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## Board clears way for more classroom space

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

The organization that has taken over operation of an early childhood learning program in Jay County will get to add classroom space.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday cleared the way for CDI Head Start to remove a wall at its 406 E. Arch St. facility in order to create a third classroom.

Cari Reiley, program director for CDI Head Start, explained that the interim management company stepped in after Community and Family Services relinquished Head Start this summer.

"We are trying to sever away from Community and Family Services but still provide the services to the children and families that we have in the past," she said, noting that the organization is covering a six-county area.

In the past, there have been four Head Start classrooms in Portland and one in Dunkirk. Two of those classrooms have been permanently at the 406 E. Arch St. site while others have been nomadic based on where space was available. With the transition from Community and Family Services, only those two classrooms are available in Portland. (The other classrooms in the city were most recently located at 1511 N. Meridian St., the former site of First Financial Bank.)

"It is still our intentions to build back to what we had before," said Reiley.

She added that there are a lot of families on the wait list for Head Start.

In an effort to solve that problem, CDI Head Start looked at the possibility of removing a wall at the 406 E. Arch St. building. (It currently separates two office spaces, which are not large enough to be classrooms on their own.) Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn required that to do so an

### Head Start cleared to remove wall at site on Arch Street

engineer or architect sign off and affirm that the wall in question is not load bearing.

Engineer Steve Manor provided that documentation, saying "the wall in question should not be a vertical load bearing wall." With that assurance, the board of works members Steve McIntosh, Jerry Leonhard and Portland Mayor John Boggs voted unanimously Thursday to allow the change to move forward and provide written permission to CDI Head Start to do so.

With the removal of the wall to create a new classroom, the Head Start program in Portland will be able to accommodate 20 more children.

Also Thursday, the board of works approved a reimbursement agreement for street department employee Gary Fogle for his CDL training. If Peterson leaves city employment in less than three years, he will need to pay back a portion of the cost of the training.

Also approved was an amendment to the city's contract with Wessler Engineering for services connected with the Meridian Street storm sewer project. The cost to the city for the addition work is \$1,000.



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## Christmas kiss

Fourth grader Allie Rowles blows a kiss to her family Thursday during the Christmas program at East Jay Elementary School in Portland.

## Opioid funds coming soon

Money from settlements should be available within a week

By LESLIE BONITA MUNIZ  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Months after Indiana's attorney general said he'd send about 660 local governments their shares of the state's \$507 million opioid crisis settlement with drug manufacturers and distributors, none have received the money.

But the state agencies coordinating the effort now say the cash will go out within a week.

"Representatives from the [Attorney General's] Office, Auditor's Office, and State Budget Agency met [Wednesday] morning, and we all agreed that the distribution of opioid settlement funds is now on track to occur before the end of next week," State Budget Director Zachary Jackson wrote in a Thursday email to the Capital Chronicle.

Attorney General Todd Rokita first said in February 2022 that manufacturer Johnson & Johnson and distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal and McKesson would begin sending money to a national administrator in early April. Indiana's settlement is part of a \$26 billion national one.

"Money will start flowing to state and local governments in the second quarter of 2022," or between April and June, Rokita said at the time. His office later said it expected payments to go out in the fall.

But months after the initial distribution timeline, none of those hundreds of Hoosier cities, towns or counties have gotten any money, the Indianapolis Star reported this week.

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## Nativities set

Nativity scenes are set up and ready for this weekend's festival at Trinity United Methodist Church, 325 S. Meridian St., Portland. More than 500 nativity scenes will be on display for the festival that runs from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

## Prosecutor: Trump knew

Closing argument alleges former president was aware of fraud

By MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN  
New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Former President Donald Trump knew about Trump Organization executives' tax-dodging schemes, a Manhattan prosecutor told a jury in a closing statement Thursday in the organization's tax fraud trial.

"Donald Trump knew exactly what was going on with his top executives," said Manhattan Assistant DA Joshua Steinglass when he addressed jurors.

Steinglass' statement came near the end of the day's court session. Later, after the jury left the courtroom for the evening,

Trump Organization lawyer Alan Futfas openly complained that Steinglass had invoked Trump himself in his closing argument.

"I guess you all shouldn't have opened the door," Steinglass shot back.

Steinglass argued that his remarks were appropriate since in their closing statements, defense lawyers said the ex-president knew nothing about the crimes central to the case, which the Trump Organization blames on its chief financial officer, Allen Weisselberg.

Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Juan Merchan took Steinglass' side. He gave prosecutors the green light to continue discussing what Trump knew of the alleged scheme when their summation resumes Friday.

The judge noted that defense lawyers were the ones who brought up Trump in the first place, with Trump Corporation lawyer Susan Necheles claiming no one in the Trump family knew about the fraud.

If Trump's lawyers could bring up the ex-president's name, then the prosecution could do so as well, the judge reasoned. "It's only fair," Merchan said.

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### Deaths

Hobart Curtis, 64, Farm-land  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's high temperature topped out at 37 degrees Thursday. The low was 20.

Tonight's low will be 33 with a 50% chance of showers and winds gusting to 45 miles per hour. Conditions will be windy and cold again Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamon Fire Station.

### Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball game at Woodlan.

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



# Trump ...

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Earlier in his summation, Steinglass said Trump's companies "cultivated a culture of fraud and deception" that allowed senior executives to line their pockets with untaxed perks. He said the executives deliberately concealed that income from tax authorities, and scapegoated their accountants when they were caught. "It's not that the folks at the Trump corporation didn't know what they were doing was illegal," said Steinglass. "They just didn't care."  
Trump lawyer Necheles, in turn, told jurors the Manhattan district attorney's case was about

Weisselberg's greed and false tax returns, of which his employer was unaware and not responsible. "We are here today for one reason and one reason only: the greed of Allen Weisselberg," said the Trump Corporation lawyer. "Along the way, he messed up. He got greedy. Once he got started, it was difficult for him to stop."  
For the Trump Organization entities to be convicted, prosecutors must convince jurors that Weisselberg was a "high-ranking managerial agent" when he devised and carried out the tax dodging scheme. Jurors must also find Weisselberg was acting

within the scope of his job as CFO, with intent to benefit the company. Weisselberg, who described himself as Trump's "eyes and ears" from a financial standpoint in a 2015 deposition, will soon be sentenced to five months in jail after pleading guilty to the fraud in August. His deal was in exchange for testifying for the prosecution and a shorter prison sentence. On the stand, Weisselberg admitted evading taxes for 15 years on \$1.7 million worth of lavish fringe benefits. Purchases on the Trump Organization's dime included rent on a Manhat-

tan apartment, Mercedes Benz car leases, furniture in his Florida home, and his grandkids' private school tuition. A full-time Trump Organization employee for decades, Weisselberg described receiving yearly bonuses totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars as an independent contractor. That meant the business didn't owe payroll taxes. Weisselberg said he knew the fraud benefited the company. His deputy, company controller Jeff McConney, 67, spent days on the stand under immunity, which he received because he testified before the grand jury that indicted the organization.

# Obituaries

**Hobart Curtis**, Farmland, the father of Redkey residents, Sept. 9, 1958-Nov. 29, 2022. No services are scheduled at this time.  
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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

Saturday 12/3	Sunday 12/4	Monday 12/5	Tuesday 12/6	Wednesday 12/7
<b>46/19</b> There's a 60% chance of showers Saturday, with winds gusting up to 40 mph.	<b>40/22</b> Mostly sunny skies, with wind gusts reaching as high as 20 mph.	<b>45/36</b> Monday has a 30% chance of rain after 1 p.m. Otherwise, partly sunny.	<b>48/29</b> There's a slight chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies. The high will be around 48.	<b>42/24</b> Another slight chance of rain mixed with snow, otherwise mostly cloudy.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$81 million	23-28-30-36-49-53-57-62-64-67-69-71-73-74-75-80 Cash 5: 7-13-18-21-32 Estimated jackpot: \$403,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$333 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 3-1-7 Pick 4: 0-9-9-6 Pick 5: 2-7-0-3-3 Evening Pick 3: 8-9-4 Pick 4: 0-6-7-7 Pick 5: 9-2-1-5-3 Rolling Cash: 4-5-11-22-33 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 2-8-9 Daily Four: 4-5-6-3 Quick Draw: 6-19-22-23-27-28-29-36-38-45-51-63-64-65-66-68-74-75-76-77 Evening Daily Three: 9-1-4 Daily Four: 3-8-5-0 Quick Draw: 5-8-12-22-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.61 Jan. corn.....6.59 Wheat .....6.76	Wheat ..... 6.97 Dec. wheat.....7.51
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.69 Jan. corn.....6.56 Feb. corn.....6.58	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.43 Jan. corn.....6.45 Beans .....14.24 Jan. beans .....14.24 Wheat .....7.50
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....6.50 Jan. corn .....6.50 Beans .....14.27 Jan. beans .....14.32	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.19 Jan. corn .....6.21 Beans .....14.12 Jan. beans .....14.17 Wheat .....7.07

## Today in history

In 1763, the oldest synagogue — Touro Synagogue — in the United States was dedicated in Newport, Rhode Island. It was designed by English architect Peter Harrison.  
In 1804, Napoleon crowned himself the emperor of France. The event was witnessed by Pope Pius VII.  
In 1823, President James Monroe declared the Monroe Doctrine, which indicated that the United States would not interfere in European affairs and that it's focus would be on the Western Hemisphere.  
In 1942, Italian scientist Enrico Fermi led the engineering of the first nuclear fission chain reaction under the stands of the University of Chicago's Stagg Field. —The CR

In 1954, the U.S. Senate censured Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy for the way he conducted an investigation into communism in the United States. The move came after McCarthy's "brutal and truculent interrogative tactics" came to light.  
In 1972, Jay Circuit Court Judge Keith Fraser announced the appointment of Bob Bowers as acting probation officer for the county, effective Jan. 1.  
In 2021, the Jay County High School girls wrestling team won its first home dual meet 36-12 over Brebeuf Jesuit. Senior Lizzie Dollar needed just 41 seconds to pick up a victory over Nia Stewart in the 113-pound match.

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, school-house community center.
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland	

# Grissom base being considered

**Kokomo Tribune**  
Tribune News Service  
Grissom Air Reserve Base in Peru is one of three bases in the country under consideration to support a new U.S. Air Force installation for aerial refueling and airlift. The USAF is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the potential environmental consequences associated with the Air Force Reserve Command KC-46A Main Operating Base 5 beddown. Grissom ARB and Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma have been identified as reasonable alternatives for the mission. March ARB in California has been identified as the preferred alternative for the mission. The USAF will host an open-house public scoping meeting from 5 to 8

p.m. Dec. 6 at the Milestone Event Center, 1458 N. Liberator Road, Peru. The purpose of the meeting and the scoping periods is to solicit comments to help effectively define the full range of environmental issues to be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement. Meetings will also be held at the other two sites. The Department of the Air Force issued a notice of intent Nov. 10 to assess the potential social, economic and environmental impacts associated with the mission. The DAF is proposing to base the KC-46A Pegasus tanker aircraft at an installation with an established Air Force Reserve Command unit. This base will be Main Operating Base 5 (MOB 5) for KC-46A tanker aircraft within the continental United States. A sin-

gle squadron of 12 KC-46A aircraft will be based at the MOB 5 installation. This AFRC squadron will require infrastructure, facilities, airfield operations and personnel necessary to support the refueling mission. The KC-46A Pegasus is the first phase in recapitalizing the USAF's aging tanker fleet. With greater refueling, cargo and aeromedical evacuation capabilities compared to the KC-135, the KC-46A will provide next generation aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and partner-nation receivers. The Environmental Impact Statement will also include a No Action Alternative, which means that the KC-46A MOB 5 beddown would not occur.

# Opioid ...

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Office of Management and Budget Director Cris Johnston, whose agency includes the State Budget Agency, said administrators were working to comply with the settlement requirements and a state law specific to the funds, House Enrolled Act 1193. "The settlement governing documents and applicable state laws have stringent standards for the administration of

these funds," he wrote to the Capital Chronicle. The Budget Agency will soon transfer the funds to Rokita's office, which will distribute them to local governments. Rokita's office said a 2017 law, which gave the State Budget Agency initial control over settlement payouts, "complicated" its timeline. Previously, the Attorney General's Office oversaw the entire distribution process. "Given the fact that the payout from this settlement will occur over the next 17 years and that there is more litigation anticipated on various issues presently and in the future, it is likely that the 2017 law change will continue to create similar problems," an office spokesperson said in a statement to the Capital Chronicle. "That certainly does not change the great work we did on this historic settlement or the rest of the work we are doing in fighting for Hoosier's interests on these multi-state issues." Payments this year will total an estimated \$254 million, though about \$12 million will go to attorney's fees, according to Rokita's office. Indiana and its local governments are splitting the settlement money 50-50. The localities must use about 70% of their funds on opioid abatement and can spend the other 30% as they wish.

## SERVICES

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

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## The Commercial Review's

*24th Annual*

# Christmas Fiction Contest

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

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

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

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

*The 2021 winner*

*"Gifts of Love for Angie"*

*By Mary T. Hemmelgarn*



Photo provided

## Rotary donation

Portland Rotary Club recently donated \$5,000 to Jay County Humane Society for its new facility. Pictured are Portland Rotary members and Indiana Rotary Club president Annette Alexander handing the check to Mindy Weaver and Julie Forcum of the humane society.

# Woman accosted for baseless lie

DEAR ABBY: A friend, "Marie," approached me in the parking lot after church, raising her voice, flailing her arms and saying three people had told her that I told them to stay away from her and her husband. I told Marie it wasn't true, and she and her husband were my friends. She reiterated that three people said it, shaking her hand and holding up three fingers in my face.

When I asked who they were, she wouldn't tell me. I asked her if she would get the three people together at her house because I would like to talk to them in person — she said no to that request, too. I then stated that we were standing on hallowed ground in the church parking lot, and I was telling her the truth. Again, she insisted she heard differently from three people.

I was very upset to be accused of a total lie and at Marie's refusal to believe me. When I suggested we go inside the

## Dear Abby



church and I would put my hands on Jesus' feet and swear I never said anything about her and her husband, she said she didn't have time.

After I came home from church, I sent a text to the only two friends I had spoken to recently and asked them if I had said anything to them about Marie and her husband. Both replied no. I sent a copy of both texts to Marie so she could read them for herself. I thought it would be another way of showing I am not guilty.

How on Earth can I prove I am not guilty if Marie won't let me talk to the three supposed people or swear on Jesus' feet that I'm not guilty? What should

I do? — ACCUSED IN IDAHO  
DEAR ACCUSED: Because this unhappy scenario happened on church property, consider discussing it with your religious adviser. Marie's actions were over the top. Could she have emotional problems you aren't aware of? If members of the congregation are really carrying nasty and disruptive tales after church as she has asserted, your preacher may want to deliver a sermon soon about "bearing false witness." You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: For many years, my wife and I have donated items to charitable agencies. I have been a blood donor for many years. Sometimes, I get a "thank-you" item, such as a T-shirt with words on it indicating that I donated.

I'm not comfortable donating a shirt with such a message. The person who receives it

might not be a blood donor. While wearing it, the person might be thanked by someone who sees the shirt. That person wouldn't have the right to "steal the glory" and puff out his chest. It's a shame to trash a shirt. Do you have a suggestion as to what I might do with such an item? — DONATING IN FLORIDA

DEAR DONATING: Because of your concerns about stolen glory, consider using the T-shirt(s) for house cleaning. However, if you cannot bring yourself to do that, donate the item to a homeless shelter and consider it publicizing a worthy cause that needs more attention.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, a friend came to my home. I offered coffee and cake, which I had already sliced and placed on plates. She responded that she wasn't hungry right then and would take it home for later,

and asked me for wrapping or a container to put it in. Of course, I complied, but I have never heard of such a thing, although diners often take home uneaten food from a restaurant. Am I out of step here, or have I got a right to be as shocked as I was? — SURPRISED HOSTESS

DEAR SURPRISED: If you were "shocked" by what she did, you must be sensitive indeed. Your friend was honest with you. Give her credit for it. She may love the cake you offered, but is watching her weight and thought she'd pop it in the freezer to enjoy another time. I know of no rule of etiquette that dictates a person must eat a pastry in the presence of the hostess.

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

## Community Calendar

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

**Today**  
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](http://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. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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



## Our Season's Greetings issue will appear in the CR December 16!

Ads 15 inches or larger may include a photo of your staff. For those who provide their own photo, the fee will be \$15. (The fee will be waived if you get your photo to us by Nov. 30!)

If you'd like us to come take your picture, the fee will be \$30.

Deadline for all ads & photos is  
**December 7th!**

We try hard not to miss anyone who wants in this issue. If you do not get contact and would like to be in our Christmas Greeting's special section, please email Lindsey at [L.Cochran@thecr.com](mailto:L.Cochran@thecr.com) or call (260) 726-8141

## The Commercial Review

# Thank you for supporting dinner

To the editor:  
This community is absolutely amazing. Once again you have stepped up to the challenge of the Thanksgiving season with an unbelievable response to the community dinner. The local agencies, service clubs, lodges, businesses, sororities, churches and individuals started calling early to donate kind-heartedly and help wherever needed. Your generosity is so appreciated. When the event was over, we saw approximately 650 meals served to the homebound as well as those dining inside. Thank you to all who came in to lend a hand putting all those meals together. It was refreshing watching

## Letters to the Editor

families taking the leftovers to enjoy in their homes later, knowing their appetites would be satisfied for the next few days. The success of this day is only possible because of the kindness of this awesome community. We hope you will find a special blessing on your lives as you have certainly blessed the lives of many. With heartfelt thanks, Carol Smith Chairperson Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee



# Education \$ need attention

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Thanksgiving weekend is a fine occasion to take stock of our world and to consider honestly how our economy fares globally, nationally and locally. The economy isn't everything, of course. Freedom, family and health matter more. However, strong economic growth is the best remedy for many vexing challenges.

In almost every way the past three decades have been unprecedented periods of growth. In just 30 years, the world economy lifted more people from desperate poverty than in the accumulated 30 centuries before that. The number of humans participating in free elections doubled, and today 60 percent of the world economy resides in free nations with civil rights and elected governments. These countries are mostly close allies with extensive trade and security agreements.

The remaining 40 percent of the world's economy is evenly split among tyrants and poor, unaligned nations. The balance of power between freedom and tyranny has never been this favorable. Moreover, the world's second largest authoritarian regime, Russia, is in the midst of nearly unprecedented military collapse. This offers sobering lessons for China and the world's other despots.

There is increasing evidence that the U.S. economy might be picking up steam for faster growth. These things are never certain and there are plenty of roadblocks, but the next few decades hold enormous promise. There's never been a better time to be alive.

Still, one aspect of our economy worries me—growing regional inequality. In fact, many readers who find me too Pollyannish probably feel that way because they live in places that are stagnant, or in decline. That is all too common a feature of several modern economies, most especially the United States.

From the end of the Civil War until about 1980, American states and cities were becoming more economically alike. This 'convergence' in economic jargon meant that poor places were catching up to rich places in terms of growth. Sometime after the 1970s, that convergence ended. For the past couple decades, poor places have become poorer, and rich places richer.

This 'divergence' has helped fuel voter anger and drives different narratives about how the economy is performing. So, a person living in rural Ohio or Indiana has a much different economic experience than someone living in, say,

Michael J. Hicks



suburban Boston or Austin. In most of the United States, economic growth is healthy, but in many places it is moribund.

From the end of the Great Recession to now, average inflation-adjusted wages in the U.S. grew by 7.0 percent to \$32.58 an hour. However, in Indiana, wages grew by 4.1 percent to \$29.34 an hour. Conversely, in Massachusetts, wages grew by 13.9 percent to \$40.19 per hour. It is easy to see how folks living in Indiana might be terribly frustrated by the economy, while those in Massachusetts are pleasingly optimistic.

These differences highlight some of the basic issues causing regional inequality. Massachusetts is a high-tax state, and Indiana is a low-tax state, so prevailing wisdom would be that Indiana would be growing fast. However, Indiana has low educational attainment, which is now in sharp decline. In contrast, Massachusetts is a highly educated state with nearly twice the share of college graduates as Indiana. The fundamental observation here is that taxpayers—businesses and families—look for value in public services, not price. Today, education is of prime value.

Perhaps the only good news about the 'divergence' in economic fortunes is that it has a strong policy component. Pure economic forces are difficult to alter, but those brought about by policies can change. Some of the policy variation between states comes from a fundamental misunderstanding about the factors that cause economic growth. Here's where economics can help.

For much of the 19th and early 20th century, differences in economic growth came about from variation in available capital investment. This is economic jargon for business equipment, buildings, and public infrastructure like rail systems, roads, bridges and ports. Capital brought economic growth and wealth accumulation. But, in the middle of the 20th century, the focus of economic growth began to shift from machines to the human mind.

To be fair, economic growth was always caused by human ingenuity, but from about 1700 to 1950, the major innovations saved human and animal strength. In contrast, since the middle of the 20th century, most innovations have all been

about leveraging brain power, or human capital, as we economists like to call it. In the developed world, human capital has become the primary, and possibly only, source of growth.

Today the engine of prosperity is education-driven innovation. Still, far too many elected leaders continue to think of economic growth the way it was 75 years ago. To them, prosperity comes from increased business investment; more machinery, equipment and warehouses. This misunderstanding would be harmless except that this antiquated view of economic growth crowds out spending on the things that really matter—primarily education.

Since 2006, Indiana cut its tax rate on manufacturing from the 38th to 4th lowest. At the same time, the state cut spending on higher education from 0.69 percent of our GDP to 0.49 percent of GDP. We made the 9th deepest cuts to education in the nation. No state with educational attainment as bad as ours was anywhere near our cuts or funding levels. So, what did Hoosiers get from these two highly different policy changes? We now have the smallest share of young adults heading to college in three decades, and 40,000 fewer factory jobs than in 2006.

It would be stunning if these data didn't motivate fundamental reassessment of economic and education policies. Thankfully, we have precedence for thoughtful reassessment of funding priorities in Indiana. In 2017, the legislature recognized that the road-funding taxes were not sufficient to build and maintain adequate roads. So, they shifted gasoline sales taxes to roads, and indexed the gas tax to inflation. It was pragmatic and wise. But still, Indiana's educational outcomes are today far worse nationally than our roads have ever been.

Education funding in Indiana needs the same sort of focus. If we hope to enjoy the economic growth that is passing Hoosiers by, we must get another 10,000 kids to college each year. That won't happen without significantly more tax dollars being spent to prepare and support those students. Failure to do so will simply fuel regional inequality and leave Indiana as one of those poor places that grows poorer. The choice is pretty simple, really.

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# Are we content with our position?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The most important economic measure is not jobs, wages or taxes.

It is that portion of the gross domestic product (GDP) produced by the private sector. Our jobs, our wages, our taxes are directly related to GDP. What we make, what we do, determines how we live.

Over the past 10 years, 2011 to 2021, Indiana's GDP (not adjusted for price changes) grew by 42%, 30th in the nation, which advanced by 52%.

But we're happy — Kentucky was 31st, Wisconsin 33rd, Illinois 37th!

Those data tell the surface story of our comparative growth. Yet, when we look deeper, the tale gets no better.

Yes, Indiana is a manufacturing state, the fifth largest manufacturing state in the nation. But manufacturing in the U.S. grew by 33% when the whole economy was growing by 52%. Indiana's growth in manufacturing was 26%, 36th in the nation.

But we're happy — Ohio was 37th and Illinois 42nd! Within manufacturing nationally, the shift of relative growth and decline among 19 major industrial sectors was a modest 6.7%. Indiana's shift was 13%, almost double the national pace of turbulence among the sectors.

Perhaps the most successful Hoosier manufacturing sector was primary metals (steel and aluminum) where Indiana ranked first in total GDP and first in the amount of growth. In rate of growth, we ranked a respectable 12th at 70%, while the nation could muster only a 23% growth rate.

Primary metals raise an interesting question. Is it better to be leading in a lagging industry or should we aim to improve our lagging performance in a leading industry?

For example, once upon a time, Indiana was a leader in what today are called computer and electronic products as well as electrical equipment, appliances and components. The names of companies now gone or greatly reduced are to be found in the homes and memories of many.

Eye on the Pie



Tomorrow, attention will be on motor vehicles, bodies, trailers and parts as electric cars and trucks overtake the petroleum putt-putts of today.

Hoosier computer and electronic product firms saw a decline in GDP between 2011 and 2021 of 7.4% (ranking 40th among the states) while that industry grew by 40.5%.

Likewise, electrical equipment, appliances and component manufacturing also advanced in the U.S. by a matching 40%; in Indiana, the industry managed a 15.5% increase (33rd in the nation).

Tomorrow, attention will be on motor vehicles, bodies, trailers and parts as electric cars and trucks overtake the petroleum putt-putts of today. Indiana ranked second in GDP in this sector in both 2011 and 2022.

Our growth rate, however, was low in the top half of all states (21st). Indiana grew by 57%, somewhat ahead of the U.S. rate of 52%.

But if EVs are the future, how do we get into the top 10?

Or are we content to be in the top half as long as our neighbors are not out-performing us?

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## Shooting scene

Virginia Beach police work at the scene of a shooting Thursday in a shopping center parking lot. Two people were hospitalized and a police officer was treated for minor injuries. Virginia Beach deputy police chief Sean Adams said a uniformed officer conducted a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle. The two occupants of the car were armed and they and the officer drew guns, he said. There was a struggle and the officer fired.

## Jones files for personal bankruptcy

By JEREMY HILL  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Infowars host Alex Jones filed for personal bankruptcy after being ordered to pay more than \$1 billion to families of Sandy Hook massacre victims, court papers show.

The far-right talk show host listed liabilities of at least \$1 billion in a bankruptcy court petition filed in Texas. Jones has been under intense legal pressure in recent months after courts in Texas and Connecticut found him financially liable for spreading falsehoods about the 2012 school shooting that killed 20 children and 6 school staffers.

Jones has been ordered by courts to pay well over a billion dollars in total for his lies about the massacre. But the conspiracy theorist hasn't disappeared from the airwaves: just yesterday, Jones' show featured an appearance from Ye, formerly known as Kanye West, who spoke positively about Adolf Hitler.

The bankruptcy filing gives Jones breathing space from his creditors while working out a repayment plan. The petition also alludes to the ongoing bankruptcy of Infowars' parent company, Free Speech Systems LLC.

Jones has assets totaling no more than \$10 million, according to the bankruptcy petition.

His largest unsecured creditors are primarily family members of Sandy Hook victims. Robert Parker, whose daughter was murdered in massacre, is owed \$120 million, according to filing. Jones also owes \$150,000 to American Express, a claim he disputes, court papers show.

## U.S. hiring, wages make gains

By READE PICKERT  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

U.S. employers added more jobs than forecast and wages surged by the most in nearly a year, pointing to enduring inflation pressures that boost chances of higher interest rates from the Federal Reserve.

Nonfarm payrolls increased 263,000 in November after an upwardly revised 284,000 gain in October, a Labor Department report showed Friday. The unemployment rate held at 3.7% as participation eased. Average hourly earnings rose twice as much as forecast after an upward revision to the prior month.

The median estimates in a Bloomberg survey of economists called for a 200,000 advance in payrolls and for the unemployment rate to hold at 3.7%. U.S. stock futures tumbled and Treasury yields surged following the report, as investors anticipated a more aggressive stance from the Fed.

Job gains were concentrated in a few categories, led by growth in leisure and hospitality, healthcare and government. Meanwhile, employers in retail, transportation and warehousing and temporary help services cut workers.

The better-than-expected payrolls increase underscores the enduring strength of the jobs mar-

ket despite rising interest rates and concerns of a looming recession. The persistent mismatch between the supply and demand for workers continues to underpin wage growth and has led many economists to expect businesses will be more hesitant to lay off workers in a potential downturn.

That said, some sectors are beginning to show more notable signs of weakening. Many economists expect unemployment to rise next year — significantly in some cases — as tighter Fed policy risks pushing the U.S. into recession.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell said earlier this week that a moderation in demand for labor is needed

to bring the jobs market back into balance, and the central bank has only seen "tentative signs" of that so far. He also noted the importance wage growth — and the labor market more generally — will play in determining the path of inflation.

The jobs report showed average hourly earnings rose 0.6% in November, the biggest monthly advance since January, and were up 5.1% from a year earlier. Wages for production and nonsupervisory workers climbed 0.7% from the prior month, the most in almost a year. The pace of pay raises is inconsistent with the Fed's 2% inflation target.

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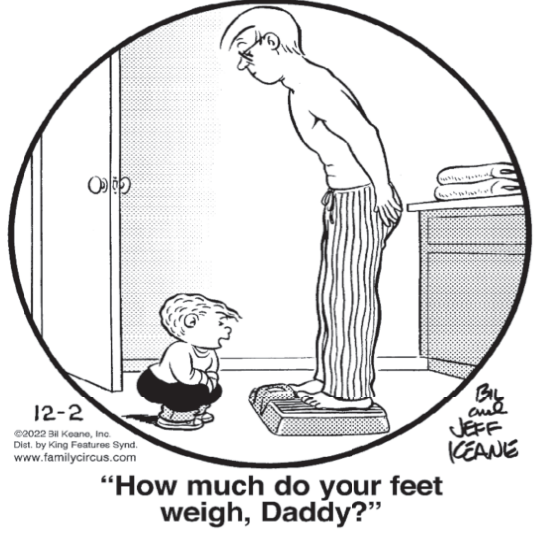
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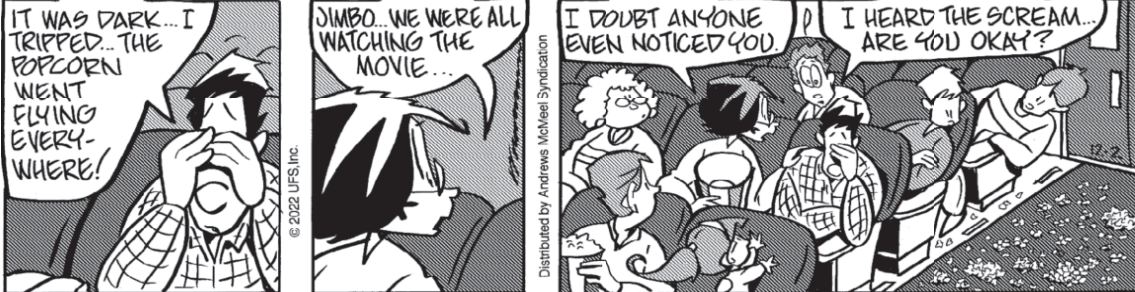
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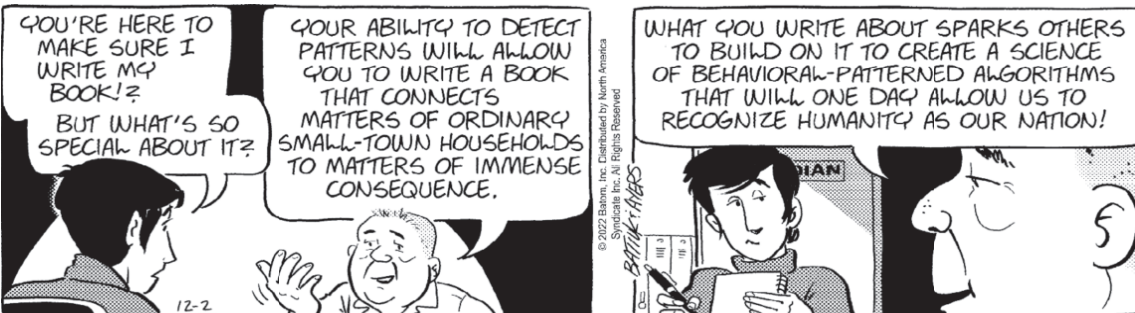
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are the dealer and open One Club. Partner responds One Diamond. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- 1. ♠ KJ6 ♥ AQ ♦ 7643 ♣ QJ95
2. ♠ AK8 ♥ J ♦ QJ93 ♣ AJ962
3. ♠ AQ4 ♥ AJ ♦ Q5 ♣ KQJ843
4. ♠ 9 ♥ AQ96 ♦ K82 ♣ AKQJ6

and distribution. Three diamonds is not forcing; partner may pass, but if he does, there is almost surely no game.

3. Three notrump. You can't settle for less than game, and you shouldn't risk any bid that might leave you in an under-game contract.

What sometimes happens in cases like this is that the opening bidder jumps to two notrump or three clubs — neither of which is forcing — and screams bloody murder when his impoverished partner passes.

4. Two hearts. The jump in a new suit by opener (a jump-shift) is 100 percent forcing and compels partner to continue bidding until at least a game is reached.

1. One notrump. It is rare not to raise partner's suit at once with four-card support, but here it is better to suppress the raise in favor of the more illuminating notrump rebid.

This tells partner you opened with minimum values and a balanced hand, which is exactly what you're looking at. Two diamonds would suggest more in the way of distributional values.

2. Three diamonds. Here you have better diamonds as well as values well above a minimum opening bid.

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# Pulisic hopes to play for U.S.

By KEVIN BAXTER  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

DOHA, Qatar — Christian Pulisic learned the U.S. had advanced to the World Cup's round of 16 by staring at a cellphone in a hospital examination room. Which is odd because it was Pulisic's goal that had sent the Americans there.

But the scoring play ended with Pulisic sliding into Iranian goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand, whose knee slammed into Pulisic's ... well, we'll get to that in a minute. The important thing is the ball wound up in the net, the U.S. hung on for a 1-0 victory and will meet the Netherlands on Saturday in the first round of elimination games.

Pulisic, meanwhile, wound up in the hospital where he was diagnosed with a pelvic contusion, a condition that is a lot more painful than it sounds.

Whether Pulisic will be able to play Saturday night will not be known until game time. But his absence would be a big blow to the U.S. since the Americans have just two goals in this World Cup and Pulisic set up one and scored the other.

"I'm taking it day by day right now, but doing everything in my power to be able to be out there on the field on Saturday," said Pulisic.

Although the players chose



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USA forward Christian Pulisic (10) reacts following a collision during the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group B soccer match Tuesday between Iran and USA at the Al-Thumama Stadium in Doha. Pulisic, who suffered a pelvic bruise, hopes to be able to play Saturday.

Tyler Adams as their captain, Pulisic has long been the public face of the team, and it's clear the players feed off his grit and determination. That will be a difficult intangible to replace if he can't go against the Netherlands, which is ranked eighth in the world and is unbeaten in 18 consecutive matches.

"Huge player for us, obviously," Adams said of his teammate. "I know he'll do anything

to play in the next game. So we'll be counting on him."

This World Cup was supposed to be Pulisic's coming-out party after he and the U.S. missed out on the tournament four years ago. Since then, he played two seasons in the German Bundesliga for Dortmund and four in the English Premier League with Chelsea. He's also appeared in 47 Champions League games, most ever by an American. It's already

a Hall of Fame resume and Pulisic is just three months past his 24th birthday.

What was missing from that CV, though, was a turn under the red-hot glare of the global spotlight, which this tournament has provided.

"It's the biggest sport. We're on the stage," teammate Tim Weah said. "It's up to us to take it as far as we can go and make sure that we make a statement."

Given the importance of the goal in sending the U.S. through to the round of 16 — without it, Iran would have advanced and the U.S. would have gone home — Pulisic's score has drawn comparisons to Landon Donovan's stoppage-time score against Algeria in the group-play final in South Africa in 2010. Without that goal, the U.S. would have been eliminated; with it the Americans won the group.

Donovan celebrated his goal by drinking beer in the locker room with Bill Clinton. Pulisic celebrated his at the hospital.

"It was the hardest thing," he said. "They were checking my blood sugar and everything; it was flying through the roof. It was just stress watching the game. Once the final whistle blew, I was obviously very happy."

Pulisic pushed back on any similarities between his goal and the one in 2010. For one thing, Donovan never won another World Cup game. Pulisic, meanwhile, plans on having many more memorable wins.

"I'm hoping I haven't had that moment yet, to be honest," he said. "I'm hoping it's in front of me."

"By no means do I want that to be the only thing I look back on from this tournament," he added. "There's still a lot a lot ahead for this team and myself."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys basketball at Wood-lan (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 fresh-

man) — 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

**Today**  
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)  
7 p.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Bubb Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN  
Saturday Morning  
DECEMBER 3, 2022  
10:00 A.M.  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS — OLD AND COLLECTORS ITEMS  
King Hickory sofa; Yager Furniture sofa; wing back chair; 4 pc. French Provincial bedroom suit; chairs; hand painted floor lamp; storage cabinet; Seth Thomas wall clock; Norman Rockwell plates; Longaberger Grandma Bonnie basket; vintage Barbie doll with wigs; Ginny and Royal Collector dolls; Ty Beanie Babies; Busch Light Draft metal sign; McCormick  
Deering metal sign; Cameo pendants and brooches; vintage comic books; Depression Glass; Carnival Glass; Art Glass; FIESTA: pitcher, S&P sets, gravy, creamer and sugar, coffee pot, pitcher and tumblers to name a few; and many other items not listed.  
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### 130 MISC. FOR SALE

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### 200 FOR RENT

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### Public Notice

**NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION**  
Notice is given (pursuant to IC 6-1.1-25-4.5) to Betty Farris, any unknown heirs and any person who has a substantial interest in the following described real property located in Jay County, Indiana that it was sold at the Jay County Tax Sale on September 23, 2022 pursuant to judicial order for non-payment of property taxes and assessments:  
PT NE 1/4 NE 1/4 S15 T22 R14 50A PER SURVEY  
Address: 323 S. Munson Ave., Portland, IN 47371  
Parcel No.: 28-11-15-100-008.000-029  
Tax ID Number: 382200073  
The name of the purchaser is Derious D. Clark, Jr. A petition for tax deed will be filed on or after September 23, 2023. The purchaser is entitled to receive a tax deed for the real property if it is not redeemed before September 23, 2023. The owner or person with a substantial interest of public record or any person is entitled to redeem the real property. The real property has not been redeemed. The amount required to redeem the real property includes delinquent taxes, title search costs, attorney fees and interest and the total shall be determined by the Jay County Auditor. The purchaser is entitled to reimbursement for additional taxes or special assessments on the real property paid subsequent to the tax sale and before redemption and any additional costs incurred.  
The date of expiration of the period of redemption is September 23, 2023 and if the real property is not redeemed by that date then the owner of record at the time of the tax deed is issued may have a right to any tax sale surplus. The attorney representing the purchaser is Joshua A. Atkinson, 940 N. Meridian Street, Portland, IN 47371.  
CR 11-18,25,12-2-2022HSPAXLP

### 230 AUTOS, TRUCKS

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The following will be sold for charges:  
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On 12/20/2022 @ 10:00 AM  
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\$2,550.00  
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Notice is given (pursuant to IC 6-1.1-25-4.5) to Helen Bailey and Sharon Crawford, any unknown heirs and any person who has a substantial interest in the following described real property located in Jay County, Indiana that it was sold at the Jay County Tax Sale on September 23, 2022 pursuant to judicial order for non-payment of property taxes and assessments:  
Legal Description: "U" PT E 1/2 SE 1/2 109' S20 T23 R14 30A  
Address: 328 Jaqua Ave., Portland, IN 47371  
Parcel No.: 38-07-20-401-098.000-034  
Tax ID Number: 382200120  
The name of the purchaser is Jeff Upp. A petition for tax deed will be filed on or after September 23, 2023. The purchaser is entitled to receive a tax deed for the real property if it is not redeemed before September 23, 2023. The owner or person with a substantial interest of public record or any person is entitled to redeem the real property. The real property has not been redeemed. The amount required to redeem the real property includes delinquent taxes, title search costs, attorney fees and interest and the total shall be determined by the Jay County Auditor. The purchaser is entitled to reimbursement for additional taxes or special assessments on the real property paid subsequent to the tax sale and before redemption and any additional costs incurred.  
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### 260 PUBLIC AUCTION

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Auction held at 8339 N 400 E (Bearcreek Farms) Bryant, Indiana on Friday Evening  
DECEMBER 16, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
REAL ESTATE:  
Located on CR 250 W just north of CR 850 N. Approximately 8.17 acres total with approximately 6.5 acres tillable, .70 acres wooded and the balance in ditch and roadway. This parcel is fairly level.  
10% nonrefundable deposit day of sale with balance due at closing. Seller will provide General Warranty Deed and Owners Title Insurance. Seller will provide a survey. Buyer to assume taxes due and payable in May 2023 and thereafter. Owner confirmation day of sale. Any statements made day of sale take precedence over previously written or oral statements.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LOY AUCTION 260-726-2700 OR GARY LOY AUCTIONEER 260-726-5160.  
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Gary Loy AU 01031608  
CR 11-26,12-2,8-2022

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Located at 333 Blaine Pike (former DAV Building), Portland Indiana on Thursday Afternoon  
DECEMBER 8, 2022  
5:00 P.M.  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS — OLD ITEMS - TOOLS  
Refrigerator; 4 pc. bedroom suit; 2 pc. china cabinet; 3 pc. bedroom suit; Samsung flatscreen TV; Mersman round table with drawer; wingback rocker; sofa; Amana microwave; hall tree; plant stands; chest; end tables; coffee table; quilt rack; TV stand; trunk; foot locker; primitive 2 door cabinet; (3) metal 2 door cabinets; wheelchairs; sweepers; 1 drawer file cabinet; wicker shelf; office chairs; 1 Heater; pictures; baskets; fall and winter decorations; Roseville covered dish; flatware; utensils; knives; Pyrex 3 pc. bowl sets (smoke and blue colors); 3 Rivers Pottery Basket; Newcor Stoneware set of dishes; lamps; rugs; throws; luggage; LARGE ASSORTMENT OF DVD'S; cleaning supplies; paint supplies; Hoops basketball game; stepstools; fiberglass step ladder; fishing poles; Craftsman electric blower/vac; Craftsman sander/grinder; jumper cables; weed eater; drills; jig saw; broadcaster; ells; Workmate bench; and other items not listed.  
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# Sports



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Aubrey Millspaugh swims the 200-yard freestyle during the sectional preliminaries in February. Millspaugh led the Jay County High School girls swim team in the distance events Thursday, winning the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle as the Patriots improved to 2-0 with a 139-point win over Anderson.

## Nelson stops Tribe in 4th quarter

*Cardinal sophomore overpowers Fort Recovery after rally*

NEW BREMEN, Ohio — An explosive third quarter gave the Indians a chance.

They couldn't keep the momentum in the fourth.

The Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team rallied to tie the New Bremen Cardinals with one quarter to play Thursday only to fall short in a 45-39 defeat.

New Bremen scored in double figures in each of the first two quarters for a 25-14 lead at halftime. The Indians (0-3, 0-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) erased the deficit with an 18-7 margin in the third quarter but couldn't control Marina Nelson in the final eight minutes as they slipped to 0-3.

Nelson's 10 fourth-quarter points lifted the Cardinals to the win. She finished second on the team with 14 points while Chloe Homan, who scored their other three points in the final period, led the way to 20.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp had 14 points to lead the Indians while Cali Wendel joined her in double figures with 11. Karlie Niekamp finished with seven.

Fort Recovery will return to action Saturday in the annual day-night state line doubleheader as it will host Jay County with junior varsity action beginning at noon. (The boys basketball teams will then play starting with JV at 6 p.m. at Jay County.)

## Jay girls roll over Indians

The first week of duals has been a success for the Patriot girls.

Jay County High School's girls swim team was even more dominant Thursday than in its opening win Tuesday over Bluffton, winning every event in a 218-79 blowout of the visiting Anderson Indians.

The boys team lost 167-107. Seven athletes won indi-

vidual events for the Patriots girls, who beat Bluffton by 71 points their first dual meet Tuesday. Freshman Lauren Fisher came up big in the first home meet of her high school career, leading a one through four sweep of the 200-yard individual medley in 2 minutes, 37.8 seconds, with teammates Avery Wentz, Maisey Keller and Emily Strausburg in second, third and fourth, respectively.

She also led a top-four sweep of the 100 breaststroke in 1:22 flat ahead of Maddy Snow, Sophia Hoewel and Hannah Laux.

Senior Mara Bader took a pair of events with times of 26.76 in the 50 freestyle and 58.8 in the 100 freestyle. And sophomore Aubrey Millspaugh powered the Patriots' distance group with winning times of 2:20.31 in the 200 freestyle — Abigail Johnson and

Kenzie Huey were second and third, respectively — and 6:19 in the 500 freestyle.

Huey reached the wall in 1:13.28 in the 100 backstroke and Snow scored 190.9 points to win the diving competition. Laux topped the butterfly race with a time of 1:14.69.

Jay County also won all three relays.

Josh Monroe was the lone double winner for the Patriot boys. He took the

200 individual medley by nearly seven seconds in 2:22.8 and won the 100 breaststroke by more than 9 seconds in 1:09.5.

Matthew Fisher, a freshman, earned the only other contested win as he fought off Anderson's Connor Stump in the 100 backstroke by less than a second in 1:15.04. Brasen Glassford was uncontested to win diving with 109.15 points.

## Junior high girls defeat the Warriors

WOODBURN — The Patriots made sure their visit to their most distant conference rival was worthwhile.

Jay County Junior High School's girls basketball team

made a 57-mile drive Thursday, with the seventh graders crushing the host Woodlan Warriors 38-5. The eighth grade game was tight, but Jay County was able to pull out a 36-34 victory.

Natalie May's 14 points powered the Patriot seventh graders.

Raylin Hummer followed with eight points and Amelia Heath scored six.

Hallie Schwieterman tallied half of the points for the Jay County eighth grade squad. Heath added six and Kylie Shannon and Kady Allred each added five.



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