

Board OKs JCDC lease

Organization set to hire community developer

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The new community developer will be reclaiming the old office.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved a lease agreement with Jay County Development Corporation for an office in Community Resource Center.

The office on the north side of the building at 118 S. Meridian St., Portland, had previously served as the office of Jay County Development Corporation's community developer. After the role was discontinued following Christy Shauver's resignation in 2022, Jay County Commissioners began leasing the office for use by the community coordinator provided through a contract with East Central Indiana Regional Planning District. That contract came to an end in August and was not renewed.

Jay County Development Corporation is reinstating the community developer and grant writer role to fill the void and will again need an office for that employee. The organization has identified a candidate for the position, though a hiring announcement has not yet been made. The cities of Portland and Dunkirk both contributed additional funding to help cover the financial gap in order to allow for the preferred candidate to be hired.

The lease agreement, with no changes from the previous lease with the county, approved Thursday will run from Jan. 1 through the end of June.

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On display

Nativity scenes on display at the Trinity ArchBridge Church Festival of Nativities come in all sizes, shapes and varieties, ranging from dolls and stuffed animals to snow globes to puzzles to rubber ducks to the traditional. More than 500 nativities will be on display during the festival, which runs from noon to 6 p.m. today and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Netflix agrees to buy Warner Bros.

By MEG JAMES
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — First, Netflix upended Hollywood. Now, the streaming giant is buying a historic piece of it.

Netflix prevailed in a contentious bidding war to buy Warner Bros., agreeing to pay \$72 billion for the storied Burbank film and television studios, its spacious lot, HBO and the HBO Max streaming service.

The two companies announced the blockbuster deal early Friday, a

Deal valued at \$72 billion includes studios and HBO

proposed baton pass that would give Netflix such beloved characters as Batman, Harry Potter, Jon Snow and Fred Flintstone.

"Warner Bros. has some of the best entertainment in the world," Netflix Co-Chief Executive Ted Sarandos said during a

conference call with Wall Street analysts. "The combination of Netflix and Warner Bros. creates a better Netflix for the long term. It sets us up for success for decades to come."

Netflix's cash and stock transaction is valued at about \$27.75 per Warner

Bros. Discovery share. Netflix also agreed to take on more than \$10 billion in Warner Bros. debt, pushing the deal's enterprise value to \$82.7 billion.

Buying a studio that dates back 102 years to the silent picture era represents a major strategic shift for the Los Gatos, Calif. firm. Netflix sputtered to life in 1997 by buying movie DVDs and mailing them in red envelopes to customers.

While Netflix has delivered some successful TV franchises along the way — including "Stranger Things," "Squid Games," "Bridgerton," "KPop Demon Hunters," — the streamer does not have a deep library. And that's what this deal represents.

"This move is all about adding serious firepower to Netflix's content game," said Julie Clark, senior vice president of media and entertainment at information firm TransUnion.

"HBO brings a treasure trove of IP, proven franchises, and world-class storytelling," she said. "That's huge for Netflix."

House OKs redistricting

By TOM DAVIES
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana House Republicans voted Friday to go along with President Donald Trump's demand for redrawing the state's congressional maps.

The House action sends the congressional redistricting issue to the state Senate, where its future is in real doubt. The chamber's Republican leader has said for months that too few senators are in support for it to pass.

House members voted 57-41 in favor of the new maps crafted to produce a 9-0 Republican delegation by carving up the districts currently held by Democratic Reps. André Carson in Indianapolis and Frank Mrvan in the area along Lake Michigan near Chicago.

Twelve Republicans joined Democrats in opposing the bill.

Democratic lawmakers

Senate to consider the issue next week

denounced the proposed redistricting as a racial gerrymander for dividing Carson's 7th District — the state's most urban and racially diverse — among four new districts. Those extend far into rural heavily Republican counties, with two of the proposed districts stretching to the Ohio River and another nearly reaching Lake Michigan.

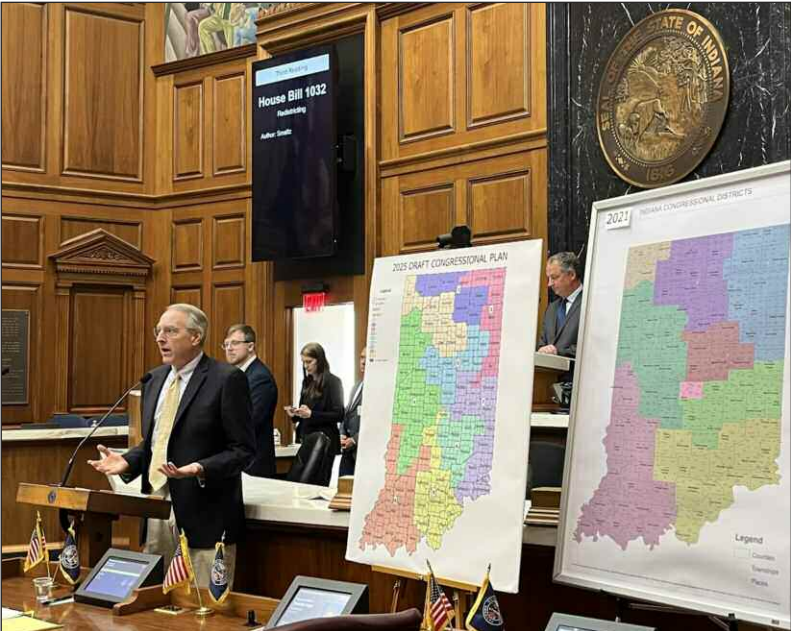
Republican Rep. Ben Smaltz, author of the redistricting plan in House Bill 1032, maintains

the new districts were drawn "purely for political performance" of GOP candidates.

Attention will now turn to the state Senate, which is scheduled to take up the proposed maps beginning Monday.

Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray has repeatedly declared too few senators are in support for redistricting to pass. But under political threats from Trump and Gov. Mike Braun, Bray announced two days before Thanksgiving that senators would make a Statehouse return to "make a final decision on any redistricting proposal sent from the House."

Trump started the national redistricting fight by pushing Texas Republicans to redraw its congressional map this summer. The pressure on Indiana Republicans has included trips in August and October by Vice President JD Vance to Indianapolis



Indiana Capital Chronicle/Tom Davies

Democratic Rep. Matt Pierce, left, speaks against the Republican congressional redistricting proposal during Indiana House debate on Friday. House members voted 57-41 in favor of the new maps crafted to produce a 9-0 Republican delegation by carving up the districts currently held by Democratic Reps. André Carson in Indianapolis and Frank Mrvan in the area along Lake Michigan near Chicago.

Deaths

Kenneth Wellman, 71, Portland
Joe Landon, 81, Portland
Carol Martz, 77, Greenville Tennessee
Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature dropped to a low of 8 degrees early Friday. The high was 28.
The temperature will be steady around 30 today under mostly cloudy skies. Snow is likely Sunday with minimal accumulation expected. Lows will dip into single digits.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Holiday activities continue this weekend with Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "Annie" at 7 p.m. tonight, the Jay County Junior-Senior High School band and choir concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Winterfest home tours at 3 p.m. Sunday and the Fort Recovery High School band concert at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Coming up

Tuesday — Details from Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.
Wednesday — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.
Thursday — Results from the Jay County High School wrestling quad.

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Lease ...

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All leases at Community Resource Center will be up for renewal July 1.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard and Steve McIntosh approved the lease. Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake, who is the other member of the board of works, was absent.

Also Thursday, the board approved the following:

- The purchase of a new Chevrolet Silverado for \$47,897 for the water department from McClusky Chevrolet in Loveland, Ohio. The quote was about \$3,000 more than from Kelley Chevrolet of Fort Wayne, but the dealer said the truck was not in stock and could take three to six months to arrive while McClusky has the vehicle in stock. City employee Bubba Swoveland, who presented the request, noted that the current 2017 truck had \$3,000 in repairs this year and additional work is needed.
- A \$294,000 payment request from James Jackson Company of Bluffton for work completed in October as part of the construction of a wet weather pump station at the wastewater treatment facility. Ten percent of the total is held back as retainage.
- An additional \$911.33 in funding for new phones at Portland City Hall. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips noted that the board previously approved \$19,651 but several additional phones have been added to the project. She said it should be complete by the end of the year.
- A \$5,073.20 CDL training reimbursement agreement with street department employee Dylan Limbert. The city will pay for the training, but Limbert will be responsible for reimbursing a portion of the cost if he leaves employment within three years.

CR almanac

Sunday 12/7	Monday 12/8	Tuesday 12/9	Wednesday 12/10	Thursday 12/11
 33/10 There's a 50% chance of snow this Sunday when the low at night may hit 10 degrees.	 25/16 Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with temperatures dipping to the mid teens late.	 35/31 Tuesday's weather looks like mostly cloudy skies with temperatures in the 30s.	 39/19 There's a 60% chance of rain or snow on Wednesday, when the high may hit 39.	 25/15 Cloudy skies on Thursday when the low temperature may hit around 15.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-6-2 Daily Four: 7-3-9-0 Quick Draw: 5-6-8-10-22-23-25-26-27-35-38-42-44-52-55-59-70-76-78-79	Pick 3: 7-8-0 Pick 4: 5-8-8-6 Pick 5: 5-1-8-2-6
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$820 million	
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$50 million	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.67 Jan. corn4.60	Wheat4.90
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.63 Jan. corn4.55 Feb. corn4.50	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.41 Jan. corn4.41 Beans10.95 Jan. beans10.98 Wheat5.06
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.50 Jan. corn4.50 Beans10.97 Jan. beans10.99	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.50 Jan. corn4.50 Beans10.66 Jan. beans10.71 Wheat4.80

Today in history

<p>In 1848, President James K. Polk confirmed the discovery of gold in California during his annual message to Congress. The move helped spark the Gold Rush, in which about 300,000 moved to the territory.</p> <p>In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln nominated Salmon P. Chase for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He was sworn in nine days later and held the post for more than nine years before he died following a stroke in May 7, 1873.</p>	<p>In 2005, the Jay County Development Corporation board of directors approved another one-year contract with Bob Quadrozzi to be its executive director.</p> <p>In 2021, Jay County Council approved up to \$700,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds toward a project to convert the former Judge Haynes Elementary School building into a facility for child care. (The funding was later rescinded.)</p> <p>—The CR</p>
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Citizen’s calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.	Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire department, 302 N. Walnut St. Wednesday 3:30 p.m. — Dunkirk Plan Commission, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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Obituaries

Kenneth Wellman
June 17, 1954-Dec. 2, 2025

Kenneth Wellman, age 71, of Portland, passed away peacefully on Dec. 2, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on June 17, 1954, he lived a life marked by hard work, generosity and unwavering devotion to those he cared about.

Anyone who knew him knew he had a gift for making people feel welcome. He had a steady, calming presence and a heart that showed up for others long before he was ever asked.

He was a dedicated worker. He worked at Sheller-Globe, was a police officer for the Portland Police Department retiring in 2001, served as superintendent of the Jay County Highway Department for 15 years, worked at Hy-Line Hatchery and spent countless hours on the family farm. After retirement, he kept himself busy working for Central Gases.

Outside of work he could be found golfing, helping out his neighbors, playing cards, and hanging with friends on Wednesday nights — a weekly gathering he loved. But nothing meant more to him than time spent with family.

He was a loving husband of 42 years to Karen Wellman, and a devoted father to Amy Dillon of Portland (husband: Craig), Kelly Sproba of Bend, Oregon (husband: Judd), Andrew Wellman of Portland (wife: Lisa) and Kyle Wellman of Redkey (fiance: Jessica Pitman). His greatest title was Papa and he was the very best to Hanna, Maggie and Garret Dillon, Isabel, Lucas, Caleb and Axel Sproba, Makenna and Daxton Wellman, Milo Wellman, and Jacen and Ava Dame who will forever miss him.

He also leaves behind his beloved siblings Tom Wellman of New Palestine (wife: Mary Lou), Ed Wellman of Bryant (wife: Linda), Patty Price of Decatur (husband: Kevin) and Rick Wellman of Selma (wife: Becky); sister-in-law Melissa Franks of Portland (husband: Curt); many nieces and nephews; and some very special friends who were like family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ruth and Richard Wellman; sisters Becky, Connie and Kathy; and brother Tim, who no doubt greeted him at Heaven’s gates with open



Wellman

arms, plenty of love and a good laugh.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Matt Ransom presiding. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to Jay County Cancer Society.

A celebration of life service will also be held at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

John Landon

Jan. 24, 1944-Dec. 4, 2025

John Max Landon, age 81, of Portland passed away on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, at IU Health Jay.

He was born in Temple, Texas, on Jan. 24, 1944, the son of Vyril and Bonnie (Lyons) Landon. He was married on June 29, 2000, to Rebecca Espy who survives.

Max served in the U.S. Air Force, was a 1962 Portland High School graduate and attended Fellowship Baptist Church. He was a member of Sportscar Club of America, National Council of Corvette Club and Gold Wing Club. He had worked for Micro-Precision, City Machine Tool and Die and Rocket Sports Racing in Lansing, Michigan. He had been a machinist for 32 years.

Surviving is his wife Rebecca; three stepdaughters, Cindy Hawkinson (husband: Tom) of Loveland, Ohio, Kristy Kongar (husband: Todd) of Berne and Brandi McCroskey (husband: Ryan) of Geneva; one brother, Larry Landon (wife: Beth) of Portland; and one sister, Marla Kay Grady (husband: Bruce) of Redkey; nine step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

There will be no services.

Burial will be in the Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Memorials can be made to Fellowship Baptist Church in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Landon

Greeneville, Tennessee, due to injuries sustained from a fall at her home. She was 77.

Carol was born on June 25, 1948, in Fort Wayne and lived in Portland until college. She is survived by one sibling, a brother, John Weinland, of Houston, Texas; and her lifelong friend and ‘adoptive’ sister, Ann (Marshall) Dawe, of Greeneville, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.R. (Bob) and Louise Weinland.



Martz

She was a 1966 graduate of Portland High School. That same summer she was crowned Miss Jay County 1966. Carol moved to West Lafayette, where she attended Purdue University to pursue her undergraduate degree in interior design. In 1970, she received her bachelor of arts degree, although later joking that she was the “least domesticated home economics major ever to graduate from Purdue.”

After college graduation she relocated to Indianapolis, where she co-owned Martz & Martz Catering, which became an authorized food vendor at the Indy 500. In her continual pursuit of entrepreneurship, in 1982 she relocated to Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, to embrace a business opportunity. Never one to shy away from a business risk, in 1984 an opportunity arose to further expand her career in Palm Springs, California.

In 2002, with aspirations to attend graduate school and be close to family, she moved to Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. In 2005, she graduated from Florida Atlantic University with her master’s of counselor education and became a licensed therapist, practicing in both Florida and Tennessee.

In her professional career, Ms. Martz helped many people for which she became highly respected. Being an avid animal lover, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greeneville-Greene County Humane Society, 400 N. Rufe Taylor Road, Greeneville, TN 37745; phone: (423) 639-4771.

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.

Felony arrests

Narcotics

A Redkey woman was arrested Thursday for possession of narcotics.

Lisa E. Guffey, 37, 33 S. Meridian St., is charged in Jay Circuit Court with a Level 5 felony for the alleged crime, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

She was released on a \$6,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Pointing firearm

A Bryant man was arrested Wednesday for pointing a firearm at another person.

Shannon P. Kuhn, 22, 208 N. Malin St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime.

He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

SERVICES

Today

DeBolt, Miriam: 11 a.m.,

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne.

Wellman, Kenneth: 3 p.m.,

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Sun, Dec. 14, 2025

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Germany’s latest trend: ‘hobby dogging’

By NICO POINTER
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Tribune News Service

STUTT GART, Germany — Tak- ing a dog for a walk — without the dog?

Believe it or not, an emerging pastime called “hobby dogging” is a new leisure activity for animal lovers in Germany who don’t want the vet bills, hairy carpets, drooling or expensive vet fees. There is also no need to pick up the poo, deal with aggressive behavior or barking when leaving your pet at home.

As might be expected, it has been met with much head-shak- ing, skepticism and ridicule online. After all, the dog only exists in the walker’s imagina- tion.

Hobby dogging — essentially dog training without dogs — fol- lows in the wake of “hobby hors- ing,” a previous trend that saw children (and a surprising num- ber of adults) gallop through obstacle courses on stick horses.

It sounds like some viral prank generated by AI, but it is surpris- ingly true (and truly surprising). In Bad Friedrichshall, north of wealthy southern Germany’s car capital of Stuttgart, you can even get professional guidance in walking your imaginary dog.

Disbelief and contempt
The comments on the internet are equally scathing.

“Whatever they’ve been smok- ing, I want some,” writes one user. Some respond with humor: “I took the dog’s harness off and



Jason Tschepjakow/dpa/Tribune News Service

Dog trainer Barbara Gerlinger holds a dog leash and explains hobby dogging to course participants.

now I can’t find him.” Others share their disbelief and contempt: “The world is getting crazier and crazier.”

Dog trainer Barbara Gerlinger simply shrugs at the ridicule. She takes her job seriously and designs her own courses for “hobby dogging”, complete with cones, obstacles and a good dose of imagination.

“Hop! Hop! Hop,” calls the 65-year-old as her participants jump over small poles with reinforced leashes. The participants pat the air at their feet, reaching into

their pockets for imaginary treats. “Good! Well done!”

You can almost hear the imagi- nary panting.

Gerlinger made the leashes herself, designed to look like someone is walking an invisible dog. “It’s a little crazy,” she admits. “But what isn’t crazy? We live in a crazy world.”

The idea for hobby dogging came about on a whim in a local clubhouse. A passing joke, a quick laugh - but the thought stayed with Gerlinger:

Her philosophy? The problem

is never the dog. That’s always at the other end of the leash. It’s about mental training, about con- centration.

Dry run before the real dog
Sometimes, the dog trainer complains, people doing dog training just don’t listen to her. But when there are imaginary dogs, you are less distracted, she says. If you just imagine the dog, you are forced to pay attention to yourself – to your posture, your voice, your body tension.

“It’s quite exhausting to con-

centrate for 20 minutes on some- thing that isn’t there.”

For Gerlinger, it’s also a good form of preparation for dog han- dlers – before real paws enter the course. The 65-year-old posted a few videos online with her son – and they went viral. One of her clips has almost 5 million views. Her story has even spread to the United States and Japan, noting that the craziness of the endeavor has spread.

“They’re not all clean any- more,” she laughs, handing out dogless leashes to the partici- pants. “You have a Rottweiler, take a bigger harness,” she says.

Just the leash and a little imagination

“Good girl, my princess,” says Anette Hilkert, praising an imagi- nary Chantal at the end of her leash. The female boxer has just sat down next to her. “I don’t just talk to the leash. The invisible dog should have a name,” the 61-year-old explains. Chantal was also the name of her deceased dog. For Hilkert, walking an empty leash and harness around the grounds makes perfect sense.

With Chantal, she can practice dry runs before putting Mottchen, her real dog, on the leash. No mistakes, no stress – just the leash and a little imagi- nation.

Meanwhile, Mottchen waits patiently a few meters away in the boot of a car – whether he’s wagging his tail in approval or shaking his head in disbelief remains unclear.

Senior couple aren’t on same page

DEAR ABBY: I’m a man in my 70s. My girlfriend is eight years younger. We were first introduced 42 years ago by relatives who believed we would be a good match. I was an only child; she was from a broken home. We dated and liked each other, but there were communication problems. I was inde- pendent as a younger man and dated. She was devoted to her mother and cared for her until her passing. We reconnected and started dating seven years ago. We live an hour apart, and I would drive to spend a weekend with her every two weeks. We talk every day.

Things were good, and I asked if she would be interested in marriage someday. She said she would “consider it.” A few years later, I offered to buy a ring to show that she belonged to me, and she became upset. I backed off. A year ago, she suddenly said I shouldn’t come any longer. When I asked why, she told me I have said things in the past that upset her. She said I poke fun at things she likes to do and made comments that were intimate in nature. I asked why she hadn’t brought these issues to my attention sooner. She said she should have but just didn’t do it. I kid around a bit, even poke fun at myself, but I never intended to hurt anyone’s feel-

Dear Abby



ings. I apologized and suggested rela- tionship therapy. She believed we could just work through it. She said she had to build up the trust again. We took a vacation, but nothing changed. Simple things like holding hands don’t seem to interest her any- more. I don’t have years to waste. Do I have the wrong girl here? — FRUS- TRATED IN OHIO

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Yup, you sure do. The lady isn’t physically attracted to you, and she can’t bring herself to communicate when there are problems that could be fixed. You can do better than this, and the time to start widening your dating circle is now.

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DEAR ABBY: I’ve been married to a wonderful man for five years. He has an almost-20-year-old daughter, “Amber,” whom he raised alone.

Amber is spoiled and entitled because he overcompensated for the lack of a mother figure in her life. I get it. However, she continues to be disrespectful to me and has made him choose sides in disagreements. I’ve always tried to be neutral in situ- ations. We all live together, but Amber and I just don’t get along. She doesn’t respect her father at all. When I have tried to make him real- ize it or support him when she’s being unruly, I am turned into the bad guy. I am not asking him to choose, but there is only one queen of the castle, and it isn’t me. What do I do? — PRICKLY SITUATION IN GEORGIA

DEAR PRICKLY: Is Amber in college and living at home? Is she employed but not earning enough to support herself? Where is her mother? How long is she going to be living with you?

You and your “wonderful” hus- band could lessen some of the ten- sion in your household if you start talking with a licensed mar- riage and family therapist. He should have stepped in the moment his daughter started act- ing out and insisted you be treated with respect (at the very least) as long as she is under his roof.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY- ROAD RIDERS FOR

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

JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

MUSEUM OF THE SOL- DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museu- mofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRI- ANNA’S HOPE — A faith- based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fel- lowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK- FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for break- fast at Richards Restau- rant.

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALI- TION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more infor-

mation, call (260) 251-3259.

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

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

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Level: Advanced

Friday’s Solution

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

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

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Map proposal is affront to Hoosiers

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service
This has got to be a joke, right? Unfortunately, the bizarre congressional map released Monday by Republicans isn't a laughing matter, it's a serious attempt to turn Indiana into a mere stepping stone for national GOP dominance.

Bending over backward for President Trump's agenda to steal more seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in next year's election, Republicans in the State Legislature threaten to stretch congressional boundaries like a rubber band from north to south and east to west, making a pure mockery of the state's districts.

The goal of redistricting should be to create geographically compact voting areas, enabling Hoosiers, no matter their political leanings, in all regions to select congressional representatives who live close to home.

Of course, we shouldn't even be having this discussion now. Redistricting should happen every 10 years, after the decennial U.S. Census reveals population changes, as it has in the past. Instead, Indiana's Statehouse Republicans are complicit in an

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ugly and un-American power grab.

Their argument that red Indiana is forced to do so only because blue states are doing so? It simply holds no water. At the behest of Trump, Republicans threw the first stone in this rock fight, forcing Democrats to cock their arms as well.

In Indiana, the GOP's two targets are the congressional seats currently held by Democrats: the 1st and 7th districts.

The proposed redrawn 1st District offends common sense. It's clearly aimed at pulling in as many conservative areas as possible to offset the Democratic advantage in highly populated and left-leaning Lake County. From the city streets of Gary in the northwest corner of Indiana to the cornfields of Wabash County in the northeastern part of the

state, the proposed district would meander 126 miles.

As outlandish as the redrawn 1st District seems, the proposed 7th District is even more preposterous, curling from northern Marion County north-eastward through Hancock Madison, Henry and Delaware counties, then plummeting southward along the Ohio border through Randolph, Wayne Union, Franklin, Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland counties, before finally ending at the Indiana-Kentucky line in Jefferson County.

To take a drive through the district to each of those county seats, a Hoosier motorist would travel 282 miles.

And don't even get us started on the proposed 9th District, which would climb up from the southern border of the state to grab a chunk of Marion County, despite the disparate interests of those living on the banks of the Ohio River and those living more than 100 miles away in the state capital.

Under the proposed map, a resident of central Marion County could lie down on their belly in District 9 with one hand touching District 7 and the other

touching District 6. If they lifted their head and faced north, they could almost see District 4 a few miles in the distance.

Some might say Republicans dominate the state Legislature and have a mandate from voters to gerrymander as they please. Hardly.

Surveys of Hoosier voters have consistently shown widespread opposition to midterm redistricting.

Also, keep in mind that about 40% of Indiana voters chose Democrat Kamala Harris in the 2024 presidential election, indicating that Hoosiers would be best represented in the U.S. House by a delegation split of roughly 60% Republican and 40% Democrat.

Currently, the gerrymandered 2020 maps yield a 78%-22% congressional split in favor of the GOP. Trump and his minions at the Statehouse are using this midterm redistricting, provided it doesn't backfire, to pitch a 100%-0% Republican shutout.

Such a lopsided congressional delegation, obviously, would poorly represent the range of political thought in Indiana.

The only hope now at

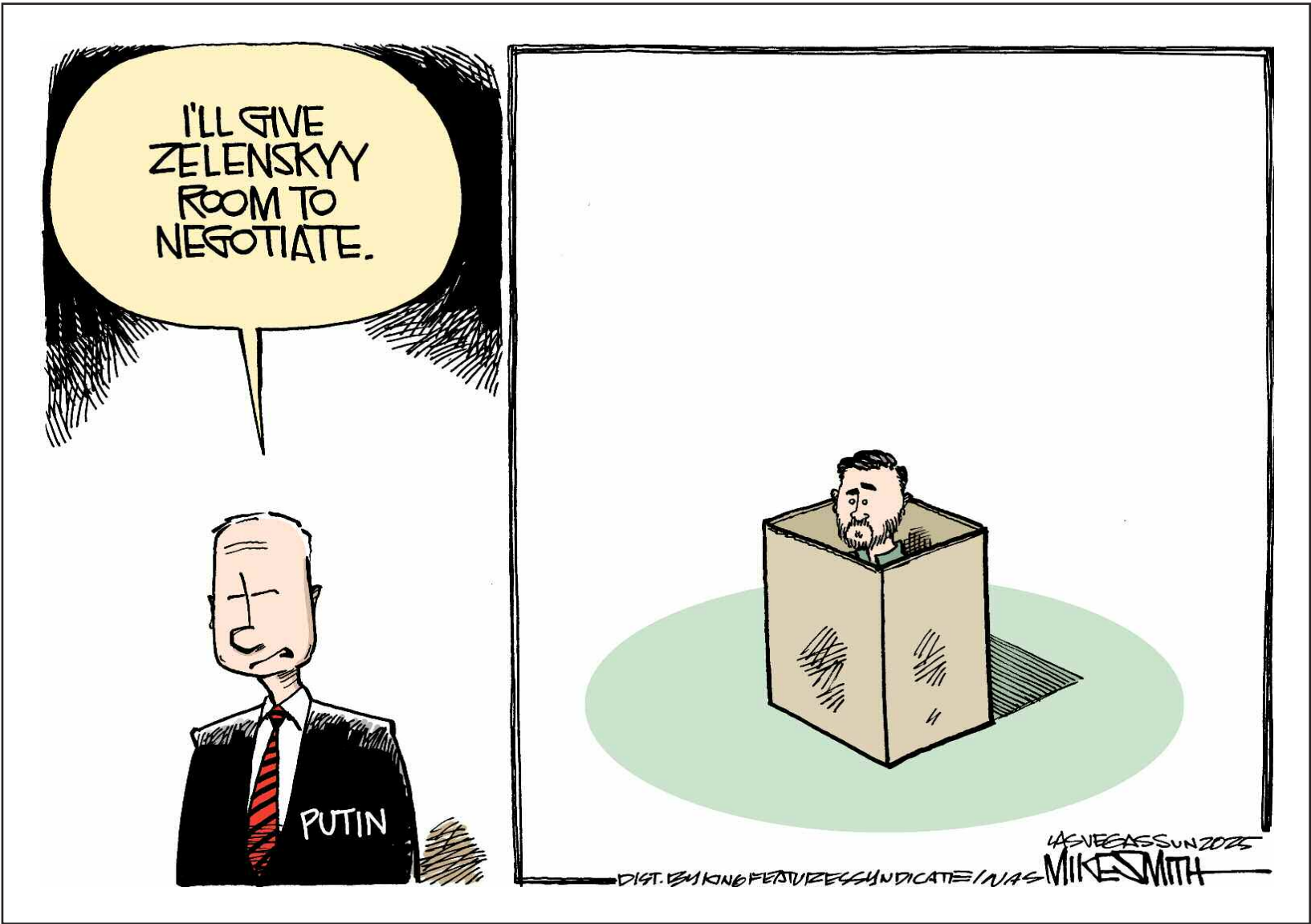
the GOP-dominated Statehouse lies with the handful of principled Republican state senators who have spoken publicly against midterm redistricting.

These courageous few include Eric Bassler, Lafayette; Vaneta Becker, Evansville; Spencer Deery, West Lafayette; Sue Glick, LaGrange; Jean Leising, Oldenburg; Jim Tomes, Wadesville; Greg Walker, Columbus, and Michael Bohacek, Michiana Shores.

Will these senators keep their courage in the face of enormous pressure fueled by Trump's threats to ruin their political careers?

If they stand up for Hoosier rights, they'll be remembered for their clear-headed stand in favor of representative, not manipulative, government.

If they back down, Indiana could be reduced in the halls of Congress to a phalanx of so-called representatives walking in lockstep with the president. And a new and profoundly troubling precedent will be established for radical midterm gerrymandering — by whichever party is in power — in our state.



Basic human decency takes a stand

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com
Sometimes, basic decency asserts itself in unexpected places.

Sometimes, it even trumps ideology and partisanship.

In the past few days, two Indiana state senators announced ahead of the ill-conceived special session of the Indiana General Assembly that they wouldn't support President Donald Trump's attempts to rig congressional maps ahead of next year's midterm election.

Indiana Sen. Michael Bohacek, R-Michiana Shores, announced that he wouldn't back the president's ploy to gerrymander the 2026 congressional elections.

Bohacek's decision had little to do with political maneuvering. He chose not to support Trump because the president deliberately insulted a group of Americans he's supposed to serve and protect.

Including Bohacek's daughter. Bohacek's daughter has Down syndrome. As he said in announcing his opposition to Trump's plans, Bohacek has

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made no secret of his daughter's condition.

A few days ago, in a public spat with Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, a Democrat, the president used the "r" word to describe Walz. Walz is also the father of a child with special needs.

So, Trump's use of the word exhibited an elevated level of callousness and disregard for simple standards of human conduct.

Afterward, Bohacek said he couldn't support the president because of the slur. Doing so just wouldn't be right, he said. He needed to stand with his daughter.

Bohacek's announcement came at almost the same time that Indiana Sen. Greg Walker, R-Columbus, reasserted his opposition to Trump's Congress-pack-

ing plan in an interview with his local newspaper, The Republic.

Walker first said in August he wouldn't support the president's redistricting push. Yet he received a phone call from a White House staffer inviting him to meet with Trump in the Oval Office to discuss the matter.

"I refused (the invitation), but the underling who reached out to me is trying to influence the election on my dime," Walker told The Republic. "That individual works for me. He works for you. He's on my payroll, he's on your payroll, and he's campaigning on company time. That's a violation of the Hatch Act. He's a federal employee. He works in the White House. But does anyone care about the rules anymore? Not that I can tell."

Walker also said he would have reported the invitation to the authorities "if I thought that there was anyone of integrity in Washington that would follow through on my accusation and actually cause someone to lose their job over it."

The Columbus Republican added that he couldn't believe a president of the United States

would be spending time on something so trivial. Walker said Trump should have much higher priorities than lobbying "a nobody like me" regarding something that wasn't even his business.

The president's pressure campaign wasn't going to make him change his position, Walker said.

"I know right from wrong. I was taught as a child the difference between right and wrong, and this is just wrong on so many levels," Walker said.

Walker and Bohacek don't disagree with the president on political grounds.

Both men are rock-ribbed Republicans, conservatives to their core. Doubtless, they support most of Trump's policies.

But what they're saying is that this is different.

Their quarrel with him in this instance is bigger and more basic than politics.

It's about right and wrong.

Bohacek is saying that a decent person—much less the president of the United States—shouldn't treat people with disabilities with disrespect and discourtesy. Walker is saying that

cheating is wrong and that following the law matters, particularly when a person has taken a sacred oath, hand on the Bible, to uphold the law.

This point gets lost in too many political debates these days. Our leaders fight and scratch to win, heedless of the damage they do to their communities and the country as they trash rules, laws and standards of common courtesy in their quest for victory.

The late U.S. Rep. Andy Jacobs Jr., D-Indiana, was one of the most thoroughly decent human beings ever to hold public office.

"I'm not going to argue that you won't have more money if you rob a bank," he told me once while explaining how he tried to counsel fellow politicians against the dangers of moral expediency. "I'm just going to tell you that that doesn't make it right."

Amen.

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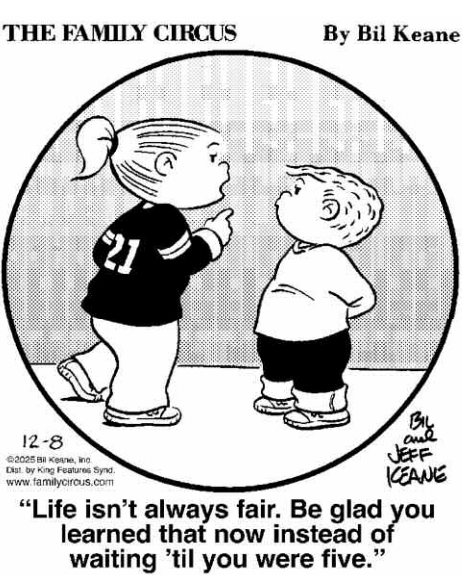
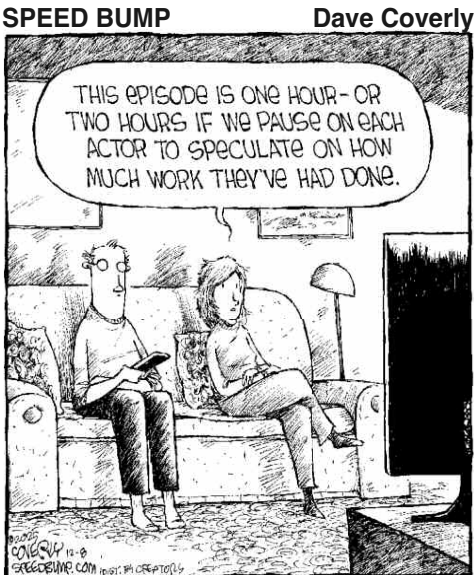
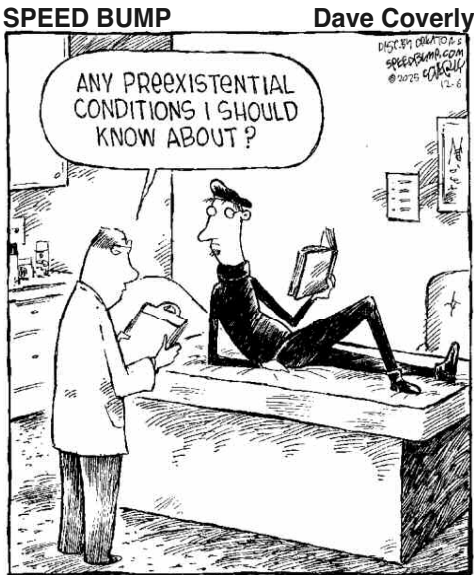
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Patriots nearly upend Hamilton Southeastern, split home duals

By **ETHAN OSKROBA**

The Commercial Review

The Patriots were one victory away from upsetting a top-10 team in the state.

Instead, the Jay County High School girls wrestling team had to settle for a 42-36 loss to the No. 10 Hamilton Southeastern Royals followed by a 48-30 win over the Hagerstown Tigers in a pair of duals on Thursday night.

The close loss followed by a solid win continued to build the confidence of a youthful Patriots team with five freshmen in the lineup.

“If we win one more match somewhere, that tips it in our favor,” said Jay County coach Troy Jacks. “So I’m happy we performed as well as we did.”

One young Patriot who excelled against the Royals (5-1) was Chloe Torres. With the team score tied at 6-6, the freshman took the mat in the 105-pound match against Anjali Patel and emerged from the opening period with the score knotted 5-5.

Torres found another gear as the second period got underway, pinning Patel to earn her first career victory.

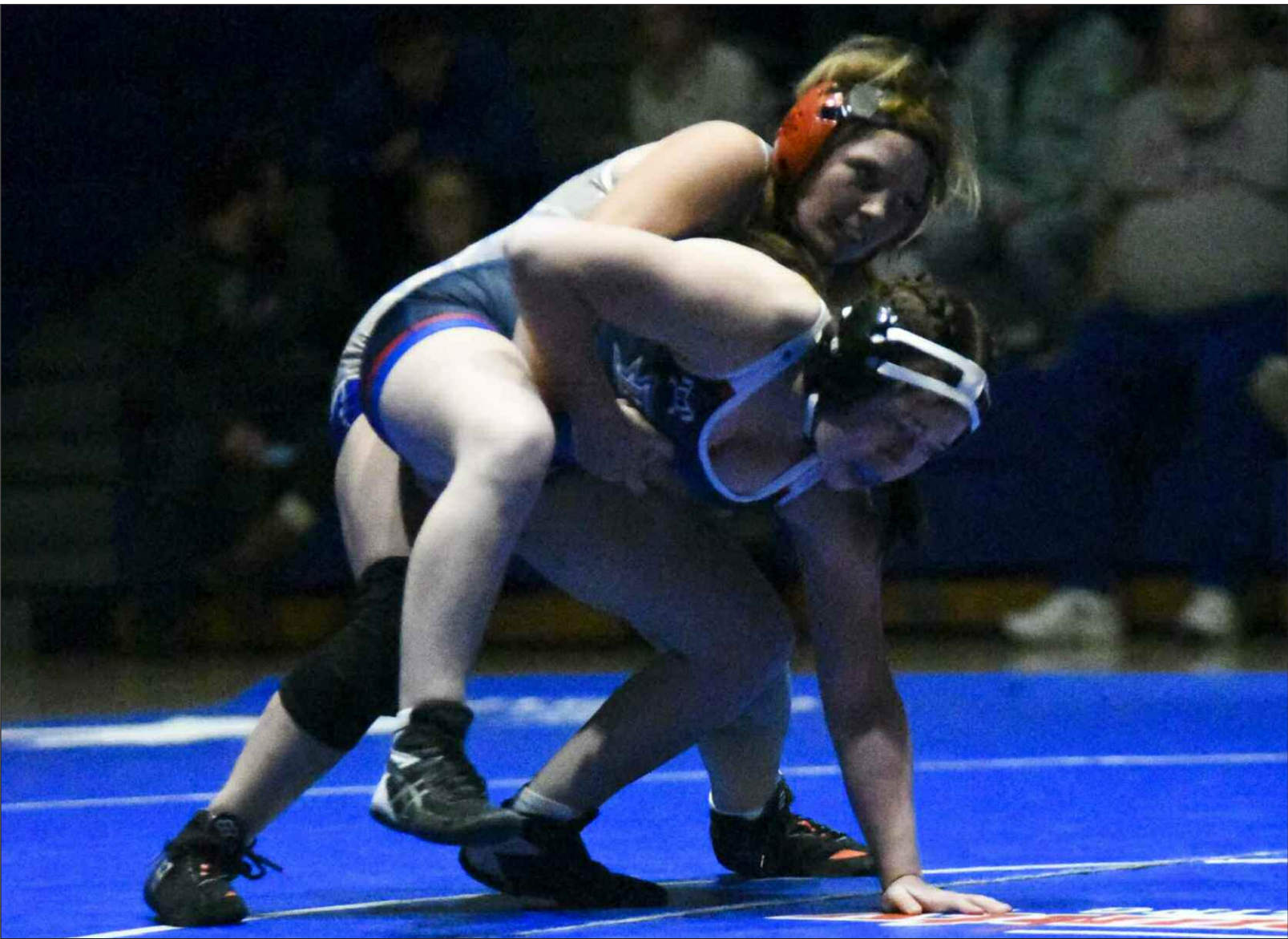
“She’s always so full of energy and she comes to practice and she works hard,” Jacks said. “And it’s just her being a little timid and unsure of herself ... She still has nerves being a freshman and trying the sport out for the first time, so that’s exciting when girls get their first win.”

For Torres, the maiden victory could go a long way in helping her settle into her nascent wrestling career.

“That really calmed my nerves,” Torres said. “Before I was really nervous about what I was going to do, but then after, it was pretty good.”

Another highlight in the dual came in the 155-pound clash between Jay County’s Madison Gage and Hamilton Southeastern’s Kendall White. Neither wrestler managed to score in a physical opening period, but Gage’s mental tenacity paid off as she swiftly ended the match by pinning White early in the second.

“She was being rough, and I just kept calm and did what my



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Jay County High School’s Kaylee Bramlett works to keep control of Savana Scott of the No. 10 Hamilton Southeastern Royals during Thursday’s 42-36 loss. While the Patriots suffered the narrow victory to the ranked Royals, they bounced back to beat Hagerstown 48-30 in the following match.

coaches told me to do,” Gage said.

The senior tandem of state No. 6 Katie Rowles (100-pound weight class) and Maleah Parsons (140) also notched non-forfeit victories against the Royals.

Rowles earned her win by amassing 13 first-period points against Charlotte Drago before finishing the match via fall 90 seconds in. Parsons held just a 3-0 lead over Jaelyn Fowler late in the first period of her tilt, but sealed the contest via pin with seven seconds left on the clock.

Moments after the razor-thin loss to the Royals, the Patriots were back in action.

Rowles secured her second pin of the day, this time competing at 105 pounds, and was joined by 110-pounder Alayna Willoughby with non-forfeit wins in the 48-30 victory over Hagerstown. Gage also picked up a win in what was scored as an exhibition match.

The triumph over the Tigers gave Jay County (4-2) a pleasant segue into celebrating its five soon-to-be graduates on senior night. Program veterans Rowles

and Parsons were honored alongside first-year wrestlers Kaylee Bramlett, Kaileigh Compton and Jolee White in a post-event ceremony.

“Katie Rowles and Maleah Parsons, they have been the anchor for our team for four years, being senior leaders, and they really take that to heart,” Jacks said. “... And then having these three seniors that are just trying it out for the first time and seem to be really liking it is great for the future of our program.”

Crafting that future is well underway for a Patriots team that was ranked in the top 10 earlier this season. Though Thursday’s event resulted in a split, the progress transcends the results for Jacks’ squad.

“The last couple of weeks, I can just see a lot more aggressiveness, and I’m seeing the pistons starting to fire,” Jacks said. “And even if we’re not having our hands raised in the matches, we’re wrestling deeper into the matches, and we’re doing a lot of things right.”

Jay Co. swim sweeps Anderson Indians

ANDERSON — The Patriots opened its dual meet season with a split against Bluffton. When they went on the road, both the boys and girls walked away with a victory over the Indians.

Jay County High School’s swim teams traveled to face the Anderson Indians on Thursday with the boys picking up its first win 114-61 and the girls stomping AHS 141-30.

Five Patriots picked up wins in two individual events.

For the boys squad (1-1), Grady Warvel cruised to victories in the 200-yard freestyle (1 minute, 56.73 seconds) and the 100 butterfly (57.28), while Carson Westgerdes claimed the 200 individual medley

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(2:13.82) and the 100 breaststroke (1:08.51). Brooklynn Byrum, Elly Byrum and Maria Laux all finished in first place twice for the girls team (2-0). The elder Byrum sister topped the 200 IM (2:35.01) and the 100 freestyle (1:01.14), while Elly Byrum’s wins came in the 200 freestyle (2:17.24) and the 100 backstroke (1:10.93). Laux won the 50 freestyle (26.88) and 100 breaststroke (1:21.02).

Other first-place finishes for Jay County came

from:

- The girls 200 medley relay team (2:20.77)
- The boys 200 medley relay team (1:53.31)
- Bryden Carter in the 1-meter diving (147.80)
- Kaitlyn Fisher in the 100 butterfly (1:10.88)
- Peyton Yowell in the 100 freestyle (54.92)
- Kali Wendel in the 500 freestyle (6:22.37)
- Cooper Glentzer in the 500 freestyle (5:25.89)
- The girls 200 freestyle relay (1:55.16)
- Grant Glentzer in the 100 backstroke (1:02.33)
- The girls 400 freestyle relay (4:15.90)
- The boys 400 freestyle relay (3:40.75)

Tribe struggles

FORT RECOVERY —

The Fort Recovery girls basketball team couldn’t keep up on the offensive end of the floor as St. Henry picked up a 52-27 victory in the Midwest Athletic Conference opener Thursday.

The Indians’ defensive effort held up in the first quarter as St. Henry (3-0, 1-0 MAC) only held a 8-5 lead at the break, but faltered in the second. St. Henry took control of the game with a 14-point second quarter to enter halftime up 22-11.

Maddie Schoenlein finished as the Tribe’s leading scorer with seven points on a triple in the third quarter and buckets in the second and fourth. Cameron Muhlenkamp and Makenna Huelskamp added six

points for Fort Recovery (0-3, 0-1 MAC) as well.

Addy Homan led St. Henry with 11 points, while Ava Homan added 10.

Boys lead

GREENVILLE, Ohio — Caleb Smith and Carson Fullenkamp led the way for the Fort Recovery swim teams in a four-way season opener at Greenville YMCA on Tuesday.

Both the FRHS boys and girls teams left with one win and two losses. The Tribe boys beat St. Henry 44-16 while losing to Greenville 83-43 and Versailles 162-41. The girls beat Greenville 136-43 while falling to St. Henry 127-120 Versailles 182-104.

Smith broke his own

school record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 9.28 seconds. He also topped the 100 freestyle with a 56.30.

Carson Fullenkamp had the only other two first-place finishes for the Indians. He claimed the top spot in the 200 freestyle with a 2:13.83 and the 100 butterfly with a 1:06.06.

The girls had a pair of runner-up finishes placed third three times. Autumn Leuthold had the only individual second-place finish with a 1:24.60 in the 100 breaststroke.

Aubrey Shuttlesworth, Liza Knapke, Emily Boeckman and Livy Timmerman combined to swim a 4:56.25 to place second in the 400 freestyle relay.

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Just as the Patriots (2-1, 1-0 ACAC) didn't have the ideal first half, they initially came out a little flat in the third quarter. Jay County struck first in the second half on a Gradin Swoveland cut assisted by Aiden Phillips, but Keaton Delagrance hit consecutive triples on assists from Nate Peters to get WHS within three points.
After Delagrance's second triple, Rigby subbed Sommers in to guard the WHS junior. With the 6-foot, 5-inch center guarding him, Delagrance didn't score for the rest of the quarter, missing three 3-point attempts and getting blocked on one of his two attempts driving to the hoop.

"Scoring is good and all, but I really pride myself on playing good defense," Sommers said. "I really just (didn't) let him drive around. I think I'm long enough where if he rises I can get a good contest, so it was really just not letting him get by me."
Sommers also made his presence known on the offensive end of the floor. In one of the first offensive possessions after getting subbed in, the JCHS senior set up shop on the block and turned over his left shoulder for a baby hook middle to start a 9-0 run for Jay County.
Other baskets during the run came from Benson Barnett on an offensive rebound, Sommers on an offensive rebound, Petro, another forward from the Patriots' bench, on the ensuing offensive rebound from Sommers' missed free throw for a 3-point play and a Petro free throw.

Sommers scored one more time in the period by crashing the offensive glass in transition. He had one more crack at the basket in the final seconds and came up short, but Petro cleaned it up as time expired to go up 34-21.



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Kade Sommers of the JCHS boys basketball team turns over his left shoulder for a baby hook middle during the Patriots 52-28 victory against Woodlan. Sommers tied Keaton Delagrance to lead all scorers with 12 points.

"I was just being physical overall," said Sommers, who tied Delagrance with a game-high 12 points. "We knew coming into the game that we had some size on

them. So I thank my teammates for being aware of the disadvantage and giving it to me down low."
After the strong third quarter, Jay County closed

out strong by scoring 18 points in the final period while only allowing seven.
Woodlan (2-2, 0-1 ACAC) gave the Patriots some trouble on the offensive end of

the floor to start the game as they deployed a 1-3 zone with the final defender face guarding Jayden Comer in an attempt to force shots from beyond the arc. It worked for a while as JCHS let nine triples fly in the first quarter with only two of them finding the bottom of the net.

Rigby then urged his players to look for paint touches to either directly score or throw it back out to get better quality 3-pointers, which forced Woodlan out of its zone and into a man-to-man defense.

Not only did Jay County do a good job of attacking the paint, but they rebounded well all throughout the game. The Patriots outrebounded the Warriors 42-20.

The biggest disparity came from the offensive rebounding numbers as JCHS came down with the ball 20 times when attacking the offensive glass, while the Warriors only earned nine extra possessions, including three where the ball just squirted out of bounds.

"We put a lot of emphasis on that," Rigby said. "I don't feel like we've rebounded to our standard (to this point). We should be a great rebounding team, defensively and offensively. We just haven't been up to par in my opinion."

"So we've talked a lot about that in the last couple days, it's been a point of emphasis. And they've responded in that way to come up with some big rebounds."

Junior varsity

The Patriots took down Woodlan 52-32 in the JV game to begin the night.

Woodlan couldn't contain the Patriots' forwards as Nick Snow led all scorers with 17 points and Tyler Wasson added 14.

JCHS created some separation in the third period, with a 17-8 run.

Hudson Rorick led WHS

Box score				
Woodlan Warriors at Jay County Patriots				
Boys varsity summary				
Woodlan (2-2, 0-1 ACAC)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Jacquay	0-4	0-0	0	
Brooks	0-4	0-0	0	
Klepper	0-2	1-2	1	
Bullock	3-6	1-1	8	
Peters	2-7	2-2	7	
Smith	0-2	0-0	0	
Art	0-0	0-0	0	
Delagrance	5-17	0-0	12	
Herrig	0-1	0-0	0	
Totals	10-43	4-5	28	
	.233	.800		
Def. Rebound percentage: .429				
Jay County (2-1, 1-0 ACAC)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Overton	2-5	0-0	4	
Comer	3-8	1-2	10	
Monroe	0-0	0-0	0	
Barnett	1-5	0-0	2	
Wasson	1-1	0-0	3	
Petro	2-6	1-2	5	
Miller	1-1	0-0	2	
Forthofer	2-3	2-3	6	
Phillips	1-3	0-0	2	
Snow	0-0	0-0	0	
Swoveland	3-11	0-0	6	
Sommers	6-10	0-2	12	
Totals	22-53	4-9	52	
	.415	.444		
Def. Rebound percentage: .727				
Score by quarters:				
Woodlan	4	6	11	7 — 28
Jay Co	10	7	17	18 — 52
3-point shooting: Woodlan 4-21 (Delagrance 2-9, Bullock 1-1, Peters 1-4, Smith 0-1, Brooks 0-2, Jacquay 0-4). Jay County 4-18 (Comer 3-7, Wasson 1-1, Overton 0-1, Petro 0-1, Barnett 0-2, Swoveland 0-5).				
Rebounds: Woodlan 24 (Brooks 7, Jacquay 4, Peters 3, Delagrance 3, Team 3, Klepper, Bullock, Smith). Jay County 44 (Forthofer 10, Comer 6, Barnett 6, Phillips 5, Swoveland 5, Petro 4, Sommers 3, Overton 2, Team 2, Snow).				
Assists: Woodlan 6 (Bullock 2, Peters 2, Brooks, Delagrance). Jay County 8 (Comer 2, Phillips 2, Overton, Petro, Swoveland, Sommers).				
Blocks: Woodlan 2 (Peters, Art). Jay County 5 (Comer, Miller, Forthofer, Swoveland, Sommers).				
Personal fouls: Woodlan 12 (Jacquay 5, Peters 2, Smith 2, Delagrance 2, Bullock). Jay County 11 (Petro 3, Swoveland 2, Overton, Comer, Barnett, Forthofer, Snow, Sommers).				
Turnovers: Woodlan 16. Jay County 18.				

with 10 points, while Carter Melchi added nine.

Kadyn Carpenter also had 11 points for JCHS.

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Boys sweep

WOODBURN — The Jay County Junior High boys basketball teams both beat Woodlan on Thursday.

The JCJHS eighth grade team beat Woodlan 40-13 while the seventh graders won 52-21.

Abram Lee led Jay County's older team with 12 points, while Finn Hemmelgarn, Eli Homan, Jade Westgerdes and Job Dirksen all had four.

Other Patriots to score were Jaylen Brown (three), Bentley Comer (two), Ango Kato (two), Roman Clamme (two) and Bentley Hodgson (two).

Sawyer Smitley led the seventh grade team with 12 points. Ryker Price and Carson Pfeifer both scored in double figures with 11 points. Beckham Hough, Carter May, Maverick McGill, Henry Teeter and Nicholas Pintos-Penrod also scored.

Girls take two

The Jay County Junior High girls basketball teams both beat Woodlan on Thursday.

The eighth graders won a low-scoring affair 27-15, while the seventh graders picked up a 29-2 victory.

Kinze Homan and Boo Towell led the eighth graders with nine points each. Arabella Link followed with a pair of buckets.

The remaining points came from Brenna Weitzel (three) and Kenzie Parr (two).

Hailey Comer and Gretchen Petro both scored in double-digits for the seventh grade team. Comer led the way with 12 points, while Petro added 10.

Makenna Wellman had three points, while Adalee Rigby and Kendall Farr each had two.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys wrestling at Western — 9 a.m.; Girls wrestling at East Noble — 9 a.m.; Swim in Celina Sprints — 10 a.m.; Girls basketball vs. Fort Recovery — 12 p.m.; Boys basketball at Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swim in Celina Sprints at Jay County — 10 a.m.; Girls basketball at Jay County — 12 p.m.; Boys bowling in tournament at H.P. Lanes — 12 p.m.; Girls bowling in tournament at H.P. Lanes — 12 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Jay County — 6 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high girls basketball at Selma — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Union City — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Freshman boys basketball vs. Marion Local — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at Marion Local — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys wrestling vs. Delta/Winchester/Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Elwood — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Fort Loramie — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Crestview — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Aston Villa at Arsenal FC (USA)
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: AFC Bournemouth at Chelsea (NBC); Tottenham Hotspur at Brentford (USA)
11 a.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)
12 p.m. — College football conference championships: Miami (OH) vs. Western Michigan (ESPN); BYU vs. Texas Tech (ABC)
12 p.m. — College basketball: Iowa State at Purdue (CBS); Duke at Michigan

State (FOX); Dayton at Virginia (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Indiana at Illinois (BTN)
12 p.m. — PGA Tour: Hero World Challenge (NBC)
12:30 p.m. — College basketball: Old Dominion at Richmond (USA)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds United at Liverpool FC (NBC)
2 p.m. — College football: Prairie View A&M at Jackson State (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — College basketball: Ohio State at Northwestern (BTN); Marquette at Wisconsin (FS1); Boise State at Butler (TNT); Louisville at Indiana (CBS)
2:30 p.m. — College basketball: Princeton at Loyola Chicago (USA)
2:30 p.m. — MLS: Inter Miami at Vancouver Whitecaps (FOX)
4 p.m. — College basketball: Rutgers at Michigan (BTN); Maryland at Iowa (FS1)
4:30 p.m. — College basketball: Baylor at Memphis (CBS)
6 p.m. — College football conference championships: Georgia vs. Alabama (ABC)
6 p.m. — College basketball: Washington at USC (BTN); Wake Forest at West Virginia (ESPN2); Illinois at Tennessee (ESPN)
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Iowa at Rutgers (FS1)
7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Ottawa Senators (ESPN2 Indiana)
8 p.m. — College football conference championships: Indiana vs. Ohio State (FOX); Duke vs. Virginia (ABC)
8 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — College football: Rhode Island at UC Davis (ESPN)
10 p.m. — College basketball: Auburn at Arizona (ESPN)

Sunday
8 a.m. — Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (ESPN)
9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Fulham at Crystal Palace (USA)
11:30 a.m. — PGA Tour: Hero World Challenge (NBC)
12 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Purdue at Michigan (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)
1 p.m. — NFL: Indianapolis Colts at Jacksonville Jaguars (CBS); Cincinnati

Bengals at Buffalo Bills (FOX)
1 p.m. — College basketball: Missouri at Kansas (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — Women's College basketball: DePaul at UConn (FS1)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour Champions: World Champions Cup (ABC)
2 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Ohio State at Northwestern (BTN)
3 p.m. — College basketball: Texas Tech at LSU (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Oregon at UCLA (FS1)
4 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Maryland at Minnesota (BTN)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers (FOX)
5 p.m. — College basketball: Creighton at Nebraska (FS1); SMU at Texas A&M (ESPN2); Georgetown at North Carolina (ESPN)
6 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Michigan State at Wisconsin (BTN)
7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Montreal Canadiens (FDSN Indiana)
8 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Washington at USC (BTN)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Houston Texans at Kansas City Chiefs (NBC)

Monday
3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Wolverhampton Wanderers at Manchester United (USA)
7 p.m. — NBA: Sacramento Kings at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Philadelphia Eagles at Los Angeles Chargers (ABC)
9 p.m. — College basketball: North Florida at Gonzaga (FOX)

Tuesday
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Villanova at Michigan (FS1); Clemson at BYU (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Women's College basketball: Arizona State at Penn State (BTN)
7 p.m. — NHL: Vegas Golden Knights at New York Islanders (TNT)
8 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)
8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Penn State at Indiana (FS1)
9 p.m. — College basketball: Florida at UConn (ESPN); USC at San Diego (ESPN2)

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JCHS girls wrestling split a pair of matches Thursday, see story page 8

Jay Co. and Ft. Recovery basketball face off today, see Sports on tap

Big bench minutes

Sommers, Petro fuel 15-5 run in third quarter in win over Warriors

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

Keaton Delagrance just hit two momentum-swinging 3-pointers to get the Warriors right back into the game.

But just as quickly as the shots found the bottom of the net, Kade Sommers came into the game to shut off the Warriors offense and regain control for the Patriots.

The Jay County High School backup center came in off the bench and helped fuel a 15-5 run in the third quarter to lift the Patriot boys basketball team to a 52-28 victory over the Woodlan Warriors in the Allen County

Athletic Conference opener on Friday.

"A win is always good," said JCHS coach Tyler Rigby. "We didn't play up to a standard that we've set for ourselves tonight, but to get a win and not play well is always good."

"But we did not start out the way that we needed to. ... They threw a box-and-one at us early on, especially early on in the season that's hard to prepare for. That's somewhat on me for not having them prepare for something like that, but we just started slow."

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Benson Barnett of the Jay County High School boys basketball team pressures Camden Brooks of Woodlan up the floor during Friday's 52-28 victory in the Allen County Athletic Conference opener. Barnett forced a 10-second violation and scored a bucket off an offensive rebound and a step through as part of a 15-5 run that pushed the Patriots over the top in the win.

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