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## Jay set to host EIAL rivals

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Jay County High School has played host to a series of wrestling tournaments.

It brought show choirs to competition on the auditorium stage.

It held the boys and girls swimming sectional meets.

Next week, it's all about academics.

JCHS will face off against 16 rivals as it hosts the Eastern Indiana Academic League (EIAL) meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the auxiliary gym.

It will mark the second time the school has hosted the EIAL's big meet since joining the conference almost 10 years ago. It hosted first in 2015, and given the rotation process a return trip was not expected so quickly.

"I thought, 'Oh, by the time it's our turn again, 18 schools, I'll be long retired,'" said Anni McClung, who leads the JCHS academic team.

She was wrong. Schools in the conference rotate the meet alphabetically. But, some have been skipped as they were unable to host for one reason or another. And this year, intended host Hagerstown chose not to participate.

Next in the alphabet ... Jay County learned from its first EIAL conference meet, which was hosted with 16 schools crammed on the stage in the auditorium.

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## Equestrian Elisa

Elisa Evers, a freshman at Fort Recovery High School, leaps over a hurdle while riding a stick horse Friday in the school's gymnasium. Students participated in a variety of races during Fort Recovery FFA's Agricultural Olympics.

## FR Chamber names winners

The results are in. Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of its 2022 awards Friday.

Aimee Pottkotter was named Citizen of the Year for her volunteer work with numerous organizations in Fort Recovery, including Wendelin Sportsman Club and Win on the Wabash (WOW) Super Raffle. She served as a board member for North Valley Catholic Youth Organization in 2022 and helped keep score during CYO games, according to a press release from the chamber.

Judy Wood was also nominated for the award.

Edward Hosbach and Kim Day received "Hall of Fame" awards for serving their community over the years.

Hosbach volunteered with Fort Recovery Athletic Department, Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce, Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts, Fort Recovery Historical Society and other organizations.

Day's recognition stems from his time at Southwest Mercer Fire Department, serving in various roles including 21 years as fire chief.

Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home has been named Business of the Year. Its owners, Thomas Shaw and Eric Fee, have

continued a tradition of caring for local families during loss, according to the press release. They also started educational meetings and programs that help the community with pre-planning and perpetuation planning, and they have sponsored several community events and volunteer regularly.

Mayor Dave Kaup recently announced the Outstanding Community Service award goes to Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts. The group provided a variety of entertainment in 2022 at Hein Amphitheater in Van Trees Park.

Beautification award recipients include:

- John and Jessica Jutte — Residential Property
- Terrence and Ashley Corwin as well as Ralph and Anita Ranly — Most Improved Dwelling

Fort Recovery High School senior Chase Kaiser, son of Eric and Amy Kaiser, will be receiving the chamber's annual scholarship.

An awards banquet celebrating winners and nominees is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 12 in the auditoria at Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School.

Tickets are available at Fort Recovery Insurance Agency, Mercer Savings Bank, Park National Bank or First Financial Bank, or by calling (419) 375-4041.

## Retrospect

# Expansion was considered

Twenty-five years ago this week, local officials were considering a jail expansion.

The Feb. 24, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Jay County Commissioners taking a cautious approach regarding a proposal for a between \$340,000 and \$400,000 expansion of Jay County Jail.

Commissioners Milo Miller Jr., Mike Leonard and Gary Theurer reviewed schematic drawings presented by representatives from Schenkel Shultz Architecture but adopted a wait-and-see approach. The proposal included 2,792 additional square feet on two levels east of the existing jail facility.

"I don't know whether I want to go with this until we see what sheriff is elected (in November)," said Theurer. (Sheriff Kip Robinette was in the midst of the final year of his second term and was not eligible to seek re-election.)

Miller also expressed caution.

"The only thing I can say is we'll take it under advisement," he said. Robinette for months

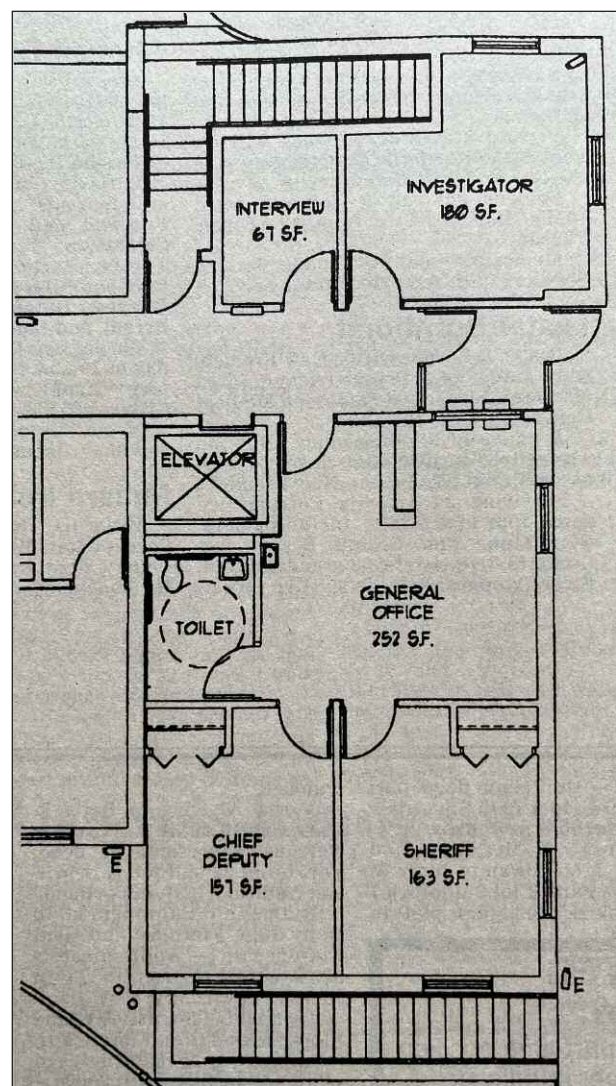
had been pushing for an expansion, saying a space crunch was created when equipment and personnel for the county 911 staff were moved to the jail, which opened in 1984. As a result, office space was limited.

The proposed expansion had office space for the sheriff, chief deputy and investigator on the first floor along with general office space, a reception area and an interview room. The lower level also called for a large squad room and various storage areas.

There were also plans for an elevator, though that portion was considered for elimination in order to save \$60,000.

The sketches presented to commissioners were a second version after Robinette and Todd Penrod, a candidate for sheriff, rejected the first set submitted by Schenkel Shultz because they did not provide enough room.

"We tried to look at the lowest-cost option ... and we decided there wasn't any way," Robinette said. "This allows us to have space for future growth."



Schenkel Shultz Architecture

The proposed expansion of Jay County Jail (shown above) in 1998 included two levels with office space to be constructed to the east of the existing jail.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 36 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for a high of 46 under mostly cloudy skies. The low may dip to the 30s at night.

Sunday's weather looks to be mostly sunny with a high in the 50s.

There's an 80% chance of rain late Sunday, with up to a quarter

of an inch possible. Expect more rain Monday, when the high may reach 62.

Thunderstorms are possible in the late afternoon and evening.

The low Monday may drop to the mid to upper 30s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Fort Recovery High School's production of "Frozen Jr." continues with performances at 2 p.m. today and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door.

### Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball team's sectional opener.



# Host ...

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“The tables were on the edge, they were almost falling off,” said McClung. “So that’s why this year I decided there is no way we are putting an additional school. There’s no way.”

Instead, Monday’s competition will be in the auxiliary gym.

Academic competitions as part of the Indiana Association of School Principals’ Senior Academic Super Bowl, in which JCHS participates, are broken into five disciplines — math, fine arts, English, science and social studies. There is also an interdisciplinary category, which brings all five together.

There are typically 20 questions per category — 25 for the conference meet Monday — with schools fielding teams of three to answer them, explained Jay County senior Raine Keen. Substitutes are allowed midway through the questioning. Whether substitutes are used or not comes down to the coach and the participants.

Some coaches want to get everyone involved.

“And then you have people who just want to win,” said JCHS fine arts coach Liz Lawson, grinning and pointing at herself.

This year’s theme is “The

Age of Exploration,” which began in the 1400s and continued through the 1600s. Participants have study guides specific to their discipline, indicating parameters for questions. This year, for instance, science includes navigation and sailing while English focuses on period-appropriate works, including Shakespeare.

Schools participating in Monday’s meet come from across the EIAL’s footprint, bordered by Jay County to the north, Union County to the south and Eastern Hancock to the west. McClung estimated about 300 students would be in attendance for the conference meet.

JCHS has fared well thus far in its season.

It won interdisciplinary (team members were Alex Ardizzone, Hannah Boggs, James Larrowe and Ella Stockton), fine arts (Raine Keen, Sarah McClain, Tsvetelina Boynova and Boggs) and science (Duston Muhlenkamp, Khutso Muthuketela, Ardizzone and Larrowe) at its season-opening five-team meet in January. Emma LeMaster, Lainey Reynolds, Stockton and Boynova took first in English a week later.

And on Valentine’s Day, Ardizzone teamed with Muhlenkamp and Muthuketela to

win science and with Barbare Aliashvili and Brooke Stauffer to win social studies while Keen, Stockton, Boynova and LeMaster were first in English.

Also competing for the team are Stacy Fomina, Joseph Boggs, Tessa Miller and Puhiza Shemsedini.

They’re hoping for more success Monday — it’s the next step of preparation for the area contest April 18, which will determine who qualifies for state — and looking forward to taking on their rivals in their own building.

“I think it’ll be nice to not have to travel way far away and get back really late,” said Keen.

## CR almanac

Sunday 2/26	Monday 2/27	Tuesday 2/28	Wednesday 3/1	Thursday 3/2
<b>53/40</b>	<b>62/36</b>	<b>49/34</b>	<b>60/38</b>	<b>48/30</b>
Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Sunday, with rain likely at night.	More rain is in the forecast for Monday, with temperatures soaring to the low 60s.	Mostly sunny on Tuesday with a breeze and highs in the upper 40s.	Another day of mostly sunny skies, with a slight chance of showers.	Thursday also has a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, partly sunny.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 6-5-3 Daily Four: 6-0-0-4 Quick Draw: 1-2-11-13-14-18-19-24-25-40-42-47-48-49-67-70-73-74-77-78	Pick 4: 9-5-7-2 Pick 5: 3-4-8-7-6
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 4-0-9	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$119 million
	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$126 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.59 March corn.....6.59 Wheat .....7.04	Wheat ..... 6.62 July wheat ..... 6.62
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.59 March corn.....6.62 April corn.....6.67	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.47 March corn.....6.47 Beans .....15.13 March beans .....15.15 Wheat .....7.04
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.54 March corn.....6.54 Beans .....15.09 March beans .....15.09	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.22 March corn.....6.24 Beans .....14.91 March beans .....14.96 Wheat .....6.63

## Today in history

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England’s Queen Elizabeth I from the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1779, Lt. Col. George Rogers Clark accepted British Lt. Gov. Henry Hamilton’s unconditional surrender of Fort Sackville located along the Wabash River in Vincennes.

In 1870, Hiram Rhodes Revels became the first African American to serve in the U.S. Congress as he was sworn in to the Senate. He was a Republican representing Mississippi.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment, which allows for a federal income tax, went into effect. The Supreme Court in 1895 had declared the federal income tax unconstitutional, and the amendment was meant to address the issue.

In 1943, George Harrison, the lead guitarist for The Beatles, was born in Liverpool, Eng-

land. Among the songs he wrote for the group was “Here Comes the Sun,” and he went on to a solo career beginning in 1968.

In 1964, Cassius Clay, later known as Muhammad Ali, became boxing’s world heavyweight champion when he knocked out Sonny Liston in the seventh round in a fight in Miami.

In 2005, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team shot 68.4% in the first half, rolling out to a 26-6 lead on the way to a 73-62 victory over New Bremen in a Division IV sectional championship game at Coldwater.

In 2021, The Portland Foundation announced that it received a \$100,000 gift from the estate of Timothy Joe Uhrick to establish the Herman C. Uhrick, Dorothy Uhrick and Timothy Joe Uhrick Literacy Fund to provide support for the advancement of literacy for Jay County residents.

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## Citizen’s calendar

**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk

Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

**Thursday**  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

## Capsule Reports

### Teen injured

A Ridgeville teen was taken to a Muncie hospital after she drove in front of oncoming traffic on county road 250 West about 7:36 a.m. Wednesday.

Cash L. Hollowell, 16, was driving a 2007 Ford Mustang north on the road as she approached the intersection with county road 800 South. At the same time, 18-year-old Cody A. Duncan of Ridgeville was driving a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado west on 800 South. Hollowell didn’t yield to Duncan, instead entering the intersection and into the path of Duncan’s vehicle, according to a Jay County

Sheriff’s Office report. (There is no stop for traffic on 800 South.)

Hollowell complained of pain all over her body. She was transported to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital for her injuries.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

### Backing accident

A Redkey teen backed into the path of a Bryant man’s vehicle along Sycamore Street in Redkey about 7:47 a.m. Tuesday.

Reece A. Leavell, 17, was backing a 2001 Dodge Ram out of his driveway

near Sycamore Street as a 2007 Lexus GX, driven by 25-year-old Eric L. Chrisman, was driving south on the street. Chrisman told police he moved his vehicle to the side of the road for oncoming traffic. As he pulled over, both Chrisman and Leavell’s vehicles crashed on the edge of the road. (Leavell told police he was stopped at the edge of his driveway and believed he wasn’t in the street, according to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report.)

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

### Rear collision

A Portland man crashed

his truck into the back of a horse and buggy along Indiana 18 about 2:58 p.m. Thursday.

Landon J. Patterson, 19, was driving his 2008 Dodge Ram truck west on the highway when he crashed into the Schwartz’s horse and buggy riding in front of him.

David Schwartz, 15, Amos Schwartz, 13, Anna Schwartz, 12, Bertha Schwartz, 11, and Samuel Schwartz, 9, complained of face or head pain. The family’s horse fled and was later found.

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

## Ukraine marks war anniversary

By LAURA KING and TRACY WILKINSON

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

KYIV, Ukraine — Church bells tolled, weeping mourners embraced and blue-and-yellow national flags fluttered Friday as Ukraine marked the first anniversary of a Russian invasion that triggered a cataclysmic war but also galvanized a powerful sense of common purpose among the country’s people.

“We clearly understood that for each tomorrow, you need to fight,” President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a video address commemorating the Feb. 24, 2022, invasion that trig-

gered Europe’s largest land battle since World War II. “And we fought.”

Across the country, Ukrainians looked back on the year with a mixture of sorrow and pride.

“No one was expecting Ukraine would still be standing today,” said Oleksandr Azarov, a 39-year-old emergency services worker from the northern city of Chernihiv. “We are grieving, all of us, but we hope and trust that victory will be ours.”

The war’s repercussions have spread far beyond Ukraine. Although the NATO alliance grew in cohesiveness, inflation worsened and energy woes beset the United States and Europe, though they have eased in

recent months. Deep fissures were laid bare between wealthy industrialized democracies and the global south, which has largely taken an arms-length approach to the conflict.

And Russian President Vladimir Putin’s nuclear saber-rattling — most recently exemplified by his announcement that he would suspend participation in Moscow’s last nuclear arms-control pact with Washington — inspires periodic dread around the world.

At a rare news conference, Zelenskyy implored Ukraine’s allies to remain united “like a fist,” saying Ukraine could win the war if the West provides sufficient military support.

## Felony arrests

### Arson

A Dunkirk woman was arrested Friday for arson.

Shelia Keeylen, 32, 122 W. Washington St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony.

She’s being held on a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Criminal confinement

A Montpelier man was arrested Thursday for criminal confinement and related charges.

Seth M. Jones, 19, 209 S. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for criminal confinement with bodily injury, along with two Class A misdemeanors for domestic battery and interference with reporting a crime.

He’s being held on a

\$10,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Common nuisance

A Portland woman was arrested Thursday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Kearra M. Byrley, 22, 914 W. Water St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime as well as a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine.

She’s being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Failed to appear


A Muncie woman was arrested Thursday for failing to appear in court.

Peggy E. Manis, 46, 403 N. Delawanda St., previously pleaded guilty to burglary, a Level 5 felony.

She failed to appear for her sentencing hearing in Jay Circuit Court in Nov. 2021. Another sentencing hearing has been

scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Manis is being held without bond in Jay County Jail.



### Swiss Village

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**Application deadline: March 22, 2023**  
Interested applicants may send resumes to:  
**Briana Eicher, Director**  
Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion  
1201 Emmental Drive, Berne, IN 46711  
brianae@swissvillage.org

### SERVICES

**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.

**Monday**

**Robbins, Mike:** 6 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Roush, Susan:** 7 p.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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- Match cash receipts to open accounts receivable and reconcile monthly
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- Enter monthly closing entry, and additional detail into financial statements
- Prepare Financial Statements for Management Review
- Additional duties at month end, year end, audit timing or as needed

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- Knowledge of AP/AR, and fixed assets
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- MS Office proficiency, especially Excel
- Advanced organizational skills with the ability to handle multiple assignments
- Strong communication skills and ability to work in team environment
- AS degree in Accounting or related field / past experience preferred but not required

**Resumes can be sent to FCC Indiana – Human Resources at 555 Industrial Park Road Portland, Indiana.**



Photo provided

## Oratorical contest

Jay County Optimist Clubs recently hosted an oratorical contest. Pictured, from left, are winners Kendall Schemenaur and Maria Laux and alternates Jace Vance and Gabby Gibson.

## Museum displays Midwest exhibit

A Midwestern collection gathered over four decades is on display at Ball State University's David Owsley Museum of Art in Muncie.

"A Wild Story: The David and Sarojini Johnson Print Collection" will be on view until May 21. It features relief and intaglio prints created by more than 25 printmakers, according to a press release from the museum.

Information about related programs and events — there will be a public panel discussion at 6 p.m. March 23 — can be found by visiting [bsu.edu/web/museumofart/exhibitions](http://bsu.edu/web/museumofart/exhibitions).

### AARP grant

AARP Indiana's Community Challenge grant

### Taking Note

program is available through 5 p.m. March 15.

A part of AARP's Livable Communities initiative, it contributes toward projects that improve public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, diversity and include and other areas of life for people age 50 or older.

To apply, visit [AARP.org/Community-Challenge](http://AARP.org/Community-Challenge). All projects must be finished by Nov. 30.

# Abuser tries to turn over a new leaf

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for five years, with two children. I have been putting my hands on her in such a bad way that she's saying we are no longer a family and she wants a divorce. I need my wife and children back. It hurts me to stay away.

I'm currently going to church and Sunday school and Bible study. I have been praying many hours these past few weeks, and it is helping me. I will do anything and everything I can to get my family back because I don't want to lose them. What can I do to get them back? — LEARNING A LESSON IN NEVADA

DEAR LEARNING: A good first step would be for you to gain some insight about what triggers you to act out

### Dear Abby



violently. Was physical abuse an example that was set by your parents? Does it happen because you have a substance abuse problem? A course in anger management could help you break this destructive pattern. Search online for a program near you. After that, if your wife sees you are making a sincere effort, she may trust you enough to risk reunite-

ing. A warning, however: Do not pressure her. This will have to be HER decision.

DEAR ABBY: I'm friends with three people who got into a series of arguments. One of them no longer talks to the other two. I have remained friends with all three and I told them I want to remain neutral. I wasn't around when the arguments took place, and I don't want to be involved. One friend says that because I'm still friends with the other two, I'm taking their side and condoning how they treated her.

I didn't see the fights and I'm not condoning anyone's behavior. The one friend has now stopped being friends with me. I would like to be friends with

everyone. Is this person right about me condoning the other two's actions by remaining silent and continuing my friendship with them? — STAYING OUT OF IT IN MONTANA

DEAR STAYING OUT: No, they are not. What they are doing is trying to manipulate you. Repeat what you told them, and tell them that if they can't accept that you will have lost another friend.

DEAR ABBY: I have a new job in a small office. I have never been comfortable meeting new people or learning a new job, so in order to appear friendly, I'd chime in to the office conversations. A couple of times, I have revealed too much of my life.

Later, I found out the owner audio records the office. Everyone else knew it, but I was NEVER informed. Now I'm more embarrassed than ever, knowing that my information is now on record. I have since learned to self-censor. Abby, is it a common and legal practice for employers to bug offices? — BIG MOUTH IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BIG MOUTH: This is a question you should ask an attorney who specializes in employment law. In several states, it is illegal for an employer to record conversations without first informing all the parties involved. You should have been informed at the time you were hired that this was company policy.

## 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

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

### Sunday

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

### Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will

meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an

appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

### Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion

for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

### Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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

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**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Classic chicken sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Strawberry parfait with granola, Turkey & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Smile potatoes

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Beef nachos **Alternate Entrees:** Strawberry parfait with granola, Turkey & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Mexican style refried beans

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# Survey shows us good government

The Republic (Columbus)

“Two cheers for democracy: one because it admits variety and two because it permits criticism.” — E.M. Forster

The people have spoken, or at least 793 did, when the Bartholomew County Public Library asked for input about its teen section. This came after a tempest in a teapot in our community because a few people have asked the library to remove books they dislike.

The Republic has used this editorial space to praise the library for being proactive in this matter and going directly to the public. We Americans like to knock our government for not listening to us, but you can't say that about the BCPL. By conducting a survey open to anyone in the community — and by getting a pretty

## Hoosier Editorial

impressive response — the library has received excellent data and community input to improve its vital service to the public.

And in an initial overview of the public response, The Republic's Jana Wiersema reported that the survey said:

•About 80% somewhat agreed or strongly agreed with this statement: “The teen area is a safe, welcoming space for all that meets the library's mission to serve as the community cross-

roads — connecting people, ideas, information, and experiences to empower everyone on their journey of lifelong learning.”

•78% agreed somewhat or strongly with this statement: “The teen collection provides relevant materials that meet our diverse community's needs.”

So the big-headline takeaway from the survey is this: Of the nearly 800 people who responded, more than three out of four gave the library a thumbs-up. That's a landslide vote of confidence in our local library, and moreover, it's a community sentiment that needed to be expressed. Because as we know, just because some voices might be loudest, that doesn't mean they speak for the majority. It's often the other way around.

The library didn't just ask

those questions in its survey, it also offered those who responded a chance to offer thoughts and suggestions. And from those — including teens who said they wanted a “place to chill” — the library is undertaking a relocation and expansion of the teen section. As Wiersema reported, the library's plan is to move the contents of the Indiana Room — which hosts the library's genealogy collection, as well as resources on state and local history — to the top floor. The Indiana Room would then be converted into a “teen programming room” with a staff desk, tables and computers. The teen collection would be located just outside of this room, as there is not enough space in the room to host both the collection and programming.

Library Director Jason Hatton said the local genealogical society, the main user of the Indiana Room, expressed approval of the move. Hatton also “noted that one of the reasons they chose the Indiana Room as the new teen programming space is because it provides a door to deal with sound and creates a place where teens can be teens,” Wiersema wrote.

The library asked the public how it was doing, how it could do better, and for tips and suggestions. The public responded. The library listened and acted.

Any local official interested in good government should take note. And if you need someone to assist in developing a public survey, you can always ask a librarian.

## State policies created sinkhole

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Last Friday, I was scheduled to testify before the Bright Commission, named for its chair, State Sen. Bernadette Bright.

It didn't happen. As before, with a different commission, I was told that, as the hour was late (3 p.m.), the commission knew what I had to say and therefore it was unnecessary for me to speak.

Why does this happen? It's rather easy to understand. The economic consultants for the state, the firm of Vague and Vaguer, tell the state to emphasize the absolute, rather than the relative, conditions of the state.

Specifically, between 2011 and 2021, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Indiana gained 360,000 jobs, an increase of 10%, the 20th highest among the 50 states.

That sounds mighty fine ... until you learn the nation's rate of job growth was 14.2% and we fell from having 2.04% of all American jobs, to 1.96%.

Sen. Bright would counter, if I testified, I was splitting hairs because both those numbers round off to 2%. Then, she would point out that compensation per job in Indiana and in the U.S. grew at virtually the same rate between 2011 and 2021. Which was true. But would she ignore the meaning of that reality? Indiana's compensation per job remained stuck at 12% below the national level.

As soon as I would make that fact clear, I'd hear the oldest of Hoosier refrains, “But our cost of living is lower than elsewhere.” And I'd have to remind the commission that the mortgage company is concerned with your salary as an indicator of your ability to buy the house you chose.

When you got that job, did the application ask how much you paid on your mortgage or for rent? No! Your housing expense does not figure into your compensation, except in the palaver of the HR manager.

In my testimony, I could not have ignored the value of output (gross domestic product per job) by Hoosier workers in 2011 was 5% below the

Eye on the Pie



Could it be that they are not making the investments, including education, in this Hoosier Holyland needed to improve our workers' productivity?

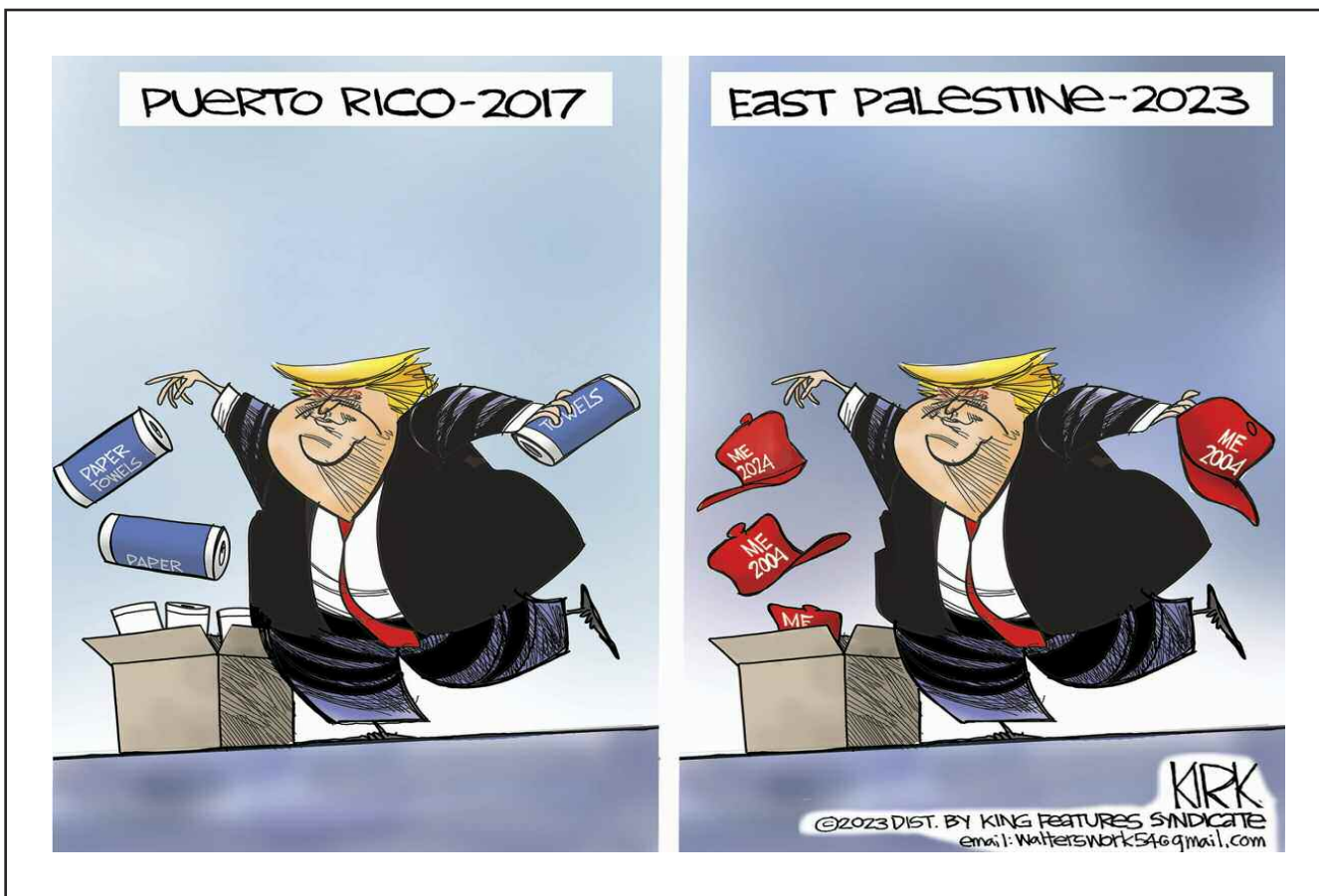
national average, and sank to 10% below by 2021. Whereas this measure of productivity rose by almost 50% for the average American job, in Indiana it increased by 42%.

What does this mean? If you listen to the condescending economic developers, they tell us the fault is our workforce. Compared to other places, we're told, we don't have the skills necessary for today's high tech, STEM jobs.

Could it be, the problem is with the employers, the companies so comfortable, so complicit with our General Assembly? Could it be that they are not making the investments, including education, in this Hoosier Holyland needed to improve our workers' productivity?

Why? It could be today's employers don't like the consequences of the Scrooge McDuck policies their predecessors supported that have turned the state into a sinkhole.

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## Derailment is security threat

By BRAD MARTIN and AARON CLARK-GINSBERG  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

Earlier this month, a threat with potentially serious consequences for the long-term national security of the United States presented itself — and not in the form of a high-altitude balloon.

It was a railroad derailment, in East Palestine, Ohio, which resulted in a discharge of vinyl chloride, a cancer-causing substance that response crews burned in order to prevent an explosion. Many organizations, including those responsible for the safety and well-being of the citizens of East Palestine, might not have viewed this incident as a national security issue. But it is, and as such, requires a more vigorous response, and certainly more attention than the spy balloon or balloons.

Consider, for starters, that “national security” encompasses not merely the external defense of the United States, but also the intelligence apparatus that supports its military operations, the defense against terrorist attacks, and the diplomatic efforts to secure allies and communicate with potential adversaries. All these actions and a variety of others are what nations do to protect their citizens. And while these actions are generally viewed apart from the things a nation does to promote prosperity and well-being among its people, they cannot be separated.

National security is about protecting a nation



Brad Martin and Aaron Clark-Ginsberg



and its people and their well-being. Which means that certain aspects of infrastructure and services are so fundamental to this effort — fundamental to the very functioning of society — that their continued ability to function is also considered a national security issue.

A secure food supply, for example. Or energy supplies, public safety or protection against environmental threats. Yet last week residents of East Palestine were drinking only bottled water; livestock and fish are dying suddenly; the possible health and environmental outcomes, though they remain unknown, are quite possibly dire.

The rail disaster was not the result of an external attack, and although the specific reasons for the accident are still under investigation, it is no stretch to imagine that it was a slow-moving, internally created disaster of neglected infrastructure, leaner staffing models and watered-down safety requirements — a string of decisions favoring efficiency over safety, all resulting in the routing of hazardous cargo through places where people live. The implications of this disaster will no doubt unfold over

decades, with invisible contamination hitting already vulnerable people and environments, and lingering long after the cleanup crews leave.

This disaster is not unique, either, but of a piece with many other slow-moving disasters, such as the water crises in Flint, Michigan, and in Jackson, Mississippi; or the Deepwater Horizon and Taylor oil spills; or the countless other unnamed and underreported disasters that tend to strike communities with already high levels of poverty, substance abuse and addiction, and poor health, as well as growing risk to greater climate shocks and stresses.

But the symptoms of the United States' degraded infrastructure, as well as its dangerous practices of routing hazardous cargo through population centers, and its inadequately staffed response crews, highlight a troubling national security issue, too — one that would make mobilization for a major international response slow and precarious. If such systems and capabilities are already at a ragged edge during peacetime, in wartime they would likely collapse, the potential impact of which is likely far greater than whatever

intelligence the systems on a high-altitude balloon might have collected.

This is not to dismiss airspace intrusions, but rather to suggest that collective attentions might be misplaced. The slow degradation of infrastructure and disaster response is less a spectacle than an overflying balloon, but the train derailment and chemical spill in Ohio has highlighted just how bizarre such a focus on perceived external national security threats has become. The far greater threat may be from within.

The defense and intelligence agencies will no doubt appropriately evaluate the threats from balloon overflights. Meanwhile, how to reduce the risk of the slow disasters unfolding with greater frequency and increasing severity is already well known. It takes investing in decaying infrastructure and hiring people to run and maintain it. It requires beefed-up safety regulations, a stronger social safety net and adequate funding for public health. These, too, are national security issues — ones that may be considerably more immediate than defense against airborne intelligence collection.

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## Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$2,500 to Arts Place for its Arts in the Parks program. Pictured, from left, are Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci, Tracy Carpenter of First Bank of Berne and Arts Place employees Allison Smiley and Teresa Penrod.

# Nominations close Tuesday

There are a few more days left to nominate those who make a difference in Jay County.

Jay County Chamber of Commerce is continuing to accept nominations for its annual Jay County Community Awards. The deadline to nominate is Tuesday.

Those interested in nominating can fill out a form online at [form.jotform.com/2300254033921](http://form.jotform.com/2300254033921) or pick one up at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Award categories are lifetime achievement, citizen of the year, business of the year, industry of the year, not-for-profit of the year, young professional of the year, Dunkirk Commitment to Community, small community commitment and innovator of the year.

### Serving as intern

Fort Recovery High School graduate Cassidy Martin is serving as an intern for the university's marketing and communication office this spring.

She is pursuing a degree in graphic design.

### Training offered

ServSafe training will be offered at John Jay Center for Learning.

Training sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday as well as March 27 and April 24.

## Business roundup

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

### Grants awarded

Indiana Michigan Power recently announced \$126,000 in grants to 11 organizations.

The grants included a \$25,000 property development grant for the Town of Ossian in Wells county to develop a 13-acre build-ready site in its industrial park and a \$2,500 initiative grant for Randolph County United for creating an economic development-focused podcast to spotlight community activities.

Property development grants are designed to "help identify and prepare properties for future business and industrial uses."

"It has become increasingly crucial for communities to be fully prepared to market and be responsive to inquiries from businesses searching for a development ready site," said Ashley Savieo, I&M director of economic development, in a press release.

Initiative grants seek to help

economic development organizations launch new programs that "highlight the communities they serve and encourage business attraction and expansion."

### Celebrating 30

Totally Promotional of Coldwater, Ohio, is celebrating 30 years in business.

Tom and Paula Casad founded the company in Celina, Ohio, in 1993. It moved to Coldwater, in 2016.

The firm offers promotional items such as can coolers, table covers, cups, apparel and other products.

### Cutting back

The Rochester Sentinel announced that starting Tuesday it will reduce print publication from five days to two.

The Sentinel will be delivered via mail on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Online editions will be available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

"While we know more readers are seeking online delivery of their news in this modern age, this change is not because of that," The Sentinel said in announcing the change. "It is necessitated by continually rising costs of printing supplies and transportation and by increasing postal costs."

The newspaper, which was

founded in 1858 and has a circulation of about 3,000, is owned by Paxton Media Group.

### Tyson acquiring

Tyson Foods this month announced that it has signed an agreement to purchase Williams Sausage Company of Union City, Tennessee.

Williams has provided fresh and fully cooked sausage, bacon and sandwiches to retail and food service customers. It has about 500 employees.

"The addition of Williams Sausage Company aligns with our strategic intent of expanding our capacity to serve our customers," said Tyson group president for prepared foods Stewart Glendinning in a press release. "We also look forward to welcoming Williams' dedicated team members to the Tyson Foods family."

### Motherson to buy

Samvardhana Motherson International Limited recently told Money Control that its subsidiary, Samvardhana Motherson Automotive Systems Group BV, has reached an agreement to buy out French automotive supplier Faurecia's stake in SAS Autosystemtechnik GmbH.

The purchase is valued at \$577.5 million.

SAS provides assembly and

logistics services for the automotive industry.

Motherson chairman Vivek Chaand Sehgal told the publication that the purchase is part of a focus on electronic vehicles.

"With this acquisition, we will be even more diversified in our customer base and products," Sehgal told Money Control. "This acquisition will transform Motherson Group to be a leading assembler of cockpits modules globally, with special focus on EV models."

Motherson is the parent company of MSSL in Portland.

### Posted loss

Becker's Hospital Review reported today that Indiana University Health posted a \$715 million net loss last year.

That's down from a net gain of \$861.5 million in 2021.

"Nationally, hospitals face financial challenges, exacerbated by the pandemic, which threaten to create unsustainable operating results for the industry," IU Health senior vice president and CFO Jennifer Alvey said in a press release. "IU Health is determined to overcome these headwinds through disciplined fiscal stewardship, which includes restraining capital spending, optimizing our considerable resources, and driving efficiencies in operations."

# Railroads fought rules

By JENNIFER A. DLOUHY and ARI NATTER  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Long before this month's fiery derailment, railroad industry leaders battled regulations meant to boost freight train safety, including plans to bolster some of the very same tank cars that ruptured and released chemicals in eastern Ohio.

Norfolk Southern Corp. joined in fighting proposed speed limits and brake system requirements spawned by a series of high-profile accidents, including a lethal 2005 collision involving one of the operator's own trains.

The intense lobbying campaign — which unfolded over years of direct appeals to lawmakers, regulators and White House officials — underscores the industry's political sway in Washington and illustrates the challenge now facing Congress and the Biden administration as they vow a new crackdown.

"The rail industry pushes back hard on both safety and public disclosure rules — and keeps that opposition up long after the public scrutiny of tragic accidents abates," said Kristen Boyles, managing attorney for the environmental group Earthjustice. "There should be a renewed push for safer trains and safer rail cars following the disaster in Ohio, and that pressure will need to be applied for as long as it takes to get new safety requirements and regulations in place."

Norfolk Southern pledged in a Tuesday statement it would "learn from this terrible accident and work with regulators and elected officials to improve railroad safety." And the company's chief executive officer, Alan Shaw, said it will rip up tracks that had swiftly returned to use, so chemical-soaked soil under the rails can be removed.

On Thursday, the National Transportation Safety Board released its preliminary report on the accident, citing an over-

heated wheel bearing as the likely cause.

Roughly a decade ago, Norfolk Southern was among the rail companies combating a host of proposed requirements for high-hazard flammable trains — generally those transporting at least 35 tank cars carrying particularly combustible liquids or 20 of them in a single block. The train that derailed Feb. 3 in East Palestine, Ohio, did not fall under that category, though the accident still unleashed a torrent of toxic chemicals, including vinyl chloride used in PVC pipes and the solvent ethylene glycol monobutyl ether.

The Transportation Department's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration had moved to propose tank car standards in response to a number of incidents in which they ruptured and released their contents. That included a 2005 crash in which a Norfolk Southern train hauling chlorine plowed into another, killing nine people in Graniteville, South Carolina. Regulators also sought to require the use of electronically controlled pneumatic braking systems that are designed to rapidly halt trains by applying brakes across their entire span simultaneously, instead of each car individually.

The industry's top lobbying group, the Association of American Railroads, argued the technology would yield "minimal" safety benefits at a "tremendous" cost.

And in a March 2015 meeting with the White House, the industry doubled down, with represen-

tatives of Norfolk Southern and other major railroad operators — including CSX Corp., Union Pacific Corp. and BNSF Railway Co. — insisting that the brake requirement "would not have significant safety benefits, would not have significant business benefits" and "would be extremely costly."

"There was tremendous pushback," recalled Cynthia Quarterman, who played a major role crafting the rules as head of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. "It was intense."

Though the industry supported more stringent tank car standards, it took issue with the methodology and cost-benefit analysis underpinning the government's plan for bolstering specific rupture-prone DOT-111 models with prescriptions for thicker walls and more robust pressure-relief valves. At least 16 of the tanker cars that went off the tracks in Ohio were those older models.

The Obama administration still imposed speed limits, braking system mandates and new tank car standards in 2015, but only after they were narrowed in response to industry pressure.

When former President Donald Trump ordered federal agencies to winnow rules two years later, Norfolk Southern offered encouragement. Railroads operate under a "mountain of safety regulation," the company told the Transportation Department in 2017, and "the substantial costs" of the brake requirements "cannot be justified."

The Trump administration rescinded the brake mandates a year later.

## Regulations were meant to boost freight train safety

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE SELF-DISCIPLINE OF NOT TAKING TOO MUCH OF A MAGICAL DRINK ALL AT ONE TIME: POTION CONTROL.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals G

Trivial Review
(Answers are printed below, upside down.)
Clone and cold
1) What type of animal was Dolly, the first mammal cloned from an adult cell?
2) How large in square miles is the ice sheet that covers Antarctica?
(1) Sheep (2) 5.4 million square miles

2-27 CRYPTOQUIP
FBHU LFY RHYRMH ZVH
EHLXUE KZVVXHP, IYKH
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE LONE RANGER'S HORSE IS RECEIVING AN OLYMPIC AWARD, WHAT HAPPENS? SILVER MEDALS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals P

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to breakfast time.
Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = A)
A. 10 17 18 2 17 16 23 22
Clue: Flapjacks
B. 23 19 19 22
Clue: From chickens
C. 22 17 20 22 17 19 23
Clue: Pork product
D. 7 14 17 22 7
Clue: Heated bread

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to breakfast.
SOCKO
Answer: Cooks

Guess Who?
I am an actress/singer from California born on February 20, 2003. I gained early fame for an acting role based on an American Girl book series. I released my debut single in 2021, and won a Grammy for Best New Artist the following year.
Answer: Olivia Rodrigo

kids' corner
Colorful illustration of school supplies and a laptop.

ANIMAL FACT:
THIS FOOD SOURCE IS MADE FROM SEED, NUTS AND A SEMI-SOLID FAT TO KEEP BIRDS FED THROUGH THE WINTER.
ANSWER: GUET

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Nest
SPANISH: Nido
ITALIAN: Nido
FRENCH: Nid
GERMAN: Nest

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
A: Two cardinals, one on a branch, one in flight.
B: Two cardinals, one on a branch, one on the ground.
Answers: 1. Bird has white spot 2. Missing icicle 3. Peanuts in dish 4. Second cardinal

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

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YOU SHOULD SET A FEEDER A GOOD 10 FEET AWAY FROM TREES, FENCES OR ANYTHING THAT A SQUIRREL CAN JUMP FROM.
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GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: BIRD FEEDER

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Solution to a predicament
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K 10 7
10 3 2
SOUTH
K Q J 8 5 2
A 6
8 3
Q 5 4
The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 Pass 1
Pass 1 NT Pass 4
Opening lead — king of clubs.
There are all kinds of inferences a declarer can draw from the bidding or early play of a hand. Take this case where South got to four spades on the bidding shown.
West led the king of clubs, and after East followed with the discouraging deuce, shifted to the queen of hearts, whereupon declarer played low from both hands!
As a result, South made the contract. West continued with a heart
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

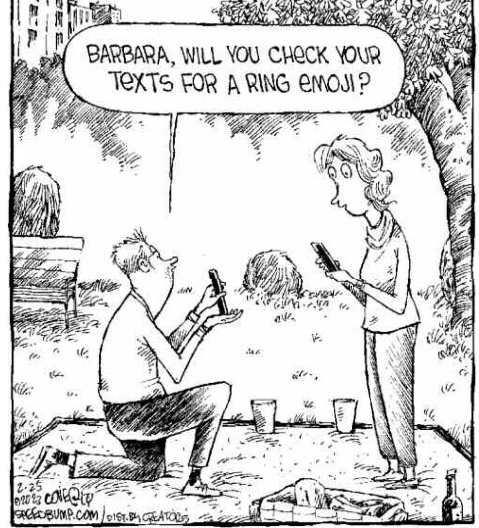
Famous Hand
West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
K J 10 8
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WEST
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SOUTH
Q
10 9 7 3
8 7 4
Q 10 9 7 3
The bidding:
West North East South
1 Dble 1 Dble 1
1 4 Dble 1
Opening lead — king of clubs.
There is more than one way to skin a cat, so the saying goes. However, some ways can be considerably more effective than others.
Consider this deal from the 1988 national men's team championship. At both tables South wound up as declarer in four hearts doubled, and West led the king of clubs. Both declarers ruffed high in dummy, but that is where the similarity ended.
At the first table, South decided that his best chance lay in trying to steal a spade trick. So at trick two, he led the eight of spades. Unfortunately for him, East hap-
pened to be Lew Stansby, one of the world's top players. Stansby eyed the eight suspiciously, then put up the ace, felling South's queen. A low diamond to West's king, followed by a diamond return through the Q-10, allowed Stansby to score the A-J, and the contract was down one.
At the other table, Stansby's teammate, Norman Kay, also one of the world's best, adopted an entirely different approach with the South hand. He thought it unlikely that a spade play from dummy could succeed regardless of who had the ace, so he opted for a swindle of another sort.
At trick two, Kay crossed to the ten of hearts and put the nine of clubs on the table. When West followed low, Kay discarded a diamond from dummy, and when East could not beat the nine, the hand was over. All the defenders could take were two diamonds and a spade, so Kay made his doubled game for a score of 790 points.
If West had covered the nine of clubs with the jack, and later the ten of clubs with the ace, declarer would have fallen a trick short for lack of another entry to his hand. But how many Wests would have sniffed out what Kay was up to when he led the club nine at trick three? That was what Kay counted on, and the outcome proved him absolutely right.
Tomorrow: Stay awake!
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ACROSS 35 Head shop 3 Brit. record 21 Camel feature
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Saturday's answer 2-27

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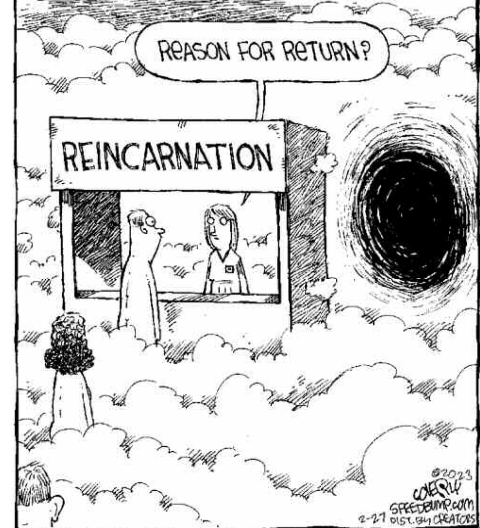
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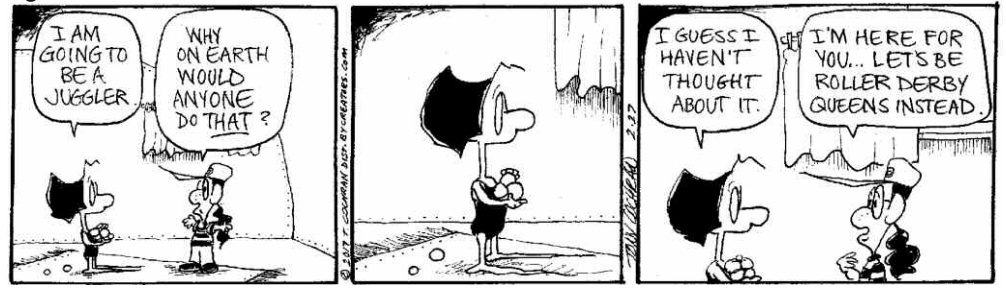
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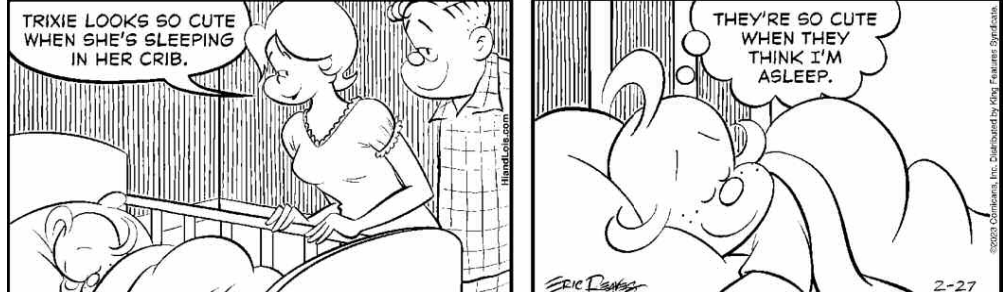
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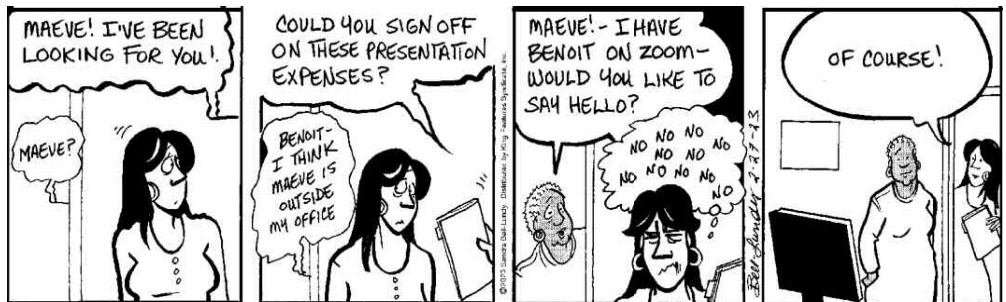
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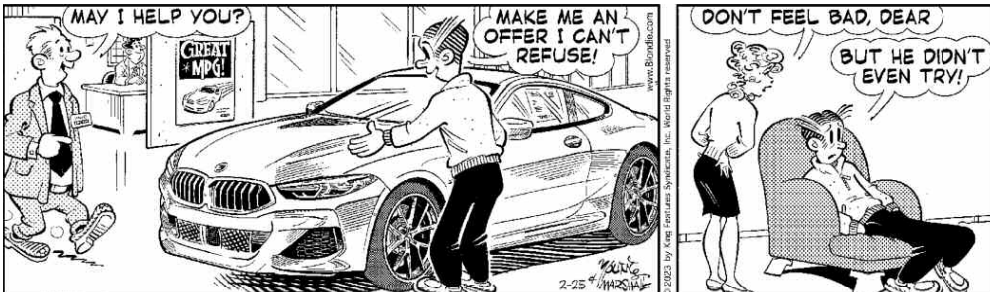
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## Finding ...

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The situation was tailor-made for Dowlen, who zipped in to steal the inbound pass, turned and flipped the ball to Pearson.

With no one to stop him, the 6-foot, 6-inch senior threw the ball down with two hands for what would be the game-winning dunk. "We make the big play off of the press," said Bomholt, noting it's a look his team rarely runs. "Josh gets the steal, gets it to back to Dusty for the dunk."

"And then we did a really good job at the end."

The ending sequence was a final opportunity for Belmont, which got the ball in the hands of Andrew James (12 points, six rebounds, three assists). He tried to drive into the lane, but Dowlen knocked the ball away as Bennett Weitzel and Pearson also swarmed. The Braves eventually got control again after a scramble with Fuelling (10 points) tossing to Dylan Velez for a final try, but his shot went off the rim as the Patriots escaped with the one-point win.

Three of Jay County's final four home games were decided by a single point — a 45-44 win over Heritage on Feb. 10, a 36-35 loss to Norwell Feb. 17 and the victory Friday.

"Just like Heritage, earlier in the year we probably would have lost," said Bomholt, whose team dropped seven of its first nine games. "They hung in there. In the Heritage game,

Box score			
<b>Jay County Patriots vs. Belmont Braves</b>		<b>Score by quarters:</b> Bellmont 6 13 10 16—43 Jay Co. 12 9 8 13—44	
<b>Boys varsity summary</b>			
<b>Bellmont (12-11)</b>		<b>3-point shooting:</b> Belmont 7-19 (James 4-9, Fuelling 2-6, Scheumann 1-3, Kitson 0-1). Jay County (Crouch 2-3, Dowlen 1-2, Pearson 1-2, Dirksen 1-3, Bogenschutz 1-3, Weitzel 0-1).	
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
James 4-9	0-0	12	
Geimer 0-0	0-0	0	
Scheumann 2-5	2-2	7	
Kitson 0-3	2-2	2	
Fuelling 4-13	0-0	10	
Velez 3-5	2-2	8	
Hoffman 2-3	0-0	4	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15-38</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>43</b>
	<b>.395</b>	<b>1.000</b>	
<b>Def. rebound percentage: .737</b>			
<b>Jay County (9-11)</b>		<b>Assists:</b> Belmont 8 (James 3, Scheumann 3, Geimer, Fuelling). Jay County 10 (Dowlen 3, Bogenschutz 3, Pearson 2, Dirksen, Weitzel).	
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Dirksen 2-5	0-0	5	
Dowlen 4-7	0-0	9	
Crouch 2-5	0-0	6	
Swoveland 0-0	0-0	0	
Bogenschutz 2-6	0-0	5	
Pearson 2-4	0-0	5	
Weitzel 6-10	2-2	14	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18-37</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>44</b>
	<b>.486</b>	<b>1.000</b>	
<b>Def. rebound percentage: .619</b>			
		<b>Blocks:</b> Belmont 2 (Hoffman). Jay County 2 (Pearson).	
		<b>Turnovers:</b> Belmont 25. Jay County 22.	

we needed a play on the offensive end. And this game we needed a play on the defensive and were able to get it."

Bellmont coach Jonathon Fuelling, whose team committed 25 turnovers, was frustrated after watching his Braves get the ball knocked away again on the potential game-winning possession.

"(We were) just trying to get Andrew into the paint, which he got into the paint but again, we weren't strong enough," he said. "We were hoping to get bailed out with the call. ..."

"It was kind of the way the whole night had gone

for us. We get in there and we get contact and we're hoping to get bailed out. ..."

"Even with the scramble, Dylan had a decent look, but that's not what the look was for."

Jay County was also bitten by the turnover bug, coughing up the ball 22 times.

When the Patriots managed to hold on to the ball, they shot 49% from the field including 43% from 3-point range.

Weitzel led that effort, going 6-of-10 from the field and making the only two free throws JCHS attempted to finish with a game-high 14 points.

Dowlen added nine points and three assists, the last being the game-winner. Ben Crouch added six points on a pair of first-half 3-pointers.

The win gives the Patriots at least a little bit of momentum heading into their sectional opener at 6 p.m. Wednesday against Frankton (13-10) at New Castle.

"That was really important," said Bomholt. "You know, we thought we could get the last two. We get the last two, we get to .500 and that would have really been a big boost. But we played so poorly ... in the third quarter against Winches-ter ..."

"We'll take it and we'll build, hopefully, tomorrow and Monday and Tuesday," he added. "Be ready to play on Wednesday night."

### Junior varsity

Jay County owned the middle two quarters in a 61-45 victory over the Braves.

The game was tied at 13 after the opening period before the Patriots outscored Belmont 17-10 in the second. They had an 18-10 advantage in the third en route to the 16-point win.

Trevin Dunnington hit four 3-pointers as he led JCHS with 14 points. Liam Garringer added 14 points and Eli Dirksen finished with eight.

Will Baker's 18 points led a trio of Braves in double figures. Maddux Miller and Beau Baker followed with 11 and 10, respectively.



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Landon Post of Fort Recovery goes to the basket during Tuesday's sectional opening-round win over New Knoxville at Memorial (St. Marys). The fifth-seeded Indians knocked off No. 3 seed Upper Scioto Valley on Friday to win their first sectional title since 2018.

## Title ...

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Troy Homan and Rex Leverette added 10 points apiece and Daniel Patch finished with nine.

Upper Scioto Valley (16-7) got 19 points apiece from Maddox Underwood and Drew Stephens. But, other than eight points from Alex Sanders, they got little help on the offensive end.

The Division IV dis-

trict tournament at Wapakoneta will be an all-MAC affair as the other side of the bracket will feature No. 2 seed New Bremen against No. 4 seed St. Henry. They will play at 6 p.m. with the Fort Recovery/Mari-on Local game to follow.

The Indians lost the regular-season meeting to the Flyers, 48-32 on Jan. 20.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Gymnastics sectional at Concordia — noon; Junior high wrestling hosts invitational — 9 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional opener vs. Frankton at New Castle — 6 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Southampton at Leeds United (USA)

10:30 a.m. — High school basketball: IHSAA Class 1A girls state championship — Bethany Christian vs. Lanesville (Bally Indiana)

Noon — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Villanova (FOX); Connecticut at St. John's (CBS); TCU at Texas Tech (ESPN, ESPN2); Michigan State at Iowa (ESPN)

12:30 p.m. — High school basketball: IHSAA Class 2A girls state championship — Lapel vs. Forest Park (Bally Indiana)

12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier

League — Manchester City at AFC Bournemouth (USA)

1 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Washington Capitals (ABC)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arkansas at Alabama (ESPN2); Texas at Baylor (ESPN); Arizona State at Arizona (CBS)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Connecticut at DePaul (FOX)

2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Rhode Island at Fordham (USA)

3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — The Honda Classic (NBC)

3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Minnesota at Nebraska (BTN)

3:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at St. Louis Blues (ABC)

4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: West Virginia at Kansas (ESPN); Florida State at Miami (ESPN2); Auburn at Kentucky (CBS)

5 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Production Alliance 300 (FS1)

5:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Ohio State at Minnesota (BTN)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Virginia at North Carolina (ESPN); Florida at Vanderbilt (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (Bally Indiana)

7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Purdue (FOX); DePaul at Marquette (FS1)

8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Houston at East Carolina (ESPN2); USC at Utah (ESPN2); Virginia Tech at Duke (ESPN)

9:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Colorado State at Wyoming (FS1)

10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Mary's at Gonzaga (ESPN); UC Irvine at Hawaii (ESPN2)

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)

Noon — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Ohio State (CBS); Northwestern at Maryland (BTN); Saint Joseph's at St. Bonaventure (USA)

Noon — Women's college basketball: Georgia at South Carolina (ESPN2); Notre Dame at Louisville (ESPN)

12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Providence at Georgetown (FOX)

1 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Milwaukee Bucks (ABC)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Cincinnati at Memphis (ESPN2); Wisconsin at Michigan (CBS); Davidson at Duquesne (USA)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Indiana at Iowa (ESPN); Michigan at Wisconsin (BTN)

3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — The Honda Classic (NBC)

3:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)

3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — Pala Casino 400 (FOX)

4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Colorado (CBS)

4 p.m. — NFL football: Orlando Guardians at San Antonio Brahmas (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Washington at Stanford (FS1); Rutgers at Penn State (BTN)

7 p.m. — NFL football: Houston Roughnecks at Arlington Renegades (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Colorado Rapids at Seattle Sounders (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)

**Monday**  
1:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball spring training: New York Mets vs. St. Louis Cardinals (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: North Carolina at Florida State (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Villanova at Seton Hall (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Baylor at Oklahoma State (ESPN); West Virginia at Iowa State (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — Women's college basketball: DePaul at Marquette (FS1)

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN  
Saturday Morning  
FEBRUARY 25, 2023  
9:30 A.M.

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tool box; and many other items not listed. AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Building will open at 8:00 a.m. day of auction for preview.

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### 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:  
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  
2023 TERM

No. 38C01-2302-EU-000009

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of:

GAIL M. BRINKERHOFF,

Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Eric Brinkerhoff was on the 15th day of February, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Gail M. Brinkerhoff deceased, who died on January 31, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 15th day of February 2023.

HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR

121 W. High Street  
Portland, IN 47371

Attorney  
Jon Eads

Clerk of the Circuit Court,  
For Jay County, Indiana

CR 2-18-25-2023-HSPAXLP

### 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Redkey Civil Town, Jay County, Indiana  
Cash & Investments Combined Statement: 2022

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal. Jan. 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec. 31, 2022
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
1101	GENERAL FUND	\$76,242.56	\$417,693.48	\$263,017.42	\$230,918.62
1151	TRANSPORTATION (OPERATING MOSTLY FROM TAX REVENUES)	\$3,802.23	\$0.00	\$3,802.23	\$0.00
2201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$48,363.60	\$46,258.33	\$73,393.85	\$21,228.08
2202	LOCAL ROAD AND STREET	\$51,927.35	\$8,922.91	\$0.00	\$60,850.26
2203	MVH RESTRICTED (SUBFUND OF MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY)	\$66,750.82	\$100,388.62	\$42,430.25	\$124,709.19
2204	PARK AND RECREATION - OPERATING	\$24,729.52	\$22,134.45	\$9,509.39	\$37,354.58
2211	PARK CABIN	\$2,798.01	\$2,800.00	\$2,534.94	\$3,063.07
2223	SANITATION (OPERATING MOSTLY FROM TAX REVENUES - N	\$71,939.22	\$80,689.44	\$78,453.67	\$74,174.99
2228	LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND	\$9,043.95	\$15,738.00	\$877.00	\$23,904.95
2236	RAINY DAY	\$5,324.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,324.85
2240	LOIT - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$25,468.35	\$16,711.00	\$1,029.00	\$41,150.35
2248	LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION	\$23,443.83	\$16,000.00	\$17,400.00	\$22,043.83
2256	OPIOD SETTLEMENT- UNRESTRICTED	\$0.00	\$186.86	\$0.00	\$186.86
2300	DONATION (IF USED FOR OTHER THAN CAPITAL ITEMS)	\$867.29	\$1,526.68	\$4,526.68	-\$2,132.71
2302	DONATION/REDKEY CLOCK TOW	\$552.54	\$9.61	\$0.00	\$562.15
2303	REDKEY FIRE STATION PROJE	\$4,033.95	\$89.16	\$314.71	\$3,788.40
2400	ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021)	\$144,720.20	\$166,016.62	\$109,580.00	\$201,156.82
2500	NON-REVERTING BOND	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
4401	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - CIGARETTE TAX	\$12,300.77	\$974.22	\$2,820.33	\$10,454.66
4423	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - TAX LEVY	\$121,124.09	\$16,706.54	\$27,875.00	\$109,955.63
4436	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX (CEDIT)	\$5,183.36	\$19,558.00	\$19,170.00	\$5,571.36
4500	COMM CROSSINGS - PAVING GRANT	\$2,984.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,984.42
4501	COMM CROSSINGS - SIDEWALK GRANT	-\$6,850.97	\$8,548.10	\$2,115.34	-\$418.21
8901	PAYROLL	\$7,793.65	\$211,652.43	\$213,347.10	\$6,098.98
<b>WASTEWATER</b>					
4414	SEWAGE DEBT SERVICE RESERVE	\$92,677.00	\$12,684.00	\$0.00	\$105,361.00
6201	SEWAGE UTILITY OPERATING	\$31,831.69	\$334,726.40	\$304,922.70	\$61,635.39
6202	SEWAGE UTILITY BOND AND INTEREST SINKING	\$30,536.28	\$126,288.00	\$62,773.75	\$94,050.53
6206	SEWAGE SEPARATION	\$249,774.85	\$86,474.00	\$23,137.16	\$313,111.69
<b>WATER</b>					
6101	WATER UTILITY OPERATING	\$90,609.84	\$322,483.42	\$262,193.81	\$150,899.45
6102	WATER DEBT SERVICE RESERV	\$102,900.00	\$8,232.00	\$0.00	\$111,132.00
6103	WATER UTILITY DEPRECIATION	\$121,713.90	\$18,013.51	\$22,112.00	\$117,615.41
<b>WATER</b>					
6104	WATER UTILITY METER DEPOSIT	\$38,965.09	\$8,297.22	\$6,825.00	

# Sports

## Finding a way

*Steal, dunk and a stop lift Jay in against Belmont*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

It was decision time. Trailing by six in the fourth quarter, the Patriots could either:

A) Fade away into the tournament with a fourth consecutive loss

B) Fight back and close the regular-season with a much-needed victory

They passed the test.

Josh Dowlen's driving layup pulled his team to within one, and his steal and dish to Dusty Pearson resulted in the game-winning dunk as the Jay County High School boys basketball team found its way to a 44-43 victory Friday over the Belmont Braves.

"We found a way, you know," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose team had lost three straight to Yorktown, Class 3A No. 3 Norwell and Winchester.

Jay County (9-11) seemed as if it might be headed to a fourth straight loss when it gave up a 12-0 run to the Braves (12-11) in the fourth quarter to fall behind 39-33. It got back to within one twice, but was down by three following a Kord Fuelling bucket in the final minute.

Dowlen's drive to the basket closed the gap to 43-42 and the Patriots put on the full-court press. They got a trap in the corner and knocked away a pass, leaving Belmont to inbound from the sideline near the corner in front of the JCHS bench.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School senior Josh Dowlen knocks the ball away from Andrew James of Belmont as Bennett Weitzel (34) and Dusty Pearson also defend on the final possession Friday. A Dowlen steal led to a Pearson Dunk on the previous possession for the Patriots, who closed the regular season with a 44-43 victory.

## First title in five years

*Indians top No. 3 seed USV to win sectional*

ST. MARYS, Ohio — For the first time in five years, the Indians are sectional champions.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team used a strong first half to propel it to a 61-50 victory Friday over the Upper Scioto Valley Rams in the championship game of the Division IV sectional tournament at Memorial.

It marked the Tribe's first sectional championship since winning three in a row from 2016 through 2018.

The Indians (15-9), who are the No. 5 seed in the district, advance to play top-seeded and seventh-ranked Marion Local (19-4) in the district semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wapakoneta. The Flyers cruised in their sectional title game Friday at Memorial, defeating eighth-seeded Ada 65-38.

Fort Recovery picked up Friday night where it left off in Tuesday's 57-30 sectional-opening win over New Knoxville, zooming out to a 15-5 lead over the No. 3 seed Rams (16-7) in the opening quarter. It pushed the advantage to 13 points at halftime and was up 44-29 heading into the fourth quarter. Thirteen free throws in the final eight minutes sealed the win.

Cale Rammel's 19 points led the Indians to the sectional title. He hit four 3-pointers in the victory.

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