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## Council reinstates 14th officer

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

City police will have an additional officer available in 2023.

Portland City Council on Monday gave Portland Police Department interim chief Steve Schlechty the go-ahead to reinstate the 14th officer position on the force.

Schlechty explained that the police department reduced its roster to 13 a couple of years ago, redistributing the funding for that position to provide raises to the remaining officers. But, he said, the result has been that about \$77,000 was spent on police overtime in 2021 and the

*Roster had been previously reduced to provide raises within department*

city is on track to spend more than \$80,000 on overtime this year.

He added that with one officer injured and another out because of illness, it has been difficult to cover shifts. He said he feels off-

icers are being overworked and are getting burnt out.

Council member Mike Aker asked about using part-time officers to fill shifts. Schlechty said the department does use some, but their availability is limited.

Answering a question from McClung, Schlechty said the force had been at 14 officers since the mid-1980s before the recent reduction. (He noted that it had bumped up to 15 at one point, but had mostly been 14 over that 35-year span.)

Council members Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden, McClung and Aker voted unanimously to reinstate the 14th officer to the force. City attorney Wes Schemenaur noted that the change will require an additional appropriation — it will need to be advertised before it is

approved next month — because funding for the position was not included in the 2023 budget.

Council members also agreed to pay out a total of six days of unused paid time off to officers. Schlechty explained that because of injuries and illnesses, those officers have not been able to use those days off.

Also Monday, council unanimously approved changes to its golf cart ordinance. The update sets the golf cart registration fee at \$10, which is down from the previous tiered rates of \$18 and \$35.

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### A story of sweaters

Taylee Nichols, Wynter Carr, Ava Lairson and Lexi Litmer perform Tuesday night as part of the Jay County Junior High School choirs production of "A Christmas Yarn." The musical tells the story of a company that produces ugly Christmas sweaters working to complete their big order, with the owner learning some lessons along the way.

## Jay rate was 2.7%

By RAY COONEY

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The trend of historically low local unemployment continued last month.

The county's number was still in the upper half among the state's 92 counties.

According to estimates released this week by Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Jay County had an unemployment rate of 2.7% in November.

The local rate was down by 0.1 percentage points from October, but up 1.1 percentage points from last year. (Unemployment was in a consistent decline in late 2021 before hitting a record low of 1.2% in December.)

Jay County was tied for the 39th-highest rate in the state along with Allen, Brown, Kosciusko, Switzerland and Tippecanoe counties. (It was 34th-highest in the state last month.)

Local unemployment has been below 3% for 17 consecutive months. The last time it was above 4% was July 2020, coming off of the unemployment spike resulting from coronavirus pandemic shutdowns.

Jay County's rate came in just below the Indiana statewide rate of 2.8%.

Adams County was tied for the lowest unemployment rate in the state, joining Steuben and Boone counties at 2%. Daviess, Gibson, Hamilton and Ohio counties were next at 2.1%.

Howard County posted the highest unemployment rate in Indiana for the fourth month in a row at 4.8%. Lake County was next at 4.5% and Fayette County was the only other county in the state higher than 3.6% as it came in at 4.1%.

Area rates are as follows: Adams County: 2%, down 0.2 percentage points, tie-first lowest

Blackford County: 3.4%, up 0.3 percentage points, tie-seventh highest

Delaware County: 3%, down 0.2 percentage point, tie-19th highest

Jay County: 2.7%, down 0.1 percentage points, tie-39th highest

Randolph County: 2.6%, down 0.1 percentage points, tie-39th lowest

Wells County: 2.2%, down 0.1 percentage points, tie-eighth lowest

## 'Bomb cyclone' is bearing down

By BRIAN K. SULLIVAN

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Chicago is in the cross-hairs of a powerful winter storm that could become a "bomb cyclone" — with deep snow, searing winds and an Arctic chill — threatening to disrupt Christmas travel for millions of people in the U.S.

While the city, a major U.S. air hub, may only get 5 inches of snow, it will be hit with winds that could make temperatures feel like minus 35F, according to the National Weather Service.

United Airlines Holdings Inc., Delta Air Lines Inc., American Airlines Group Inc. and others have issued travel waivers so passengers can rebook holiday travel with no fees. An estimated 112.7 million people are expected to travel 50 miles or more from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2, according to automotive group AAA.

"Over two-thirds of the country has something related to this system," said David Roth, a senior branch forecaster at the U.S. Weather Prediction Center. "About the only places not impacted are parts of the Great Basin, the Southwest, Hawaii and Puerto Rico."

Roth said the storm will strengthen as it moves east and

will certainly meet the criteria needed to be classified as a bomb cyclone. The classic definition is when a storm's central pressure, a measure of its strength, drops 24 millibars in 24 hours.

Chasing the storm — which will also hit eastern Canada and trigger storms across the Great Lakes — is a cold front that will send temperatures plunging for the eastern two-thirds of the U.S. That will drive a frigid wedge as far south as Texas and central Florida, boosting energy demand as people turn up their thermostats to beat the chill.

The Texas energy grid is being closely watched because another sharp cold event brought it to its knees in February 2021. This current event isn't expected to last as long. The low in Dallas is forecast to hit 11F, with the wind-chill making it feel closer to minus 6F in places.

The snow will likely miss New York and the other big cities in the Northeast, but rain and high winds could buffet the region before temperatures plummet.

Readings in Manhattan's Central Park will hit a high of 54F Friday before dropping to 15F later, the weather service said. A high-wind watch, with gusts of as much as 65 miles per hour, has been issued for Boston and parts



Tribune News Service/Chicago Tribune/Stacey Wescott

Pedestrians hunker down Monday as temperatures hover in the low teens as they cross over the Adams Street Bridge near the Union Station in Chicago.

of New England. There is a chance of widespread power outages across much of the U.S.

After the storm sweeps across the U.S., it is forecast to bring snow and rain across eastern Canada. The heaviest snow will likely miss Toronto, but the city could find itself in the midst of a flash freeze when temperatures drop, according to Environment

and Climate Change Canada. On both sides of the border, the cold air and relatively warm water in the Great Lakes will lead to heavy snowfall on the eastern shorelines.

Temperatures will start to rebound on Christmas Day, except in the South where the cold could linger for a few days, Roth said.

### Deaths

- Edith McAbee, 96, Portland
  - Nellie Monroe, 92, Portland
  - Jack Wendel, 88, New Corydon
  - Rickie Moore, 70, Winchester
  - Betty Stevens, 81, Montpelier
- Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 42 degrees Tuesday. The low was 22.

Expect a low of 31 tonight. There is a slight chance of snow beginning early Thursday with rain and snow expected as the day continues. A winter storm watch is in effect beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The jury trial scheduled for Thursday in Jay Circuit Court has been canceled. Jurors do not need to appear.

The Jay Superior Court trial is still on as scheduled. Jurors need to appear as planned.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Coverage of today's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

**Friday** — Results from the JCHS boys basketball team at the DeKalb Invitational.



# Felony arrests

## Drug possession

Four Jay County residents were arrested recently for drug possession and related charges.

Ashley M. Walker, 33, 648 Katelynn Drive, Portland, was arrested Friday and charged in Jay Circuit Court with two Level 5 felonies for possession

of methamphetamine and possession of a narcotic drug, two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and neglect of a dependent, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being

held in Jay County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.  
Kenneth W. Wilhelm, 33, 3846 S. 100 West, Portland, was arrested Dec. 14 and charged in Jay Circuit Court with two Level 5 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and possession of a narcotic drug, two Level 6 felonies for unlaw-

ful possession of a syringe and neglect of a dependent, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.  
Terra S. Ogan, 40, 17621 N. Indiana 167 North, Dunkirk,

was arrested Dec. 13 and charged in Jay Superior Court with three Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe and identity deception. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.  
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## CR almanac

Thursday 12/22	Friday 12/23	Saturday 12/24	Sunday 12/25	Monday 12/26
<b>37/-3</b> There's a 90% chance of rain throughout the day with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	<b>1/-2</b> Friday has a chance of snow with winds gusting up to 45 mph. Otherwise, cloudy with low temperatures.	<b>6/0</b> Mostly cloudy Saturday with areas of blowing snow. The low at night will be approximately zero degrees.	<b>11/6</b> Christmas Day will be mostly sunny, with temperatures hovering below 11 degrees.	<b>24/17</b> There's a chance of snow Monday under mostly cloudy skies. Temperatures will jump to around 20.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$170 million	<b>Quick Draw: 1-4-5-8-14-16-23-27-34-36-40-42-44-48-49-56-60-64-73-76</b> Cash 5: 6-20-26-31-39 Estimated jackpot: \$125,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> 3-4-33-36-52 Mega Ball: 17 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$510 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 8-2-9 Pick 4: 2-6-0-0 Pick 5: 7-1-7-5-8 Evening Pick 3: 3-7-2 Pick 4: 8-6-2-7 Pick 5: 5-7-5-3-8 Rolling Cash: 4-25-27-29-33 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 1-8-0 Daily Four: 3-9-5-8 Quick Draw: 8-10-12-13-24-26-33-42-44-45-48-52-56-57-60-62-64-65-75-77 Evening Daily Three: 1-1-1 Daily Four: 4-0-7-6	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.79 Jan. corn.....6.78 Wheat .....6.74	Wheat ..... 7.06 Jan. wheat.....7.50
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.75 Jan. corn.....6.75 Feb. corn .....6.74	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.52 Jan. corn.....6.54 Beans .....14.70 Jan. beans .....14.70 Wheat .....7.52
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....6.57 Jan. corn.....6.57 Beans .....14.70 Jan. beans .....14.75	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.27 Jan. corn.....6.29 Beans .....14.54 Jan. beans .....14.59 Wheat .....7.16

## Today in history

**In 1898**, Marie and Pierre Curie discovered radium, a radioactive metal element. Radium was used to treat cancer.  
**In 1891**, the first game of basketball was played by 18 students in Springfield, Massachusetts.  
**In 1911**, professional American baseball catcher Josh Gibson was born. Gibson, also known as "the Black Babe Ruth," became famous for his home runs and was elected to the Hall of Fame in '72. He is credited with slamming a 580-foot home run in 1967 at Yankee Stadium.  
**In 1937**, the classic Walt Disney film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" premiered.  
**In 1968**, Apollo 8 launched from Cape Kennedy. The first human spaceflight to the moon, it completed 10 lunar orbits before returning to Earth.  
**In 1988**, a terrorist bombing caused Pan Am flight 103 to explode over Lockerbie, Scotland. The bomb, hidden inside an audio cassette player,

killed all 259 passengers and 11 Lockerbie citizens at ground level. Libya's government accepted responsibility for the explosion in 2003, agreeing to compensate the victims' families the next year.  
**In 2004**, 22 people died after a suicide bomber attacked a base near the United States military airfield in Mosul, Iraq.  
**In 2012**, South Korean singer PSY's music video for his pop song, "Gangnam Style," became the first video on Youtube with 1 billion views.  
**In 2015**, Portland City Council rejected a change to the payroll ordinance that would have granted outgoing clerk-treasurer Mickey Scott pay for her remaining personal and sick days from when she was a city employee. Some council members argued the action would set a precedent for all city workers, and four of seven members voted against the ordinance amendment.

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## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, Portland Municipal Airport, 661 W. 100 North.  
**Thursday**  
1:30 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
2 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

## Obituaries

### Edith McAbee

March 28, 1926-Dec. 19, 2022  
Edith McAbee, 96, Portland, died Monday at The Waters in Dunkirk. Funeral services are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

### Nellie Monroe

March 19, 1930-Dec. 18, 2022  
Nellie V. Monroe, age 92, of Portland passed away on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, at IU Health Jay. She was born on March 19, 1930, the daughter of Harry and Dinea (Ferris) Finch. Upon the death of her mother in 1934, she was raised by her maternal uncle and aunt, John and Inez Rowles. She was married on May 21, 1951, to James R. Monroe, and he passed away on June 30, 1988.



Monroe

Nell attended Pennville Schools and was a member of Delta Theta Tau sorority and Penn Home Economics Club. She attended Pennville United Methodist Church and worked at Blankenbaker's Corner Store in Pennville and later was secretary to JUFFY (Jay United Fund For You). An avid basketball fan, she has held a season ticket for Jay County High School basketball since the school's opening and prior to that rooted for the Pennville Bulldogs.

Surviving are two sons, Dean Monroe (wife: Nancy) of Portland and Ric Monroe (wife: Merry Lee) of Gallatin, Tennessee; eight grandchildren Kyle Monroe, Lauren Luebke, Kelly Sims, Joshua Monroe, Tyler Monroe, Lindsey Brown, Whitney Monroe and Hannah Cotten; 14 great-grandchildren, Briana and Adam Luebke, Remington and Hadley Sims, Olivia, Atticus and Finnian Monroe, Logan and Owen Cotten, and Tyler, Blake, Callie, Megan and Alyssa Brown; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Randy Monroe; great-grandson Devin Luebke; brothers John

Rowles Jr. (wife: Betty), Russ Rowles (wife: Bertha), Bert Rowles (wife: Letha), George Rowles (wife: Janet) and Rohn Rowles; and sister Rickie Valentine (husband: Woodrow).

Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022, at 4 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Harris presiding. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery in Pennville. Visitation will be prior to the services from 2 to 4 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Heart Fund or Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

### Jack Wendel

Feb. 13, 1934-Dec. 19, 2022  
Jack W. Wendel, 88, of Wabash Township in Jay County (New Corydon), Indiana, passed away at 2:14 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Indiana.



Wendel

He was born on Saturday, Feb. 13, 1934, in Clinton County, Indiana. He married Joan Ellsworth Wendel on Sunday, July 6, 1952, in Portland, Indiana.

Jack was a 1952 graduate of Jefferson Township School. He served his country in the U.S. Army. Jack later became a tool and die maker. Jack had worked for Central Soya in Decatur and CTS in Berne, where he later retired. He had also worked abroad in Taiwan and Scotland. Jack attended the Redeemer Lutheran Church. He was a member of Berne American Legion. Jack was an avid golfer, he enjoyed fishing and hunting, he taught good gun safety, he could build anything. Jack enjoyed his family.

Jack will be lovingly missed by his wife of 70 years, Joan J Wendel, Bryant, Indiana; his children, Ronald A. (Joyce) Wendel, The Villages, Florida, and Donald "Donnie" W. (Beth) Wendel, Monroe, Indiana; son-in-law Dan Mosier, Willshire,

## SERVICES

**Thursday**  
**Loucks, Ashley:** 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

**Bruns, Marilyn:** 10:30 a.m., St. Peter's Catholic Church, 3512 St. Peter Road, Fort Recovery.

**Grayson, Carmen:** 3 p.m., New Covenant Fellowship Church, 1238 W. 450 South, Portland.

**Monroe, Nellie:** 4 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Wendel, Jack:** 7 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

**Tuesday**  
**Stevens, Betty:** 1 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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## Capsule Reports

### Ordinance adoptions

Three ordinances have been approved on third readings in Fort Recovery. They will take effect in January.

Fort Recovery Village Council approved updates to two ordinances addressing water, wastewater and stormwater systems that will raise base water and sewer rates, increasing water rates gradually up \$7.50 by 2027 and sewer rates by about \$1.

Also approved was the 2023 salary ordinance, which includes 6% raises for village staff. There are currently nine employees.

### Failed U-turn

An Ohio woman attempting to make a U-turn crashed into an oncoming semi along U.S. 27 about 6:15 a.m. Dec. 13.

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## Thank you

To all of our friends and family, Thank You for your outpouring of love, kindness, and encouragement after our beloved husband, father, and grandfather Bruce passed away. Your prayers, messages, and memories of Bruce shared with us have been comforting in our time of sorrow. May God bless each and every one of you.  
With gratitude, "The Murray Family"

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# Stepmom is unwelcome

DEAR ABBY: I've been married six years, and ever since we've been married, my husband's daughter has insisted that I can't come to her house that my husband has a mortgage on. I think he should tell her that if his wife isn't welcome, then he isn't.

My husband is 19 years older than I am and has health issues. I am there for him and take care of him, and I'm hurt that he doesn't speak up for me. I feel his daughter should want us to come over together for the sake of her dad. The time is coming when she and the rest of his family will have to come to our house to see him. I don't know if I would be so willing to let them, since they don't want me being part of the family.

I have talked to my husband about this and I'm getting nowhere. He now has dementia. He forgets quite a bit, and he insists it's me and not his daughter who says I'm not welcome. I'm at my wit's end. What do you think about this? — MIFFED IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR MIFFED:** I think there may be some relevant facts you didn't include in your letter. Does your husband's daughter resent you because of the difference in your ages? Did you have anything to do with the breakup of his first marriage? When you wrote "they" don't want you to be part of the family, exactly to whom were you referring?

Frankly, if I were in your shoes, the LAST thing I would want to do is force my way into a home where I wasn't wanted. I wouldn't be comfortable under those circumstances, and I am having trouble understanding why you would be.

If the time comes when your

Dear Abby



"Sis" is uncomfortable with the idea of her new boyfriend seeing you breastfeed, the two of THEM should excuse themselves and go to another room or choose a time to visit between feedings.

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DEAR ABBY: My 57-year-old husband is consumed with watching videos on his cellphone. This is like an addiction for him. He spends hour after hour of his home time with his phone in hand watching all kinds of videos. I have tried talking to him, mentioning that this distraction is taking away from any time we have together. His response to me is a blank look. Nothing more.

I told him once that if we had a child, we certainly would not allow our child to spend anywhere near as much time watching videos on the phone, tablet or computer. Again, a blank look. He doesn't regard his excessive screen time as a problem. I certainly do. What can I do or say? I'm at the end of my rope. — SECOND TO THE SCREEN

**DEAR SECOND:** Your husband gives you a blank look because he's so engrossed in this entertainment he doesn't realize how much time he's actually spending on his cellphone. By the way, he isn't alone in having that problem. It's shared by people of all ages. The reasons can range from being caught in "email hell" for hours to using it as a deliberate escape from reality.

Because you have reached the end of your rope and have become virtually a widow, tell your husband that if he wants to continue being married, he must consent to marriage counseling. And, if he gives you another blank look, consult a lawyer.

**husband becomes too incapacitated to visit his daughter and the rest of the family, please take the high road and do the compassionate thing. Invite them in so they can be of comfort to your husband. If there is any way to fire up the peace pipe, that is the way to do it.**

**P.S. Because your husband holds the mortgage on his daughter's home, I HOPE he has consulted an attorney and put his wishes regarding estate planning in writing.**

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DEAR ABBY: I am a new mom who is fortunate to be able to breastfeed. We've had several guests come to our house to meet the baby, and if she needs to nurse, I go to the couch and allow her to breastfeed. I don't feel the need to hide in another room in my own house when I'm comfortable on my couch with all my necessary pillows to assist.

My sister wanted to bring her new boyfriend over to meet my husband, the baby and me. Before they came, she called to ask me to refrain from "whipping out my boobs" in front of her new beau. I don't view breastfeeding as flashing, but she prioritized his comfort over mine in my own house. I don't mind using a cover to shield people from seeing my chest, but was her request valid and should I go into another room in my own home? — FEEDING IN THE WEST

**DEAR FEEDING:** Most people are aware that breastfeeding is a natural function. If

# Bodies respond to grief, loss

By KWAME DAWES

In this moving elegy to his infant daughter, Sadiq Dzukogi reminds us of how complex grief can be. The body's responses to grief offer a way for us to cope with its deep pain. Here, the poem, "So Much Memory", is a tender performance in which the poet, beautifully and hopefully, seeks to capture the

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lingering song of his daughter's memory.

Born in Minna, Nigeria, Dzukogi lives and writes from Lincoln, Nebraska.

### So Much Memory

Now he answers to everything that reminds him of her, a crib rocking, a circle of faces crowing at him. He can neither leave his eyes open nor shut them. Splits the night walking between two cornfields, striding like he's going for the thing he'll never find. See how he runs his hands over his body, how his skin peels. After a night of crying, he can feel her limbs in his palms, versified, nothing made of flesh; nothing made of bone. He opens his mind and lets the leaves be his skin and lets a song fall inside another song: it mimics his daughter's voice.

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# Community Calendar

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

## Wednesday

**PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB** — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call

Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

## Thursday

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

**LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES** — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in

advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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

## 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.

## Sunday

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each 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.

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

**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.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

## Tuesday

**JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS** — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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



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# Seeing Santa was different on 8 mm

*(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Dec. 24, 2003, appropriately, "The Night Before Christmas." One of the joys of Christmas is remembering those past, the gifts, the moments and the time spent with loved ones. Merry Christmas.)*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

The big sweaty guy in the rented red suit and the fake white beard can be pretty scary.

Just ask any four-year-old.

I have vague memories of childhood encounters with the big guy, probably at Wolf and Dessauer's department store in Fort Wayne.

But Santa Claus really crept into my sensibility via 8 mm movies.

The late Roy Hunt was the sort of merchant/entrepreneur that was the lifeblood of small towns for generations.

A skilled portrait photogra-

## Back in the Saddle



pher, he was also adept at marketing cameras and film during the first boom period in amateur photography, roughly 1925 to 1955.

At our house, one of the few indulgences my parents explored was photography. First Brownies, then 8 mm, then slides.

Of course, if you were going to shoot 8 mm silent movies — in overexposed or underexposed color with alternating patches of inexplicable yellow and indecipherable darkness — then you needed a projector.

And if you had a projector, you needed something more to show than the same old reel of last year's family reunion.

That's where Castle Films entered the picture.

Castle, an offshoot of an old B-movie studio, found that it could re-package Hollywood productions for the 8 mm projector audience.

That meant foregoing sound, since 8 mm films were silent.

The result was that Castle would take something like an Abbott and Costello movie, re-cut it into two or three short films, insert some "silent movie" titles to provide the dialogue, and sell them to entertainment-hungry families all over America.

My parents, seldom suckers, went for this one.

We had half a dozen such 8 mm productions at our house. A few cartoons, a couple of Abbott

and Costellos, and — most memorably — "The Night Before Christmas."

And that is where I got to know Santa, sitting in the darkness of the living room, smelling the dust burning on the bulb of the projector, fidgeting and fussing with my siblings.

He was less warm and fuzzy than the Coca-Cola Santa which dominated the years which followed. In his black and white silent version, he bore a much stronger resemblance to the original drawings by Thomas Nast.

He was fat, of course. And he shook like the obligatory bowl full of jelly.

Unlike any politically correct Santa, he also smoked a pipe as he did in the poem.

The movie, which essentially acted out the poem, was remarkably Victorian in its appearance.

It's as if every generation needed to look back a couple of generations in nostalgia to get a handle on Christmas. Nast and Clement Moore, who wrote the poem, were looking back on mid-19th century traditions. The black and white movie, probably produced in the 1930s, was looking back to the time of the turn of the century.

When it was marketed as an 8 mm movie for home audiences, it was already 20 years old and looked back another 30 to 100 years.

Yet here I am, further into the 21st century than I might have expected, looking back to that image, the 19th century distilled by the 20th century then recalled in the 21st.

That's quite a gift.

Thanks, Santa. Merry Christmas.

# Congress cannot waste opportunity

Bloomberg Opinion  
Tribune News Service

For all the acrimony surrounding immigration politics, a majority of Americans have long supported two goals: giving undocumented immigrants who came to the US as children a pathway to legal status, and securing the country's southern border. With only days remaining in the current Congress, lawmakers have an opportunity to deliver major breakthroughs on both priorities.

A proposal by Sens. Thom Tillis and Kyrsten Sinema would reportedly provide a 10-year path to citizenship for some 2 million undocumented immigrants, known as Dreamers, who were brought to the US as children and who've lived in the country for much of their lives. It would also extend Title 42 — a public-health rule that allows for the expedited removal of border crossers — for at least a year. This would give officials a much-needed tool to ease pressure on the border, which saw a record 2.4 million attempted crossings in the year to October.

Just as important, the proposal addresses flaws in the asylum system that cause lengthy delays and encourage migrants to take ever-bigger risks in hopes of being released into the country. It would help clear the current backlog of claims by funding more asylum officers and judges. It would also authorize new processing centers for asylum-seekers. And additional funds would go toward hiring more Border Patrol officers and raising the pay of current employees. All told, the plan would reportedly cost up to \$40 billion.

Though countless efforts to forge an immigration compromise have failed in the past, there's reason to believe this time is different. That's because lawmakers have rarely faced more urgency to act.

For one thing, the absence of a legislative solution for the Dreamers has left them at the mercy of legal battles over the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which protects some 600,000 people from deportation but could still be struck down by the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, a federal judge had ordered the government to halt the use of Title 42 by Wednesday. With no viable replacement policy on the

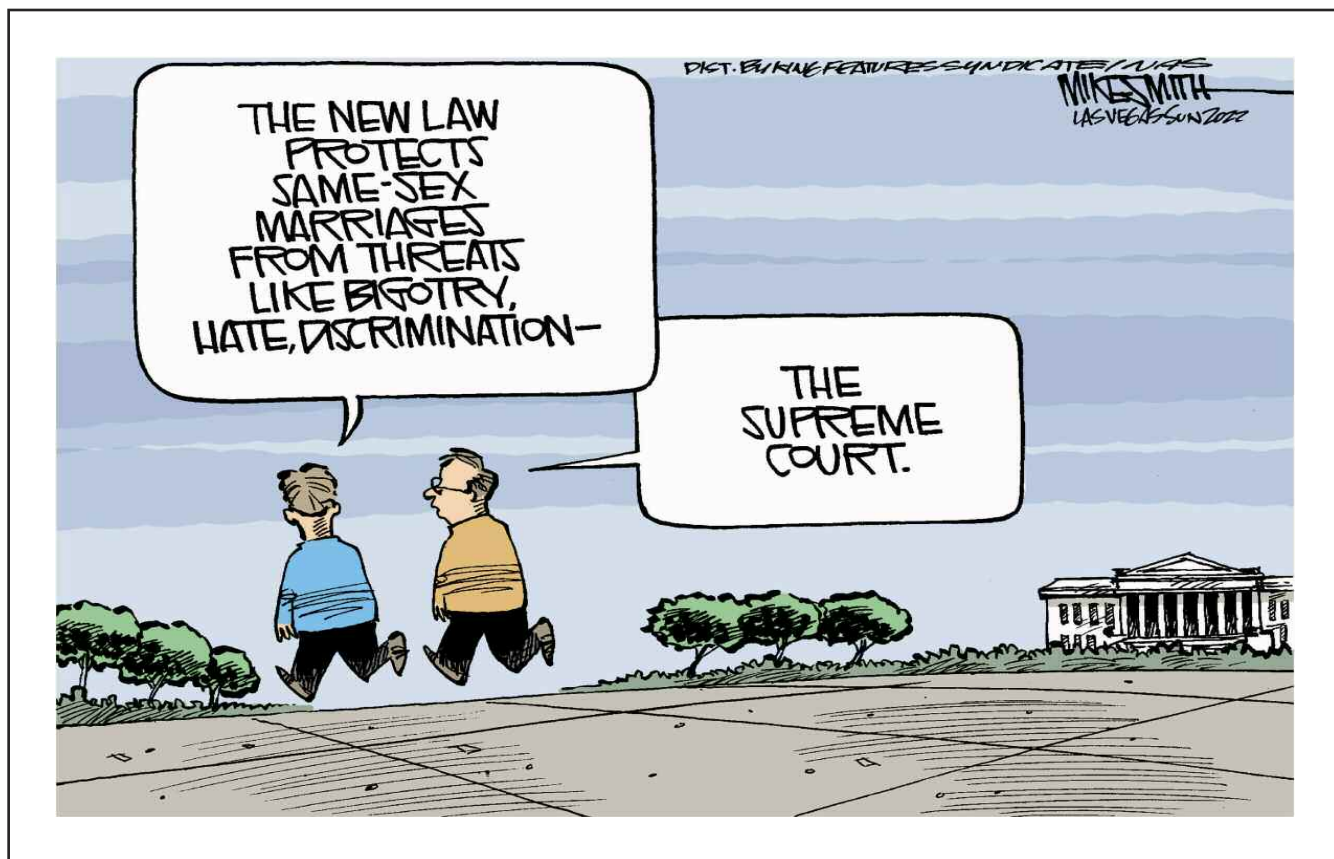
## Guest Editorial

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table, the crisis at the border is likely to worsen unless lawmakers finally take some responsibility for managing it.

Of course, plenty of obstacles could still obstruct such a deal. Tillis and Sinema need to line up at least 10 Republican votes in the Senate to overcome a potential filibuster. Nor is support for the proposal guaranteed among the lame-duck Democratic majority in the House. By design, the Sinema-Tillis framework aims to reduce strain on the asylum system by discouraging migrants from attempting to cross the border and expelling more of those who do. This has angered immigration advocates and progressives in Congress, some of whom have already announced their opposition.

That's all the more reason to move quickly. The framework produces solid wins for each party: Democrats can envision as many as 2 million unauthorized immigrants finally getting their status resolved and Republicans can expect to see a serious effort made to control the border. At the same time, neither side gets everything it wants. That's the sign of a good compromise.



# Session is chance to help youth

By TAMI SILVERMAN  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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While many of us are stringing lights and wrapping presents, there's another season for which we should also be preparing — the 2023 Indiana Legislative session.

What youth and child issues are likely to be discussed? What data exists that should inform legislative action on those concerns? How can we involve more young people in the legislative process, through both making space for their voices and modeling the civility and exchange of ideas so needed for our democratic process?

The gaps in opportunities and achievement for Indiana's youth have been clear for years. The upcoming session presents the chance to take significant actions to enhance our kids' well-being. What follows are a few of the youth-centered issues that would benefit from action:

### Early literacy

1. In the 2021-22 school year, 81.6% of Hoosier third graders demonstrated reading proficiency through the State's IREAD-3 assessment. While this is similar to 2020-21 proficiency levels, these levels are down significantly from each of the prior ten school years.

2. Black and Hispanic students' average proficiency rates are, respectively, 17.5% and 12% lower than the state average. These widening gaps suggest disproportionate pandemic impacts and a need for targeted interventions.

3. While access to high quality early learning experiences is known to be foundational for literacy, in Indiana, 57% of Hispanic families and 72% of rural families live in areas without enough licensed childcare providers.

### Mental health

1. Three out of every 10 Indiana high school students reported that

## Tami Silverman



their mental health was most of the time or always not good (including stress, anxiety, and depression), according to the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

2.28% of Indiana adolescents ages 12-17 have a mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem.

3. In 2021, 82 counties in Indiana had mental health shortages, meaning that the county does not have enough mental health care providers to meet the county's demand. 85% of the Hoosier population lives in mental health shortage areas.

### Post-secondary completion

1. According to a November 2022 report from Ascend Indiana and EmployIndy, job growth in the state is projected to be strongest in occupations requiring postsecondary credentials (Master's degrees 13.1% growth, Associate's degrees 7.9%, Bachelor's degrees 7.3%).

2. Indiana's college enrollment rate is at its lowest level in 10 years and has been declining since the 2014-15 school year. In the class of 2020, just over half (53%) of high school graduates had enrolled in postsecondary education within a year after graduation.

3. The 21st Century Scholars program offers enrolled students up to 100% coverage for their tuition at 2- or 4-year Indiana colleges and universities. Those enrolled complete college at rates significantly higher than their non-Scholar peers (36.6% vs 27.4%), making it important that

all eligible students have an easy path into the program. However, many of those eligible do not successfully complete program enrollment. For example, while 69% of Black Hoosier students are eligible for the 21st Century Scholars program, only 17% are enrolled.

Each election cycle, media focuses on voter enrollment and turnout of young people, with voter turnout often being lowest among 18 to 24-year-olds. Discussions of involvement in politics should focus on more than voting rates. As youth workers and community leaders we have the opportunity and responsibility to make space for youth to participate in the policy making process, listening to their individual and collective perspectives on the issues impacting them.

More organizations should follow the examples set by such groups as the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana, which, in partnership with VOICES Corp, held a Virtual Youth Engagement Summit this fall, and Foster Success, which facilitates the Indiana Youth Advisory Board, and those many local programs with ongoing activities to ensure that youth voices are centered and elevated as policies and programs affected them are discussed and reviewed.

The legislative session, just like the holiday season, benefits from the clarity of purpose and advance planning. When we understand the data, honor, and elevate those we hope to benefit, and show up with the spirit of civility, we have an opportunity to demonstrate care for our youth that can spread cheer year 'round.

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# Council ...

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Registrations will be good for the calendar year, though Mayor John Boggs noted that for 2023 only golf cart users will be given until May 1 to get their vehicles registered.  
The city will also accept registrations from events such as the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show (during the designated period of the event only), provided that the organization's regulations meet or exceed city guidelines. Event hosts will need to apply to have their registrations accepted.  
Boggs thanked Tri-State president Chris Englehardt for working with the city on the ordinance — the original version was passed in May and met some opposition — with Englehardt in turn thanking council

on behalf of his organization's members for being willing to make changes.  
In other business:  
•Council heard a request from park board president Brian Ison to set the salary range for the Portland Water Park manager at between \$17 and \$19 per hour. Ison said the current rate is \$16.89 per hour and it has been difficult to attract someone to the position at that amount. Several council members spoke in support, but no action was taken. (The city's salary ordinance would need to be amended to make such a change.)  
•Boggs reported that bids for the Blaine Pike paving and sidewalk project came in at \$1 million over the projected cost. Rather than selecting one of

those bids, the city plans to re-bid the work in February. The project involves paving the street from the railroad tracks just south of Water Street to the southern city limits and installing a sidewalk from near Water Street to Bittersweet Lane.  
•Council discussed potential uses for the almost \$22,000 it will receive in opioid lawsuit settlement funds over a 16-year-period. Members discussed a variety of ideas, including providing funding to local organizations, helping the city's police force purchase a second police dog and implementing youth education programs. Council will continue to look at its options for the funding.  
•Boggs told council that Portland Economic Development

Corporation has commissioned a study on whether the city could run a closed-loop water system to provide service to a planned condominium development off of county road 75 South as well as the nearby Beacon Heights and Sheffer Acres neighborhoods. Such a system would eliminate the need to dig a well for each of the planned 35 to 43 homes in the condominium development.  
•Powers asked about The Greazy Pickle in relation to the proposed demolition of the adjacent Bailey Building. City attorney Wes Schemenaur said the restaurant and bar had been asked to address issues related to the structure but the city has received no response.  
•Rural Portland resident Jenny Bricker told council she

and a group of area residents are continuing to work toward saving the Indiana 26 bridge over the Salamonie River on the east side of Portland that is set to be replaced in the spring. She said she is hopeful that the bridge can be retained, even if it means it is moved from its current site.  
•Golden requested a tentative schedule for planned road and sewer work in the city in 2023.  
•Council approved additional appropriations of \$200,000 to the insurance surplus fund, \$9,000 to the motor vehicle highway — gas fund, \$2,000 to the fire — gas fund and \$480 to the aviation — gas fund.  
•Council reviewed a total of \$104,942.37 in funds that were encumbered this year but will be spent in 2023.

# Felony arrests

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Jimmy R. Sheets, 45, 170 N. Union St., Pennington, was arrested Dec. 13 and charged in Jay Superior Court with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and

driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor. He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.  
**Intimidation**  
A Portland man has

been charged in court with drawing or using a deadly weapon.  
Julian M. Myers, 29, 727 W. Race St., was arrested Dec. 11 and charged in Jay Circuit Court with a Level 5 felony for intima-

tion, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement and two Class B misdemeanors for two counts of battery.  
He was released on a \$42,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

**Probation violation**  
A Portland man violated his probation in two Jay Superior Court cases.  
Steven M. Rines, 31, 4300 E. 700 South, was arrested Dec. 8. He pleaded guilty in November to resisting law

enforcement, a Level 6 felony, and operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more, a Class A misdemeanor.  
Rines was released on a total of \$1,000 in bonds from Jay County Jail.

# Capsule Reports

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Brant W. McCord, 45, Winchester, told Jay County Sheriff's Office that Norma M. Garcia Raco, 43, St. Henry, was driving in front of him. She pulled the 2008 Toyota Sienna she was driving into the right turn lane and tried to execute a U-turn. McCord told police he stepped on the brakes and guided the 2016 Freightliner Cascadia he was driving into southbound traffic but wasn't able to avoid hitting the car. Garcia Raco did not give a statement, according to the accident report.  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle Garcia Raco was driving is registered to Rosa M. Valdez of St. Henry, Ohio, and the semi McCord was driving is registered to PV Transport of Hatfield, Pennsylvania.

Garcia Raco was cited with an infraction for driving without a license. Her vehicle was towed.  
**Four injured**  
Four people were injured after an Ohio woman drove into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Como Road and Indiana 67 about 12:50 p.m. Saturday.  
Caitlyn R. Ruark, 18, Kettering, Ohio, told Jay County Sheriff's Office she was stopped in a 2010 Hyundai Sonata on Como Road at its intersection with Indiana 67. She told police she didn't see any oncoming traffic and continued northwest, striking the front of a 2015 Chevrolet Equinox driven by 57-year-old Katherine S. West of Portland.  
Ruark complained of head pain and West complained of pain all over her body. West's pas-

sengers, 53-year-old Tracy L. West of Portland and 67-year-old Sondra L. Stone of Portland, both complained of lower body pain. All of them were transported to the hospital for their injuries.  
The Sonata is registered to Amber L. Loveless of Kettering, Ohio, and the Equinox is registered to Tracy West. Both vehicles were towed.  
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.  
**Drove into truck**  
A Portland woman drove into the path of a truck at the intersection of Tyson Road and Indiana 67, causing a collision about 2:31 p.m. Wednesday.  
Jacqueline S. Smith, 19, was driving east on Tyson Road. She didn't see the northeast-bound Ford F-150, driven by 39-year-old

Aaron H. Humer of Celina, Ohio, and began crossing the highway. The truck Humer was driving hit the passenger side of Smith's 2007 Chevrolet Silverado.  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Humer's vehicle is registered to Huwer Drilling Co. of Coldwater, Ohio.  
**Turned into traffic**  
A Geneva man turned his truck in front of oncoming traffic at the intersection of Bryant Pike and U.S. 27, causing him to get struck about 2:50 p.m. Dec. 10.  
Ryan Fisher, 54, Portland, was driving his 2019 Honda CR-V south on the highway and crossing its intersection with Bryant Pike. At the same time, Kyle A. Vorhees, 32, Geneva, was driving his 2008 Chevrolet Silverado north on the highway. Vorhees

turned north in front of Fisher, causing a crash.  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.  
**Intersection collision**  
A Portland woman's vehicle crashed into a Redkey woman's car at the intersection of Water and Ship streets in Portland about 5:50 p.m. Monday.  
Chala N. Dehoyos, 46, was stopped in her 2011 Dodge Nitro on Water Street at its intersection with Ship Street. She proceeded into the intersection because she failed to see an oncoming 2005 Ford Taurus driven by 36-year-old Amanda F. Pitman, according to a Portland police report. Dehoyos' vehicle crashed into Pitman's car.  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

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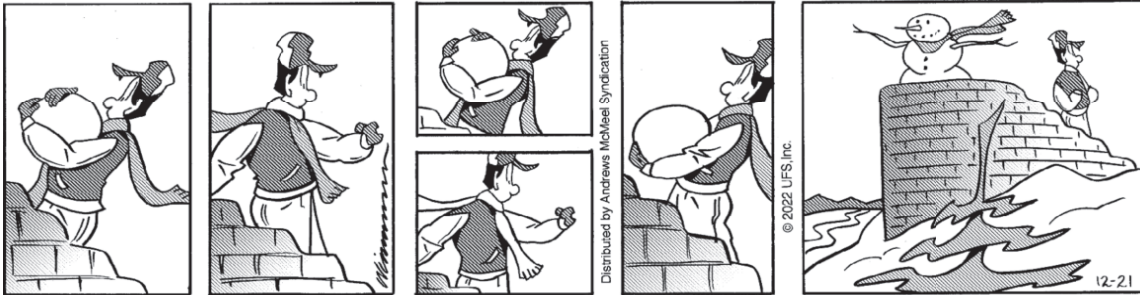
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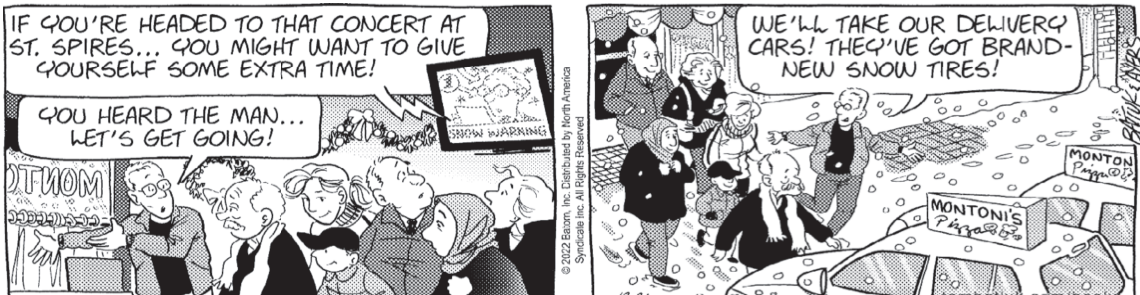
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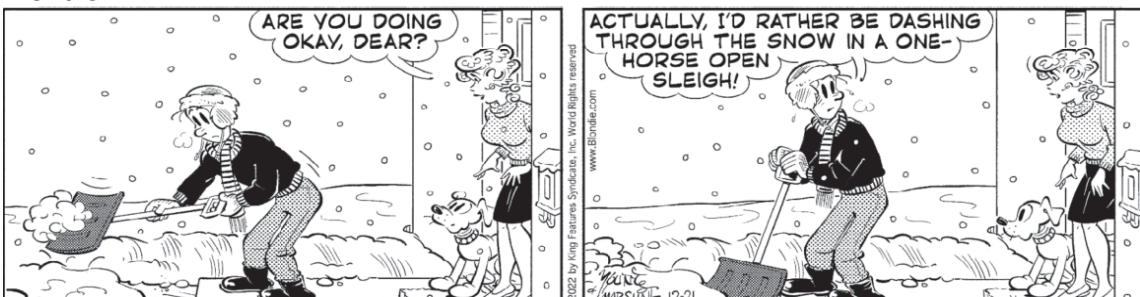
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Assume you're in six clubs, and West leads the nine of trump. You win with the ten and continue with the ace, both defenders following suit. How should you continue? If you now draw the one missing trump, you would more or less be basing the success or failure of the slam on a 3-3 spade division. In the actual case, you'd go down one, eventually losing a spade and a heart.

A better line of play (which also fails in the actual case) would be to abandon further trump leads after two rounds and play the K-Q and another spade. This method of play would succeed if East started with a doubleton spade — and it would not matter whether or not he had the missing trump. If he discarded, you could take the ace and safely ruff your fourth spade with dummy's jack, while if he ruffed, you would play low and later be able to discard a heart from dummy on the ace of spades and eventually ruff a heart. But a third and best approach is to lead a diamond to the ace at trick three, ruff a diamond, lead a spade to the queen, ruff another diamond, then lead a spade to the king and ruff dummy's last diamond with your last trump.

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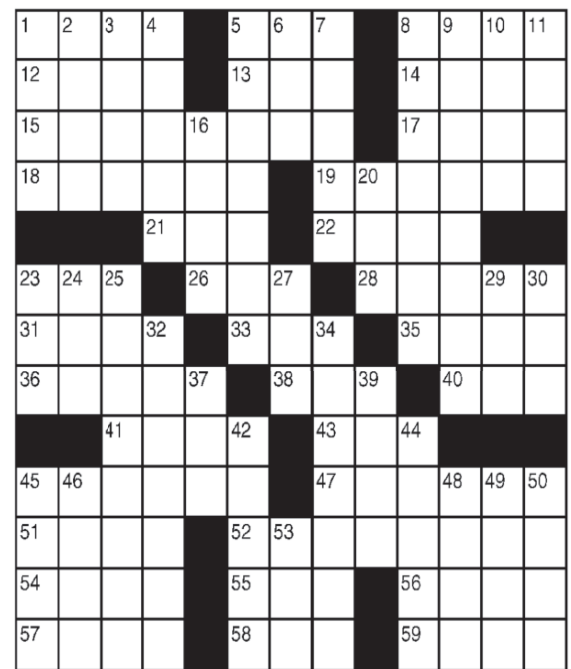
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# Colts ...

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"Excited to see Cam McGrone was able to get on the field a little bit last year. Excited to see him be in an expanded role," Groh said. "He's kind of an additional draft pick. You can kind of put him along there with the three guys that we've been able to add here today along with some of the other guys from last year."

McGrone, who has yet to play in an NFL regular season game, made 11 tackles this preseason, but was cut at the end of training camp. He was elevated to the Patriots game day roster in Week 14. However, McGrone was inactive for that game against the Arizona Cardinals.

Belichick said last week that McGrone has had a good season despite dealing with an injury.

"Cam's had a good year. He missed a little bit of time at the beginning of the year and then had a good stretch there," Belichick said. "Then missed a few practices about a month ago or so somewhere in there. Then kind of started to rekindle from there. He's definitely on a positive track. We weren't sure how it was going to go there and we wanted to protect ourselves on that against Arizona, but he's done a good job for us."

"If he can continue to stay out there and work hard and improve, then maybe he'll get an opportunity here before we're done."

It looks like McGrone's opportunity will come with the Colts.



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## Open look

Jay County High School junior Abraham Dirksen looks to make a pass after driving past Kaiden Bond of Delta during the Patriots' 48-29 loss Friday night.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball in DeKalb Shootout — 10 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Versailles at Pla-Mor Lanes — 5 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Tri-Vil-

lage — 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Tri-Village — 6:30 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: New Jersey Devils at Florida Panthers (TNT)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics (Bally Indiana)

9 p.m. — College football: R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl — Western Kentucky vs. South Alabama (ESPN)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars (TNT)

**Thursday**  
1 p.m. — NBA G League basketball: Greensboro Swarm at G League Ignite (ESPN2)

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3 p.m. — College football: Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl — Louisiana vs. Houston (ESPN)  
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souri (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kennesaw State at Indiana (BTN)  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

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**Patriots to play in DeKalb tournament, see Sports on tap**

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# Sports

## Tribe falls short versus Wapak

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — The evening had a promising start.

It ended with the Indians still looking for their first victory.

Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team was up at the end of the first quarter and tied at halftime but could not keep up with Wapakoneta in the second half in a 38-27 defeat.

The loss dropped the Tribe to 0-8.

A strong defensive first quarter had FRHS up 7-2. The game was tied at 12 at halftime before Wapakoneta (3-6) outscored the Indians 26-15 in the second half.

Elisabeth Good led the strong second half for the home team, scoring 11 of her game-high 13 points after the intermission. Kierra Siefring followed with 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp's 11 points were the team high for the Indians. Cali Wendel followed with nine points, all from long distance.

Fort Recovery is scheduled to return to action Friday as part of a triple-header against Tri-Village with the girls team playing at 5:30 p.m. and the boys junior varsity and varsity games to follow.



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Fort Recovery High School's Kennedy Muhlenkamp dribbles up the floor Dec. 3 during the Indians' game against Jay County. Muhlenkamp scored 11 points to lead the Tribe on Tuesday, but they fell 38-27 to Wapakoneta.

## Run late in half keys IU

BLOOMINGTON — The Hoosiers gave up the first four points.

They struggled to put much distance between themselves and their 2-10 opponent for the first two-thirds of the opening half.

Finally, they did. The Indiana University men's basketball team closed the opening half on a 20-4 run and cruised the rest of the way to a 96-72 victory over the visiting Elon Phoenix players.

Elon (2-11) scored on each of its first two possessions, getting layups from Max Mackinnon and Sam Sherry. IU quickly reclaimed the advantage, but was unable to extend a lead against the Phoenix. The Hoosiers were up by four at the 15-minute mark, three at the 10-minute

mark and just 27-25 during a TV timeout with 6:55 left in the opening half.

A couple of Trey Galoway free throws following the timeout started Indiana on its run to end the opening half. Race Thompson had six points during the run on the way to a team-high 18.

The Hoosiers (9-3) extended their lead to as many as 30 points as Elon was unable to make a serious run in the second half.

Jalen Hood-Schifino followed Thompson with 17 points. Miller Kopp had 13 points and CJ Gunn and Logan Duncomb added 11 and 10 off the bench, respectively.

Mackinnon's 19 points on 6-of-11 shooting for the Phoenix were the game high. Sean Halloran added 15 points.

## Colts signing NE linebacker

By MARK DANIELS  
masslive.com  
Tribune News Service

The hype train was rolling for Patriots linebacker Cameron McGrone this offseason. It appears that the train is now headed to Indianapolis.

According to the NFL Network, the Indianapolis Colts are signing McGrone off the Patriots practice squad to their 53-man roster.

Drafted in the fifth round

in 2021, McGrone missed his rookie season due to a knee injury he suffered in college at Michigan.

The Patriots were excited about the young linebacker heading into this season. Patriots director of player personnel Matt Groh spoke highly of McGrone after the 2022 NFL Draft and said he was part of the reason why the Patriots didn't select a linebacker.

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