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## Magical journey



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Ella Kremer (left) and Joscie LeFevre (right) perform as Anna and Elsa, respectively, during Monday's dress rehearsal for Fort Recovery High School's production of "Frozen Jr." The show opens with a performance at 7 p.m. Thursday. Additional performances are slated for 7 p.m. Friday and Sunday, as well as 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets, which are \$6 for students and \$8 for adults, will be available at the door.

### Fort Recovery High School production of Disney's 'Frozen Jr.' characters to life

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Just embody the iconic Disney characters kids love and look up to.

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"You have to always put 110% into it," said Joscie LeFevre. "Little kids look up to you. They want to imagine themselves in you. And you really have to be that inspiration that they're looking for."

LeFevre and her cast mate Ella Kremer got a taste of what it's like to be Elsa and Anna when they made a visit

last weekend to Fort Recovery Public Library.

"Beforehand, it's really nerve-racking," said LeFevre. "You're scared you're going to walk in and they're going to be like, 'You're not Elsa. You're not Anna.' But then when you get there and they love you ..."

"They hug you over and over and over again," added Kremer. "And they'll sing songs to you. And they take a million photos with you."

The full experience begins Thursday when LeFevre's Elsa

and Kremer's Anna are joined on stage by Olaf, Sven, Kristoff and the rest of the familiar characters in Fort Recovery High School's production of Disney's "Frozen Jr."

"I wanted to do something fun, that the kids loved, and that would help build our program from the ground up and get us excited about theatre," said director Reid Knuth of the show selection this year. "I'm excited to have a show that I know people are going to want to come see and a show

that the cast really wants to put on that they're excited about."

Part of growing the program is including elementary school students in the show, as Finley Thompson and Whitley Rammel play the younger version of LeFevre and Kremer's characters.

In addition to LeFevre and Kremer, the high school cast also features Trevor Heitkamp as Kristoff, Olivia Smith as Olaf, Isaac LeFevre as Hans and Caden Marchal as Oaken.

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## Miller is out, Glessner will stay

*Election board upholds one challenge, denies another*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

One candidate will be removed from the ballot. Another will stay.

Jay County Election Board during a hearing Tuesday upheld a challenge to the candidacy of Jacqueline Miller for the Republican nomination for Dunkirk City Council District 2.

The board denied a challenge to the candidacy of Alden Glessner for the GOP nomination for mayor of Dunkirk.

Indiana code requires that "the two most recent primary elections in Indiana in which the candidate voted were primary elections held by the party with which the candidate claims affiliation" or the county chairman certifies that the candidate is a member of the political party.

In both cases, Jay County Republican Chairman Jenae Blasdel indicated that she could not find records of the candidates having voted in a primary election.

Jay County clerk Jon Eads confirmed that his records show Miller has never voted in a primary election. Miller said she thought she had voted in a primary previously, but said she would not dispute Blasdel's challenge.

Board members Dane Mumbower, Carmen Craig and Eads voted unanimously to uphold the challenge, thus removing Miller from the ballot.

That leaves no Republican candidates running for Dunkirk City Council District 2. Donna Revolt is uncontested for the seat in the Democratic primary. (Republicans will be able to fill the ballot vacancy after the primary.)

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## Grants awarded

Foundation provides more than \$270,000

The Portland Foundation on Tuesday announced grant awards totaling more than \$270,000 for its winter cycle.

The foundation announced grants for 20 local projects totaling \$267,555 — they were selected from 29 applications — and an additional \$2,583.95 in Teacher Creativity Mini Grants. "As always, The Portland Foundation is very pleased to be able to award these grants," said foundation executive director Doug Inman in a press release. "The generosity of Jay County citizens over the last 72 years allows the Foundation to carry out its mission - to enhance the quality of life for the people in Jay County."

The largest of the grants — \$40,000 — went to Pennville Community Gym for roof repairs.

John Jay Center for Learning

received \$31,800 to fund its SkillsTrac Industrial Maintenance training program for Jay County High School seniors. The organization also received \$10,000 for Spanish speakers learning English and English speakers learning Spanish, \$6,000 for its science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) camps and \$6,000 for its senior learning series.

Arts Place received a \$30,000 grant to fund its MusicWorks program. It also got a \$5,000 grant for its summer concert series at Hudson Family Park.

Grants of \$25,000 went to Jay Community Center for its Boomer Sports program and Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition for its peer addiction support team. A Better Life - Brianna's Hope received \$20,000 to fund addiction treatment for Jay County residents.

Jay County Pee Wee Football was awarded \$15,000 for the purchase of new helmets, and \$10,000 grants were to Jay County 4-H for roof repairs at its exhibit hall and the purchase of an ice machine and to Jay County 4th of July Committee to fund its annual activities.

Other grants were as follows: \$8,000 for West Jay Community Center's summer day camp, \$6,000 for Jay County REMC's Dolly Parton Imagine Library; \$5,000 to Kate's Kart for new books; \$5,000 for Jay County Historical Society's Heritage Festival; \$5,000 to Indiana Run for the Fallen for the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit; \$2,455 to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services for client materials; and \$2,300 for Dunkirk Beatification Committee's Webster Depot Park summer concert series.

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Tribune News Service/The Philadelphia Inquirer/Tyger Williams

## Remembering officer

A memorial for Philadelphia officer Christopher Fitzgerald is set up Tuesday on the corner of 17th and Bouvier streets, where people left flowers, candles, photos and letters.

### Deaths

**Marna Hosier**, 89, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 46 degrees Monday. The low was 38.

More rain is expected tonight, with a thunderstorm possible, and winds gusting as high as 40 miles per hour. Conditions will be sunny and windy Thursday with the high climbing to 66. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Public Library will host an "Abraham Lincoln Visit" at 6 p.m. Thursday. The event will offer an opportunity to learn about Lincoln's life, including the years of his youth that he spent in Indiana.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — A look at local athletes competing at the collegiate level.

**Saturday** — Results from Friday's JCHS boys basketball season finale.





# Magical ...

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Joscie LeFevre's favorite moment of the show is when her character finally gets to reveal her true personality.

"Because it really shows what's actually inside Elsa," she said. "She's scared of herself the whole time and she can finally just, 'Let it Go,' and give it all she has and show everybody how much her life means to her and how much she cares about her sister, that she would leave her behind to keep her safe."

As for the director, he's thrilled any time LeFevre is showing off her vocals.

"Joscie LeFevre kills it every time she sings," said Knuth. "Which I knew going in was going to be the case, because she's always like that. But she's kind of taken it to a whole new level as Elsa and added dimension to the character that you often don't see in Frozen Jr."

While LeFevre is a veteran of the stage — she played the title role in the school's production of "Annie Jr." in 2016 — being

in the spotlight is new for Kremer. It was her effort in a smaller role in last year's production of "She Loves Me" that earned her a bigger opportunity, and she's enjoyed the challenge.

"It's super, duper scary — definitely a learning curve," she said. "But it's been fun. I'm definitely excited to show people what I can do."

The production opens at 7 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium at Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School. Additional shows are at 7 p.m. Friday and Sunday, as well as 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 for adults and will be sold at the door. (Children 5 and younger will be admitted for free.)

"It's going to be fun," said Kremer. "We're hoping to do all kinds of things and show you things that you didn't see in the movie, things that you see in the movie but never would experience in a live-action kind of setting."



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Fort Recovery High School's production of Disney's "Frozen Jr." features five performances in the auditoria at the elementary/middle school. Pictured above, Olivia Smith performs as Olaf during Monday's rehearsal.

## CR almanac

Thursday 2/23	Friday 2/24	Saturday 2/25	Sunday 2/26	Monday 2/27
<b>66/25</b>	<b>35/25</b>	<b>45/31</b>	<b>52/38</b>	<b>61/35</b>
Sunny with wind gusts getting as high as 45 mph. Partly cloudy at night.	Partly sunny Friday with a high in the mid 30s. The low may dip to 25 degrees late.	Another day of partly sunny Saturday. The high will be in the mid 40s.	Sunny skies are expected Sunday with a 50% chance of rain at night.	Rain is in the forecast for Monday with an 80% chance of showers.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$100 million	Quick Draw: 1-4-9-19-20-24-29-31-35-40-41-44-47-54-57-61-67-69-70-76 Cash 5: 1-7-22-25-45 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> 2-15-30-36-63 Mega Ball: 24 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$126 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 0-2-3 Pick 4: 2-1-0-1 Pick 5: 8-1-1-3-0 Evening Pick 3: 2-4-8 Pick 4: 3-5-3-1 Pick 5: 1-2-9-6-4 Rolling Cash: 5-11-19-23-28 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-2-3 Daily Four: 4-3-6-3 Quick Draw: 8-17-18-24-32-34-35-39-44-45-46-47-52-55-60-61-66-70-71-76 Evening Daily Three: 5-7-9 Daily Four: 7-0-4-0	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.79 March corn.....6.79 Wheat.....7.27	Wheat.....6.74 July wheat.....7.30
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.85 March corn.....6.88 April corn.....6.94	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.75 March corn.....6.75 Beans.....15.34 March beans.....15.36 Wheat.....7.30
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.81 March corn.....6.81 Beans.....15.29 March beans.....15.29	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.49 March corn.....6.51 Beans.....15.12 March beans.....15.17 Wheat.....6.89

## Today in history

In 1868, President Andrew Johnson was impeached by the United States House of Representatives for his reconstruction policies of the South following the Civil War.

In 1905, Rotary Club was first founded by attorney Paul Harris.

In 1945, six United States Marines raised the American flag over Mount Suribachi during World War II. The moment captured in photography became an iconic war picture.

In 1980, the United States ice hockey team beat the Soviet team during the Winter Olympics in the midst of the Cold War.

In 2012, Jay County High School boys basketball team lost to Norwell, 46-38.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board special meeting, community room, Fort Recovery High School, 400 Butler St.

**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

## Obituaries

### Marna Hosier

Sept. 26, 1933-Feb. 21, 2023  
Marna Hosier, age 89, of Portland passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, in Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne. She was born in Muncie on Sept. 26, 1933, the daughter of Clarence and Dorthea (Blankenbaker) Conley. She was a homemaker and had worked at a lot of jobs over the years. She was a 1951 Albany High School graduate. Marna enjoyed traveling, sporting events and watching her favorite TV shows. Surviving are five sons, Mike

Hosier (Carolyn) of Noblesville, Indiana, Bruce Hosier (Debbie) of Jeffersonville, Indiana, Curt Hosier (Nita) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Brian Hosier (Romeo) of Las Vegas and Chad Hosier (Stan) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Kevin Inman presiding. Burial will be in the Strong Cemetery in



Hosier

Albany, Indiana. Visitation will be Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

## Awarded ...

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Teacher Creativity Mini Grants are awarded up to \$300 to help cover the costs of learning experiences which teachers feel are important to their students but are outside the budget of their school. Receiving grants of \$300

each were Carol Bantz (West Jay first grade) for books, Kelly Bricker (Redkey/West Jay) for rocket kits and supplies for ceramic art projects, Holly Farr (West Jay fourth grade) for indoor recess games and Erin Roesch (Redkey fifth

grade) for rocket kits. Additional grants were for \$299.10 to Erin Homan (General Shanks preschool) for learning center items and event support; \$273.75 to Natalie Corcoran (Redkey second grade) for the Sing Your Way Through Phonics

program, \$262.10 to Julie Szymczak (junior-senior high special education) for ergonomic desk chairs and \$249 to Beth Mathewson for a subscription to Digital SLP.

The next grant deadline for grant applications is June 26.

## SERVICES

**Wednesday**  
**Landers**, Jack: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Thursday**  
**Minnich**, Norma: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

**Friday**  
**Blackford**, Ralph: 10:30 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Saturday**  
**Meiring**, Robert: 11 a.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery.  
**Hosier**, Marna: 11:30 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**May 13**  
**Warrick**, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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Eads said that while Glessner has no recent record of voting in primaries, he did vote as a Republican in both 2002 and 2004. Given that information, Eads said he felt Glessner met the requirements of Indiana Code and motioned that Blasdel's challenge be denied.

Craig and Mumbower questioned the statute, wondering out loud if it requires a candidate to have voted in the two most recent primaries or simply to have chosen their party's ballot in the last two primaries in which they had voted.

Craig ultimately seconded Eads' motion and the board unanimously voted to deny Blasdel's challenge, thus leaving Glessner on the ballot.

Glessner is running for the GOP nomination for Dunkirk mayor against Jay Miller.

Incumbent Democrat Jack Robbins is unopposed.

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# Taylor presents 'Macbeth' show

Taylor Theatre will be performing "Macbeth" this weekend in Upland. Performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as 2 p.m. Sunday in Taylor University's Mitchell Theatre.

## Taking Note

### MLK essays

It's not too late for students to submit work for the Indiana Association of School Principals 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest. Sixth graders through high school seniors may participate by writing essays based on a quote — it's listed on the organization's website — from Martin Luther King Jr. To learn more, visit [iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay](http://iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay). The online submission deadline is Tuesday.



Photo provided

## Special Olympics donation

Portland Evening Optimist Club donated \$700 to Jay County Special Olympics at their last meeting. Pictured, from left, are Cindy Denney of Jay County Special Olympics, Kurt Atkinson, Portland Evening Optimist Club president Pat Gibson, Ron Smith, Kameron Woodbury, Randy Lucas and Shelley Roser. (Atkinson, Smith, Lucas, Woodbury and Roser are members of the Jay County Special Olympics basketball team.)

# Wife discovers spouse has other interests

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for six years, married for four. We have had a lot of marriage issues during the last few years, sexually and otherwise. I no longer trust him because of something I found out last year.

I have his email information, and I also was able to see the search history from his phone on the computer. I discovered that he watches a lot of porn. I don't think it's a big deal because I know many men and women do. But I saw he was also watching gay porn and searching for pictures of well-endowed guys. Does this mean my husband is gay and likes men? Or does it just mean he likes different sexual things?

I'm not sure what to do. I don't know if I should approach the subject with him. I don't want him to know I'm snooping around, so how do I ask him about it without telling him how I know? Or should I just let it go? — KNOWS TOO MUCH IN TEXAS

## Dear Abby



DEAR KNOWS: Your husband may be bisexual, gay or bi-curious. You wouldn't have checked his phone history if you hadn't felt "something" was wrong. Do not let it go. You will never know the truth unless you ask for it. This does not necessarily have to be a marriage-breaker. However, in case your husband has wandered (off the screen), call your doctor and ask to be tested for STDs.

DEAR ABBY: My mother puts pictures of me on Facebook, usually old ones, and invariably says, "Look how skinny you were!" I'm 60 now,

and I don't look skinny anymore. Her comments bother me greatly. Recently, my daughters-in-law said something to her on Facebook about commenting on my weight and how they don't see me as overweight but as a whole and wonderful person.

Now, my mother is angry. She says HER feelings are hurt because she thought she was "paying me a compliment." I can't make her understand that you just don't make comments on people's weight, especially on social media. It is unkind. How do I get through to her? — WEIGHTY ISSUE

DEAR WEIGHTY ISSUE: If you think trying to reason with someone as insensitive as your mother will work, forget it. You can get through to her by telling her in plain English that her backhanded "compliment" hurt YOU, and you don't want it repeated in public OR in private, and if she does it again, you and your

family will block her on social media — if not from your lives. You deserve an apology. You do not owe her one.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is 59. He is on long-term disability because he has been suffering from a major depression for more than a year. He has asked me not to tell our acquaintances or my co-workers about his health issues. My question is, how should I respond when people ask me what my husband does? I don't like to say he's retired because that is not the case. — QUESTIONED IN QUEBEC, CANADA

DEAR QUESTIONED: If you are asked, tell the questioners that your husband is SEMI-retired. It's the truth, and no one knows how long it will be until he is again fully employed.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who doesn't drive and constantly asks me to take her places.

As a good friend, I do it. When I take her to an event, we agree on a time that we will leave, but she invariably stays behind to chat with other people 30 or 45 minutes past the time that we agreed on. In addition, she never offers anything for fuel. I think she's inconsiderate, and I'm thinking about telling her she will need to find her own rides. Am I wrong for this? — OVER IT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR OVER IT: No, you are not wrong, but the next time it happens, try this: Tell your good friend you will be leaving the event at a specific time and if she wants to stick around and chat, she should find another ride home. That way you won't be inconvenienced.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# 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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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 LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations

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

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.

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

Sunday A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

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

# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

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1	2	8	3	7	5	4	9	6
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3	9	5	1	2	6	8	4	7
7	6	1	4	8	3	2	5	9
9	1	2	5	3	7	6	8	4
6	4	7	8	1	2	9	3	5
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# Emails brought news from friends

*Editor's note: The column is being reprinted from Feb. 25, 2004. One of Jack's joys was keeping in contact with friends and colleagues scattered around the globe. With all of his travels, he had many.*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

Our computer doesn't chirp, "You've got mail!" But when we get mail, I sometimes still feel like chirping.

There's something about communication with the outside world — with others — that we all cherish, even though we might pretend otherwise.

When I went off to college, one of the surprising ancillary benefits was my own mailbox.

## Back in the Saddle



Regular mail and campus mail found its way into box 1066 with regularity.

But for every time I received mail, I think I checked the box ten times. Zip-zip-zip, I'd do the combination, only to find it empty.

The same is true at home. It's entirely possible that I checked the mailbox five times Saturday before mail actually arrived. I'm not proud of that

apparent neediness, but it's a fact of life.

E-mail is another story.

Because we're iMac people at our house, we're spared much of the spam e-mail that's out there. (When Macintosh occupies more than three percent of the American market, perhaps hackers and spammers will take an interest in it.)

So e-mail traffic is a little slow at our house at times.

The weekend brought a typical, and typically odd-ball, mix.

Friday, we received a note from Dan Gelston, the CR's much-hated former sports editor. Dan's working in his dream job, covering professional and college sports for the Associated Press in Philadelphia. His note was worth a quick

response and an atta-boy to keep him pumped up.

Saturday's e-mail brought a great letter from Tom Keller, a Mercer County kid who is working for the Peace Corps in Moldova. We met with him before he left, simply because we're the only family around these parts who have lived in Moldova. And Tom's been nice enough to keep us in the loop as he continues to do his best to make a difference and make the world a better place. We're proud of him and delighted to be kept informed.

The same day's e-mail also brought other news.

Alister Coates, son of some English friends, provided us with an update on his activities. His parents are amazing,

both deeply involved in church mission activities.

Alister's not falling far from the tree.

He's graduating this spring from the equivalent of high school but is taking a year off to earn money for college.

That's not out of the ordinary, but Alister's also raising money to build an orphanage in Kenya. He's going back to Kenya to build the thing this summer.

That is out of the ordinary.

The last time I talked to Alister, he was 12. He's only 18 now.

Before he is 20, he will have built an orphanage in an often-forgotten land.

How amazing is that?

It's enough to make you chirp, "You've got mail!" when you learn of it.

# Senate bill would advance services

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

Today's fractured politics does not provide a climate for productive bipartisan cooperation on many issues, let alone unanimous agreement.

That the Indiana Senate would vote 49-0 on a bill to improve mental health services in the state demonstrates a widespread acknowledgement over just how dire the need is for a bill of this type.

Senators passed the bill on last week without dissent, sending it on to the House for its review. There is no guarantee representatives will embrace the bill in the same manner, but the unanimous vote from their Senate counterparts is an encouraging sign.

Senate Bill 1 aims to transform the 988 Crisis Hotline and create 988 Response Centers. Once implemented, it would allow mobile crisis teams to assist in a severe mental health crisis.

The bill also provides a mechanism for the state to apply for federal financial support to expand its small but growing network of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. There are currently 19 such clinics in Indiana, including Hamilton Center headquartered in Terre Haute. Centers of this type are designed to enhance access to coordinated comprehensive behavioral health.

The proposal has broad support across the state from individuals, groups, agencies and organizations who strive to provide mental health services in their communities. That certainly helps get the attention of lawmakers and keep the bill moving.

One powerful and articulate person promoting SB 1 is Dr. Jerome Adams, executive director of Purdue Health Equity Initiatives. More importantly, he is a former Indiana State Health Commissioner and served as the 20th U.S. Surgeon General.

Adams makes a compelling case that mental illness and suicide rates are rising across the nation, with Indiana no exception. In a recent commentary he released to media outlets, Adams cites a recent report from the Indiana Behavioral Health Commission that shows one in five Hoosiers suffer from mental illness each year.

## Guest Editorial

*It's time to take action, because a comprehensive crisis response system in Indiana is vital to improving the mental health and wellness of Hoosiers.*

"Shockingly since 2016, more than 1,000 Hoosiers have been lost to suicide every year," Adams writes. "This heartbreaking crisis is impacting families across our great state, particularly our children. Beyond the significant human consequence, mental illness is costing Indiana over \$4 billion a year in lost productivity, premature mortality, chronic disease, and other expenses."

The report Adams cites is the source for SB 1's proposals. He says similar provisions exist in a number of states already, with positive results. His recommendation to lawmakers is simple. It's time to take action, because a comprehensive crisis response system in Indiana is vital to improving the mental health and wellness of Hoosiers.

"State policymakers have an opportunity to take meaningful first steps to build this necessary infrastructure with Senate Bill 1," Adams writes. "For the health of our state now and for generations to come, I urge the Indiana General Assembly to give this key legislation the utmost consideration."

Adams makes a compelling case. As the House takes up this important bill in coming weeks, we join him in supporting quick passage.



# EVs face middle class challenge

By CHARLES J. MURRAY

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With the recent Chicago Auto Show, talk of electric cars has kicked into high gear. It's hard to turn on a radio or television and not hear joyful coverage of our grand transition to electric.

But forgotten amid all the happy hype is the fact that electric vehicles are still a small percentage of the whole. Last year, they made up about 5.8% of new light-duty vehicles sold in the U.S. And — let's be honest here — many of those who did buy electric vehicles were early adopters, enthusiasts and environmentalists. The rest have yet to make up their minds, and that's in part because the price gap between electric and traditional vehicles is still too big.

Consider that in September, the average electric vehicle transaction price was \$66,000, according to the consultant Guidehouse Insights. Then consider that the median American household income, according to the 2020 U.S. census, was \$67,521 per year. That's a cost equation that doesn't bode well for the middle class, let alone for those of more modest income.

In truth, it's been that way since the beginning of the modern EV era. To understand why, it's instructive to look at a bit of recent automotive history.

In 2003, electric cars were going nowhere. In an effort to better understand the market, a pair of automotive upstarts named Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpenning drove up and down the streets of Palo Alto, California, peering into the driveways of wealthy car owners. Eberhard and Tarpenning, who later founded Tesla, noticed something strange in the driveways. Many had two cars, one of which often fell into the category of an environmental vehicle. They'd see a Lexus and a Prius. Or an Audi and a Prius. Or a Porsche and a Prius.

Charles J. Murray



"Our take on this — as to why customers buy cars — (was that) it isn't to save money," Tarpenning told a leadership summit in 2017. "It's to project their values." More important, they concluded that environmentalism had come to the doorstep of the wealthy. And they reasoned that there was a select group of buyers who would pay more, not less, for an electric car.

It turned out to be one of the great insights in U.S. marketing history. Until that time, Detroit manufacturers had believed that electric cars should cost less than gas burners. Electric cars, they thought, offered less utility and therefore should be more economical. But here were Eberhard and Tarpenning saying the opposite.

In essence, Eberhard and Tarpenning had identified a sliver of the market, a sliver that Detroit had overlooked. Their discovery was important and, in a way, brilliant. Their company would eventually thrive on that revelation. And in the process, Tesla would lay the early foundation for the modern electric car market.

The Eberhard-Tarpenning tale neatly parallels that of the automobile in the early 1900s. During that era, automobiles were for the wealthy. But Henry Ford changed that. He ratcheted up mass production, driving down the price of his vehicles from \$780 in 1910 to \$690 the following year and to \$360 on the eve of World War I. One of his stated goals was to cut the cost enough to allow his employees to be his cus-

tomers and buy one themselves. The question is whether a similar scenario could apply to the electric car today.

Unfortunately, the answer is not clear. History teaches us that it has become difficult for automakers to compete at the low end of the market, even with gasoline cars. The profit margins down there are paper thin. That's why North American manufacturers lost so much ground to the Japanese in the 1970s and '80s. They couldn't compete at the low end. Yet that is precisely where the electric car and its costly battery now need to be headed, if we are to expect EVs to appeal to the middle class.

This unspoken truth needs to be understood — by the media and by consumers. Yet, for some reason, we are still inundated with the idea that electric vehicles will soon be descending upon us like a swarm of Old Testament locusts. If you don't believe that, go to Google and type the words "end of oil." You'll get at least a billion hits. And for good reason: That scenario is what many seem to believe in.

To be sure, the electric car is coming in larger numbers. Its growth will be steady in the coming decade. And it will help chip away at greenhouse gas production. But the larger transition isn't going to happen without viable alternatives for families making \$50,000, \$60,000 or \$70,000 a year. Those families will need lower price tags. They will not buy cars "to display their values."

Therein lies the challenge. The question we need to be asking amid all this breathless coverage is whether that can be done.

Because if it can't, those "end of oil" days may be a lot further off than we think.

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# Ag officials push for on-time farm bill

By ADAM GOLDSTEIN  
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WASHINGTON — State agriculture officials from across the country sought this month to remind a new crop of lawmakers in Congress of their states' needs for a robust farm bill to address a host of food issues.

Members of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture gathered in Washington for their annual winter meeting in mid-February. They urged Congress to provide a timely, fully funded farm bill to address a wide range of issues affecting agriculture, including technology, conservation and foreign trade.

Throughout its two-day conference, members of the coalition stressed the bipartisan history of the bill and the importance of educating a new Congress on titles that support American food systems amid changing economic and environmental landscapes.

The state officials urged Congress to include nutrition programs in the farm bill, as past versions have done. They also

## Congress urged to include nutrition programs and bolster crop insurance

advocated for bolstering crop insurance and allocating more money to research, animal safety, and conservation programs.

"It's just a responsibility we have to make sure that all of our producers, our economies, our communities of every size have a forward-looking and fully funded farm bill," NASDA president Doug Miyamoto, the director of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, said in an interview.

Miyamoto was appointed to his state post by Republican former Gov. Matt Mead in 2015.

"We've got to make sure that we do this correctly," he added. "We can't start splintering off programs and splintering off ideas in the farm bill, and then

hoping that we're going to be able to get a comprehensive farm bill that's on time."

Mike Naig, secretary of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and an elected Republican, said it's important for lawmakers — especially those who weren't in office when the 2018 bill was written — to remember that the measure is not just a farm bill, but a farm-and-food bill.

"There's a lot of new members of Congress that have never had a chance to vote on a farm bill," Naig said. "A lot of work has to be done to educate folks on that."

Kate Greenberg, the commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture who was appointed by Democratic Gov.

Jared Polis, also advocated for considering nutrition and agricultural policy in the same bill to keep the "critical nexus point of production and consumers."

She added members of Congress must put aside their differences to strengthen the "bread and butter of the American economy."

"Let's keep our heads down and focus on the impact of the policy and the appropriations on the American landscape in agriculture," she said.

The five-year farm bill does not appropriate funding, which Congress does annually in separate bills. But it does authorize dollar amounts for discretionary programs that set expectations for actual spending bills. Other

programs authorize mandatory funding not subject to annual decisions by lawmakers.

Lloyd Knight, deputy director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, encouraged Congress to provide certainty to farmers across the country by finishing the farm bill before the current authorizations expire Sept. 30.

Jordan Seger, deputy director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, said he hopes to see federal encouragement of public-private conservation partnerships. He touted Indiana's work with the Nature Conservancy and Enterprise Rent-a-Car to regrow wetlands and forests in the state.

"With about one dollar, we can get about seven or more dollars from the federal government, put that all toward private lands, and leverage each other's resources and expertise to get things done quickly," Seger said.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers his annual state of the nation address Tuesday at the Gostiny Dvor conference centre in central Moscow.

## Felony arrests

### Left the road

A Bryant teen crashed a vehicle along county road 550 East about 7:55 a.m. Tuesday.

Adam M. Alig, 16, was driving south on the road when the 2000 Ford Contour he was driving went off the west side of the

road. Alig overcorrected, causing him to strike the railing on a bridge on the east side of the road. The vehicle spun and went into a field on the east side of the road.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

## Capsule Reports

### Battery

A Winchester man was arrested Tuesday for battery.

Andrew T. Willis, 40, 604 S. Main St., was charged in Jay Circuit

Court with a Level 5 felony for battery resulting in serious bodily injury.

He's being held on a \$25,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

# Putin halts START treaty

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

President Vladimir Putin said Russia will suspend its observation of the New START treaty with the U.S., dealing a blow to the last accord limiting their nuclear arsenals, as he vowed to press on with his faltering invasion of Ukraine.

Russia is fighting for its "historic lands" in Ukraine and "will fulfill the tasks set step-by-step, carefully and consistently," Putin told the Russian parliament and top officials in Moscow on Tuesday. Russia won't be the first to resume testing of nuclear weapons as a result of its suspension of New START, though it will do so in response to any U.S. test, he said.

The Foreign Ministry later said Russia will continue to observe the treaty's limits on weapons until it expires and participate in the exchanges of data it mandates. Russia's decision to suspend the treaty

"can be reversible," the ministry said in a statement on its website.

Russia's suspension of the treaty is "deeply unfortunate and irresponsible," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in Athens. Putin's decision "makes the world more dangerous" and means the entire infrastructure of arms control has been dismantled, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters in Brussels, urging Russia to reconsider.

President Joe Biden extended the nuclear treaty by five years to 2026 as one of his first acts upon taking office in 2021 shortly before it was due to expire, after Putin had pressed his predecessor Donald Trump without success to agree to a deal.

The Biden administration will "be watching carefully to see what Russia actually does" and ensure the U.S. is "postured appropriately for the security of our own country and that of

our allies," Blinken said. The extension of New START was in the security interests of both countries and "we remain ready to talk about strategic arms limitations at any time with Russia, irrespective of anything else going on, in the world or in our relationship."

The U.S. and its NATO allies "want to inflict a strategic defeat on us and crawl into our nuclear facilities" by demanding inspections under the treaty, Putin said, describing the requests as absurd.

The State Department accused Russia last month of breaching the terms of the treaty by refusing to allow inspectors on its territory and stonewalling U.S. efforts to discuss the issue. Russia dismissed the criticisms and blamed the U.S., saying difficulties with New START were "a direct result of the hybrid war unleashed by the West against our country."

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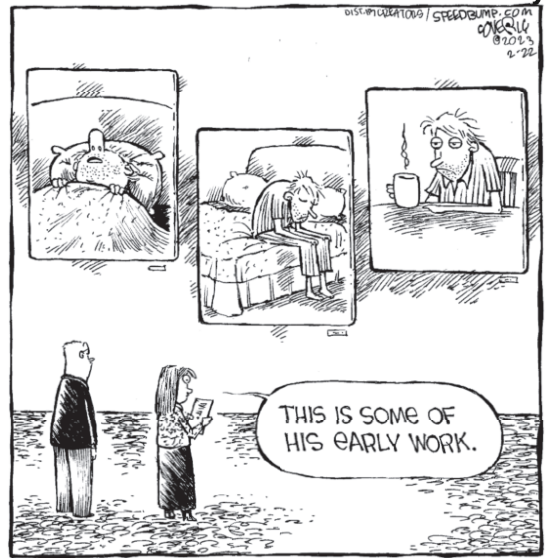
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### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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### Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

#### The survival principle

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ J 7  
♥ A Q J 2  
♦ K Q J 8 2  
♣ A Q

**WEST**  
♠ K 9 5  
♥ 10 7 5 4  
♦ 9 6  
♣ J 9 6 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 8 4 3  
♥ K 9  
♦ 7 4 3  
♣ K 7 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 6 2  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ A 10 5  
♣ 10 8 4 3

The bidding:  
West Pass 1♦ Pass 3♥ Pass  
North 1♦ Pass 3♥ Pass  
East 1NT Pass 3NT  
South 1NT Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — two of clubs.

the king, returns a spade to East's queen, South ducking for a second time, and East then drives out declarer's ace.

With only eight sure tricks in view, South now attempts a heart finesse. Dummy's jack loses to the king, and East cashes two spades for down two.

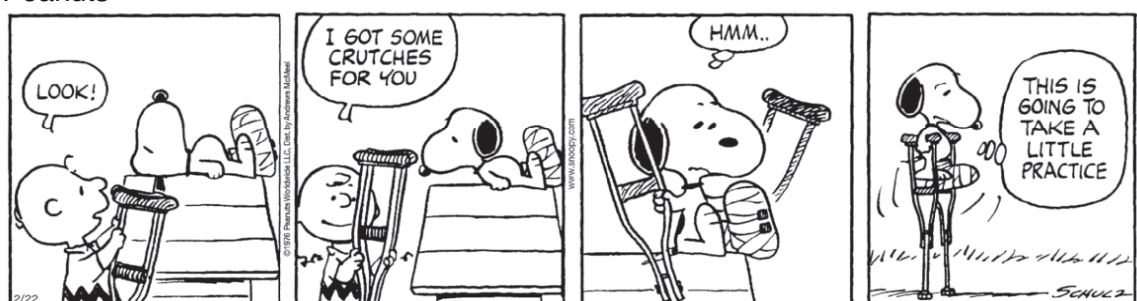
It's not difficult to prove that declarer misplayed the hand. All he had to do to ensure the contract was to take the opening club lead with dummy's ace, cross to the ten of diamonds and try a heart finesse. Had he done this, nothing could have stopped him from scoring at least nine tricks, since no lie of the opponents' clubs would allow them to score more than three club tricks.

It is true that in most cases where declarer or dummy holds the A-Q doubleton and a defender in front of the A-Q leads the suit, declarer automatically takes the finesse. But that is a rule of thumb only, and a conscientious declarer always directs his attention to the play of the hand as a whole, rather than to the play of a particular suit.

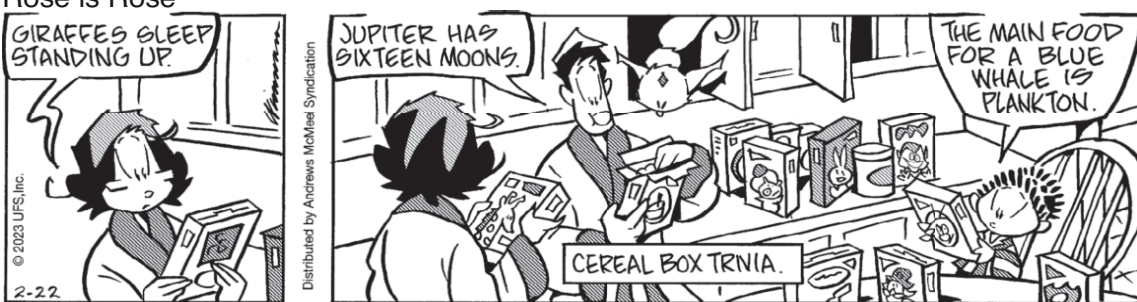
In almost all cases, declarer's first consideration is to make his contract, and that supersedes all secondary considerations.

Tomorrow: Bridge is a marvelous game.  
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### Peanuts



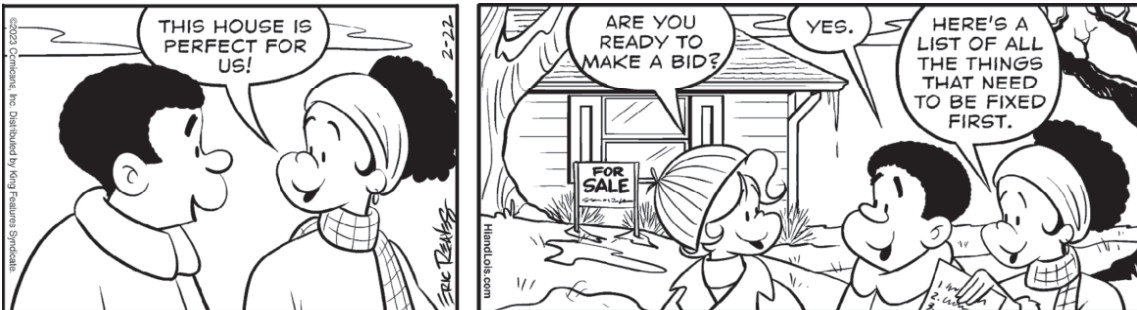
### Rose is Rose



### Agnes



### Hi and Lois



### Between Friends



### Blondie



### Snuffy Smith



### Beetle Bailey



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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LEAN, TOUGH AND SINEWY FOLKS ALWAYS APPEAR TO BE BUSY DOING WORK. NO REST FOR THE WIRY!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals Q

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>33</b> Bushy-tailed nut eaters	<b>3</b> Small canary's kin	<b>15</b> Boot camp VIP
<b>1</b> Billboards	<b>36</b> Central courtyard	<b>4</b> Canary's kin	<b>19</b> Game official
<b>4</b> Navy address	<b>37</b> Ancient Greek region	<b>5</b> Apple products	<b>20</b> Map lines (Abbr.)
<b>7</b> Field yield	<b>38</b> — Hawks Day	<b>6</b> Jeopardize	<b>21</b> Quotable Yogi
<b>8</b> Big rigs	<b>39</b> Did the crawl	<b>7</b> Silver salmon	<b>22</b> Puts back to zero
<b>10</b> Ski lodge	<b>40</b> Danson of "The buckets"	<b>8</b> Old photo tint	<b>23</b> Jai —
<b>11</b> Deleted with	<b>41</b> Snaky fish	<b>9</b> Folk singer	<b>24</b> Dawn follower
<b>13</b> Trucks	<b>42</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>10</b> IV measures	<b>25</b> Iota
<b>16</b> Turf	<b>43</b> Faxed coffee	<b>11</b> Clog-cleaning brand	<b>26</b> Feather in one's cap
<b>17</b> April forecasts	<b>44</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>12</b> Clog-cleaning brand	<b>28</b> Comment to the audience
<b>18</b> Joke	<b>45</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>13</b> Orange veggies	<b>29</b> Ink squirter
<b>19</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>46</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>14</b> Orange veggies	<b>30</b> Jail-related
<b>20</b> Faxed coffee	<b>47</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>15</b> Orange veggies	<b>31</b> Slender
<b>21</b> Makes	<b>48</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>16</b> Orange veggies	<b>32</b> Botanist
<b>23</b> Elroy's dog	<b>49</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>17</b> Orange veggies	<b>33</b> Part of Q.E.D.
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<b>26</b> Asset	<b>51</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>19</b> Orange veggies	<b>36</b> Mike
<b>27</b> Apr. addressee	<b>52</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>20</b> Orange veggies	
<b>28</b> "Narnia" lion	<b>53</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>21</b> Orange veggies	
<b>30</b> Unpaid TV ad	<b>54</b> "Arrivederci —"	<b>22</b> Orange veggies	

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## Tourney ...

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“I told the guys coming in, ‘Be ready,’” said Leverette. “They’re gonna come out scrappy as all get out. They’re the best percentage 3-point shooting team in the MAC and they had a couple threes early because we didn’t get out, kind of slow on a rotation. So kudos to them; they were ready to go.”

“Luckily we responded to it.” Senior Cale Rammel had 10 of his game-high 22 points during the FRHS run that started with consecutive Alex Dues hoops. He also had four blocks.

Daniel Patch joined Rammel in double figures with 11 points for the Indians, who led by at least 19 for the rest of the game.

Size and strength won out, with Fort Recovery posting a 39-20 advantage on the glass — Rex Leverette finished with a game-high 10 boards to go along with his six points — consistently finding its way into the paint to score and recording six blocks.

Dwenger’s dozen points were the team-high for New Knoxville. Upper Scioto Valley, which got a bye in the first round, is 16-6 and had a perfect record to win the Northwest Central Conference.

Analyzing the sectional championship match-up, Leverette said the Rams use a 2-1-2, full-court trapping press that can be confusing and will also imple-



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Cale Rammel for Fort Recovery High School fights to get a shot up against New Knoxville’s Preston Rutschilling during the Tribe’s 57-30 win in the opening round of the Division IV sectional tournament at Memorial (St. Marys).

ment a 1-3-1 press at times. In the half court, they focus on basic man-to-man defense.

As for his own defense, the first-year coach said the Indians will have to improve their focus to slow down USV’s top two scorers.

“We’re gonna have to play a lot better defense than that,” he said.

“(Alex) Sanders and (Drew) Stephens are really good. They both average 16 a game. ... We’re gonna have to flat out defend.”

“They run a lot of sets. Are we going to stay engaged with our switching defense in order to get through some of those sets and stuff? That’s my, that’s gonna be my concern.”

## Branin ...

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That said, the relay has come a long way this season. Bubp noted that Kaup was turned into a butterfly; Guggenbiller is in just her second year swimming and Bubp changed her stroke. The result was an eight-second time drop from last season’s district meet — 2:01.78 — and breaking the school record of 1:53.28 set by Alexis Bubp, Paige Fortkamp, Sophie Timmerman and Cassy Martin. (The first two names on that list are sisters to the current squad.)

The team will focus on tightening up starts even more — Bubp said they were conservative in the sectional before getting aggressive at the district meet — in an effort to shave time and have a chance to return to the pool Friday.

“We’ve done a lot of tapering, but these girls have continually surprised me every step of the way,” she said. “Had you told me they were going to be swimming at the beginning of the season where they are today, I would have said, ‘Well, that’s a really big stretch.’ So I think these girls can come in and swim their best and see if they can’t drop enough time to see if they can’t get into the finals.”

Fortkamp is the No. 21 seed for the 50 freestyle after placing fifth in the district meet at Bowling

## Top 16 advance to Friday’s finals

Green State University. Her seed time of 24.55 puts her just 0.2 seconds behind No. 16 seed Hannah Nagel of Napoleon.

“With the 50 free, it’s anybody’s game,” said Bubp. “You go in and get a really good start and a really good turn ... It’s just whoever can put together the two fastest laps.”

The coach is excited to have athletes back at the state finals after missing out a year ago. The Bubp sisters, Mindy’s daughters, and Fortkamp sisters teamed for 16th place in the 200 freestyle relay in 2001.

Bubp said any opportunity to experience the state finals — the biggest high school meet in the pool with the largest spectator capacity (1,700) in the state — is special.

“It’s a crazy number of people and kids who are just nuts about swim,” she said. “It’s an experience. ...

“We have this incredible swim experience and the kids get to spend time together. It’s just a neat way to finish the season.”

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Woodlan — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls swimming in OHSAA Division II State Finals at C.T. Branin Natatorium — 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Belmont — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls swimming in OHSAA Division II State Finals at C.T. Branin Natatorium — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League — Manchester City at RB Leipzig (CBS)  
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7 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Bradley at Valparaiso (Bally Indiana); Minnesota at Maryland (BTN); Kentucky at Florida (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Soccer: SheBelieves Cup — Brazil vs. United States (TNT)  
8:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Butler at DePaul (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Wake Forest at North Carolina State (Bally Indiana); Iowa at Wisconsin (BTN)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars (TNT)  
10:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: New Mexico at Boise State (FS1)

**Thursday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Penn State at Ohio State (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Memphis at Wichita State (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — Women’s college basketball:

Wisconsin at Northwestern (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)  
8:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Michigan at Rutgers (FS1)  
9 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: USC at Colorado (ESPN2); Northwestern at Illinois (BTN)  
9 p.m. — NHL hockey: Calgary Flames at Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)  
10:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: UCLA at Utah (FS1)  
11 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: San Diego at Gonzaga (ESPN2)

**Friday**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Wolverhampton at Fulham (USA)  
6 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Maryland at Ohio State (BTN)  
6 p.m. — Basketball: Athletes Unlimited — Team Williams vs. Team Sims (Bally Indiana)  
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Providence at Connecticut (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Temple at Cincinnati (ESPN2); Bradley at Valparaiso (Bally Indiana); Minnesota at Maryland (BTN); Kentucky at Florida (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball:

Miami Heat at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)  
8:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Butler at DePaul (FS1)  
8:30 p.m. — Basketball: Athletes Unlimited — Team Carrington vs. Team Cloud (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Alabama at South Carolina (ESPN2); North Carolina at Notre Dame (ESPN); Wake Forest at North Carolina State (Bally Indiana); Iowa at Wisconsin (BTN)  
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	Amount Approved
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1000-005-10-0025 Sheriff-Wages-Deputies (6)	\$16,744.00
1000-005-10-0026 Sheriff-Wages- Investigators (2)	\$4,014.40
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8950-001-40-0084 Land Purchase	\$1,164,115.00
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8891-001-30-0087 Pauper Counsel	\$520.00
Total	\$1,381,062.37

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# Sports



Fort Recovery High School's Audra Bubb, Paige Guggenbiller, Joelle Kaup and Teigen Fortkamp will compete Thursday in the OHSAA Division II Swimming and Diving State Finals at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton. They are the No. 18 seed for the 200-yard medley relay. (The top 16 finishers in each event advance from Thursday's preliminaries to Friday's finals.) Fortkamp is also the No. 14 seed in the 100 backstroke and the No. 21 seed in the 50 freestyle.

## Indians roll in tourney opener

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review  
ST. MARYS, Ohio — This time, the Indians had a battle in the opening quarter. Once their size, strength and defense took over, the result ended up virtually the same. Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team went on a 27-3 run spanning halftime Tuesday night as it clobbered New Knoxville for the second time in 12 days, winning 57-30 over the Rangers in the opening round of the Division IV sectional tournament at Memorial.

"You know, I'm just proud of the guys that took care of business," said FRHS coach Bob Leverette, whose team beat New Knoxville 56-29 in their regular-season meeting Feb. 10. "We weren't going to do much — pressure a little bit up to court to get some steals, but, you know, just good solid man-to-man defense, and hopefully just take care of business, get a shot at Friday."

The Indians, who are the No. 5 seed in the district, advance to play for a sectional championship Friday against third-seeded Upper Scioto Valley. They will be looking for their first sectional championship since winning three in a row from 2016 through 2018.

The FRHS sectional title game will start at approximately 7:30 p.m., following a championship game between No. 1 seed Marion Local and No. 8 seed Ada.

In the first meeting with New Knoxville (2-20), the Indians (14-9) had a 17-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back. On Tuesday, they trailed 7-2 early, were up just 14-12 at the quarter break and found themselves tied after Troy Dwenger hit a couple of free throws to open the second quarter.

Then, they came alive. Fort Recovery scored the next 13 points in a row, while holding the Rangers scoreless for nearly five minutes.

Dwenger hit a 3-pointer at the 2:33 mark of the second quarter to pull his team back to within 10, only to have the Tribe tally the final seven of the first half of the first seven of the second half to complete their run.

See **Tourney** page 7

## Back to Branin

### Fortkamp, FR relay going to state

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

They're back. The Indians missed out on the state finals in 2022. That came after a spectacular 2021 that saw an All-Ohio relay and a freshman state qualifier.

Now a junior Teigen Fortkamp earned a double trip to the state finals individually and is part of a relay that could repeat that All-Ohio accomplishment.

Audra Bubb, Joelle Kaup, Paige Guggenbiller and Fortkamp of Fort Recovery High School will compete in the 200-yard medley

relay, with Fortkamp also taking to the water in the 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle in the OHSAA Division II Swimming and Diving State Finals.

The state finals begin preliminaries at 5 p.m. Thursday at Canton's C.T. Branin Natatorium. The top 16 finishers in each event move on to compete again Friday, with the top eight in the championship race and the next eight in the consolation finals.

Fortkamp, who was 18th in the 50 freestyle as a freshman but fell short of the state finals last season, is seeded 14th in the 100 back-

stroke as she returns to the state finals this year. Her third-place district time of 59.04 was just six hundredths off of her career best.

The time puts her 0.23 seconds ahead of 16th-seeded Alaina Pizarro of Hakwen School. She is 0.8 seconds behind No. 2 seed Leah Guess of Marlington.

FRHS coach Mindy Bubb noted that Fortkamp had almost no rest at the district meet between competing in the 200 freestyle relay and swimming the 100 backstroke.

"So I'm hoping she can go in

well-rested and really swim a good 100 backstroke race," said Bubb, adding that she believes Fortkamp's freshman experience at the state finals will help calm nerves. "She's gonna have to go in and swim her fastest. I'm hoping she can do that."

Fortkamp, Bubb, Kaup and Guggenbiller are also just on the outside looking in when it comes to a consolation finals berth in the 200 medley relay. They are the No. 18 seed at 1:53.12, just 0.7 seconds behind 16th-seeded Shawnee.

See **Branin** page 7

## Patriot boys drop third in a row

WINCHESTER — In the final week of the regular season, the Patriots are back on the downswing.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team suffered its third consecutive loss Saturday, struggling in the third quarter as it fell 60-53 to the Winchester Golden Falcons.

The defeat for the Patriots (8-11) came after losing 51-44 to defending sectional champion Yorktown and 36-35 to Class 3A No. 3 Norwell. They opened the season 2-7

but then won six of their next seven games prior to the current skid.

Jay County played even with Winchester (13-10) in the first half, leading by one at the quarter break and deadlocked 24-24 at halftime. But the Golden Falcons rode some hot 3-point shooting in the third quarter as they outscored the visitors 23-12. Jamison Beshears and Kamden Preston each hit two 3-pointers in the period and Charlie Sauser added one.

The Patriots were unable to rally in the fourth quarter.

Preston led a balanced six-man scoring attack for Winchester with 14 points. Three other Golden Falcons — Drew Loyd (11), Mason Barker (10) and Sauser (10) — joined him in double figures while Beshears had eight points and Adam Moore added seven.

Blake Bogenschutz finished with 16 points to lead Jay County, which will close its regular season against Bellmont (12-10)

before taking on Frankton (12-10) on March 1 in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament at New Castle. Abraham Dirksen added 11 points, with nine of those coming on three first-quarter 3-pointers.

The Patriots dominated the junior varsity game, outscoring Winchester by 16 in the first half en route to a 54-30 victory. Parker Nichols had at least four points in every quarter in leading JCHS with 18 and Eli Dirksen joined him in double figures with 13.

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