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## Enthusiastic artist

By BAILEY CLINE

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Every painting is a new challenge.

That's what has kept local artist Stephen McClung, 82, hooked on his passion nearly all his life. The Portland native invests countless hours into his pieces, many of which are later submitted to art shows and listed for sale.

"It's all in, we call it the process. (Folks) say, 'Well how can you sell these and get rid of them?' The fun is in the process painting," he said. "The fun or the reward is being able to ... work out the problems, I guess. It's a challenge. And every painting becomes a challenge."

McClung started painting in elementary school. He sold his first for \$1 to his second-grade teacher.

As a child, he participated in student art shows through The American Legion. He said one of those paintings — it was a depiction of the tower at Ouabache State Park in Bluffton — was circulated throughout the country.

McClung studied chemistry

**McClung has been painting since he was in elementary school**

at Manchester University for three years, taking art classes on the side. In 1962, he married his wife, Sheron, and left the university without his degree.

Looking back, McClung said his artistic career would've been easier if he gotten an art degree.

"An artist's degree gets you into about any show you want to get in, whereas I had to have a name out there in order to get in," he said.

He started selling paintings for Filippo's Art Gallery, which in turn sold the displays to different branches of Mike's Carwash and other places.

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Stephen McClung, pictured, has been painting for more than 75 years. The Portland artist offers his pieces for sale at his studio along High Street.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Donna Haggenjos stands in front of the inspiration for her book, "Oaks, The Mighty Tree." Haggenjos and local artist Stephen McClung recently published the children's book.

## Mighty manuscript

**Portland residents collaborated on kids' book**

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Two locals recently teamed up to create their first book.

Donna Haggenjos and Stephen McClung recently published the children's book, "Oaks, The Mighty Tree," a story exploring the life cycle of an oak tree in northern Indiana. Haggenjos' manuscript is complemented with hand-painted illustrations by McClung, a long-time artist in the community. (See related story.)

"It's a very simple children's book," remarked Haggenjos. "We've had fun with it. We've learned a lot. Neither one of us had ever published before."

Haggenjos' inspiration for the book started with a large oak tree in her backyard.

"Out my bedroom window, I could see the tree," explained Haggenjos, who moved with husband Mark to the rural Portland house about 20 years ago.

Each morning, she would observe the tree, noticing different creatures — an eagle, an osprey,

raccoons or squirrels — on its branches.

That's what brought her story to life.

Haggenjos wrote the manuscript to her "Oaks, The Mighty Tree" in March 2020. She asked McClung to illustrate several months later in September.

Various pieces created by McClung decorate the Haggenjos' home. McClung's artwork, she explained, speaks for itself.

"I think it makes the book, those paintings are beautiful," she said.

McClung visited the Haggenjos' property to take reference photos and get some preliminary sketches. In about a year, he created 23 paintings that made it into the children's book.

"It sort of expanded my knowledge on how to do that," he said. "I had never illustrated a book."

There's also a bit of local history in the story. (Haggenjos has a master's degree in history, which she received from Ball State University in 2018.) It notes the Miami tribe, a group of Native Americans with

roots in northern Indiana, who were largely pushed into Kansas reservations from the mid-1800s forward. A large encampment was once located near Haggenjos' home, she pointed out, a detail McClung had suggested she include.

The leaves depicted in McClung's illustrations appear to be those of a northern red oak tree. But Haggenjos doesn't know exactly what type of tree looms outside her house — it stopped producing leaves a few years before she wrote the book.

She estimates her tree is at least 300 years old based on its roughly 100-inch diameter. The easiest way to confirm its age involves cutting the trunk and counting the interior rings, which Haggenjos doesn't plan to do.

The former glory lost its upper half during a wind storm shortly after the book was published. Its bottom half remains standing in her woods, the wide base and branching limbs appearing as a stark figure against the bramble and skinny trees surrounding it.

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## Retrospect

### Jay picked up 1st win

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Patriots celebrated their first victory after an 0-2 start.

The Dec. 6, 1997, edition of the Commercial Review featured coverage of the Jay County High School boys basketball team's 72-62 victory over the Belmont Braves.

It marked the first win of the season for the Patriots after losing to Norwell and Muncie Central.

Jay County was up by 13 in the third quarter but saw that advantage slip to 41-37 after three consecutive 3-pointers by the Braves. Belmont would trim its deficit by one more point but

would never get closer. Strong shooting in the fourth quarter from Andrew Michael, Chris Cowan and Brian Jurnay helped to preserve the win for the Patriots.

JCHS was selective with its shots all night long, finishing 29-of-51 for 56.9%.

"That's something we tried to work on," said Jay County coach Roger Schnepf. "The problem is, when you're a good shooter, you fall into a trap of wanting to shoot all the time. We didn't do that tonight."

Michael shot 6-of-9 from the field as he and Cowan each totaled 16 points. Matt Westgerdes, who missed the end of the game

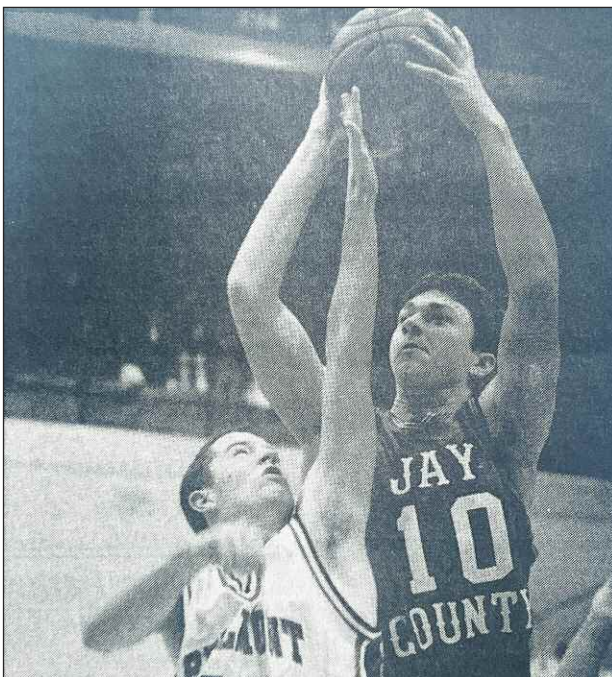
because of an injury, added a dozen points on 5-of-7 shooting.

Jurnay had eight points, and Josh Ford and Andy Miller hit four six points apiece.

JCHS struggled to hold on to the ball — it committed 26 turnovers — but dominated the glass with a 39-22 rebounding advantage.

Jacob Conrad scored 16 points to lead Belmont. The Braves lived and died by the 3-point shot, shooting 26 for the game and scoring more than half of their points from long distance.

Jay County went on to split its next four games before going on a seven-game skid en route to a 7-14 record.



The Commercial Review/Mike Snyder

Jay County High School's Andrew Michael (10) puts up a shot over Belmont's Adam Coolman during the Dec. 7, 1997, game.

## Portland man's trial date moved

The trial for a Portland man charged with murder has been pushed back again.

Jeremy W. Kelly, 50, is slated to go to trial for the death of his 72-year-old father, Gary Kelly, from June 5 to June 9. He is also charged with robbery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 2 felony. His trial date has been postponed twice, having recently shifted from August 2022 to January 2023.

Gary Kelly was found dead at his home Feb. 25. An autopsy indicated he suffered blunt force trauma to the head, face and abdomen. In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years, and robbery carries a penalty between 10 and 30 years.

### Deaths

Lois Deaton, 78, Portland  
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### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 52 degrees Friday. Skies will be mostly sunny today with winds gusting to 40 miles per hour with the temperature falling to 32 by early evening. Highs will be in the 40s Sunday and Monday.  
See page 2 for an extended forecast.

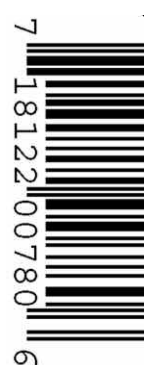
### In review

Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairgrounds is open from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight. Additional dates are December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 23.

### Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's Jay County versus Fort Recovery basketball games.

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday's Portland Park Board meeting.



# Enthusiastic ...

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He also became involved with local art venues. Over the course of his life, McClung estimated, he's been a part of at least 100 art shows. He has held 10 one-person shows since 1988, having won awards for his work in shows at Arts Place in Portland, Minnetrista in Muncie, Wassenberg Art Center of Van Wert, Ohio, Indiana Artists Club venues in Indianapolis and Muncie and the Indiana State Fair.

McClung is a member of Indiana Artists Club. In the last 15 years, he also helped start the Alcove Art Club, a group consisting of area artists within a 40-mile radius of Portland.

Local painter Barb Stump has worked alongside McClung in the art community for more than 40 years. She noted McClung's heavy involvement in the Alcove Art Club, getting artists into venues and displaying their work.

"He has been the person for many years to go to for art," said Stump. "I think highly of Steve." Paintings line the walls in

*'I can show my softer side with a paint brush (easier) than I can with verbal or mechanical writing.'*

—Stephen McClung

McClung's studio. During an interview, he recounted story after story as he thumbed through files of his sketches, completed works and pieces he's planning to finish. For each painting, he recalls the process he went through to make it come to fruition.

He referenced a black and white painting he completed in the '60s, noting he had been depressed at the time.

"I would tell all my students, you just paint what you feel at the time, and I can go back and look and almost tell you what I was doing when I painted that," he

said. "Like a history of your life, you're making a journal, so to speak."

McClung's specialty is landscapes, but he's also recently created several nature paintings set outdoors with animals or people for his illustrations in "Oaks, The Mighty Tree." (See related story.)

McClung referenced his illustration of deer with the oak tree, which was based on a photo he took of the animal at night in Brown County.

"I don't like to paint other people's pictures — I paint my own," he said.

He takes photo references or sketches anywhere he visits. He's based paintings on spots in nearby places like Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve and as far away as Austria in Europe.

"Wherever I go, I usually do a sketch," he said.

He has dabbled in different mediums over the years, such as watercolor, oil and pastel paints. He would also like to learn how to paint sculptures, having admired the works in France while visiting his son, Kurt.

"I love sculpture, but I can't afford it," he said. "I'm going to take a course and try to be able to do some bronze. But at 82 years old, I'll get there somehow."

After college, McClung spent about six years in the U.S. Army National Guard and seven years at Portland Forge.

Along with painting, McClung also worked in the trade industry. He worked as a plumber and carpenter for about four years before becoming a self-employed contractor with McClung Construction in 1970. He designed

and built various structures, including Memorial Chapel at Green Park Cemetery, around Portland for more than 20 years.

McClung also worked for eight years at Ivy Tech Community College, teaching courses on a variety of subjects in New Castle, Muncie and Marion.

About eight years ago, McClung was diagnosed with diverticulitis. He survived lung cancer and now lives with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. McClung has struggled on and off with health issues since then.

But, as long as he's able to, McClung plans to continue with his artistic work. Painting is the way he best expresses himself.

"I used to tell people, and it's true, I can show my softer side with a paint brush (easier) than I can with verbal or mechanical writing," he said. "It's a way of expression, and what excites me about it is I see something, I think I get enthused about it. If I want to paint it, I get more enthused."

# Mighty ...

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Like the tree in the book, though, it still provides for nature long after its prime.

"He was almost double that size," she said. "But there are birds that still land on him all the time. So, I don't know if it's just because he has no leaves, but to me he's almost like a person."

Haggenjos has served on various boards, including The Portland Foun-

ation and United Way. She also served in campaign committees to renovate Arts Place and Jay County Hospital as well as build Jay County Public Library's current facility.

A Randolph County native, she married Mark Haggenjos in 1982 and moved around for his time in the military and later his education in medical school. In 1990, they returned to Jay County. Mark Haggenjos opened his own practice in Portland in 2001.

(Jay County Hospital later bought out the practice about nine years later.)

"Oaks, The Mighty Tree" launched on Amazon in August. Haggenjos and McClung hosted a book signing in October.

Haggenjos has another children's story in the works about raccoons. But she's hoping to see how her first story does first.

"The community's been lovely about all this," she said.

# CR almanac

Sunday 12/4	Monday 12/5	Tuesday 12/5	Wednesday 12/6	Thursday 12/7
<b>39/24</b>	<b>44/36</b>	<b>47/35</b>	<b>47/31</b>	<b>41/27</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday. The high looks to be around 39 degrees.	There's a chance of showers in the morning, with a higher (50%) chance at night.	Tuesday also has a slight chance of rain throughout the day. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy skies with a chance of rain. The high will be in the upper 40s.	Thursday's weather looks like a chance of rain and snow.

# Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Rolling Cash 5: 5-12-20-27-32 Daily Three: 3-7-5 Daily Four: 8-0-5-9 Quick Draw: 1-6-8-9-12-14-18-19-23-29-34-35-37-40-44-51-58-64-67-74	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$81 million
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 2-0-5 Pick 4: 8-7-0-5 Pick 5: 1-4-1-3-3	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$333 million

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.58 Jan. corn.....6.56 Wheat.....6.80	Wheat.....7.01 Dec. wheat.....7.55
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.66 Jan. corn.....6.53 Feb. corn.....6.55	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.40 Jan. corn.....6.42 Beans.....14.26 Jan. beans.....14.26 Wheat.....7.53
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.46 Jan. corn.....6.46 Beans.....14.29 Jan. beans.....14.34	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.16 Jan. corn.....6.18 Beans.....14.13 Jan. beans.....14.18 Wheat.....7.11

# Today in history

In 1972, James J. Downing of Portland died at 44 when he was involved in a near head-on traffic collision on U.S. 27 just south of Bryant.  
In 2021, the Jay County High School boys basketball team topped the Woodlan Warriors 53-35. Dusty Pearson scored 19 points, leading to their third consecutive win.  
—The CR

# Citizen's calendar

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

# Obituaries

**Lois Deaton**, Portland, Sept. 9, 1944-Nov. 30, 2022. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.*

*They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

# Felony arrests

**Drug possession**  
Two men were arrested Thursday for drug possession and related charges.

Juan E. Gutierrez, 30, 6676 E. Indiana 26, Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

Joshua R. Allen, 36, 272 Picket Road, Union City, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine and two Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$12,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

**Probation violation**  
A Ridgeville woman was arrested Wednesday for violating her probation.

Diamond J. Hudson, 29, 208 W. Fourth St., pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended, given 180 days credit for time served and placed on probation for one year. She was released on a \$3,000 bond from the jail.

# SERVICES

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

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

**Wednesday**  
**Deaton**, Lois: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# Elderly friendship ruffles feathers

DEAR ABBY: Two and a half years ago we lost my dad, who was 94. He and Mom had been married 72 years. She entered assisted living right before COVID — with all its difficulties — set in. We made it through that, we're all vaccinated now and her facility has opened back up.

Mom has met and befriended a similarly aged widower. They eat together, walk, attend activities and enjoy sitting and talking together every day. He always walks her back to her room and nicely bids her a good night. They reach for one another's hands to hold while talking about their departed spouses and are a source of great comfort for each other. I learned about this friendship from facility staff, so I had time to digest it alone before talking with my mother about it.

At first, I was nervous because I did not want her to be hurt. But I quickly realized that this rela-

Dear Abby



tionship is very good for both of them, as they share similar histories and circumstances.

Mom has recently found out that this man's daughters are upset about their friendship, and she feels badly about it. She says she would never do anything to hurt him. I've told her she needs to give his daughters time to wrap their minds around their friendship. Abby, what can I do to help the daughters build trust in this situation? — DELICATE SITUATION IN ARKANSAS

DEAR DELICATE SITUATION: Your mother's is not the first romance to blossom in a situation like this, and it won't be the last. What has

happened is a blessing, and I hope the man's daughters will come to regard it as one. Reaching out to them isn't a bad idea, if you think it may calm the situation and you can do it without making them more defensive than they already appear to be. The older folks are doing nothing wrong. They have a right to be happy in their remaining years. If there is a religious adviser connected to the assisted living facility, he or she might be able to help you.

DEAR ABBY: I come from a very small town which has only one school. My sister recently returned to attend her 50th class reunion. It was very informal and held in a local tavern. The event was announced on social media, but no formal invitations were sent out.

When my sister spotted a man who had graduated the following

year, she approached him and asked, "What are you doing here? You didn't graduate with our class!" He answered that he had participated in sports with a number of the graduates and wanted to see them again.

Considering that the event was casual, held in a public place and that my sister didn't organize the event, send out invitations or act as a hostess, I thought her remark was out of line and mean. She strongly disagrees. What do you think? — SMALL-TOWN SIS IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SIS: Depending upon your sister's tone of voice (and degree of sobriety) when she asked that question, it may have come across as an expression of surprise or curiosity. However, if it was asked in a hostile or accusatory manner, I agree with you that it was out of line and mean.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, a

friend came to my home. I offered coffee and cake, which I had already sliced and placed on plates. She responded that she wasn't hungry right then and would take it home for later, and asked me for wrapping or a container to put it in. Of course, I complied, but I have never heard of such a thing, although diners often take home uneaten food from a restaurant. Am I out of step here, or have I got a right to be as shocked as I was? — SURPRISED HOSTESS

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

## Birth announcements

### Dues

Lainey Rose, a daughter, was born Nov. 22 at St. Vincent Randolph to Brayden and Olivia Dues of Portland.

She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Doug and Cindy Cash of Pennington. Great-grandparents are Beth and Rick Dues of Portland.

### Houck

Marshall Drake, a son, was born Nov. 16 at IU Health Ball Memorial to Amber and Drew Houck.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Gregg and Linda Huelkamp of Portland. Paternal grandparents are Jack and Dora Houck of Portland.

Great-grandparents are Arnold and Martha Hilgendorf of Portland, Marijane and late Jack Houck of Pennington, and Pete and Katie Stauffer of Orrville, Ohio.

### Krieg

Carter Ronald, a son, was born Oct. 28 at IU Health Ball Memorial to Tiffany and Garrett Krieg of Portland.

He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Gregg and Linda Huelkamp of Portland. Paternal grandparents are Chris and Beth Krieg of Portland.

Great-grandparents are Arnold and Martha Hilgendorf of Portland, Betty and late Ronald Krieg of Portland and Norma Ludy of Winchester.

## Winter concert set for Dec. 11

Jay County High School music department will present its winter concert next weekend.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 in the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

Jay County Choral Boosters will also sponsor a cookie walk starting at 11 a.m. prior to the concert. Jay County Patriot Band will be collecting donations for A Better Life: Brianna's Hope.

### Taking Note

#### Jayland party

Jayland Partners' annual Christmas party for people with special needs is coming up.

The event — it will be the organization's first in-person holiday celebration since the coronavirus pandemic started — will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 at Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S Hendricks St.

Activities will include dancing, face painting, caricature drawings, a photo booth and free food.

To learn more, call Jayland Partners at (317) 727-9223 or email jaylandpartnersportland@gmail.com.

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-

DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

### Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - 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 BREAK-

FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'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.

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Level: Advanced

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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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Yodel is offering 6 in-person info sessions on December 5th and 6th where you can learn how this tool will benefit your organization. Coming to these sessions will be your ticket to the calendar — you don't want to miss this!

**Dates and times being offered:**  
**Monday, December 5th – 10am, 12pm, or 6pm**  
**Tuesday, December 6th – 12pm, 3pm, or 5pm**

**All sessions will be held at the Community Resource Center – 118 South Meridian Street, Portland, IN 47371.**

Please register for one of the info sessions by calling 260.726.9311 and feel free to pass this along to any other organizations you think should be included.

*This is a valuable tool for organizations and community members in Jay County and we're excited to have you be a part of it!*

# Mental health training available

To the editor:  
December is a busy and stressful month for many of us.

However, for some people, it becomes overwhelming and extremely hard to handle.

People can have many different feelings and reasons for contemplating taking their own lives and it is not the same for any two people.

Please know you are not alone.

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Upcoming free trainings in Jay County are available for mental health first aid on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, (one day)

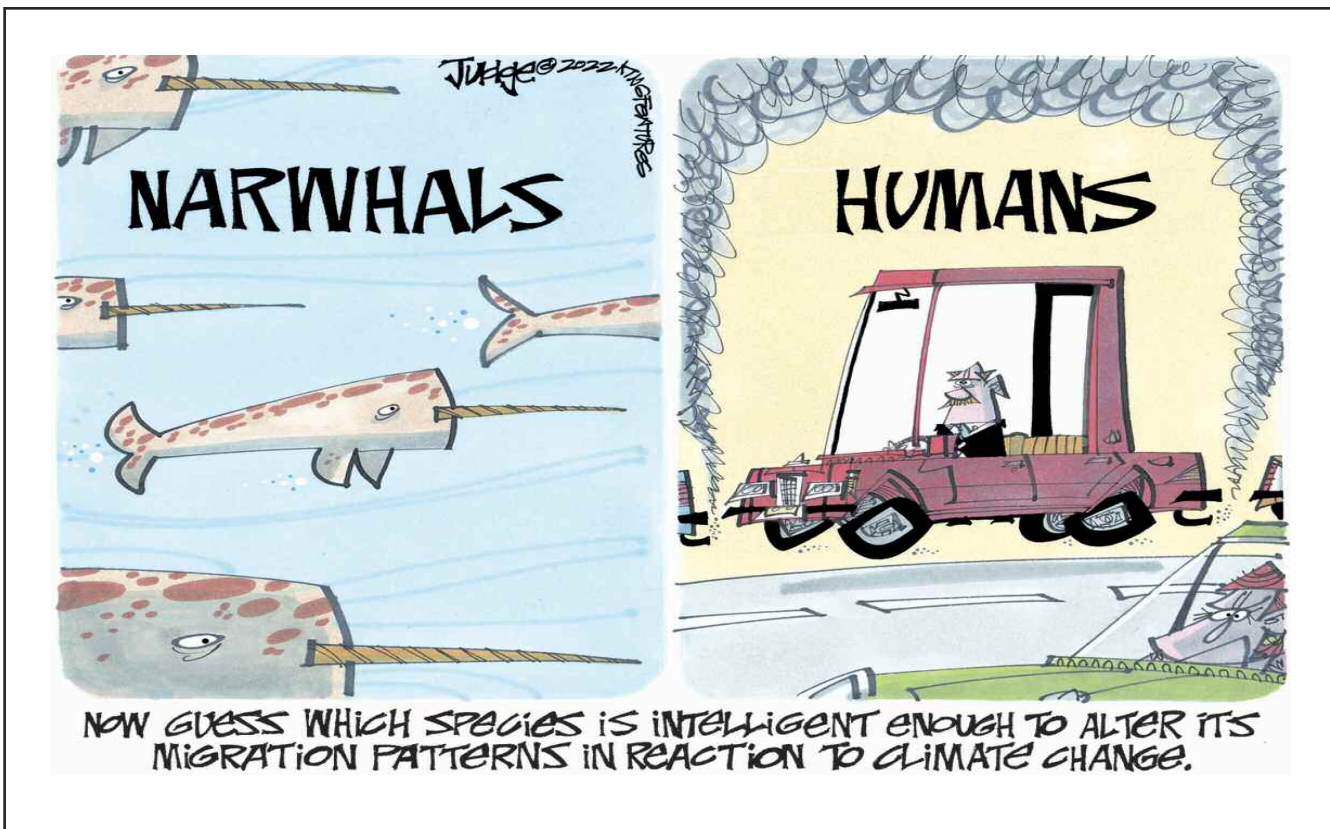
## Letters to the Editor

and applied suicide intervention training on Tuesday and Wednesday Jan. 24 and 25, 2023 (two day).

Please contact Virgil at (260) 251-3259 or virgil@jcdpc.org or Stephanie at (260) 251-3259 or stephanie@jcdpc.org.

If you are interested in attending one or both trainings.

Stephanie Patterson  
Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition



# America needs to try harder

By NICHOLAS GOLDBERG

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

I once went to the village of Koreme in Iraqi Kurdistan and walked along a dirt road past a little brick school and a makeshift mosque to a dusty field of almond trees and high grass where all the males of the village — age 13 to 43 — had been taken in 1988 and told to squat, side by side. Iraqi soldiers then opened fire, and 27 Kurdish men and boys were killed. I spoke to one of the few survivors, who had hidden behind a tree with a bullet through his knee while his brother, nephew and neighbors lay dying in the dirt.

That massacre was part of the Anfal campaign, Saddam Hussein's war against the Kurds, in which more than 50,000 people were killed. During my trip I was told, bitterly and not for the first or last time, that the West had failed to come to the defense of those who needed it. "Where were you?" one man asked.

I heard something similar from families taking shelter in a basement parking garage in southern Lebanon as bombs fell on the streets above. "Doesn't President Clinton care what is happening here?"

I heard it again from refugees during the Sudanese civil war. "Why does the world allow such atrocities?"

I remembered those conversations as I watched "The Corridors of Power," a new documentary by Dror Moreh, whose 2012 "The Gatekeepers" received an Oscar nomination. In the new film, Moreh asks senior American policymakers to explain — through the prism of crises in Rwanda, the Balkans, Iraq, Syria and elsewhere — why the United States so often fails to protect civilians in danger, despite its enormous power and, usually, good intentions.

It's a heartbreaking story of missed opportunities and good plans gone awry.

If there's one person Moreh seems to admire, it's Samantha Power, the former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations (now heading the U.S. Agency for International Development). Powers, a longtime proponent of stronger U.S. action to prevent genocide and other humanitarian disasters, lays out the central question of the film.

"What is it about all these people of good faith," she asks, "who go into public service to try to make the world better and then somehow this conception of national interest, this stoic, cold and clinical conception of what we're in government to do, takes over and we forget about the people who might have drawn us into this enterprise in the first place?"

Nicholas Goldberg



*The U.S. needs a strong, consistent moral foundation in its foreign policy and must work, in cooperation with like-minded governments, against genocide and other man-made catastrophes.*

To Moreh's credit, the film isn't simply about chastising the U.S. for its failures; it seeks to understand how the decisions get made.

What quickly becomes clear is that there are all sorts of reasons we fail to intervene, or fail to intervene successfully, in humanitarian crises. Some are defensible; some less so.

We don't always recognize the dangers in time. Or we see no exit strategy. Or we're not willing to sacrifice American lives.

Sometimes our allies won't support us, or worse yet, they are the perpetrators of the violence. Or there's no critical U.S. interest — such as oil — at stake. Or we fear another Vietnam or Somalia or Afghanistan.

Sometimes it's an election year. Or maybe Americans simply are thought to have no stomach for another foreign adventure. Or the cost — financial, political or human — is greater than we're willing to bear.

Consider: Will the U.S. or any other country intervene to defend the Uyghurs, who are being imprisoned, beaten, subjected to forced labor, forced sterilization and worse in China's Xinjiang region — even though it could mean war with Xi Jinping?

Of course not. "The minute you walk into the White House situation room, you immediately recognize that you've got a collection of imperfect people with imperfect information about what's going on, facing imperfect choices in an imperfect process," Jake Sullivan, who now serves as President Biden's national security advisor, says in Moreh's film. "... So it shouldn't come as any surprise that you end up getting imperfect results."

In one moving scene, former national security advisor Anthony Lake acknowledges he should have learned more about Rwanda and become more involved before 800,000 people were killed in three months in 1994. He'd heard the rumblings, but he was facing crises in Haiti and in Bosnia-Herzegovina and didn't focus.

"I didn't and that's on me, and I'll regret it forever," he says.

Former Assistant Secretary of State John Shattuck adds context: The Clinton administration wasted time bickering over whether to label the Rwanda slaughter a "genocide." Officials

worried, as one memo put it, that an official finding "could commit the USG to actually 'do something.'"

Here's another case of inaction. In 2012, President Obama said that if Syrian President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons against his own people it would cross a "red line" and result in "enormous consequences." But when Assad did just that, Obama did not respond, because he lacked support from Europe, the U.K. or the U.S. Congress. Some believe that lack of consequences emboldened despots everywhere; others believe Obama acted rightly to de-escalate the situation.

"Never again" is a moral statement, but is it a guiding operational principle?" asks former Clinton aide Sandy Berger. "Does it help answer whether to go into Bosnia or not? Whether to go into Syria or not? Whether to go into Rwanda or not? I don't think so."

Of course these are tough, complex decisions. Of course there are limits to American power, to NATO power, to U.N. power. Of course there are humanitarian interventions that go wrong. And clearly the U.S. can't single-handedly police the world.

But the film will convince you: The U.S. needs a strong, consistent moral foundation in its foreign policy and must work, in cooperation with like-minded governments, against genocide and other man-made catastrophes.

As Powers says: "There is a sense in many circles that promoting your values is somehow discordant with your interests. My own view is that more often than not, that is a false dichotomy."

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Goldberg is an associate editor and Op-Ed columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

# It was a mistake to doubt the kids

By SYL SOBEL

The Baltimore Sun  
Tribune News Service

Dear Millennials and Generation Zers: I'm sorry. I should have believed in you.

Ever since I started writing children's books on civics more than 20 years ago, I've talked with you in schools, in libraries and at book fairs. I've taken your questions about government and tried to answer them. I've known that you want to learn how government works and why. If something doesn't seem right or fair, you want to know why not and try to fix it.

I watched you grow along with my own kids through high school and college. I've seen how you watch out for each other and care about each other. I've noticed that you don't have the same biases and hang-ups that many of us still have about race or gender or sexuality or nationality or religion or political party.

I've seen that you value people for who they are, not for what they are or what they believe. I've watched you travel and explore and learn about other cultures and sometimes even adopt something they do because you like it and it makes sense to you. I've seen you show respect for each other and each other's beliefs.

For years, when people told me they feared for our country's future, I always said "I don't," because I had confidence in the next generation to do better than we did and to learn from and correct our mistakes.

So I'm not sure why I lost my faith going into this past election. I don't know why I believed the pundits who said young people weren't going to vote in big numbers because they rarely have in the past. I don't know why I thought that important matters like personal freedom, education, gun safety, and civility and compromise in governance didn't matter to you anymore.

But you showed us. You proved the pollsters wrong. You turned out and voted, giving us the second highest showing for a midterm in your demographic in 30 years,

Syl Sobel



according to estimates by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University.

You told us you were tired of extreme partisanship. That you wanted our elected leaders to do something for the people and not just for their parties.

You told us you were sick of posturing and polarization and that you wanted action to improve people's lives. You told us you didn't care what happened in the past, that you wanted to know what our politicians were going to do to improve the common good in the future.

Because the future is yours.

I think the best thing that could happen in this country is for aging baby boomers and Gen Xers to get out of the way and let the next generations take over. I believe we had good intentions, but somewhere along the way we mucked it up. We saw governance as a competitive sport and not as a public service. It became about winning and not about doing. I'm afraid we've kind of made a mess.

But if the Nov. 8 election told us anything, it's that you get it. You see the mess, and you're tired of it.

You want the noise and contentiousness to stop.

You don't want your personal freedoms to get tossed back and forth like a political football.

You want common-sense regulation to reduce gun violence. You want the education that's needed to fill important jobs to be available and affordable — to everyone. You want us to stop destroying the planet. And you're tired of waiting for us to do it and are ready to take over and do it yourselves.

Good. Go for it!

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# House GOP push could split caucus

By **CAROLINE COUDRIET**  
CQ-Roll Call  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — A push from some House Republicans to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas over U.S.-Mexico border security could divide the caucus as it wrangles with a narrow majority next year.

Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy went to the border last week and vowed to investigate whether to begin an impeachment inquiry against Mayorkas if he does not resign, citing historically high border crossings that have strained government resources. Mayorkas has promised to stay in his post.

But while House Republicans are united in opposition to the Biden administration's border policies, not everyone is persuaded that a Mayorkas

impeachment is the right path. And Republicans' slim majority in the 118th Congress means opposition from even a handful of members could frustrate impeachment efforts.

Rep. Don Bacon, who was recently reelected to his competitive Nebraska seat, is among several Republicans who are not yet sold on an effort to impeach Mayorkas.

"The base gets fired up for that, but you don't get swing voters or moderate voters on that," Bacon said. "I would say there's not a consensus for impeachment, but I do think our job is to do oversight. It's one of our jobs. It's not the only job, but there's gonna be oversight — and I think it's deserved."

Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee's immigration subpanel, has harshly criticized the Biden

administration's efforts to undo stringent Trump-era policies, including a partial rollback of pandemic border expulsions under Title 42 and a halt in border wall construction.

But he also seemed less than eager to begin impeachment proceedings.

"Show me treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors, and I'll consider impeachment. I've not seen that," McClintock said. "I've seen the worst administration of that department in its history, in fact, in the history of the country. But I've not seen an offense that the Constitution recognizes as impeachment."

During his press conference in El Paso, Texas, McCarthy said Mayorkas "cannot and must not" remain in his position, promising that "every order, every action and every failure" would help House

Republicans decide whether to begin impeachment.

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, the expected chairman of the House Judiciary Committee who would play a key role in any impeachment proceedings, immediately lent his support to the plan.

McCarthy, who had downplayed the possibility of impeachments by a Republican-controlled House ahead of the election, made the comments as he faces a turbulent road to the House speakership amid skepticism from right-wing members of the caucus.

A resolution to impeach Mayorkas for high crimes and misdemeanors related to actions at the border has 32 co-sponsors. It was originally introduced in 2021 by Rep. Andy Biggs, R-Ariz., who challenged McCarthy for the speakership in a November House Republican Conference vote.

While some lawmakers have been calling for Mayorkas' impeachment since 2021, McCarthy's remarks at the border last week were his first indication of support for the plan.

Impeachment plans The dynamic in the early months of the 118th Congress could echo what Democrats faced when they retook the majority in 2019, with lawmakers divided over how aggressively to pursue oversight efforts of the Trump administration.

Some Democrats wanted impeachment proceedings immediately, while others fretted that too much focus on oversight could alienate the independent voters who had helped secure the majority.

Four years later, many House Republicans support an eventual impeachment investigation but are wary of moving quickly and appearing too partisan.

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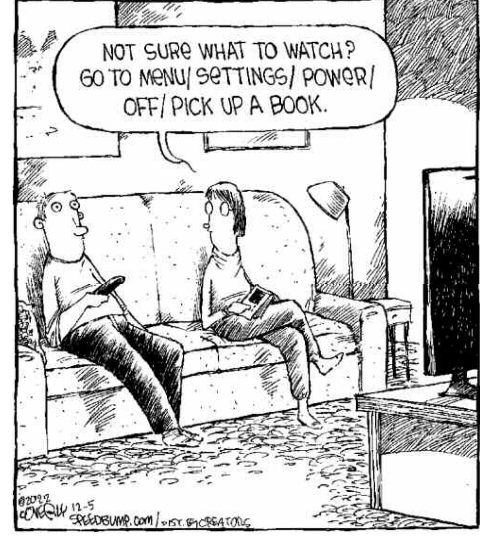
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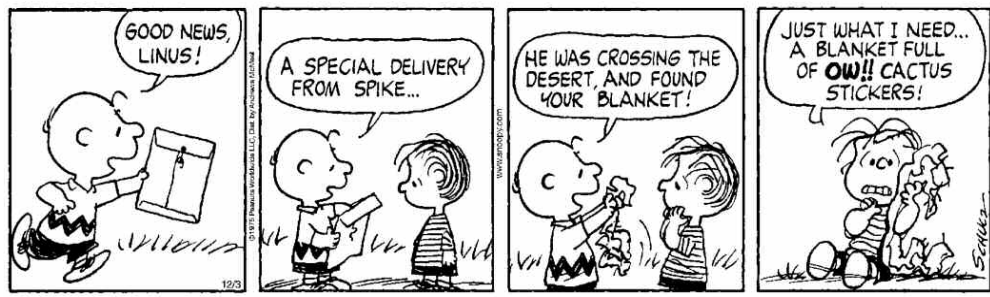
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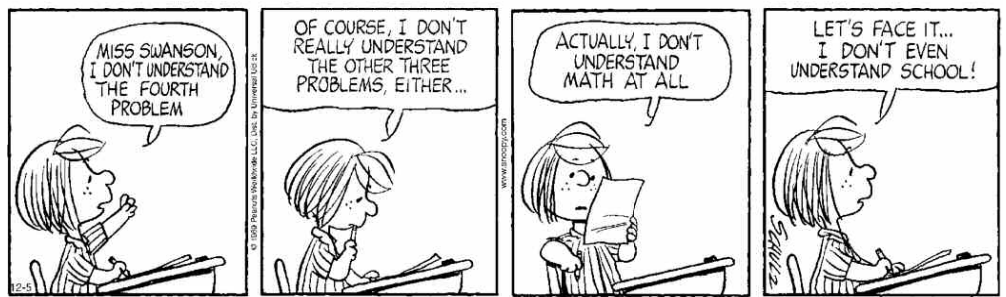
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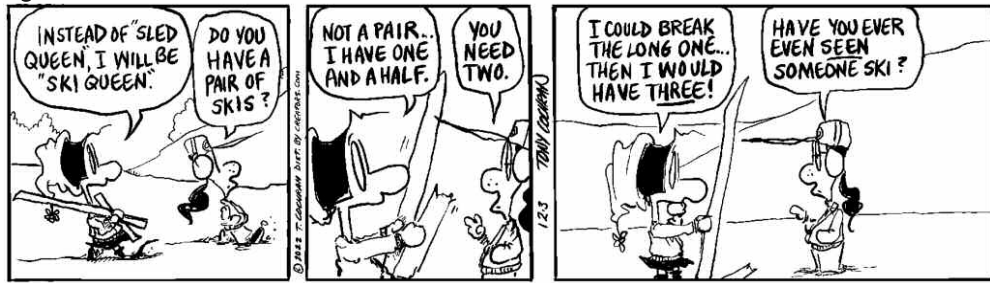
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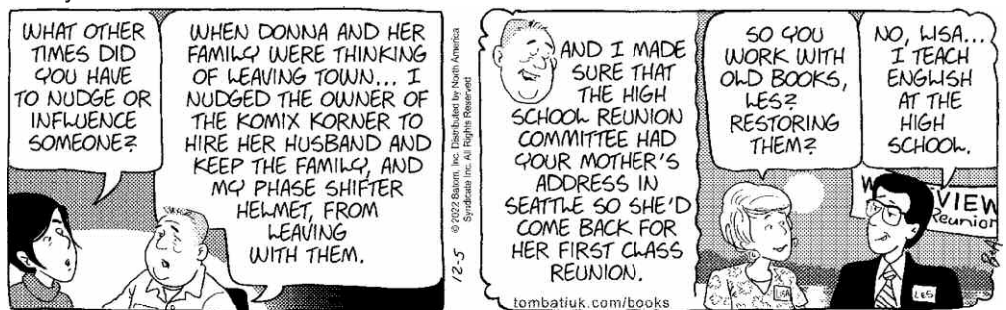
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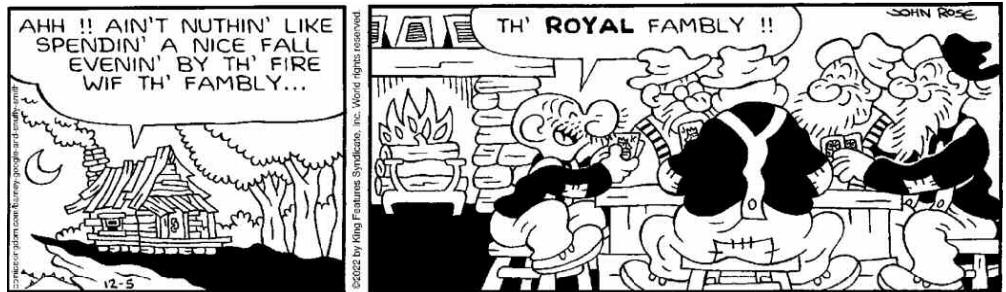
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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-2211-MF-000010 wherein First Merchants Bank was Plaintiff, and Michael G. Stoner and Amy M. Stoner a/k/a Amy M. McIntire, were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on December 22, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 am so on thereafter as is possible, at 3rd Floor Courthouse, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.  
Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty eight (28), Township Twenty three (23) North, Range Fourteen (14) East more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point Thirty (30) rods South and Eighty-two (82) rods and Twenty three (23) links East of the northwest corner of said Section Twenty-eight (28) in township and range aforesaid in the center of the Greenville Road; thence West Thirteen (13) rods; thence North Six (6) rods; thence East to the center of said Greenville Road; thence Southeast along the center of said road to the place of beginning, excepting Fifty (50) feet off of and along the entire north side thereof, and containing One quarter acre, more or less; the above described parcel being a part of Out Lot Seventeen (17) in Jackson and Reed's Addition to the City of Portland, Indiana.  
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Parcel No. 38-07-28-202-036.000-034  
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.  
Dwane Ford  
Jay County Sheriff  
Valerie L. Matheis  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC  
550 Congressional Blvd., Suite 210  
Carmel, IN 46032  
Attorney No. 28670-02  
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Lot 24 Beam Place South, Portland, Indiana, the plat of which is recorded as Document Number 9901682, Page 1 and the protective and restrictive covenants being recorded as Document Number 9901663, Pages 1-5 all in the Office of the Jay County Recorder  
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# Weathering ...

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Down 20-5 early in the second quarter, Jay County was finally able to find the bottom of the net and break through against Woodlan. Dusty Pearson put back a Josh Dowlen miss to spark a 15-4 JCHS run. Dowlen followed Pearson's bucket with a 3-pointer, and Pearson hit a fadeaway jumper.

Blake Bogenschutz, who missed his first two 3-point attempts of the night, scored eight straight points, including two triples, to turn a 24-12 deficit into just four points.

Woodlan, which held a 30-26 margin at halftime, was able to keep Jay County at bay for a majority of the third quarter.

Abraham Dirksen and Bogenschutz combined to turn what could have been just a three-point play into a five-point swing that gave Jay County the lead late in the third.

Bogenschutz, who finished with a team-high 18 points after going scoreless in the opening period, drove to the hoop for two points and drew a foul. He missed the ensuing free throw, but Dirksen hauled in the offensive rebound. Bogenschutz stepped back to the perimeter, Dirksen dished him the ball and the senior drained a 3-pointer to put Jay County out front, 38-36.

"Second half, I told them we're not back into this game until we get the lead and the basketball," said Bomholt, whose team hosts Fort Recovery (1-0) tonight. "We finally got in that situation."

Woodlan, which was 10-of-18 through the first two quarters, missed all six of its field goal attempts in the third

quarter. The Warriors' first second-half field goal came by way of an Alex Miller 3-pointer to give the hosts a 44-42 lead nearing the midway point of the fourth quarter.

However Pearson (two free throws), Bennett Weitzel (jumper off the glass) and Dirksen (split a pair of one-and-ones) gave Jay County a lead they'd never give up.

Two more Dirksen freebies gave Jay County its biggest lead of the game, 51-46, and despite Woodlan closing the gap to just one point the Patriots were able to sink enough free throws — albeit missing three in a row — to earn their first win of the year.

"Missing free throws almost cost us there," Bomholt said. "We have to get in those situations before you get better at them and we got in (those situations) tonight."

Smith led all players with a career-high 29 points, 20 of which came in the first half. He finished the night with a 7-of-10 effort from 3-point range after entering the game 6-of-10 from the perimeter. Miller, who was averaging 19 points per game, joined him in double figures with 11 points.

Dowlen, who faced foul trouble late in the fourth quarter, nearly matched Bogenschutz by scoring 17 points. Pearson chipped in 10 points and Weitzel contributed four points.

Bomholt was pleased with how his team responded to the hole after the first quarter.

"We showed a lot of resiliency early," he said. "I thought that was the most important thing that happened to us."

"We could have fallen apart. We didn't rush



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Jay County High School's Josh Dowlen, left, competes against Richmond on Nov. 26 at Tiernan Center in Richmond. Dowlen scored 17 points to help the Patriots bounce back from a 56-43 loss to Richmond by earning a 56-51 win on Friday against Woodlan in the Allen County Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

things and then all the sudden (Bogenschutz) got a fire lit under him and he shot us back into it. That was big for us."

### Junior varsity

Like their varsity counterparts, an early deficit didn't phase Jay

County as a 22-point third quarter propelled the Patriots to a 59-51 victory.

Jay County, which trailed by four points at the end of the first and went into intermission down by eight, caught fire out of the break.

Liam Garringer scored half of his team-high 14 points in the third quarter, while he, Ben Crouch and Gradin Swoveland each hit shots from distance.

Meanwhile, the Patriot defense limited the Warriors to nine points, its

### Box score

Woodlan Warriors (3-1, 0-1 ACAC)  
vs. Jay County Patriots (1-1, 1-0 ACAC)

#### Boys varsity summary

	Jay County	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Dowlen	4-12	6-9	17	
Dirksen	0-2	7-8	7	
Bogshutz	7-11	0-3	18	
Pearson	4-8	2-2	10	
Weitzel	2-4	0-0	4	
Nichols	0-0	0-0	0	
Bihn	0-0	0-0	0	
Link	0-0	0-0	0	
Dunnington	0-0	0-0	0	
Crouch	0-0	0-0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-37</b>	<b>15-22</b>	<b>56</b>	
	<b>.459</b>	<b>.612</b>		

Score by quarters:  
Jay Co. 5 21 15 16—56  
Woodlan 18 12 9 12—51

3-point shooting: Jay County 7-15 (Bogenschutz 4-7, Dowlen 3-5, Dirksen 0-2, Pearson 0-1). Woodlan 9-19.

Rebounds: Jay County 18, Woodlan 17.

Turnovers: Jay County 7, Woodlan 9.

fewest quarter total of the night, and went into the final frame ahead 44-39.

Parker Nichols and Couch chipped in 10 points each, as Trevin Dunnington and Swoveland each had seven points.

### Freshman

Jay County led after each quarter in a 60-30 dismantling of Woodlan.

The Patriots led by just three, 11-8, at the end of the first quarter before exploding for 18 points before halftime to go into the locker room with a 10-point lead.

Jay County held a 16-9 margin in the third quarter and ran away with the win in the final period.

Kade Sommers led the way with 16 points, as Aiden Phillips contributed nine points and Jacob Monroe and Drew Schemenaur had eight points each.

# Sports on tap

### Local schedule

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

**Monday**  
Jay County — Junior high girls basketball vs. Selma — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Union City — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Crestview — 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Boys wrestling vs. Delta, Yorktown and Winchester — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Swimming at Oak Hill — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Muncie Southside — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls bowling at New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Boys basketball at Fort Loramie — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Parkway — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup round

of 16 — United States vs. Netherlands (FOX)

Noon — College football: Toledo vs. Ohio (ESPN); Kansas State vs. TCU (ABC)

2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — Australia vs. Argentina (FOX) 2:30 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Hero World Challenge (NBC)

3:30 p.m. — College football: Coastal Carolina vs. Troy (ESPN)

4 p.m. — College football: LSU vs. Georgia (CBS); Fresno State vs. Boise State (FOX); Southern vs. Jackson State (ESPN2); Central Florida vs. Tulane (ABC)

6 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Minnesota at Michigan State (BTN)

7 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Pittsburgh Penguins (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)

8 p.m. — College football: Clemson vs. North Carolina (ABC); Purdue vs. Michigan (FOX)

**Sunday**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — Poland vs. France (FS1)

Noon — Women's college basketball: Ohio State at Rutgers (BTN)

1 p.m. — NFL football: New York Jets at Minnesota Vikings (CBS); Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears (FOX)

1 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Hero World Challenge (NBC)

2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — Senegal vs. England (FS1)

4 p.m. — NFL football: Kansas City Chiefs at Cincinnati Bengals (CBS)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Northwestern at Michigan State (BTN); Stanford at Arizona State (ESPN2)

8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Indianapolis Colts at Dallas Cowboys (NBC)

9 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Portland Trail Blazers (Bally Indiana)

**Monday**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — Croatia vs. Japan (FOX)

2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — TBA (FOX)

8:15 p.m. — NFL football: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Golden State Warriors (Bally Indiana)

**Tuesday**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — Spain vs. Morocco (FOX)

2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup round of 16 — TBA (FOX)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Georgia at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)

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## Weathering Woodlan

*Jay County shakes off hot shooting early to get first win of the season*

By **CHRIS SCHANZ**

The Commercial Review

WOODBURN — The Patriots were dead to rights after eight minutes of play.

They mustered just five points offensively, while allowing Braden Smith and the Warriors to get hot from the perimeter.

But as the Warrior offense started to get cold, the Patriots started to heat up.

A 21-point second quarter sparked the Jay County High School boys basketball team to overtake the host Woodlan Warriors in the third quarter and the Patriots held on down the stretch for a 56-51 victory Friday in the Allen County Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

“Just a little gutsier,” JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose team bounced back from a season-opening 56-43 road loss to Richmond on Nov. 26, said to WPGW following the game. “We get down early, let them hit four or five threes right off the bat. I tried to explain to them we can’t let their 3-point shooters get started.

“Then we worked our way back. Get it to nine, then 7, then four, and now you’re in the ball game.”

At the first quarter break, Jay County (1-1, 0-1 ACAC) was licking its wounds and wondering how it was going to slow down Smith.

The junior guard made his first four attempts from long range, including three consecutive possessions for the previously-undefeated Woodlan (3-1, 0-1 ACAC).

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Blake Bogenschutz, a Jay County High School senior, lets a shot fly during a game against the Richmond Red Devils on Nov. 26 at Tiernan Center in Richmond. Bogenschutz scored a team-high 18 points to lead the Patriots to a win against the Woodlan Warriors, 56-51, on Friday night.

## Berhalter aims to beat country that taught him

By **KEVIN BAXTER**

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

DOHA, Qatar — The education of Gregg Berhalter began at an elite boarding school in New Jersey and continued at the University of North Carolina. And while that book learning was fine and all, neither school taught Berhalter the subject he really wanted to study, which was soccer.

So he left college a year short of a degree for a kind of study-abroad program in the Netherlands. He didn’t get a degree there either, but what he learned changed his life and may have altered the direction of U.S. Soccer for the better.

Whether it works out as well for the Dutch will be determined Saturday when Berhalter, now coach of the U.S. national team, applies what he absorbed against the Netherlands in a World Cup knockout game.

“I learned so much in Holland,” said Berhalter, who played more than 100 games for three clubs in the Netherlands in the 1990s. “That was a great experience being there. After every game you talk with people about the game. People love to discuss soccer and you really learn a lot.

“If I wasn’t in Holland, I don’t think I would have had that building that really helped shape my ideas.”

The American team’s Dutch pedigree goes far deeper than just its coach, however. Earnie Stewart, U.S. Soccer’s sporting director, was born in the

**U.S. and Netherlands meet in Round of 16 at 10 a.m. today**

Netherlands and played 15 seasons there before retiring to become technical director and later director of football affairs for two first-division Dutch clubs. Midfielder Christian Pulisic, who was cleared to play Saturday after a painful pelvic bruise he suffered against Iran, tried out for a Dutch team and nearly signed there when he was a teenager. And outside back Sergiño Dest, who was also born in Holland, was heavily recruited by the Dutch national team before Berhalter convinced him to play for the U.S.

Now he’ll be starting against his homeland in a World Cup.

But, Berhalter stressed Friday, this isn’t homecoming week. It’s a business trip.

“It’s nice to have some history, it’s nice to have a connection,” said Berhalter, who took a question at Friday’s pregame news conference in Dutch. “It is nice to see some familiar faces, get some text messages from friends back in Holland. But [Saturday] night’s all business.”



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

*Deadline for all ads & photos is*

**December 7th!**

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

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