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Patriotic display

Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairgrounds continues from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight through Sunday. Admission is free. Pictured, a light display depicting soldiers raising the American flag at Iwo Jima during World War II sits at the entrance to Jay County Fairgrounds.

Hangar site is next step

Sonrise to work with firm on location, estimates

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday agreed to work with Sonrise owner Hal Tavzel on setting a location for his company's new hangar.

The board also voted to delay the implementation of an increase in hangar rent following comments from former board president John Lyons.

Tavzel, who is also the airport's manager, reported to the board that Sonrise has been approved for funding for the 80-by-80-foot hangar he would like to add at Portland Municipal Airport. (Among the funding is \$75,000 Portland Redevelopment Commission approved Dec. 1.)

He explained that Sonrise owns six planes, is planning to purchase another and also manages planes for other owners. Because of a lack of space, he currently has a hangar at Randolph County Airport in Winchester that he uses as overflow. He said he'd like to have all of the planes his company owns and manages in Portland.

"Our company is growing," said Tavzel. "We're being asked to manage other airplanes ... We're trying to have aircraft available — higher-end airplanes — for pilots to further their career with us and just kind of go to the next level."

The aviation board's current airport layout plan calls for adding additional hangars to the east of the current hangars along the

south side of county road 100 North. The airport would be responsible for extending a taxiway to the new hangar.

Board members Faron Parr, Clyde Bray and John Ferguson, absent Mitch Sutton, agreed to have Tavzel work with engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert on a proposed location for the new hangar as well as cost estimates.

The new hangar would be in addition to a 25-foot-by-70-foot addition that Sonrise already has underway to connect its two current hangars.

Lyons, who served on the aviation board for nine years before stepping away at the end of 2021 and also rents hangar space at the airport, addressed the board regarding its decision last month to increase hangar rental rates beginning in January. He said he is not against the increase, but noted that there is a process that needs to be followed. Sharing FAA documents, he noted various sections including that fees may be imposed "after consultation with users." He indicated that he did not receive any notice regarding proposed changes prior to a letter informing him they had been implemented.

Board members said they were not aware that a more involved process was required to change hangar rental rates. They voted unanimously to put the rate increases on hold until they can have an attorney look into the FAA regulations and determine what steps they need to take.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the purchase of a \$6,460 antennae to fix the airport's automated weather observing system (AWOS). The system has not been working properly for more than a year. Tavzel said it will take about three months for the antennae to be delivered.

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Kenworthy named to court of appeals

By NIKI KELLY
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Gov. Eric Holcomb on Wednesday named Grant County Superior Court Judge Dana Kenworthy to the Indiana Court of Appeals, marking the first time the majority of the 15 members are women.

She recently was a finalist for an Indiana Supreme Court opening but Holcomb chose Derek Molter instead. Now Kenworthy will fill Molter's spot on the appellate court.

"Judge Kenworthy is one of the sharpest legal minds in our state which is what brought her to the courtroom, but it's her

passion for children and families that has kept her there," Holcomb said at the Statehouse event. "The Indiana appellate court will benefit from her critical thinking skills, problem-solving technique, reasoned decision-making and her sense of justice."

The other two finalists for the

spot were Hamilton Circuit Judge Paul A. Felix and attorney Carol N. Joven.

Kenworthy mentioned Molter in her speech, saying "I met Justice Molter earlier this year in the process and found him to be incredibly intelligent and genuinely a nice guy. And so, during the first process of the year, I

thought, rats. I know that he will serve the Supreme Court with honor and I am very happy to step into the void that he's left on the Court of Appeals."

She learned about her appointment Tuesday afternoon and said, "it's been a whirlwind."

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Visit includes pitch for support

By TRACY WILKINSON and COURTNEY SUBRAMANIAN
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Making a dramatic, risky wartime visit to Washington on Wednesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy strategized privately with President Joe Biden at the White House, addressed a packed joint session of Congress and delivered an impassioned pitch for sustained U.S. military aid for his country.

"Your money is not charity," Zelenskyy told the unusual meeting of Con-

gress on Wednesday evening. "It is an investment in global security and democracy that we handle in the most responsible way."

Earlier Wednesday, Biden praised Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people for their courage and resilience in the face of Russia's invasion and pledged to stand with Ukraine for "as long as it takes."

Zelenskyy was also greeted with the president's announcement of \$1.8 billion in new aid, including a Patriot missile battery that Kyiv has long sought.

Yarn project

Addison Herman and Kylee Hollingsworth work on creating ugly Christmas sweaters Tuesday evening during the Jay County Junior High School choirs' production of "A Christmas Yarn."



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Deaths

Shirley Bollenbacher, 83, rural Portland
Estella McDaniel, 102, Berne
Jerry Shirk, 84, Portland
Rex Powell, 71, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high of 39 degrees Wednesday. The low was 20.
Tonight's low will drop to negative-8 with 2 to 4 inches of snow accumulation possible and winds gusting to 50 miles per hour. A winter storm warning is in effect through Friday night. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Meetings regularly scheduled for Mondays will be held on Tuesday next week because of the Christmas holiday. That includes Jay County Commissioners at 9 a.m. Tuesday and Dunkirk City Council at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Portland Board of Works has also scheduled a special meeting for 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Coming up

Friday — An update on the winter storm that is expected to hit tonight.

Saturday — An update on progress toward a new humane society shelter.



Obituaries

Shirley Bollenbacher

Oct. 23, 1939-Dec. 20, 2022
Shirley A. Bollenbacher, 83, rural Portland in Jackson Township, died Tuesday. Arrangements are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Estella McDaniel

Jan. 24, 1920-Dec. 21, 2022
Estella Mae McDaniel, age 102, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, in Albany Healthcare. She was born in Berne on Jan. 24, 1920, the daughter of Daniel P. and Catherine P. (Habegger) Steury. She was married on June 24, 1945, to Max M. McDaniel and he passed away on Nov. 29, 1987. Estella was a homemaker and member of Zion Lutheran Church in Portland.
Surviving are one son, Terry W. McDaniel (Rosemary) of Tucson, Arizona; four daughters, Linda Bone (husband: Gary) of Portland, Jane Richert (husband: John) of Plainfield, Elaine

Raszowski (husband: Jim) of Indianapolis and Ann Tullis (husband: Tracy) of Monrovia; one sister, Verna Tharp of Albany, Oregon; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six sisters.
There will be no services at this time.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Memorials can be made to Lifestream of Delaware County. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Jerry Shirk

Jerry Lee Shirk, age 84, a resident of Portland, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, at Albany Health and Rehab in Albany.

Jerry was born on Sept. 1, 1938, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Clarrel and Anabel (Wood) Shirk. He graduated from Portland High School in 1956 worked for Coca-Cola in Portland for 27 years and retired from Berne Tube in Berne after

27 years of service. He served in the National Guard for eight years.

Jerry married Sue Denney on May 3, 1958.

Survivors include:
His wife of 64 years — Sue Shirk, Portland, Indiana
One son — Rick Shirk (wife: Jane), Charlotte, Michigan
One daughter — Jari Counterman (husband: Bruce), Portland, Indiana

Three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren
Private graveside services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022, at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Rex Powell

March 18, 1951-Dec. 20, 2022
Rex Olen Powell, age 71, of rural Portland passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, in the IU

Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born in Portland on March 18, 1951, the son of John “Jack” and Donna (Maitlen) Powell. He was married on Sept. 2, 2000, to Deana Ullom who survives. He was a graduate of Redkey High School

Rex retired after 34 years with General Telephone and did private phone contracting. He also was a truck driver for Meshberger’s. He was a professor at Seminole Community College in Seminole, Florida. Rex was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, member of American Legion Post #211, commander of the DAV, member of Halfway Lodge in Redkey and a 33rd Degree Mason.

Surviving are his wife Deana; two daughters, LeAnn Robbins (husband: Steve) of Redkey and Lisa Lanning of Redkey; sister Lois Nauman of Gaston; moth-

er-in-law Mary Ullom of Portland; nephew John Nauman of Gaston; niece Jennifer Helman of Michigan; two grandsons; and five granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Tyler Robbins.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Dave McClellan presiding. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey with military graveside honors. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Friday 12/23	Saturday 12/24	Sunday 12/25	Monday 12/26	Tuesday 12/27
-1/-30	6/-1	10/5	18/10	24/18
Friday has a chance of snow with winds gusting up to 50 mph. Otherwise, cloudy with low temperatures.	Mostly cloudy Saturday with areas of blowing snow. The low at night will be in the negative numbers.	Christmas Day will be mostly sunny, with temperatures hovering below 10 degrees.	There's a chance of snow Monday under mostly cloudy skies. Temperatures will jump to around 20.	Partly sunny skies are in the forecast for Tuesday with highs in the mid 20s.

Lotteries

Powerball 12-15-24-34-59 Power Ball: 14 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$186 million	54-56-57-62-65-75-76 Cash 5: 2-7-12-14-40 Hoosier Lotto: 5-17-28-29-34-38 Estimated jackpot: \$6.8 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$510 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-0-8 Pick 4: 2-7-7-1 Pick 5: 3-0-1-0-3 Evening Pick 3: 3-9-4 Pick 4: 1-8-4-6 Pick 5: 6-3-9-9-9 Rolling Cash: 6-13-16-17-30 Classic Lotto: 1-4-14-45-46-49 Kicker: 2-2-9-2-1-5 Estimated jackpot: \$3 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-7-3 Daily Four: 1-5-5-7 Quick Draw: 7-9-10-11-13-17-18-32-34-40-44-45-56-59-64-65-67-70-76-79 Evening Daily Three: 0-9-1 Daily Four: 1-4-5-9 Quick Draw: 4-8-17-23-29-33-37-38-39-42-44-48-53	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.82 Jan. corn.....6.81 Wheat.....6.75	Wheat.....7.01 July wheat.....7.49
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.78 Jan. corn.....6.78 Feb. corn.....6.77	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.54 Jan. corn.....6.56 Beans.....14.56 Jan. beans.....14.56 Wheat.....7.49
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.60 Jan. corn.....6.60 Beans.....14.56 Jan. beans.....14.61	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.30 Jan. corn.....6.32 Beans.....14.41 Jan. beans.....14.46 Wheat.....7.10

Today in history

In 1882, Edward Johnson, vice president of Edison Electric Light Company, became the first person to decorate a Christmas tree with electric lights at his home.

In 1937, Lincoln Tunnel opened, connecting New Jersey to New York City.

In 1966, the United States allocated 900,000 tons of grain to India in order to fight famine.

In 2014, Jay County Commissioners signed a formal contract with sheriff Dwane Ford, setting his salary at \$98,000. The agreement included a 2% annual raise, with Ford having the option to decline the pay increase. The annual salary for Jay County Sheriff in 2023 is set at \$108,200.

In 2017, Dollar General in Redkey opened for business along Indiana 67.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 1:30 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	missioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Tuesday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Hangar ...

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•Heard from Tavzel that all hangars at the airport are currently full and there is a waiting list. The board briefly discussed funding options for constructing a new T-hangar — the cost is estimated at \$1.2 million — but made no decisions on the possibility. (England noted that the Indiana General Assembly is expected to discuss the Indiana State/Local Program — it provides funds for airport projects at a 50/50

match — during the upcoming session. The program has not been funded since 2003. She asked aviation board members to send letters to local legislators in support of the program.)

•Heard from Tavzel that the airport sold 6,006 gallons of fuel for \$30,620.39 in November. That's up from 5,452.97 gallons during November 2021.

•OK'd FAA grant reimbursement requests of \$53,271.81 related to the

runway extension project and \$4,665 related to a wildlife assessment and management plan and the first phase of the design of the terminal apron expansion. England noted the wildlife assessment will take a full year, with site visits planned each month. The first phase of the terminal apron expansion design is essentially complete, with the second phase planned for 2023.

•Approved paying claims totaling \$3,023.61.

Capsule Reports

Turning crash

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland teen turned his truck in front of an oncoming vehicle at the intersection of Votaw and Williams streets in Portland about 2:10 p.m. Tuesday.

Judith C. Geesaman, 74, Dunkirk, was driving her 2012 Ford Taurus west on Votaw Street. As she crossed the intersection with Williams Street, a 1995 Ford F-150 driven by 16-year-old Wyatt Z. Rogers turned in front of her. The vehicles collided, and both were later towed.

Incorrect signal

A Portland woman's car struck a Portland teen's truck at the intersection of Meridian and Votaw streets about 8 p.m. Dec. 13.

Wyatt Z. Rogers, 16, Portland, was turning his 1995 Ford F-150 east onto Votaw Street. At that time, Rogers told police, the left turn signal on an oncoming 2019 Dodge Journey, driven by 34-year-old Betzy S. Burns of Portland, was activated. Burns continued north onto Meridian Street, hitting Rogers' vehicle. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Failed to yield

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500 after a Salamina woman failed to yield to oncoming traffic at the intersection of Arch and Wayne streets in Portland about 7:22 a.m. Dec. 14.

Rogue chicken

A chicken failed to get to the other side of the road about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, instead damaging a Portland man's truck. Richard L. Emery, 59, was driving his 2007 Toyota Tundra west on county road 400 South when a chicken flew in front of his truck, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He wasn't able to avoid the bird, and it struck the grill and damaged the air-conditioning condenser. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Pole hit

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500 after a semi driven by a Delaware man struck a utility pole at the intersection of county roads 1000 West and 400 South about 4:30 p.m. Dec. 10. Emmanuel A. Tendongafac, 34, Townsend, was turning a 2021 Freightliner Cascadia onto county road 400 South when the semi struck a pole. The pole belongs to Comcast Cable. The semi is registered Western Express of Nashville, Tennessee.

SERVICES

Today
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.

Wednesday
Powell, Rex: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Jan. 14
Theurer, Donald: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Service listings provided by
PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS
120 N. Meridian St.
Portland, Indiana 47371
(260) 726-9201
progressiveofficeproducts.com

Named ...

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The Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission interviewed 12 Hoosiers for the spot and then cut the list to six. Of those, three were chosen as finalists.

Kenworthy was appointed to Grant County Superior Court 2 in 2010. Before serving as a judge, she worked as a Grant County deputy prosecutor for 10 years where she focused on cases involving child abuse, sexual assault, juvenile delinquency and domestic violence.

“Dana Kenworthy is an outstanding and innovative jurist, legal scholar and is greatly respected throughout Indiana,” said Indiana

Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush. “She brings a wealth of experience and humanity to our appellate bench.”

Rush said when she asked Kenworthy why she wanted the job, Kenworthy told her she was like a racehorse at the gate ready to go.

“She had me,” Rush said, complimenting her leadership in the state and nationally.

During her time as a judge in Grant County, she founded one of the earliest Family Recovery Courts in Indiana, which applies the problem-solving court model to help the highest-risk families remain intact.

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65th anniversary



Sue and Tom Dunn - 1957

Sue and Tom Dunn

Sue and Tom Dunn are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary today. Tom and Sue (Kriete) Dunn wed Dec. 22, 1957, at St. Paul Congregational Church in Seymour. Tom Dunn retired from working in dentistry. Sue and Tom Dunn are active members of First Presbyterian Church in Portland. The Portland couple have three children, Tom (Rita) Dunn II of Portland, Jeff (Lisa) Myers of Middletown and Matt (Lori) Ford of Northville, Michigan. They have eight grandchildren. They plan to celebrate with family.



Tom and Sue Dunn - 2022

Woman has a problem with friend's sobriety

DEAR ABBY: I recently went out to a bar with some friends. I was the designated driver because I no longer drink. I had a drinking problem, but I have been sober for almost seven years. The majority of the people I socialize with are supportive of my sobriety — except one. I have been good friends with a guy for several years. The problem is his girlfriend. She keeps mocking me for not drinking. She thinks it's all in my head and has said so to my face.

Dear Abby



I usually ignore her, but on this particular night, when it was her turn to buy the round, she set the glass down in front of me with a smirk on her face.

I was drinking regular Coke and didn't think anything about it. I thanked her and when I went to take a sip, I smelled the alcohol in it right away. Abby, she had told the bartender to put rum in my Coke. I confronted her, loudly, in front of our friends, and she called me a party pooper. She then announced that it was all in my head, and told me to lighten up. I picked up the drink, threw it in her face and stormed out. Now my friends are mad at ME for causing a scene and embar-

rassing HER. I admit I lost my temper, but I feel she was totally in the wrong. I have tried to talk to them about how I felt about her disregarding my sobriety, but it's falling on deaf ears. Is there any way to fix this? — SOBER IN NEW MEXICO
DEAR SOBER: Everyone in that crowd knows you have a problem with alcohol. Your friends should have interceded to stop that woman's bullying when it first started. That she would actually

sneak a spiked drink to you was very dangerous, and I'm glad you caught on to the deception. She deserved the reaction she got for trying to sabotage you. "Fix" this by socializing with other members of the group without this couple, or find some new friends.
P.S. That this woman has such a problem with you abstaining from alcohol indicates to me that she has real problems of her own.

Community Calendar

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

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

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 — 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.
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.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Day
Worship
SUN., Dec. 25th
at 10 A.M.

Candlelight Service
Sat., DEC. 24th, 8 P.M.

WEST WALNUT STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
204 W. Walnut, Portland
All Are Welcome

Christmas Eve
at Zion
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church

Christmas eve services start at 9 p.m.

Christmas morning services
start at 10:30 a.m.
218 E. High Street, Portland

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

First Presbyterian Church

402 North Ship Street, Portland
(Ship and West Arch) 260-726-8462

Christmas Eve — 7:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols
Special Music — Choir and Hand Bells

Pastor: The Rev. Rex Espiritu
Choir Director & Organist: Eric Rogers
Pianist: Jennifer Rupe

Christmas Sunday — 9:30 a.m.
Music provided by the Rodden family.

Communion will be offered at both services.
We hope you can join us.

'Unto us a Child is born!'

GOD'S HOUSE IS OPEN

ALL ARE WELCOME

WORSHIP With US

How do we explain low ranking?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

With their election victories in hand, the Indiana General Assembly will be considering many important topics in the next few months.

Among these topics is Indiana's per capita personal income (PCPI).

Politicians like this number because they believe they and the population-at-large understand it. The numerator (personal income) comes from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. The denominator (the population of a state or county) is from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Legitimate questions can be asked of both numbers. But questions never concern people who want the simplest answers.

Eye on the Pie



Numbers sound reasonable can become policy talking points.

In 2021, Indiana's PCPI was \$56,497. Now that's a number!

A sturdy number, ready to be \$56,500 which has a magical ring to it. It's a number a good legislative intern could easily find was 8.2% higher than the year before. In addition, and catch this, that Hoosier 8.2% was bet-

ter than the 7.3% increase at the national level.

We're neglecting the inflation rate that was between 7% and 8% in 2021. We don't want to quibble. However small, any margin better than the nation is always a blue ribbon at the Hoosier state statistical fair.

Despite these refreshingly good data, Indiana remains well below the national PCPI. In 2021, we were at \$56,497 while the nation was at \$64,143. Indiana was \$7,146 below the nation's PCPI or 88.1% of the U.S. figure.

This is nothing new. The last time Indiana's PCPI was equal to or above the national level was in 1953 (104.4%) when we were fighting in Korea. That was the fifth time in 11 years

Indiana's PCPI exceeded that of the nation.

This time series starts in 1929 with Indiana at 86.6% of the U.S. PCPI (\$605 compared to \$699). We fell to 76.6% in 1932, then began a climb that peaked in 1943 at 101.5% of the nation's wartime PCPI. Indiana again equaled or exceeded the nation in 1945, 1948 and 1951, but not topping that 1943 mark until 1953.

After 1953, Indiana has had successively lower peaks in a rocky fall to 2021. For 68 years (1953 to 2021), Indiana has been on a downward trajectory relative to the nation. Most Hoosier administrators and legislators have never known anything else.

In 1929, Indiana ranked 22nd among the 48 states in PCPI. By 1953, with 50 states, we ranked 17th in PCPI. In 1970, Indiana's PCPI slipped into the lower half of all states and has not escaped that position in 52 years. We fell to 41st in 2007 and rose again to 34th in 2021.

If we consider PCPI as a legitimate target of public policy, how can we explain our sustained low ranking among the states, our persistent distance from the nation's average in PCPI?

Do we hear anything pertinent from the Statehouse?

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Tariffs should be eliminated

The Orange County Register
Tribune News Service

The Republicans used to be the party of (relatively) free-traders in this country, recognizing that when it comes to manufacturing, nations ought to make what nations can make the best: most efficiently, with a quality and a price that makes consumers around the world prefer that commodity as compared with similar stuff made in another country.

Your country will make something else more efficiently, because of labor and commodity-price differences, because of access to raw materials, because of education and technology. You will therefore prosper, and be able to sell to and buy from other countries.

There were always exceptions, of course. The GOP-leaning management and ownership of a big Pennsylvania steel company was likely to applaud White House moves to put tariffs on South Korean or Chinese steel, shoring up their own business, at the same time as they would be in theory at least against the creation of trade wars.

And, for good reason. Tariffs, and trade wars, are economically unhealthy for all concerned.

But the Republican Party turned quickly into the party of tariffs and trade wars during the presidential administration of Donald Trump. "Tariffs are the greatest!" Trump actually tweeted in July 2018. He then went on to display a lack of understanding of the effects of the import/export burdens that did not make sense for a man with an undergrad degree in business from Penn: "Either a country which has treated the United States unfairly on Trade negotiates a fair deal, or it gets hit with Tariffs. It's as simple as that — and everybody's talking! Remember, we are the 'piggy bank' that's being robbed. All will be Great!"

Uh-huh. In the Trump years, it was mostly Democrats pointing out the reasons tariffs, which are a tax on your own consumers, don't work. Sadly, in the almost two years since Trump has been out of office, the Democratic administration of Joe Biden has carried on some of the Trump-era tariffs. Now both parties are

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again the parties of protectionism. It's a cynical effort on their part to curry favor with voters who mistakenly think a pure "buy American" policy lifts all citizens' boats. It may temporarily, for instance, lift boats of steel workers and steel bosses. But by making steel more expensive for millions of consumers, "buy American" only hurts most Americans.

Now the World Trade Organization is again rejecting the Trump-Biden foreign steel and aluminum tariffs in a ruling made last week, and the White House is continuing to defend the economically indefensible. It continues to back the taxes on American consumers — 25% on steel, 10% on aluminum — by claiming that importing them threatens national security under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act.

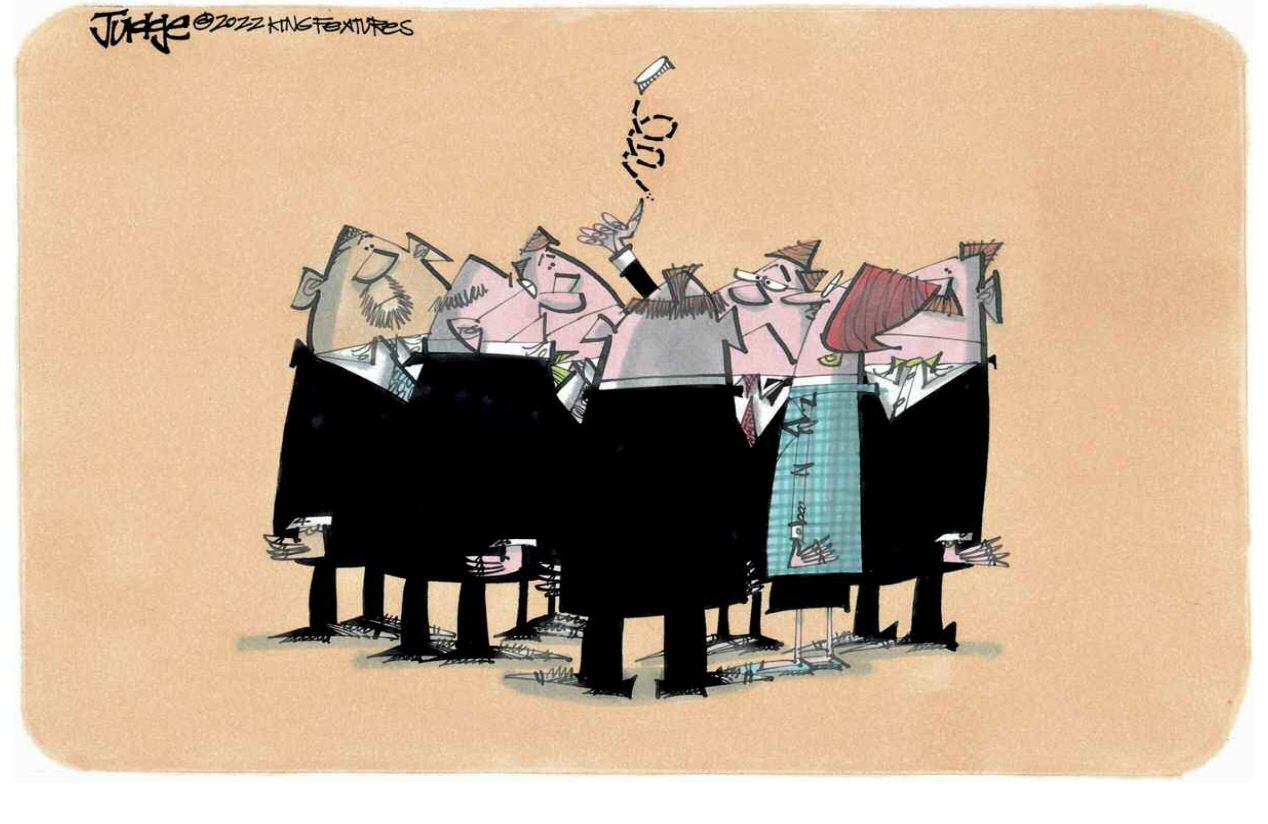
In its ruling, the WTO said it was "not persuaded" that the U.S. implemented the tariffs "in time of war or other emergency in international relations" that would justify the tariffs on national security grounds, Fox Business News reports.

The Biden response has, to be fair, been a bit more logical than the original bludgeon tactics. The administration negotiated "agreements with the EU, Japan, and the United Kingdom that functionally eliminate the tariffs and replace them with import quotas that negate the taxes on volumes of imported steel and aluminum that fall beneath the threshold. Those trading partners dropped retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. in response to the Biden administration's changes," FBN reports.

But the White House continues to maintain to the WTO that continuing to keep other tariffs is a matter of "national security." It is not. And as a Cato Institute study this year showed, U.S. tariffs continue to put domestic steel consumers at a "major cost disadvantage versus their competition in Europe and elsewhere."

Tariff taxes only hurt our economy. They should all be eliminated.

HOW THE FED MAKES ECONOMIC FORECASTS:



Democracy is looking healthier

By DOYLE MCMANUS

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

More than a decade ago, scholars began pointing to a troubling global trend: a "democratic recession." Dozens of countries were drifting away from democracy toward authoritarianism.

The list of backsliders has spanned the globe from India and South Africa to Hungary, Poland, Mexico — even, in recent years, the United States.

Freedom House, a nonprofit organization that rates countries on electoral practices, civil liberties and other measures, has reported 16 consecutive years of the world becoming less democratic.

Meanwhile, China's authoritarian regime has been touting its one-party system as more efficient and dynamic than the tired old democracies.

But look again. The autocrats are having a bad year.

In China, Xi Jinping's draconian policy of "zero-COVID" has slowed economic growth and spurred angry protests.

Russia's Vladimir Putin has launched a disastrous war against Ukraine, prompting almost a million young Russians to flee their country to avoid conscription.

In Iran, protests by young women against laws requiring headscarves have mushroomed into a broader rebellion demanding an end to the authoritarian Islamic regime.

Meanwhile, at least some of the world's democracies appear to have found a second wind. Extreme right-wing parties have lost in France and Germany, although they won in Italy and Sweden. Brazil's autocratic President Jair Bolsonaro lost his job in a well-conducted national election; he challenged the result in court and lost again. And U.S. voters delivered an unexpectedly clear message in last month's midterm elections, rejecting candidates who embraced the election denialism of former President Donald Trump.

So is the democratic recession ending?

Unfortunately, no. The scholar who originated the phrase, Larry Diamond of Stanford, says it's too early to break out the champagne.

"I don't see the current protests in Iran, China or Russia leading to a democratic breakthrough," he told me. "I think it is very much a jump ball globally right now — and I see a lot of warning signs that people aren't paying attention to."

Michael Abramowitz, president of Freedom House, agreed.

"Democracy has not come roaring back," he said. "I think we're going to turn the corner at some point, but it hasn't happened yet."

It's useful to distinguish between two issues here. One is the crisis of the authoritarian regimes; the other is the health of the world's democracies.

In China, Russia and Iran, Diamond said, we're seeing a process of "authoritarian regime decay."

"The regimes have been performing badly in meeting people's expectations," he said. "As a result, each is facing a legitimacy crisis — a sharp decline in the belief that the regime has the right to govern."

That doesn't mean those governments are likely to fall: All have decades of experience at repressing dissidents, now reinforced by increasingly sophisticated surveillance technology.

In recent weeks, all three regimes have attempted to placate unhappy citizens. China has ended "zero-COVID." Putin has told Russians there will be no more military call-ups soon. And a top Iranian official said the country's widely hated



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morality police was being disbanded, although it wasn't clear whether the announcement had any real effect.

But none of them look like attractive models for others to follow.

Meanwhile, democracy is still struggling.

"Mexico and India are in the grip of authoritarian demagogues," Diamond wrote. "Nigeria faces the prospect of partial state collapse. South Africa, on which the hopes of democracy in Africa so heavily depend, is not doing well."

That's why, to scholars of democracy, some of the best news of the year came from our own midterm election.

"That was a test of whether anti-democratic candidates — anti-democratic with a small 'd'; I'm not being partisan — would be put in a position to run future elections," Abramowitz said.

"They lost pretty decisively, and that's significant," he added. "It suggested that civil society in the United States has revitalized itself."

In an Associated Press survey, 44% of U.S. voters polled named the future of democracy as one of their top concerns on Election Day, outranked only by inflation and the economy.

A post-election survey by Bright Line Watch, a nonpartisan research group, found a similar number who said that "protecting democracy" would be the most important issue when they choose a presidential candidate in 2024.

"We're not out of the woods yet by any means," Abramowitz said. "But I'm a little more hopeful than a year ago."

So we can take some satisfaction in the misfortunes of the world's worst dictators. And we can take heart at the evidence, however tentative, that democracy can still be a self-correcting system.

But these battles are a long way from over. Making democracy work is a struggle that remains to be won.

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Michael Burk
(260) 726-4282
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefontain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Gordon Jackson
Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Bryant Wesleyan
209 S. Hendricks St.
Paul VanCise
(260) 997-6231
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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301 N. Main St., Dunkirk
Susan Durovey-Antrim
(765) 499-0368
Services: 10:30 a.m.
susan.duroveyantrim@in.umc.org

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Quentin Elsea
(419) 733-1469
christchapelfr.com

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1209 S. Shank St., Portland
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Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)
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Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

Church of the Brethren
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
Gary Newton
(765) 669-1070
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Dunkirk Nazarene
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Gordon Jackson
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First American Baptist
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
Dan Coffman
(765) 768-7157
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

First Church of Christ
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
David J. Nicholson
(419) 375-2860
Services: 10:30 a.m.
fccftrecovery.org

First Community Baptist
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

First Free Will Baptist
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian
402 N. Ship St., Portland
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401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

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309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. David Porath
(419) 678-2071
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist
100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
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(260) 525-8609
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
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High Street United Methodist
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Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant Fr. Peter Logsdon
Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday
churchofthemoostholytrinity.com

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County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
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Immaculate Conception Catholic
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Stuart Phillips
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Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor United Methodist
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
John Retter
(765) 768-7273
Services: 9 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 755-6354
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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(260) 726-8040
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226 E. Main St., Portland
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(260) 202-9732
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

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(765) 369-2920
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RedkeyFaith.org

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Union and Malin streets, Redkey
Jeff Hammers
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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801 W. High St.
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(260) 335-2017
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Robin Owen
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1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery
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346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk
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Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

St. Paul Catholic
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

St. Peter Catholic
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday

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County roads 600 South and 1150 West, Dunkirk
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Services: 10:35 a.m.

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Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)
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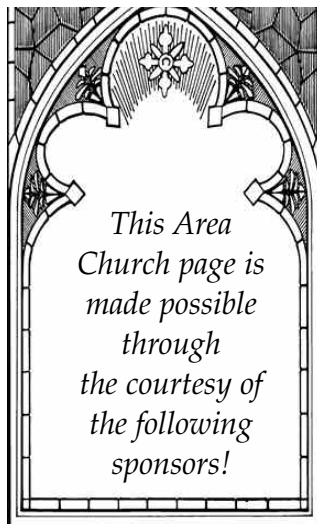
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Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alcega
(260) 726-4691
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westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

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Opening lead — five of hearts.

On most hands, it is possible to get by with so-called automatic plays. But if you really want to excel at the game, you have to be continuously on the lookout for situations in which something out of the ordinary may be required.

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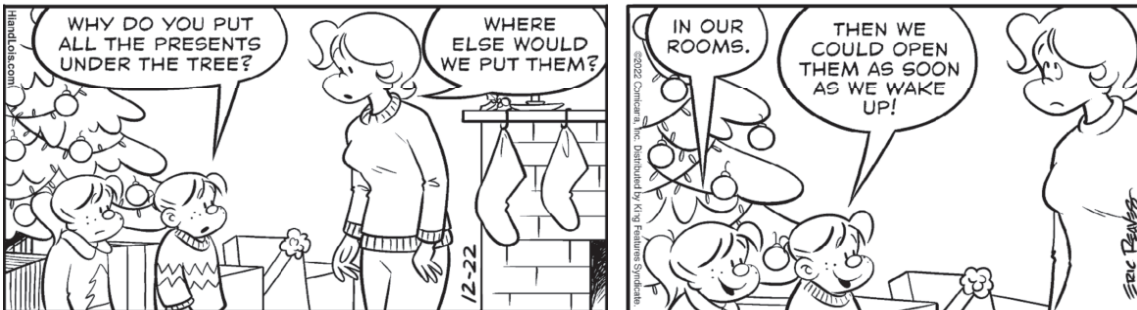
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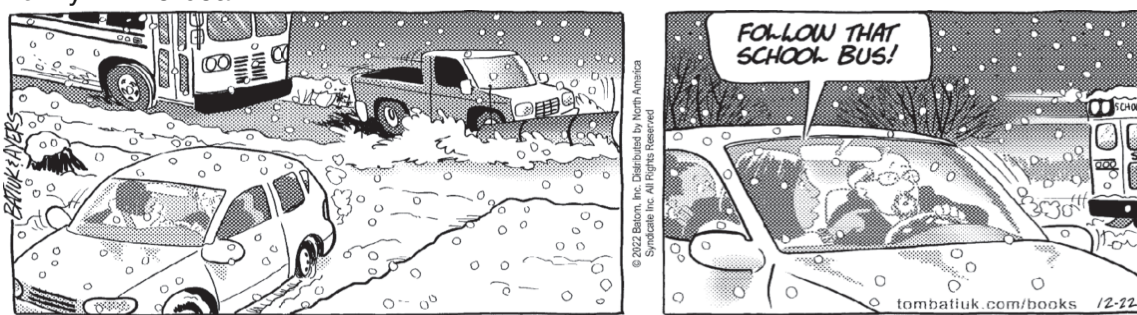
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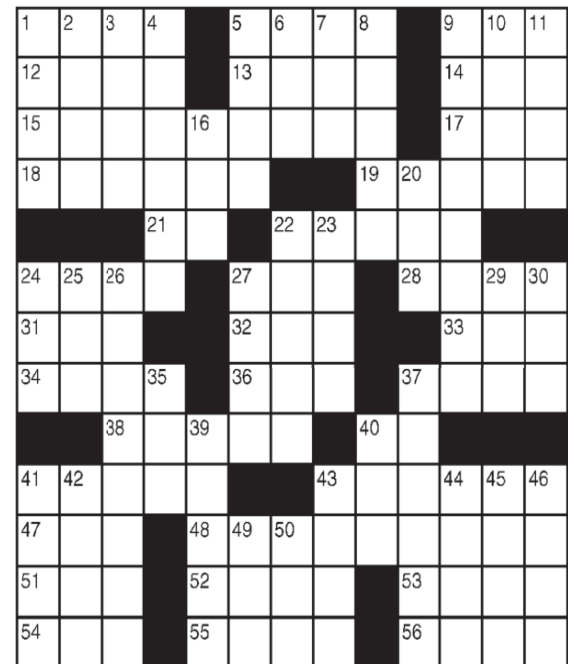
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Pacers top Boston

Indiana denies comeback behind 33 from Haliburton

By **STEVE HEWITT**
Tribune News Service

BOSTON — The Celtics had been struggling.

Following their first home practice in more than a month, they hoped to get back on track. The Pacers didn't allow it.

The Indiana Pacers withstood a furious second-half rally Wednesday to defeat the Boston Celtics 117-112.

The loss cemented the Celtics' first three-game losing streak, and they've now lost six of their last seven games. Meanwhile, it pulled Indiana back to .500 and in a three-way tie with the Miami Heat and Atlanta Hawks for seventh in the Eastern Conference.

Tatum scored a game-high 41 points and led a strong comeback bid after the Celtics trailed by as many as 30 in the first half, when they heard boos from their fans. The Celtics came out strong in the second half as they trimmed their deficit to single digits on the

back of Tatum, but the Pacers — led by Tyrese Haliburton's 33 points on six 3-pointers — had every answer down the stretch.

Tatum scored 28 of his 41 points in the second half as the C's used strong defense to bring the Garden back to life, which included a vicious jam over old friend Aaron Nesmith in the third quarter. The Celtics star almost looked angry as he looked to lead their second-half rally. It looked like they might pull it off as Jaylen Brown drilled a 3-pointer to cut their deficit to five with 3:06 to play. But the Pacers responded to restore their lead to double digits.

The Celtics (22-10) actually got off to a good start, at least on the defensive end as the Pacers made just one of their first nine shots of the game, which forced Indiana coach Rick Carlisle to burn an early timeout.

After that? It was all Pacers.

The Pacers (16-16) simply steamrolled the Celtics for the rest of the first half. The Celtics' offensive woes continued, and though that hadn't negatively impacted their defense over recent games, they couldn't stop the Pacers. After their 1-for-9 start, the Celtics allowed the visitors to make 14 of their next 16 shots — which included a 28-5 run at one point — in a stunning turnaround as they fell behind by 20 after the opening period.

It didn't get any better in the second quarter. When Nesmith, who followed Haliburton with 15 points, found himself wide open down the baseline for an easy dunk to put the Pacers up 25, boos started raining down on the Celtics.

About a minute later, as the Celtics' deficit increased to 29 — forcing Joe Mazzulla to call a timeout — the boos grew even louder.

The timeouts didn't seem to matter, though. The Celtics' deficit grew to as large as 30.

Chris Duarte scored 14 points in just 15 minutes off the bench for Indiana, and Myles Turner reached double figures with 10.

The Pacers will look to climb above .500 Friday when they host Miami.

Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton has to make an outlet pass on a drive to the basket guarded by Cleveland Cavaliers center Jarrett Allen (left) and forward Evan Mobley on Dec. 16 in Cleveland. On Wednesday, Haliburton hit six 3-pointers and scored 33 points to lead Indiana to a 117-112 victory over the host Boston Celtics.

Purdue ...

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That put some early pressure on the unbeaten and top-ranked Boilermakers (12-0). But Purdue proceeded to score the game's next 18 points, holding the Privateers scoreless for nearly nine minutes.

Caleb Furst got the Boilermakers going, hitting a free throw and then putting them in front for good at the 7:50 mark by tipping in an offensive rebound. He

and Braden Smith combined for 11 points during the run as Purdue pushed its lead to 35-19 before Jackson finally hit a hoop again for the Privateers at the 1:36 mark.

The lead expanded to as many as 23 points in the second half.

Trey Kaufman-Renn was efficient, shooting 8-of-10 from both the field and the foul line as he paced the Boilermakers with 24 points. He led Purdue to a 55.6% shoot-

ing effort and a 10-point advantage on free throws.

Mason Gillis followed with 11 points, Furst had nine, and Fletcher Loyer, Brandon Newman and Smith each contributed eight.

Jordan Johnson's 17 points paced New Orleans while Jackson added 14.

The Boilermakers will close out the 2022 portion of their schedule Dec. 29 when they host Florida A&M (2-8).

Sports on tap

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Friday
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Friday
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Technologies Independence Bowl — Louisiana vs. Houston (ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — College football: Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl — Wake Forest vs. Missouri (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kennesaw State at Indiana (BTN)
8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Miami Heat (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Grambling State at Wisconsin (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

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2:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks (ABC/ESPN)
4:30 p.m. — NFL football: Denver Broncos at Los Angeles Rams (CBS)
5 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics (ABC/ESPN)
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Jay County High School sophomore Cassie Petro works her way past Delaney Dunnuck of South Adams during the Class 3A No. 5 Patriots' 56-36 victory Saturday.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Purdue utilizes 18-0 run to stay perfect

WEST LAFAYETTE — The No. 1 team in the nation trailed a struggling Southland Conference squad midway through the first half.

It didn't last. The Purdue Boilermakers pulled away heading into intermission Wednesday and kept a comfortable advantage throughout the second half in a 74-53 victory over the visiting New Orleans Privateers.

A Tyson Jackson 3-pointer put New Orleans (3-8) up 19-17 at the 10:25 mark of the first half.

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Vaughn leads HU in rebounds

Points were difficult to come by. A Fort Recovery High School graduate made up for it on the glass.

Alli Vaughn, who graduated from FRHS in 2021, led the Huntington University women's basketball team in rebounding Saturday as it won for the third time in its last four games.

Vaughn, a sophomore, started and grabbed eight rebounds for the Foresters (6-8). She also had four assists and two points.

For the season, she ranks third on the Huntington squad in both rebounds and assists and 4.7 and 1.8 per game, respectively. She is fourth in scoring at 8.6 points per game.

Val Muhlenkamp Fort Recovery - 2020

Continued her strong run for the

Collegiate Check-up

University of Findlay women's basketball team, leading the team in rebounding in each of its last two games.

Muhlenkamp grabbed seven rebounds Monday in a 68-55 loss to Wayne State.

She also had six points, two assists and a steal.

The junior also had a dozen points — she was 4-for-4 from the foul line — eight rebounds, two steals and an assist Saturday as the Oilers (4-8) lost 70-64 to Northwood.

Lizzy Dollar Jay County - 2022

Competed for the Indiana Tech women's wrestling team Saturday in a quad meet against Sienna Heights, Lourdes and the host Terriers at Hiram College.

Dollar dropped her only contested match of the day at 116 pounds, falling 10-4 to Valeria Ahumada of Siena Heights.

She won her other two matches for the Warriors (14-2) by forfeit.

Olivia Patch Fort Recovery - 2020

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