

The Commercial Review

Bizy Dips plans expansion

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A local business is looking to expand.

Portland City Council voted Monday to move forward with creating a development agreement with Bizy Dips for an expansion that would include purchasing The Flower Nook.

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips presented details discussed during a Portland Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee meeting earlier in the evening, noting that Bizy Dips is requesting a loan to help with the expansion. It would be a 10-year loan with no interest for

Council sends loan request back to advisory committee to create development agreement

the first five years and then 1% over prime. The loan would be 50% forgivable if the business meets benchmarks set out in the development agreement, including the addition of jobs.

Bizy Dips owner Hannah Long explained that she is in the process of purchasing The Flower Nook. The flower shop is located at 111 E. Main St., adjacent to the existing Bizy Dips location inside John Jay Center for Learning.

She said the goal is to renovate a section of the flower shop with a full commercial kitchen. Doing so would allow Bizy Dips to expand its food production.

Long said plans are to keep the current Bizy Dips location, which has been in place for just over five years, and to operate the flower shop under a different name.

Council members Kent McClung, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Dave Golden, Ashley Hilfiker and Ron May approved sending the proposal back to the EDIT advisory committee to continue the process. The committee will

work with Long to work out details of the loan and development agreement, which will then be subject to council approval.

Golden also asked that creation of a single dispatch for police and emergency responders be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting. (Currently, Jay County Sheriff's Office and Portland Police Department both have dispatch units.) The topic was discussed briefly at the Nov. 3 meeting.

He said he understands that such a decision would ultimately be made by Portland Board of Works.

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Stadium revisit



Barton Coe Vilamaa

This rendering shows how new bleachers could look at Jay County Junior-Senior High School's Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium. Jay School Board revisited the possibility of a more extensive stadium renovation project Monday after a better-than-expected bonding process made additional funds available for a multimillion-dollar project at the school.

Jay School Board takes another look at option to demolish grandstand and install new bleachers

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The bonding process was more favorable than expected. The money that has been freed up has put a shelved option back on the table.

Jay School Board on Monday awarded a contract for work on the pool at Jay County Junior-Senior High School and revisited the possibility of more extensive work at Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium.

Superintendent Jeremy Gulley explained that the school

corporation had a more favorable bond sale than expected with lower-than-estimated issuance costs. Those factors made an additional \$1.77 million available for the project. The school board had already budgeted \$1.01 million for work to extend the life of the current concrete grandstand. Those funds combined would bring the school corporation close to the estimated \$2.95 million that would be needed to demolish the existing grandstand, install new bleachers and construct a

new storage/restroom building.

Utilizing the planned funds and the additional money available from the bonding process, Gulley said the board could consider revisiting plans for the stadium.

An earlier proposal called for demolishing the existing grandstand on the southeast side of the stadium that was opened in 1975 and installing a new steel-frame structure with aluminum bleachers and a new press box on the northwest side of the field.

(The new seating would accommodate 1,750, an increase of about 10% from the current grandstand.) The existing visitors bleachers would be moved to the site of the current grandstand. The work would also include creating a new main entrance from the north "driving range" parking lot and constructing a new storage and restroom building on the northwest end of the new bleachers that could service both the stadium and the baseball field.

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Board OKs a new phone policy

Devices will not be allowed during school day

By BAILEY CLINE
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Fort Recovery students will be required to leave cell phones in designated areas during class.

Fort Recovery School Board approved amendments to the district's communication devices policy Monday.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed legislation into law in May 2024 stipulating that every Ohio school district must establish a policy regarding cell phone usage during school by July 2025.

In June, Ohio legislators enacted a law requiring school districts to adopt policies prohibiting cell phone use by students during the school day by Jan. 1. That includes during passing periods, meals, recess and field trips.

Fort Recovery Local Schools' policy relates to all personal communication devices, including cell phones, smart watches and other technology capable of transmitting or receiving communications. Its policy dates back to 2007.

According to the newly amended policy, students must leave their devices in lockers, backpacks or purses. They must store their devices when entering classrooms. Previously, students were still able to use their phones during lunch and between classes, but the policy now prohibits use during the entire school day to adhere to state law.

Fort Recovery Local Schools superintendent Tony Stahl explained the district looked into Yondr phone pouches, which lock students' phones in a case they carry around during the school day, although concerns about the cost and logistical questions have led the district in a different direction.

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Village will get new message sign

By BAILEY CLINE
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FORT RECOVERY — Village officials will be purchasing a new radar message sign.

Fort Recovery Village Council heard from police chief Jared Laux about plans to purchase the new equipment Monday.

Laux explained the village received a grant from nonprofit organization Win on the Wabash Super Raffle, allowing him the funds to buy the new device.

Equipment can be used to warn drivers about speed or display messages

Plans are to purchase the SpeedAlert 24 from All Traffic Solutions of Pennsylvania. According to the company's website, the sign measures 24 inches

by 60 inches and folds for travel. It provides radar signage, giving drivers messages related to their speed or displaying messages such as flood warnings or AMBER Alerts as needed. Operators can remotely access and monitor the sign over the internet. The weatherproof sign can also be mounted to a portable post or trailer or hitched to a vehicle.

After negotiations, Laux said the cost came to about \$17,100. The cost is covered by the grant.

Laux shared plans to use the equipment similarly to the roughly 10-year-old sign the village has been sharing with the

Village of St. Henry. (Plans are to hand over full ownership of that sign to St. Henry now that Fort Recovery will have its own.) The village's police and street departments may use the sign for radar speeds, road work or other needs.

"I look at it all as safety, because if you can slow speeders down, that's safety, if we can protect workers, that's safety," explained Laux after the meeting.

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Deaths

Betty Dailey, 95, Bryant
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 51 degrees Monday in Portland. The low was 28.
Tonight's low will be around 40. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with a high in the mid 50s and a 30% chance of rain in the afternoon.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Portland Foundation is accepting applications for its winter grant cycle. Deadlines are Jan. 5 for The Portland Foundation, Pennville Endowment and Dr. Donald Johnson grant applications, and Feb. 20 for scholarships.
Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org.

Coming up

Thursday — Photos from the FRHS girls basketball scrimmage against Newton.
Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.
Saturday — Results from the JCHS girls basketball game at Class 3A No. 6 Bellmont.

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Village ...

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Also Monday, village council authorized village administrator Randy Diller to “zero out” the four real estate tax levies with the Mercer County auditor. Approximately 73% of the vote earlier this month supported a 0.5-percentage-point increase in the village's income tax.

Fort Recovery will begin collecting a 1.5% income tax from residents in 2026. The village council indicated it would “zero

out” the village's real estate tax levies if the income tax increase passed.

Diller also announced plans for foundational work to begin soon for the Sawyer Overman Ninja Park near Fort Recovery Community Park.

A local fundraising committee has been raising dollars for the project for years. It's named after Sawyer Overman, a Fort Recovery child who died in 2020 from injuries sustained in an ATV accident.

Also Monday, council members Lucas Knapke, Scott Pearson, Greg Schmitz, Al Post and Cliff Wendel, absent Erik Fiely:

•Authorized Diller to execute a capital improvement park grant agreement with the state, a formal process to receive the \$450,000 allocated to Fort Recovery from Ohio's capital budget bill for Ambassador Pool renovations.

•Learned the village is looking for applicants to the two

council seats open in January. Council members Erik Fiely and Cliff Wendel did not seek re-election.

•Heard the village is seeking requests for proposals through Dec. 10 for the Safe Routes to School project, an effort funded through an Ohio Department of Transportation grant. Plans are for the work — it involves installing 625 feet of sidewalk on the east side of Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School

and connecting it to Sharpsburg Road — to begin in summer 2027.

•Learned about Ohio House Bill 503, a recently introduced bill which if passed in its current state would require voter approval on changes to municipal tax reciprocity credits, and Ohio House Bill 92, which addresses unpaid utility bills by tenants.

•Heard the village's old police cruiser sold for \$2,724 in auction.

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Thursday 11/20	Friday 11/21	Saturday 11/22	Sunday 11/23	Monday 11/24
52/47	53/43	54/40	56/41	54/36
Another day of cloudy skies is slated for Thursday, when the high may reach the low 50s.	There's a 40% chance of showers on Friday, with low temperature dipping to the mid 40s.	Saturday's weather looks like mostly sunny with a low temperature around 40.	Sunday looks to be mostly sunny with a high temperature around 56.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday when the low may hit the mid 30s.

Lotteries

Powerball
Monday
7-33-50-57-66
Power Ball: 23
Power Play: 5
Estimated jackpot: \$593 million

Daily Four: 1-8-8-7
Quick Draw: 1-4-6-8-13-15-27-32-37-42-44-47-65-68-71-74-76-77-79-80
Cash 5: 5-14-29-43-45
Estimated jackpot: \$304,500

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

Hoosier
Monday
Midday
Daily Three: 4-1-2
Daily Four: 1-1-5-1
Quick Draw: 6-7-17-19-20-23-24-28-31-38-40-46-49-51-52-55-56-66-71-72
Evening
Daily Three: 3-5-2

Ohio
Monday
Midday
Pick 3: 6-3-3
Pick 4: 7-1-9-1
Pick 5: 1-3-7-7-8
Evening
Pick 3: 7-1-7
Pick 4: 0-8-3-4
Pick 5: 7-1-8-4-1
Rolling Cash: 6-14-19-24-32
Estimated jackpot: \$300,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....4.48
Dec. corn4.54
Jan. corn4.54

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....4.49
Jan. corn4.52
Feb. corn4.52

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn4.39
Dec. corn4.44
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Dec. beans11.44
Wheat 4.97

ADM Montpelier
Corn.....4.34
Dec. corn4.35
Beans11.40
Dec. beans11.44
Wheat5.02

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....4.44
Dec. corn4.49
Beans11.14
Dec. beans11.14
Wheat4.92

Today in history

In 1794, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Jay negotiated a treaty, known as the Jay Treaty, with Great Britain. It helped calm relations between the countries following the American Revolution and called for British evacuation of the Northwest Territory — land that later became Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin — by June 1, 1796.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, dedicating the battlefield cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It concluded: “It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion —

that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

In 2004, Holly Stein and Tiffany Gaerke sparked the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team and each finished with 12 points for the Indians in a 44-31 season-opening victory over the Memorial Roughriders (St. Marys).

In 2021, Cory Jones of Redkey pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the August 2020 fatal shooting of Shanna Jones of rural Dunkirk. Jones had been charged with murder and a habitual offender enhancement.

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Citizen’s calendar

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

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse,

120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, district office, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Betty Dailey

Feb. 16, 1930-Nov. 16, 2025

Betty L. Dailey, age 95, of Bryant passed away on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born in Muncie on Feb. 16, 1930, the daughter of George and Margaret (Sonntag) Grogg. She was married on June 22, 1948, to Virl Dailey and he passed away on Aug. 30, 1998.

Betty was a homemaker and had worked for 13 years at CTS in Berne. She graduated from Redkey High School in 1948 and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Rosary Makers and Altar Rosary

Society. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, water skiing and swimming.

Surviving are three sons, Marion Dailey (wife: Ann) of Bryant, Kerry Dailey (Sharon) of Bryant and Jeffrey Dailey (wife: Dee) of Upland; one daughter, Claudia Caster (husband: Roger) of Portland; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Grogg.

Mass of Christian burial is Friday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. in Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Logsdon presiding. Burial will follow in Maple Lawn Cemetery in

Pennville. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to Masses or Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

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

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“I think it needs robust discussion,” he said.

Hilfiker also spoke in support of looking into a single dispatch unit, noting safety and cost savings as two key issues. She also said that while the board of works would make the administrative decision, the council is the city's fiscal body and determines how funds are allocated to each department.

Portland resident Bryan Alexander addressed the council regarding Flock Safety cameras, which involve license plate reading and video surveillance. They can provide detailed information about vehicles and their occupants. They can be used by law enforcement agencies to locate suspects or missing persons.

Goldsworthy brought the cameras to the attention of the council at its last meeting, though there are no current plans or proposals to put them into use. (Winchester and Randolph County both recently approved purchases of the cameras.)

Alexander noted concerns about liberty and what could be done with the data the cameras collect.

“The argument to use the technology to improve law enforcement I think is dangerous, that precedent,” he said. “And I think the history of the world has shown that when we give up free-

Parade of Lights is Saturday in Portland

dom, often in the sake of safety, that's often led to irreversible deterioration of civil rights and freedom.”

In other business:

•May made a \$100 donation to Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County, which provides Christmas gifts, a gift card for a Christmas dinner and other items to local families in need. Mayor Jeff Westlake donated \$200 in gift cards. Those who would like to donate to the organization, which served 151 families last year, can do so at secretfamiliesjc.org or by sending a check to P.O. Box 4, Dunkirk, IN 47336. Those interested in volunteering can do so by meeting at Walmart to shop at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, or at Jay County Fairgrounds at 8 a.m. to wrap gifts or 10:30 a.m. to make deliveries.

•Phillips offered a reminder that Jay County Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest celebration kicks off this weekend and includes the Parade of Lights at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in downtown Portland. Other activities include the tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Jay

SERVICES

Friday, Nov. 21

Dailey, Betty: 10 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 Indiana 67, Bryant.

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., Redkey Church of the Nazarene, 801 W. High St., Redkey.

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Felony arrests

Domestic battery

A Redkey woman was arrested Saturday for domestic battery.

Christina B. Rhum, 35, 526 W. High St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony. She was being held on a \$10,000 bond in Jay County Jail

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

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Respectful Kindergarteners

East Elementary School recognized kindergarteners for displaying respect. Pictured above are (front row) Loyaltee Childs, Amelia Huntsman and Molhim Elshiekh. In the back row are Tucker VanSkyock, Tinsley Bruggeman, Hank Spoonemore and Henry Schwieterman.

Hubby brings up late ex in sleep

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 4 1/2 years had an old girlfriend he was on and off with for 15 years. She passed away while he was in prison. We got married three months after he was released. The thing is, when he sleeps, almost every night, he says her name and how much he loves her. He says because he's doing it in his sleep, he doesn't know he's doing it. It seems to upset him that I'm upset. He doesn't want to hurt me. What can I do to deal with it or get him to stop doing it? — DREAMS THE BED IN COLORADO

DEAR DREAMS: Your husband was on and off with his late girlfriend much longer than he has been married to you. Old habits die hard. If he wakes you when this happens, don't hesitate to gently wake him. If he asks why you did it, explain that he was talking in his sleep. (Do not be

Dear Abby



specific about what.) Then try to remember that she is history, and you are right next to him.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior widow who has been dating an older man for a year now. He's caring and thoughtful and has many good qualities, but one thing he does is creating difficulty for me. He constantly stares at other women. I've talked with him about a "five-second rule," but he doesn't hear me. He told me he was raised by his mother and grand-

mother and that's why he's attracted to women in general. He says it doesn't mean anything.

I have never been with a man who constantly looks at other women. He also prefers to have women friends rather than men friends. I don't want to be jealous, but sometimes it's hard keeping those feelings down. I'm trying to decide whether I should end this relationship or stay in it and try to overcome my feelings of jealousy. — RED FLAG IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RED FLAG: If this person makes you feel less good about yourself, recognize it IS a red flag. His behavior is insensitive and rude. Because you have asked him to stop staring at women when he is with you and he makes excuses to continue, my advice is to find a companion who is more considerate of your feelings.

Community Calendar

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

Today
WEDNESDAY MORN-
ING 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.
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 REIN-

FORCEMENT AND FAMI-
LY 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 Outpa-
tient Behavioral Health
Center, Entrance C, 510 W.
Votaw St., Portland.
AL-ANON FAMILY
GROUP — New Begin-
nings, a support group for
friends and families of
alcoholics, will meet at
6:30 p.m. each Wednesday
in the Zion Lutheran
Church, 218 E. High St.,
Portland. For more infor-
mation, call (260) 726-8229.
A BETTER LIFE – BRI-
ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-
based recovery group for
all kinds of addictions,
will meet from 6:30 to 8
p.m. each Wednesday at

Redkey United Methodist
Church, 122 W. Main St.
Come early for a meal. For
more information, call
Pastor Randy Davis at
(765) 369-2085.

Thursday
STITCH AND CHATTER
QUILT CLUB — Meets
from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the
third Thursday of each
month at Jay Community
Center. Show and tell is at 1
p.m. The club is open to
anyone who wants to sew.
Bring unfinished projects
and a sewing machine. For
more information, call Nan
Weesner (260) 766-9334.

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

SMART RECOVERY —
A group for those strug-
gling with addiction that
focuses on motivation,
coping with cravings,
managing thoughts, feel-
ings and behavior, and liv-
ing a balanced life meets
at 11 a.m. each Thursday
in the IU Health Jay Out-
patient Behavioral Health
Center, Entrance C, 510 W.
Votaw St., Portland.

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

UNDERSTANDING
YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF —
Meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
the third Thursday of
each month. The support
group serves to help in-
dividuals who have lost a
loved one to suicide. To
register, contact
Stephanie Patterson at
(260) 251-3259.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT
SUPPORT GROUP — Will
meet at 3 p.m. on the third
Thursday of each month
in the IU Health Blackford
main conference room.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL
OSTOMY SUPPORT
GROUP — Will meet at 6
p.m. the third Thursday of

each month in Indiana Uni-
versity Health Jay Hospital
Conference Room B. The
group is for ostomy and
intestinal diversion
patients and their friends
and family to offer mutual
support and learn about
the latest products and
information.

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

FR Honor Roll students named

Fort Recovery High
School has announced its
first quarter honor roll.

On the list with all A's
were sophomores Joscie
Bihn, Emily Boeckman,
Alivia Brunswick, Riley
DeRoo, Haley Easton,
Makenzie Evers, Will
Faller, Claire Gaerke,
Malia Grisez, Paisley
Hart, Henry Jutte, Eliza-
beth Kahlig, Courtney
Klenke and Cora Pearson.

Also Kendall Ranly,
Madilyn Reinhard, Ally
Roessner, Eliza Smith,
Charlie Stammen,
Mathilde von Schaper
and Madelyn Weigel.

Making the honor roll
with A's and B's were
sophomores Raya
Androne, Layla Arm-
strong, Brooke Bihn,
Addison Brunswick,
Kyra Brunswick, Evan
Diller, Braylon Dilworth,
Jackson Dues, Pete
Guggenbiller, Madeline
Hardwick, Lizzie
Heitkamp, Macy Kaffen-
berger, Tyler Kahlig and
Liza Knapke.

Also Kinlee Kremer,
Hudson Overman, Chari-
ty Pohlman, Liana
Schlarman, Hoyt

Schmitz, Lilah Thien,
Kolton Thompson, Livy
Timmerman, Jazmyne
Welling and Jady Wier-
ick.

Earning a spot on the
honor roll with all A's
were freshmen Chloe
Brockman, Brinley
Fortkamp, Gavin
Heitkamp, Yoselin
Juarez-Gomez, Addison
Jutte, Alex Roessner,
Andon Roessner and
Lana Wuebker.

Also making the list
with A's and B's were
freshmen Kaiser Albers,
Allison Bergman, Jenna
Bertke, Kali Brunswick,
Kale Diller, Bentley Dil-
worth, Jordan Dues, Tony
Evers, Hope Evers, Stet-
son Fullenkamp, Kayla
Gaerke, Claire Grube,
Addie Heitkamp, Brynn
Huntsman and Carter
Kaiser.

Also Andrew Martinez,
Isaac Niekamp, Courtney
Overman, Kayden Ranly,
Andrew Rehmer, Ethan
Schmitz, Jett Tobe, Ben
Vogel, Mara Wendel, Vin-
cent Wenning, Lydia Will,
Liliana Williams, Reid
Willmann and Lane
Zehringer.



PARKE COUNTY CHRISTMAS

Nov 28-30, Dec 5-7 Bridgeton Country Christmas
Dec 6 Rosedale Christmas Bazaar
Dec 6 Rosedale Christmas Parade
Dec 6 Rockville Hometown Holidays
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Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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Book, photos sparked memories

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Nov. 17, 2010. One of Jack's favorite topics for storytelling was his experience with The Great American Race. This piece introduced us to one of the personalities he met along the way.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

The postcard arrived Friday. By Sunday, I'd ordered the book. The image on the postcard shows a wet, black bear intensely chewing on a fish it has just scooped from a mountain stream. I knew before I read a word that the photo was of one of Kelsey's. Anyone who takes pictures likes to fancy himself or herself as a photographer, and technically that's correct. But when you encounter someone who truly has the gift, the eye, and the skills, you realize that there are photographers and there are Photographers. Thomas Kelsey is a photographer with a capital P

Back in the Saddle



and maybe boldface italic type. He's operating at a level those of us who just take pictures can only dream of. I first met Tom back in 1987 when Spirit of Jay County, George Reitenour's 1936 Studebaker Dictator, was competing in the Great American Race. The Commercial Review had paid for naming rights to the car as a way of supporting George's effort, and covering the race seemed to be a good way to build both civic spirit and reader interest that summer. Appropriately enough, Tom and I met in Disneyland. It was on

Main Street U.S.A. to be precise. The race (actually a rally) was about to start. In short order, Tom introduced himself and his wife, said goodbye to her, and informed both her and me that for the next eleven days or so we'd be "nitwits" as we made our way across America. Only he didn't say, "nitwits." Although it would have been appropriate. The pace of the Great Race was such that we would be in a different city every night and gone the next morning. We'd roll into towns for lunch or pit stops, schmooze and grab some refreshments, then be down the road before we realized where the heck we were. Kelsey and I traveled together in a "pace car," moving in and out of the field of vintage vehicles. We'd take pictures. I'd look for story ideas. Then at the end of the day, I'd file a story for The CR and Tom would pitch some of his pictures to metro papers or the wire

services. He was a photojournalist for The Los Angeles Times, but during the Great Race he was the official race photographer. He used a couple of weeks of work for the race to help make his mortgage payments in California. From the beginning, we were an odd couple, the California kid and his boring big brother from the Hoosier State. But we hit it off instantly. It helped that we shared a love for old cars and great photography. In Tom's case, you'd have to add a love for the American West and the great outdoors. We got along well enough that I did a repeat of the race coverage the next year; then in 1997 I spent about a week as a Great Race staff member. My official title was driver for the official race photographer. My paycheck was a couple of T-shirts and my housing along the way. The last time I saw Kelsey was when the Great Race made its pit

stop in Portland. But we've kept in touch, and I was delighted to receive the postcard announcing publication of his new book. It's called "The Spirit of the West," and the images are compelling. Tom has been a photojournalist for more than 30 years. He's covered popes and presidents, the NFL and Major League Baseball, but what he loves most is the outdoors. That's the focus of the book: Mountain streams, big old clouds high in the Sierras, moose, foxes, and other wildlife. And so, when the postcard came, it was easy to place an order. There are no shots of the Great Race, no views of our exploits with a crop duster in Colorado, no pictures from when we got lost on the Yuma Proving Grounds, and nothing from our "nitwit" behavior from Lubbock to Erie, Pennsylvania. But maybe that's for the best. It looks like a pretty good book just the same.

National debt is a long-term threat

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With a seemingly endless string of immediate crises (a government shut-down, immigration enforcement, tariff policies, etc.), it is easy to forget about long-term issues. A recent report by the U.S. Treasury Department, however, serves as a reminder of the dangers that come with failing to plan for the future. In its final report of the fiscal year, the treasury noted that the federal government spent more than \$7 trillion in 2025 while bringing in approximately \$5.2 trillion in revenue. That means the government borrowed \$1.8 trillion to pay the bills — equivalent to more than one-quarter of federal spending.

The national debt is more than \$38 trillion. It has grown under both Republican and Democratic administrations, and under every president since at least World War II.

A debt of \$38 trillion is difficult to comprehend. To place it in more manageable terms: The federal government owes more than \$111,000 for every person in the country. And to illuminate the immediate impact: The United States in fiscal year 2025 paid approximately \$970 billion in interest on the debt — more than \$2,800 per person.

Economists have differing opinions about the impact of the national debt on the economy, but there is no question that decades of irresponsible fiscal management have created an untenable situation.

When he first ran for office in 2016, President Donald Trump said: "I'm the king of debt. I'm great with debt. Nobody knows debt better than me. I've made a fortune by using debt, and if things don't work out, I renegotiate the debt. ... We've got to get rid of the \$19 trillion in debt." He also claimed he could erase the national debt in eight years.

At that point, Trump companies had filed for bankruptcy six times — leading to questions about why anybody believed he could manage the nation's

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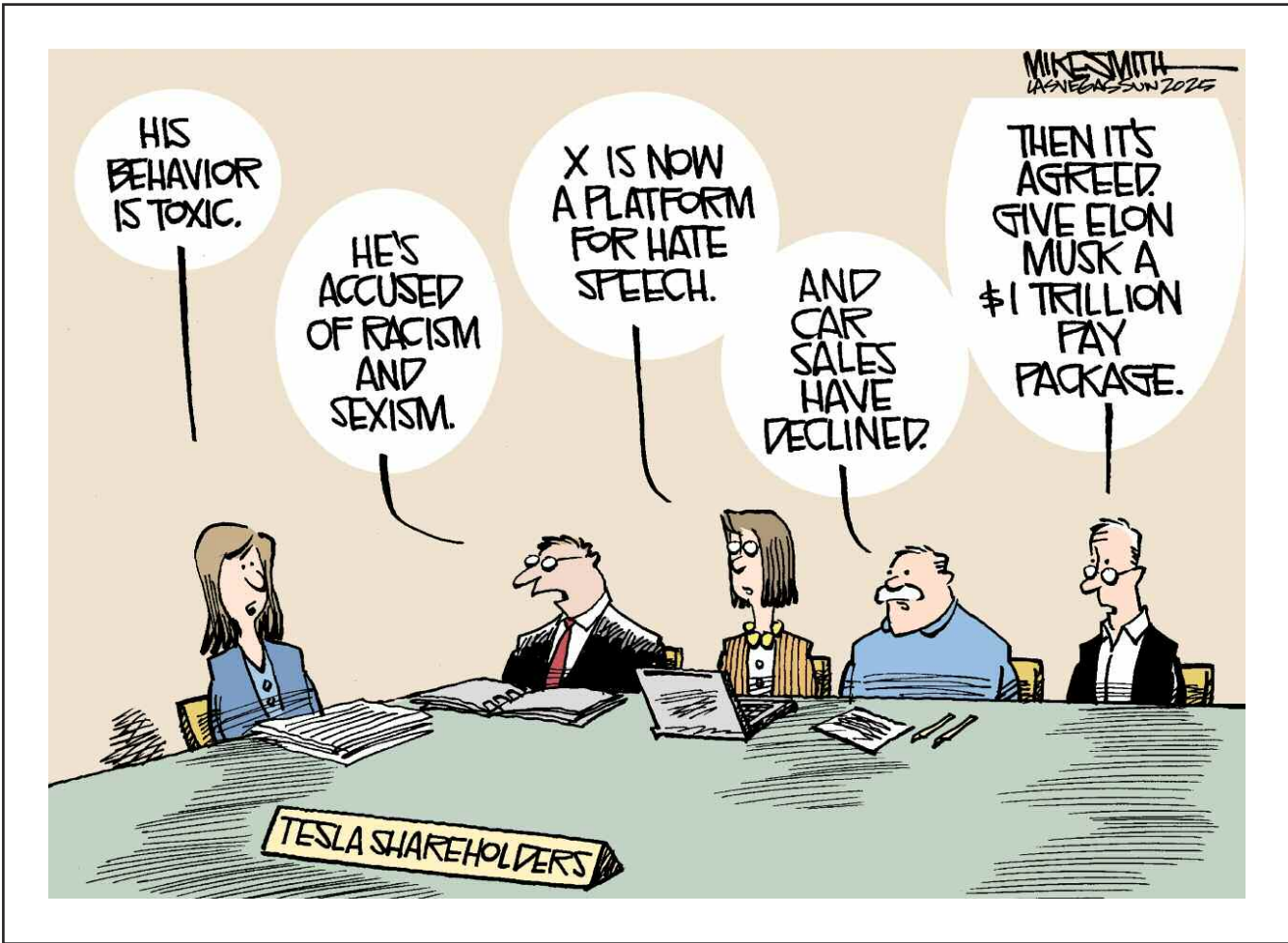
debt; but that is beside the point. The fact is that since then, the national debt has doubled, growing during Trump's first term, one term of President Joe Biden and again in the first year of Trump's second presidency.

Debt, obviously, is a combination of too much spending and/or too little revenue. Trump this year implemented the Department of Government Efficiency, appointing Elon Musk to oversee the operation. Musk claimed that he could find \$2 trillion in wasteful government spending and started firing employees and canceling contracts; he left the federal government in June.

Through July, DOGE claimed it had saved taxpayers \$52.8 billion solely by canceling contracts; an analysis by Politico.com found the total was closer to \$1.4 billion. In another example, DOGE claimed that three large contracts provided \$6.4 billion in savings; an August analysis by CBS News found that the savings actually were \$165 million — less than 3 percent of the amount claimed.

The point is that, for decades, the federal government's approach to fiscal responsibility has been performative rather than genuine. Unsustainable spending and indefensible tax cuts have ballooned the debt while handing the invoice to taxpayers. Yearly deficits continue to grow the debt and increase the burden of interest payments, and frequent debates about the debt ceiling threaten to label the United States as an unreliable financial partner.

Meanwhile, presidents and representatives of both parties continue to ignore the urgency of the national debt. And if they don't take the debt seriously, why should voters? The cumulative result is a situation that threatens the nation's long-term stability.



State must put students first

By CATHY FUENTES-ROHWER

Six Hoosier school communities sought to pass referendums in the most recent election.

Five succeeded, and one fell short. Yet just a few weeks earlier, postcards went out to constituents all across Indiana in which state representatives touted the 5% increase in K-12 funding last session as the "highest funding level to date for Hoosier students." In addition, they claimed that the latest educational results prove that Indiana is leading the way by "putting students first." To be clear, adding even one penny to last year's budget would also produce "the highest funding level to date." While we at the Indiana Coalition for Public Education (ICPE) celebrate the successes of our public schools and the hard work of educators and students, we urge Hoosiers to look beyond the glossy postcard for a fuller picture.

While the highest dollar amount for K-12 education funding may have emerged from last session, it is not the highest level of funding we have seen. Economist Michael Hicks of Ball State has written that currently, when adjusted for inflation, "in K-12 we are spending \$100 less per student each year today than in 2010." Also, in 2024, the Education Data Initiative reported that Indiana ranks 37th of 50 states in education spending per pupil.

Fewer resources

Alongside the lack of budget support for public schools, bills passed last session are poised to reduce public education funding. A property tax bill (SEA1) will cut the revenue that public schools rely upon for transportation, capital projects, and referendums. Another new law will require public school districts to

Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer



share their property taxes with charter schools — publicly funded, privately run entities — further draining resources. While Indiana struggles to pay teachers a competitive salaries during a teacher shortage, these priorities do not add up.

Last session, lawmakers lifted the income cap on Indiana's largest voucher program, making millionaires and billionaires eligible to receive taxpayer-funded subsidies for their private school tuition payments. More students are now getting a smaller piece of a shrinking education pie. Last school year alone, nearly a half billion dollars went to voucher schools, which legally don't have to account for where the money goes.

Literacy is foundational to all learning, and early childhood education is foundational to all educational outcomes. Yet, while our legislature gave K-12 vouchers to the wealthiest Hoosier children for their private school tuition, they simultaneously took away vouchers for daycare and slashed access to state-funded preschool for many of our most vulnerable kids.

Hold accountable

While we celebrate the progress of Hoosier students and the dedication that got them back to pre-pandemic-level scores on the IREAD test, we should recognize the impact of outside dollars poured into improving

reading. Much of the touted gains in literacy were made possible thanks to the \$2.9 billion distributed to Indiana by the federal government to help in recovery from the pandemic and learning "loss." Additionally, students benefited from generous private funds from the Lilly Endowment for literacy. Money does matter.

The aforementioned postcard also highlighted Indiana as ranking 3rd in a Parent Power category by an organization promoting "school choice." Hoosier parents overwhelmingly choose to send their children to public schools. Parents know the value of strong public schools. It is time for them to use their voices, their power, to ensure that the state funds and supports the public schools every child deserves. It is time to ask why we must vote locally to tax ourselves through referendums when the state fails to meet its constitutional obligation to ensure our public schools have what they need — while opportunity gaps widen for Hoosier kids.

We celebrate the recent rise in test scores, as well as the magic that happens every day in our public schools. Yet, we also look to the future with concern and hope. Public schools are the heart of our communities — places that unite us across all backgrounds, accept all students, and empower our kids to become contributing members of our society. True commitment to "putting students first" means fully investing in our public schools so that every Hoosier child can thrive.

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Fuentes-Rohwer is the president of the Indiana Coalition for Public Education, a nonpartisan advocacy organization that works to engage communities on the issues surrounding public education.

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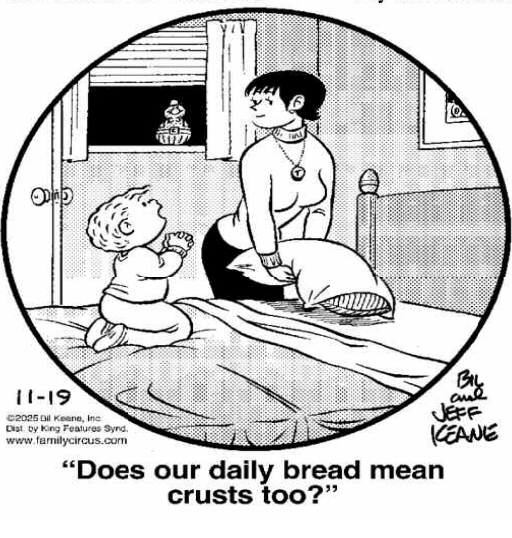
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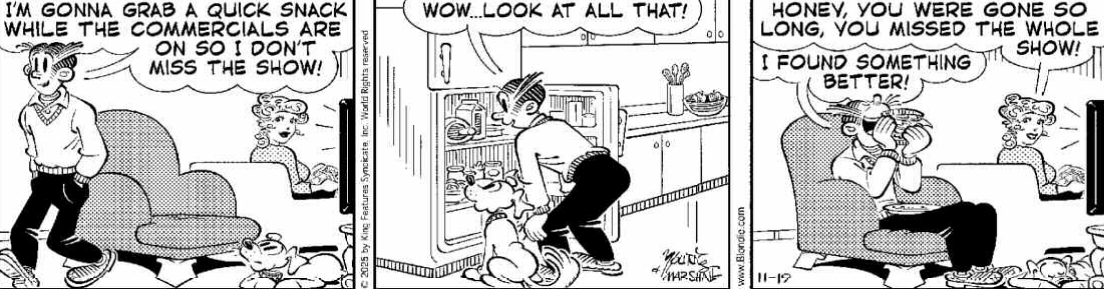
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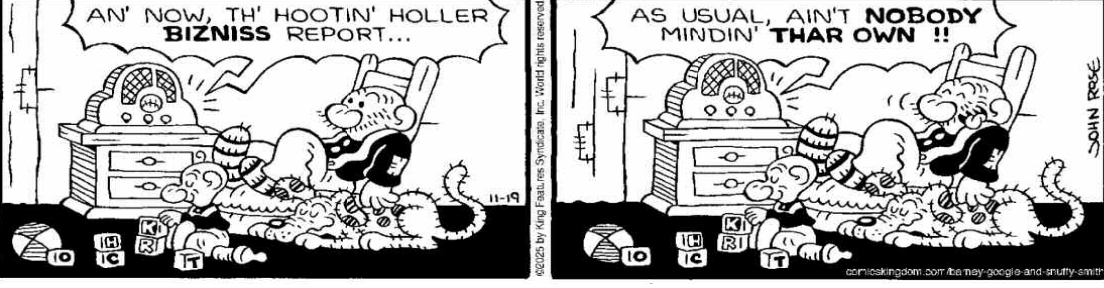
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Beetle Bailey



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A very valuable signal

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J
♥ Q 5
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ A K Q 9 8 3

WEST
♠ 10 7 6 5 2
♥ J 10 8 6 3
♦ A 6
♣ 4

EAST
♠ A 9 4 3
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ 8
♣ J 10 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 8
♥ A K
♦ K J 9 7 4 3
♣ 7 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 4 NT Pass
5

Opening lead — four of clubs.
The **suit-preference signal** is one of the more effective weapons available to the defenders. The signal can be utilized in many different situations, depending on the circumstances of that particular deal.
Consider this case where South wound up in five diamonds after his Blackwood inquiry disclosed that the opponents held two aces. West led the four of clubs, which East had no trouble diagnosing as a singleton, not only because West

had led dummy's suit, but also because the four was the lowest missing club. Had West started with, say, the 7-4, he would have led the seven initially.

When South played the queen from dummy, East played his jack on it! This was intended to show that East had an entry card in spades. Accordingly, when declarer next led a diamond from dummy, West took the ace and returned a spade. East won and led a club, and South went down one.

Note that without the suit-preference signal, West would have been hard-pressed to guess the right suit to return at trick three. As can be seen, a heart return would have handed South the contract.

The signal is easy enough to use. In a potential ruffing situation, the play of an unnecessarily high card is a signal indicating an entry in the higher ranking of the two side suits. (There are ordinarily only two suits to choose from, since the trump suit and the suit to be ruffed are obviously not considered.)

Conversely, the play of a low card indicates a preference for the lower-ranking side suit. Here, if East had held the ace of hearts instead of the ace of spades, he would have played the deuce of clubs at trick one to suggest a heart return.

Tomorrow: How the other half lives.
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CRYPTOQUIP

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LZVO ZQTOZJB IVSMZMJW DZQU

LSV MVMZHLZBU ZLUVV DZHTQA

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SINGER PATTI GOES TO A VERY LAVISH PARTY, SHE'LL UNDOUBTEDLY BE LABELLE OF THE BALL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals H

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Lawn mower brand
5 Kitty's doc
8 Miles off
12 Guitarist
13 Blunder
14 Party cheese
15 Cheap way to live
17 Email command
18 Classic Ford
19 Icy down-pours
21 — chi
22 Foundered
23 Drummer
26 Old CIA foe
28 "Star Trek" genre
31 Brit. queen featured in "The Crown"
33 "La-la" lead-in
35 Nobel Prize subj.

36 Kitchen gadget
38 Soda
40 Decks in the ring
41 Make a scarf
43 Writer
45 Have a cocktail (or two)
47 New York player
51 Tub toy
52 Money owed by a tenant
54 Foot fraction
55 Prefix with meter
56 "Simpsons" bus driver

57 Fifth Avenue store
58 Dazzle
59 Lunch hour

DOWN
1 School session
2 Sandwich
3 Cantaloupe
4 Quartet doubled
5 Hitchcock thriller
6 Before
7 Lock of hair
8 Lack
9 Award for soccer foul

10 — She Sweet
11 Some wines
16 Criticism
20 Vegas opener?
23 Last letter in London
24 Boxing legend
25 Relax
27 Conk on the head
29 Egg — yung
30 Connections
32 Pinnacles
34 "Gee whiz!"
37 Tease
39 High point
42 Former quarterback Tim
44 Bankrupt energy company
45 Nile bird
46 — "Lisa"
48 Trendy low-carb diet
49 Within (Pref.)
50 Harrow rival
53 Commotion

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Graphic Printing Company
Runner of the Year
Mason Tomboni
Wapahani High School senior

Mason Tomboni was selected as the second Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year for boys cross country. He follows former teammate Caleb Aber, who won in the inaugural award in 2024.

“It’s all the hard work I put in to get there,” said Tomboni. “It means a lot.

“It just takes more time, every year. So you’ve got to be more dedicated to your training.”

That training paid off in a big way for Tomboni this season as he continued Wapahani’s streak of sending runners to the state finals. He left no doubt at the regional meet, running a time of 16 minutes, 5.8 seconds, at Huntington University to claim 12th place. (The top 15 individuals not on advancing teams earn state berths.)

He finished 103rd out of 250 athletes at the state meet with his time of 16:26.2.

“It’s awesome because for Nick (Cook), (Caleb) Aber, I came here every year,” he said after the race. “And I always wanted to run here. It looks scary, but once I got out there and started running, it was good. It was fun.”

His state race capped a standout senior season in which he won the Mid-Eastern Conference championship. He also took first place at the Randolph Southern Invitational and posted a career-best time of 15:53.18 to win the Wapahani Invitational on his home course.

“Mason’s been great all four years,” said Wapahani coach Bo Stevenson. “He’s been all-county all four years. He’s been all-conference all four years. He’s been a linchpin for us since day one. ... So we’re really proud of him here and everything that he was able to accomplish in the four years here running cross.”

All-Graphic Printing Company first team	
Peyton Engle Delta junior	Engle had a breakout tournament series in which he won the individual sectional title, his first high school victory. He went on to qualify for state, where he finished 11th.
Nolan Hutchison Delta junior	Served as the Eagles’ consistent No. 2 runner behind Engle, running to a ninth-place sectional finish, and had times steady between 17:10 and 17:30.
Kason Thrasher Wapahani senior	Made a run at what would have been a surprise state berth, ultimately finishing 47th in the regional and breaking the 17-minute mark (16:57.9).
Carter Friend Delta junior	Friend was at his best in his home race, placing 12th and posting a time of 17:16.5 in the Delta Invitational. He finished 17th in the sectional to help the Eagles to second place.
Caleb Garringer Jay County junior	After a strong finish to his sophomore season, he missed the middle of his junior campaign with an injury. He bounced back for a regional time of 17:00.8 for 49th place.
Alex Roessner Fort Recovery freshman	The only freshman to make the first team, Roessner closed his season with a 47th-place regional finish and a time of 17:34.03. He was 17th in the Midwest Athletic Conference.

Sports on tap

Local schedule	TV schedule				
Thursday Jay County — Girls wrestling at Columbia City – 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Muncie Southside – 5:30 p.m.	Today 6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Middle Tennessee at Michigan (BTN) 7 p.m. — College football: Miami (OH) at Buffalo (ESPN) 7 p.m. — NBA: Houston Rockets at Cleveland Cavaliers (ESPN); Charlotte	Hornets at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana) 7 p.m. — College basketball: Arizona at UConn (FS1) 9 p.m. — College basketball: Alabama at Illinois (FS1) 9:30 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)	Thursday 6 p.m. — College basketball: Lindenwood at Indiana (BTN) 7 p.m. — College basketball: Bucknell at St. John's (TNT); Pitt at UCF (ESPN2) 7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Philadelphia Flyers (FDSN Indiana) 7:30 p.m. — College football: Louisiana at Arkansas State (ESPN)	7:30 p.m. — Formula 1: Las Vegas Grand Prix (ESPN) 8 p.m. — NBA: Sacramento Kings at Memphis Grizzlies (NBC) 8 p.m. — College basketball: Western Michigan at Ohio State (BTN) 8 p.m. — College volleyball: Iowa at Nebraska (FS1) 8:15 p.m. — NFL: Buffalo Bills at Houston Texans (ABC)	9 p.m. — College basketball: Rider at Houston (TNT) 9 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Iowa at Baylor (ESPN2) 10 p.m. — College basketball: Troy at USC (BTN) 11 p.m. — Formula 1: Las Vegas Grand Prix (ESPN2)

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By virtue of a certified copy of a Decree to me directed by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in cause no. 38D01-2507-MF-000017, wherein ZACHARY P. MILLER, Trustee of the Zachary P. Miller Revocable Trust is Plaintiff and BLAKE M. ALIG is Defendant, rendering a Judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the sum of \$142,640.53, together with interest and costs thereon, ordering me to sell the real estate hereinafter described to make assets for the payment of said Judgment, and having served notice of this sale upon each owner claiming interest in the real estate hereinafter described, pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 32-29-73, including publication upon any owner whose I whereabouts are unknown. I will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the 18th day of December, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Office of the Sheriff of Jay County, Indiana, 120 North Court Street, in the City of Portland, Indiana 47371, the real estate described as follows:

A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-FOUR (34) TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FOUR (24) NORTH, RANGE TWELVE (12) EAST IN JAY COUNTY, INDIANA, CONTAINING . 75 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING DESIGNATED A LETTER "G" ON THE PLAT BOOK FOR THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE, JAY COUNTY, INDIANA.

ALSO, BEGINNING EIGHT AND TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (8.25) RODS EAST OF THE NORTHWEST COMER OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY WILLIAM S. ROYE TO JOHN MOORE AND STEPHEN E. SCOTT FOR A SAWMILL IN THE MIDDLE OF SECTION THIRTY-FOUR (34) TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FOUR (24) NORTH, RANGE TWELVE (12) EAST, IN THE CENTER OF ROAD LEADING FROM CAMDEN, NOW PENNVILLE, JAY COUNTY, INDIANA, TO HARTFORD CITY, BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA, RUNNING THENCE EAST EIGHT AND TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (8.25) RODS; THENCE SOUTH FIFTEEN AND THIRTY-TWO HUNDREDTHS (15.32) RODS; THENCE WEST EIGHT AND TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (8.25) RODS; THENCE NORTH FIFTEEN AND THIRTY-TWO HUNDREDTHS (15.32) RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. (Parcel No. 38-01-34-300-006.000-010).

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws, and the purchaser at such sale will receive a Sheriff's Deed to said real estate as by law provided.

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"I think going into this season, we're pretty blessed to have a strong freshman group coming in. Girls wise, we're bringing in six young ladies with some good experience and melding in nicely into our program and will be able to step up and contribute right off the bat. We lost a decent sized senior class, (but) we've got a decent sized senior class this year. We've got some great leadership on our team and some great talent coming back. The expectation is, on paper, this should be the best team that we've seen in a couple of years as far as times wise. It's just about where we can fit everybody in and make it work together for a solid team performance. I think our goals for this year, we set high goals every year, and this year is no exception. Our No. 1 goal as a team is to have above a 3.8 GPA and second is to win our conference and third is to represent well at sectionals."

“The next play it was the same [crap]. We were talking [crap], which I’m cool with. And then as soon as he spit, I was like, [screw] that. I’m sure the

'The NFL has 100 cameras out there. It was one play after [the first altercation]. We just talked to the refs. I'm not going to just do something to get myself kicked out of the game. The refs just told us the play before. You can just use your common sense.'

— Jalen Ramsey, Steelers

"I ain't ever open my mouth to that guy," Chase said. "He didn't like some of the words I told him. We were going back and forth the whole time. I'm sure something got under his skin. I ain't spit on nobody."

"The NFL has 100 cameras out there," Ramsey said. "It was one play after [the first altercation]. We just talked to the refs. I'm not going to just do something to get myself kicked out of the game. The refs just told us the play before. You can just use your common sense."

He recorded his eighth double-double of the season, scoring 31 points and grabbing 15 rebounds, to go along with three assists. His efforts helped lead the Detroit Pistons to a 127-112 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Monday night at Little Caesars Arena. The win gave the Pistons their 10th straight vic-

Pascal Siakam led the Pacers with 29 points and six rebounds, while Bennedict Mathurin added 25 points (7 of 16 FG), 23 of which came in the second half.

The Patriots put together a solid season, finishing with a 10-4 record, but fell short in conference with losses to South Adams in the regular season and at the Allen County Athletic Conference meet. They were able to get some revenge on the Starfires, finishing fourth at the sectional, while SAHS placed fifth with a 57-point difference. The highest sectional finish for the Patriots came from the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Brooklynn Byrum, Aubrey Millspaugh, Lauren Fisher and Sophia Hoevel. The group placed third in the event with a time of 4 minutes, 0.24 seconds. Maddy Snow made it to the diving regional for a third year in a row, but didn't advance to state.

Lauren Fisher – Butterfly, sprints
Sophia Hoevel – Freestyle
Maisey Keller – Backstroke, freestyle
Avery Wentz – Backstroke

Ariel Beiswanger – Distance freestyle
Kaylynn Clark – Distance freestyle

Kali Newell – Diving

Brooklynn Byrum – IM, butterfly
Kaitlyn Fisher – Butterfly
Alyvia Muhlenkamp – Breaststroke

Elly Byrum – Butterfly
Gabrielle Gibson – Distance freestyle
Gillian Keller – Distance freestyle
Maria Laux – Free, back, breast
Madison McLaughlin – Utility
Eloise Teeter – Freestyle, breaststroke
Kali Wendel – Mid-distance freestyle

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, Nov. 22	Westfield	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 2	Bluffton	6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 4	Anderson	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6	Celina Sprints	10 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 12	Norwell	6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 15	South Adams	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 16	Delta	6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 22	Adams Central	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 30	Battle of the Border	8 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 6	Bellmont	6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 8	Celina/Coldwater	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9	JCHS Invite	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10	JCHS Invite	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13	Yorktown	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20	Muncie Central	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24	ACAC Invite	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27	Blackford/Burris	6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29	Marion	6 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5	Sectional prelims	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7	Sectional finals	9 a.m.
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