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## Russia set to boost troops

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Russia will create new commands near Europe as it expands its military to 1.5 million people amid deepening tensions with the U.S. and its allies over the Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine.

New structures in the regions around Moscow, St. Petersburg and Karelia on the border with Finland will be created under the program, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu told commanders Tuesday, saying the major changes will start this year and continue through 2026. In addition, he said, "self-sufficient" units will be set up on the Ukrainian territories that Russia has illegally annexed.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the military expansion came in response to the "proxy war" he claimed the U.S. and its allies are waging against Russia in Ukraine, Interfax reported. Kyiv and its allies are fighting to fend off Russia's invasion of its neighbor.

Russian President Vladimir Putin last month approved Shoigu's plan to boost the size of his military from the current target level of 1.15 million but the Kremlin hasn't said how fast that will take place.

Shoigu said the expansion will be spread across all branches of Russia's military and will be coordinated with the delivery of new weapons to equip them, the Defense Ministry said in a statement, according to Interfax.

Russia will create three new motorized-infantry divisions and two airborne divisions, combining a number of brigades, Shoigu said in comments posted on the ministry's Telegram channel. He also called for special attention to the recruitment of contract soldiers to fill out the ranks of the expanded military.

## Pickle progress



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

A crew works this morning on the facade of The Greazy Pickle on Main Street on the west side of Portland's downtown area. During Tuesday's Portland City Council meeting, Mayor John Boggs thanked the owners of the restaurant and bar for the efforts in the last couple of weeks to address safety issues with the building.

## Mayor offers thanks for work on downtown bar; notes bids to tear down adjacent Bailey Building

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

Progress is being made. Mayor John Boggs updated Portland City Council on Tuesday regarding the status of the Bailey Building and adjacent bar/restaurant The Greazy Pickle.

Boggs pointed out to council members Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Mike Aker, Matt Goldsworthy and Dave Golden that work has been underway on the facade of

The Greazy Pickle since last week.

About two weeks ago, the owners of The Greazy Pickle were served notice that they were in violation of the city's unsafe building ordinance. City attorney Wes Schemenaur had explained to council at that time that an engineer's report commissioned by the city had identified issues with the building and that The Greazy Pickle also had its own evaluation done that identified some of the same problems. But, he said,

the city had not received a response from the owners regarding plans for addressing those issues.

Boggs praised the efforts that have been made since the notice was served.

"The Pickle has made great progress in addressing the issues with their building," said Boggs. "I want to thank them for that."

He noted that The Greazy Pickle requested a public hearing regarding the declaration as an unsafe building. That

hearing is scheduled for 4 p.m. Jan. 25 in council chambers at the fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

The push to fix issues with The Greazy Pickle comes in conjunction with plans to tear down the adjacent Bailey Building at 201 through 205 W. Main St. Boggs noted that the city is accepting bids for the demolition project through the end of February, with plans to open them at the March 2 meeting of the Portland Board of Works.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Lilly lyrics

Lilly Johnson sings a solo during the song "Dear Future Husband" as part of Just Treble's exhibition performance during Saturday's Jay County Choir Spectacular 2023. Jay County High School's Just Treble and Patriot Edition both performed in exhibition during the event.

## Bill would require reporting changes

By **CASEY SMITH**  
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A bill filed by a top Republican lawmaker would require schools to inform parents if students request to change their names or pronouns, or generally express questions about their gender identity.

Buried in proposed school accreditation legislation authored by Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond, is a provision that mandates teachers and school employees to report to the school if a student indicates that they want to change their "name, attire, pronoun, title, or word to identify the student in a manner that is inconsistent with the student's biological sex at birth."

School employees would also have to report if a student expresses having "conflicted feelings about ... or difficulty

handling or coping with" their gender identity or gender expression.

The student's parents must be notified with that information within five days, according to the bill.

Raatz, who chairs the Senate education committee, declined an interview request from the Indiana Capital Chronicle on Tuesday but said in a written statement that "parents should know if their child is struggling and shouldn't be kept from the situation."

"Senate Bill 354 simply requires school districts to notify a parent if their child has expressed conflicted feelings with gender identity or expression, as well as if the student asks to change their name, attire or title to one inconsistent with their biological sex at birth," Raatz said.

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### In review

Jay County Public Library will host a LEGO play time from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Another session is scheduled for 3:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 26. For additional details on upcoming library events, visit [jaycpl.lib.in.us](http://jaycpl.lib.in.us).

### Weather

Jay County's temperature climbed to a high of 54 degrees Tuesday. The low was 40.

Tonight's low will be 39 with rain expected and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. More rain is in the forecast for Thursday with a high of 55.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### Correction

A story in Tuesday's edition of The Commercial Review contained incorrect information. Jeff Westlake, who filed to run for the Republican nomination for mayor of Portland, works as a full-time dispatcher for the city. He has also been a reserve officer.

### Coming up

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

**Saturday** — Results from Friday's JCHS boys basketball game against South Adams.



# Progress ...

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Bid specifications call for demolition of the building while preserving “the integrity of the remaining buildings on the block.” The timeline calls for demolition to begin within 14 days of the project being awarded.

Also Tuesday, Powers suggested the city look at increasing its fines for vehicles being off the truck route.

She referenced the many citations that were written this summer in Redkey when the Indiana 67 bridge on the north side of the city was closed for construction. She noted that fines for the offenses

in Redkey ranged as high as \$385.50 whereas Portland’s fine is \$25.

Powers expressed concern that trucks attempting to find their way around detours could be an issue this year sewer and paving work planned for Meridian Street (U.S. 27) and the planned replacement of the Indiana 26 bridge over the Salamonie River on the east side of the city.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur agreed that problems are likely, referencing the 2015 Indiana 26 (Water Street) reconstruction project. During that work, Portland police wrote 141 tickets in less than seven months for vehi-

cles being off the assigned truck route.

Boggs suggested council members put together their recommendations and discuss the issue again at their Feb. 6 meeting.

In other business, council:  
•Learned from Boggs that he and other local officials will be meeting with Jae Shilling of WenZak, the firm that has purchased land in Portland with plans to open a Wendy’s. He said they will be discussing final design issues regarding the planned restaurant.  
•Heard McClung provide an update on behalf of Jenny Bricker, who has been leading efforts to

save the Indiana 26 bridge over the Salamonie River that is planned for replacement this year. A group of about 90 attended an event at the bridge Sunday to show support for keeping it in place. McClung also presented a letter — it will be sent to several state government officials — for council members to sign expressing their support for saving the bridge. Boggs noted that he is working to set up a meeting with deputy commissioner Clark Packer of Indiana Department of Transportation to discuss the issues.  
•On the recommendation of the city’s economic development

income tax (EDIT) advisory committee, approved allocating \$300,000 to all Portland Economic Development Corporation to purchase real estate for development.

•Heard Boggs note that he has invited Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci to the Feb. 6 meeting to renew the city’s funding commitment to free concerts at Hudson Family Park. The city provided \$5,000 toward the effort last year.

•Approved an additional appropriation totaling \$60,500. The additional funds are accommodating the addition of a police officer position that had previously been eliminated.

## CR almanac

Thursday 1/19	Friday 1/20	Saturday 1/21	Sunday 1/22	Monday 1/23
<b>55/30</b>	<b>34/25</b>	<b>36/29</b>	<b>37/26</b>	<b>35/26</b>
There’s a 60% chance of rain throughout the day, with wind gusts up to 30 mph.	Cloudy with wind gusts again whipping up to 30 mph. The low will be around 25.	Partly sunny. There’s a chance of snow late, when the low will dip to the upper 20s.	Snow may continue into Sunday with a 40% chance of showers.	Monday has a slight chance of rain and snow. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$439 million	Quick Draw: 4-6-7-12-13-14-21-31-33-37-41-43-47-48-51-54-56-61-64-72 Cash 5: 18-27-29-40-42 Estimated jackpot: \$319,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> 2-12-18-24-39 Mega Ball: 18 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 2-2-5 Pick 4: 1-9-5-5 Pick 5: 7-4-2-6-8 Evening Pick 3: 8-6-3 Pick 4: 8-0-5-3 Pick 5: 4-7-4-8-7 Rolling Cash: 2-5-11-14-32 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 7-1-3 Daily Four: 8-3-5-7 Quick Draw: 1-2-4-13-14-16-17-21-22-24-40-46-47-48-57-58-61-72-76-80 Evening Daily Three: 7-6-9 Daily Four: 7-0-4-3	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.01 Feb. corn.....7.01 Wheat.....6.84	Wheat.....6.95 July wheat.....7.39
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.03 Feb. corn.....7.03 March corn.....7.05	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.85 March corn.....6.87 Beans.....15.21 Feb. beans.....15.23 Wheat.....7.39
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.87 Feb. corn.....6.87 Beans.....15.22 Feb. beans.....15.27	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.57 Feb. corn.....6.59 Beans.....15.06 Feb. beans.....15.12 Wheat.....7.10

## Today in history

In 1871, the German Empire was founded following three successful wars by Prussia, a North German state. It had defeated Denmark, the Habsburg monarchy and France within a seven-year period.

In 1911, an airplane landed on a ship’s flight deck for the first time as American pilot Eugene Ely touched down on the battleship Pennsylvania in San Francisco Bay.

In 1912, Robert Falcon Scott, a British explorer, and four members of his expedition reached the South Pole. Upon arriving, they discovered another expedition led by Roald Amundson had beaten them there by a month.

In 1913, actor Danny Kaye was born David Daniel Kaminsky in New York City. He starred in movies including “The Secret

Life of Walter Mitty” and “White Christmas.”

In 2002, Sierra Leone’s civil war was declared over. The war resulted in an estimated 50,000 deaths and the displacement over more than 2 million.

In 2007, Dunkirk Mayor Sam Hubbard announced his plans to seek re-election. Hubbard, 77, a Republican, was in the midst of his first term and had previously served as executive director of Dunkirk Area Chamber of Commerce.

In 2021, Portland Mayor John Boggs told Portland City Council he had been notified Carrera Manufacturing, which had brought W&M Manufacturing and Pier-Mac Plastics under a single umbrella in 2008, had ceased operations.

—The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	Town Council public hearing, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.
<b>Thursday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Redkey	6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.



Photo provided

## Pet of the week

Timmy, a 6-month-old male, is available for adoption from Midwest Pet Refuge, 601 N. Charles St., Portland. The fee is \$75. Adoption applications are available at [midwestpetrefuge.com/adopt](http://midwestpetrefuge.com/adopt).

## Bill ...

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Raatz’s bill specifically instructs schools to notify parents if the student “discloses” their feelings or preferences to a school employee or staff member. The bill states that such disclosure is only required for students who are under age 18 and unemancipated, however. It also does not make clear what a “disclosure” made by a student does or does not include.

The bill is additionally void of details about how school employees are supposed to report the student disclosure to the school. The measure simply states that employees should make the report “in a manner prescribed by the school.”

The bill says that school psychologists, nurses, social workers and

counselors are not required “to violate a federal law or regulation.” It does not carve out consequences for school employees who refuse to comply with the bill’s provisions.

Some school districts across the country — including in Maryland and Virginia — specifically bar teachers from “outing” transgender students to parents, in part to safeguard students against parents who may not be supportive of their child’s gender identity or transition.

But draft legislation in several states is seeking to end that practice. Parents in multiple states are also filing lawsuits against school districts for refusing to disclose a child’s gender identity. Many of the court filings are spearheaded by the

Alliance Defending Freedom, a legal advocate representing Christian conservative issues.

Sen. J.D. Ford, D-Indianapolis, who has previously referred to the ADF as “a national hate group,” said Raatz’s bill increasingly leads LGBTQ students “to believe that they’re not welcome here.”

“Why is this necessary? That doesn’t even rise to be put on our radar,” Ford said. “Personally, I think this is just part of continuous culture war attacks on the LGBTQ+ community that we have seen all across this nation.”

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## Felony arrests

**Methamphetamine**  
A Hartford City man was arrested Friday for possession of methamphetamine.  
Bobby J. Nealy, 41, 951 S. Angling Pike, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.  
He was released on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

## Capsule Reports

**Lost control**  
A Portland woman lost control of her truck, causing it to crash into a pole at the intersection of county roads 250 West and 700 South about 3:50 p.m. Tuesday.

Deana S. Powell, 63, told police she was driving her 2006 Ford F-150 south on county road 250 West when her gas pedal became stuck. She lost control of her vehicle, and it hit a utility pole at the intersection with county road 700 South.

Her vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

### SERVICES

Wednesday

**Midlam**, Martha: 3p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S 200 W, Portland.

Thursday

**Heitkamp**, Julia: 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Catholic Church, 471 St. Anthony Road, Fort Recovery.

**Bentz**, Roger: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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# United Way awarded \$\$

The United Way of Jay County has been awarded federal funds for supplementing emergency food and shelter programs.

The organization has received funding made available through the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program and through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, according to a press release from the United Way.

It's currently seeking applicants for the funding. Public or nonprofit agencies interested should con-

## Taking Note

tact Jane Ann Runyon at the United Way of Jay County by calling (260) 726-7010 or by emailing unitedwayofjaycounty@gmail.com no later than Feb. 3.

### MLK essays

The Indiana Association of School Principals 2023 Martin

Luther King Jr. Essay Contest is open.

Sixth graders through high school seniors may participate by writing essays based on the following quote from Martin Luther King Jr.:

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

For more information, visit [iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay/](http://iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay/). The deadline is Feb. 28.

# Talent show has become tradition

By LORI BORGMAN

Tribune News Service

Lori Borgman



Once a year our entire family spends a long weekend together with the highlight being a "talent show." Talent, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. Take the one who asks for volunteers, and when his sister, a brother-in-law, a 6-year-old nephew and his own 13-year-old daughter go forward, he announces he will guess their weights.

I'm not saying the talent pool is thin, but sometimes you may not be sure what the talent is. Last fall, a 6-year-old tossed a crumpled sheet on the floor, got beneath it and crawled around as others tried to guess her talent.

She was a mole. When you knew she was a mole, it was a pretty good reenactment of a mole.

We've had some semi-quality acts and even a tear-jerker or two. There was the year a son-in-law played guitar while his three little girls sang "The Best Day" by George Strait.

That tender moment was quickly offset by a headstand demonstration, which resulted in an entire weekend of people dropping to the floor, doing headstands and asking others to time them.

There has been singing, dancing, a jug band, magic tricks, an escape artist demonstration, poetry recitations, extreme pushups and a kindergarten spelling hard words like chrysanthemum, dandelion and Tennessee — backward!

A highlight last year was a 4-year-old in a dress-up evening gown and oversized plastic high heels. She stood with hands on her hips, and someone cued the music with a thundering bass beat and she began her "model walk." A model walk is where you dramatically

kick one foot back, out, and around while jerking the corresponding shoulder. Left, right, left, right. It's a high-spirited walk that takes grave concentration and is complicated by periodically jumping in the air and turning a complete circle. Each jump was breathtaking, but she landed upright in pink heels two sizes too big each and every time.

With a talent bench this deep, the husband and I have been reluctant to participate, though one year he called me forward, I went and said, "But we don't have a talent."

"Yes we do," he said. "No, we don't," I said. "But we do," he said. "We don't," I said.

"We are doing our talent right now," he said. "Bickering!"

Funny. Very funny. Last year we upped our game. Wardrobe, lighting, the whole shebang. Wardrobe involved black clothing and glow sticks taped to our torsos, arms and legs. The lights were cut, Frank Sinatra was cued and we did a glow-in-the-dark grand entry followed by a dance routine to "Fly Me to the Moon." It brought down the house — not to mention a few pieces of furniture.

We have booked our family weekend for this fall, and talent show ideas are rippling through the troops. We're at a loss. It was probably a "once and done" performance. It may be best to quit now and end on a good note — and good foot.

# New dad turns to substances

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a big problem with my boyfriend. We had a baby five months ago, and since then he has changed drastically. He previously had a problem with addiction, but had a handle on it. He told me the baby was powerful motivation. My pregnancy was blissful, and he was attentive and caring.

I know babies are stressful, and ours had colic, so we had many nights filled with screaming. I do most of the work with the baby. I quit my job to be a stay-at-home mom and nurse him. The only time my boyfriend takes care of the baby is for me to take a shower. He has been drinking every night and now he's doing marijuana as well. He is pretty funny when he's high, but I don't trust him to take care of our son when he's that way. He is also addicted to his phone.

When I try to tell him how I feel, he gets defensive. He accuses me of "trying to start problems." He also lies about his addictions. I only recently found out about some of his lies, and now I'm having a hard time believing anything he says. This is not how I wanted my life to be. This is not what I wanted for our baby. I'm trying to decide whether it's better to put up with it or leave. I'd have to get a job and find child care. The thought of my son in day-care makes me sick, but so does

## Dear Abby



being treated this way. Please advise me. — TROUBLED NEW MOM

DEAR MOM: Face it. Your boyfriend has backslid, and you can no longer trust him to be truthful with you. Your problems will never be resolved if they can't be discussed without contention. Start looking for reliable daycare for the baby and for a job. If you do, you will have a head start on the inevitable. If you and this man separate, he will be legally responsible for contributing to his son's support. It may also be the "jolt" he needs to get straight again.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a queer woman who has a crush on a girl. "Gwen" is kind, outgoing and very intelligent. The poetry she writes is brilliant and sometimes soul-crushing. We are close friends and bonded over our writing. My wife and I have talked openly about my feelings for this girl, and my wife understands why I like her.

# Community Calendar

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

### Today

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

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

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions,

will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

### Thursday

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

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will

meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

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

### Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 20, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

### Saturday

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

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

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is [museumofthesoldier.com](http://museumofthesoldier.com).

# Sudoku

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		5		7				9

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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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# There's a story behind the story

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Jan. 21, 2004. For more about the subject of this column, visit [cmohs.org/recipient/louis-j-bruner](http://cmohs.org/recipient/louis-j-bruner).*

By **JACK RONALD**  
The Commercial Review

Sometimes there's a story behind the story.

That's the case when it comes to Louis J. Bruner.

By now, most local folks have heard of Bruner, whose exploits in the Civil War brought him a Medal of Honor.

They know that he was born in Monroe County, that he was a hero in the Battle of Walker's Ford in 1863, that he settled in Portland in the second half of his life, and that he's buried in Green Park Cemetery.

A ceremony placing a Medal of Honor marker at his grave was conducted in 1997 with much appropriate fanfare.

## Back in the Saddle



The story behind the story is how Bruner's life and heroism came to light after years when he was forgotten.

No one growing up in Jay County in the period from the 1920s to the 1980s heard Bruner's name in Indiana history classes. There were no memorials to him or speeches in his honor. He was the hero no one knew about.

But a guy named John Schmitt changed all that.

John grew up in southern Indiana and became a lawyer. He also developed some bad habits

that led to the end of his practicing law.

Re-building his life after a crash-and-burn period in his career, he went back to Indiana University to get a master's degree in journalism.

That's where he was when he stumbled across an old book of Civil War stories and learned to his surprise that a Monroe County native — Bruner — had won the Medal of Honor.

The more he read about Bruner's exploits the more fascinated he became, particularly because Bruner not only put himself at dire risk once during his ride to alert Union troops trapped behind Confederate lines but also put his life on the line again to get the troops to safety.

But what irked John was that there was no recognition of any of this in Bruner's Monroe County.

So he did what any journalism

student would do; he wrote a story about it. The piece, published in the Indiana Daily Student, probably would have been the end of things. It prompted no surge of interest in recognizing a forgotten Civil War hero.

But the story didn't stop there. Because his research told him that Bruner was buried in Green Park, he thought of acquaintances in Jay County. John had known Bob Clamme's sister and had met Bob and Rosie on more than one occasion.

So he dropped a copy of the Daily Student article in the mail.

That's how it ended up on my desk, and a version of the story made its way into print in The CR. John's piece was later reprinted in one of our Veterans Day supplements.

As a result, Louis Bruner's name was well-known locally when the Medal of Honor Society

set about recognizing him in the late 1990s.

John Schmitt, meanwhile, has gone on to have a career both in journalism and in teaching. We've maintained a long-distance friendship via email and the occasional phone call and share an interest in free press development work abroad.

At the moment, he's teaching journalism at a university in Texas. He received national recognition in the past year for his efforts on behalf of the free press rights of student newspapers, efforts which have him looking for another job.

And he still remembers Louis J. Bruner fondly.

When I emailed him about the Bruner letter that Jay County Historical Society had acquired, John was delighted, still marveling at the heroism displayed that day in December of 1863 at Walker's Ford.

# It's essential to be engaged

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

The 2023 session of the Indiana General Assembly convened this week for the legislature's biennial budget-writing session.

It's the kind of exercise that can make an ordinary citizen's eyes glaze over. Yet it is crucial work being done on behalf of Hoosiers, and issues of grave importance often get wrapped up in the discussions and debates over how tax revenues are spent and how the state meets its constitutional obligations.

But state finances won't be the only item on the agenda.

A range of issues — including those motivated by ideology and the culture wars — will get their share of time in the spotlight.

Among major issues set for deliberation is Gov. Eric Holcomb's proposal to do away with textbook fees for Hoosier school kids. Indiana's massive \$6.1 billion budget surplus gives legislators plenty of breathing room to give serious consideration to such a plan.

Whatever serious debate occurs will be between Republicans. That's because the GOP, which enjoys supermajority status in both houses of the legislature as well as control over the executive branch, doesn't have to pay much attention to anything minority Democrats have to say.

That doesn't mean the majority party can pay no attention to the people. Legislators are elected to serve voters.

Don't let them forget that.

Rep. Todd Huston of Carmel is serving as speaker of the House. Sen. Rodric Bray of Martinsville is the Senate president.

We urge citizens to interact with their representatives. It's easy to contact legislators to share views. Here's how:

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senators is 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

If you have online access, there is a wealth of information, including email addresses of legislators, about the General Assembly and related services at [IN.gov/legislative](http://IN.gov/legislative).

Another avenue for interacting with legislators are at area crackerbarrel events during the session. The first of such is Saturday at the Vigo County Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Not every lawmaker attends every event, but usually enough of them do to make participating worthwhile. These Terre Haute crackerbarrels will occur the first Saturday of each month during the session.

Government is at its best when citizens are informed and engaged.

Lawmakers work for you. Let them know your opinions.



# Red flag keeps going unseen

By **GENE COLLIER**  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
Tribune News Service

At the right time of day, you can hear an elementary school before you can see it, and if the air is still and the natural acoustics favorable, the discordant symphony of America's youngest students at recess is an auditory blessing.

The beautiful racket that boils from an attack on playground equipment or a race around it or any of the thousand other impulses bursting from dynamo bodies and newly freed minds has a clamorous harmony like nothing else.

There's one school I walk past almost every day, through the park across the street, then back across the full span of its architectural footprint. With or without the soundtrack, I look for only one thing — someone who looks out of place, or who is carrying something that looks out of place, but more bluntly, someone with a gun.

Since about Columbine (1999).

There is no school at Richneck Elementary in Newport News, Virginia, this week because last week ended with a first grade teacher getting shot in her classroom by a 6-year-old.

"This," said Newport News Mayor Phillip Jones, "is a red flag for the country."

Respectfully, Mayor, you new to this country?

This country did not lose its gun-loving mind last Friday. It took decades upon decades of ill-conceived arguments, millions upon millions of gun lobby dollars, and generations upon generations of gutless politicians to make this a country with more guns than people, a country with less than 5% of the world's population holding 40% of its civilian-owned weaponry.

If the red flag is the signal to ques-

tion how a 6-year-old got a gun in the United States of America, the better question is probably, "How did he avoid it for the first five years of his life?"

Only by the favorable exactitudes of trajectory and ballistics was first grade teacher Abby Zwerner not murdered in her classroom by a 6-year-old extracting a gun from his backpack — and maybe that's why this particular news story got such poor traction in a media culture consumed by Prince Harry, Kevin McCarthy and the all-important rejiggering of the NFL playoff format. Nobody died at Richneck Elementary. It was the first school shooting of the year. If trends continue, we'll get 50 or 60 more.

If there's a red flag still flappable in all of this, it might be the psychological compromise we demand from America's children to appease the craven political culture that contorts itself to the Second Amendment. Some days, many days, the saddest news story anywhere is that 6-year-olds go to school fearful of being shot so that someone's desire to own an assault rifle shall not be infringed. Some days, many days, it's hard to tell who the real 6-year-olds are.

"I was scared," a fifth grader told one of the cable channels in Newport News. "It was like my first lockdown and I didn't know what to do, so I just hid under my desk like everybody else."

That's a terrible way to count your

blessings. You made it to 10 before your first lockdown.

Ninety-five percent of public schools in America have some kind of active shooter drills, but the youngest kids, the most fragile, still aren't going to know what to do when someone walks in with a legally purchased AR-15. The burden on those kids is preposterous, unconscionable. It's one thing to fret about your math homework; it's very much another to see if you can remember where to hide when the man with the gun comes.

The most sickening quote I've ever seen was something an elementary school kid told his parents about active shooter drills; he hates them because "the good hiding places are always taken first. There's nothing to hide behind. He'll be able to see me."

In America, in 2022, gun violence surpassed car crashes as the No. 1 killer of young people. Schools, our supposed safe space, have been the stage for nearly 150 shootings since 2018. We went from smoke free school zones to drug free school zones, but some days, many days, it seems we won't be happy until we have school free gun zones.

A law professor who runs the Children's Defense Clinic at the University of Richmond weighed in Tuesday on the matter of what to do with the 6-year-old shooter. "Obviously this is a tragedy on every level," she said. "As a 6-year-old, he just doesn't have the intellectual capacity to even understand how to form the intent to commit a crime like this."

No, he doesn't. But a gun — yeah, that he's got.

One day the sound an elementary school makes before you see it will be different, no longer pulsating with its total color and richness, not exactly full with its accustomed joy. There will be no mystery as to why.

Gene Collier



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## PEOPLE'S CHOICE

The Commercial Review is launching a new special section this year to give you, our readers, the opportunity to recognize your favorites.

### Here's the concept:

For the next few weeks you vote for your favorites in a variety of categories: We tally the votes.

The winners will be listed in a special section to run next month. The top overall vote getter will be featured in the special section. Eligibility is limited to those in The Commercial Review's coverage area, which includes all of Jay County, the western portion of Mercer County (including Fort Recovery), the southern portion of Adams County (including Geneva); the northern portion of Randolph County (including Ridgeville); and the eastern edge of Blackford County.

## The Categories



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(Rather than making this multiple choice, we are leaving each category open-ended. That leaves the voting up to you, the readers, and avoids the possibility that we might leave off an option that would be worthy of winning the vote)

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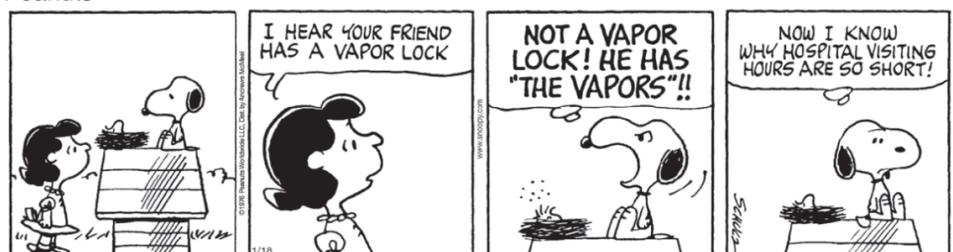
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The bidding: South West North East 1 Pass 2 Pass 3 NT. Opening lead — two of spades.

If you ever have an opportunity to watch an expert in action, you might find his game unimpressive. This would be because most players think that the expert game abounds in squeezes, coups, endplays and other exotic maneuvers, while in actuality the expert's chief stock in trade is his ability to make relatively few mistakes.

Once in a while, though, the expert comes up with a startling bid or play that seems to hint at superhuman powers. But when this bid or play is subsequently analyzed, it is usually found to be based on plain common sense.

Take this case where an expert East made a sensational play that defeated three notrump. South chose this contract, despite his singleton club, because he thought nine tricks would be easier to make than 11.

Declarer won the spade lead with the queen and returned the king of diamonds. East ducked, but won the continuation with the ace as West discarded a low heart. It was here that East found the only play that could sink the contract — he shifted to the king of clubs!

South could not recover from this extraordinary play. He eventually tried a heart finesse and wound up down two. Had East returned a spade or a low club at trick four, South would have gotten home safely.

East had taken careful notice of his partner's singleton diamond and also his lead of the spade deuce, indicating at most a four-card suit. Since West presumably would have led from a five-card suit if he had one, East deduced that his partner had a 4-4-1-4 distribution, which in turn meant South had one club!

If South's singleton was the jack or a small club, it didn't matter which club East returned. But if South's singleton was the queen, it was necessary to return the king. So East did what he had to do to cover all the contingencies — he made the "expert" play.

Tomorrow: The wrong medicine.

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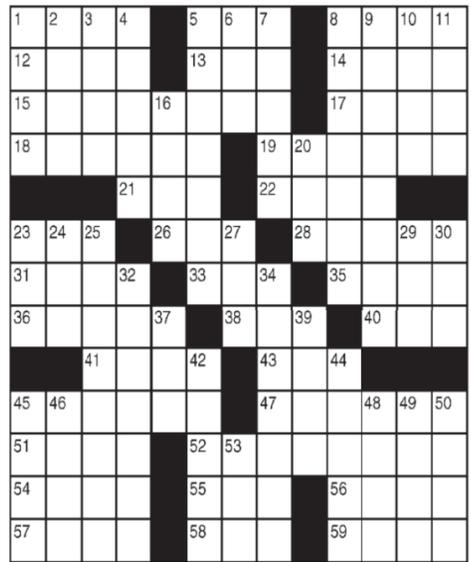
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“They took control of that pace and that pace started to get fast. We know when we can’t control that pace of the game and that tempo starts getting fast, we tend to not play as well. ...  
“When you have a turnover, it’s like quicksand. Once you get into it, it just starts to multiply.”  
The Indians (2-11), who average 30 points per game, scored 14 points in four overtime minutes Saturday to earn a win over Ansonia. They followed that effort up by jumping out to a 13-3 lead Tuesday over the Starfires (11-9) in the first quarter and extended it when Kennedy Muhlenkamp scored the first hoop of the second quarter. Then the press came. After struggling to put

the ball in the basket in order to set up the full-court pressure early, South Adams finally got it going after the quarter break. The result was nine second-quarter turnovers for the Indians as the visitors closed the gap to 21-20 at halftime.  
“It made the difference,” said SAHS coach Wayne Kreiger, whose team had dropped five of its last seven, with losses to Class 3A No. 2 Jay County bookending the stretch. “First quarter, we were not able to generate that defense just because we didn’t score. Once we got the flow going, it did a really good job of slowing them down and helping create things for us.”  
Nine more turnovers, mostly against the full-court press again, allowed

the Starfires to take the lead in the third quarter.  
Fort Recovery’s last advantage came when Saige Leuthold split a pair of free throws midway through the quarter. The Starfires’ Cora Baker, who shot 6-of-8, put her team ahead for good at the 2:40 mark of the third period.  
South Adams put the game away with a 16-0 run, scoring the final nine points of the third quarter and the first seven of the fourth.  
Macy Pries, who fouled out with 2:37 left, led the Starfires with 14 points and Baker added a dozen.  
Peyton Pries scored nine points as she closed in on 1,000 for her career.  
“Cora did a nice job,” said Kreiger. “Early on, we just struggled to get our offense in gear. But both



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Fort Recovery’s Karlie Niekamp keeps the ball away from Emmerson Smith of South Adams during the first half Tuesday.

an exceptional game offensively and on the boards.”  
Kennedy Muhlenkamp scored eight of her team-

high 14 points for Fort Recovery in the opening period. Karlie Niekamp added nine points and Cali Wendel finished with six.  
Though the game got away from the Indians, Gann said she continues to feel they’re making progress. They had won two of their last four games heading into Tuesday after an 0-8 start.  
“This is a learning process for us,” said Gann, “for us to just be able to identify our strengths and continue to grow as players ... They are hard working, they get along. ... All of those things are great.  
“So now we fight confidence and understanding our strengths, and doing those strengths even when it’s hard, just striving through that adversity.”

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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Location: Building located at 201, 203, and 205 W Main St., Portland, IN 47371  
Parcel Identification No: 38-07-20-104-126.000-034, 38-07-20-104-126.002-034, and 38-07-20-104-126.001-034  
Legal Description: The East half of lot Number One (1) in Block Number Eighteen (18) in the Original Plat of the town, now City of Portland, Indiana; The West half of lot Number One (1) in Block Number Eighteen (18) in the Original Plat of the town, now City of Portland, Indiana; and, The East half of Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number Eighteen (18) in the Original Plat of the town, now City of Portland, Indiana

Demolition: Demolish the building in a manner to preserve the integrity of the remaining buildings on the block, to the extent possible. All materials are to be disposed of in a manner and at a disposal site as required by State and Federal Laws and Regulations. Area to be seeded for grass and brought up to grade.  
Time Frame for Demolition: Work is to begin within 14 days of acceptance of bid and to be completed within 10 days of beginning demolition.  
Bids will be accepted in the office of the Clerk Treasurer of the City of Portland, 321 N Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Bids will be opened on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 4 o'clock p.m. in the Mayor's Office.

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Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time, March 8, 2023  
Commissioners' Room  
STATE OF INDIANA  
Jay County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Jay County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments. The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Jay County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3) , by public auction on 03/08/2023 at 10:00 AM Courthouse Time at Commissioners' Room. At the discretion of local officials, the tax sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b)10 at [www.zeusauction.com](http://www.zeusauction.com) commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at [www.sriservices.com](http://www.sriservices.com) prior to the tax sale.  
Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of

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A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate.  
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sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive.  
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382200005 38-01-27-404-054.001-011 \$130.17 MYERS JENNIFER 5 A' 66' X 103' VACANT LAND 250 E MAPLE ST PENNVILLE 47369  
382200006 38-01-34-101-049.000-011 \$81.72 ROWLES CHARLES L N 1/2 OF LOT 11 WALLING ADD 110 S BROADWAY ST PENNVILLE 47369  
382200007 38-09-04-300-029.013-014 \$325.54 BIGGS INC PT SW 1/4 S4 T22 R12 QUINCY PLACE (DRIVE) QUINCY PLACE ADD SOUTH PART OF HART DRIVE DUNKIRK 47336

382200008 38-09-04-300-030.030-014 \$380.75 BIGGS INC PT SW 1/4 S4 T22 R12 QUINCY PLACE (DRIVE) QUINCY PLACE ADD NORTH PART OF HART DRIVE DUNKIRK 47336  
382200012 38-09-08-101-070.000-014 \$290.81 BOWLER ERIC T PARCEL B PT OF O L 2 .12A PT OF O L 3 GEORGE B SULLIVANS ADD VACANT LAND NE OF MT AUBURN ST & W OF ALLEY DUNKIRK 47336  
382200013 38-09-08-101-085.000-014 \$794.60 GREAT FUTURE LLC 45' W PT LOT 7 BLK 32 O P 210 W NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200014 38-09-08-101-113.000-014 \$1,191.36 GREAT FUTURE LLC 105.5' X 130' BLK 29 OP 320 N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200016 38-09-08-101-121.000-014 \$276.47 RITENOUR MARCUS & SUMMER PT (21 X 12) BLK 29 O P VACANT LAND N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200018 38-09-08-103-005.000-014 \$610.18 FISHER HOWARD LOT 19 BLK 37 O P VACANT LOT W WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200021 38-09-08-103-060.000-014 \$306.44 MOORE RICK A & TONIA LOT 7 BLK 39 O P 345 1/2 W PLEASANT ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200029 38-09-08-104-010.000-014 \$274.25 SINGH RAJA S 1/2 S 1/2 LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 28 OP PART VACANT LOTS N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200030 38-09-08-104-083.000-014 \$296.75 DUTY DONNA LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD VACANT LOT E RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200031 38-09-08-104-084.000-014 \$348.84 DUTY DONNA J & ELLEN KATHLEEN J W RIGTS OF SURV LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAILROAD ADD 225 RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200032 38-09-08-104-091.000-014 \$372.02 DUTY DONNA & LARRY SARGENT JT TENS WR OF SURVIVOR E 1/2 LOT 7 & LOT 8 RAIL-

ROAD ADD 231 E RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200034 38-09-08-201-030.000-014 \$313.29 BOWLER ERIC T 10' S SIDE W 1/2 LOT 2903 30' N SIDE W 1/2 LOT 2904 D L CO 4TH & W 1/2 LOT 2901 & 30' N SIDE LOT 2902 DLC 4TH ADD & 10'S SIDE W 1/2 OF LOT 2902 30' N SIDE W 1/2 OF LOT 2903 DUNKIRK LAND CO 139 W EIGHTH ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200035 38-09-08-201-031.000-014 \$217.73 POOR SONNY L W 1/2 LOT 2905 & 10' S SIDE OF W 1/2 OF LOT 2904 D L CO 4TH ADD 141 W EIGHTH ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200037 38-09-08-402-086.000-014 \$499.03 RQ TAX LIEN INVESTMENT INC RICHARD QUIZON LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD VACANT LOT W ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK 47336  
382200038 38-09-08-402-098.000-014 \$267.27 HUNT CHASITY 50' PT O L 10 141 ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK 47336  
382200044 38-09-09-203-003.000-014 \$715.99 MOREHEAD STEVEN MICHAEL LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB DIV 341 E HIGH ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200045 38-09-09-203-051.000-014 \$274.85 ADAMS DONNA SUE LOTS 25 & 26 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV 363 E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200046 38-09-09-203-093.000-014 \$1,033.75 NORRIS LOGAN JAMES & CASEY RAE BROCK LOT 8-10 SNIFF & JOHNSON SD 509 E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200047 38-09-09-203-101.000-014 \$782.37 DUTCH LLC LOT 7 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV VACANT LOT E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336  
382200051 38-09-09-302-025.000-014 \$311.17 JONES ELIZABETH LOT 6 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT A STREET DUNKIRK 47336  
382200055 38-03-17-301-018.000-021 \$2,153.92 ROBINSON AMANDA CRYSTAL 65' S END OF LOT 4 BLK 14 103 S HENDRICKS

BRYANT 47326  
382200066 38-10-33-202-014.000-024 \$20.31 JEFFRIS DONALD & VICKY PT LOT 1 & 44 1/2' OF LOT 1 BLK 3 POWERS STATION S33 T22 R13 PART OF VACANT LOT S 600 W POWERS STATION PORTLAND 47371  
382200083 38-09-14-403-014.000-031 \$46.32 ELMORE DEBORAH A PT SE 1/4 50' X 335' S14 T22 R12 .38A VACANT LAND N SYCAMORE ST REDKEY 47373  
382200085 38-09-14-404-018.002-031 \$37.15 HOWARD SANDRA PT A & S 34' PT B SPAHR & ANDREWS LOT BEHIND OR EAST OF 45 N SYCAMORE ST REDKEY 47373  
382200092 38-09-23-101-114.000-031 \$168.43 APPENZELLER HARRY H JR N PT LOT 46 O P PT VACANT LOT S UNION ST REDKEY 47373  
382200095 38-09-24-201-022.000-034 \$132.78 RUSSELL RICHARD W II LOT 33 CADWALLADER & EDGER 2ND ADD 301 E BELL Ave REDKEY 47373  
382200117 38-07-20-301-018.001-034 \$22.04 WHITE HAROLD L & LELAND B TURPIN JT WRIGHTS OR SURV PT NE/4 SW/4 (38' X 38.5') S20 T23 R14 VACANT LAND S WESTERN AVE PORTLAND 47371  
382200119 38-07-20-401-034.000-034 \$60.38 HEARN CHRIS C "G" PT NE 1/4 SE 1/4 S20 T23 R14 .12A VACANT LAND S BRIDGE ST PORTLAND 47371  
Total Number of Properties: 31  
I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, have not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Jay County, Indiana, to be offered for sale.  
Emily Franks, Auditor, Jay County Indiana.  
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## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Fort Recovery High School's Maddie Guggenbiller tries to dribble past Cora Baker of South Adams during the second quarter Thursday. Guggenbiller hit a fourth-quarter 3-pointer for the Indians, who led by a dozen early but gave up a 16-0 second-half run in a 46-35 defeat.

## Press dooms Fort Recovery

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review  
FORT RECOVERY — The Indians finished strong Saturday. They started strong Tuesday. But they were unable to keep up that momentum. Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team jumped out to a 12-point lead early in the second quarter before turnovers proved costly in a 46-35 loss to the South Adams Starfires. "When the press comes

*Turnovers hurt Tribe after a strong start*

in, obviously it speeds the pace up," said FRHS coach Holly Gann. "We lost the tempo of the game. ... See Press page 7

## Patriot girls defeat Bearcats

MUNCIE — After a week off, the Patriot girls came back strong. The boys were unable to keep up with the host Bearcats.

### Local roundup

Jay County High School's girls swim team rebounded from a loss Jan. 10 to Yorktown with a 122-64 triumph Tuesday over host Muncie Central. The boys team fell 128-54.

improving on his school record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:02.47.

### Jay JH teams roll

Jay County's junior high girls basketball teams continued their strong seasons Tuesday, with the eighth graders battering the visiting Blackford Bruins 40-16. The seventh grade team won 27-10.

Hallie Schwieterman scored more points than both Blackford squads combined, leading the Patriot eighth graders with 28. Natalie May added five and Kady Allread had four as the team improved to 12-2.

Elizabeth Brunswick and Amelia Heath each had 10 points for the seventh grade team, which pushed its record to 12-3. Gabi Petro followed with five points.

### OHSAA supporting

The OHSAA announced Tuesday that it is partnering with Esports Ohio to support its annual state tournament in May.

Esports — electronic game competitions — have been growing with about 250 schools in Ohio now fielding teams.

The state tournament is scheduled for May 20 and 21 at the University of Akron. Trophies will be awarded in the same style that the OHSAA uses for its 28 sanctioned sports.

"Participation in Esports is growing very rapidly and Esports Ohio has been a big part of making it an educational and competitive opportunity for students," said OHSAA executive director Doug Ute in a press release. "The opportunity for these students to be a part of a team and represent their school is very exciting. We are excited to work with an Ohio-based organization that is made up of teachers and school people."

### FR girls split

The Fort Recovery girls swim team split a double Tuesday falling 90-56 to the Delta Eagles while beating the Burriss Owls 95-18. The Tribe boys lost 111-20 to Delta and 97-29 to Burriss.

The best results came from the girls as a group as they won two out of three relays. Teigen Fortkamp, Audra Bubp, Joelle Kaup and Paige Guggenbiller combined to take the top spot in the 200-yard medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

Fortkamp finished first in the 100 freestyle and Bubp won the 100 breaststroke.

Sage Wendel had another record-breaking night to lead the FRHS boys,

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Delta — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Belmont — 5:30 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Mississinewa — 6 p.m. Junior high girls basketball at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Marion Local — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at Marion Local — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball at Celina — 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball (including freshman) vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Swimming hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Championships — 5:30 p.m.; Wrestling in Allen County Athletic Conference Championships at Woodlan — 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Marion Local — 6 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Connecticut at Seton Hall (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ohio State at Nebraska (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins at New York Islanders (TNT)  
8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Oklahoma City Thunder (Bally Indiana)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Xavier at DePaul (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Northwestern at Iowa (BTN)  
9 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Dallas Stars at San Jose Sharks (TNT)

**Thursday**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Tottenham Hotspur at Manchester City (USA)  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Rutgers at Michigan State (FS1)  
6:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Northwestern at Ohio State (BTN)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Purdue at Minnesota (ESPN2); Michigan at Maryland (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics (TNT)  
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Nashville Predators at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Illinois (FS1)  
8:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Michigan at Rutgers (FS1)  
9 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Edmonton Oilers (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Phoenix Suns (TNT)  
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Arizona State (FS1)

**Friday**  
2:30 p.m. — Soccer: Bundesliga — Bayern Munchen at RB Leipzig (ESPN2)



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