders see a lot in their line of work.

Some experiences don't stop at the end of the shift.

That's what has prompted a new mental health program for public safety officials in Jay and Blackford counties.

Jay County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team formed this fall. The group helps responders left emotionally or physically affected by traumatic events.

According to the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation's website, CISM allows peers to help one another understand issues that may arise after a high-stress event. It comes down to engaging in dialogue about the incident, a process Portland fire chief Mike Weitzel noted is sometimes overlooked.

"That's always been a stigma in our fields of, 'Suck it up and move on," Weitzel said. "So, trying to break that stigma."

Jay Emergency Medical Ser ice director John McFarland are trained to facilitate conversation about traumatic events.

'We get them to talk about the incident and allow them to hear other people talk about the incident as a group, and that usually kind of helps, they realize other people have the same issues," he said. "Sometimes they're just worried about how other people are looking at them, and they realize that everybody's in the same boat."

The team will be linked into Mindbase, a mental health application designed to care for first responder mental and emotional wellness. Jay County officials have accepted an agreement with the company, which will begin implementing its services in January.

Each team member's contact information — it also includes what department or field they work in — will be available to local responders using the application. From there, the user can choose to start a conversation with a team member via instant messaging or phone call

McFarland and launch the group. Efforts started in April when McFarland pursued mental health training following his experience with a student contemplating suicidal thoughts.

" I had absolutely no words — (I) didn't know where to go with it," McFarland recalled. "I just felt blindsided and felt useless."

Jay County Commissioners paid for McFarland to train in mental health first aid through National Council for Mental Wellbeing. Around the same time, Weitzel started to consider looking into options for local responders' mental health as well.

"There (were) a couple incidents that we experienced with our own people that we realized we weren't prepared for it, so it was a big eye-opener," he said.

In May, the pair began taking CISM classes together in Huntertown. They discovered some of the few counties not included in the CISM network, Services and IU Health Jay. which has multiple regions Weitzel across the state. The northeast stepped up," Weitzel said. explained CISM team members teamed together recently to team has responded to a few inci-

dents in Jay County in the past, but it is not included in the group's service area.

"They were gracious enough to do that," explained Weitzel, noting the distance from the branch extending out of Allen County. "They struggled with the miles in between, they struggled getting people to come down.

That's what prompted Weitzel and McFarland to launch a local team. Support quickly poured

"We had quite a few people reach out," said McFarland. "It was amazing how many people were interested."

In October, Jay County CISM team hosted a three-day training for its members. Currently there are 23 members between Blackford and Jay counties, which include folks from fire and EMS departments, law enforcement agencies and mental health pro-Jay and Blackford counties are fessionals, such as representatives from Meridian Health

> "The community See **Team** page 2

Open beds are in short supply

Availability in Los Angeles has fallen to lowest level of pandemic

By LUKE MONEY, RONG-**GONG LIN II and EMILY ALPERT REYES**

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — The number of available Los Angeles County hospital beds has fallen to its lowest level of the pandemic, the result not only of the enduring threat COVID-19 and the reemergence of flu and RSV, but also the needs of a populace that put off nonemergency care.

Based on data collected from 90 hospitals, there were 242 adult beds available countywide as of Monday, L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer told reporters Thursday. And, she added, "the average number of available beds so far in December is the lowest we have seen in the past four years."

Comparing current conditions to the darkest days of the pandemic isn't apples to apples, given that hospitals postponed many procedures and built up additional surge capacity during 2020 and into 2021. But with operations now more normalized, the situation illustrates the pressures exerted by the coronavirus and the wider respiratory virus season.

Retrospect

West Walnut church hosted live nativity

Twenty-five years ago this mals were always part of the week, a local church was sharing the spirit of the season.

The Dec. 17, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review fea-Street Church of Christ's live nativity.

The church's patrons were in the process of performing three consecutive nights of nativity pageants, a tradition that had been ongoing for about a dozen years. Organizer Keith Morrical said the idea came out of the church's educational min-

"It's a way for me to share my faith and church with others,' said Jean Stucky, one of the pageant participants. "It brings you back to the beginning to the true meaning of Christmas."

It involved all ages, with children singing Christmas carols or portraying nativity charac-

"Grade School kids would be out there all the time if you'd let them," said Morrical. "It's kind of a treat for them."

had live sheep to tend to, as ani-rical.

plan. (Sheep, though, had previously been substituted with donkeys and cows.)

In an effort to make the live tured a story about West Walnut nativity as realistic as possible, costumes consisted of simple robes with a head covering.

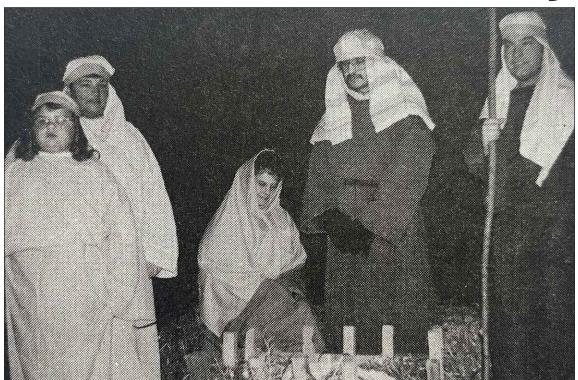
> "They're bed sheets, blankets or whatever we can put together," said Morrical. "They're not elaborate."

The event was held outdoors, with performers rotating in 30minute intervals for the twohour event. (A doll was used for baby Jesus.)

In addition to those playing Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, church member Mark McKee provided scripture passages combined with Christmas music. There were also live choirs, a brass ensemble and a children's choir.

Those involved said the process helped bring the church community closer together.

"It's not a large congregation, but it's a really good time of fellowship and there's always lots And those playing shepherds of yummy food after," said Mor-



The Commercial Review/Laurie Chen

Amanda Barnett and her mother Lisa Barnett join Todd Hummer in portraying shepherds Dec. 16, 1997, during West Walnut Street Church of Christ's live nativity. Portraying Mary and Joseph are Vicki and Gerald Bailey.

Deaths

Betty Bechtol, 101, Fort Recovery Donald Theurer, 101, Fort Wayne

George Willoughby, 78, Pennville

Jerry McAbee, 88, Redkev Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 36 degrees Friday.

Scattered flurries expected today with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a high of 30. Skies will be partly to mostly sunny Sunday and Monday with highs in the

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairgrounds will be open two more times this year, from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight and Dec. 23 at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from tonight's JCHS girls basketball game at South Adams.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



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Today in history

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Sampson was born. consisted of her heart, Sampson assumed a lung and liver — at man's identity to join as a soldier in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1790, the Aztec years. calendar stone, also covered in Mexico City.

Decree was issued by Napoleon of France. The measure, part of Napoleon's plan to wage economic warfare against the British, forbid all neutral countries and allies of with Britain.

Ulysses S. Grant issued Jews from his military district, which included parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky, after relating the folks in the religious sect to the black market for cotton. Word quickly reached President NAIA Football Nation-Abraham Lincoln, who al Championship with Grant ordered rescind the order.

"Vogue" In 1892, published issue. Starting as a high-society journal, it later became an Ameri- member fashion can lifestyle magazine.

In 1903, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright flew the first successful sustained airplane near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

Bay Packers beat the hard and you'll get far." New York Giants, 14-7,

In 1538, King Henry in the National Foot-VIII of England was ball League Champi-

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1986, Davina In Thompson had the first In 1760, Deborah triple transplant — it Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, England. Thompson lived for nearly another dozen

In 1989, "The Simpknown as the Stone of sons" debuted as a the Five Eras, was dis- Christmas special. The animated series In 1807, the Milan became a weekly show the following year and is the longest-running animated show America.

In 1992, leaders from Mexico, Canada and the United State signed the North American France from trading Free Trade Agreement, a trade pact removing In 1862, General most tariffs and other barriers on products an order expelling and services between the three countries. It was replaced in 2020 with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

In 2016, the University of Saint Francis' football team won the a 38-17 victory over Baker University in Daytona Beach, Floriits first da. Eric Hemmelgarn, a 2014 Jay County High School graduate and defense, and Cougars' recorded three tackles and 1.5 sacks. "You don't have to be from a big high school to be a good athlete," he said the following evening after returning to Fort In 1944, the Green Wayne. "Just work –The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council Recovery Village Counchamber, fire station, cil, village hall, 201 S. 1616 N. Franklin St.

6:30 p.m. — Fort **Wednesday** Recovery School Board, community room, Fort Board of Aviation, Port-Recovery High School, 400 E. Butler St.

7:15 p.m. — Fort 5 p.m. — Jay School Recovery Records Commission Committee, village hall, 201 S. Main

7:30 p.m. — Fort Main St.

4 p.m. — Portland land Municipal Airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Obituaries

Betty Bechtol

Nov. 18, 1921-Dec. 14, 2022 Betty F. Bechtol, 101, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at her home.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1921, in Muncie, Indiana, to the late William and Blanche (Lindsay) Shawver.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ralph L. Bechtol, whom she married on Oct. 22, 1941, and who passed away on Sept. 25,

2003; her daughter, Mary Cohen; her two grandsons and one great grandson; her two sisters, two halfbrothers and one half-

Betty is survived by her children, Danny (Molly) Bechtol of Fort Recovery, Ohio,

Larry Bechtol of Florida, Ronald (Glenda) Bechtol of Phelan, Alabama, and Joseph (Susan) Bechtol of Muncie, Indiana; her 18 grandchildren; and many great- and greatgreat-grandchildren.

Bechtol

Betty was a 1940 graduate of Bryant High School. She spent a majority of her life as a homemaker caring for her family. Betty was a member of the Fort Recovery American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW Auxiliary. She served as a den mother for the Fort Recovery Cub Scouts Pack 199 and was a Blue Bird Camp Fire leader. Betty was a lifelong member of the Fort Recovery United Methodist Church in Fort Recovery.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery, with Pastor David Porath officiating. Burial will follow in Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia, Indiana.

Guests may visit on Monday, Dec. 19, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. and again on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Center For Neurological Development, PO BOX 117, Burkettsville, Ohio 45310.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

Donald Theurer

April 26, 1921-Dec. 9, 2022 Donald L. Theurer went to be with the Lord and his loving wife, Thelma, on Dec. 9.

He was born April 26, 1921, in Jay County, Indiana, to Mathias and Pearl (Baldauf) Theurer. He graduated from Madison Township High School in 1939 as class valedictorian. After joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in November 1942, he spent one year in training and two years

in the ETO where he was attached to XIX Corps headquarters as a radio operator. In 1948, he graduated from Tri-State University with high honors and was later awarded the Distinguished Alumnus

Award. After working four years for Zenith Radio, he joined Magnavox in 1953 and retired in 1986 with 33 years service in engineering and manage-

He was a lifelong Lutheran and since 1971 was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He was also a member of The Air Force Association and of the American Legion Post 82. On April 30, 2021, he was recognized in celebration of his 100th birthday and his military service in World War II by Indiana representative Jim Banks when his name was read into the U.S. Congressional Record.

His hobbies were golf, genealogy and woodworking. One of his woodworking projects was to design and build grandfather clocks so that each of his grandchildren would have a Theurer-built clock.

His loving wife of nearly 65 years, Thelma Mae, preceded him in death on Oct. 8, 2010. His parents and brother, George, also preceded him in death.

He was a loving, devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by three children, Philip (Linda) of Mechanicsville, Virginia, Gregory (Phyllis) of Seattle and Marla (Roger) Reece of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Kelly (Mathew) Martineau, (Stephanie) Theurer, Kendra (Phillip) Atkinson, Winston Reece and McKinnon Reece; three greatgranddaughters, Ruby and Stella Martineau, Ella Atkinson; and three great-grandsons, Tristan Atkinson and Wyatt and Ezra Theurer.

Services will be conducted at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland, Indiana. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the funeral home. A brief service will follow at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Salamonia Cemetery at Salamonia, Indiana, with American Legion honor guard. A memorial service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. Family will be receiving guests starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, at the church. Memorials to Messiah Lutheran Church Memorial Fund to be used at their discretion.

Condolences may be expressed at illiamsonspencer.com.

George Willoughby Feb. 11, 1944-Dec. 13, 2022 George F. Willoughby, 78, of Pennville, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13, peacefully at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Theurer

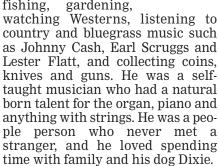


son of the late Betty E. (Watkins) and French Willoughby, Jr. He was formerly employed by Kerr Glass Manufacturing as a furnace operator. George was a proud member of the Union, Dunkirk Moose Lodge and NRA, and he enjoyed

Willoughby fishing, gardening,

George was born in Mount Ster-

ling, Kentucky, on Feb. 11, 1944, a



George is survived by two sons, Todd Willoughby and Paul Willoughby (wife: Rose); daughter Melissa Nightingale (husband: Gregory); nine grandchildren, Monica (Simon) Cotton, Meghan (Bandon) Penton, Dustin Willoughby, Dane Willoughby, Justin Bertsch, Brenna Willoughby, T.J. Willoughby, Carter Willoughby and Mason Willoughby; 10 greatgrandchildren, Jessie, Madelyn, Savannah, Brayden, Kyler, Peyton, Elijah, McKenna, McKayla and McKade; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert, Sidney and William Willoughby; one infant sister; and one grandchild,

Devin Willoughby.

Friends are invited to call Monday, Dec. 19, from 1 to 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with pastor Dan York officiating. Burial will be held privately in Dunkirk **IOOF** Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrust-

ed to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Jerry W. McAbee, Redkey, Sept. 4, 1934-Dec. 15, 2022. Services will be at noon Tuesday at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

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

Continued from page 1 As it stands, members could be pulled together for a situation today if need be. But plans are to hold off until January,

when the group will come

SERVICES

Today Landess, Carol: I p.m., Hill-

Monday

Willoughby, George: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian

Tuesday

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Theurer, Donald: 1:30 p.m.,

McAbee, Jerry: noon, MJS

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together for its next organizational meeting. Commissioners con-

tributed \$5,000 toward the local team in September to get its operations started. Both McFarland and Weitzel noted the contribution would be a onetime request as they are hoping to file as a nonprofit organization in the future.

Jay County CISM team has been recognized by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation of Maryland. Next on its agenda is to seek recognition from the Indiana group and apply for 501(c)3 status.

Although the group's training is specifically catered to public safety officials, McFarland noted there has been discussions about combining efforts with another group offering similar services to the general public.

"When I registered with the international team, I did say we would be willing to accept anything that was called to us, not

just public safety," he noted.

Weitzel emphasized getting the word out about the group. If folks need to reach out.

"I'm not even worried about whether it be a public safety member," added McFarland. "If somebody witnessed something that help, he encouraged them they need to talk (about), we'll find somebody."



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Try orange chicken for the holidays

By LINDA **GASSENHEIMER**

Tribune News Service The sweet and tangy flavors of orange, honey and ginger coat the chicken for a quick, savory dinner. I like to use boneless chicken thighs instead of boneless chicken breast. They remain moist while cooking and have more flavor. The colorful Red and Green Salad adds a festive touch for this time of year.

Helpful Hints:

- Serve any type of bread with the chicken.

and place on two dinner plates. Add the chicken to the plates.

Countdown:

- Make Salad and set

Prepare chicken

ingredients. - Start chicken.



Tribune News Service/Linda Gassenheimer

Orange honey ginger chicken pictured Make the salad first with a red and green salad.

> While dients together.

and serve with salad.

Shopping List:

chicken boneless, skinless chicksautees, mix sauce ingre- en thighs, 1 small bottle orange juice, 1 small bot-— Finish chicken dish tle honey, 1 container cornstarch, 1 bottle ground ginger, 1 container sesame seeds, 1 bunch baguette To buy: 3/4 pound scallions, 1 whole wheat

ready-to-eat salad greens, 1 container cherry tomatoes, 1 small package goat cheese, 1 bottle reduced-fat oil and vinegar dressing.

Staples: canola oil, salt and black peppercorns.

Orange Honey Ginger Chicken

3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs

2 teaspoons canola oil 1/2 cup fresh orange juice, divided use

2 tablespoons honey 1 teaspoon cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon ground Salt and freshly ground

black pepper 1 tablespoon sesame

2 scallions, sliced

2 slices whole wheat

Remove visible fat

a medium-size nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the chicken. Saute minutes and turn chicken over and cook 3 more minutes. A meat thermometer should read 165 to 170 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove the and divide chicken between the two dinner plates with the salad. While chicken sautees, mix one tablespoon of the orange juice with the cornstarch in a small

When the chicken is removed from the skillet, the remaining orange juice, honey and ginger to the skillet. Add the cornstarch mixture and stir until sauce is smooth and thickens, about 1 minute. Add salt all major podcast sites. Spoon sauce over chick- nerInMinutes.com.

baguette, 1 bag washed, from chicken. Heat oil in en and sprinkle sesame seeds and sliced scallions on top.

Yields 2 servings.

Red and green salad

4 cups washed, readyto-eat salad greens

1 cup cherry tomatoes 2 ounces goat cheese

2 tablespoons reducedfat oil and vinegar dress-

Divide the salad greens between two dinner plates. Add the tomatoes and goat cheese. Drizzle the dressing on top.

Yields 2 servings.

Gassenheimer is the author of over 30 cookbooks. Listen to Gassenheimer on WDNA.org and and pepper to taste. Email her at Linda@Din-

Time has opened wounds, not healed them

DEAR ABBY: We moved from Indiana to Florida 30 years ago. Ten years later, I moved back for a job, but returned to Florida after 9/11. I recently received a letter from a friend telling me that I hadn't visited Indiana in 14 years.

This friend, who has been in a long-standing relationship for 40 years, visited us once in Florida 28 years ago. He surprised us by coordinating a liaison during that visit with an old boyfriend who slept over. It was very awkward. This friend hasn't visited us again, but did travel to Miami. We drove eight hours round-trip to see him and his partner. He considered this "visiting us."

Dear Abby



us. I was also close to his sisters when we lived in Indiana, but only one visited us — 26 years ago and never again. Another sister has a condo an hour south of us and has never contacted us despite visiting her condo at least once a year.

Have I missed something? The I know from others that he and sisters don't communicate with his partner have come down to me. Why must I be the traveler? Florida often over the past 30 Why can't they call when they years without calling or seeing visit the area? Should I include

which are frequent? He guilted me in his last letter. How should I word my response? I feel a need to say something, but I want the words to be right. — ONE-SIDED IN FLORIDA

DEAR ONE-SIDED: You and this person are pen pals, nothing more. If you enjoy the correspondence, ignore attempt at a guilt trip if that's what the comment was intended to be. You and his sisters acquaintances, friends. Their lack of communication with you should have sent that message. I cannot understand why you should chase after them. Stop nursing grievances. Concentrate on

this in my letters to my friend, friendship and you will be should sign just my name much happier.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for almost three years to an incredible man. It's the third marriage for both of us. I have an older daughter, and he has two older children — a son and a daughter. Last year, they both welcomed their own children.

I'm not sure where I fit in when it comes to being a grandparent. Friends of mine said I am a grandma. I say, "By default, I am a grandma." My friends also said instead of calling me "Grandma," the grandkids could call me something else to differentiate between their biological grandmas and me. I recently signed a the people in your life who birthday card for one of the see no reason why yours

"Louise" or "Grandma Louise," so I settled on "G-ma Louise."

Because of COVID, we hadn't been able to visit much with the grandkids. However, when it comes to gifts, I'm usually the one picking them out and, in some cases, my husband and I split the cost. In my heart, I feel they are my grandkids, but I don't think my husband's kids view me that way. AM I a grandma? — STATUS UNKNOWN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STATUS UNKNOWN: You are as much a grandma as you would like to be, and to the extent the children's parents will allow it. Many families agree on the names the grandparents are called, and I actually reciprocate your grandkids and wasn't sure if I should be an exception.

Community Calendar

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

MOUS — Will meet at 10 p.m. each Sunday at The a.m. at Zion Evangelical Rock Church, 1605 N. Lutheran Church, 218 E. Meridian St., Portland. High St., Portland. For more information, call more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on FAST OPTIMISTS — Will the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon Saturday and Sunday of 510 E. Arch St., Portland. Hoover St., Dunkirk. The website is museu-

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, ALCOHOLICS ANONY- will meet from 6:30 to 8 Come early for a meal. For (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKmeet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be to 5 p.m. the first and third played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay the month. It is located at Community Center, 125

TAKE OFF POUNDS

Tuesday

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

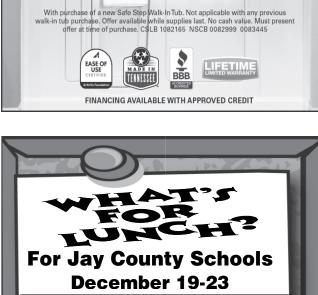
ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

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

FRIENDS $_{
m OF}$ COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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

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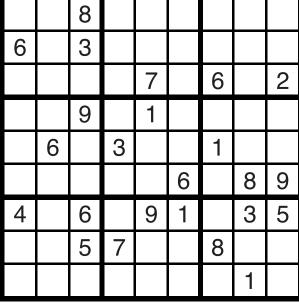
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Civic theatre thankful for support

To the editor:

Let there be joy in the world. So the reverend says at the close of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical" before the cast sings that final

We truly hope our Christmas productions this year of Frosty the Snow Man" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical" brought some joy to your world.

Following the tremendous success of "Elf the Musical" last year, we were not sure what to expect with our doubleheader of shows that didn't quite match the fame of the Will Ferrell blockbuster movie. We could not be more pleased with the results.

We would like to thank the community for its continued tremendous support, which resulted in five of our six performances being sold out. In total, more than 1,500 patrons made their way to Arts Place to see these two productions.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, shared a post on social media and encouraged friends to attend. Your support is appreciated.

We would like to thank the show's staff, crew and cast for all of their hard work on this production. The bulk of the cast was 16 and younger, and they were once again dedicated to our mission statement of "... striving for artistic excellence through our community-based, independently produced theatrical performances ...

Thank you to Psi Iota Xi for being the major sponsor for the show and providing refreshments and ushering for our second weekend. The sorority has

been a tremendous supporter of Jay County Civic Theatre for many years.

Thank you as always to our sponsors, who provide funding to help with advertising and to defray the costs of producing a show. Sponsors for this show were Buffalo Wings and Rings, The Tipsy Glass, Strohl Appliance and Electronics, First Bank of Berne, Pak-a-Sak, Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Homes, FCC, CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union and Loy Real Estate and Auction.

We would also like to thank those who helped make the show possible:

·Carolyn Carducci staff of Arts Place

•Tyler Newell and the staff of Patriot Fitness for their continued support with anything our productions may need

•Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at Christ for the Fairgrounds for providing a variety of items that were given as gifts to our patrons

Church for allowing us to use its facility for rehearsals and post-show get-togethers

•Rob Weaver and WPGW and Bailey Cline and The Commercial Review for previewing the show on the radio and in the newspaper

•Neal Spencer, Bubba Staugler and Harold Fiely of Fort Recovery Radio for hosting us for a segment before the show
•Kyle Teeter and Display

Craft for providing background scenery items

•The Fields family, for lending us their Jazzy scooter, which audiences seemed to get a kick out of

•New Beginnings Holiness Church for providing angel

•Karen Meiring for her assis-

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'Frosty the Snow Man" and The Best Christmas Pageant Lingo and Pete Vogler

·Asbury United Methodist Ever: The Musical" completed our first full year back — it also included "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and "Moana Jr." — after missing two years because of the coronavirus pandemic. While we are still finalizing our 2023 schedule, we are looking forward to another great year.

We have also recently completed a strategic-planning process outlining our goals with an eye on the celebration of our 50th anniversary in 2027. We will be sharing the details of that process in the near future.

Thank you again for all of your support, and we look forward to seeing you Feb. 16 through 18 for our production

of "The Laramie Project." Jay County Civic Theatre Board of Directors

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Disgruntled voters are fleeing parties

By JOE BATTENFELD

Boston Herald Tribune News Service

The two major political parties' long hold on America could be finally starting to slip, setting the stage for an exodus of disgruntled voters to the independent side of the

U.S. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema quitting the Democratic Party and the burgeoning rolls of independents in Massachusetts and elsewhere are just the latest evidence of Democrats and Republicans showing early signs of losing their grip on government.

And the stubborn parties have only themselves to blame.

The Democrats and the GOP have failed to reinvent themselves to win back disenfranchised voters, instead sinking to new lows with shrill, hateful, opportunistic and win-at-any-cost attitudes.

They are desperately clinging to power, caving as they go along.

In both parties, the to less than 30%. choice is between the most extreme elements like Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Elizabeth Warren on the Democratic side and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene on the GOP side.

Or voters are left with aging dinosaurs who just won't leave like Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi and Mitch McConnell.

John F. Where is Kennedy when we need him? Or Ronald Reagan? Both of those presidents crossed over to appeal to both parties.

Take the Democratic Committee, National which in its desperation to hold onto power is throwing New Hampshire and its long history of independent voting under the bus.

The party instead is rewarding South Carolina, despite the fact that it's a red state, just to pay back a political favor for the Democratic president.

It's precisely these kinds of tactics that are turning off voters and driving them to the independent rolls.

The DNC and RNC now alternatives.





In both parties, the choice is between the most extreme elements ...

function as corrupted, heavily funded syndicates, silencing critics and using gutter tactics to get their way.

In Massachusetts, which used to be dominatto the most extreme ele- ed by the major parties, ments of the party, throw- more than six in 10 voters ing principles out the win- are now unenrolled, and dow and making up rules the percentage of Democratic voters has declined

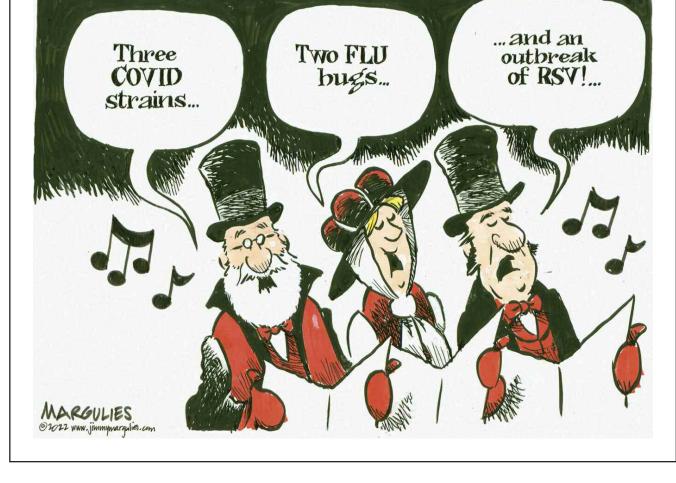
Since 1948, the number of unenrolled voters in Massachusetts has ballooned from just 1.2 million to 2.9 million. During the same period, the number of Democratic voters has remained stagnant at about 1.4 million.

Just in the last two years, close to 77% of new voters chose to be independent, up from 63% in 2020, according to the Massachusetts Secretary of State.

Those kinds of numbers could make it easier for independent candidates to win at the polls someday, or set the stage for a Donald Trump thirdparty candidacy.

Unfortunately, America will likely see another decade or two of unpopular Democrats and Republicans winning elections before any third-party efforts ascend to a position of strength.

But while we're still probably years away from independents winning at the White House level, the two parties should take notice of the millions of voters fleeing for other



Innovation good for students

By ADDIE ANGELOV Indiana Capital Chronicle

I am a first-generation college student. Two generations of my family worked extremely hard to get me to college. I remember watching my grandmother study every night at the kitchen table to earn her GED while I was in high school. I am proud to be the beneficiary of their efforts and hope to honor them in the work I do to support others in making a similar jump.

As a student-athlete at Marian College (now University), I was supported and flourished in a community that was student-focused and individualized. They made it easy to succeed and hard to fail. I chose to become a teacher and then a professor to specifically support students like myself who were learning to navigate the educational system on their own.

As an educational researcher, I try to keep an eye on higher education policy and changes to the system that support first-generation college students. Over the last decade the state of Indiana has quietly worked to ensure that more and more students can earn the title of first-generation college student.

Under the leadership of Commissioner Teresa Lubbers, Indiana began an aggressive policy agenda to blur the lines between college and high school with the dual credit initiative and implementing the Indiana College Core. Commissioner Lubbers retired with a record that mirrors that of a hall-of-fame baller when it comes to championing opportunities for Indiana's aspiring first-genera-

AddieAngelov



legacy on to another first-generation college student, Chris Lowery.

Prior to his current role as Commissioner, Lowery served on the Batesville school board and leveraged opportunities from the K-12 sector, the community college system and the business community to ensure that students in the Batesville schools were able to gain all the opportunities that dual credit and dual enrollment had to offer. As Commissioner he is laser-focused on implementing the Indiana College Core across all Indiana high schools and universities.

He and his staff are racing toward an aggressive 3-year goal of 100% participation. This is no small feat, but as he puts it, "Every high school student in Indiana deserves access to this opportunity.

We have seen a troubling trend with a 12 percentage-point decrease in college-going rate in the last five years. That number jumps when you disaggregate for students who took dual credit classes and if students complete the Indiana College Core that number jumps to a 90% collegegoing rate. Additionally, students who complete the Indiana College Core perform better than their peers during their first year of college."

With all the policy initiatives taktion college students. She passed her ing hold, it falls on high school edu-talchronicle.com.

cators to bring these opportunities to reality. Kevin Teasley and his team at GEO Academies have been at the forefront of supporting high school students make their college dreams a reality for more than 20

GEO focuses on supporting students navigating poverty and many of those are first-generation college students. As Teasley shares, "It's not just enough to get high school kids college credits and it's not enough to get them to college. We must do more. Our average student leaves us with 30 college credits, but that's not good enough. Our high school students need to be on college campuses, in college classes with other college students, taught by college professors that don't coddle them like high school teachers. We can't just get them there, we have to make sure they are prepared to succeed.' Teasley's passion has led him to sharing his work specific to early college with the Louisiana Commission on Higher Education with hopes of expanding these life-changing successes more broadly.

Indiana is known nationally for leading in the area of educational innovation. We have leveraged autonomy and choice in ways that other states strive to achieve. Firstgeneration college students, like myself and Commissioner Lowery, are lucky to be in a state that recognizes their value and works tirelessly on their behalf.

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Power grid faces a new threat

and MARK CHEDIAK

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

As Americans grapple with surging home energy bills, state regulators are starting to take a harder line on utilities proposing to hike household electricity

Regulators in at least three Midwest states are already blocking power companies from taking on costly grid upgrades that rely on consumer rate hikes to foot the bill. Instead, the utilities are being told to delay less urgent projects and absorb some costs they usually pass on to customers. As more and more households struggle with stubbornly high inflation, analysts warn that such regulatory pushback could

spread across the country.
"With customer bills rising, you are going to see regulators shine a lot more light on specific spending on projects," Credit-Sights utilities analyst Andy DeVries said in an interview. "They are going to be asking: why do they need to spend all of this

The shift poses a challenge for utilities that depend on rate hikes to keep profits flowing and pay for big projects needed to modernize grids. That could slow efforts to fight climate change as regulators seek a balance between keeping energy affordable for consumers while encouraging companies to invest in renewable

Moody's Investors Service lowered its outlook for the U.S. utility sector to negative last month because the credit rating agency was concerned that higher natural gas prices, inflation and rising interest rates are driving up customer bills, increasing the risk that regulators will push back on further rate-hike requests.

State authorities in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin are already balking at increases.

Michigan, regulators allowed just a fraction of the \$388 million in rate hikes sought by DTE Energy Co. this year, limiting the increases by the utility to \$30.6 million after hundreds of consumers spoke out at a rare public hearing in August. Much of the difference was due to the tors, we recognize that some of



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A worker moves coal at a coal-fired power plant on Feb. 1, 2019, in Romeoville, Illinois. Regulators in at least three Midwest states are already blocking power companies from taking on costly grid upgrades that rely on consumer rate hikes to foot the bill.

Michigan Public Service Commission disagreeing with a sales forecast by the Detroit-based company, but the regulator also nixed spending on a battery storage pilot project and a proposal to bury some power lines.

"It was very clear that customers are fed up," said Amy Bandyk, executive director of Citizens Utility Board of Michigan. "This was a pretty stunning deci-

DTE said in an emailed statement that its "efforts remain focused on improving reliability and maintaining affordability for our customers.

In Minnesota, Xcel Energy Inc. last week withdrew its September request to increase rates an additional 4% next year to recover \$122 million from customers.

"Due to inflation and other fac-

our Minnesota residential customers are currently struggling to pay their electric bills and have fallen behind," the Minneapolis-based utility said in an emailed statement.

Xcel had faced opposition from Minnesota's commerce department and Attorney General Keith Ellison, who said that the rate increase would pose a burden on families already strug-gling in the face of high inflation, high utility bills and the lin-

gering impact of the pandemic. "We're well aware of the challenges of affordability," John Stiles, deputy chief of staff for the attorney general's office,

Wisconsin's Public Service Commission this month approved less than 80% of a rate request for WEC Energy Group Inc.'s two electric utilities in the

state. The request was made to help offset investments in renewable energy and costs to make the power grid more resilient.

Everything bears more scrutiny in the environment we're in right now," Tyler Huebner of the Public Service Commission said in an interview.

WEC's utilities also agreed to absorb \$34 million in late fees and unpaid bills accrued during the pandemic as part of a deal with consumer advocates including the Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin, an unusual move in an industry that typically passes along such write-offs to cus-

Not all regulators are pushing back this hard. Southern Co.'s Georgia Power unit reached an agreement Wednesday with regulatory staff that granted the company a rate increase of about \$1.8

billion over three years. While that's about 40% less than the utility's initial request, it is more than triple the \$529 million that the staff had initially recommended. The agreement still

requires state approval.

"It's a really bad deal for residential customers," said Liz Coyle, executive director of consumer advocacy group Georgia Watch.

Increased scrutiny of ratehike requests will likely spur utilities to put projects on hold or prompt regulators to reject proposals, said Edna Marinelarena, an analyst for Moody's and lead author of the report that downgraded the utility sector.

"Regulators might say 'let's put a pause on some of these nice-to-have things," she said. "We think everything is on the



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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals D

Trivial Review

Going nuclear

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- 2) What percentage of U.S. electricity is produced by nuclear power plants?

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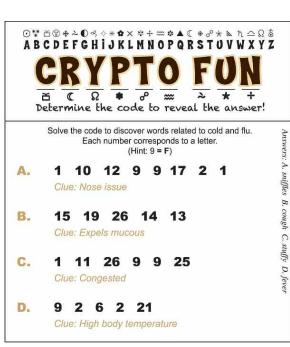
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Guess Who?

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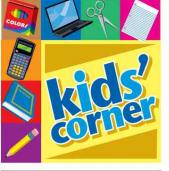
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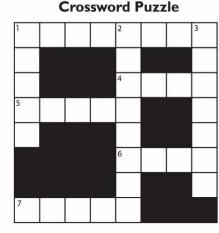
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ANSWER: SAINT NICHOLAS



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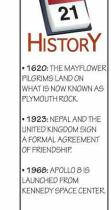
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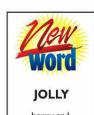
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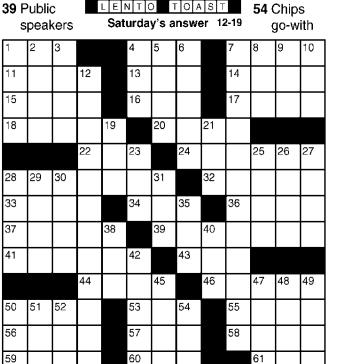
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Contract By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

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Opening lead king of diamonds Italy won its first world team title years in 1998, but not before in 23 years in 1998, but not before it had a very close call against the U.S. squad in the semifinals. The Italians' margin of victory in the 64-deal match was a narrow three

international match points.

Today's deal from the semifinal resulted in one of the biggest swings of the match. At the first table, the U.S. pair of Drew Casen and Bill Pollack missed their laydown small slam in hearts on an uncontested auction. North's two-club response was game-forcing, and when he later tried for slam by cuebidding

clubs. South failed to give enough weight to his singleton diamond and signed off at five hearts.

ugur well who n American pair, who naturally thought the Italians would bid the thought the Italians would bid the slam at the other table. But things took an unexpected turn when Bart Bramley of the U.S opened three diamonds in first seat with the East hand! The auction then proceeded:

East South West North

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South William West North

South William West Side Side State State South William Sowed both majors prompting West Side. south s tout-diamond bid showed both majors, prompting West (Sid-ney Lazard) to apply maximum pressure by leaping to seven dia-monds. He was certain the oppo-nents could make at least a small

slam and wanted to make them guess at the seven level.

This brought the bidding to North, who had not yet spoken and had the best hand at the table! Given his partner's bid and the preemptive tactics of the opponents, he decided South was likely to be void in diamonds, so he bid the

grand slam.

In a sense, North was right, since without a diamond lead, the grand slam was cold. But Bramley led a diamond, and the contract went down one. Combined with the result at the other table, this gave the U.S. a gain of 13 IMPs. Had North doubled seven diamonds, the penalty would have been 1,700 (down seven), a gain of 14 IMPs

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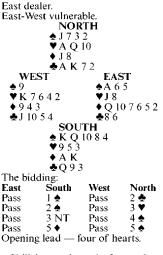
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Tomorrow: Good, better, best.

Contract By Steve Becker

With a little bit of luck



Skill is not the only factor that pays off in bridge. There is also the luck factor, and there are times when the wrong bid or play pays a handsome dividend, while the right

handsome dividend, while the right bid or play proves disastrous.

For example, take this deal from the 1975 U.S-Italy match. Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff were North-South for the U.S. at the first table and reached five spades as shown, avoiding a slam that had about a 30 percent chance of suc-

At the second table, the Italian North-South pair reached six spades on this sequence: West South 1 **★** 2 **★** Pass Pass 2 **♣** 3 **♥** Pass Pass 3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass Pass

The opening lead at each table was a low heart, and both declarers successfully finessed the queen. They then led a low trump to the queen, followed by a low trump to the jack. East took the ace and returned the jack of hearts to dummy's ace.

The rest of the play at both tables

was pretty much the same. Each declarer played two more rounds of trump and cashed the K-A of diamonds, producing this position:

North ▼10 ♠A K 7 2 West East Immaterial South

.•Q93 When South next led the spade eight, West was squeezed. So at both tables declarer made six, but the U.S. scored 480 points while Italy scored 980. In bridge, virtue does not always triumph does not always triumph.

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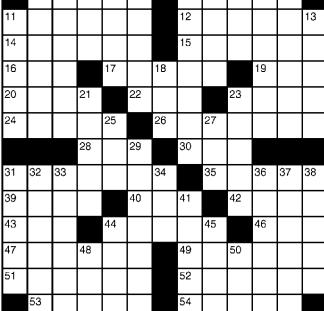
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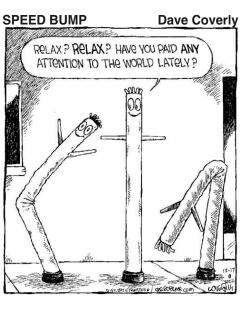
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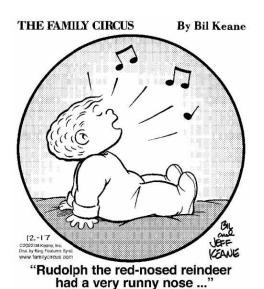
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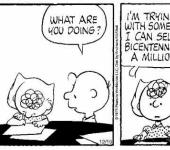




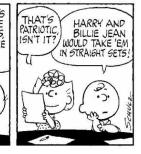












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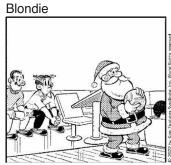






































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Deceased

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that JOHN S. TAKATS was, on the 20 day of October, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of MARY C. JUILLERAT, deceased, who died on August 25, 2022, and was authorized to

administer said estate without court supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be for

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Clerk, Jay Circuit Court Kristin L. Steckbeck Attorney No. 27029-02 DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK 30 Premier Avenue Bluffton, Indiana 46714 Attorney for Estate CR 12-17,24-2022 HSPAXLP

Public Notice

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTER-ESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-21 11-MF-000009 wherein United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, its successors and assigns, United States Depart ment of Agriculture was Plaintiff, and Julia L. Morrison, were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 5th day of January, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 224 W. Water Street, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indi-

Lot 24 Beam Place South. Portland, Indiana, the plat of which is recorded as Document Number 9901682, Page 1 and the protective and restrictive covenants being recorded as Document Number 9901663. Pages 1-5 all in the Office of the Jay County Recorder

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BACKHOE-TRACTORS-COMBINES-SPRAYER CAT 420 E-loader backhoe 4x4 w/extend a hoe and 4 in 1 bucket: IH 5088 tractor CHA 7646 hrs. w/duals and weights, Century 1000

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East Votaw St. Portland, In.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

10 A.M.

REAL ESTATE

Tract 1- Located at 204 W. Votaw St. Portland, Indiana. Going business to

include Real Estate and inventory. Real Estate consists of 3 lots zoned

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Tract 2- Located at 220 W. Votaw St. Portland, Indiana. Two-bedroom home

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trailer; power unit w/transmission; skid loader forks; 40 gal. air compressor;

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fiberglass step ladder; Craftsman roll away tool box; West Coast Chopper mini

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Marble top washstand; (2) Duncan Phyfe drum tables; glass door China cabinets;

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and grandfather clock; metal child's kitchen set; stain glass; kerosene lamps; Lg

lot of Star Trek Memorabilia; wooden telephone; Lg. lot of crystal and other

collectable dishware; metal lawn chairs; garden plows; cc saw; crocks; galv

Washtubs; old bicycles; platform scales; (2) corn shellers; beveled glass dressing

mirror; king, full, and half size beds; glass front display cases; Oval dining room

table w/6 chairs; 5 drawer dressers; armoire; buffet; 6 gun cabinet; Glider rocker

rocker recliners; 3 cushion reclining sofa; bar stools; Amana washer and dryer;

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Plan for Hazardous Materials

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For further information on these matters, please contact Samantha Rhodehamel, LEPC Planning Coordinator, Jay County Emergency Management Agency, Jay County Security Center at 260-726-6908 CR 12-17-2022 HSPAXLP

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LOCATED: 3430 W SR 67, PORTLAND, INDIANA 47371

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022

9:00 A.M.

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CAT 420 E-loader backhoe 4x4 w/extend a hoe and 4 in 1 bucket; IH 5088 tractor CHA 7646 hrs. w/duals and weights, JD 4430 tractor quad shift, w/duals and weights; Farmall 460 tractor WF; Ford 4000 gas tractor w/Freeman loader; F12 on steel w/1bottom plow; 1928 McCormick Deering 1020 tractor; Case IH 2188 combine; Case IH 1083 corn head; Case IH 1020 grain head; JD 9500 combine 2800 hours; JD 643 corn head; JD 970 grain head; JD 925 grain head; Rotagator 854 sprayer w/85' booms; Century 1000 gallon sprayer w/60' boom; NH L-125 Skid loader w/898 hrs.

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Case IH 200 Tiger Mate 40' field cultivator w/harrow att; Brillion XXL Series 40' cultipacker; Case IH 28'soil finisher w/5 bar harrow att; Case IH 28' disc; Kewanee 1010 30' disc; Ford 25' disc; M&W 1465 Earth Master disc chisel; JD 35' field cultivator w/5 bar harrow; JD 712 9 shank disc chisel; JD 3710 plow; UM 20' rolling basket; Glenco 15' soil finisher; P&M 25' cultimulcher; NI 9' cultimulcher; AC 1200 field cultivator; JD 1770 Max Emerge Plus 24 row planter w/monitor, precision and bean meters; JD 7000 12 row planter w/ Kinze bean meters and JD fingers; Great Plains 13' grain drill; Mayrath 60' 10" auger w/swing (used one season); Mayrath 60' 8" auger w/swing; Mayrath 30' 8" PTO auger; Westfield MK 100-71 auger w/swing; Brent 770 grain cart; J&M 350 bu wagon w/auger; J&M 200 bu. hopper wagon; Bradford 16+0 bu. hopper wagon; Claas Rollant 46 round baler; Hybird Hay Runner 12 wheel hay rake; 18' hay wagon w/JD gear; NH 411 disc bine; (2) Gehl 920 silage wagons; Gehl silage blower; NH 790 2 row silage chopper; 1979 IH tandem axle grain truck w/ tarp; 1967 IHC Loadstar 1800 tandem axle grain truck w/Omaha bed; Land Pride 5' rotary mower; Frontier 4' box blade.

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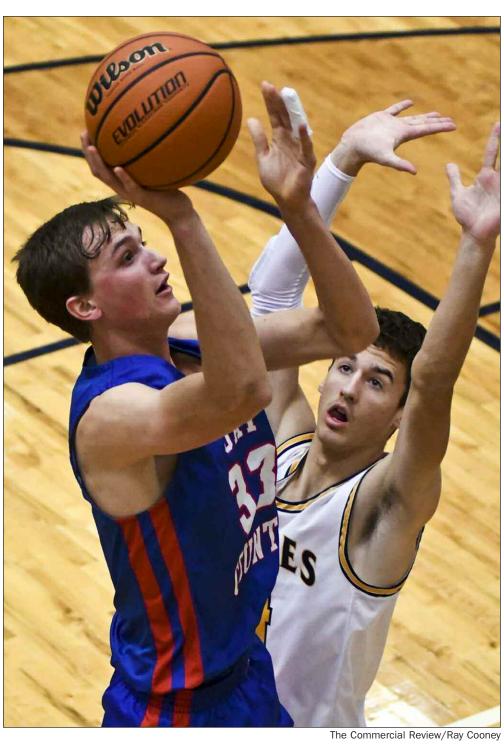
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Continued from page 10 JCHS also missed seven of its 10 free-throw attempts.

The Eagles won behind balanced scoring, with Wors getting a game-high 12 points. The post player was supported by nine points from Furney, who hit three 3-pointers, and eight apiece from D'Amare Hood and Jonny Manor. Hood grabbed a game-best seven rebounds.

Dusty Pearson finished with 11 points to lead Jay County while Blake Bogenschutz and Bennett Weitzel each had six.

Following a five-point loss Dec. 3 to Fort Recovery, the Patriots have dropped their last two games by 21 points to New Castle and 18 to Delta. In their only win of the season over Woodlan, they had to rally from a 15-point deficit.

Bomholt likened Jay County's current situation to an algebra test. If you fail it, he said, you've got to figure out what to do differently on the next

"I love these kids," he said, then repeating the phrase again. "But we've got to figure out a way to stop the nonsense. When

Box score

Jay County Patriots at Delta Eagles

Boys varsity summary

Jay County (1-4) FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS Dirksen 0-2 0-2 Swoveland Bogenschtz Bihn 2-7 0-0 4-10 3-6 11-41 .268 3-10 .300 **Totals**

Def. rebound percentage: .478

Hood Bond Elliott 1-2 0-0 0-0 3-4 2-2 0-0 Ritchie Manor 1-2 0-0 0-0 1-2 2-2 0-0 0-0 Furney Wors CJones 5-10 1-1 0-1 Samuels 17-39 .436 Def. rebound percentage: .537 Score by quarters: Jay Co.

8 2 13 6 — 29 7 14 14 10 — 47 Delta 3-point shooting: Jay County 4-20 (Pearson 3-5, Bogenschutz 1-6, Dowlen 0-6, Dirksen 0-3). Delta 4-15

(Furney 3-9, Manor 1-1, Hood 0-2, BJones 0-2, Manor 0-1). Rebounds: Jay County 26 (Dowlen 5, Weitzel 5, Swoveland 4, Dirksen 4, Pearson 3, Crouch 2, team 2, Bogenschutz). Delta 29 (Hood 7, Furney 5,

Assists: Jay County 4 (Dowlen 3, Pearson, Weitzel). Delta 6 (Furney 2,

Bond 3, Manor 3, team 3, Wors 2,

CJones 2, Elliott, BJones, Stitt,

Hood, Bond, Manor, BJones). Blocks: Jay County 4 (Pearson 3,

Weitzel). Delta 1 (CJones).

Personal fouls: Jay County 12 (Bogenschutz 4, Dowlen 3, Weitzel 2, Swoveland, Crouch, Pearson. Delta 16 (BJones 4, CJones 4, Bond 2, Furney 2, Stitt, Wors, Samuels, Manor).

Turnovers: Jay County 16. Delta

don't, then it's going to the Eagles were able to continue until you figure hold them off down the

Junior varsity

had the Patriots fighting from behind for most of the game as they came up just short in a 38-36 loss to Delta.

Jay County trailed 12-4 after the opening period. you've had enough, then It pulled to within one you stop it. ... And if you after three quarters but stretch.

Parker Nichols' 10 points were the team First-quarter struggles high for Jay County. Liam Garringer added nine points, and Trevin Dunnington had seven.

Bronson Edwards and Jordan Furney shared the scoring lead for Delta with 10 points apiece. Cooper Bratton followed with eight.

Dusty Pearson, a Jay County senior, puts a shot up during the second quarter Friday. Pearson scored 11 points to lead the Patriots.

Sports on tap

Local schedule **Today**Jay County — Boys wrestling at Car-

roll - 9 a.m.; Girls wrestling at Findlay - 9 a.m.: Girls basketball at South Adams - 6 Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs.

Jay County - Freshman boys basketball at Winchester - 6 p.m.

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10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup bronze medal game – Morocco vs. Croatia (FOX) 11 a.m. — College football: Cincinnati

vs. Louisville (ESPN)
Noon — College football: Jackson Jay County — Swimming vs. Adams State vs. North Carolina Central (ABC) Noon — Men's college basketball: Wake Forest at Rutgers (BTN); Indiana at

> 2 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour Champions – PNC Championship (NBC)

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3:30 p.m. — College football: Wash-

ington State vs. Fresno State (ABC) 4 p.m. — College football: Montana State vs. South Dakota State (ESN2) 5:45 p.m. — College football: Rice vs. Southern Mississippi (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — College football: SMU vs. 8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Southeast Missouri State at Iowa (BTN) 9:15 p.m. — College football: North

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vs. Connecticut (ESPN) 8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay Packers (ESPN) 10:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Vancouver Canucks (Bally Indi-

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Left searching

Jay County boys unable to find groove against Eagles as they lose third straight to fall to 1-4

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review MUNCIE — The Patriots are searching.

Searching for offense. Searching for consis-

Searching for confi-

dence.

Those areas were all lacking Friday as the Jay County High School's boys basketball team suffered its third consecutive loss, struggling in the second quarter and then giving up 13 straight points across the third-quarter break as they fell 47-29 to the host Delta Eagles.

The loss dropped the Patriots to 1-4 overall. They've been held to fewer than 30 points in two of their last three

"I just told our seniors, we're five games into it, you've got to decide ... When is enough, enough," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt.

What is it the team

"Confidence," Bomholt said. "You have to gain that confidence. We are putting so much pressure on our defense because we can't score."

getting After outscored 14-2 in the second quarter, Jay County had a chance to get back in the game as it tallied the first five points of the second half to close the gap to 21-15. But Eagle junior Jayden Furney immediately responded with back-to-back 3pointers, the second of which was a wide open look from the right wing that led to a Bomholt

coming out of the halftime. And then, bingo, two mental mistakes. Same kid. He hit a three on one side. He switches sides, we give it up on the other side.'

The Patriots never got closer than eight points the rest of the way as Delta's Jackson Wors



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Caleb Elliott (right) of the host Delta Eagles knocks the ball away from Jay County High "We play hard," said School's Blake Bogenschutz as Caleb Jones (left) also defends during the fourth quarter Friday. The Bomholt. "We get it to six Patriots were outscored 14-2 in the second quarter and gave up a 13-point run to Delta in the second half as they dropped their third consecutive game.

> scored with three seconds to go in the third quarter to kick off the 13point run. The only JCHS points in the final period came after the Eagles had cleared their bench.

Patriots to just 27% shooting and 20% from 3point range.

maybe we've played all wanted to catch and were

Mark Detweiler. thought tonight we used (our athleticism and "I thought our guys quickness) well. We played extremely hard made it tough for them to defensively, harder than catch in spots where they

Delta (4-2) limited the year," said Delta coach able to push their offense out some. And the end result was we got a lot of deflections, we got a lot of stops, which then created some early offense

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Tribe rallies to top host **Tigers**

VERSAILLES, The Indians keep finding ways to win.

After struggling in the first half Friday, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team fought back in the final 16 minutes to knock off the Versailles Tigers 50-48.

It was the third straight win for the Indians, who improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Midwest Athletic Conference. Those victories include a defensive battle against Jay County in which they won after trailing by four with less than four minutes to play and a 55-54 victory Dec. 10 over Bradford on a buzzer-beater by Rex Leverette.

On Friday night, Cale Rammel imposed his will in the third quarter and then got the help he needed in the fourth.

Fort Recovery was in need of an offensive spark, trailing 22-10 at the half. It came from Rammel.

The senior guard scored 10 third-quarter points to at least keep the Indians in the game as they trailed 35-24 heading into the final period. Those last eight minutes belonged to the Tribe as they surpassed their scoring output from the first three quarters.

Rammel had nine of those points, including a perfect 5-for-5 from the foul line. Troy Homan, who had been scoreless over the first 24 minutes, added seven and Landon Post chipped in six. Alex Dues and Riggs Tobe also scored their only points of the game in the final period, hitting a 3-pointer and a 2point field goal, respective-

The second-half outburst from Rammel gave him a game-high 27 points. Post scored eight, six of which came at the foul line.

Connor Stonebraker shared the game-high of 27 points with Rammel, scoring a dozen of his in the final quarter as he tried to keep his team on top. Jace Watren followed with six points.

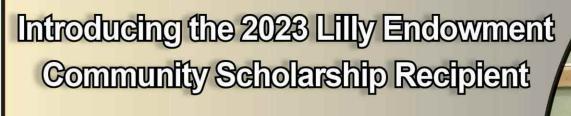
The Indians will try to make it four in a row tonight as they host the Ansonia Tigers.

Junior varsity

Fort Recovery also rallied from a halftime deficit, but came up short in a 49-47 defeat to the Tigers.

The Indians were down 30-23 at the half before pulling to within three with one quarter to play. Their rally fell just short despite hitting four fourthquarter 3-pointers.

Cavin Evers led FRHS with 17 points. Colson Post followed with 15, all from long distance.





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