

Getting creative



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Students in Chris Krieg’s Digital Design class at Jay County Junior-Senior High School spent their remote learning time creating brochures for travel destinations. Pictured above are the harbor and village of Gialos on Symi, an island in Greece, that was Lincoln Clamme’s choice for a vacation.

Teachers, students think outside box for lessons during their days of remote learning after storm

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
With in-person classes canceled for four consecutive school days, teachers got creative with some of their lessons this week.
Meg Mauger gave students a hands-on engineering challenge Tuesday while Chris Krieg invited them to dream about getting away from snowy landscapes and sub-zero wind chills.
Jay School Corporation called off classes Jan. 23

because of frigid temperatures and the first three days of this week because of nearly a foot of snow from the winter storm that followed. (Students and teachers returned to their classrooms on a two-hour delay Thursday.)
While not the ideal situation, Krieg noted that he has plenty of ideas after months of remote teaching in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.
He brought one of those projects back in his Digital

Design class this week, asking students to create their own travel brochures.
“Being printing and designing, it’s tough to do virtually, so you’ve kind of got to get creative,” Krieg said, adding that students don’t have access to all of the computer programs that they would at school so they use Google Slides instead.
Mauger, who teaches engineering classes at the junior-senior high, also made the most of items anyone would

have on hand at home. She gave her students an engineering challenge — take a regular 8.5-by-11-inch sheet of paper and cut a hole in it in such a way that they could fit their bodies through it.
“I try to continue to work on the standards and the skills that we’re trying to promote, which is problem-solving, learning the design process,” said Mauger. “And so we try to make it fun and let them get a little time off screen.”
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Senate passes spending package

Revised bill now heads to House

By JACOB FULTON and ARIS FOLLEY
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WASHINGTON — The Senate on Friday passed a \$1.2 trillion spending package to fund a slew of federal agencies through September, alongside a two-week stopgap measure for the Department of Homeland Security to buy time for bipartisan negotiations on immigration enforcement tactics.
Senators voted 71-29 to send the revised package — which also includes the full-year Defense, Labor-HHS-Education, Financial Services, National Security-State, and Transportation-HUD funding bills — back to the House for another vote, while extending Homeland Security funding through Feb. 13.
The punt on a full-year Homeland Security bill, which the House had included in its initial package last week, forces the House to hold another vote, which could occur as early as Monday. Current funding for many federal agencies is set to expire Friday night, ensuring at least a brief partial government shutdown until the House can clear the revised package for President Donald Trump’s signature.
The undoing of what was once a six-bill package came after the fatal shooting of intensive-care nurse Alex Pretti in Minneapolis last week by federal immigration agents, triggering a revolt by Democrats against Homeland Security Department funding until new restrictions are imposed on federal agents.
But with the polarizing Homeland Security bill set aside for now, Democrats and Republicans touted the long-delayed deal, which covers the lion’s share of discretionary spending for the fiscal year that began last October.
“When we pass this package and when it is signed into law, on top of the previous packages, we will have funded 96% of all of government,” Appropriations Chair Susan Collins, R-Maine, said on the floor before the final vote.
A challenging House vote lies ahead, however. The House Rules Committee could meet as soon as Sunday in hopes of advancing a rule for floor consideration of the bill, though rule votes are often party-line, which would require near-unanimous House GOP buy-in because of the chamber’s razor-thin margins, and some hard-line conservatives have already raised objections to the package.
With enough Democratic support, the chamber could also consider the bill under suspension of the rules, a streamlined process that requires a two-third majority.

Retrospect

Quadrozzi was named as Citizen of the Year

Twenty-five years ago this week, the community was celebrating its best.
The Jan. 29, 2001, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the Portland Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and awards banquet during which Jay County Development Corporation executive director Bob Quadrozzi was named Citizen of the Year.
“He’s involved in every aspect and facet in the county,” said Sam Shoemaker while presenting the award. “The man is everywhere.”
Former Portland Mayor F.M. “Ted” Montgomery was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to his time leading the city, Montgomery was known for his 30 years as a harness racing judge, promoting the sport in the county and staying actively involved with Jayland Trotting Association.
He was also a driving force in the effort to build Bryant High School’s gym, which now serves as a community center.
“I’ve had a wonderful life and

this is the greatest place to live,” said Montgomery, 84.
Winning the chamber’s other major awards were Industry of the Year Alphabet Inc., which is now known as MSSL Wiring Systems, and Industry of the Year Hunt’s Emporium. Both were three-time winners of those awards.
At the time, Alphabet had rebounded to 435 employees after dropping to 150.
“At a point in time when they thought they would have to close, then they turned things around ... and tightened up their belts,” said Quadrozzi.
Hunt’s, then owned by Neil and Meg Habegger, expanded its services from cards and gifts to offering on-site photo developing.
“It’s been a shining example of entrepreneurship,” said award presenter Ron Freeman. “Some people don’t realize we have gems of this kind in our county.”
Chamber executive director Vicki Tague had similar positive words about the community.
“The true treasure is the people,” she said. “The volunteerism here is second to none.”



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Citizen of the Year Bob Quadrozzi smiles for photos with Portland Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Vicki Tague during the chamber annual meeting and awards ceremony on Jan. 27, 2001.

Deaths

Althea Millsap, 95, Portland
Betty Meyers, 90, Celina, Ohio
Mary Lockhart, 83, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature Friday in Jay County was 14 degrees. The low was minus 5.
Expect a high of 14 again today under mostly cloudy skies. Wind chills will be as low as minus 15.
Tonight’s low will dip to minus 4.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Commercial Review will be upgrading its website soon.
Subscribers will need to log in to the new site for the first time using their last name in all capital letters and their phone number. They will then be able to set up their own password.
If you do not have a phone number on file with us, or if you are not sure, please call us at (260) 726-8141.
Our target launch date for the new site is Tuesday, Feb. 3.
Please note that all print subscribers to The Commercial Review also have online access.



Obituaries

Althea Millsap
Sept. 20, 1930-Jan. 29, 2026
Althea Millsap, age 95, of Portland passed away on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026, in Albany Health-care and Rehabilitation. She was born in Portland on Sept. 20, 1930, the daughter of Forrest and Letha (Thornton) Miller. She was married on June 21, 1952, to Veryl Landon, and he passed away on March 12, 1991. She later married Joseph Millsap, and he passed away in 2019. Althea was a beautician and owner of Avon Beauty Shop. She was a Portland High School



graduate and attended Salamon-ia Church of Christ. She was an avid bowler and golfer and loved spending time in Texas. Surviving are one son, Larry Landon (wife: Beth) of Port-land; two grandchildren, Andy Landon (wife: Randin) of Port-land and Missy May (husband: John) of Portland; and six great-grandchildren, Taylor May, Danielle May, Natalie May, Chris Landon (wife: Abby), Kenzie Landon and Matt Lan- don. Funeral services will be Sun- day, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Bruce Phillips pre- siding. Visitation will be Sun- day from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Green Park Ceme- tery.

Memorials can be made to Salamonia Church of Christ. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Betty Meyers
Jan. 16, 1936-Jan. 29, 2026
Betty Meyers, age 90, of Celi- na, Ohio, and former Portland resident passed away Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026, in Heritage Manor in Minster, Ohio. She was born in Bryant on Jan. 16, 1936, the daughter of Fred and Lola (Hudson) Long- necker. She was married on Dec. 28, 1978, to Thomas M. Meyers who survives. Betty had worked at Jay Gar- ment for 38 years and was owner and operator of Tom and Rod's Steak House, The Stable Saloon and The Catering

Wagon all in Portland. She was a member of Celina Eagles Lodge and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Surviving are her husband Thomas Meyers of Celina; and one sister, Rita Patterson of Portland. She was preceded in death by her son, Rodney Renbarger; and four sisters, Thelma Milligan, Carolyn King, Patsy Laux and Janet Stewart. Private services will be held and entombment will be in Gar- dens of Memory in Muncie. Memorials can be made to Jay County Humane Society or Our



Lady of Guadalupe Organ Fund. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Mary Eileen Lockhart, Geneva, Jan. 26, 1942-Jan. 5, 2026. Grave- side services will be held at a later date.

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The Commercial Review pub- lishes death notices for those with a connection to our cover- age area free of charge. They include the name, city of resi- dence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituar- ies, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Sunday 2/1	Monday 2/2	Tuesday 2/3	Wednesday 2/4	Thursday 2/5
23/12 Mostly sunny skies on Sunday when the high will be around 23 degrees.	28/21 Monday's forecast shows cloudy skies with temperatures in the 20s.	28/13 Cloudy, with a high around 28 degrees. The low may dip to the teens late.	22/8 Mostly cloudy on Wednesday, when the low may hit 8 degrees at night.	25/20 Thursday looks to be mostly cloudy with temperatures in the 20s.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-8-7 Daily Four: 3-3-4-7 Quick Draw: 2-4-6-7-9-15-16-20-24-25-34-35-43-48-59-68-72-75-78-80	Pick 4: 3-8-2-0 Pick 5: 7-7-2-4-4
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$57 million	
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-5-5	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$303 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.48 Feb. corn4.48	Wheat5.03
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Today in history

In 1606, Guy Fawkes was executed in London after being convicted of treason for his role in the Gunpowder Plot to blow up Parliament. His death became part of the long-running legacy behind Britain's annual Nov. 5 commemorations.

In 1801, John Marshall received his commission to lead the Supreme Court of the United States as chief justice. His long tenure helped shape the Court's role and authority in American government.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman publicly announced he had directed the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission to continue work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the hydrogen bomb. The statement marked a pivotal escalation in the early Cold War arms race.

In 2006, the Fort Recovery seventh grade girls basketball team went to four overtimes in its 45-43 victory over St. John's. Kendra Brunswick scored 14 points to lead the Tribe in the marathon win over the Blue Jays.

In 2020, the United Kingdom formally departed the European Union. It had voted for the "Brexit" more than three years earlier but the process was delayed because of lengthy negotiations over the terms of the split.

In 2022, Jay School Board announced it was receiving a total of \$100,000 in grant funding to implement new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) curriculum at East Jay, East, Westlawn, Redkey and Bloomfield elementary schools. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.

Tuesday
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland

Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
5:30 p.m. — Jay/Portland Building Department Interlocal Joint Board, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday
5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Creative ...

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Once students in Krieg's class selected their dream vacation locations — they included Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Rio de Janeiro and Greece — he asked them to research those locales. They were to find 10 to 12 places to stay, places to eat and things to do. "I've always wanted to go to Greece," said Lincoln Clamme of his chosen destination. "I just think their architecture is awesome. I've just always seen some pretty amazing pictures. It's just always been kind of a cool place." Students were then asked to expand on what they had found by detailing hotel amenities, menu items and attraction details. For instance, Brooklyn Arnold shared information about Hotel Vila Galé Rio de Janeiro's outdoor pool and full-service spa. Using Google Slides, they created a travel brochure. Krieg's plan was to complete the projects upon returning to in-person classes and have students present their vacation destinations to their classmates. "It's pretty good," said Clamme. "I mean, it's not too hard but it does make you have to like look around and find different things. That's pretty fun." The paper-cutting project for Mauger's class is about problem-solving. She wants to see what kind of creative solutions students will come up with, as well as gauging their thought process as one idea might fail and they try another. "That's why they're given two pieces of paper," she said, "because you can fail and you want the next solution to be better. And it's all about improvement rather than about finding the right answer. And it's about trying things. And so even if you don't come up with a solution that works, the fact that you worked towards a solution is what gets you credit." One student tried cutting a cross in the middle of the paper and



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Allianna Fosnaugh, an eighth grader at Jay County Junior-Senior High School, shows off the result of her remote learning project for Meg Mauger's engineering class this week. Students were tasked with cutting a hole in a single sheet of paper in such a way that they could fit their whole body through it. sticking their head through. Another bent the rules and connected multiple pieces of paper together. Mauger said about 60% of her 26 students across two classes found at least a "semi-workable" solution. One of those was eighth grader Allianna Fosnaugh. She explained her process, which involved folding a sheet of paper in half and then cutting thin strips perpendicular to the fold but without going all the way through in opposite directions. "And then I opened the piece of paper up and cut all of the middle except for the two ends," Fosnaugh said. "And then it was a big circle and then I could fit through it." She said she had seen similar challenges in the past, so she tried to duplicate the results on her own. It worked. "I thought it was really fun," said Fosnaugh. "It's a different project that's not normal. You actually have to figure out how to do it." That's the idea, to keep projects light but still keep students learning, even if they're away from the classroom. "My engineering classes kind of open themselves up for a more creative remote learning," said Mauger. "And lots of what we do at school, they can't do on their Chromebooks. So it gives me an opportunity to give them something different and out of the box to do."

Felony arrests

Auto theft
A Union City man was arrested Thursday for auto theft. Jason A. Gerstner, 47, 646 N. Columbia St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for auto theft and a Level 6 felony for resisting police. He was being held on a \$7,500 bond from Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Sunday, Feb. 1

Millsap, Althea: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Rhoades, Carlton: 5:30 p.m., Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

Monday, Feb. 2

Grile, Ilah: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Hughes, Allyssah: noon, 205 E. 1st St., Bath, Illinois.

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Try cauliflower ‘steaks’ with chimichurri

By GRETCHEN MCKAY
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
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Like a lot of shoppers, I look for bargains when it comes to choosing which fruits and vegetables to cook each week.

Even in winter, when selections can be slim if you're not a fan of root veggies and brassicas like cabbage, broccoli and kale, I tend to buy not what looks the yummiest or most interesting, but what's on sale — or at least has a price I can live with.

When it comes to cauliflower, I won't spend more than \$3 for a head of the nutritious crunchy vegetable my kids called “brains” when they were little. As adults, they love cauliflower after learning how good it tastes when slow-roasted or processed into “rice” for a gluten-free pizza crust.

This flavor-packed plant-forward recipe is another winner for brassica lovers. Instead of breaking the white head into florets or boiling and mashing it like you would potatoes, I sliced the cauliflower into thick “steaks.” Then, after seasoning the slabs with salt, pepper and smoked paprika, I fried it in butter with minced garlic until it was crispy on both sides.

The steaks then went into a hot oven and were

slow-roasted until they were tender enough to be pierced with a fork.

The coup de maitre? After plating the cauliflower on a swoosh of lemony white bean puree, I topped it with a bright and herbaceous (and garlicky) chimichurri made with fresh parsley and cilantro.

If eating more veggies is a new year's goal, I succeeded brilliantly with this dish — and you can, too!

When choosing cauliflower, look for creamy white heads that feel heavy, with tightly packed florets. There shouldn't be any black spots on the curds — that's a sign the veggie is getting old and on a road to being tossed (though you can still eat it if you cut the spots off).

You can use any mix of fresh herbs for the chimichurri. Just be sure to add some vinegar along with the garlic and crushed red pepper to brighten the flavor.

Cauliflower ‘Steaks’ With White Bean Puree And Chimichurri

For steaks
1 large cauliflower
Salt and pepper
1 tablespoon smoked paprika
2 tablespoons butter



Gretchen McKay/Pittsburgh Post-Gazette/Tribune News Service

Roasted cauliflower "steaks" are served with a creamy white bean puree and topped with homemade chimichurri.

3 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
For chimichurri
1 cup packed fresh parsley leaves, including thin stems
1 cup packed cilantro leaves, including thin stems
1 shallot, chopped
2 or 3 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
1/2 -1 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, or more

to taste
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, or more to taste
For bean puree
2 (14-ounce) cans great northern or cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
Juice 1 1/2 lemons
1 large garlic clove, minced
2 tablespoons nutritional yeast
Salt and pepper, to taste
Prepare the chimichurri. In blender or food processor, combine parsley, cilantro, shallots, garlic, 1/4 cup olive oil, vinegar, oregano, black pepper, red pepper flakes and salt. Process until the ingredients are minced and com-

bined, adding more olive oil until you reach the desired consistency. Season to taste with more salt or pepper, as desired, then transfer to a small bowl. (Sauce should be more like salad dressing than pesto.) Prepare beans. Place beans into a blender with the juice of 1 1/2 lemons, 1 minced garlic clove, nutritional yeast and a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Blend, adding a little bit of water at a time, until you get a creamy consistency. If you like, add a little garlic powder or white miso for extra oomph.

Chop 2 or 3 thick flat

steaks out of the middle of the cauliflower by slicing from the stalk up to the top. Save the florets that fall off for another recipe or add to a pan with a little salt, pepper, paprika and olive oil and stir-fry until brown and crispy to serve on top of the finished dish.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Season steaks with salt, pepper and paprika on both sides. Add butter to a large cast-iron or other oven-proof pan (mine measured 12 inches) and heat over medium-high heat.

When butter is sizzling, add cauliflower slices and garlic and allow to cook for about 5 minutes until you get a good sear on one side of the steaks. (You will want to press it down with a spatula.) Then flip and cook the other side until seared and golden brown.

Place pan in preheated oven and roast until the cauliflower is tender and deeply golden brown, about 20 minutes. (You will be able to easily pierce it with a fork.)

To serve, spoon 1/2 cup bean purée into the middle of a plate and spread it in a circle with a spatula. Place cauliflower steak on top, drizzle with chimichurri and scatter over the fried reserved cauliflower bits, if using.

Serves 3-4.

Husband is aware of wife’s secret meetings with ex

DEAR ABBY: My wife of seven years secretly visits her ex-husband on multiple occasions. She visits him with and without his spouse present. However, she forbids me from speaking to or visiting any woman from my past unless she is present.

My wife suffers from major depression. She's on medication but refuses to see a counselor. Her family has informed me that she was unfaithful to spouses prior to me. I am faithful to her. The person she visits is a friend she has known for years. Should I look the other way, or am I entitled to be upset about the situation? — UPSET IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR UPSET: You are entitled to be upset. The woman to whom you are married

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appears to live by a double standard. If you want to spend your life under her thumb and looking the other way while she may or may not cheat on you, I can't stop you. But the person who should be talking to a counselor is not her. She's living her life exactly the way she wants. The person who should be receiving counseling is you, because if your marriage were a happy one,



you wouldn't have found it necessary to write to me.

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DEAR ABBY: A friend invited me to his birthday dinner at a popular restaurant. I got him a nice bottle of wine and a small book as a gift. There were 10 people at the table. One person had flown in from Chicago; another from L.A.

After we'd eaten and were conversing, the birthday boy excused himself. While he was gone, the waiter presented the bill, and it was then made clear that the rest of us were expected to pay for his birthday celebration. Split amongst us, it came to \$99 each.

I put it on my credit card without comment; however, I was taken aback. I would never invite friends and then expect them to

pay. I bounced this off a couple of other friends. Both said it was unacceptable behavior. What is your opinion? Am I unaware of this as a social norm? — STUNNED IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR STUNNED: If this has become a social norm, I am as unaware as you are. When guests are invited to a celebration, it is the host's responsibility to treat them UNLESS IT IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE INVITATION IS ISSUED THAT EVERYONE WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR THE MEAL. The next time this person invites you somewhere, make sure to ask whether you will be splitting the bill. That way there will be no surprises.

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DEAR ABBY: I am one of

those unfortunate people who has loud, violent sneezes. When I'm at home, it is no problem, but how do I keep them quiet when I'm out or at work?

Stifling them hurts my back and stomach muscles. — SNEEZY IN NEW YORK

DEAR SNEEZY: It may not be healthy to stifle a sneeze. Because you know you are prone to this, keep a handkerchief at the ready, which may muffle some of the sound.

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

Community Calendar

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

Saturday
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call

(260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For

more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS

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

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Unit-

ed Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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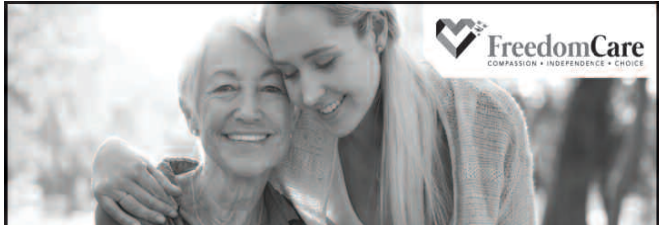
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Enough is enough. With two people now dead in Minneapolis, it’s time for everyone involved to do what’s necessary to defuse the tension and to avoid further tragedy.

On Saturday, ICE agents shot and killed 37-year-old Alex Pretti, an intensive care nurse who was involved in a protest and became embroiled in a confrontation with immigration officers. Federal officials said Pretti had “violently resisted” and was armed with a gun — although the former was not confirmed by video and the latter is not illegal. The death comes three weeks after the shooting by

Guest Editorial

an ICE agent of Renee Good during a similar protest in Minneapolis.

Obstructing or hindering law enforcement officials carrying out their duties is against the law, and those who engage in such behavior deserve to be prosecuted. Anti-ICE protesters have a constitutional right to peacefully express their displeasure with immigration raids, but that

doesn’t include engaging in violent or destructive behavior.

Yet it doesn’t help the cause of federal immigration enforcement to have ICE agents involved in two fatal shootings in a matter of weeks in the same city. Instead, the deadly tragedies highlight an immediate need for strategies that reduce tensions, mitigate potential violence and increase cooperation between federal and local agencies.

There were hopeful signs Monday. After a conversation with Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, President Donald Trump took a conciliatory tone. “It was a very good call, and we, actually, seemed to be on a similar wavelength,” Trump wrote on social media. A

statement from Walz’s office revealed that the president “agreed to look into reducing the number of federal agents in Minnesota and working with the state in a more coordinated fashion on immigration enforcement regarding violent criminals.”

Trump ran on a platform of aggressively enforcing immigration laws, particularly in regard to those here illegally who have committed other crimes. Many American voters were understandably frustrated with the Biden administration’s de facto open border policy, which, the Pew Research Center reports, led to a record number of illegal immigrants in the country.

But even many supporters of

the White House’s agenda will have second thoughts as a result of these repeated human tragedies. And that carries significant political risks for the Trump administration as the midterm elections near. A recent New York Times/Siena poll found that, while Trump had the support of a majority of respondents on his handling of the border with Mexico, 61 percent of those polled say ICE tactics have “gone too far.”

Trump and Walz must work toward cooperative efforts to stabilize the situation in Minneapolis and to investigate both deadly shootings. Now is not the time for continued provocations.

Offer child care instead of threats

By KATE SCHUETT

OtherWords

I’m a kindergarten teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota, working hard and contributing to the diverse community I love. But with two children, it’s hard getting by in this precarious time — now exacerbated by terror in our streets.

Even before internet personalities drummed up a race-baiting controversy over child care centers, finding quality, affordable child care was difficult. I visited many centers and applied for assistance through Minnesota’s Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), which is funded by the federal government. Despite being eligible, I was repeatedly denied.

Tuition was out of reach — and so was financial assistance.

This is part and parcel of our country’s affordability crisis. The costs of child care, health care, adequate nutrition, and other basic needs just keep growing, but struggling families frequently fail to qualify for public programs because of red tape or other requirements to make sure recipients are “poor enough.”

But if we can’t afford these necessities, what difference does it make?

Nationally, child care costs exceed public college tuition in 38 states, according to the Economic Policy Institute. In Minnesota, it costs \$23,000 annually for infants and nearly \$18,000 for preschoolers, making it the third most expensive state for child care. I’d have to make twice my current salary to make ends meet, yet most safety net services are unavailable to me.

Thankfully, after my case was transferred to a new county worker, I was eventually approved for CCAP and got my child into a good center. I was so grateful and relieved. But the relief didn’t last.

A few weeks ago, I was playing board games with my kids on the living room floor when I got an email that shocked me. President Trump had frozen federal funding — including my son’s funding — to child care centers in Minnesota.

A deceptive, politically motivated YouTube video went viral alleging benefit fraud in Minnesota’s child care system. The video’s specific claims have since been debunked, but Trump

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still froze federal child care and family assistance funding for Minnesota and four other states — including California, Colorado, Illinois, and New York — and launched a vicious assault on Minnesota’s immigrant communities.

We all want our tax dollars to be used responsibly, and real fraud in public programs should be rooted out. But punishing families like mine in partisan battles like these is cruel, collective punishment. What’s most important is that eligible families receive their benefits.

How would I pay my son’s tuition, I wondered? Would they kick him out tomorrow? What about my job? Would I lose our apartment? It was overwhelming — and I know parents across all five states were feeling the same.

Soon after, a federal judge ordered the funds released pending further investigation. I can breathe a little easier for now, but I still worry about what comes next.

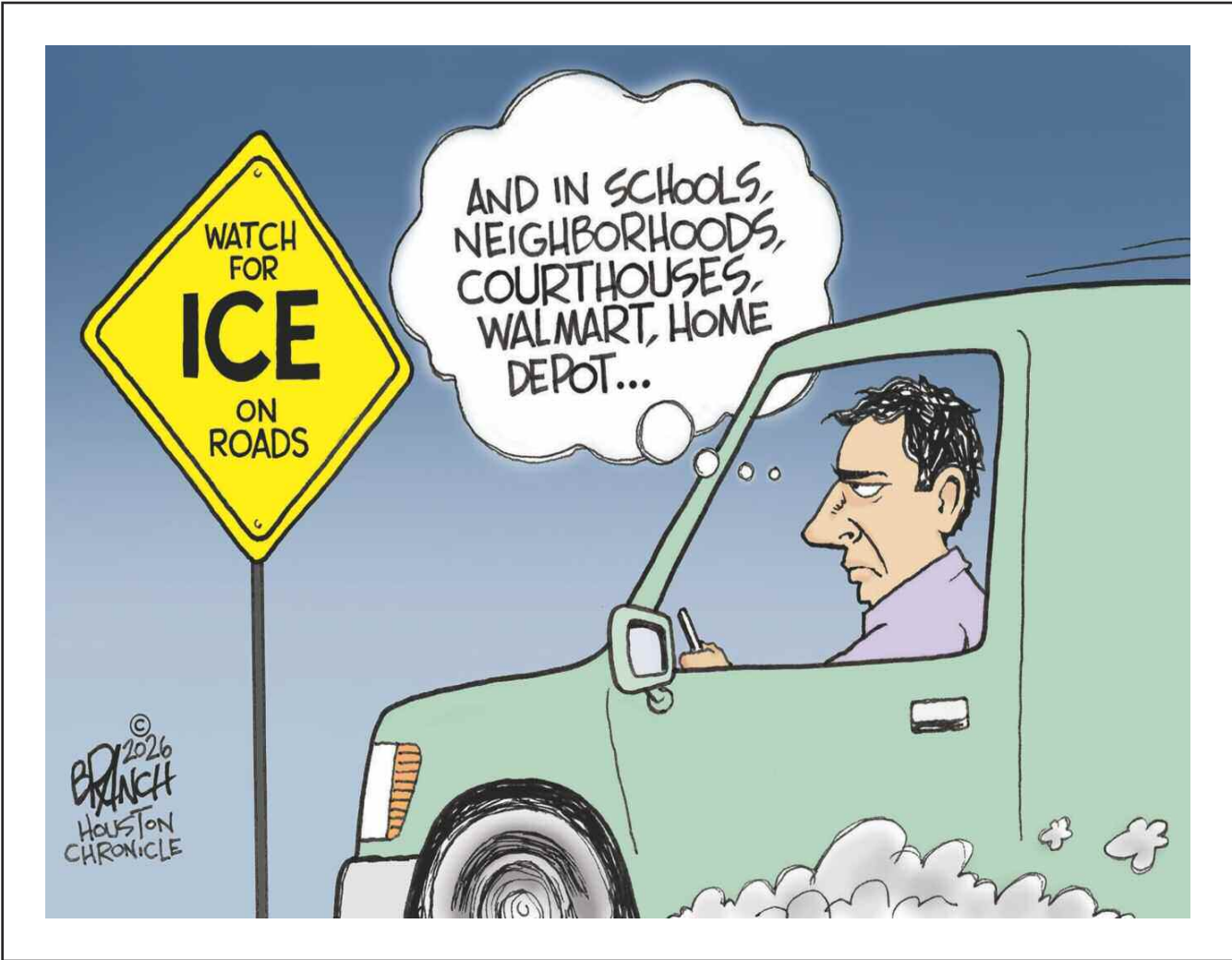
Child care funding in the U.S. has long been insufficient for the need. Apparently, conservatives want people to work more hours, but don’t want them to have child care. They want people to have more babies, but they refuse to fund the necessary support for families.

Instead, they’ve been taking money from programs that support families, like Medicaid and SNAP, and shoveling it into tax cuts for the wealthy and into entities like ICE, which is wreaking havoc in our streets.

We should prioritize supporting families and children by providing safe, high-quality, and free early childhood education and child care, as New Mexico has done. Then our children can get the best start in life — and parents can go to work.

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Faith should be your concern

By JOHN KRULL

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The religious right sure knows how to bite the hand that feeds it.

The usual suspects here in Indiana — the Indiana Family Institute, etc. — managed to push a bill through the Indiana House of Representatives that would allow the 10 Commandments to be posted in Indiana classrooms. Aided and abetted by their typical accomplices — Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and Indiana Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith — the folks pushing this ill-advised notion originally wanted to require that the decalogue be posted and have teachers read it aloud.

They didn’t get that.

As it stands now, the bill that emerged from the House will merely allow the posting of the 10 Commandments in Hoosier classrooms without verbal commentary or instruction from Indiana teachers.

Unless the Indiana Senate performs its historic role of granting bad ideas such as this one a quiet and merciful death or Gov. Mike Braun chooses to veto it, the bill is bound to trigger a lawsuit.

That won’t bother the bill’s backers.

Rokita loves wasting taxpayer money on frivolous litigation as much as he does in engaging in petty, personal vendettas. He also savors any opportunity to bask in right-wing media attention — “I’m ready for my closeup, Mr. Murdoch” — so this is the equivalent of a glutton’s all-you-can-eat night at the local buffet for our attorney general.

Beckwith has similar needs. He begins every day by running law, history and logic through a blender to concoct more snake oil for him to sell and uses slick hustles like this one to help build a crowd to hear his pitch.

The Indiana Family Institute, like many extremist organizations on both ends of the spectrum, needs endless fights to keep funds flowing in.

John Krull



They will strive to fill the coffers on this one.

So, all the players have reasons to try to undermine the First Amendment and the United States’ historic opposition to government endorsements of religion.

But still....

One would hope that they might realize that the very constitutional protections they are attacking are the barricades that have allowed religious faith not just to survive but thrive in this country.

During the 20th century and for much of the 21st century, Americans have attended places of worship with greater regularity and more faithfully than the citizens of almost any other industrialized nation.

In part, that’s because the United States erected a wall between church and state earlier than other such nations and maintained it more effectively.

Put simply, one reason we Americans historically have been more devout than the citizens of other industrialized nations is that we have prevented government from telling us how to worship and to whom we must pray.

The mouthpieces for the religious right like to argue that this practice of disestablishmentarianism — the fancy term for keeping government out of religion — was devised by agnostics, atheists and secular humanists to chase God out of the public square.

They’re wrong about that.

The trend to prevent the state from endorsing, promoting or establishing

any faith over either other faiths or no faith at all has its roots in the Reformation.

One central thrust of the great historic event that established Protestantism and prodded the Catholic Church to a more democratic structure — please note the small “d” — was a belief that one’s relationship with God was intimate and individual.

From that premise — one that created new faith traditions and shook the established one to its core — it was a short leap to the notion that no one should be able to compel people to worship in ways they do not wish to. The fresh revelation from that epoch was that one’s conscience was one’s own concern, not that of any entrenched power structure.

That included government and government officials, such as our endlessly scrambling and scheming lieutenant governor and attorney general.

By pushing to enlist the state to support expressions of faith, Rokita, Beckwith and the Indiana Family Institute work to weaken one of the pillars of free and enthusiastic religious practice. Without those pillars, careers and lives such as theirs wouldn’t have been possible.

Their short-sighted push might be merely ironic if the stakes weren’t so high.

They can trade away their own right to worship as they wish if they want to, but they shouldn’t be able to put everyone else’s on the block while they do so.

Your faith and your conscience should be your worry.

Not theirs.

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: ONLINE APP SHOWING
THE LOCATIONS OF FOLKS WHO ARE CURRENTLY
CATCHING FORTY WINKS: GOOGLE NAPS.
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: D equals O

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to basketball.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(hint: 20 = o)

A. 14 20 20 8 13
Clue: Another name for basketball

B. 1 20 11 4 3
Clue: Place to play basketball

C. 4 12 2 20 11 6 24
Clue: Bounce back

D. 2 5 13 17 12 3
Clue: Place for ball

BASKETBALL WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

ASSIST
BACKBOARD
BASELINE
CLOCK
COURT
CROSSOVER
DEFENSE
DRIBBLE
DUNK
FOUL
FREE THROW
JUMP SHOT
LAY-UP
OFFENSE
PIVOT
REBOUND
SCREEN
SHOT
SUBSTITUTION
THREE-POINTER
TIMEOUT
TIPOFF
TRAVELING
TURNOVER

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

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 35 Alex Haley book
4 Relaxing address
8 Grit
12 Neck rub location
13 Poi base gone by
14 Manitoba play
15 Freezer cubes
16 Advocacy org.
17 Authen- tic
18 Reversal in attitude
21 “Of course”
22 Hardly any
23 Ebbed
26 Layer
27 Micro- wave
30 Latin 101 word
31 Nemesis
32 Broadway flop
33 Fan’s shout
34 Auction action

DOWN 20 “Yo!”
23 Armed conflict
24 Docs’ org.
25 “Unh- unh”
26 Group of seals
27 Menag- erie
28 Invoice fig.
29 “Nova” airer
31 Stinging insect
32 Fore- shadow
34 Huge
35 Come- dian Joan Sam
36 Golf great
37 Pursuing
38 Printer’s blue
39 Nozzle site
40 Singer India.—
41 Draft status
42 Pleasing
43 Diamond heads?
44 Lawman Wyatt

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday’s answer 1-31

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Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Beantown queries

1) What actor played a farmboy from Indiana who became a bartender in Boston in “Cheers”?

2) What Boston Red Sox player holds the MLB record for unassisted double plays by an outfielder?

1) Woody Harrelson
2) Tim Lincecum

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to basketball.

H O S T O

Answers: A. hoops B. court C. rebound D. basket

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in New York on January 25, 1981. I studied Mozart and Chopin as a youth, and graduated from the Professional Performing Arts School. I became the first singer to receive five Grammy Awards at once after releasing my debut album.

Answer: Alicia Keys

Health FACT!

Getting organized can help reduce this, which is good for personal health.

Answer: Stress

How they say that in...

English: Clutter
Spanish: Desorden
Italian: Disordine
French: Désordre
German: Unordnung

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Clubbed into submission

West dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 8 5
♥ 8 6 3
♦ J 2
♣ Q 7 5 4

WEST
♠ J 2
♥ A 10 4 2
♦ K Q 10 7 3
♣ 10 3

EAST
♠ 10 4
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ 8 6 5 4
♣ K 9 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q 7 6 3
♥ K 7
♦ A 9
♣ A J 6 2

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

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The most successful declarers are those who constantly seek ways to improve on their chances. This holds true no matter how good or bad the final contract might be.

Take this case where South starts out as a slight favorite to make four spades. If East has the heart ace or the singleton or doubleton king of clubs, 10 tricks are a virtual certainty.

When the deal occurred, South won the king of diamonds with the ace, cashed the A-K of trump and exited with the diamond jack to West’s queen. This forced West to return a club or a heart, both

apparently beneficial to declarer’s cause.

However, after West returned the ten of clubs to South’s jack, declarer found he had not materially improved his position. He tried playing the ace and another club, but East won with the king and returned a heart to set the contract one trick.

Declarer was a bit unlucky to fail on this line of play, but he should have done better. When he led a diamond at trick four, he already knew that West had started with the K-Q of diamonds and jack of spades; West therefore could not hold both the ace of hearts and king of clubs, since he had passed originally. Consequently, at least one of these two cards had to be in East’s hand.

To cater to the main threat to his contract — that East has the club king and West the heart ace — South should lead a club to the jack at trick four. If the finesse loses, East becomes marked with the ace of hearts.

In the actual case, though, the club finesse wins. Declarer then cashes the ace of clubs before exiting with a diamond. West wins with the queen but must either concede a heart to South’s king or lead a diamond, allowing South to ruff in dummy while discarding a heart from his hand, and the game is home.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 4 2
♥ J 6 4
♦ 10 7 5 4 3
♣ A K 6

WEST
♠ A K Q 8 7 3
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ 2

EAST
♠ 10 6 5
♥ K 2
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ 9 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ J 9
♥ A Q 9 7
♦ A 9
♣ Q J 10 7 4

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♣ 1 ♠
Dble. Pass 3 ♥
Pass 3 ♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

France won the 1992 World Team Olympiad, handily defeating the United States in the 96-board final. Oddly enough, the deal that contributed most to the French cause came not in the final, but in its quarterfinal match against Denmark. Going into the last hand of that 64-board match, the Danes led by 2 IMPs. The deal shown then occurred, and the outcome hung in the balance.

When a Danish pair held the East-West cards, they reached three spades and made nine tricks, seemingly an excellent result. The auction shown occurred at the other

table, with Knut and Lars Blakset of Denmark seated North-South.

The Blaksets bid aggressively to reach three hearts. If South made three hearts or went down one, the Danes would win the match. Even if declarer went down two for a loss of 2 IMPs, the match would be tied, with a short playoff to follow. Only if he went down three could the match be lost.

West cashed two spades and then shifted to the king of diamonds. At this point, declarer could have made the contract by taking the ace, crossing to dummy with a club, leading a heart to the queen and cashing the A-J of hearts. South could then run clubs until West ruffed in, losing only that trick and a diamond to go with the two spades already lost.

But Lars Blakset let the diamond king hold, after which West reverted to spades. Declarer ruffed in dummy, discarding a club, and led the heart jack, covered by the king and ace. If he had now cashed the heart queen and then started running clubs, he would have gone down one and won the match.

Instead, Blakset played a club to the ace and led a heart to the nine. Curtains! West won with the ten and returned a spade, forcing declarer to ruff and lose control of the hand. When the smoke cleared, Blakset was down three and the French had scored a 2-IMP victory.

Tomorrow: The art of visualization.

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2-2 CRYPTOQUIP

RYN ENYDAKNZ IZNB OXL SXEDQP
NVRLNSNKG YNUEG WXVNZ
ULXIQB DQ U WUAXQ-SUJDQP
CKUQR ULN CXLJ-KDORZ.
Saturday’s Cryptoquip: IF TALENT SHOW
CREATOR COWELL OPENED A FOOTWEAR SHOP,
HE COULD NAME IT “SIMON AND SHOE-STORE.”
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: P equals G

What’s the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A

B

Answers: 1. Baskets on bottom 2. Teapot on second left shelf 3. Different basket on top center 4. Labels are missing on white bags

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

JAN 28

1813: Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice” is first published in the UK.

1878: “Yale Daily News” becomes the first independent daily college newspaper in the United States.

1915: An act of Congress creates the United States Coast Guard.

NEW WORD

NEAT

arranged in a tidy way

Did You Know?

Creating a folder structure with logical names and using consistent names for individual files can help organize computer content.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Closet shelves

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

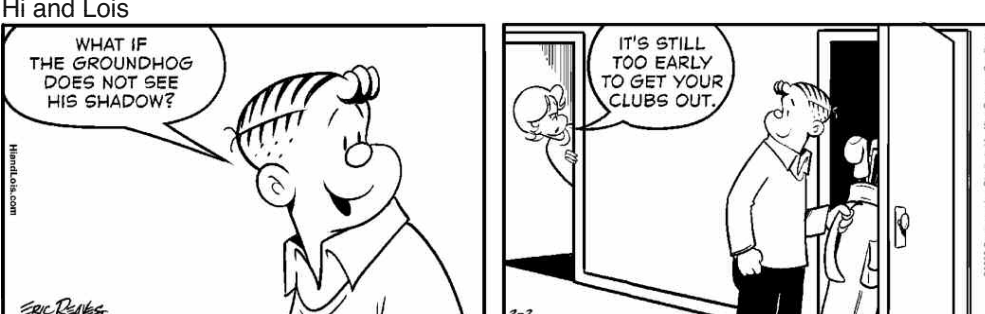
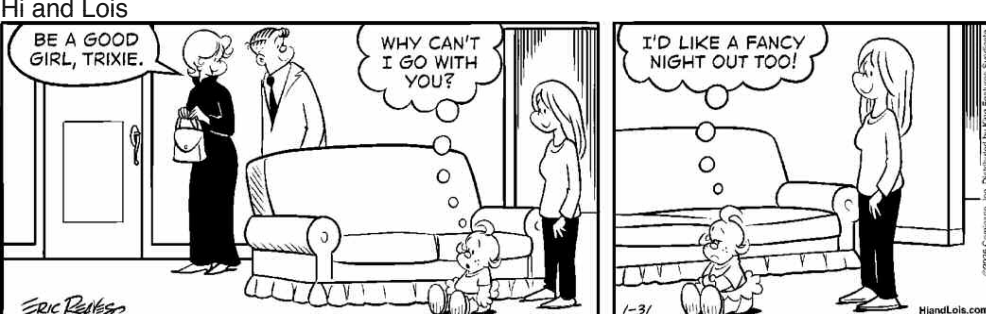
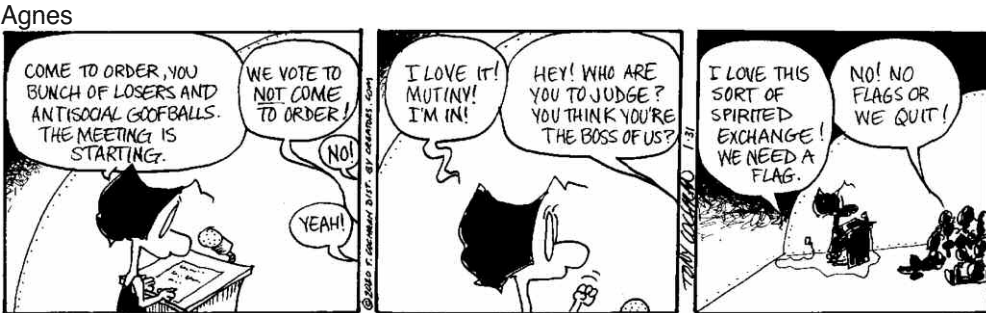
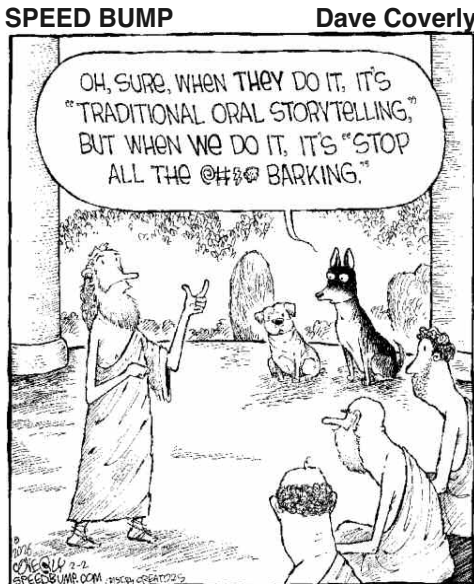
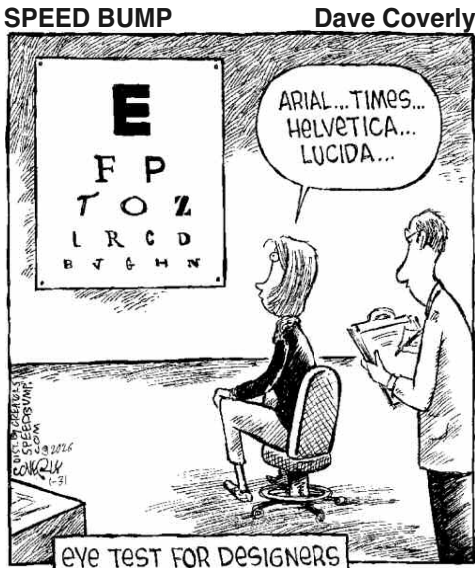
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36 Knightley of “Atone- ment”

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27 Indent key
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30 Fr. holy women
32 A Great Lake
34 Brewski
37 Order of business
39 South- western cuisine
42 Pudding utensil
44 Goal
45 Mogadi- shu-born super- model
46 “Peter Pan” pooch
50 MSNBC alter- native
51 Farm female
52 Aye undoer
53 Mao — tung

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday’s answer 2-2

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Laughter

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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Four in a row

Tribe keeps streak alive with comeback against New Knoxville

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review
FORT RECOVERY — The Indians lost their leading scorer 54 seconds into their game.

The Tribe did just enough to keep things close at the intermission. Then the second half adjustments found just the right ways to attack the Rangers and claim control of the game.

Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team overcame an injury to Bridget Homan to beat the New Knoxville Rangers 44-37 on Thursday for its fourth straight victory.

"It feels awesome the way that our team was able to dig themselves out a hole they got themselves into early," said FRHS coach Tyler Dietsch. "Obviously, Bridget going down early in the game was a bit of a change of game plan for us and we had to adjust. We kept things within reach going into halftime and made offensive and defensive adjustments. ...

"It was awesome for our girls to be able to grit out a game that we lose our leading scorer and we need some girls to step up. All the way around, I felt we did a great job of that."

Homan, who averages a team-high 10.4 points per game, went down at 7:06 in the first quarter with an apparent knee injury.

Even without their offensive leader, the Indians (6-12, 2-5 Midwest Athletic Conference) weathered the storm to only be down 25-19 at halftime, when they went back into the locker room to talk things over.

Coming out of the locker room, the Indians made an effort to attack the paint, while also pulling their forwards up to the high post in a horns set.

That horns set is exactly what the Tribe needed to take the lead early in the fourth quarter.

On the first possession of the final period, Makenna Huelskamp entered the ball into Cameron Muhlenkamp on the right elbow. The FRHS junior faked a handoff with Huelskamp before turning to drive toward the rim. Rather than trying to rise over Avery Albers, Muhlenkamp turned to fire the ball to Maddie Schoenlein just inside the left side of the arc for a jumper to tie the game at 33-33.

The next time down the floor, Huelskamp again entered the ball to Muhlenkamp and ran off for a fake handoff. Muhlenkamp held the ball just long enough for Huelskamp to receive a pindown screen from Paisley Hart before tossing it to a lifting Kayla Gaerke, who delivered the assist to Huelskamp to take the 36-33 lead.

"A big part of it was, as I was in the high post, at some points I'd pass it out and some points I'd take it



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Fort Recovery High School junior Maddie Schoenlein fires up a three over the contest of New Knoxville's Keira Wellman during Thursday's 44-37 win. Schoenlein stepped up offensively for nine points, including six in the fourth quarter, after leading scorer Bridget Homan went down with an injury in the first.

to the basket," Muhlenkamp said. "So just making it so that they didn't know what I was going to do next and then knowing my teammates, knowing where they were going to be and getting them the pass that they needed to score."

Huelskamp led FRHS with 15 points and Muhlenkamp followed with nine and two assists. Schoenlein also put up nine points, including the dagger 3-pointer with 1:56 remaining.

The Albers sisters led New Knoxville (3-15, 1-6

MAC) with 83.8% of the team's points. Avery Albers led the Rangers with 16, while Addison Albers had 15 on 7-of-10 from the field.

While both Rangers had success, neither did particularly well without the other on the floor. That became a problem in the second half as Addison Albers dealt with foul trouble. She picked up her second foul 23 seconds into the second quarter, got tagged with her third within a minute of starting the second half and was saddled with a fourth with 2:21

remaining in the third. She fouled out with 2:21 left in the game by setting an illegal screen.

"Addie Albers going out with her fifth foul with three minutes left, that hurt us for sure," said NKHS coach Alivia Koenig. "Avery definitely feeds off Addie. (Addie) is the older sister, so I think (Avery) pushes herself to be like her. When she's not on the floor I think she thinks she's not as big of a threat as when her sister's on the floor."

Outside of the Albers, only Keira Wellman man-

aged to score for New Knoxville. She had four points at the rim and two more from the free throw line. The rest of the Rangers shot 0-of-8 from the field.

The Indians didn't give up a single 3-pointer on 11 attempts and even had Schoenlein and Kayla Gaerke block a pair of deep shots. After Gaerke's block, Fort Recovery managed to come down the floor and the freshman hit a long 2-pointer as time expired in the third quarter.

"Kayla was able to make some big timely plays and

Box score				
New Knoxville Rangers at Fort Recovery Indians				
Girls varsity summary				
New Knoxville (3-15, 1-6 MAC)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Bambauer	0-3	0-0	0	
Webb	0-3	0-0	0	
AvAlbers	6-16	4-5	16	
Wellman	2-5	2-2	6	
AdAlbers	7-10	1-2	15	
Gottschalk	0-2	0-0	0	
Metzger	0-0	0-0	0	
Totals	15-39	7-9	37	
	.385	.778		
Def. Rebound percentage: .583				
Fort Recovery (6-12, 2-5 MAC)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Muhlenkamp	4-6	1-5	9	
Gaerke	2-3	0-0	5	
Hart	1-6	3-4	5	
Schoenlein	3-9	1-4	9	
Tobe	0-1	0-0	0	
Huelskamp	4-6	6-6	15	
Homan	0-0	0-0	0	
Schmitz	0-3	1-2	1	
Huntsman	0-0	0-0	0	
Totals	14-34	12-21	44	
	.412	.571		
Def. Rebound percentage: .560				
Score by quarters:				
N. Knox.	12	13	8	4 — 37
Ft. Rec.	11	8	12	13 — 44
3-point shooting:				
New Knoxville	0-11	(Wellman 0-1, Webb 0-2, Gottschalk 0-2, Bambauer 0-3, AvAlbers 0-3).	Fort Recovery	4-15 (Schoenlein 2-7, Gaerke 1-1, Huelskamp 1-3, Muhlenkamp 0-1, Tobe 0-1, Hart 0-2).
Rebounds:				
New Knoxville	25	(AvAlbers 8, Wellman 6, AdAlbers 4, Team 4, Bambauer, Webb, Gottschalk).	Fort Recovery	24 (Team 6, Gaerke 4, Huelskamp 4, Tobe 3, Muhlenkamp 2, Hart 2, Schoenlein 2, Schmitz).
Assists:				
New Knoxville	6	(AvAlbers 2, Wellman 2, AdAlbers 2).	Fort Recovery	5 (Muhlenkamp 2, Hart 2, Gaerke).
Blocks:				
New Knoxville	3	(AvAlbers, AdAlbers).	Fort Recovery	3 (Gaerke, Hart, Schoenlein).
Personal fouls:				
New Knoxville	19	(AdAlbers 5, Webb 4, AvAlbers 4, Wellman 4, Bambauer, Metzger).	Fort Recovery	15 (Huelskamp 4, Hart 3, Schoenlein 3, Tobe 2, Muhlenkamp, Gaerke, Schmitz).
Turnovers:				
New Knoxville	22.		Fort Recovery	18.

use her long arms to get a deflection whether if it's on a shot or pass," Dietsch said. "Maddie Schoenlein was able to do the same thing for us to make some big defensive plays. ... Then Paisley Hart as well, she had the task of guarding Paige Webb. She's one of the leading 3-point shooters in the area and she wasn't able to score tonight."

Fort Recovery lost its first nine games of the season before getting back-to-back victories against Preble Shawnee and Graham Local. The Indians then slid backwards for three more losses, but have built a four-game winning streak with four regular season games remaining.

"It's really important for the girls to be able to see wins," Dietsch said. "It's really come a long way. ... It's good to have a little bit of a streak, especially going into the tournament. As of right now, we're climbing up the ranks in our district. Every win helps us get a better seed and a little bit better draw and once you get into it, anything can happen."

Jay outscores Heritage total in one quarter

MONROEVILLE — The Patriots aren't taking a day off.

Four players scored in double figures to elevate the Jay County High School girls basketball team over the Heritage Patriots 76-21 to close out the regular season on Thursday.

Jay County (15-7, 5-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) eclipsed Heritage's total score in each of the first two quarters, while the home team managed just 10 points by the intermission.

Hallie Schwieterman led the way for JCHS with 23 points, all of which came in the first half. Elizabeth Brunswick, Karsyn Schwieterman and Natalie May all reached double-digit points as well with 14, 12 and 10, respectively.

Raylah Newton and Claudia Dirksen both added six points apiece while Charlee Peters had three and Alivia Schwieterman hit her third bucket of the season.

Olivia Lybarger led Heritage (6-12, 0-6 ACAC) with five points, all of which came at the free throw line. Elise Hissong was

Jay County Roundup

the only player from HHS to hit more than one field goal (she had four points).

Jay County will get a break over the weekend before facing off with New Castle in the sectional opener on Tuesday.

Jay finishes strong

Only one event was dropped between the Jay County swim teams as they clobbered the Marion Giants on Thursday's regular season finale.

The girls team racked up 219 points, while the Giants could only manage 57. The Patriot boys came up just short of a 100-point victory over Marion in a 185-89 victory. Between both teams, JCHS claimed 23 of the 24 events.

Three boys and three girls walked away with two victories

apiece. On the girls side, Brooklyn Byrum (100-yard freestyle and 100 breaststroke), Elly Byrum (200 individual medley and 100 butterfly) and Maria Laux (50 freestyle and 100 backstroke) all had two wins, while Cooper Glentzer (100 freestyle and 100 backstroke), Grady Warvel (200 freestyle and 100 butterfly) and Carson Westgerdes (200 IM and 50 freestyle) all finished first twice for the boys.

Other first-place finishes for the Patriot girls (8-2) came from Ariel Beiswanger in the 200 freestyle (2 minutes, 19.34 seconds), Gillian Keller in the 1-meter diving (127.95 points) and Kali Wendle in the 500 freestyle (6:17.62). The remaining wins for the boys team (4-6) came from Bryden Carter in the diving (163.00) and Lincoln Clamme in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.87).

JCHS won all six relays.

The girls will host the sectional prelims on Feb. 5 with the finals to follow on Feb. 7. The boys will have an extra two weeks off before the prelims on Feb. 19 and finals on Feb. 21.

Jay rolls Warriors

The Jay County Junior High School boys basketball teams rolled through the Woodlan Warriors in the first round of the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament on Thursday.

The eighth graders gave the Warriors no breathing room in a 48-8 victory. Finn Hemmeln led Jay County with 13 points, followed by Abram Lee with eight and Job Dirksen with six.

Also scoring for the Patriots were Jaylen Brown (four points), Roman Clamme (four), Lyle Beiswanger (three), Dillon Dunnington (two), Angelo Kato (two), Jensen Edwards (two), Jade Westgerdes (two) and Bentley Comer (two).

The seventh grade team pulled out a 44-15 victory.

Carter May's eight points topped the Patriots' offense, while Sawyer Smitley and Benson Collins had six apiece. Other scorers for Jay County were Cruz Darby (five), Ryker Price (four), Beckham Hough (four), Mason Paxson (three),

Ethan Paxson (three), Parker Wasson (two) and Carson Pfeifer (two).

Girls grit it out

WOODBURN — The Jay County Junior High School girls basketball teams won a pair of low-scoring games over the Woodlan Warriors in the first round of the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament on Thursday.

The eighth graders claimed a 19-16 victory. Boo Towel fueled the Patriots with 12 points, while Arabella Link added four. Kinze Homan put Jay County over the top with two points and Brenna Weitzel added one as well.

The seventh graders won with a little more cushion at 34-16.

Gretchen Petro was Jay County's leading scorer with 13 points and Hailey Comer added seven.

Adalee Rigby, Makenna Wellman and Kendall Farr all put up four points for the Patriots, while Evie Skirvin added two.



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“That’s the best basketball team we’ve played all year, with their length and skill,” Teagle said. “And they’re well coached. Tyler does a great job with them. I’m just disappointed with my group because I felt that we just panicked in the last minute. ... But that’s on me. I need to make sure that we play with poise and don’t panic in those situations.”

Barnett’s defense also played a key role in the first half. Prior to the junior subbing in, White found ways to attract extra Patriot defenders before kicking the ball for four first-quarter 3-pointers. (Bluffton moved the ball well all

night, recording 11 assists on 15 made field goals.)

But Barnett played strong enough defense both on and off the ball to keep White from setting up his teammates or scoring himself as the game went on.

“I was just keeping my eyes on him,” Barnett said. “I was hot on the ball, but I wasn’t letting him go anywhere. I kept him outside the middle and that’s what coach wanted.”

His defense slowed the Tigers down throughout the second quarter to help the Patriots go on a 13-0 run.

While the defense was impor-

tant, the Patriots’ offense also settled in. Rather than rushing shots early in possessions, they ran their motion and attacked the basket on set plays to get easy buckets.

“We give them information, take what we see, feed it to them and they have to digest it,” Rigby said. “They did such a good job. ... We didn’t have the normal prep time for this game, so there were things I had in my brain that I hadn’t communicated with them. We did it on the fly and they answered things as good as I could have asked with no preparation.”

Junior varsity

The Patriots let a late lead slip

away in the fourth quarter en route to a 45-41 double overtime loss on Friday.

Samuel Wiggins and Nick Snow led JCHS with 15 points apiece, but only managed six in the overtime periods.

Brody Collins followed with eight points, Paul Dirksen had a bucket in the first quarter and Tyler Wasson scored his lone point from the charity stripe in the second overtime.

Reid Abbott matched Snow and Wiggins with 15 points to lead the Tigers. Gibson Grieser and Rafe Gerber both hit double digits for Bluffton with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Box score

Jay County Patriots
at Bluffton Tigers

Boys varsity summary

Jay County (12-2, 4-0 ACAC)

	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Overton	2-7	0-0	5
Comer	5-11	2-2	15
Barnett	0-1	1-2	1
Forthofer	3-5	0-0	6
Phillips	1-2	3-4	5
Swoveland	4-13	5-5	13
Sommers	1-2	0-0	2
Totals	16-41	11-13	47
	.390	.846	

Def. Rebound percentage: .538

Bluffton (11-4, 5-1 ACAC)

	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Gerber	1-3	0-0	3
Kistler	0-1	0-0	0
MaxWhite	5-10	0-0	13
GGrieser	2-7	1-2	5
Morgan	2-3	0-1	4
DGrieser	3-7	1-1	8
MadWhite	2-10	1-2	6
Totals	15-41	3-6	39
	.366	.500	

Def. Rebound percentage: .731

Score by quarters:

Jay Co.	7	14	10	16—47
Bluffton	14	2	13	10—39

3-point shooting:

Jay County 4-14 (Comer 3-6, Overton 1-3, Barnett 0-1, Swoveland 0-4). Bluffton 6-14 (MaxWhite 3-6, Gerber 1-1, DGrieser 1-3, MadWhite 1-4).

Rebounds:

Jay County 21 (Swoveland 6, Phillips 5, Forthofer 3, Overton 2, Comer 2, Barnett 2, Sommers). Bluffton 31 (GGrieser, DGrieser 5, MaxWhite 4, Morgan 4, Team 4, Gerber 3, MadWhite 2, Kistler).

Assists:

Jay County 7 (Overton 2, Comer 2, Barnett, Swoveland, Sommers). Bluffton 11 (MadWhite 6, MaxWhite 2, DGrieser 2).

Blocks:

Jay County 7 (Forthofer 2, Phillips 2, Comer, Swoveland, Sommers). Bluffton 2 (MaxWhite, GGrieser).

Personal fouls:

Jay County 11 (Swoveland 4, Comer 2, Barnett 2, Overton, Forthofer, Sommers). Bluffton 18 (Gerber 5, GGrieser 5, Kistler 2, MaxWhite 2, DGrieser 2, Morgan, MadWhite).

Turnovers:

Jay County 4. Bluffton 13.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Boys wrestling hosts sectional — 8:30 a.m.; Boys basketball vs. Blackford — 6:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys bowling vs. Fort Loramie — 9 a.m.; Girls bowling vs. Fort Loramie — 9 a.m.; Wrestling at Vandalia Butler — 9 a.m.; Swim in St. Henry Invite at Celina YMCA — 11 a.m.; Boys basketball at Dixie — 6 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball in seventh grade MAC tournament at Marion Local — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball in eighth grade MAC tournament at St. John’s — 5 p.m.

Monday

Jay County — Freshman boys basketball at New Castle — 6 p.m.; Junior High girls basketball in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball in Allen County Athletic Conference tournament vs. Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Monroe Central — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys bowling vs. Ansonia at McBo’s Lanes — 4 p.m.; Girls bowling vs. Ansonia at McBo’s Lanes — 4 p.m.; Girls basketball vs. Celina — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Versailles — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at Versailles — 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Girls basketball sectional opener vs. New Castle at Yorktown — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Swim vs. Celina/Greenville at South Adams — 6 p.m.; Wrestling at St. John’s — 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today

3 a.m. — Australian Open tennis women’s final (ESPN)

12 p.m. — College basketball: Duke at Virginia Tech (ESPN); Cincinnati at Houston (FOX); Texas Tech at UCF (ESPN2); Georgetown at Butler (TNT)

1 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at Detroit Red Wings (ABC)

1 p.m. — College basketball: San

Diego State at Utah State (CBS); DePaul at Xavier (FS1)

1 p.m. — College hockey: Michigan State at Penn State (BTN)

2 p.m. — College basketball: Arizona at Arizona State (TNT); SMU at Georgia Tech (ESPN); Ohio State at Wisconsin (FOX); Texas at Oklahoma (ESPN2)

2:30 p.m. — College basketball: Saint Joseph’s at La Salle (USA)

3 p.m. — Premier League: Liverpool FC at Newcastle United (NBC)

3 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Colorado State at UNLV (ESPN)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Farmers Insurance Open (ESPN)

3:30 p.m. — NHL: New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)

4 p.m. — College basketball: Baylor at West Virginia (ESPN2)

4:30 p.m. — College basketball: BYU at Kansas (ESPN); Davidson at Richmond (USA)

5 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Oregon at Maryland (BTN)

6 p.m. — College basketball: Oklahoma State at Utah (ESPN2)

6:10 p.m. — NASCAR: Cook Out Clash (FS1)

6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Kentucky at Arkansas (ESPN); George Mason at St. Bonaventure (USA)

7 p.m. — NBA: Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)

8 p.m. — College basketball: UConn at Creighton (FOX); South Florida at Temple (ESPN2); Washington at Northwestern (BTN)

8:30 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets (FDSN Indiana)

8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Auburn at Tennessee (ESPN)

9:30 p.m. — College basketball: Colorado State at Wyoming (FS1)

10 p.m. — College basketball: Louisiana Tech at Sam Houston (ESPN2); St. Mary’s at Gonzaga (ESPN)

Sunday

3:30 p.m. — Australian Open tennis Final: Carlos Alcaraz vs. Novak Djokovic (ESPN)

9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Aston Villa at Brentford (USA)

12 p.m. — College basketball: Rhode Island at Duquesne (USA)

12 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Tennessee at UConn (FOX); Michigan at Michigan State (FS1)

12 p.m. — College wrestling: Ohio State at Michigan (BTN)

1 p.m. — College basketball: Purdue at Maryland (CBS); Alabama at Florida (ABC); Chattanooga at Furman (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Baylor at West Virginia (ESPN)

1 p.m. — LPGA Tour: Hilton GV Tournament of Champions (NBC)

2 p.m. — College basketball: Iowa State at Kansas State (FOX); TCU at Colorado (TNT)

2 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: TCU at Texas Tech (FS1); George Washington at Dayton (USA)

2 p.m. — College wrestling: Michigan State at Northwestern (BTN)

3 p.m. — College basketball: Tulane at Memphis (ESPN2)

3 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Oklahoma at Texas (ABC)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Farmers Insurance Open (CBS)

3:30 p.m. — NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics (ESPN)

4 p.m. — College basketball: Illinois at Nebraska (FS1)

4 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Iowa at UCLA (FOX)

5 p.m. — College gymnastics: Iowa State at Denver (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Illinois at Washington (FS1); Nebraska at Ohio State (BTN)

6 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out Clash at Bowman Gray Stadium (FOX)

6:30 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning (ESPN)

6:30 p.m. — LOVB volleyball: LOVB Madison at LOVB Houston (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at New York Knicks (NBC)

8 p.m. — College basketball: Iowa at Oregon (FS1)

9:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets (NBC)

9:30 p.m. — NHL: Vegas Golden Knights at Anaheim Ducks (ESPN)

Monday

3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Sunderland at Burnley (USA)

6 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: North Carolina at N.C. State (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — College basketball: Syracuse at North Carolina (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — Unrivaled basketball: Hive BC at Vinyl BC (TNT)

8 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: South Carolina at Texas A&M (ESPN2)

8:45 p.m. — Unrivaled basketball: Mist BC at Laces BC (TNT)

9 p.m. — College basketball: Kansas at Texas Tech (ESPN)

Tuesday

7 p.m. — NBA: Utah Jazz at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — College basketball: Ole Miss at Tennessee (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Islanders (TNT)

8 p.m. — NFL Pro Bowl (ESPN)

9 p.m. — College basketball: N.C. State at SMU (ESPN2)

9:30 p.m. — College basketball: Rutgers at UCLA (BTN)

10 p.m. — NHL: Seattle Kraken at Anaheim Ducks (TNT)

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Calm, controlled

Patriots adapt to pace, stay perfect in conference

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

BLUFFTON — The Tigers kept the game slow and forced the Patriots to play in the half court.

After a rough start, the visitors improved their shot selection and stepped up in big moments to pull away.

The Jay County High School boys basketball team played calm and under control down the stretch to remain perfect in Allen County Athletic Conference play on Friday night with a 47-39 victory over the Bluffton Tigers.

“We knew it was going to be a hard game to win,” said JCHS coach Tyler Rigby. “Anytime you play coach (Craig) Teagle, it’s going to be tough. I thought we responded really well to some adverse situations. Made some really big plays in big moments, which is what it was going to take.”

It was the Patriots’ 10th win in a row as they stayed perfect in the ACAC at 4-0 to keep their regular-season title hopes alive. At the same time, it knocked the Tigers (11-4, 5-1 ACAC) out of the top spot in the standings, leaving Heritage, which JCHS beat in the ACAC tournament, as the other undefeated team in conference play.

The game marked the first time Rigby matched up with his former coach. Teagle guid-

ed Rigby and the Patriots to the Class 3A state championship game in 2006.

“I don’t know if I want to start counting wins and losses against him, but it is good to get a win,” Rigby said. “It’s always tough to get a win against him because he’s so tough, so disciplined, coaches the game so well. You know what you’re going to get into. My whole staff knows what we’re going to get into. So to come out on top is always a good feeling.”

The Tigers gave Jay County (12-2, 4-0 ACAC) a run for their money as Maddox White knotted the game up at 33-33 with 3:54 remaining, while also saddling Gradin Swoveland, the game’s leading scorer to that point, with his fourth foul.

The Patriots stayed calm and continued to run their motion. On back-to-back possessions, the ball got swung to Jayden Comer on the wing. Center Kade Sommers came up to set a ball screen, getting Comer, who finished with a game-high 15 points, wide open for a pair of 3-pointers to go up 39-35.

Bluffton bounced back with a Gavin Grieser layup, but soon imploded. Swoveland pushed the margin back to two possessions with a pair of free throws and then Benson Barnett and Comer forced consecutive turnovers to extend the lead to eight points.

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Kade Sommers of the Jay County High School boys basketball team goes up for a wide-open layup off a pass from Jayden Comer during the Patriots’ 47-39 victory over Bluffton on Friday. Sommers played a key role in the late offense for the Patriots as he set a pair of screens to get Comer open beyond the arc to help pull away in the fourth quarter.

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Tribe beats NKHS in OT

NEW KNOXVILLE, Ohio — The Indians couldn't hold on to their lead in the fourth quarter.

They did just enough in overtime to fight off their hosts.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team eked out a 56-55 road victory after four extra minutes of play Friday night to stay in the top third of the Midwest Athletic Conference standings.

Up by one at the half, the Indians (10-6, 4-2 MAC) grabbed control of the game with an 18-point third quarter. New Knoxville fought back, limiting the visitors to six fourth-quarter points as it rallied to force the extra session.

Fort Recovery was able to pick up the win as Hudson Overman tallied half of its 10 overtime points.

Overman's overtime effort, which included a 3-pointer, capped a team-high 16-point evening. He did all of his scoring after the intermission.

Breaker Jutte added 14 points, and Brody Barga also reached double figures with 12.

The win kept Fort Recovery tied for third in the MAC with Versailles. Undefeated St. John's leads the conference, with Marion Local next at 12-1 overall and 5-1 in the league.

Parker Jones of the Rangers (7-9, 0-6) led all scorers with 15 points. Connor Hoge followed with 12 points, and Evan Fledderjohann added 10 points.