

Shrack to take over for Sutton

Head of security will be new superintendent

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The courthouse has a new superintendent. Jay County Commissioners hired Monte Shrack as Jay County Courthouse superintendent on Monday. Former courthouse superintendent Bruce Sutton resigned Oct. 28. Commissioners president Chad Aker said Sutton retired from the job. He worked at the courthouse for nearly 11 years, starting as a custodian and moving into the superintendent position approximately eight years ago.

Shrack currently serves as head of courthouse security. He's worked a few different stints for law enforcement agencies for about 10 years, having spent time at Redkey Police Department as well as Jay County Sheriff's Office.

Shrack explained after the meeting Monday that he's ready for a change of pace and looks forward to starting a different job. He pointed to nearly 35 years of experience in maintenance. Shrack spent 18 years in the heat treat department at Key Fasteners Corporation in Berne before shifting to become a police officer. He also spent about four years as a maintenance worker at Jay County Hospital amid its transition to IU Health Jay.

"I just like being a little more active and just like the hands-on and taking things apart," Shrack said.

Commissioners Doug Horn and Aker, absent Duane Monroe, formally offered the position to Shrack at the meeting Monday. Shrack accepted and submitted his resignation to Jay County Sheriff's Office, with plans to begin his new job Nov. 24.

Also Monday, commissioners formally approved a resolution to transfer several properties to Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation.

Commissioners agreed last month to move forward with the process after Jay County Development Corporation executive director Ceann Bales explained 19 properties in Dunkirk were up for tax sale. Those properties, along with 11 others across Jay County, have not sold in the last two tax sales. More than \$150,600 in back taxes are owed on those properties. Dunkirk locations makes up the largest portion of the list for a total of just over \$96,000 in back taxes owed.

Hopes are to remove any existing structures and seek private developers to build. For lots unsuitable for construction work, they could be offered to adjoining property owners.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur explained the resolution Monday served as the first step in the process.

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Happy 250th

Museum of the Soldier in Portland held a birthday party Sunday for the U.S. Marine Corps, celebrating 250 years since its founding. The event included a presentation from Jessamyn Harter, also known as The Pint-Size Patriot, about her grandfather's service on Iwo Jima and his lifelong effort to return artifacts to their rightful owners in Japan decades after World War II, and recognition of all Marine veterans in attendance.

State fair to downsize grandstand

By CHLOE WHITE
TheStatehouseFile.com

The State Fair Advisory Committee met recently to discuss the impact of the 2025 state fair and challenges members hope to address before next summer.

Cindy Hoye, Indiana State Fair Commission executive director, shared statistics from the 2025 fair — which drew 854,977 attendees in 15 days, a slight increase over 2024's attendance — as well as plans for renovation of the fair campus.

One topic of conversation for the committee was the renovation of the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand.

Currently seating roughly 14,000, the Grandstand will be rebuilt to hold a smaller audience of around 5,000.

"So the rationale behind it is

Seating will be rebuilt to accomodate an audience of 5,000

we think by coming back with a 5,000 seat facility would accommodate the events that are using that space," said Hoye.

While the fair brought in over 850,000 guests this summer, one shortfall mentioned by guests was the price of concessions.

Rep. Beau Baird, R-Greencastle, agreed.

"I would personally echo that concern, I took my nephew — he wanted to try the specialty pizza," he said. "I think it was \$18, \$19, \$20 for a slice, and I was thinking, I could buy two large pizzas back home for that."

Senate moves to end shutdown

Temporary funding bill now moves to House

By ASHLEY MURRAY
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WASHINGTON — Seven U.S. Senate Democrats and one independent joined Republicans on Sunday night in advancing legislation to reopen the government and temporarily keep it afloat until the end of January, after a record-breaking shutdown that began Oct. 1.

Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois, John Fetterman of Pennsylvania,

nia, Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, Tim Kaine of Virginia, and Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen of Nevada voted with most of the GOP to advance the stopgap measure through a 60-40 procedural vote.

Sen. Angus King of Maine, an independent who caucuses with Democrats, also voted in support.

Fetterman, King and Cortez Masto had already voted with Republicans on the previous 14 votes to reopen the government. Until Sunday, Republicans who control the chamber did not have the 60 votes needed to clear the filibuster threshold.

GOP Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who has consistently voted against the temporary funding measure, again cast a "no" vote.

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Farmland finds

Lori Lloyd of Farmland chats with customer Julia Howard on Saturday during The Delts' Holiday Crafts and Gifts Show. Xi chapter of Delta Theta Tau celebrated its 40th anniversary hosting the show at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Felony court news

Drunk driving

A Portland man was placed on house arrest after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to drunk driving.

John P. Randall, 46, 522 W. Water St., pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger younger than 18 years old, a Level 6 felony.

He was sentenced to 910 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given two days credit for time served. His sentence will be served on home detention. Randall was fined \$1, assessed \$189.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. The court also recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 910 days retroactive to Feb. 24.

As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for oper-

ating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more, a Level 6 felony for resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and a habitual offender enhancement.

Dealing drugs

A man was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine.

Harley H. Golder, 29, pleaded guilty to the Level 4 felony. He was sentenced to 10 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Golder was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance

abuse program the court would consider modifying his sentence.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed.

Dependent neglect

A Berne man was placed on house arrest after he pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent and leaving the scene of an accident.

Alexander J. Mathews, 24, 117 W. Parr Road, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to neglect of a dependent and leaving the scene of an accident with bodily injury, both Class A misdemeanors.

He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days suspended and given two

days credit for time served. His sentence will be served on home detention. Mathews was fined \$25, assessed \$189.50 and placed on probation for 305 days.

As part of his plea agreement, the neglect of a dependent charge was lessened from a Class A misdemeanor.

Drug possession

Two Jay County residents were sentenced to serve time for possession of methamphetamine.

Ernest Fifer II, 52, 203 E. Main Street, Bryant, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He also admitted to being a habitual offender. He was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Correction, and his sentence was enhanced to 1,460 days because of his habitual offender enhancement. Fifer was given

268 days credit for time served. He was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Cassandra M. Steinbrunner, 38, 310 South Middle St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 360 days in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days suspended and given 14 days credit for time served. Steinbrunner was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was also placed on probation for 300 days.

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Wednesday 11/12	Thursday 11/13	Friday 11/14	Saturday 11/15	Sunday 11/16
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Mostly sunny skies are expected Wednesday when the low may hit around freezing.	Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the high around 56 degrees.	Friday's weather looks to be slightly warmer, with the high reaching 62 degrees.	Mostly cloudy on Saturday, with temperatures climbing to the 50s and 60s.	There's a nearly 60% chance of rain on Sunday, when the low at night may dip to 33.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$900 million	13-19-24-29-39-40-42-43-45-48-49-53-67-68-72-74-79 Cash 5: 10-12-26-32-45 Estimated jackpot: \$180,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$490 million	
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Today in history

In 1775, the U.S. Marine Corps was founded as the Continental Congress ordered two battalions to be raised for the Revolutionary War.

In 1865, Confederate prison commander Henry Wirz was hanged in Washington, D.C. The leader of the infamous prison in Andersonville, Georgia, he was the only Confederate officer executed as a war criminal.

In 1871, Henry Stanley of the New York Herald greeted explorer David Livingstone with “Dr. Livingstone, I presume?” upon finding him in Africa. Livingstone had

gone on various government-backed missions exploring in the headwaters of the Nile, Congo and Zambezi rivers and often disappeared for months at a time.

In 1972, 136 pints were collected from 143 donors during a Fort Wayne Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Portland.

In 2021, Jay County Council approved economic development agreements and tax abatements with Lee-ward Renewable Energy and Scout Clean Energy for their planned solar farms.

—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire station, 302 N. Walnut St.	6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Wednesday 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Thursday 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Senate ...

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The deal would also unlock full-year funding for a vital food aid program that serves 42 million Americans and bring back federal workers fired by President Donald Trump when the government was closed.

It does not include language addressing skyrocketing premiums for those enrolled in individual health insurance plans in the Affordable Care Act marketplace, a major sticking point for Democrats.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-South Dakota, said late Sunday on the Senate floor that he commits to holding a separate vote on health insurance subsidies no later than the second week of December.

In a press conference following the vote, Rosen said Democrats have “an opportunity also to put Republicans on the record on the ACA.”

“Are they committed to doing this? Are they committed leaders who said, ‘You can come to the table on health

care once the government was open?” And now he must follow through. If Republicans want to join us in lowering costs for working families, they have the perfect opportunity to show the American public,” Rosen said.

New text of a temporary stopgap funding deal proposes to keep the government open until Jan. 30.

This story was edited for length. To read the full version, visit statesnewsroom.com.

Commissioners ...

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According to the resolution, commissioners will host a public hearing on the matter at 9 a.m. Nov. 24.

Also, commissioners approved a financial commitment letter to the Federal Highway Administration for reconstructing a bridge along county road 400 North.

Jay County Highway Department is applying for a grant through the federal office to complete the work estimated at \$1.97 million. If approved, the county would pay 20% of the cost, or about \$394,000. The goal is to begin construction in 2031.

Administrative assistant Stephanie Klarer also talked about the highway department’s work Monday morning amid the season’s first snowfall, starting with trucks taking to the roads to begin spreading salt about 5 a.m. Several workers who had been scheduled for paid time off were called in to help clear the roads, Klarer said.

“We thank them for not using their time off, and we will see what tomorrow brings,” she said. “I thought today would be OK, but I just got another notification that there’s another possible system coming in tonight, so we’ll have to kind of keep an eye out for that and possibly working on holiday tomorrow, so we will see how that goes.”

Additionally, Klarer noted plans for Brice Fox to begin as a highway mechanic starting Nov. 17 as well as to move part-time worker Jack Scott into a full-time truck driver position pending his results on a Commercial Driver’s License test.

Commissioners also:

- Approved the following: a resolution setting health savings account rates for employees next year, with the county to contribute \$125 to single-member plans quarterly and \$250 to plans with additional members quarterly; a right-of-way agreement with American Electric Power to bore under Brookview Drive at Golf Brook Estates just south of Portland; a \$591,797.85 claim from Brumbaugh Construction for work completed on the Seventh Street bridge in Portland, with a majority of the cost covered through a state Community Crossings grant; \$42,445.40 in claims for work completed in the owner-occupied rehabilitation program; and a \$2,713 agreement with Robert Brelsford for right-of-way work along county road 350 West just north of Indiana 26.
- OK’d handling financial institutions tax and commercial vehicle excise tax distributions in the same manner for November as they were handled in May. County auditor

Emily Franks explained recent state legislation gave local legislative bodies the option to change how those dollars are distributed, allowing commissioners to deposit distributions into the county general fund if desired.

- Re-appointed Tracy Carpenter and Carolyn Journey to Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees.
- Accepted a \$25 donation from the Mississinewa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to Jay County Emergency Management Agency.

SERVICES

Saturday, Nov. 22

Bowen, Luetta: 11 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E.Arch St., Portland.

Saturday, Nov. 29

Moore, Stephen: 2 p.m., Red-key Church of the Nazarene, 801 W. High St., Redkey.

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Former navy man felt unqualified to be veteran

By JAMES FULKS
The Commercial Review
It's Veterans Day.
Nov. 11 every year.
I've always been pretty awkward about thinking of myself as a veteran, because to me as a youth a veteran was a guy like Gaylord Grubbs, Walt Rogers, Herb Heston, Ed Clark, Gene Moran, Keith Noller, Chuck Johnson, John Austin, Daniel McCowan, David Hatzell, J.B. Faulkner and so many more.
Real heroes.
Guys who quite literally saved the world — in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Not like some comic book “hero” in a Marvel or DC blockbuster.
Nope. The real deal.
Men who eradicated an evil scourge from this

*Fulksy
Mayhem*



planet — evil unlike anything this old mortal coil had ever seen. Genocide on such a scale that it boggles the imagination. So much so that, to this day, there are those who falsely claim it never happened.
Well, happen it did. And thankfully the future president from Abilene, Kansas, had the foresight to order camera crews to document the horror, because he rightly predicted that someday people

would try to deny it ever occurred.
So it came to pass that one day I willingly volunteered to wear the uniform of a United States Navy Pacific Fleet sailor.
I saw no combat, never personally witnessed a shot fired in anger. Yes, I endured a few hardships and saw death up close and personal, but it was not from combat.
I returned home after the adventure of a lifetime — serving alongside fine boys who were forged into men by the common bond of the sea and the ship we crewed. The ports we visited. The shared experiences. The sacrifice for the common good.
So no, I never thought of myself as a hero and did-

n't really think I was a real veteran.
I came home and became active in commemorating the real veterans through Memorial Day ceremonies, Veterans Day ceremonies and military graveside honor guard services. To this day I continue to do so, some 36-plus years after my honorable discharge from active duty in the U.S. Navy.
I'll never forget the day I was with a group of my old World War II pals years ago at an event where we were all attending as guests. They asked for visiting veterans to stand and be recognized. Of course, I prompted them all to stand and be recognized as I started to move to the back to get out of sight.

And Ed looked at me and said, “Well, Jim, c'mon. What are you waiting for?”
I looked at him, and for some reason I wasn't making the connection. You see, he was a real veteran. I was just some kid who went off to the Navy.
I guess I had the epiphany that day — dragged kicking and screaming, so to speak.
I'm actually a real veteran. But I still felt unworthy, uncomfortable, unqualified and uneasy calling myself that.
But there's photographic proof.
In a picture shared on social media by a former shipmate, our group of U.S. Navy aircraft carrier radar air traffic controllers is shown aboard

ship as it transited the Strait of Malacca, with Singapore sliding past the port beam.
Yes, we were sailors once.
We went to sea. We were young.
It truly was the adventure of my lifetime.
And it made a rural kid who worked on a farm with a sawmill, steam engines, draft horses and teams of oxen and mules from landlocked east-central Indiana a genuine world-circumnavigating seafarer.
And a veteran.
To all veterans out there — no matter how you came to terms with being called one — thank you for your selfless sacrifice and service to our great nation.

Last words from ‘friend’ dig deep into old wound

DEAR ABBY: After my father died by suicide, my mother moved the family across the country. I was 13, and I never discussed my father's death with anyone.
Now, 50 years later, my best friend from high school has terminated our friendship because I don't support her politics. Her parting comment to me: “I was only nice to you because your mom told me how your dad died.” Abby, I had plenty of friends in high school. I was senior class president, and I have gone on to have a successful life.
I was always there for my friend when she had marital and other difficulties. I am struggling with processing such profound cruelty from a lifelong friend, and I would welcome your guidance. — GRAPPLING IN SAN FRANCISCO
DEAR GRAPPLING: The statement from your “lifelong friend” was mean, cruel and unnecessary. It was intended to hurt you.
I don't know if you realize what a strong woman you are. Although your family experienced a severe trauma that

*Dear
Abby*



necessitated geographic relocation, you managed to thrive in your new environment. You were popular with peers and have gone on to build a successful life. Count your blessings.
The person you describe may have been a friend at one time, but she has used the current political climate as an excuse to distance herself. Step back and be glad she showed her true colors. You are well rid of her.
DEAR ABBY: Although my wife and I (we are both women) have stuck it out for nearly 40 years, there has been some dysfunction. Her brother was snuck in 10 years ago, and he's very mouthy. He has always been whiny and entitled, but now he

likes to yell, expecting silence in return.
We live in a small house. What if I flipped out every time he disturbed my sleep? It's half my house! I'm disabled and retired and living on Social Security benefits. My wife refuses to back me up and tell her brother he doesn't get to disrespect me. I don't want to spend the end of my life like this. It would be my hell. Things are not looking great. I love her, and she has stepped up in so many ways, but not in this. Please advise. — CROWDED IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR CROWDED: What do you mean your wife “snuck her brother in” 10 years ago? (Did a two-week visit magically turn into 10 years?) As half owner of that house, you are entitled to live in it without being berated by a deadbeat.
Talk to an attorney. Learn your rights as a spouse in California. If the house were sold and you received your half of its value, your life might be brighter than it is now. Of course, the alternative is that you and your wife tell your

brother-in-law to find another roost to rule.
DEAR ABBY: Last year, we renovated our house. We now have a south-facing roof that is ready for the installation of solar panels. Our utility company has an incentive program to lower the cost of the equipment, but it ends in six months.
The only thing holding us back is the next-door neighbors' old, tall tree that shades our roof where the panels would go. The tree is cracked and has been coming down in sections over the last several years. Previous owners of the house had to repair their front windows and gutter after a large branch came crashing down in a storm.
The current owners are a young couple with a small baby. We have had occasional, friendly driveway conversations but don't really know them. Would it be presumptuous to ask if they would be willing to let us pay to have their tree removed? People can be prickly about their property. But maybe they wouldn't mind someone else covering what is probably an inevitable cost.

We want to continue having a friendly relationship, while also moving forward with our project. Thoughts? — UPGRADING IN NORTH CAROLINA
DEAR UPGRADING: Because you have a cordial relationship with these neighbors, it shouldn't be offensive to point out that their tree presents a problem. When you do, tell them that a falling branch had damaged their front windows and gutter, which caused an expensive repair. Explain that the cracks in the tree could present a danger to their little one, then volunteer that you are more than willing to pay the cost of having it removed.
DEAR VETERANS: For your service to our nation, I salute you. My thanks to each of you on this Veterans Day. You personify patriotism, self-sacrifice and dedication to our country. I would also like to recognize your families for the sacrifices they, too, have made while you were serving your country. — LOVE, ABBY

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today
COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'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.
Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.
PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.
COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.
PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.
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.
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. For more information, call Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.
JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Thursday
SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.



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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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3	9	7	1	8	2	4	5	6
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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.

Election was good for the middle

The Dallas Morning News

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Any way you slice it, Tuesday night was big for Democrats, and there will be endless analysis about what it all means.

From where we sit, elections across the country did lift Team Blue, but it would be a mistake to read them as an endorsement of the progressivism that has seen Democrats pile up losses.

If anything, we saw a correction within the Democratic Party that will spell trouble for national Republicans embracing MAGA populism as their defining characteristic.

Middle-of-the-road voters in New Jersey and Virginia, in particular, showed they want

Guest Editorial

competent candidates for governor with strong public service backgrounds who are focused on local issues and solutions.

In New Jersey, former Navy pilot and federal prosecutor Mikie Sherrill trounced Republican Jack Ciattarelli in a race she made about President Donald Trump and the kitchen-sink issues of housing affordability and economic uncer-

tainty. She also leaned into support a major infrastructure project, the Gateway tunnel, that Trump killed in a petty political spat with Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-New York.

In Virginia, Abigail Spanberger showed how easy it is to win when political parties embrace serious, accomplished moderates focused on working across the aisle for solutions. Like Sherrill, Spanberger has a long record of public service, including casework in the CIA. Her membership in Congress' Problem Solvers Caucus was politically uncomfortable in her own party. She stuck to her principles, and voters rewarded her.

But what about New York's

socialist mayor-elect? It's a fair question. First, New York City is its own political universe. It's true, though, that Zohran Mamdani had to at least wave at moderation to overcome terribly weak opposition. His policies are the wrong ones for New York, and if they are implemented in full, it will be a feast for the right.

We can only hope national Democrats are wise enough to embrace the Spanberger model over the Mamdani model. If they do, they can expect to get used to winning. If they don't, it's back to the cheap seats.

Where the American Middle took its worst hit Tuesday was in California, where voters overwhelmingly approved a

proposition that will lead to more radical gerrymandering. That would not have happened had Gov. Greg Abbott not paid foolish fealty to Trump and insisted Texas redistrict to add yet more congressional seats for Republicans. Wrong was repaid with wrong, and we will all be worse for it.

On balance, though, we believe Tuesday was a good signal for the middle. We are seeing moderate, issues-focused governors elected across the country. We believe Spanberger and Sherrill will follow that mold.

If the national parties wake up to this winning formula, it will be a brighter day in American politics.

Veterans are being neglected

By BEN FREEMAN and WILLIAM D. HARTUNG

Tribune News Service

This year, for the first time, the Pentagon's budget topped \$1 trillion. We're told this is to "support the troops."

Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth. While tens of thousands of veterans are homeless and hundreds of thousands are going hungry the Pentagon is wasting billions on things like \$1,500 coffee cups and \$150,000 on soap dispensers.

More than half of the Defense Department's budget goes to private companies, not to military personnel. Those Pentagon contractors spend our taxpayer dollars to help pay for things like \$20 million-plus CEO salaries, more than a thousand lobbyists, and multi-billion-dollar stock buybacks that artificially inflate the value of their shares, but do nothing to actually keep Americans safe, let alone, "support the troops."

While weapons contractor executives get rich-and buy the multi-million dollar mansions to prove it-military personnel are literally going hungry, with an estimated 25% facing food insecurity that has been exacerbated by the government shutdown. Moises Montalvo, a veteran from Nebraska, has observed that for many people returning from America's wars "hunger happens more often than not" and many vets grapple "every day" with the choice of "cutting food to yourself so you can feed your children."

Then there is the impact of serving in the post-9/11 wars on the lives and health of veterans. More than 7,000 service members died in America's post-9/11 wars, and an astonishing 600,000 suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD) or traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

Even worse, as documented in the film What I Want You to Know, many veterans don't know why they were sent into our recent wars, and they decided early on that the conflicts were unwinnable. They further felt that their government had lied to them, and many were haunted by the things they were asked to do to other human beings in the course of fighting the wars. As Gregory Daddis, a 26 year Army veteran and now a professor of history at Texas A&M has noted, "endless wars lead to end-

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less veterans who are often left wondering if their efforts mattered."

As we celebrate Veterans Day, we owe our veterans more than a perfunctory "thank you for your service." We need to put our money where our mouth is, funding programs to make sure they and their families can acquire basic necessities, and investing more in treating PTSD and other consequences of their military service.

Most importantly, we need to adopt a more restrained foreign policy that emphasizes diplomacy over the use of force, so our courageous military personnel aren't put at risk in unnecessary wars that consume mass quantities of our tax dollars that could have been used to address other urgent national needs. We must avoid the kind of unnecessary conflicts that inflicted such widespread physical and psychological injuries inflicted on veterans of the Iraq and Afghan wars.

Unfortunately, our budget priorities are moving in the wrong direction. While arms contractors cash in, over one and a half million veterans will suffer losses in food assistance and health care, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

At the same time, the president's Golden Dome anti-missile program, which the vast majority of independent scientific experts agree can never provide the leak proof shield promised by the president, could receive up to \$40 billion of our tax dollars next year.

Instead of hollow words and wasteful spending, let's work to craft policies that actually support and respect our veterans, rather than diverting huge sums to enrich contractors that too often underperform even as they receive ever higher amounts of government funding. To honor veterans, we need to change our approach to national security, and the sooner the better.

Freeman and Hartung both work at the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft.



Turn on the green lights

By NIKI KELLY

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Tucked after Halloween trick-or-treating and before Thanksgiving turkey and cranberries is an often-overlooked holiday — Veterans Day, which is always on Nov. 11.

But it wasn't always called that. On Nov. 11, 1918, an armistice between the Allied countries and Germany was signed to end active fighting in World War I.

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11, 1919 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations," the proclamation reads.

Congress, in a 1926 concurrent resolution, officially recognized the end of the war and declared that Nov. 11 should be a legal holiday.

The resolution says:

"Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed; and

"Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date

Niki Kelly



should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

"Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

From there, it became a legal holiday in 1938, and in 1954, was updated to honor American veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day is so much more important than food, and yet it gets short shrift in the holiday schedule.

Some of us are off work for the day, but not all. And even those who have the day off usually don't recognize or do anything specific for veterans.

That's why I'm excited about seeing displays for Operation Green Light for Veterans. Counties all around the state have drawn attention to veterans and their military service in recent years by lighting up their courthouses and other public spaces. And the program is growing every year.

The Association of Indiana Counties, in collaboration with the National Association of Counties, the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Indiana War Memorials, Volunteers of America Ohio and Indiana and Amazon held a special event in downtown Indianapolis on Thursday night to honor veterans.

As part of the fifth annual Operation Green Light for Veterans, the event featured remarks from distinguished leaders and culminated in a ceremonial lighting of the War Memorials and Monument Circle in green.

"This symbolic gesture serves as a powerful tribute to veterans, letting them know they are seen, appreciated, and supported by their communities," the news release said.

And if you want to participate on your own, grab a few green lightbulbs and light up your own porch for our veterans.

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Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$2,000 to Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County. The funds will go toward the charity's efforts to provide gifts, Christmas trees and a holiday meal to families that might otherwise go without. Pictured, from left, are Secret Families board member Don Hall, co-founder Kadie Hall and board member Amanda Foreman, accepting a check from Tracy Carpenter, Portland branch manager for First Bank of Berne.

Winterfest kicks off next weekend

Jay County Chamber of Commerce is preparing for its Winterfest celebration. Winterfest will kick off with Christmas at the Courthouse at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. The event will include tree lighting and a performance by the Jay County Junior-Senior High School choir. Following on Saturday, Nov. 22, will be the Little Miss Winterfest pageant at 1 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church and the Parade of Lights at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Portland. The chamber also recently welcomed Enlightened Lens Collective as a new member.

Training offered

John Jay Center for Learning in Portland will host a free QuickBooks workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and 4. The in-person training will feature interactive and hands-on learning about the financial software. It is being offered in partnership with the Indiana Small Business Development Center. Advance registration is required by visiting isbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/17247.

Hospital honor

Becker's Hospital Review recently named The Orthopedic Hospital among the top 100 orthopedic programs in the nation. The Orthopedic Hospital is part of the Lutheran Health Network. "Being named to this list is a

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profound honor that truly belongs to the entire, dedicated team," said chief administrative officer Amy Hochstetler in a news release. "This achievement reflects the commitment of our orthopedic surgeons, nurses, rehabilitation specialists and support staff to clinical excellence and compassionate care. Our ranking validates our constant effort to ensure every patient receives the highest standard of treatment and the best possible outcome."

Hosting drive

Menards is hosting a toy drive through Dec. 15. Toys collected will be donated to those in need. Menards is requesting donations of new, unwrapped toys. Menards locations in Muncie, Anderson, Richmond and Celina, Ohio, will have drop boxes available for donations.

Acquisition complete

First Financial Bank has completed its purchase of Westfield Bancorp from Ohio Farmers Insurance Company. The acquisition brings First Financial's assets to \$20.6 bil-

lion. All Westfield Bank locations will become part of First Financial's existing presence in northeast Ohio. "This is an exciting step in the growth of First Financial, as the addition of Westfield Bank opens new possibilities for growth and profitability for us in an attractive market," said Archie Brown, president and CEO of First Financial, in a news release. "We can now bring our wide range of solutions in consumer, commercial, specialty lending and wealth management to new clients, while expanding our geographic footprint for our current clients. The First Financial team is thrilled to welcome the Westfield Bank team members to the First Financial family." First Financial has locations in Portland, Fort Recovery, Union City and Hartford City. IEC honors Indiana Electric Cooperatives honored Amanda Steeb with its 2025 Tom Taylor Award for excellence in leadership, attitude and commitment to electric cooperative principles. Steeb is director of marketing and communications for Kankakee Valley REMC. "Amanda has shown leadership across Kankakee Valley REMC, including guiding junior board initiatives and building comprehensive communication plans for complex projects," said Scott Sears, CEO of

Kankakee Valley REMC, in a news release. "Her impact extends beyond cooperative walls, where she is involved with multiple community efforts and is seen as a model of kindness, optimism, and steady leadership." Courses scheduled Indiana Chamber of Commerce has several programs coming up. "Train the trainer" courses for lockout/tagout are set for 8 a.m. to noon and for permit required confined space from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., both Wednesday, Nov. 12. Another session for forklift safety will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. General Occupational Safety and Health Administration courses will be held beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20. Also, the Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo will be held from Feb. 23 through 25. It will feature a variety of speakers as well as more than 60 educational sessions. The courses and expo will be held at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Conference Center in Indianapolis. For more information, visit indianachamber.com. Deal reached Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and President Donald Trump announced a deal Thursday to reduce the cost of Lilly's GLP-1 weight-loss drugs through Medicare, Medicaid and cash-

pay programs, Reuters reported. The government said the agreement will reduce prices by \$149 to \$350 a month. Costs currently range from \$500 to \$1,000 per month. New leader named Dollar General has named Travis Nixon as its first senior vice president of artificial intelligence optimization. Nixon has worked in AI and machine learning for more than 10 years, most recently as head of AI for Dropbox's security division. He previously worked for Meta and Microsoft. "At a time when our customers rely on us more than ever, we're excited to welcome Travis and his transformative AI leadership to streamline operations and enhance the experience for Dollar General employees and customers," shared Steve Deckard, Dollar General's executive vice president of strategy and development, in a news release. "This new role represents our commitment to driving innovation to unlock value in our operations, making us stronger now and in the future. With greater strategic integration of AI, we look forward to accelerating and expanding existing efforts to drive operational excellence, cost efficiency, and customer-centric innovation." ***** Does your business have news to share? Email us at news@thecr.com to be included in our weekly business roundup.

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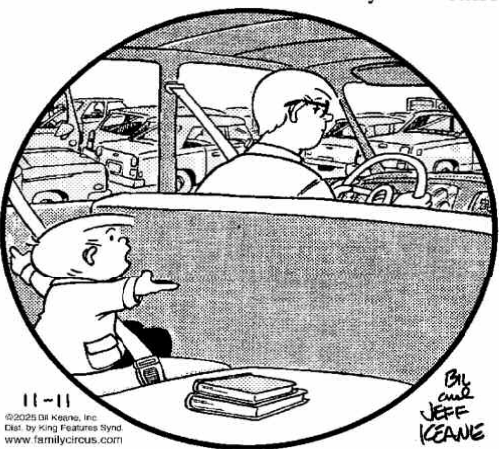
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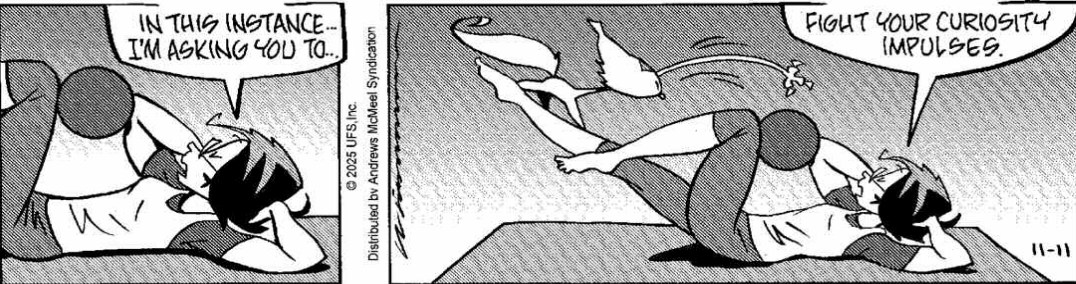
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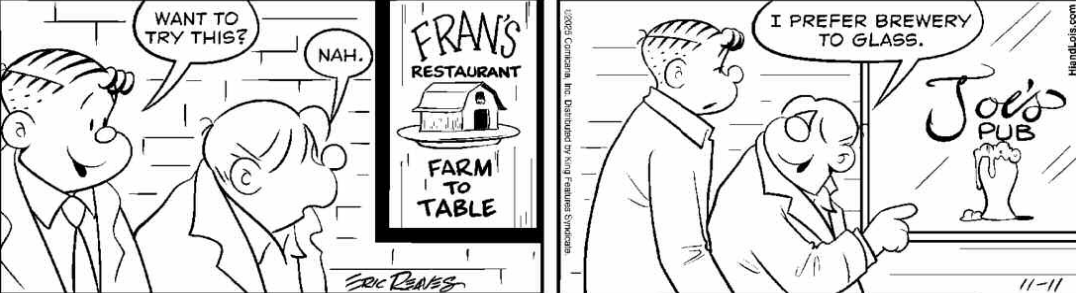
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ Q 10 9
♦ A K J 5 4
♣ A 8

WEST
♠ A Q J 9 2
♥ 5 4
♦ 9 7
♣ K Q J 6

EAST
♠ 10 5
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 2
♣ 10 9 7 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K 6 3
♥ A K J 8 7 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs.

In many deals, it is more dangerous for declarer to have one defender on lead rather than the other. In such cases, declarer should try to organize the play so that the dangerous opponent cannot gain the lead. Today's deal features an unusual application of this strategy.

West led the king of clubs against four hearts, and South saw immediately that there was a possibility he could lose three spades and a diamond. Given the bidding, it was highly likely that West had the ace of spades, so it was imperative to keep East from gaining the lead and returning a spade through the king.

The most obvious way to avoid three spade losers was to establish dummy's diamond suit, but if East had the guarded diamond queen, declarer might lose four tricks before the diamonds could be utilized.

After pondering his options, South found the solution: He allowed West's king of clubs to hold the first trick! West could do no better than lead another club to dummy's ace at trick two, on which South discarded a diamond. Two rounds of trump were followed by the A-K of diamonds and a diamond ruff, establishing dummy's two remaining diamonds. Declarer then crossed to dummy with a trump and discarded two spades on the J-5 of diamonds to finish with an overtrick.

Note that the same line of play would succeed against a 3-1 trump break, declarer simply ruffing the third diamond high before crossing to dummy with a trump to cash the established diamonds.

By ducking the opening club lead, South substantially increased his chances of making the contract. In effect, he substituted a nonexistent club loser for a potential diamond loser. It was an application of the avoidance principle carried to an extreme.

Tomorrow: Top-notch defense.
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11-11 CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals C

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Nov. 11 honorees
5 USMC rank
8 Play parts
12 Mine, in Montreal
13 Mauna —
14 Fall into a soft chair
15 Small computer
17 Unconvincing
18 Perched
19 Wore down
21 Trattoria plateful
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25 Beauty products chain
26 Coach's reference
30 Unpaid TV ad
31 Puts in the fridge
32 Shad product
33 Glee club handout
35 Labyrinth
36 Lend a hand

DOWN
37 Minty quaff
38 Author Welty
41 Ann Patchett's "— Lake"
42 Corp. VIP
43 Valuable volume
48 "— It Romantic?"
49 Flightless bird
50 Intro studio class
51 Low isles
52 Consumed
53 Inventor Sikorsky
1 Moving truck
2 Punk rock offshoot
3 Nanny's charge
4 Nap
5 Conspiracy
6 —
7 Easy task
8 Poise
9 Not naked
10 Heavy reading?
11 Raced
16 Sheepish remark
20 Light beams
21 Young seals
22 Too

37 Getz of jazz
24 Sailing vessel
26 Life-guard's work station
27 Spoken (Dave Grohl's band)
28 Leak slowly
29 Retain
31 Driver with a handle
34 Specters
35 City of India
37 Average guy
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Runner of the Year

Ava Cook

Wapahani High School junior

Ava Cook was selected as the second Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year for girls cross country. She follows former teammate AnnMarie Gibson, who won in the inaugural award in 2024.

“That’s something that I should be really proud of,” said Cook. “It took a lot to get there. It takes a lot of mental stuff for me. I have to really hype myself up.

“To me, that’s an incredible achievement and it’s really exciting.”

Cook hit her stride in the second half of the season.

She was the only girl in The Graphic Printing Company’s coverage area to break the 20-minute mark this season, finishing the regional race in 19 minutes, 52.7 seconds. She finished 44th.

She said she was especially focused for that race throughout the week, paying attention not only to her training but to diet, sleep and attitude.

“I have progressed a lot ... since my freshman year, definitely a whole lot,” Cook said. “I thought I was gonna be some average, mediocre kind of runner.

“It really has become my main sport. I really enjoy it. And I think that’s become a big part of the leap is that I’m starting to enjoy it more because I’m getting better and seeing improvements. A lot of hard work goes into that.”

Cook had a breakthrough run at the Randolph Southern Invitational on Sept. 13, beating rival Avery Thomas of Monroe Central for the first time and finishing third overall. She went on to win the Mid-Eastern Conference championship in 20:01.04 and led all area runners with a fourth-place finish in the sectional meet at Taylor University.

“The thing that makes me so proud of her is a lot of times on the girls side especially it’s the same names that are the top runners from middle school throughout high school,” said Wapahani coach Bo Stevenson. “And she’s one that was a good runner in middle school but she wasn’t necessarily elite. Same thing her freshman year: ...

“To see where she was and to see her improvement to where she is now and what she’s able to accomplish, it just says everything about her work ethic to excel at whatever she does.”



All-Graphic Printing Company first team	
Avery Thomas Monroe Central senior	Thomas was the Randolph County champion and Mid-Eastern Conference runner-up, finishing only behind Cook. She closed her career with 54th-place regional finish.
Makenna Huelskamp Fort Recovery junior	Leading the Indians, Huelskamp narrowly missed earning a state berth. She set a new career-best time of 20:03.9 at the Tour De Sewer hosted by Versailles.
Ella Taylor Wapahani sophomore	As the No. 2 runner for the Raiders, she finished fourth in the MEC behind Cook, Thomas and Watson. She ranked fourth in the region for both average time and best time.
Andi Watson Monroe Central junior	Watson started with a third-place finish in Monroe Central's season-opening Meister Family Memorial Run. Her best time was a 20:30.10 for third in the Mid-Eastern Conference.
Ava May Jay County sophomore	The sophomore came through in the tournament again, pacing the Patriots with a 14th-place sectional finish. She also led Jay County to a conference title repeat.
Everly Carter Delta sophomore	After she was unable to run in the tournament as a freshman because of an illness, Carter placed 10th in the sectional and 70th with a career-best 20:38.6 in the regional.

Effort ...

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Wrestling for third place, and with the Patriots needing every point, Gracie Rowles escaped potential trouble when she slipped out of a Candice Matson headlock for a takedown with 5 seconds left in the opening period. She started the second period from the top position, found her way to a half nelson and pinned the Cowan senior in 2:13.

“It was really good,” said Rowles, who said she found success with the half nelson and continued to use that move throughout the day. “It’s a good experience ... getting the feel for it and wanting to proceed.”

Tipton needed only one victory to take second place among the four wrestlers in the 115-pound bracket. She finished off Beautiful Criglar of Richmond in 55 seconds before falling to Cami Davis of Centerville in the final.

Other high points for the newcomers to the team included two victories each for freshmen Kelly Jones (145) and Kenady Lyons (235) and one for their classmate Chloe Torres (105).

“Our focus for day one was effort,” said Jacks. “With so many new girls, all I said was, ‘Give us effort and good things will come.’ And we had some surprise wins because of the effort. We had some really close matches because of the effort. And we seem like we’re reloading, not rebuilding.”

Katie Rowles, who finished fourth in the state last season, needed just over three minutes to sweep her way through the 100-pound bracket and could have finished much faster had she wanted to. She worked on some tactics with a takedown-and-release pattern against Franklin County’s Isabella McEwen-Merre Jr.

before pinning her in 1:41 in the opening round and then scored her semifinal and championship pins each in less than a minute.

Parsons pinned each of her three opponents to win the 140-pound title, and Crawford notched her two wins for the 190-pound crown in just 1:17 total.

“Lead by example,” Jacks said. “They work hard in practice and girls feed off of that.

“(Katie Rowles) doesn’t have a slow bone, so she goes 110% with anybody she’s practicing with. ...

“It’s also teaching them that intensity and then they’re carrying that over with their practice partners. And I think we saw that today.”

Also placing for Jay County were third-place finishers Chloe Torres (105), Willoughby (110) and Jones (145), fifth-place Lyons (235) and sixth-place Allison Lopez (155).

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