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The staff of The Commercial Review selected the 150th Jay County Fair as the top local news story of 2022. The fair welcomed a new carnival company and celebrated the milestone with various recognition events for fair board members, former queens and others, one of the most well-attended country concerts in the history of the event — Cole Swindell (pictured) performed to a packed grandstand and track despite rainy weather — and a closing fireworks display.

150th Jay County Fair leads list of local stories for 2022

By RAY COONEY and BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

COVID-19 ... was not the top story of the year.

The pandemic had topped our list of local stories in both 2020 and 2021. And while it will make an appearance on this year's top 10 list, it isn't in the No. 1 spot.

During the last year that COVID-19 did not top our list — murders did. This year saw a couple of murder cases come to a resolution, with several more high-profile crimes being added to the court ledger.

Those types of stories often are fodder for top story of the year. But we decided to go in a different, more festive, direction.

So, The Commercial Review's No. 1 story of the 2022 was the 150th Jay County Fair and all of the celebrations during the eight-day event. It included a new carnival company — Primetime Carnival Company — a concert featuring Cole Swindell and fireworks to cap off the festivities.

The rest of the top 10 stories for 2022 are as follows:

2. Portland residents charged with murder and attempted murder, all involving family members
3. Murder charges for Cory Jones and Roger Boyd from 2022 resolved
4. Dunkirk police chief, officer involved in fatal shooting

5. Pennville boy drowns in pond
6. Portland Municipal Airport runway extension completed
7. COVID-19 spikes in January and February
8. Arts Place has multiple leadership changes
9. Jay County, Portland and Dunkirk discussion regarding raises, budgets
10. Renna Schwieterman breaks all-time scoring record

1. Fair celebrates 150
Jay County Fair Board planned a series of special activities to celebrate the 150th Jay County Fair, which ran July 9 through 16. They included honoring former fair board members at the opening demolition derby, a "community dinner," a ceremony to honor all former fair queens and free popcorn, candy and balloons. Floral Hall, the oldest building on the fairgrounds, featured displays about fair and local history. Cole Swindell headlined one of the fair's most well-attended country concerts. And the event closed with a fireworks display at dusk on its final day.

2. Major charges
Three Portland residents were charged in court for killing or seriously injuring family members. See **Top 10** page 5

Arrest made in Idaho killings

Pennsylvania man is awaiting extradition

By ALEX BRIZEE
Idaho Statesman
Tribune News Service

BOISE, Idaho — The Moscow Police Department confirmed at a press conference Friday afternoon that Bryan Christopher Kohberger had been arrested in Pennsylvania in the killings of four University of Idaho students in the early morning hours of Nov. 13.

Kohberger is a 28-year-old graduate student at Washington State University, located in Pullman, Washington, about 9 miles from Moscow. He faces four first-degree murder charges, the Latah County prosecutor said.

Pennsylvania State Police confirmed to the Statesman that Kohberger was taken into custody on a "fugitive from justice warrant" in connection with the homicides early Friday at a home in Chestnuthill Township in Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

Kohberger, of nearby Albrightsville, Pennsylvania, was awaiting extradition from the Monroe County Correctional Facility, according to court documents obtained by the Idaho Statesman and an online jail record.

Kohberger is a graduate student in the criminal justice and criminology department at Washington State University in Pullman, according to law enforcement officials and a page on the university's website that was taken down later Friday.

Kohberger faces four first-degree murder charges and a felony burglary charge, Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson said at the press conference. See **Arrest** page 2

Retrospect

Patriots placed second in ECIC

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Patriots came up just short.

The Dec. 29, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review included coverage of the East Central Indiana Classic, in which the Jay County High School wrestling team finished second by two points to Yorktown after failing to score in the championship round.

"We thought we had it won," said JCHS coach Craig Campbell. "We were leading going into the final round. Unfortunately we didn't get any points in the finals."

"Yorktown won the crucial matches they needed to win to put them in a position to win the tournament."

"We just needed to win one more match during the day. I can't point out one specific match that lost it for us."

The Patriots performed well, putting 10 wrestlers in the semifinals with Brian Casteor (103), Chris Nichols (160), Joe Aspy (171) and Aric Hartvig (HWT) making it to the championship. All four finished in second place.

Shawn Jordan (145) dropped his first match of the season in the semifinal round to Yorktown's Nick Lewis, the eventual champion, before bouncing back to win the third-place match. Heath Alexander (119) also finished third.

Campbell said he was hopeful the loss for Jordan would



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Jay County High School's Joe Aspy pins his opponent in the first round of the East Central Indiana Classic on Dec. 28, 1997. He was one of four Patriots to advance to the finals as the team finished in second place.

be a bump in the road on the way to the state finals.

"Our goal for Shawn is that everything is practice until he gets to Market Square Arena," the coach said.

Joel Sanderson (140), Jeremiah Abbott (152), Jason Million (189) and James Brewster (215) all placed fourth.

"I see a lot of improvement on this team," Campbell said.

"We had some good individual records at the meet. Brian Casteor improves daily. He beat two guys who were seeded above him in the tournament. He did really well."

Deaths

Frances Brown, 78, Portland
Karen Resler, 72, Portland
Gary Cart, 51, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 57 degrees Friday. The low was 43.

Rain is expected this morning, and the high will be 45. Highs will be in the 50s Sunday and Monday under mostly cloudy skies. Rain is in the forecast for Monday night.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

With New Year's Day falling on Sunday, The Commercial Review's publishing schedule will remain unchanged.

From all of us at The Commercial Review, we wish our readers a happy new year and we look forward to serving you in 2023.

Coming up

Tuesday — A look at the top 10 local sports stories from 2022.

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



Obituaries

Frances Brown

April 15, 1944-Dec. 29, 2022
Frances Brown, age 78, a resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at her home in Portland.

Frances was born on April 15, 1944, in Portland, the daughter of John and Mazie (Spade) Imel. She graduated from Portland High School in 1962 and worked for Meinerding's in Fort Recovery, Haines Mill and Standard Brush and Broom in Portland. She was a member of Portland American Legion Post #211 Auxiliary and Portland Moose Lodge.

She married Ernie Brown on Aug. 22, 1995, and he passed away on March 7, 2002.

Survivors include:

Her children — Kari Tressler (husband: Guy), Portland, Indiana; Russell G. Reichard, Jr. (wife: Susan), Jasper, Indiana; Lori Reichard, Celina, Ohio; Cheryl Vanskyock (husband: Kurt), Portland, Indiana; Rick Reichard (wife: Lilly), Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Lisa Sheward, Portland, Indiana

One sister — Vera Jackson, Portland, Indiana

Thirteen grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2



Brown

p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Little Salamonina Cemetery, southeast of Portland.

Memorials may be directed towards the donor's choice.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Karen Resler

July 31, 1950-Dec. 29, 2022

Karen Resler, age 72, of Portland passed away on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born in Portland on July 31, 1950, the daughter of

Harold and Zella (Franks) Derrickson. Karen had worked at Bank of Geneva in Portland, MainSource Bank in Portland, Walmart and Ludwig's Grocery. She was a member of Jay County Historical Society, Jay County Genealogy Society and Jay Visitors & Tourism Bureau, and was secretary/treasurer of Green Park Cemetery Association.

Surviving are one son, Brett Resler of Portland; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Willard Derrickson.

There will be no funeral services.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the

Jay County Historical Society or Genealogy Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Gary D. Cart, Portland, July 18, 1971-Dec. 29, 2022. Graveside services will be held at a later date at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennington.

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

Sunday 1/1	Monday 1/2	Tuesday 1/3	Wednesday 1/4	Thursday 1/5
52/43	56/51	62/39	45/30	37/27
Skies will be mostly cloudy with a high of 52. The low will be 43.	The high will be 56 with a chance of rain beginning after 1 p.m. and more likely later in the day.	More rain is expected, specifically in the morning hours. The high will climb into the low 60s.	Skies will be mostly cloudy with a high of 45. There is a chance of rain and snow at night.	The high will be 37 under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-6-9 Daily Four: 3-5-9-8 Quick Draw: 2-4-9-11-18-19-28-38-39-41-45-48-54-56-57-59-60-66-74-78	Pick 4: 6-9-0-1 Pick 5: 9-7-6-7-5
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-3-0	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$246 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$685 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.91 Dec. corn.....6.91 Wheat.....7.03	Wheat.....7.32 July wheat.....7.78
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.94 Jan. corn.....6.94 Feb. corn.....6.85	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.72 Jan. corn.....6.74 Beans.....15.09 Jan. beans.....15.09 Wheat.....7.78
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.78 Jan. corn.....6.78 Beans.....15.14 Jan. beans.....15.19	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.83 Jan. corn.....6.83 Beans.....14.89 Jan. beans.....14.91 Wheat.....7.32

Today in history

In 1600, the East India Company was incorporated by English royal charter. It was formed for trade with East and Southeast Asia and India. It would later become involved in politics, acting as an agent of British imperialism.

In 1857, Queen Victoria of England named Ottawa, a city in Ontario where the Ottawa, Gatineau and Rideau rivers meet, as the capital of Canada.

In 1972, Roberto Clemente of the Pittsburgh Pirates died in a plane crash on a trip to provide relief supplies to earthquake survivors in Nicaragua. Clemente finished his Major League Baseball career with exactly 3,000 hits.

In 1991, the Soviet Union came to an official end after Russia and other former Soviet republics declared themselves independent and founded the Commonwealth of Independent States.

In 1999, Boris Yeltsin resigned as president of Russia. Prime minister Vladimir Putin became acting president and then was elected to the post the next year. He served as president until 2008. He was elected again in 2012 and has served in that role since then.

In 2019, the World Health Organization first learned of cases of a disease in Wuhan, China. It was later determined to be COVID-19, becoming a global pandemic that forced shutdowns across the world in 2020.

In 2013, the Rev. Ruth Funk took over as pastor of Hopewell of Life Ministries a day after the retirement of the Rev. Herb Hummel.

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Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennington Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.	Thursday 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.
Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.	

Court could look at pet case

By CARSON GERBERG
Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

Should Hoosier dog owners know if the breed of their pet makes it more likely to be aggressive?

That's the question at the heart of a court case that could substantially change how dog owners are held liable if their pet attacks another person.

The case stems from an incident in 2020 in which Damon Daniels, a delivery driver for FedEx, was dropping off a package at a remote 16-acre homestead in Franklin County. When he neared the house, he saw a 140-pound Great Dane lying there.

He honked a few times to get the attention of homeowner Lisa Drake, asking if the dog named Max was "okay." Drake gave him a thumbs up, according to court records.

But as Daniels approached Drake and Max with the package, the 2-year-old canine barked — and then bit the FedEx driver like a "clamp" on his abdomen.

The bite left three puncture wounds and a one-centimeter laceration to his abdominal wall, as well as deep bruising and substantial swelling. Daniels ended up spending the night in the hospital so doctors could treat his injuries.

About a month later, Daniels filed

a complaint against Drake and her husband, Jeffery, seeking damages related to the dog bite. A Franklin County judge quickly issued summary judgement in the case ruling the Drakes were not liable for the incident.

That's because Indiana's common law presumes that "all dogs, regardless of breed or size, are . . . harmless, domestic animals" unless proven otherwise.

The law says dog owners are off the hook for a first-time, unprovoked attack unless the injured can prove one of two things: the owner knew, or should have known, that their dog had dangerous propensities; or knew, or should know, whether the breed to which the dog belongs has natural, dangerous tendencies.

The Drakes submitted evidence showing Max had never acted aggressively towards anyone, including at the vet or during trips to places like Lowes and Home Depot. The dog had never needed to be muzzled, restrained or given calming aids.

However, Daniels submitted expert testimony from a canine behavioral specialist and animal control officer, who said Great Danes are bred as guard dogs and have tendencies to be territorial, which might endanger

the safety of a stranger treading on its owners' property.

The Drakes challenged the relevance of that testimony, arguing that it came from an expert and by its very nature "relates to some field beyond the knowledge of lay persons."

The Indiana Court of Appeals in September found Drakes' argument to be "novel but unpersuasive," and overturned the Franklin County judge's summary judgement in the case, requiring it be returned to a lower court for further proceedings.

"This evidence (by the canine expert) created a genuine issue of material fact as to the dangerous tendencies of Great Danes, which, if true, the Drakes are bound to have known," the court said in its ruling.

Now, the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, an association of Indiana attorneys who defend clients in civil litigation, is arguing the case should be decided by the Indiana Supreme Court, saying the appeal court's decision "changes the landscape of Indiana dog bite law."

That's because the ruling "may have far-reaching and long-lasting implications for all Indiana litigants" because it automatically asserts that laypersons should have expert knowledge in negligence cases, the counsel argues.

Arrest ...

Continued from page 1

No federal charges are expected at this time, one law enforcement official told McClatchy's Washington, D.C. bureau.

Kohberger is expected to appear in court at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday for an extradition hearing, according to a court document.

Thompson said Idaho law stipulates that the affidavit with facts of the case against Kohberger has to remain sealed until Kohberger is physically in the state of Idaho.

The victims were Madison Mogen, 21, of Coeur d'Alene, and Kaylee Goncalves, 21, of Rathdrum; junior Xana Kernodle, 20, of Post Falls; and freshman Ethan Chapin, 20, of Mount Vernon, Washington.

The slayings shocked the normally placid college town, and the mystery surrounding them captivated the nation. A motive for the killings has not yet been disclosed, and it's not yet known whether a weapon has been found. Many details of the authorities' investigation remained guarded as officials kept information confidential to maintain what they said was the integrity of the investigation.

One recent point of interest has been the search for a white Hyundai Elantra that investigators said was near the house where the students were killed the night they died. NBC, citing law enforcement sources, reported that a Hyundai Elantra was taken away from Kohberger's home in Pennsylvania on Friday.

SERVICES

Monday
Shaver, Janet: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday
Brown, Frances: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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

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Lack of calls hurt friendship

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single man who has a close female friend who is also single. We live about a half-hour apart, so for the last 25 years, much of our relationship happened on the phone. We talked almost daily.

Two years ago, I noticed she had stopped calling me unless it was to make plans to get together. Then I noticed that when I called her, she'd let it go to voicemail and not return my call for days. About a year ago, she stopped returning my voice messages altogether. I tried reducing my calls drastically, but no dice. I also tried switching to texts, but she doesn't respond to those, either.

You might conclude that she's unframing me, but that's not the case. We still get together often for dinner or a movie, usually at her suggestion via email, and she still acts like we are close friends and nothing is wrong. But not returning, or even acknowledging, my calls or texts sure feels wrong to me. I have tried asking her about it, but she brushes it off by saying she "didn't hear the phone." Or she's "bad at checking voicemail and texts."

Her latest excuse is, she's "just not good on the telephone." Abby, I know phone etiquette has changed and young people rarely use the phone these days. But we are in our 60s, and for 25 years our relationship was largely on the phone. It's one thing to want to cut back on that, or even to stop calling me. But ignoring my (now infrequent) calls or texts seems hurtful. Is this normal, and should I still consider such a person one of my closest friends? — GHOSTED IN THE WEST

DEAR GHOSTED: A sudden change in pattern is not normal. SOMETHING has

Dear Abby



changed. Because you can't get her to explain what has caused this change in her behavior, consider taking a page out of her playbook. Communicate with her via email only in response to her emails to you, and find some other friends who will treat you courteously.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow, and I miss my husband very much. We used to go out to dinner together often. I have friends I have dinners with, but sometimes I go out by myself. Every time I do, after I say I am dining alone, the host or hostess asks, "Just you?" It is like an insult — just me? Like I need a reminder that I am alone without a husband.

I recently mentioned this to a friend who told me he experiences the same thing when he dines alone. He, too, considers it insulting. Please share this with readers who work in the hospitality industry. — JUST ME IN COLORADO

DEAR JUST ME: I'm printing your letter, but I think you may be reacting to a question that may be more about procedure than a social commentary. Your host or server may ask that question because they want to know whether the extra place settings should be removed from the table.

DEAR ABBY: My son married

in 2016. Because of his wife's drug use, he divorced her in 2018. Before their large November wedding, I crocheted her a gorgeous shawl as a gift. (My late mother lined it.) It was a stunning piece, trimmed throughout with gold yarn scalloping in intermittent rows and along the edges. I thought she would enjoy it, but she never took it out of its packaging. She stuffed it in a nightstand drawer in the guest room.

My son ran across it a few weeks ago and didn't realize what it was. Now that I have it back, I don't know what to do with it. I know of some upcoming weddings, but I feel if I explain what it is, it would be considered unlucky. Should I donate it to charity? — UNDECIDED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR UNDECIDED: BECAUSE YOU ARE HESITANT TO GIVE THE SHAWL TO ANYONE BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE BAD KARMA, FEEL FREE TO DONATE IT TO SOMEONE WHO CAN APPRECIATE THE WORK AND LOVE THAT WENT INTO CREATING IT. (YOU COULD ALSO USE IT YOURSELF, UNLESS YOU ARE AFRAID THE BAD LUCK COULD RUB OFF ON YOU.)

DEAR READERS: AS I REFLECT BACK ON THIS PAST YEAR, I ALSO WANT TO WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY 2023. DID IT FLY BY FOR YOU AS QUICKLY AS IT DID FOR ME? I WILL JOIN YOU TONIGHT IN "TOASTING" A NEW YEAR THAT, I HOPE, WILL BE A LESS STRESSFUL ONE FOR ALL OF US. IF YOU ARE CELEBRATING TONIGHT, PLEASE TAKE MEASURES TO PROTECT NOT ONLY YOUR OWN HEALTH, BUT ALSO THE SAFETY OF OTHERS. HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE! — LOVE, ABBY

Library hosting reading challenge

The heart of winter is a great time to read.

Jay County Public Library is holding a Winter Reading Challenge for patrons of all ages from Jan. 16 through Feb. 25.

Those interested in participating in the challenge will need to read three books during the challenge timeframe. They will then be asked to write the titles of the books on a form provided in order to build a snowman. Participants may complete as many snowmen as they would like, and children 12 and younger will be entered to win a prize basket.

The library has a series of other activities scheduled for January, including an interactive STEM studio at 3 p.m. Jan. 4. It will involve learning about science, technology, engineering, art, and math through a hands-on process.

Also in January, Lego play times will be from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 12 and 26 as well as 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 21. Take and make activities for all ages will be available Jan. 23.

Adult programs will include two TrueCrimeU events — Drugs and Toxicology at 6 p.m. Jan. 9 and Arson and Explosives at 6 p.m. Jan. 16.

Trine names

Trine University recently named several area students to its president's list and dean's list.

Taking Note

Named to the president's list were Isaac Braun and Levi Peterson of Portland. In order to earn the honor, a student must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

Making the dean's list were Kenzie Ring of Dunkirk and Olivia Rowles of Portland. Students earning the honor must have a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.749.

Nominations open

Indiana Department of Environmental Management is accepting nominations for the 2023 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence.

Awards are given in seven categories — Energy Efficiency/Renewable Resources; Environmental Education/Outreach; Five Year Continuous Improvement; Greening the Government; Land Use/Conservation; Pollution Prevention; and, Recycling/Reuse. Nominated projects must have occurred in Indiana and been implemented in 2021 or 2022.

Nominations are available at idem.IN.gov. The deadline for nominations is March 6. Awards will be presented in September.

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.

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.

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 Unit-

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

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.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are

invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call

Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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Senate failed Afghans, U.S. troops

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Let's get right to the point: If and when Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and Sen. Chuck Grassley ever again try to prop up their bona fides as supporters of U.S. troops and our allies abroad, they should be laughed out of the room.

Last week, the two GOP senators defied a coalition including various lawmakers in their own party and hundreds of military veterans — from enlisted service members to high-ranking offi-

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cers — by opposing the inclusion of the Afghan Adjustment Act in the \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending bill that was just approved, dooming it to be left out.

These scoundrels will try to

weasel their way out of criticism by cynically invoking a supposed threat to national security, as if what they've done weren't a threat ten thousand times greater. What that is is preventing tens of thousands of Afghan evacuees who've been paroled into the United States, largely during our botched withdrawal, from obtaining permanent status and keep them at risk of deportation.

Included are Afghan service members who quite literally saved American troops' lives, as

well as all manner of support staff in both military and civilian roles large and small who kept the entire U.S. operation chugging along. Some of them may be eligible for Special Immigrant Visas, but many aren't, and it's not that only the Afghans directly involved in the war effort deserve protections. Plenty of the arrivals are regular families who saw the Taliban closing in and decided to seek a better future. Now, we are threatening to steal away that future and toss them to the wolves.

Under the act, residency isn't handed out willy-nilly; applicants would go through the same adjustment process that hundreds of thousands of people already use every year, and will be some of the most heavily vetted people on Earth. Turning our backs regardless sends a pretty clear international message that the U.S. will quickly forget even those who directly assisted us at great personal peril.

How's that for national security?

Roaring '20s are over, let's get real

By LIONEL LAURENT
Bloomberg Opinion

It's hard to believe that the post-COVID world at one point was supposed to usher in a new consumer-led boom worthy of the "Roaring Twenties."

Instead, crises have only kept piling up, from war to inflation, triggering disparate, overlapping shocks. Some call it a "polycrisis."

Societies have shown themselves remarkably able to adapt.

Inflation is showing signs of easing — a relief. But Pictet Asset Management strategists still expect global growth to slow to 1.7% in 2023, with stagnation in most developed economies and outright recession in Europe.

The "Realistic" Twenties has less of a ring to it, but that's a more likely view of next year.

On financial markets, investment froth and euphoria worthy of the flappers have been forcibly brought down to earth by interest-rate hikes.

Cryptocurrencies, unprofitable tech and real estate have been hammered and will remain unloved. Pension funds investing in risky three-letter trades like FTX (crypto) or LDI (derivatives) have learned costly lessons.

Policy realism is also setting in. Instead of fueling radical solutions, the aftermath of this bursting of leveraged market bubbles will see governments and policymakers get pushed toward the economic mainstream. That's effectively what happened during the UK's mini-budget crisis, which deflated the high-spending aspirations of the Brexiters.

States will have to tread carefully in pursuing credible economic policies without making the recession worse. Next year will test France's ability to better target energy aid, bring down its budget deficit and deliver long-awaited pension reform.

It's a goal worth pursuing.

Less encouragingly, huge global investment challenges for the future like the energy transition are running into reality checks of their own. COP27 was a disappointment in European eyes with little progress to meet targets.

The EU is running to stand still in energy terms, spending billions to replace Russian natural gas.

Lionel Laurent



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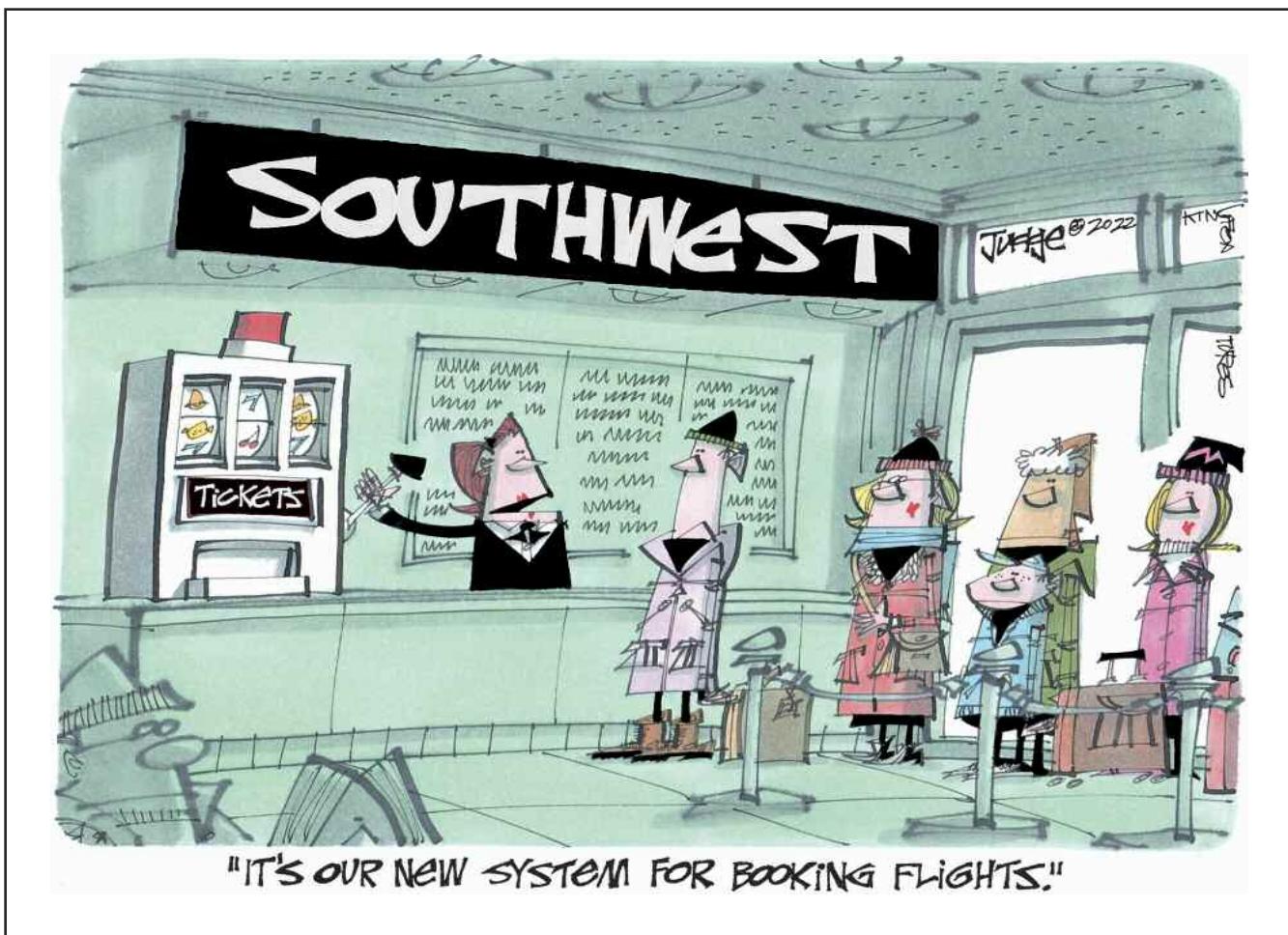
As much as war produced a spirit of unity in the face of adversity, expect more realpolitik to set the tone internationally.

Alliances will be based on energy supply needs rather than normative wants. The limits of "friend-shoring" in goods trade will be clear as Europe chafes against US domestic subsidies boosting its auto industry. Attempts by the U.S. to corral a coalition of the willing against China will see more resistance.

There'll be little to roar about next year, especially in Europe.

But maybe a dose of realism will be enough to stop complacency winning out in the face of this poly-crisis.

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Indiana's parks are a jewel

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Wallace Stegner, an American writer and historian, called national parks "the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst." We can say exactly the same about our state parks and our other public lands as well.

Thanks to visionaries including Richard Lieber, in the early 20th century Indiana joined the national movement to protect America's natural heritage with the establishment of our first two state parks — McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run. Lieber went on to become the first director of the Indiana Department of Conservation (now the Indiana Department of Natural Resources). Botanist Charles Deam who became Indiana's first state forester was a pioneer in forest restoration and catalogued the wonderful plant diversity of our native forests and other ecosystems in four books including Trees of Indiana and Flora of Indiana.

Other biologists and naturalists worked to document the state's unique natural areas and called for a system of dedicated nature preserves. The Indiana General Assembly in 1967 passed a law providing for the protection of these very special and distinctive areas, many of which were described by the Indiana Natural Areas Survey in a landmark publication, "Natural Areas of Indiana and their Preservation."

That first state park in Owen County — McCormick's Creek State Park — protected a small part of Indiana's distinctive karst region of caves, sinkholes and underground creeks. At Turkey Run, along Sugar Creek, the splendid sandstone ravines of west-central Indiana with their glacial relict plant communities can be explored every day of the year.

Along the shores of Lake Michigan, a group of visionary women including Dorothy Buell came together under the banner of Save the Dunes Council and succeeded in preserving a larger landscape surrounding Indiana Dunes State Park, which became Indiana Dunes National

Tim Maloney



Lakeshore (now Indiana Dunes National Park). Progress was about to do away with the undulating sand dunes, bogs and wetlands, and savanna-like woodlands that are now protected in these two public parks.

In Northeast Indiana, Gene Stratton-Porter wrote about the Limerlost swamp in a series of popular books. Today parts of the Limerlost swamp are protected as nature preserves including Loblolly Marsh Wetland, along with the home where she wrote her books. This region is also home to Indiana's numerous natural lakes, a result of glacial retreat. Pokagon State Park boasts scenic Lake James and Snow Lake shorelines along with unique topographical features like kames, eskers and moraines. At Chain O'Lakes State Park Hoosiers can enjoy a pleasant float trip between nine kettle lakes of northern Indiana.

To the south, Spring Mill State Park features more of Indiana's cave country, where you can take a boat trip in Twin Caves where the endangered Hoosier cavefish lives and wander through the majestic old growth forest in Donaldson's Woods, listening to the captivating song of the wood thrush. Farther south are the rugged hills of Harrison-Crawford State Forest, where the Blue River — a state designated natural and scenic river — flows to the Ohio River. One of Indiana's most interesting and rare animals lives in the Blue River — the state-endangered hellbender, a giant salamander dependent on clean, undisturbed waters.

More recent additions to Indiana's conservation lands include Goose Pond and Kankakee Sands. Goose Pond State Fish and Wildlife Area in Greene County, a former glacial basin, is quite simply a bird magnet. Here, visitors may see thousands of sandhill cranes, American white peli-

cans, and the endangered whooping crane, along with over 250 additional bird species.

The Nature Conservancy's Kankakee Sands project restored and protected a remnant of the great mid-western prairie that extended into northwest Indiana. American bison, once native to Indiana, have been reintroduced and roam this 8,400-acre nature preserve.

Besides protected state lands, outstanding natural areas are protected by our many local land trusts, whose nature preserves are protecting unique wetlands, plant communities, old growth woods, lakeshores, and stream valleys. Our national lands include the rich hardwood forests and rugged hills of the Hoosier National Forest, the aforementioned Indiana Dunes National Park, and three national wildlife refuges — Muscatatuck, Patoka River, and the largest at 50,000 acres, Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge north of Madison, a globally-important bird area where grassland birds including the Henslow's sparrow live nearby deep forest birds including the Cerulean warbler.

Several state parks recognize the indigenous people who first roamed and settled Indiana. Mounds State Park in Anderson includes sites where the Adena and Hopewell people built great mounds. Near Lafayette, Prophetstown State Park recognizes Indiana's earliest residents including the Shawnee people who had a settlement at the confluence of the Wabash River and Tippecanoe River.

If we want to leave a better Indiana for future generations, those of us here now must do all we can to conserve and protect more public parks, forests, trails, wildlife habitats, streams and lakes. Let's embrace this "best idea" and resolve to undertake this action for the coming year and those after.

Maloney leads the Hoosier Environmental Council's programs on forestry, land use, and public transit.

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Top 10 ...

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Raven Myers, 25, was charged Jan. 13 with attempted murder after she slit her now 3-year-old daughter's wrists and neck. In September, she pleaded to a Level 3 felony for serious bodily injury and will serve up to nine years in prison.

Jeremy Kelly, 50, was charged March 1 with the murder of his 72-year-old father, Gary Kelly. His trial begins June 5.

Chelsea Crossland, 27, was charged March 30 with neglecting and murdering her 5-year-old son as well as molesting her 9-year-old daughter. Her trial is scheduled for Feb. 27 to March 7.

3. Pleaded, convicted

Two 2020 murder cases involving Jay County men from were resolved.

After pleading guilty to the August 2020 fatal shooting of rural Dunkirk resident Shanna Jones, now 46-year-old Cory Jones of

The family and friends of Daryll Bledsoe Jr. gathered July 30 for a candlelight vigil following his drowning. He had been fishing in a neighbor's pond when he attempted to retrieve a lure and was pulled underwater. Authorities said they believed his boots filled with water and he sank into a deep drop-off.

Redkey was sentenced Jan. 7 to 47.5 years in prison for voluntary manslaughter.

Also in Jay Circuit Court, Portland native Roger Boyd Jr., now 37, was



sentenced July 25 to more than five decades in prison for the September 2020 death of Montpelier resident James Miller. Boyd argued self defense during

his June trial, claiming Miller cornered him in his garage.

4. Dunkirk man shot

A Dunkirk man died in

a police-involved shooting March 3.

Dunkirk police chief Dane Mumbower and officer Erica Post responded to a call about a man armed with knives at 223 Mount Auburn St. The man, Kevin Zimmerman, 36, refused to leave.

According to an Indiana State Police report, officers entered the house, and Zimmerman attacked them with an 8-inch blade. He did not respond to a taser strike and began striking Mumbower and slashed at Post. They fired their weapons, shooting Zimmerman four times.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. Both officers sustained non-lethal injuries.

5. Boy drowned

A 13-year-old Pennville boy drowned in a rural Jay County pond July 26.

Daryll Bledsoe Jr., had been fishing in a neighbor's pond at 5670 N. 650 West when his fishing lure got stuck. He waded into the pond to retrieve his lure and started sinking. He was pulled from the pond about 45 minutes later.

Authorities believed his boots filled with water and he sank into a steep drop-off.

Bledsoe's family and friends gathered July 30 at Pennville Park, lighting candles and releasing paper lanterns and balloons in memory of the late teen.

6. Extension done

A project that had been in the works for more than two decades was finally completed this fall when the Portland Municipal Airport runway opened at its new length of 5,500 feet. (It was previously 4,000 feet.)

Aviation board members and others celebrated the completion of the project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 16.

The extension had been discussed as early as 1999, with Federal Aviation Administration approval coming in January 2015. From there it took seven years to plan, design, fund and construct the extension, which allows larger aircraft to land at the facility.

7. COVID-19 spikes

While COVID-19 has remained relatively and thankfully quiet as we close 2022, that was not the case at the beginning of the year.

Cases of the disease caused by coronavirus spiked in January, including hitting successive new single-day highs in Jay County with 49 cases Jan. 19, 53 on Jan. 20 and

70 on Jan. 21. There were a total of 906 cases of COVID-19 reported in January. That accounted for about half as many cases as we recorded in all of 2021 and surpassed November 2020 for the highest total in a month.

8. New leadership

Throughout its history, Arts Place — formerly Jay County Arts Council — had just one executive director. That changed this year.

Eric Rogers retired at the end of July as the leader of the local arts organization, a role he had held since 1976. He had shepherded the organization from a single office to what is now a campus in Portland following the completion of a \$2.4 million renovation and expansion project in 2021.

Desiree Duell, previously of Flint, Michigan, took over as executive director Aug. 1 but resigned in early October. Since then, Portland's Carolyn Carducci has served as acting director.

9. What's the raise?

Jay County, Portland and Dunkirk government leaders went through lengthy, and sometimes contentious, discussions about what level or raises to give government employees in 2023.

Jay County Personnel Committee spent months working on a recommendation for raises. Jay County Council ultimately approved 6% raises for all employees, with larger bumps of up to 31% for some departments.

Portland City Council deadlocked on raise proposals for months before approving a 5% increase, without proposed longevity pay, 4-3 in August.

Dunkirk's process was shorter but nonetheless took a couple of votes to find agreement, with most employees receiving 7% raises.

10. Supreme scorer

With a pair of free throws in a blowout win Dec. 15 over New Castle, Renna Schwieterman became Jay County High School's all-time leading scorer. Schwieterman, who finished with a game-high 27 points, stepped to the line with 4:14 left and calmly hit her first free throw to tied 1986 graduate Shannon Freeman's record of 1,458 points and her second to break it.

She has since pushed her new record to 1,514 points, and with at least nine games left on the schedule this year, 1,700 career points is a real possibility.

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No. 1s from the last 10

The top 10 stories of the year have been a year-end fixture in The Commercial Review for decades. Below is a look at the No. 1 stories from each of the last 10 years.

- 2021 — Coronavirus pandemic continues impact, vaccines introduced
- 2020 — Coronavirus pandemic results in 20 deaths, 1,500 cases
- 2019 — The murders of twin brothers Zayne and Wayne Burroughs
- 2018 — Jay School Board approves reconfiguration of schools
- 2017 — Jay County Hospital integration with IU Health approved
- 2016 — Portland Water Park opens, draws more than 33,000 visitors
- 2015 — Residents arrested for four murders in three separate incidents
- 2014 — The debate about funding and design for Portland Water Park
- 2013 — Arrests made in murders of two rural Fort Recovery residents
- 2012 — Steps taken toward building a wind farm in southern Jay County
- 2011 — Flooding leads to millions of dollars of damage in Portland

12-31 CRYPTOQUIP

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FXAUT'H QXHY HBQNYBxBH
AXIGU WXQCH, YFX FCAC YSCT
ZXA ZSAHY NGUGKC.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PEOPLE MISTAKENLY ATTACH ORNAMENTAL DROPS TO THEIR LOBES BACKWARD, THAT'S BARRING ERRING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals W

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

It's a new year

- Established in 1935, what is the second-oldest bowl game behind the Rose Bowl?
- In Greece, it is traditional to hang what to promote growth and rebirth in the new year?

Answers: 1) The Orange Bowl 2) Onions

1-2 CRYPTOQUIP

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ERJLLP DVP Z YPLHRVTN GRDL
VP ATMMU, GAZS AZHL SALU
EVJL? DLE LB.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IN A RECENT LIST OF THE WORLD'S MOST SUMPTUOUS ROYAL HOMES, TWO WERE TIED FOR FIRST PALACE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals W

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to winter. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 2 = e)

A. 22 10 18 15 15 1 19 14
Clue: Fierce snowstorm

B. 18 4 2 14
Clue: Frozen

C. 3 21 26 7 24
Clue: Windy

D. 7 2 25 16 2 19 1 7 21 19 2
Clue: Thermometer reading

Answers: A. blizzard B. ice C. gusty D. temperature

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to winter.

CSRFA

Answers: Snow

kids' corner

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in England on December 28, 1934. I studied drama at the Oxford University Dramatic Society. I have appeared opposite Robin Williams and I am well known for a recurring role in the "Harry Potter" film franchise.

Answer: Maggie Smith

WORLD FACT

HOW MANY TIME ZONES EXIST ACROSS THE GLOBE?

ANSWER: MORE THAN 24

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

Answers: 1. Missing second hand 2. Extra dots in center of hat 3. Two blue ribbons on right 4. The "8" on clock is now "6"

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

DEC 25

- 1776: GEORGE WASHINGTON CROSSES THE DELAWARE RIVER AT NIGHT IN A SURPRISE ATTACK ON HESSIAN FORCES.
- 1868: CONFEDERATE VETERANS ARE GRANTED UNCONDITIONAL PARDONS BY PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON.
- 1926: HIROHITO BECOMES EMPEROR OF JAPAN. HE REMAINED EMPEROR UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1989.

New Word GALA

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WINTER'S CHILL WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS: ANORAK, ARCTIC, BITTER, BLANKET, BLUSTERY, BOOTS, BRISK, CHILL, COAT, COLD, DECEMBER, DREARY, EVERGREEN, FIREPLACE, FLANNEL, FLEECE, FRIGID, FROSTBITE, GALE, GLOVES, GUSTS, HEATER, ICEBERG, ICICLE, JACKET, MITTENS, OVERCAST, POLAR, SHOELE, SKI, SLEET, SNOW, SWEATER, WINTER, ZERO

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The odds are 20-1

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 6
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 8 4
♣ K Q 7 5 4

WEST
♠ 9 5
♥ A 10 8 5 4
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ J 10 8 3
♥ J 2
♦ Q 10 9
♣ J 9 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K 7 4 2
♥ K Q 9
♦ A J 6 3
♣ A 10

The bidding: East Pass South West North 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of hearts.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads a heart. You win East's jack with the king, and, after noting that you have only eight sure tricks, the problem is what to do next.

One possible approach is to cash the A-K-Q of both black suits in the hope of finding one or the other divided 3-3. If either suit split favorably, you'd make at least nine tricks. However, the possibility of find-

ing at least one of the black suits divided 3-3 is only about 60%, so you should start looking for a different line of play that might offer a better chance.

The approach that stands out a mile is to cross to dummy with a spade at trick two, return a low club and finesse the ten. This makes you about a 20-1 favorite to bring in the contract.

One excellent reason for the club finesse is that, even if the ten loses to the jack, West cannot harm you with any return. In that case, you will still have the contract in tow if the clubs are divided either 3-3 or 4-2, or, failing that, if the spades are divided 3-3.

In the actual deal, the ten of clubs wins, so you wind up making four notrump. But note that if you had chosen the more routine approach of cashing the A-K-Q of both black suits, you would wind up down one.

What the play boils down to is that you can greatly increase your chances of making the contract by relying on the ten-of-clubs finesse, which offers the added advantage of preventing East from gaining the lead. With East out of the picture, you are almost sure to succeed.

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GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PARTY NOISEMAKER

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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- Tempe sch.
- Poses
- "Ray Donovan" actor
- Foot fraction
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- Actress
- Gershon
- Witticism
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- Thing the job done
- "Born in the —"
- Film spool
- Omega preceder
- Dad on "Black-ish"
- Ankle woe
- Glide
- Royal authority
- Planet circlers
- Register (for)
- Re offspring

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- Leslie
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Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 12-31

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Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 7 6 5
♥ 9 5 4
♦ A K 10 3
♣ 7 2

WEST
♠ K 10 8 2
♥ 10 6 3
♦ 7 6 5 4
♣ Q 3

EAST
♠ —
♥ A K Q 8 7 2
♦ J 9 8
♣ K J 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 4 3
♥ J
♦ Q 2
♣ A 9 8 6 4

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ 3 ♥ 4 ♠
Opening lead — three of hearts.

This deal from the 1989 North American women's Swiss team championship features excellent play by Karen McCallum, a member of the winning foursome.

McCallum reached four spades on the bidding shown. Looking at all four hands, it appears that she has to lose four tricks: one heart, one club and two trump tricks. But McCallum proceeded to prove otherwise, and she did it without benefit of a single peek at the opposing

cards.

She ruffed the second heart lead and played the ace and another club. West won with the queen and shifted to a diamond, covered by the ten, jack and queen. McCallum then cashed the A-K of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, producing this position with South needing to win four of the last five tricks:

North
♠ J 7 6 5
♥ 9
West
♠ K 10 8 2
♥ 10
East
♠ A 8 7
♥ K J

South
♠ A Q 9
♥ 8

When McCallum now led a club, West was helpless. In practice, she discarded her heart, and declarer ruffed with dummy's five. The heart nine was then ruffed with the queen. West overruffed with the king but had to return a trump from the 10-8-2 into South's A-9. McCallum then won the last two tricks by ruffing a club with dummy's jack and a heart with the ace.

Observe that if West ruffs the club high or low rather than discarding her heart in the diagrammed position, South can always maneuver to take four tricks.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Green gem
- Flop
- Thick chunk
- From Roma or Napoli
- Just adorable
- Dutch painter Piet
- Some TVs
- Dawn goddess
- London insurer
- Discover
- Stagger
- Pivot line
- King Arthur's realm
- Auction action
- "A Farewell to Arms" director
- Nonstick spray
- Bamboozled
- Anti-toxins

DOWN

- Golf bag item
- Lusty look
- Science room
- Way out
- Verdi heroine
- CBer's device
- Donut flavor
- Oil cartel
- Skater
- Lipinski
- Peddle
- Pirate's chart
- "Dust in the Wind" band
- Slow-pokes
- Cold War initials
- Taxi alter native
- Up for it
- Arsenal supply
- From the top
- Lab eggs
- Claire, Wisc.
- AP rival
- Letters after Q

35 —

36 Open a

37 Kam-pala's land

38 Solid-rock insert

39 Loud noises

40 French title

41 Madame Bovary

42 Partially coincides

43 Antique cars

44 Slangy denial

45 Legal action

46 Muppet master

47 Henson

48 From — Z

49 Author Brown

50 Church leaders

51 CNN locale

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53 CNN news anchor

54 Piece of parchment

55 Historic sitcom star

56 Slightly

57 Porgy's love

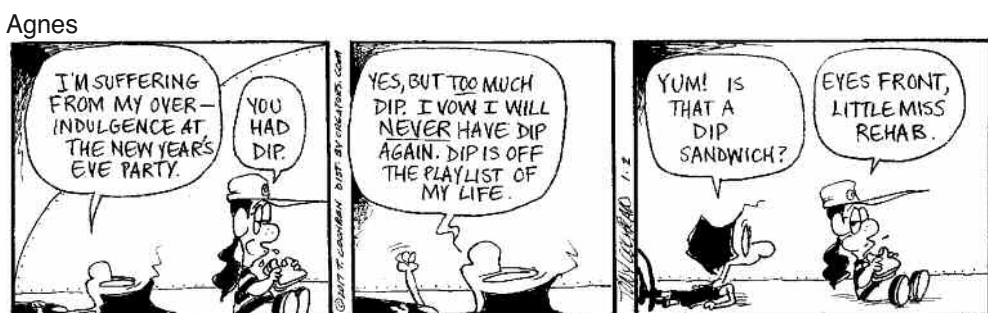
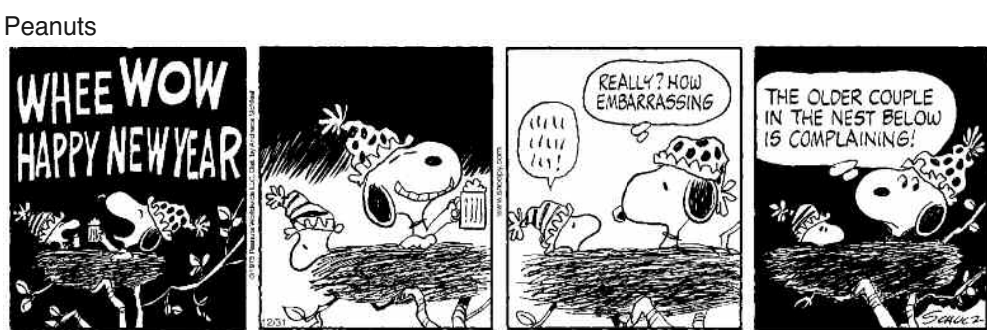
Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 1-2

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47
48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana that Chapter 77, golf carts is hereby amended to add the following section:

Section 77.10 Registration and Fee
All golf carts which are operated on a city street shall be registered with the City annually, except as herein provided, with the Portland Police Department. The Police Department shall inspect and register each golf cart to confirm that it complies with all requirements of this Ordinance and educate the owner regarding applicable traffic rules. Upon being registered, a registration sticker shall be issued by the City and the sticker shall be affixed to the rear of the golf cart in a location which is clearly visible at all times.

A registration fee of \$10.00 shall be charged annually for all privately owned golf carts operated on a city street of Portland. All registrations shall be renewed annually January 1st and shall expire on December 31st of the following year. Privately owned golf carts that were registered in 2022 remain valid until April 30, 2023. Fees collected shall be deposited into the Police Continuing Education Fund.

Section 77.11 Reciprocity
This section shall apply to anyone who has received a permit to operate a golf cart in conjunction with a recognized special event or festival. A person who operates a golf cart within the City limits of Portland that displays a valid registration issued by the organizer of a recognized special event or festival shall not be required to pay a registration fee to the City of Portland on the following conditions:

(A)The organizer of the special event or festival seeks the prior approval of the City Council for reciprocity for their event or festival, annually;

(B)The registration requirements for the issuance of a registration or permit of the special event or festival contain, at a minimum, the requirements set out in Sections 77.03-77.09 of this Ordinance;

(C)The organizer of the special event or festival shall educate owners prior to the issuance of any registration or permit on the traffic rules regarding golf cart operation within the City of Portland;

(D)The special event or festival registration or permit shall be affixed to the golf cart in a location that is clearly visible at all times;

(E)The organizer of the special event shall provide a copy of the required registration information for all of the permits that it issues to the Chief of Police or his designee; and

(F)The reciprocity shall not exceed the duration of the registration or permit of the special event or festival.

Section 77.12 Penalty for Non-Registration
Any person found to be operating a privately owned golf cart on a city street that is not registered pursuant to Section 77.10, above, shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for the first violation and an additional \$25 for each subsequent violation over the next 12 months.

77.99 Penalty

A violation of any provision of this chapter, except a violation of 77.10, shall constitute a violation of the Portland City Code. An owner, lessee or operator may be cited to appear in a court of competent jurisdiction by issuance of an Indiana uniform traffic ticket. Upon a finding by such court that an owner, lessee or operator has violated any provision of this chapter, except a violation of 77.10, such person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200 for each offense along with court costs in the amount the same now exists or may hereafter be determined by ordinance or statute.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana on this 19th day of December, 2022.

Lori Phillips
Clerk Treasurer, City of Portland
CR 12-24-2022-HSPAXLP

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IOM Grain 974 E 100 N Portland, Indiana 47371	\$145,350.00	10	Portland City Council
TLs BY DESIGN LLC 410 S Bridge St Portland, Indiana 47371	\$87,330.00	10	Portland City Council
J2C2 LLC (aka Carrera Manufacturing INC) 1000 N Morton ST Portland, Indiana 47371	\$1,017,300.00	10	Portland City Council
Commercial Electric Company 600 E. Votaw PO Box 1266 Portland, Indiana 47371	\$26,000.00	10	Portland City Council
Fisher Packing Company 9885 W Hwy 67 Redkey, Indiana 47373	\$143,600.00	10	Redkey Town Council
F.C.C. Indiana INC 555 Industrial Park Dr Portland, Indiana 47371	\$679,000.00	10	Portland City Council
St. Henry Tile Co DBA Berne Ready Mix 86 E 100 N Portland, Indiana 47371	\$61,720.00	10	Portland City Council
NextEra Energy Bluff Point LLC 380 W 800 S Portland, Indiana 47371	\$143,845.00	10	Jay County Council
SSS Land Group LLC 400 Industrial Drive Dunkirk, IN 47336	\$185,000.00	10	Dunkirk City Council
Reier Pullets LLC CR 850 E Portland, Indiana 47371	\$640,563.00	3	Jay County Council
Stay Jay Hotels 100 Holiday Dr Portland, Indiana 47371	\$210,474.00	3	Portland City Council
Minnich Poultry 8857 E 300 N Portland, Indiana 47371	\$4,653,500.00	3	Jay County Council
Total: Personal Property Abatements Carrera Manufacturing 1000 N Morton St Portland, Indiana 47371	\$8,731,737.00		
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TLs BY DESIGN 410 S Bridge St Portland, Indiana 47371	\$3,690.00	5	Portland City Council
NextEra Energy Bluff Point 700 Universal Blvd PSXJB Juno Beach, Florida 33408	\$23,011,121.00	10	Jay County Council
Ramelon Holdings, LLC 9885 W Sr 67 Redkey, IN 47373	\$13,200.00	5	Redkey City Council
Total: Grand Total: I, Emily Franks, certify the above to be a list of deductions approved for the year 2022 in Jay County, Indiana, and published pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1-8	\$23,177,991.00 \$31,909,728.00		
Emily Franks Auditor Jay County			

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Wire ...

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In a game that was a slog offensively for both teams, Jay County (1-5) fell behind 31-25 early in the fourth quarter. Forcing several turnovers in a row, it fought back with a 6-0 run to tie the game on a pair of Josh Dowlen free throws with 2:14 remaining.

At that point, Muncie Central (5-1) was content to hold the ball for the final shot. But, at the minute mark, the Patriot defense attacked. Forced out of their strategy, the Bearcats missed their first attempt but senior Daniel Harris was there to put back an offensive rebound to put his team back up by two.

Jay County had the opportunity to respond, first getting the ball to senior Dusty Pearson in the lane. His shot missed, though Bomholt said he felt there was a foul on the play.

Taking the ball out of bounds, the Patriots tried to get it to Pearson again but it was knocked away. Blake Bogenschutz gathered it in, but his try missed as well and the rebound went out of bounds to Muncie Central.

The Bearcats failed to put the game away at the line, but Abraham Dirksen's desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer was off the mark.

"We always like winning a close one," said first-year Muncie Central coach Justin Ullom, whose team has won three in a row. "Tough environment. Tough gym. Tough team. Tough defense to play against."

Neither squad was able

to find much separation in the low-scoring affair, with Jay County taking an 8-2 advantage early but turnovers helping the Bearcats pull even at 11 by the quarter break. Muncie Central went up by five in the second quarter only to have the Patriots score seven points in a row before a pair of Demarkis Cole free throws made it 20-20 at the half.

The Bearcats pushed ahead by four on an Antonio Gore (eight points) put-back hoop at the third-quarter buzzer and then went up 31-25 when Gore scored again at the 5:51 mark of the final period. JCHS then scored its six in a row, leading to the final sequence.

Both coaches walked away pleased with their defense.

"Our defense is ready to go compete in some of the big games we've got coming in January," said Ullom, whose team has three of its next four against North Central Conference rivals with Class 4A No. 6 Noblesville in between. "We're really good on the help with our bigs, so we pressure the ball a lot. We really tried to limit them from going right and keeping it off the right side of the floor. I thought we did a pretty good job."

Muncie Central's scoring was spread out, with Brady McNabb matching Gore's eight points for the team high. DeMarkis Cole had seven rebounds, including half of his team's 10 offensive boards.

Josh Dowlen's nine points, including a 5-for-5 effort at the foul line, paced



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Ben Crouch fights to get a shot up between Josiah Ullom (0) and Brady McNabb (12) during the Patriots' loss Friday. Crouch hit a 3-pointer and finished second for Jay County in scoring with six points.

the Patriots. Ben Crouch added six.

Junior varsity

Jay County didn't trail at the end of any quarter, but still came up short in a 42-39 overtime loss to the Bearcats.

The Patriots had a six-

point lead heading into the final quarter, but Muncie Central fought back and tied the game with 10 seconds left. A last second-shot missed for JCHS.

The home team had a 38-36 lead in the extra session but got outscored 6-1 over the final 11.3 seconds.

Liam Garringer, who scored the first hoop of overtime, led Jay County with 14 points. Trevin Dunnington had nine and Parker Nichols added eight.

Landen Wells and LJ Strange paced Muncie Central with a dozen points apiece.

Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Muncie Central Bearcats

Boys varsity summary

Muncie Central (6-1)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Ullom	1-5	0-2	2	
Harris	3-4	0-2	6	
Young	1-4	0-0	2	
Cole	1-3	2-4	4	
Serf	1-2	0-0	3	
Cook	0-0	0-0	0	
McNabb	2-4	2-2	8	
Gore	4-8	0-0	8	
Totals	13-30	4-10	33	
	.433	.400		
Def. rebound percentage:	.750			

Jay County (1-5)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Dirksen 0-4	2-2	2		
Link	1-1	0-0	2	
Dowlen	2-3	5-5	9	
Dunnington	0-0	0-0	0	
Crouch	2-4	1-2	6	
Swoveland	0-1	0-0	0	
Bogenschutz 1-4	2-2	4		
Pearson	2-4	0-1	4	
Weitzel	2-3	0-0	4	
Totals	10-26	10-12	31	
	.385	.833		
Def. rebound percentage:	.474			

Score by quarters:				
M. Cent.	11	9	9	4 — 33
Jay Co.	11	9	5	6 — 31

3-point shooting: Muncie Central 3-11 (McNabb 2-4, Serf 1-1, Young 0-3, Ullom 0-2, Cole 0-1). Jay County 1-4 (Crouch 1-2, Dirksen 0-2).

Rebounds: Muncie Central 22 (Cole 7, Gore 4, Harris 3, team 3, Ullom 2, Cook 2, Harris). Jay County 13 (Weitzel 4, Pearson 3, Crouch 2, Swoveland 2, Dunnington, team).

Assists: Muncie Central 5 (Ullom 2, Cole, Serf, McNabb). Jay County 2 (Swoveland, Pearson).

Blocks: Muncie Central 1 (Cole). Jay County 2 (Crouch, Pearson).

Personal fouls: Muncie Central 15 (Harris 4, McNabb 3, Cole 2, Cook 2, Gore 2, Ullom, Serf). Jay County 11 (Pearson 4, Dirksen 3, Dowlen, Swoveland, Bogenschutz, Weitzel).

Turnovers: Muncie Central 15. Jay County 12.

Fifth ...

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Rex Leverette followed with six points, and Landon Post had four.

Austin Bochrath's 12 points were the team high for Lincol-

view. Gage Thomas finished with five.

The Indians will play a third consecutive non-conference game Tuesday at Arcanum before returning home Friday

to host Midwest Athletic Conference rival St. John's.

Junior varsity

Fort Recovery had a double-digit lead after the first quar-

ter en route to a 63-50 win over the Lancers.

The Indians went up by 11 after the first seven minutes and held the double-figure lead at halftime. They outscored

Lincolnview 20-16 in the fourth quarter to put the game away.

Eli Lennartz and Colson Post each had 13 points to power FRHS. Caden Grisez and Alex Gaerke each added seven.

Irish knock off SC

By BEN PORTNOY

The State Tribune News Service

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Consider the sandstorm weathered.

As Notre Dame tight end Mitchell Evans walked into the South Carolina end zone, the white towels that waved with vigor pregame at TIAA Bank Field hung idly. The scattered Notre Dame fans that felt outnumbered five-to-one in the concourses and concessions stands around TIAA Bank Stadium were heard, truly, for the first time.

Notre Dame 45, South Carolina 38.

South Carolina entertained the overwhelmingly garnet and black-clad 67,383 fans with a first half filled with enough wild and whimsical plays to fill a backyard football playbook.

Quarterback-turned-receiver Dakereon Joyner threw a pair of passes. Spencer Rattler looked deep on a double-reverse flea flicker. Receiver Xavier Legette even had a shot to toss a completion of his own on a double-pass play.

Punter Kai Kroeger, though, provided the most wonky of the Gamecocks' early antics when he connected on a beautifully lofted 23-yard touchdown pass to long snapper Hunter Rogers off a fake field goal.

Four plays later, freshman safety DQ Smith put the Gamecocks ahead 21-7 when he corralled a deflected Tyler Buchner pass, dashed down the sideline and into the end zone for a pick-six.

Buchner scampered his way to rushing scores of 15 and 11 yards — the latter of which pulled the squads even at 24 on the second drive of the second half.

The Fighting Irish and Gamecocks continued trading blows throughout Friday's third quarter. Rattler delivered the first of the haymakers, stepping into the pocket and leaping as he slung a third-down pass to the back left corner of the end zone. There, Legette dove, arms outstretched and tapping his toe within millimeters of the sideline for a highlight reel grab.

Buchner responded with a hook of his own, connecting with a streaking Braden Lenzy on a deep crossing route. Running underneath Buchner's pass, Lenzy outpaced the South Carolina secondary to the pylon to knot the score entering the final 15 minutes of Friday's prize fight.

Notre Dame tailback Logan Diggs seemed to find the knockout blow, bursting through the South Carolina defensive line for his second score of the evening and silencing the garnet and black partial crowd.

But those frenzied fans that fell to a hush following the Diggs touchdown erupted as Buchner reverted to his wayward first half ways. Seeking a pair of crossing receivers, Gamecocks cornerback O'Donnell Fortune leapt in front of a Buchner pass and darted 100 yards for the game-tying score.

Finally, though, it was Buchner connecting with a wide-open Evans on a third-and-7 to find the final score of the night.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Monday

Jay County — Junior high girls basketball vs. Delta — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Freshman boys basketball at St. John's — 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Boys basketball at Bishop Luers — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Concordia — 6 p.m.; Swimming vs. Bellmont — 6 p.m.; Wrestling vs. Coldwater — 6:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Delta — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Coldwater — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming three-team meet at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball at Arcanum — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. St. John's — 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today

7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester United at Wolverhampton Wanderers (USA)
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Leeds United at Newcastle United (USA)
Noon — College football: Transperfect Music City Bowl — Iowa vs. Kentucky (ABC); Allstate Sugar Bowl — Alabama vs. Kansas State (ESPN)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at Brighton & Hove Albion (NBC)
3 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

4 p.m. — College football: VRBO Fiesta Bowl — TCU vs. Michigan (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College football: Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl — Ohio State vs. Georgia (ESPN)

Sunday

1 p.m. — NFL football: Indianapolis Colts at New York Giants (CBS)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Nebraska at Indiana (ESPN); Wisconsin at Purdue (BTN)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Providence at DePaul (FS1)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Cincinnati at Temple (ESPN)
4 p.m. — NFL football: Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers (CBS); Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions (FOX)
5:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iowa at Penn State (BTN)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at Georgetown (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ohio State at Northwestern (BTN)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Islanders at Seattle Kraken (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Pittsburgh Steelers at Baltimore Ravens (NBC)

Monday

Noon — College football: Reliaquest Bowl — Mississippi State vs. Illinois (ESPN)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Liverpool at Brentford (USA)
1 p.m. — College football: Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic — Tulane vs. USC

(ESPN); Cheez-It Citrus Bowl — LSU vs. Purdue (ABC)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maryland at Rutgers (BTN)
5 p.m. — College football: Rose Bowl — Penn State vs. Utah (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Toronto Raptors at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Buffalo Bills at Cincinnati Bengals (ESPN/ABC)

Tuesday

2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Newcastle United at Arsenal (USA)
5 p.m. — High school football: Under Armour Next All-America Game (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at Michigan State (BTN)
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings (ESPN)

Wednesday

3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Tottenham Hotspur at Crystal Palace (USA)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Philadelphia 76ers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: New Jersey Devils at Detroit Red Wings (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Toronto Raptors (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Minnesota Wild (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Miami Heat at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

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Sports

Down to the wire

Jay Co. falls just short in loss to Bearcats

By RAY COONEY
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Trailing by two with 46.4 seconds to go, the Patriots had their opportunity.

They got multiple looks at the basket.

They couldn't get either to fall.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team fell just short Friday night, giving up a game-changing offensive rebound in the final minute and then missing three shots in the final 20 seconds of a 33-31 loss to the visiting Muncie Central Bearcats.

"We played a pretty good team right down to the wire," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt of the now 6-1 Muncie Central squad. "All we needed was to execute."

But, there was progress for the team that had suffered consecutive losses of 20 and 18 points prior to Christmas.

"I can't really be too disappointed," Bomholt added. "We came out and responded. We played with a lot more passion, a lot more emotion."

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Josh Dowlen, a Jay County High School senior, goes to the basket in front of Brady McNabb of Muncie Central during the first half of the Patriots' 33-31 loss Friday night. Dowlen's nine points were the game high as both teams struggled on offense. JCHS missed three opportunities to tie or win the game in the final minute as it lost its fourth straight to slip to 1-5.

FRHS earns fifth straight victory

Rammel racks up 29 as Tribe handles Lincolnview

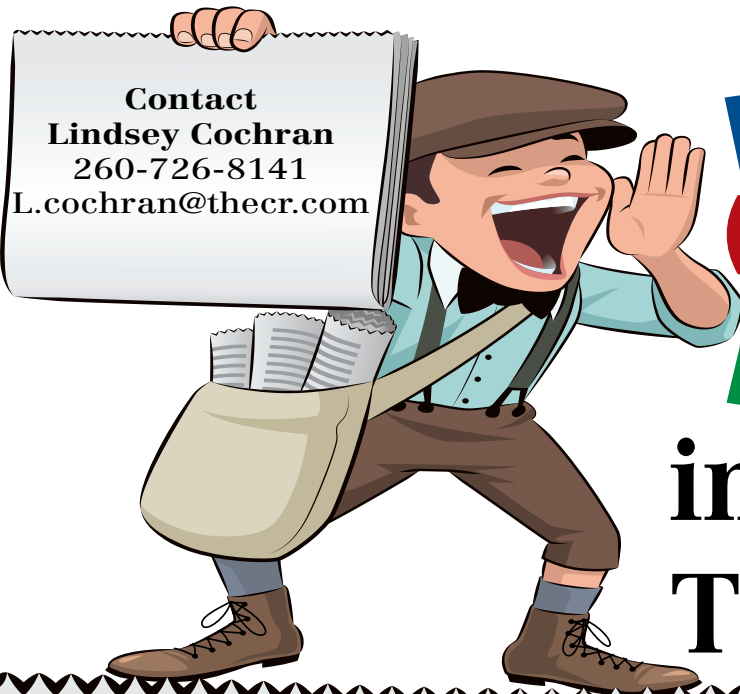
VAN WERT, Ohio — Make it five in a row.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team extended its winning streak Friday night, building a 13-point halftime lead and cruising to a 48-30 victory over the host Lincolnview Lancers.

The Indians (7-1) had a four-point lead after the opening period before dominating the second. They limited Lincolnview (1-4) to just three points in the quarter, pushing to a 25-12 halftime advantage from which the home team would be unable to recover.

Cale Rammel had another massive scoring game, following up his 27-point effort in the Tribe's Dec. 17 win over Ansonia with 29 against the Lancers. He had at least six points in every quarter as he scored more than 60% of his team's points.

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