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# Just starting

By BAILEY CLINE
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It's just starting.

Jay County is expected to get between 3 to 7 inches of snow today. As of 7 a.m., about an inch of snow had fallen.

The county issued a travel advisory — it means trav-el or activities may be restricted in areas — at 7:16 a.m. because of slick road conditions.

Jay School Corporation announced in advance Tuesday it would be closed today. Instead of implementing an e-learning day, plans are to make up the day Feb. 20.

Fort Recovery Local Schools also closed for the

Jay County Highway Department started plowing county roads about 8 a.m. Superintendent Eric Butcher pointed out about Management Agency direc-

As of 9 a.m. today, snow was limited but county was prepped for more in forecast

had been constantly changing, although he said it predicted heavier snow would come down between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"It's going to be a day long battle," he said. "If (the) wind picks up, drifting should be minimal. That's what we're hoping for any-

Jay County Emergency

8:15 a.m. that the forecast tor Samantha Rhodehamel noted this morning if the snow continues to fall at a heavy rate, the county may raise its travel advisory to a travel watch or warning.

"This is a wet, heavy snow compared to the snow we got around Christmas time," she said. "We may not have the blowing and drifting, but we'll have the slushy, slick (snow)."

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An Indiana Department of Transportation plow clears snow from Votaw Street (Indiana 67) on the west side of Portland this morning. Just the start of a projected 3 to 7 inches of snow had fallen as of 9 a.m. today with a winter storm warning in effect until 8 p.m.

# new leader



Patty Johnston, pictured left, retires at the end of this month from her position as director of Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County. New director Lisa Peterson, pictured right, started transitioning into the role Jan. 4.

### Peterson now heading Pregnancy Care Center with Johnston set to retire at end of the month

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One woman is retiring. Another woman is taking the reins.

After 20 years directing the Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County, Patty Johnston will be retiring at the end of the month. Lisa Peterson, formerly president of the organization's board of directors, is taking over as executive direc-

Peterson formally assumed the role Jan. 4. Throughout her last month of employment, Johnston has been helping Peterson transition into the position as she prepares for retirement.

"I was very happy that I know somebody who loves the center as much as I do is going to pick up the reins, because this is not just a job. It's a lot life purpose.'

more than that," said Johndarn good job."

Peterson, a native of San Antonio, Texas, moved to Dayton, Ohio, in 2004. She graduated in 2013 from Wright State University with a bachelor's degree in social work and again in 2016 with a master's degree in applied behavioral science: criminal justice and social problems. She came to Jay County in November 2019.

Through the years she has worked with the severely mentally ill, individuals struggling with addiction and the incarcerated population.

"Being a social worker, I've always been in the line of helping and serving others," explained Peterson. "So this was a good way to incorporate my Christian beliefs with my

to "demonstrate God's love by emotional and spiritual needs associated with crisis pregnancy and family care." A nonprofit affiliate of Heartbeat International, it offers a free pregnancy test as well as clothes, food, toys, diapers and other necessities.

extending the pregnancy care center's reach into the community, hoping to connect with more local residents, churches and businesses. As a Latina, she noted, she wants to be more inclusive to the Latino community in Jay County, referencing a language barrier.

Each year the pregnancy care center hosts a few

The Pregnancy Care Center fundraisers, including its ston. "And I think she'll do a of Jay County's main role is "Ladies Night Out" event in October attracting more providing counseling and than 300 women annually support to meet the physical, and, most notably, its "Baby Bottle" fundraiser, which involves sending empty baby bottles to local churches for attendees to fill with donations. (The annual fundraiser begins in coming months.)

"That fundraiser has really grown from just a few Peterson's focus will be churches in the beginning," Johnston said. "It's very, very exciting to see all the local churches and the support that they give to the center because ultimately that's what runs the center, the donations from the local churches and individuals and civic organizations. It's really a county wide mis-

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### **Documents** found at home of Mike Pence

**By MICHAEL MCAULIFF** and DAVE GOLDINER

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service A lawyer for former Vice President Mike Pence found 12 classified documents in a search of his Indiana home in the latest bombshell related to mishandling of secret information by officials.

Pence quickly moved to notify authorities and handed over the documents unearthed in the search, which was launched after similar searches turned up classified materials at President Joe Biden's home and office.

"A small number of documents bearing classified markings ... were inadvertently boxed and transported to the personal home of the former Vice President at the end of the last Administration." Pence's lawyer, Greg Jacob, told the National Archives in a letter last week.

sidering a 2024 presidential run, had no idea the documents were stored at his home and is cooperating fully with an investigation.

"Pence was unaware of the existence of sensitive or classified documents at his personal residence," Jacobs said.

Pence's team told congressional leaders about the documents on Tuesday.

The FBI and the Justice Department's National Security Division have launched a review of the documents and how they ended up in Pence's home in Carmel, Indiana.

FBI agents went to Pence's home on Jan. 19 to retrieve the papers, according to Jacob. Pence was in Washington at the time. Four boxes contained copies of administration papers, two of which had "a small number" of documents with classified markings, the letter said.

The discovery mirrors the recent discovery of several sets of documents at an office once used by Biden before his return to the White House and his home in Wilmington, Delaware.

Special counsel Robert Hur has been appointed to investigate the Biden documents.

The Pence and Biden finds are completely different from the scandal involving former President Donald Trump, who deliberately took hundreds of classified documents to his Florida home when he left the White House in

Unlike Pence and Biden, Trump resisted efforts to retrieve the top secret documents and defied a subpoena for their return.

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### **Deaths**

James Hedges, 85, Port-Georgia Johnson, 97,

Bluffton James Johnson, 96, War-

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Tuesday. The low was 29.

A winter storm warning is in effect until 8 p.m. tonight. The low will be 29. Expect a high of 31 Thursday with cloudy skies and a 40% chance of additional snow.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Three Republicans filed Tuesday to run for office.

Jay Miller signed up to run for the GOP nomination for mayor of Dunkirk. Incumbent Donald Gillespie filed to run for another term as Portland City Court Judge, and Jacqueline Miller filed to run for the District 2 seat on Dunkirk City Council.

### **Coming up**

Thursday — Collegiate check-up looks at local athletes competing at the next level.

**Saturday** — Coverage of Friday's Portland Redevelopment Commission meeting.



# **Obituaries**

### James Hedges

Jan. 6, 1938-Jan. 23, 2023 James "Jim" Hedges, age 85, a resident of Portland, passed away on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at

Fairway Village Nursing Home in Indianapolis.

Jim was born on Jan. 6, 1938, in Bluffton, the son of Hubert and Georgia Edwinna (McCarty)

Hedges. He graduated from Pen-

nville High School in 1955 and attended Ball State Teachers College. Jim married Carol Elliott on Aug. 20, 1961.

National Guard and worked for Occidental in Bryant, Lyon's Buick, Farm Bureau, the City of Portland as street superintendent and mayor from  $2\bar{0}00$  to 2003and a funeral assistant at Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. He was a member of Methodist United Asbury Portland Breakfast Optimist Club, Portland Lions

Club, Jaycee's, Portland Kiwanis Club and American Legion Post #211 of Portland.

Survivors include:

His wife of 61 years — Carol Hedges, Portland, Indiana

Three children Brian Hedges (wife: Lori), Cumberland, Indiana, Steven Hedges (wife: Lisa), Indianapolis, Indiana, Karin Somers (husband: Ron). Portland, Indiana

Daughter-in-law Judy Hedges, Portland, Indiana

Two brothers — Thomas Hedges (wife: Diane), Gallatin, Tennessee, and Donovan Mac Hedges (wife: Jody), Syracuse, Indiana

Eight grandchildren — Calvin Jim was a veteran of the Hedges (wife: Brittany), Mackenzie Hedges (fiancé: Jake Hester), Lauren Hedges, Erica Hedges, Candler Hedges, Lilly Hedges, Nicholas Patterson and Spencer Patterson (wife: Brooke)

great-grandchildren Three - Grant Hedges, Luke Hedges and Maverick Patterson

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark Hedges.

Visitation will be held on Sun-

day from 2 to 5 p.m.. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland. Pastor Joe Boggs will officiate and burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville. American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be directed to Asbury United Methodist Church or Jay County Historical Society.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

### Georgia Johnson

May 16, 1925-Jan. 23, 2023 Georgia M. Johnson, 97, of Bluffton, formerly of Dunkirk, passed away on Monday evening, Jan. 23, 2023, at her residence, with her family by her side.

Georgia was born on May 16, 1925, in Kokomo to Raymond and Elizabeth (Moore) Rivers. She was the youngest of nine siblings.

She was a graduate of Portland High School and attended Cosmetology School in Anderson. She

worked as a Beauty Operator for a few years before becoming a full time mom. She enjoyed crafting, especially knitting and crocheting. She will be remembered as a kind, caring individual that didn't have a mean bone in her body.

On April 19, 1947, Georgia and William "Bill" H. Johnson were married. He preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 2004, after 56 years of marriage.

Survivors include her children, John (Karen) Johnson of Mulberry, Florida, Jacque Johnson of Bluffton, Jerry W. Johnson of Bluffton and Jenny (Tom) Twigg of Hutchinson, Kansas; along with nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and infant son, Jay Johnson in 1964; and her siblings, George Rivers, Wanda Moody, James Rivers, Don Rivers, Frances Jackson, Allen Rivers, Vern Rivers and Pauline Rogers.

services will be held at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral es.

Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at her family plot at Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey.

Memorials may be made in Georgia's memory to Stillwater Hospice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Lemler Family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler

Friends can send condolences to the family at thomarich.com.

Funeral Home in Bluffton.

James D. Johnson, Warren, a relative of Dunkirk residents, Jan. 11, 1927-Jan. 24, 2023. A gathering in his memory is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpe-

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

There is a charge for obituaries, Private family visitation and which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary servic-

# CR almanac

Hedges

Thursday 1/26	Friday 1/27	Saturday 1/28	Sunday 1/29	Monday 1/30
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31/21	34/27	35/28	33/19	26/17
There's a 40% chance of snow under cloudy skies, with wind gusts reach- ing up to 20 mph.	More snow is slightly pos- sible Friday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 27 late.	forecast pre- dicts cloudy skies with a 50% chance of	Snow may continue into Sunday with a 50% chance of precipitation.	Mostly cloudy, with the low dip ping to the mid teens at night.

### **Lotteries**

### **Powerball**

Estimated \$526 million

### **Mega Millions**

33-41-47-50-62 Mega Ball: 20 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

### Hoosier

Daily Three: 1-3-0 Daily Four: 9-9-3-6 Quick Draw: 1-5-6-8-13-15-17-23-30-31-39-42-51-56-60-62-63-74-76-79

Evening Daily Three: 8-2-8 Daily Four: 9-4-7-7

Quick Draw: 3-5-9-14jackpot: 19-20-21-30-32-46-51-55-57-63-64-68-69-71-78-80

Cash 5: 6-10-40-41-42 Estimated jackpot: \$452,500

### Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 0-1-5 Pick 4: 0-9-4-4 Pick 5: 1-7-9-3-8 **Evening** Pick 3: 5-7-1 Pick 4: 2-4-8-6 Pick 5: 7-5-0-7-6 Rolling Cash: 5-18-21-

Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

### **Markets**

Cooper Farms	
Fort Recovery	
Corn	6.93
Feb. corn	6.93
Wheat	7.22

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### March corn ......6.96 The Andersons **Richland Township**

### Beans .....14.67 Feb. beans ......14.74

Central States Montpelier	
Corn	6.
March corn	6.
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Corn	6.75
March corn	6.77
Beans	14.69
Feb. beans	14.71
Wheat	7.25

Wheat ...... 6.81

July wheat ......7.25

### Heartland St. Anthony

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Corn	6.47
Feb. corn	6.47
Beans	14.52
Feb. beans	14.57
Wheat	6.96

# Today in history

Anne Boleyn, the second of his six wives.

**1961**, Disney released the animated eventually moved forfilm "One Hundred and One Dalmatians" in the United States.

In 2021, Jay County's west side of Portland. animal control task force

In 1533, King Henry shared its reasoning VIII of England married behind a recommendation for a new facility with a price tag north of \$1 million. The project ward with a facility planned for the former Fastenal building on the

## Citizen's calendar

### **Today**

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

### **Thursday**

3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Portland 4 p.m. — Board of Aviation executive session, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

### **Friday**

8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

9 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Portland 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.

# Leader

Continued from page 1 Johnston recalled how the pregnancy care center has changed locations four times over the course of its life, starting in the Vormohr Medical Center in 1993, then in a spot on Walnut Street, then in a space on Main Street and finally to its current location on Meridian Street in 2008.

About three years after securing its own building and making major renovations to it, a flood severely damaged the interior. Johnston noted they sustained thousands of dollars in damage and had to start anew with everything 3 feet above the ground. "That was a very humbling expe-

rience. I was very glad to bring the

center through that," she said. "It was a very terrible time, but seeing the community come together and help us out, that was really awesome."

Johnston, a 1974 Portland High School graduate, managed Hunt's Emporium in Portland for 25 years prior to her time at the pregnancy care center. And now, after two decades serving as its executive director, she's ready to change course.

Johnston's reason for retiring?

"There's three reasons," she said. "Josiah, Philip and Esther. Grandkids that live in North Carolina ... I just have to be where they are.'

Although she and her husband don't plan to move right now, Johnston wants her grandchildren to 'know their Grandma.'

Peterson noted Johnston's dedication to the role over the years.

"(She) just has a heart of gold towards mothers and children, specifically," said Peterson. "Never gets tired."

True to Peterson's throughout an interview Johnston flitted around the office, helping with office matters and greeting visitors to the pregnancy care center with a grin from ear-to-ear. "It's been her life calling," Peter-

son said. "And she definitely has made quite a significant mark (on) I would say hundreds if not thousands of families in this communi-

# Starting

Continued from page 1 According to the National Weather

Service, snow started accumulating just before 4 a.m. today. The forecast calls for snow and drizzle until 2 p.m. and snow and rain between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. More snow and drizzle are expected in the evening with wind gusts reaching up to 25 miles per hour.

"People need to be cautious as they travel, and it's important when it's snowing like this that they have their head-

lights on and they maintain a safe distance between them and the vehicle in front of them," said Rhodehamel.

Jay County Highway Department will be plowing roads for the majority of the day. As of this morning, officials were waiting to see how the forecast played out.

"If you do have to be out and about, just be careful," Butcher said. "Allow yourself extra time and drive carefully. It is slick, but nothing impassable or anything like that."

# Capsule Reports

### **Snowy road**

A Redkey woman couldn't stop the vehicle she was driving at the intersection of county roads 600 West and 600 South, causing her to drive off the road about 6:13 a.m. Monday.

Kaylee E. Kirby, 34, Red-

Volkswagen Routan east on county road 600 South section with county road because of snow and ice layered on the road, causing her to continue east \$1,000 and \$2,500.

key, was driving a 2012 through the intersection into a field.

Kirby's vehicle was and approaching the inter-recovered by Massey's Towing of Redkey. Dam-600 West. She told police age to the vehicle — it is she wasn't able to stop registered to Charles Clark of rural Portland is estimated between

# 'ence

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A federal judge authorized a search of Mar-a-Lago, which turned up about 300 classified documents.

Special counsel Jack Smith is investigating the document issue as well as Trump's involvement in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol and the plot to overturn his election loss to Biden.

Days after FBI agents raided Trump's Florida resort last August, Pence told reporters he didn't take home any classified documents.

"No to my knowledge," the former vice president told The Associated Press.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, said he would consider supporting new laws that would cover the handling of classified documents.

GOP Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky backed the handling of the documents cases by Attorney General Merrick Garland, breaking from fellow Republicans.

"They ought to treat everybody the same who has misplaced classified documents, and it seems so far as if the attorney general is making an effort to do that," McConnell said.

### **SERVICES**

### Thursday

Bales, William: I p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey. Fields, Robert: 3 p.m.,

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

### Friday

Miller, Robert: II a.m., Rock Run Church of the Brethren, 64985 county road 33, Goshen

### Saturday McAbee, Edith: II a.m.,

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

### Monday Hedges, James: II a.m.,

Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland. Tuesday

### Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Johnson, James: 5 p.m.,

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# Fort Recovery charities raise \$19,225

raised more than \$19,000 last of \$1,282 from 2021.

announced its total donations received \$2,200.50, the Center Foundation at \$1,498.50, Fort Recovery Academic Boosters Mentoring at \$395.

Fort Recovery Combined Mercer County Right to Life raised \$1,869. Charities recently released its with \$2,602. Fort Recovery 2022 campaign results, which Morvilius Opera House Fort Recovery Community Project Recovery at \$929, Fort and Van Wert counties) Youth

Leading in donations was Association of Mercer County of the Library at \$1,330, Ever Cub Scouts at \$666, Our Home

**Metal Roofs** 

Charities in Fort Recovery at \$19,225. That's an increase for Neurological Development Recovery Historical Society at at \$888.50, Fort Recovery 4-H gained \$2,111 and the Cancer \$1,422, Fort Recovery Friends club at \$778.50, Fort Recovery Heart Hospice at \$1,252, Fort Family Resource Center at \$585 Other distributions were Recovery Girl Scouts at \$698, and M.A.V. (Mercer, Auglaize

# Juried art show opens Saturday

It's that time of year. Minnetrista's Annual Juried Art Show opens Saturday in Muncie. This year's showcase of Indiana's artists was selected by juror Shaun Thomas Dingwerth, executive director at Richmond Art Museum.

Featured annually are a variety of mediums, including painting, printmaking, digital media, sculpture, jewelry, ceram-

### **Taking Note**

tiles. The show runs fy. through April 16.

**President's list** 

announced students on its president's list for the fall semester.

A Redkey resident, Majenica Moles, made the list.

Students must earn 12 credit hours with a miniics, photography and tex- mum GPA of 3.7 to quali-

### **Dean's list**

Southern New Hamp- recently announced its pass grades.

University dean's list for the fall semester.

Making the list was Kendal Garringer of Portland, student a majoring in biology chemistry.

To be named to the university dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher while taking at least 12 credit hours and have no more than Manchester University three hours of pass or no



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# Woman wants to join married couple

DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman in my early 50s who has been through two divorces. This may make me sound like a bad person, but I'm really nice and quite conservative. I just make poor choices when it comes to men.

A few years ago, I met a woman I have become good friends with. She's happily married. She and her husband are empty nesters, like I am. We often socialize, and when we do there is definite chemistry between the three of us.

I've recently heard of the concept of a "throuple," which is consenting adults living together as any couple would, except there are three rather than two. I can't help but wonder whether my friend, her husband and I might make a good throuple. This is not a case of rushing into something. We have known each other for several years and have established trust and compatibility.

I'm nervous to bring this up because I don't want to jeopardize our friendship. I'm also scared about how deeply I feel for both of these people, and I think it's mutual. I don't like being single, and the thought of dating again gives me hives. What should I do? — FOUND THE RIGHT ONES OUT

DEAR FOUND: Carefully con**sider which will give you worse** anything for the child.

Dear Abby



wiser decisions about men in the future, provided you're willing to risk dipping your toe into the dating pool.

It's very possible that, as much as this couple likes you, they may not be enthusiastic about the idea of a throuple. Proposing what you have in mind may put a crimp in your relationship with one — or both of them. Unless you can find a way to casually gauge their reaction to "throupling" hypothetically in the course of a conversation, allow me to share a bit of wisdom that has served me well: When in doubt -DON'T!

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter's husband has not bonded with their youngest child. He won't hold her or play with her, and barely acknowledges her existence. When, through therapy, our daughter learned to confront the issue, he admitted he just doesn't feel

are now in a position to make attentive to their 3-year-old. He Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

would rather play video games than interact with his children or his wife. As far as we know, he isn't physically abusive toward the children or our daughter, but he is definitely verbally abusive.

Having been a victim of abuse myself, I am well aware that verbal abuse is just as damaging as physical abuse and, in fact, is sometimes a precursor to physical

As grandparents, is there anything we can do, or must we watch these precious little girls be starved for affection from their father? — AWARE IN TEXAS

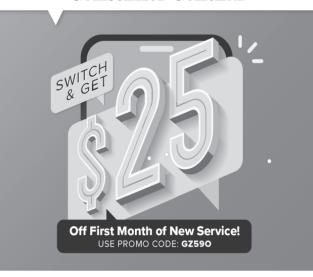
DEAR AWARE: While you cannot force your son-in-law to be a better parent — or husband you CAN encourage your daughter to continue her therapy so she can become more assertive, not only for the sake of her children, but also for herself.

It may give her the strength to end the marriage.

In the meantime, continue to love your grandchildren and give them the positive reinforcement and all the attention they deserve so they learn what healthy relationships feel like.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact hives. After two divorces, you In truth, he's not much more Dear Abby at Dear Abby.com or P.O.

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# **Community Calendar**

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as played from 11 a.m. to noon space is available. To suban item. news@thecr.com.

### Wednesday

ING BREAKFAST CLUB invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional North Lounge. time.

on Wednesdays at West Jay email Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmo-WEDNESDAY MORN- ny Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St. more information, call

EUCHRE CLUB — Will Will meet at 8 a.m. in the meet at 2 p.m. the fourth east room of Richards Wednesday of each month Restaurant. All women are at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the

AL-ANON **FAMILY** 

PING PONG — Will be 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

> A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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.

> CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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.

> LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenantlandlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

### **Saturday**

MOUS — 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

Sunday A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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.

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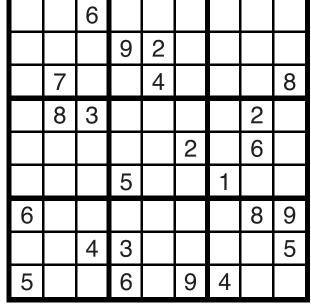


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# Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

### **Tuesday's Solution** 8 3 6 7 2 5 4 9 1

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

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# Shop class taught key life lessons

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Jan. 26. 2005. Jack was far more likely to write the book that ended up on the shelf than to create the shelf himself. Still, there are valuable things to be learned by attempting tasks for which we do not have a natural talent.

#### By JACK RONALD The News and Sun

It's amazing what you can learn about life in seventh grade shop class, particularly if you have a great teacher.

Mine was a guy named Don

He had his hands full trying to teach some basics of wood shop to a crew that could never seem to decide whether they were kids or grown-ups or maybe even creatures from another planet. In other words, we were seventh graders, deep in the throes of confusion created by adolescence.

But Don Oswalt let us know quickly and firmly that he was the boss. There was a get-down-

### Back in the Saddle



to-business firmness about him, though he soon showed he had a sense of humor as well.

Our project that pivotal year was to be a bookcase, though giving it that name implies much more structure than was actually involved.

The "bookcase" was three pieces of wood. One was about six inches by fourteen inches. One was about six by six, and the third was six by two inches.

Our task, he explained that first week, was to construct a bookcase of basic design, cutting the wood ourselves, joining it, and sanding it to a finish that would pass his inspection.

Fortunately, no power tools English or history transferred

were involved or some of us over to the skills necessary to Some of us mis-measured and would have left seventh grade with fewer digits than we'd had as sixth graders.

The tools were rudimentary, and they were kept locked in a screened cage at the back corner of the shop. At the start of each class, we'd have to sign tools out. At the end of the class, we'd have to return them in good condition. Class members took turns with the record-keeping in the tool cage.

For most of us, it was our first time ever trying to build some-

For all of us, it was a chance to see the world in a different

It quickly turned out that some of us weren't very good at this, while others took to it naturally. And there was absolutely no correlation between how well a student performed in shop and how well he did in any other

None of the good grades from

think three-dimensionally and to work with our hands.

Probably nobody learned that faster than I did. When it came to shop, I was the equivalent of an illiterate. And it took some real patience on Don Oswalt's part to get me "reading" by the end of the year.

The bookcase came together with dado joints, one on the top of the largest piece of wood and one on the bottom. The dado slots were cut with a miter saw, then chiseled out by hand. The shortest piece of wood would then be glued into the dado on the bottom of the largest piece, acting as a sort of foot. The third piece would fit into the top dado and act as a bookend. The finished piece would sit at a slight angle.

It would make a perfect gift for your father, Don assured us. Sure, if it ever got finished.

Few projects ever seemed as daunting as that first one.

had to buy more wood. And our finishes — no matter how hard we sanded or how much we steel-wooled — always seemed to need more work.

In the end, we all got them done, even those who were

worse with wood than I was. What did we learn?

We learned respect for wood. We learned respect for tools. We learned respect for those whose set of skills was different from our own.

And we learned to respect ourselves for seeing the project through to the end.

Don was right, by the way. It made a great gift to my father. To my great pride and seventh grade satisfaction, he kept it in his office the rest of his life. Today, it sits on the computer desk at home, holding software

Great life lessons from an outstanding teacher. You never know what you're going to learn We all fought with the chisel. in seventh grade.

I DIDN'T FIND THE REMOTE, BUT I DID FIND SOME CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS.

# Don't politicize our school boards

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

The spin was subtle, but significant, in a Republican announcement of a proposed bill to end Indiana's long history of nonpartisan school board elections.

A news release from the Indiana House Republicans said, "State Rep. Alan Morrison (R-Brazil) authored legislation that would boost transparency in Hoosier school board elections by allowing candidates to declare a party affiliation."

So, it apparently would "allow" folks wanting to serve on their local school board — already one of the most thankless jobs in public service declare a political party affiliation. They could, at last, fully join in the wonderful world of partisan politics, circa 2023, where each side demonizes the other, acceptance of ideas from the opposite party is forbidden by party bosses, and no proposal moves forward without approval up the chain of party command.

"Allow" sounds option-

the bill reads. House Bill 1074 "provides that for school board offices, each candidate's affiliation with a political party or status as an independent candidate must be stated on a petition of nomination and on the ballot.'

The proposed law would, in reality, force people wanting to serve on their local school boards to decide to wear the party label of "Republican," "Democrat" or "Libertarian" unless they choose no party and run as an independent. The predominance of Hoosier school board members who are not overtly political would have to get overtly political, or go it alone as an independent.

And, how often do independent candidates who have no party endorsements or support – win partisan elections in Indiana? Rarely.

Instead, the plan to immerse local schools in party politics is meant to give the ruling political over Hoosiers' lives. This of "empowering parents,"

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but it is really aimed at forcing school board members to carry out the state and national party leadership's outrageissue-of-the-month to win elections. Kids receive a weakened education as a result.

about control.

The party controlling the local school board also can then influence decisions. A Republican dominated board could choose not to teachers, coaches, princi-Actually, that is not how pals, counselors and staff members they suspect to be Democrats, and vice versa. The divisive, usversus-them mess that stagnates Congress would unfold in the community school, sucking up the oxygen and energy that should be devoted to efficient, thoughtful, day-today operations.

The most recent election in Vigo County itself refutes the bogus claim that attaching a "R," "D" or "L" to a school board candidate's name provides better information to voters than the nonpartisan system. Voters in November's election closely scrutinized the 14 nonpartisan candidates on the ballot to get their takes on last year's turned-down school construction referendum and other issues. Candidate forums were heavily attended, too. Party labels would have added nothing helpful and only blurred the pertinent informa-

Those are the reasons party even more control that only four states force candidates to wear party scheme is pitched under a labels in school board shiny, expedient coating elections. Indiana should not join that list.

Party officials would probe candidates even after they declared a party. Under the proposed law, candidates must have selected a ballot from their declared party in the two most recent primaries. If not, the county's party chairman must certify a candidate's declaration. Again, it is

Progressive Perspectives Tribune News Service With a new congressional term approve contracts for kicking off, the agricultural lobby will fight to bring the Farm Work force Modernization Act back for approval to alleviate the shortage of farmworkers across the country. The bill is now in limbo after Democrats lost control of the House of Representatives. Despite this, lawmakers could take up other measures, such as increasing farmworker minimum wage, that would help address the shortage — and more importantly, improve labor conditions for these workers. Net farm income for last year

across the United States is projected to be \$160.5 billion, up from \$141 billion in 2021. Although 10% of this income is from government support to help farmers recruit enough workers, this investment has done nothing to address the root causes of the farmworker shortage. Approximately 2.5 million workers

toil in U.S. farms each year. In the last two decades, farmworkers have lost more than \$65 million in wage theft; few standards exist to protect their wages. According to the 2019-2020 National Agricultural Workers Survey, at least 70% of farmworkers are foreign-born and 68% were born in Mexico and Central America.

American farmers are once again speaking up about their inability to secure enough laborers for the harvest of hand-picked crops. Chronic labor shortages of farmworkers regularly lead to rising production costs, empty shelves and higher food prices.

But there's an effective solution to prevent such shortages: paying farmworkers a higher wage. Recent research indicates that raising mini- National Labor Relations Act. The





mum wages improves the recruitment and retention of low-wage including agricultural workers, workers.

Today, the federal minimum wage for agricultural workers is set at \$7.25 per hour, lagging behind the 30 states and the District of Columbia that have a higher minimum wage and the 47 cities that have adopted minimum wages higher than their state minimum wage.

Agricultural work is not just poorly paid, it is also dangerous, with a fatal injury rate four times higher than other private sector workers. Work schedules in this industry include early mornings, weekends, holidays and more than 40 hours per week with insufficient or unreliable pay.

The hazards of farm labor include working outdoors, dying in extreme heat (which is increasing due to climate change), enduring inadequate and overcrowded living facilities and lacking access to adequate health care, which is the case, for example, for the half-million farmworkers based in California.

This is why raising wages is only the first step for improving the working conditions of farmworkers. In addition to harsh working conditions, these workers are seldom allowed to claim overtime or have collective bargaining rights due to exemptions in the Fair Labor Standards Act and the lack of basic labor rights leaves many farmworkers unprotected from retaliation should they attempt to form unions. Having equal access to collective bargaining in all states would offer farmworkers the opportunity to negotiate wages, hours and benefits, thus making agricultural employment more attractive to a diverse pool of workers.

We need to advocate for federal changes to the National Labor Relations Act to offer all workers the right to union representation and support local living wage ordinances that mandate at least \$15 per hour.

While it may be too late to pass the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, it is never too late to begin imagining pieces of legislation that would truly help to raise the wages of all farmworkers. We can begin by supporting legislation that would extend federal overtime protections to agricultural workers.

We could also ask our legislators to support the Raise the Wage Act, a bill introduced in the House of Representatives last year. If passed, this bill would gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025, achieving a modest and adequate standard of living for all workers. And we could support the Fight for \$15 and a Union, a decade-old labor rights movement. Although these are just modest solutions, we need to act soon because one thing is for sure: the continued exploitation of 2.5 million farmworkers is unacceptable, and we can do better.

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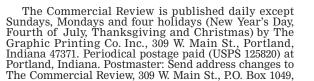
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"Daddy got the Final Jeopardy question right! Are we

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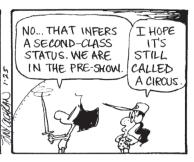




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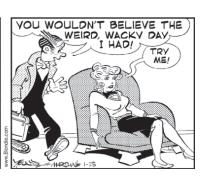




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West ♣À KJ7 North East

South Pass Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead - jack of hearts. Let's say you're East, defending against three notrump, and partner leads the jack of hearts, won by South with the queen. Declarer cashes the Q-K-A of diamonds,

clubs, and plays another diamond that you win with the jack as partner discards the three of clubs. Matters have now reached a critical stage, and it is clear from what

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partner discarding the deuce of

has transpired thus far that you must return a spade. Partner has indicated a lack of interest in clubs, and it is also plain to see that a heart return would be pointless. Your problem therefore is not so much whether to lead a spade, but rather which spade to lead.

If you start by crediting South with the A-Q of spades merely because he bid the suit, you are thinking along the wrong lines, since by making that assumption, you are, in effect, conceding the contract. Instead, your best shot is to assume that South does not have the ace of spades.

Accordingly, you should shift to

the spade jack in the hope that your partner has the A-9-x-x, in which case you will defeat the contract As it happens, the jack play kills declarer dead. Whether or not he covers the jack with the queen, you reel off four spade tricks, and he winds up down one.

But note that if you start the spades by leading the king or three first, South can make the contract with correct play. Only the jack lead leaves declarer without recourse and prevents him from The jack scoring nine tricks. becomes the giant killer!

Tomorrow: Proper technique pays off. ©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc

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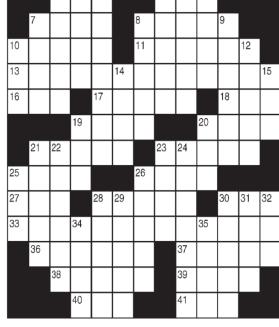
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**Date** Thursday, Jan. 26 Saturday, Jan. 28 Monday, Feb. 6 Saturday, Feb. 11 Saturday, Feb. 18 Home meets in bold

**Opponent Huntington North** Western Richmond Muncie Central New Castle

**Time** 6:30 p.m. noon 6 p.m. 2:30 p.m. noon

Pictured is the 2023 Jay County High School gymnastics team. From left are Cassidy Upp, Grace Yowell, Coryn Blalock, Olivia Cox, Jordyn Hutzler, Mikaylee Hoffman, Karci Hopkins and Callie Yates. The Patriots open their season Thursday with their only home meet of the year against Huntington North.

# Sports on tap

### Local schedule

Jay County - Junior high boys basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament – 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball in Allen County Ath-Conference Tournament at TBA 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Jay County - Girls basketball vs. Heritage - 6 p.m.; Swimming at Marion -

 $6\,$  p.m.; Gymnastics vs. Huntington North –  $6{:}30$  p.m.

Fort Recovery - Girls basketball vs. St. Henry - 6 p.m.: Middle school boys St. Helly – 6 p.m., Middle School boys basketball vs. St. Henry – 5 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at New Knoxville – 5 p.m.; Seventh grade girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Versailles - 5 p.m.

Friday Jay County — Boys basketball

(including freshmen) vs. Bluffton - 6 Fort Recovery — Boys basketball (including freshmen) at St. Henry – 5 p.m.

### TV sports Today

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Xavier at Connecticut (FS1)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (Bally Indiana)
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Wisconsin at Maryland (BTN) 7 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT) 7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyr Nets at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN) 8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at Providence (FS1)

9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Columbus Blue Jackets at Edmonton Oilers (TNT) 10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

**Thursday** 3:30 a.m. — Tennis: Australian

Open semifinals (ESPN) 7 p.m. - Men's college basketball: SMU at Memphis (ESPN2); Iowa at

Michigan State (FS1) 7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics (TNT) 9 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Arizona Coyotes (Bally Indi-

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### Public Notice

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFI-CATE SALE Jay County Indiana 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 commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at 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 State.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.

A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale  $% \left\{ \mathbf{r}^{\prime}\right\} =\mathbf{r}^{\prime}$ 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.

If the certificate is sold for an amount more than 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 and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus.

Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax

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. The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from

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 382200007 38-09-04-300-029.013-014

\$325.54 BIGGS INC PT SW 1/4 S4

T22 R12 QUINCY PLACE (DRIVE)

QUNICY PLACE ADD SOUTH PART OF HART DRIVE DUNKIRK 47336

the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale. Dated: 1/18/2023 382200005 38-01-27-404-054.001-011 \$130.17 MYERS JENNIFER 5 'A

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 OL 3 GEORGE B SULLIVANS ADD VA-CANT LAND NE OF MT AUBURN ST & W OF ALLEY DUNKIRK 47336 382200013 38-09-08-101-085.000-014 \$794.60 GREAT FUTURE LLC  $45^{\circ}$  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 IN-DIANA 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

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 VA-CANT 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 JT W/RGHTS OF SURV LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAIL-ROAD ADD 225 RAILROAD St DUNKIRK 47336

382200032 38-09-08-104-091.000-014 \$372.02 DUTY DONNA & LARRY SARGENT JT TENS WR OF SUR-VIVOR 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 1/2OF 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

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 VA-CANT LOT W ORANGE AVE

\$217.73 POOR SONNY L W 1/2 LOT

DUNKIRK 47336  $382200038\ 38\text{-}09\text{-}08\text{-}402\text{-}098.000\text{-}014$ \$267.27 HUNT CHASITY 50' PT O L 10 141 ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK

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 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 PORT-LAND 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 38-09-24-201-022.000-031 \$132.78 RUSSELL RICHARD W II LOT 33 CADWALLADER & EDGER 2ND ADD 301 E BELL Ave

REDKEY 47373382200117 38-07-20-301-018.001-034 \$22.04 WHITE HAROLD L & LE-LAND B TURPIN JT W/RGHTS OR SURV PT NE/4 SW/4 (38' X 39.5') 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 VA-CANT LAND S BRIDGE ST PORT-LAND 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. CR/NS 1-18,25,2-1-2023-HSPAXLP

#### **250 PUBLIC NOTICE**

	Public N	Notice		LAYMAN, TRACY J LEAVELL, RILEY R LEMASTER, RONALD C	Pt Courthouse Security Basic EMT Truck Driver	Jail JEMS Highway	\$802.17 \$44,001.40 \$37,977.60
Name	Jay County, Indiana Total Job Title	Department	Amount	LEMASTER, RONALD C LENNARTZ, TONY E LIMBERT, DYLAN M	Investigator- Lt. Dispatcher	Sheriff Statewide 911	\$54,252.44 \$15,096.54
ACHESON, MARILYN G ADAIR, TERRY D AFFOLDER, JUDITH E	Election Jail Maintenance PTABOA	Election Board Jail PTABOA	\$3,970.00 \$34,031.92 \$255.00	LOCKE, CORY M LOCKER, ANTHONY J	Deputy Sheriff PT Basic EMT	Sheriff JEMS	\$45,921.66 \$3,810.72
AKER, CHAD A ALBERSON, ROBIN L	Commissioner	Commissioners	\$20,501.00	LONG, PATRICK A	Deputy Coroner	Coroner	\$1,000.00
	Assessor	Assessor	\$47,921.38	LOTHRIDGE, STEVEN E	Merit Deputy	Sheriff	\$47,178.94
ALIG, MICHAEL R ANDERSON,	Truck Driver	Highway	\$32,360.00	LUCAS, KRISTA L LYKINS, CHAD A	2nd Deputy Mechanic	Clerk Highway	\$30,322.40 \$15,345.88
CHRISTOPHER K ANDERSON, RONALD F	PT Field Officer Paramedic	Community Corrections JEMS	\$1,362.72 \$52,631.46	MAITLEN, GRACELYN R	Pt Jailer	Jail	\$4,373.76
ANTRIM, TIMOTHY M	Truck Driver	Highway	\$8,568.47	MAITLEN, JORDAN L	Cook/ Housekeeper	Retirement Center Probation Department	\$18,036.02
ARMSTRONG, NANCY	Food Inspector	Health	\$15,514.12	MAY, RONALD W	Juvenile Probation Officer		\$38,900.12
ATKINSON, PEGGY S	Health Registrar	Health	\$31,787.40	MCCLAIN, ZARADA J	Cook	Retirement Center JEMS	\$16,920.42
ATKINSON, TROY A	Mosquito Sprayer	Tobacco Cessation-Prevention	\$769.81	MCDOWELL, JEREMY R	PT Paramedic		\$3,006.36
BAILEY, CHRISTINA M	Secretary	Public Defender	\$30,687.40	MCFARLAND, JOHN R	Shift Supervisor/Trainer	JEMS	\$70,887.11
BAILEY, CIARA E	Baliff	Superior Court	\$26,066.25	MCGALLIARD, BRIAN R	Commissioner	Commissioners	\$20,501.00
BAILEY, JENNIFER L	Sheriff Secretary	Sheriff	\$32,287.40	MCIVER, BRYAN D	Pt Paramedic	JEMS	\$336.54
BAILEY, LEXUS R	PT Custodian	Courthouse	\$202.08	MCLAUGHLIN, KENDRA J	Child Support	Prosecutor Child Support	\$34,485.60
BALDWIN, WILLIAM E BARNETT, GARY J BARNHOUSE, BOBBI S	Head Communication Office Shift Supervisor PT COOK	r Jan JEMS Retirement Center	\$50,133.60 \$72,763.57 \$1,055.27	MCLAUGHLIN, PATRICIA J MCWILLIAM, CAMERON E		City Zoning JEMS	\$36,525.83 \$455.04
BEMIS, PRESTON L	Basic EMT	JEMS	\$1,493.28	MILLER, DONNIE R	Courthouse Security	Jail	\$79.34
BENNETT, KOBE R	Jailer	Jail	\$15,442.80	MILLER, GREGORY L	Merit Board	Sheriff	\$200.00
BENNETT, SHIRLEY A	PT Clerical	Highway	\$669.61	MILLER, JAMIE D	Dispatcher	Statewide 911	\$35,633.26
BENTZ. MARILYN K	Cook	Jail	\$25,372.11	MILLER, KENLEY P	Dispatcher	Statewide 911	\$10,752.66
BERMUDEZ, JOSE M	Jailer	LIT Public Safety	\$22,399.20	MILLER, PAULA R	County Treasurer	Treasurer	\$46,087.86
BICKEL, SHERRI L	Title IV-D Administrator	Prosecutor	\$40,144.80	MILLER, RANDY G	Heavy Equip Operat/ Labor	Surveyor	\$42,480.80
BLAKELY, AMY C	EMA Director	Emergency Management	\$16,343.08	MILLER, TODD M	Probation Officer	Probation Department	\$24,629.45
BLANKLEY, MELISSA A	Director	Retirement Center	\$32,968.80	MILLER, WESLEY B	PT PARAMEDIC	JEMS	\$12,969.19
BOGENSCHUTZ, DEREK J	Sergeant	Sheriff	\$48,023.94	MINCH, MONICA D	2nd Deputy	Surveyor	\$31,187.40
BOICE, WARREN A	Adv EMT	JEMS	\$56,457.92	MINCH, SHELDON N	Seasonal Help	Surveyor	\$3,245.99
BRACY, CINDY A	County Council	Commissioners	\$677.82	MINNICH, MATTHEW J	County Council Member	Commissioners	\$4,807.40
BREWSTER, MICHAEL E	Coroner	Coroner	\$13,481.52	MITCHELL, PATRICK L	Cook/Housekeeper PT	Retirement Center	\$1,671.11
BROWN, DESIREE	Advanced EMT Paramedic	JEMS	\$20,835.34	MOELLER, ANGELA R	2nd Deputy	Assessor	\$31,862.38
BRUCE, AMY JO		JEMS	\$22,315.92	MONEY, BRADLEY K	Custodian	Courthouse	\$10,229.47
BRUMFIELD, RAY C BRUNER, JAMES R BUMBALOUGH, LARRY R	Asst. Pros. Attorney Merit Board Jailer	Prosecutor Sheriff Jail	\$22,100.00 \$200.00 \$39,352.80	MORGAN, JESSICA L	Probation Officer Cook/ Housekeeper	Probation Department	\$11,965.20 \$855.53
BUNCH, APRIL J BURKEY, VIRGINIA L	Jailer Jailer Health Board	LIT Public Safety Health	\$208.08 \$203.22	MORGAN, SAMANTHA L MOSER, CLIFFORD A	Veteran Serv Officer	Retirement Center Veteran Services	\$22,783.54
BURRIS, MELISSA S	Jailer	Jail	\$85.68	MOSIER, DILLON J	Courthouse Security 2 Pt Basic EMT	Jail	\$41,148.52
BUTCHER, ERIC R	Supervisor	Highway	\$13,292.40	MOSSER, MACKENZIE I		JEMS	\$4,386.00
BUTZ, HEATH D	Health Administrator	Health	\$49,330.60	MUMBOWER, DANE A	Election Board	Election Board	\$1,738.95
BYRUM, ANGELA M	2nd Deputy	Treasurer	\$30,587.40	MUMBOWER, KODI A	Jailer	LIT Public Safety	\$37,721.30
CADWALLADER, SANDY K		Treasurer	\$4,383.80	MURPHY, BRANDON E	Public Defender	Public Defender	\$96,385.70
CALDWELL, REX L		Surveyor	\$22,380.90	MYERS, BEVERLY D	2nd Deputy	Auditor	\$31,587.40
CALLAHAN, CRYSTAL M	Jailer	Jail	\$1,228.08	NEWTON, GABRIELLE R	Admin. Asst.	Emergency Management	\$10,767.75
	Jailer	Jail	\$40,763.96	NEWTON, LARRY R	County Council Member	Commissioners	\$4,280.06
CARPENTER, STEPHANIE CARROLL, JENNA T	Senior Court Reporter Pt Jailer	Superior Court Jail	\$37,914.20 \$5,724.24	NIBARGER, CHRISTOPHER L	Mosquito Sprayer	Tobacco Cessation-Prevention	\$939.81
CASE, AARON B	Jailer	Jail	\$31,921.84	NIBARGER, JENNIFER D	Health Maintenance Clerk	Health Maintenance	\$31,487.40
CASH, DOUGLAS G	Truckdriver	Highway	\$14,371.60	NIXON, CHRISTINA M	Clerical	Clerk	\$15,676.74
CASSITY, DANIELLE R	Paramedic	JEMS	\$57,174.77	NUCKOLS, LARRY M	Shift Supervisor	JEMS	\$86,936.59
CHAMP, TED R	County Council Member	Commissioners	\$4,807.40	NUNLEY, KELLY J	Pt Dispatcher	Statewide 911	\$656.88
CHAMP, ZACHARY J CLAY, GLENDA L CLEMONS, TAMMY I	Jailer Asst Health Registrar	Jail Health Maintenance Statewide 011	\$33,861.96 \$12,340.45 \$7,400.88	NUSBAUMER, TRE A OOTEN, JESSICA J	Merit Deputy Advanced EMT	Sheriff JEMS	\$46,844.22 \$57,068.45
CLEMONS, TAMMY L CLINE, DAKOTA L CLINE, JULIE A	Pt Dispatcher Cook/Housekeeper PT Dispatcher	Statewide 911 Retirement Center Statewide 911	\$7,490.88 \$4,610.49 \$33,894.73	OSBORN, DALE G OSTROWSKI, JONI L	Transport Officer Secretary	Jail Community Corrections	\$4,010.64 \$31,720.32
CLINE, JULIE A CLINE, KEITH W COLEMAN, DEBORAH D	Laborer 1st Deputy	Highway Extension Office	\$33,894.73 \$13,919.03 \$34,903.89	PARR, FARON D	County Council Member	Commissioners	\$4,807.40
COLEMAN, JOE L	Transport Officer	Jail	\$8,204.88	PARSONS, CHRISTINA K	Jailer	LIT Public Safety	\$37,214.33
COLEMAN, KRISTIN L	Matron	Jail	\$44,238.50	PAXSON, TRENT A	Health Board	Health	\$828.22
COLEMAN, LAURA L	F/T Registered Nurse	Health	\$44,914.40	PEARSON, HOPE E	Office Manager	Prosecutor	\$41,244.80
COMPTON, CURTIS D	Investigator	Prosecutor	\$49,608.00	PELLERIN, TREY T	Basic EMT	JEMS	\$3,627.12
CONATSER, MICHAEL O	Dispatcher	Statewide 911	\$39,909.49	PENROD, TODD A	Merit Board	Sheriff	\$150.00
CORN, DONALD R	Supervisor	Highway	\$30,743.80	PIERCE, BRIAN M	Asst Public Defender	Public Defender	\$61,460.85
CORWIN, MATTHEW C	Water Tester	Health	\$2,100.00	PIERCE, CHRISTIAN R	Jailer	LIT Public Safety	\$9,902.16
COX, ANGEL M	Jailer	Jail	\$11,177.16	RALPH, RYAN P	Truckdriver	Highway	\$39,293.54
COX BROWN, KIMBERLEY		Retirement Center	\$13,329.71	RAY, JEFFREY S	Truck Driver	Highway	\$37,877.60
COY, TASHA M		Statewide 911	\$3,700.56	REDFORD, CRYSTAL A	Pt Custodian	Courthouse	\$7,819.91
CRAIG, CARMEN J CULY, ANNA M	Admin. Asst. County Auditor	Sheriff Auditor	\$41,083.75 \$8,819.26	REIDT GEIRHART, CLARISSA E	Basic EMT	JEMS	\$293.76
CULY, DENISE C	2nd Deputy	Clerk	\$31,237.40	REINHARD, JOSEPH S	Heavy Equip Operat/ Labor		\$40,290.67
CULY, NANCY J	1st Deputy	Auditor	\$42,820.83	REITENOUR, ADAM W	Mechanic		\$41,772.00
CURRAN, JAMES M CURTIS, CHRISTOPHER R		Statewide 911 JEMS	\$21,530.16 \$82,781.12	REYNOLDS, ASHLEY E	PROBATION OFFICER	Probation Department	\$25,478.73
CURTS, CHRISTY L DALRYMPLE, TONY A	Election Basic EMT	Election Board JEMS	\$2,225.00 \$46,528.69	RHOADES, ASHLEY R RHODEHAMEL,	Dispatcher	Statewide 911	\$5,964.96
DANIELS, BRADLEY A	County Surveyor	Surveyor	\$45,498.14	SAMANTHA J	Director	Emergency Management	\$15,429.51
DARBY, SARA E	2nd Deputy	Clerk	\$30,162.40	RIDDLE, JAYLEN D	Jailer	Jail	\$19,829.44
DAVIS, AMY M DENNEY, CHARLES E	2nd Deputy Truckdriver	Auditor Highway	\$31,506.61 \$5,466.70	RIDENOUR, HOPE L RIDENOUR, NICHOLAS A		Retirement Center Retirement Center	\$5,886.52 \$2,970.75
DOLLAR, RANDALL P	Truckdriver Asst Public Defender	Highway	\$39,300.80	ROCKWELL, JENNIFER L	Court Reporter	Superior Court	\$30,187.40
DUNNUCK, JACOB P		Public Defender	\$46,147.34	ROCKWELL, MICHAEL L	County Council Member	Commissioners	\$4,067.80
EADS, JON A EASON, MINDY S EASON, NATHANAEL D	County Clerk Clerical Heavy Equip Operat/ Labor	Clerk Treasurer Surveyor	\$53,354.67 \$6,807.62 \$38,831.98	RODGERS, DAWN M SANDERSON, DARRIN M	Dispatcher Jail Commander	Statewide 911 Jail	\$124.43 \$55,243.62
EDWARDS, DAWN A ELLINGWOOD, SHELBY L	Jail Sergeant Victim Advocate	Jail Prosecutor	\$42,007.73 \$33,051.32	SAXMAN, KAREN A SCHEMENAUR,	2nd Deputy	Clerk	\$5,536.13
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FARMER, KEITH R		Highway	\$38,437.60	SCHMIT, SHARON L	Clerical	Treasurer	\$4,275.69
FENNIG, KARL S	Truck Driver	Highway	\$24,190.38	SCHULZE, LILY M	Jailer	LIT Public Safety	\$23,900.64
FENNIG, TREVOR L	Dispatcher	Statewide 911	\$2,394.77	SCHWARTZ, BENJAMIN M		Sheriff	\$59,459.60
FIELDS, BRAYDEN L FISCUS, ALYSSA M	Adv EMT Paramedic	JEMS JEMS	\$1,776.30 \$51,313.06	SCOTT, BRADLEY W	PT Basic EMT	JEMS	\$3,343.56
FISHER, KRISTYN A	Cook	Retirement Center	\$27,624.15	SCOTT, KENNETH L	Truckdriver	Highway	\$38,625.19
FISHER, MATTHEW C	Cook	Retirement Center	\$18,316.56	SHANEYFELT, CARRIE A	Pt Cook/Housekeeper	Retirement Center	\$888.48
FITZSIMMONS, CHRISTOPHER J	Merit Deputy	LIT Public Safety	\$13,736.40	SHEPHERD, CORY A SHRACK, MONTE E	Deputy Courthouse Security 1	LIT Public Safety Jail	\$44,087.38 \$42,936.69
FONTANINI, STEPHANY M	County Sheriff	Retirement Center	\$15,750.24	SIMS, KELLI E	Nurse	COVID Vaccines	\$8,706.82
FORD, FRANCIS D		LIT Public Safety	\$104,192.66	SMITH, DIANA L	Health Board	Health	\$828.22
FOREMAN, JONELLE N	Pt Clerical	Treasurer	\$3,790.92	SMITH, JENNIFER L	2nd Deputy	Assessor	\$30,087.40
FOX, MICHAEL W	Cook/Housekeeper	Retirement Center	\$14,366.90	SMITH, MARISA M	Advanced EMT	JEMS	\$43,765.53
FRANK, NANETTE R	Paramedic	JEMS	\$712.77	SMITLEY, ERIC D	Merit Deputy	Sheriff	\$44,919.26
FRANKLIN, WILLIAM L	Paramedic	JEMS	\$199.08	SOUTH, JESSICA L	Asst. Idacs Corr	Statewide 911	\$37,713.46
FRANKS, ALICE R	Custodian		\$8,102.98	SOUTH, NICKI A	Communications Officer	Jail	\$37,606.52
FRANKS, DARIAN A	Heavy Equipment Operator		\$32,671.78	ST MYERS, BETTY L	County Recorder	Recorder	\$44,936.06
FRANKS, EMILY J		Auditor	\$56,618.17	STEED, NANCY L	Clerical	Clerk	\$367.95
FRANTZ, ALEXANDRIA L		JEMS	\$15,016.44	STEVESON, EMILY J	Election	Election Board	\$10.00
FRASHER, ELDON B FRAVEL, COLTON M	Maintenance JAILER	Retirement Center Jail	\$27,879.82 \$1,444.32 \$18,652.73	STEVESON, EMILY J STEVESON, RYNE K STILTS, CONTESSA A	Jailer IDACS Training Officer	LIT Public Safety Jail	\$10.00 \$29,350.31 \$55,698.23
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GARRINGER, HOLLY M GEESAMAN, CHERRIE J	Jailer Reassessment Deputy	Jail Assessor	\$255.00 \$31,525.15 \$41,623.23	STULTS, DIANA G SUAREZ, BREANNA R	PTABOA Cook/Housekeeper	PTABOA Retirement Center	\$255.00 \$4,536.75
GEESAMAN, EARL L GEESAMAN, HARLEY W	Truck Driver Truck Driver	Highway Highway	\$37,997.60 \$12,470.00	SUTTER, WHITNEY A SUTTON, AMY L	2nd Deputy Adult Probation Officer	Auditor Probation Department	\$30,087.40 \$72,796.66
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GILBERT, TRENDA K	Bailiff	Circuit Court	\$25,861.23	TAYLOR, COURTNEE S	Admin Asst.	Highway	\$38,917.31
GRABER, ELIZABETH G	Dispatcher	Jail	\$8,502.72	THEURER, GARY W	Merit Board	Sheriff	\$125.00
GRAYSON, ERICA M	PT Clerical	Auditor	\$3,410.79	THOMAS, PENNY R	Secretary	Sheriff	\$40,071.16
	Jailer	Jail	\$32,547.24	TOWELL, BRANDYN E	Deputy Court Reporter	Circuit Court	\$30,087.40
GREEN, DEANNA L	Cook	Jail	\$19,532.80	TOWELL, HAROLD A	County Council Member	Commissioners	\$4,807.40
GREEN, KEVIN A	Basic EMT	JEMS	\$52,768.08	TWIGG, MOLLY J	2nd Deputy	Clerk	\$30,487.40
GUISE, CHERYL A	Advanced EMT Pt Laborer County Council Mombon	JEMS	\$1,683.68	UPP, MELANIE J	1st Deputy	Treasurer	\$36,174.42
GUNTLE, DANIEL L		Highway	\$6,981.03	VANCISE, RYAN D	PT Custodian	Courthouse	\$243.77
HAINES, DAVID D HALL, DRURY E	County Council Member Merit Board EMA Director	Commissioners Sheriff Emergency Management	\$212.26 \$100.00 \$6.432.45	VELA, RUBEN VOREIS, ZACHARY A	Courthouse Security BASIC EMT	Jail JEMS	\$458.38 \$16,813.68
HANKINS, JOHN B HEMMELGARN, JOHN J HEMMELGARN, JULIA A	EMA Director Adminstrator	Emergency Management City Zoning Highway	\$6,432.45 \$56,780.68 \$16,652.63	VOREIS, ZACHART A VORMOHR, JOSEPH F WALKER, RACHEL N	Health Board Asst Public Defender FT	Health Public Defender	\$828.22 \$70,861.79
HEMMELGARN, JULIA A HENDERSHOT, GARY L HENDERSON, AARON M	Admin Asst. Deputy Director Asst Public Defender	Highway Community Corrections Public Defender	\$16,652.63 \$49,135.13 \$61,460.85	WALL, CODY J	Head Cook	Retirement Center	\$24,473.47
HENKLE, KERIOKA R HESHER, BECKY E	1st Deputy 1st Deputy	Assessor Recorder	\$61,460.85 \$37,640.86 \$35,259.40	WARD, KIERSTIN N WASSON, JAMES	Jailer Health Board	Jail Health Highway	\$6,336.24 \$828.22 \$22,492.72
HESS, KURTIS R HILFIKER, DUSTINE A	Heavy Equip Oper/Labor Basic EMT/ Deputy Coroner	Surveyor JEMS	\$35,508.47 \$200.00	WASSON, RANSOM W WATSON, KELLY J	Mechanic Pt Clerical	Highway Auditor	\$32,482.72 \$195.30
HILL, LISA M HIRSCHY, CHAD E	COOK Heavy Equip Operat/ Labor	Jail Surveyor	\$3,720.70 \$36,389.89	WEAVER, HEATHER D WEEKLEY, ANDREA M	Housekeeper Supervisor Basic EMT	Retirement Center JEMS	\$33,154.40 \$21,527.76
HITCHFIEL, TRAVIS J	PART TIME	Retirement Center	\$4,917.11	WEESNER, JARED A	Field Officer	Community Corrections Community Corrections	\$2,774.40
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HOLMES, LINDSEY K	Senior Court Reporter	Circuit Court	\$40,622.29	WELLMAN, KENNETH E	Truckdriver	Highway	\$428.88
HOOVER, SCOTT A	Basic EMT	JEMS	\$23,991.68	WELLS, PATRICK D	Investigator- Capt.	Sheriff	\$54,006.36
HORN, TAMMY K	2nd Deputy	Clerk	\$30,637.40	WENDEL, BRADLEY D	Merit Deputy	Sheriff	\$48,932.94
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HOWELL, ROBERT A	Road Foreman	Highway	\$54,276.41	WHETZEL, JERRY W	Health Officer	Health	\$21,134.20
HOWELL, TERENCE J HUFTEL, TRISTIN R	Truckdriver Jailer	Highway LIT Public Safety	\$43,592.28 \$40,419.37	WHITE, MATTHEW L WHITENACK, CYNTHIA A	Truck Driver PT	Highway Surveyor	\$2,605.19 \$38,554.80
HUMMER, TODD L HUTCHISON, ALEC M	Truck Driver Basic EMT	Highway JEMS Counthouse	\$38,130.10 \$12,230.67	WICKELMAN, VICKI M WILLIAMS, CHAD J	Jailer Truck Driver	Jail Highway	\$4,704.24 \$38,097.60
HUTZLER, PAUL A INGRAM, BRIAN S INGRAM TREVOR M	Custodian Jailer	Courthouse Jail	\$1,077.72 \$6,125.01 \$42,115.01	WILLIAMS, MICHAEL S	Paramedic	JEMS JEMS	\$1,744.32
INGRAM, TREVOR M JAMES, MITCHELL R JESSEE, CODY D	Jailer Merit Deputy Merit Deputy/SRO	Jail Sheriff Sheriff	\$42,115.01 \$7,148.76 \$47,005.88	WILLMANN, BRANDON L WINNER, MICHAEL O	Basic EMT Paramedic Deputy Shoriff	JEMS	\$489.60 \$2,772.90 \$26.838.96
JESSEE, CODY D JETT, ELIZABETH J JOHNSON, CAYLA CORINE	Paramedic	JEMS LIT Public Safety	\$47,005.88 \$7,533.55 \$9,922.56	WOLFAL, JACOB R ZORN, SYDNIE N	Deputy Sheriff Seasonal Help	LIT Public Safety Extension Office	\$26,838.96 \$4,617.45
JOHNSON, CAYLA CORINE JOHNSON, GLENN D JOHNSON, JOE E	Pt Basic EMT Heavy Equip Oper/ Labor	JEMS Surveyor	\$9,922.56 \$860.88 \$36,531.98				
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# Blowout, record

## No. 2 JC blasts Devils, breaks record for wins

at least 25 points, another record broken.

panying accomplishments have become the norm for the secondranked Patriots.

basketball team did it again Tuesday, scoring the game's first nine points and blowing out the visiting Richmond Red Devils 61-26 on senior night.

The win marked their 21st victory of the year, breaking the single-season school record set in 2014-15 and matched in 2021-22. It also extended the team's school-record winning streak to 20 games. And it was the squad's seventh straight victory by 25 points or more.

The Class 3A No. 2 Patriots (21-1) wasted no time taking control against Richmond (6-15) as senior Mabrey McIntire opened the scoring with a 3-pointer and her classmate Gabi Bilbrey hit backto-back hoops in the paint. The quick 7-0 advantage led to coach Clay Bolser of the Red Devils scoring a timeout. It didn't change anything.

Sophie Saxman scored following the timeout to complete the opening run before Amari Jackson got the Red Devils on the board at the 2:43 mark.

points in a row en route to an 18-7 lead at the quarter break. It never let that advantage slip to with 11. Natalie Carreno added single digits again, as an 8-0 run eight points.

Another game, another win by later in the second quarter put the home team firmly in control.

Senior Renna Schwieterman The blowout wins and accom-scored 10 of her game-high 17 points in the second half. The school's all-time leading scoring is now one point away from 1,700 Jay County High School's girls and 25 away from surpassing 1973 Redkey graduate Greg Bales to become the county's alltime leading scorer.

> Molly Muhlenkamp, a junior, added 15 points, and Bilbrey racked up all of her 13 points in the first half. Bilbrey also had a game-high nine rebounds.

> Weather-permitting started falling before sunrise this morning with a forecast of 3 to 7 inches possible — the Patriots will close the regular season at home Thursday against Heritage (5-15), a team they beat 74-20 in the opening round of the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament. They will play Centerville (5-11) in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hamilton Heights, with a semifinal date with the host Huskies looming in the semifinal. (Hamilton Heights is responsible for Jay County's only loss this season, 45-44 in overtime on Nov. 12.)

In junior varsity action Tuesday, the Patriots rolled to a 54-18 Jay County added seven more victory. Cassie Petro's 14 points led the Patriots while Danielle May joined her in double figures



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Jay County High School senior Gabi Bilbrey puts up a shot for two of her 13 points during the Class 3A No. 2 Patriots' 61-26 senior night win over the visiting Richmond Red Devils. The victory was the 20th in a row and 21st overall, setting a new school record.

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# A sweep and a split

### JC girls top Bruins, Owls, boys pick up one victory

The Patriots' spread events — the 100-yard the wealth in their final home meet of the regular season.

Six Jay County High School girls swimmers earned individual wins and the team swept the relays Tuesday as it rolled to victories of 124-46 over the Blackford Bruins and 117-35 over the Burris Owls in a double dual.

The boys team came away with a split, beating Blackford 101-60 while losing 94-78 to Burris.

Senior Mara Bader's two individual victories led the way for the Patriot girls, who close their regular season Thursday with a trip to Marion, while Aubrey Millspaugh, Maddy Snow, Zion Beiswanger, Avery Wentz and Lauren Fisher.

Bader stepped away from her typical best

breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley with her first win of the evening coming in dominating fashion in the 50 freestyle. She posted a time of 26.78 seconds to finish more than 2.5 seconds ahead Beiswanger in the runner-up spot. Her victory in the 100 butterfly came by more than 10 seconds in 1:09.01.

Jay County had several one-two finishes that helped it dominate its rivals Tuesday, with Fisher taking the 500 freestyle in front of Sophia Hoevel in 6:29.11. Avery Wentz took the 100 backstroke in 1:14.42 with Morgan DeHoff second and Beiswanger posted a time of 1:22.03 to take the 100 breaststroke with Ana Solis second.

The Patriots'

individual wins came from sophomores Aubrey Millspaugh (2:39.18) in the 200 individual medley and Maddy Snow (189 points) in diving. In relays, Bader and

DeHoff teamed with Beiswanger and Fisher for first in the 200 medley in 2:05.89 and Millspaugh and Hoevel to win the 200 freestyle in 1:54.73. Millspaugh, Beiswanger and Hoevel then posted a time of 4:24.06 in the 400 freestyle to close out the

relay sweep. The JCHS boys managed just two individual wins as Burris won half the events, including two individual victories for Kody Coyne and two relays. Braxton Malott had two first-place finish-

es for Blackford. The winning efforts for the Patriot boys came from a pair of freshmen, with Matthew Fisher touching the wall in 1:10.6 in the 100 backstroke and Brasen Glassford posted 113.1 points in diving. Wyatt Kunkler, Josh Monroe, Joseph Dow and Peyton Yowell won the 400 freestyle other relay in 4:00.96.



Lincoln Clamme's eyes peer over the water as he swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley for the Jay County High School boys swim team Tuesday against the Blackford Bruins and Burris Owls.