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Are you all sure about Schanz

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review Some people can really get down the rabbit hole when it comes to conspiracy theories.

Sometimes they are thinking too hard about years, basketball has something and finding returned. things that aren't there. Other times, they are looking at a problem too simplistically, creating a conspiracy theory out of ignorance. Other times problems may have legitimate questions that we simply don't know the answers to, and the creation of a theory is a way to cope with not having those answers.

I'm not here to judge people who believe in conspiracy theories. Quite frankly, the only person crazier than the conspiracy theorist is the person who thinks nothing ever holds any water.

It is my turn to be the conspiracy theorist.

So here it goes: Chris Schanz isn't a real person. He does not exist.

I know what many of you who just read that may be thinking. "Andrew you silly goose, Chris is real. I've seen him cover plenty of games. I've talked to him plenty of times.

Have you?

Ray Cooney is heavily involved in Jay County Civic Theatre. Did you talk to Chris or Ray in character?

Ray successfully covered both sports and his managing editor responsihilities for 15 months and

Elementary basketball program started up this year

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review Jay County used to have a strong fifth and sixth grade basketball program two score ago, before eventually fading out.

After an absence of basketball at the elementary school level for

On Nov. 1, elementary students in Jay County are receiving the opportunity to learn about and play basketball through Jay School Corporation.

With the shuffling of grades and what buildings house them because of consolidation, there hasn't been a steady system for elementary school basketball in recent years.

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Students and coaches come in for a breakdown at the end practice at East Jay Middle School on Nov. 16. This is the inaugural year for the Jay County Elementary Schools basketball program where students from East Jay and Bloomfield come together while Redkey and West Jay meet to develop skills.



stayed afloat. He was clearly capable of handling both jobs. Maybe he played as the Chris character for those seven years and it just got stale so he quit the act for those final 15 months.

That has to be the answer.

Don't get me wrong, this isn't something Ray could have pulled off alone. Many people would be coming together to gaslight me into believing Chris existed. Nearly everyone has said great things about him. To make it even more believable, I've gotten a negative review or two.

These communities are really committed to trying to convince me he's real. It's insane. But it's definitely a plot to convince me ... it can't be that he actually was a person that people held different opinions on.

However, it is suspicious that I've never seen him or heard his voice before. I haven't even overheard him on the phone with my coworkers before.

"Andrew, you must have seen him before in a picture."

Sure I have. But it's weird how none of the pictures include someone from this community. It's always his wife. When you enter his name into The Commercial Review's search bar, it even brings up a photo of him and Chrissy.

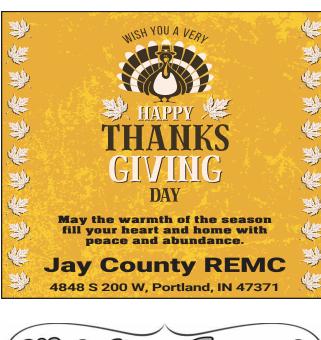
A picture of him and someone from these communities simply doesn't exist ... or maybe I just haven't looked for one. Well either way, I haven't seen it so it obviously must not exist.

But Ray and Bailey Cline are just so determined to make me believe that he exists.

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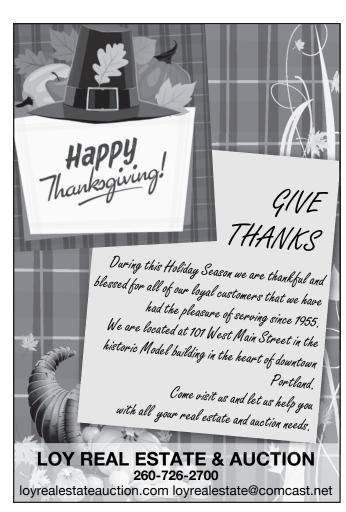
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Pictured is the 2023-24 Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team. Front row from left are managers Ellie Niekamp, Rielle Wendel, Rayla Staugler and Leah Willmann. Second row is Cameron Muhlenkamp, Emma Schmitz, Ivy Tobe, Madie Schoenlein and Makenna Huelskamp. Third row is Brynn Willmann, Sophia Guggenbiller, Cali Wendel, Kensey Gaerke and Cadence Eber. Back row are coach Tyler Deitsch, Saige Leuthold, Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Karlie Neikamp, Bridget Homan, assistant coach Mandy Gerlach and assistant coach Val Muhlenkamp.

Indians return five players, as first-year coach and freshman imprint on program

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review The Indians struggled out of the gate last season, going 1-9 in their first 10 games including dropping the first seven contests.

return Thev just enough players for the starting lineup. After that, they will have to look to a new coach and a large freshman class to turn things around.

Tyler Deitsch will take over at the helm for the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team for the 2023-24 season as it looks to improve upon its 7-14 record and ninth-place finish in the

2023-24 schedule

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Friday, Nov. 24	C
Saturday, Nov. 25	A
Tuesday, Nov. 28	Ν
Saturday, Dec. 2	J
Thursday, Dec. 7	Ν
Thursday, Dec. 14	F
Tuesday, Dec. 19	S
Thursday, Dec. 28	Ν
Friday, Dec. 29	S
Thursday, Jan. 4	V
Tuesday, Jan. 9	A
Thursday, Jan. 11	S
Tuesday, Jan. 16	S
Thursday, Jan. 18	C
Monday, Jan. 22	l
Thursday, Jan. 25	Ν

Opponent	<u>Time</u>
Crestview	6 p.m.
Arcanum	6 p.m.
Mississinawa Valley	6 p.m.
Jay County	noon
New Bremen	6 p.m.
Parkway	6 p.m.
St. Marys	6 p.m.
Marion Local	6 p.m.
St. Henry	6 p.m.
Versailles	6 p.m.
Ansonia	6 p.m.
St. John's	6 p.m.
South Adams	7 p.m.
Coldwater	6 p.m.
Indian Lake	6 p.m.
Marion Local	6 p.m.

lineup to create mismatches with opponents. The junior led Fort Recovery in assists during 2023 with 45.

Also receiving recognition was Neikamp, who was named as an honorable mention MAC player last year. So far, her drive and effort have stood out to Deitsch.

"She's relentless, doesn't stop high motor all the time," Deitsch said. "She's on the floor constantly. Not afraid of contact, which is kind of where we're looking to go. She'll get down low and, and bang around.



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'We're going to play a totally different way than what we played last year." Deitsch said. "So this is my first year here as well, so totally different offense and a different defense. the number of girls we have and being able to use tempo when we need to but also conserving ener-

gy." While he plans to change up the system and the Indians' identity, he will be relying on the five returners to make up his starting lineup. Seniors Cali Wendel and Kenzie Gaerke will be joined by junior Kennedy Muhlenkamp in the backcourt while senior Saige Leuthold and junior Kar- Deitsch said. "She's look- Indians to run a larger

Saturday, Jan. 27	Franklin Monroe	11 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1	St. Henry	6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5	Celina	6 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 8	Minster	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Wapakoneta	6 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 15	New Knoxville	6 p.m.
Home games in bol	d	-

And just being smart with lie Niekamp will make up the frontcourt. (Gaerke missed the 2022-23 season with a knee injury.) Deitsch likes the group's versatility and wants them to play position-less and interchangeably out on the floor.

The most credentialed of the group is Wendel who was named to the second team All-MAC last vear and had the fourthmost 3-point field goals in the MAC with 38.

hungr<u>y</u>," "She's

ing forward to take advantage of that last year. Defensively, she is so quick and able to create steals and easy buckets for herself but then also been one of our best shooters from the outside. ... So definitely relying on her to be able to score but then also play off of her to be able to get some of our other girls some open shots."

Kennedy Muhlenkamp will often work as a point forward, allowing the

(All live) are pretty well rounded."

Outside of the returners, the Indians will have to look to freshmen to fill in the rotation off the bench. Early on, guard Makenna Huelskamp and forwards Sophia Guggenbiller, Cameron Muhlenkamp and Bridget Homan have stood out.

Huelskamp got the team late in the fall after a state run on the cross country team. but Deitsch liked what he saw from her during summer workouts. For the other three freshmen, he likes the added height they bring to the team as Guggenbiller and Cameron Muhlenkamp are listed at 5 feet, 9 inches, while Homan is 5 feet, 11 inches.

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Pictured is the 2023-24 Jay County High School boys wrestling team. Front row from left are managers Chloe Ruiz, Alex Bravo, Lucie Henneaux, Trinity Glassford, Emmarie Barton and Taylee Nichols. Second row are Brayden Fox, Cole Carpenter, Griffin Byrum, Cody Rowles, Hayden Richman, Sylas Wenk, Gabe Ardizzone, Hayden Ison, Gaven Hambrock, Grant Linville, Garrett Bennett, Joaquin Johnson and Landon Mills-Blowers. Third row are assistant coach Bradley Rosman, Bryce Wenk, Brayden Romine, Mario Ardizzone, Jason Landers, Tony Wood, Jacob Robinson, Cooper Glassford, Trace Smith, AJ Heskett, Taye Curtis, coach Eric Myers, and assistant coach Tyler Leonhard. Back row are assistant coach Bruce Wood, assistant coach Nick Leonhard, Cameron Clark, Alan Ortiz, Conner Specht, Juaguin Flores, Cody Gibson, Reynaldo Ortega-Leos, Jason Linn, Leighton Brown and Brice Coy. Not pictured are Carson Busick and Alejandro Ruiz.

Looking to enjoy the ride

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review The Patriots claimed the sectional and regional crowns.

They took third at the semistate meet.

They sent a school-record four wrestlers to the state tournament, one of which earned a medal.

This year, they will try to repeat those results while giving the team a chance to have Eric Myers said. "I've never some fun.

The Jay County High School boys wrestling team returns that is this talented collectivethree of its four state qualifiers, five of eight semi-state qualifiers and a strong senior class that will make up half of the Patriots' lineup.

"We've got a really excep-

Patriots want to focus on having fun this year while still straining for similar success

had a group this large that stuck together and one grade ly. So, that's pretty exciting."

The group includes state qualifiers Cameron Clark, Cody Rowles and Tony Wood. Taye Curtis and Bryce Wenk both qualified for the semitional group of seniors," coach state meet. Juaquin Flores and 13th in the 2023 US Marine in during the offseason.

Connor Specht round out the Corps class.

the final day of the state tour- ment, two high-level tournanament, and ended up with the ments for high school athletes seventh-place medal and a in Fargo, North Dakota. The final record of 43-2 in the 138pound weight class. The senior didn't put the sport down over the summer, but rather placed the work that his athletes put

Junior National freestyle tournament and 25th Wood was undefeated until in the Greco-Roman tournaperformances helped Wood with his confidence.

"All those guys work really hard," Myers said. "Some of them are multiple sport athletes, though. So some of them are working pretty hard on other sports too so they really don't have downtime.

"Tony and Cameron you can't say enough about them both of them being placers before but, all those guys want to make it to the semifinals and that means not only winning Friday night but winning right away Saturday morning. We've got to get in that mentality that we're ready to do that. We're confident enough regardless of the draw.'

Wood is expected to reprise Myers was impressed with his spot at 138 while Clark will bump up to 150.

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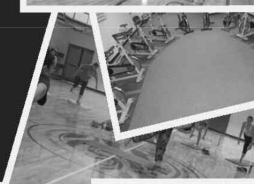
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So much so, that they went out of their way to create a fake email address to pose as "Chris" and send me a message. But I'm too smart for that. I saw right through their ruse. They made too many errors.

Firstly, they just simply regurgitated the same old story. They didn't even go through the effort of creating another layer of depth to the fabricated personality. "Chris" talked about how he had two different stints at the paper, the people who have covered sports for us over the past two decades, the difficulty to finally leave and about some of the teams and athletes from the past couple of years that would have had overlap between me and him.

All of these things can clearly be described by the fact that Ray covered all of these teams and players, as well as repeating the timeline that Ray set without adding anything new.

It gets deeper though. Ray and Bailey knew about the email. That can only be explained by the fact that they were the ones to craft it.

The nail in the coffin was the overall message. It was to not get too caught up and to get some sleep. Ray couldn't have made it more obvious.

All I've heard since arriving in Portland in March was that I need to get on an "adult sleep schedule." This email was clearly just Ray making a last ditch effort to get me to sleep as opposed to staying up all night watching college basketball. I know your game Cooney.

Enjoy

Continued from 3B During his state run at 145, Clark earned a 36-3 record.

Curtis will fill in the hole at 144. He hit a growth spurt during his junior year, causing him to struggle to make the 120 weight limit at times. Myers said he's excited to see what the senior can do without needing to worry about his weight as much.

Rowles will move from 126, where he went 37-4 to make it back to the state for the second time, to 132.

Bryce Wenk nearly qualified for state two years ago as a sophomore, but lost the match 9-8 to NorthWood's Trey Tobias in the ticket round of the 182 bracket. As he vies for his first bid, he will run into a new challenge with the changing weight classes. "He was dealt a little bit of a tough hand because the weight class changes took an upper weight out," Myers said. "So those classes get a little bit more crowded with talent. But Bryce is a kid that really could win a semi-state. He's that talented.' Wenk will battle with Flores in the 175 and 190 weight classes. Specht will wrestle at 285 while sophomore Alan Ortiz will take the final upper weight class of 215. Myers thinks that the extra year of experience under Ortiz's belt will make a big difference and he could potentially have a breakout year. Filling out the lower weight classes will be when you have a kid County is still targeting Griffin Byrum (113), Cooper Glassford (120) and A.J. Heskett (126) while Grant Linville and Sylas Wenk will compete for the 106 spot. Jacob Robinson will step in at 157. Myers expects him to take advantage after waiting his turn behind other older wrestlers. coach) saw Jacob Robinson and said, 'Oh my goodness, I can't believe he wasn't in your varsity lineup last year. He's a state level kid,'" Myers said. "We just had so many kids right in those weight classes. Normally,

"But Andrew, what if the story correlated because it's accurate? What if Ray and Bailey knew about the email because Chris blind carbon copied them? What if he sent that message because he's a genuinely good guy who is looking out for your health because he's been there before?"

Well, to that, I have to say: Crap. Maybe Chris is real.

It is inconsistent how Chris replied to my response to the "get some sleep" message.

My rebuttal was to send him a tweet from CBS college basketball analyst Jon Rothstien that read "We sleep in May."

Chris respected the rebuttal.

That couldn't have been the case if Ray or Bailey sent the email. Ray's response would have been to tell me to put my head on straight. Bailey isn't sports literate enough to understand the reference.

Well "Chris" you sure do make a hard case of your existence. Too bad for you, you've run into the most stubborn, argumentative human to exist, maybe ever.

So "Chris" if you want to prove once and for all that you are in fact a real person that has lived in this corner of the border of Indiana and Ohio, I guess you'll just have to come down and prove it yourself.

The ball is in your court. Boy, will it be fun annoying Ray and Bailey with this stance for the next half a year until you make an appearance.

<u>Date</u> Tuesday, Nov. 28 Saturday, Dec. 2 Tuesday, Dec. 6 Friday, Dec. 8 Saturday, Dec. 9 Tuesday, Dec. 12 Saturday, Dec. 16 Friday, Dec. 22 Tuesday, Jan. 2 Saturday, Jan. 6

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Opponent Time Centerville 6:30 p.m. Western Super Six 9 a.m. Four-team meet 6 p.m. **ACAC Duals** 6 p.m. ACAC Duals 9 a.m. Norwell 6 p.m. Coldwater Invitational 9 a.m. ECIC 9 a.m. Coldwater 7 p.m. **IHSWCA State** 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 Homestead 6:30 p.m. ACAC Tournament Friday, Jan. 19 6 p.m.

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'... we know that we have a good team, but what we really want to do is go out and enjoy every moment of these guys. We want to compete the best that we can, and we want to make these kids into the best people that we can.'





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Continued from 2B The Indians will open their season Friday when they travel to Crestview. They will conclude their season on Feb. 15 against New Knoxville, the team they earned their sole MAC win against last season. A goal for Fort Recovery will be to win around 12 games between those dates to have an above .500 record. The team has also set the goal of progressing throughout the other people might expect of us."

Eric Myers, JCHS wrestling coach

that's that talent that came in as a freshman you'd be in our lineup most years. We're excited to see what he can do in the varsity lineup.'

The 165-pound spot will be a competition between Leighton freshman Brown and sophomore Garrett Bennett.

The Patriots lost four "(The Indiana Tech key wrestlers this season. Regional qualifiers Ethan Reiley and Daniel Moore graduated, state qualifier Wittkamp Christian moved back to Illinois and A.J. Myers will miss the season after a knee injury during football. Despite the losses, Jay

big goals.

We have the goals that we've had for a while, you know, to win a conference, sectional, regional, semi-state, and take as many states as we can,' Myers said. "I think that sometimes we got so caught up in some of our goals ... we didn't enjoy the experience as much.

"So this year, we know that we have a good team, but what we really want to do is go out and enjoy every moment of these guys. We want to compete the best that we can, and we want to make these kids into the best people that we can.'

season so come postseason time they will have the opportunity to break through the sectional and cut down a net.

"As for success, the girls just need to be able to take steps every day and continue to grow each and every day and con-not settle," said Deitsch. "Kind of liv-ing up to our standards, that we have inside the building more so than what

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Henry Teeter takes a jumpshot as Bentley Comer closes out to defend him during the Nov. 16 elementary basketball practice at East Jay Middle School. The kids were working on shooting on a side hoop while other teams scrimmaged each other.



Now that those changes are complete with sixth graders moved back to elementary schools - Bloomfield, East Jay, Redkey and West Jay — Jay County athletics director Steve Boozier thought it would be a good idea to bring basketball back to the elementary school with the focus on teaching the fundamentals.

for scrimmages and other competitions. There would be even more interaction between all four schools in the form of games, but the school corporation didn't get the number of coaches it wanted to try and pull that off. For now, they kept it as the practices with scrimmages so players could be coached by the same people and receive a consistent message. It was important to Davis to make the program accessible to students. He has noticed fewer and fewer children shoot-ing in driveways or at parks over the years and wanted to provide an opportunity for kids to practice and develop their skills rather than just playing games. "What we're looking at are our children who typically don't have opportunities to play," Davis said. "We have the West Jay Community Center and Jay Community Center. And there's AAU, but then you also have some children who don't have that opportunity, and we just want to try to teach them some basic skills. Boozier and Davis both said that once the basketball season is over, those involved with the program will sit down with Jay County High School coaches Jerry Bomholt and Sherri McIntire to talk about what skills are important to be teaching and how the program should evolve in the future. The program will conclude this year Dec. 19 with a showcase during which parents can come to East Jay and West Jay elementary schools to watch their children scrimmage. More information will be sent to parents closer to the date. "It's our intention to use this as a starting point, to build off of what we start and learn this year," Davis said. "We just want to make sure that we provide a fostering program that will help our kids learn the love of the game, but also learn that we are all Patriots.'





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'It doesn't matter where you are in the country or at what level, fundamentals have suffered," Boozier said. "So now we have fifth and sixth graders back in that K-sixth model, I thought this is a great time to reinstitute (elementary basketball)

"This year is going to be primarily practices with a few scrimmages involved. Down the road that may evolve to playing some games, but our focus needs to be on fundamentals.'

The program is free to fifth and sixth graders at the four elementary schools. Practices are held after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at East Jay and West Jay, with students from Bloomfield traveling to East Jay and students

from Redkey traveling to West Jay. The collaboration between the schools was a big point that program leader and West Jay principal Jeff Davis wanted to emphasize to the athletes.

We're coming together and we're scrimmaging and playing but we're play-ing as the Patriots," Davis said. "We're not playing school versus school, but we're coming together as one and as Patriots. We want them to get that mentality because next year they'll all be together in middle school so we want to build that momentum now.

The practice starts with coaches teaching players the fundamentals of the game and before they break out into teams that includes participants from each school



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Fletcher Post (with the ball) looks to pass to Parker McCoy (foreground) as three defenders come to triple team him during a scrimmage at the end of the elementary basketball practice at East Jay Middle school on Nov. 16.





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City of Portland, Indiana Wet Weather Pump Station, Contract No. 4A ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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FREE information kit. NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Portland, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bid packets for the construction of an EQ Flow Control Basin. Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Treasurer until 10:00 AM (local time) on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at the City of Portland, Indiana; 321 N. Meridian Street 47371. Bids received after such time shall be returned unopened. Bids received prior to 10:00 AM (local time) shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the public meeting scheduled at the Portland Fire Station/ Council Chambers, 1616 North Franklin Street, Portland, Indiana at 4:00 PM (local time).

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 1315 Shadeland Lane, Portland, Indiana at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. All interested parties are invited to attend.

In general, the work consists of the construction of a 12 MG wastewater flow equalization basin with an LLDPE-R geomembrane liner. The work includes some site piping, installation of mixers and a pump station, and other ancillary items.

The issuing office is Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd., 2420 Coliseum Blvd. N., Ste 214, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Owner's office listed above or the issuing office, without charge.

Questions regarding the project should be directed to:

John Magsam jmagsam@jheng.com (preferred) 260-440-8304

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2. Davis-Bacon Act and related laws and regulations

3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Efforts

- 4. Suspension and Debarment requirements
- 5. Green Project Reserve (GPR) Incentive Program

6. American Iron and Steel (AIS)

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Sports/Classifieds





Pictured is the 2023-34 Jay County High School boys swimming and dive team. Front row from left are manager Maria Laux, Lincoln Brasen Clamme, Glassford, Pevton Yowell and Chadi El Yaagoubi. Back row are Kamdyn Carter, Joseph Nichols, David Keen, Joseph Dow, Oskar Alart Mateo and Hugo Gutierrez. Not pictured are Matthew Fisher, Alex Frazee, Max Klopfenstein and Grayson Swoveland.

Group of sophomores headline Patriots in 2024

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review the Patriots was to build a familial culture.

expand on that and take a step forward.

School boys swim team consolation heat. They are returns a majority of its lineup from the 2022-23 season and will look for jumps from the young swimmers as it shoots to finish in the top half of its sectional.

"It's a great group of kids," coach Matt Slavik "Our freshmen said. brought a lot last year, now they've got a year of experience. We've got to lean heavy that big sophomore class.

"I think our improvements last year were him to reprise that role tremendous, and I look forward to continuing the of the strength he's gained improvement and continuing on developing a boys culture of swimming."

Josh Monroe and Wyatt son," Slavik said. "I look the butterfly and the back-Last season, the goal for Kunkler, their only boys who made sectional finals heats for the team that fin-This year, they look to ished eighth out of 11 teams in 2023.

Jay County returns four The Jay County High swimmers that made the Peyton Yowell (50-yard and 100 freestyle), Joseph Dow (500 freestyle), Matthew Fisher (100 backstroke) and David Keen (500 freestyle).

Dow is the lone returning upperclassman for the Patriots. (Exchange students Oskar Alart Mateo, Chadi El Yaagoubi and Hugo Gutierrez are all listed as seniors as well.) The senior switched to the 500 and 200 freestyle events last year and Slavik expects while improving because during the offseason.

"He's shown a lot more strength, hitting the weight

thers (TNT)

The Patriots graduated- room during the offseaforward to what that brings this season, in helping with his events. We're working on cleaning up some strokes and I think it will be a huge benefit to his efficiency in the water."

Keen will join Dow in the 500 while also swimming the butterfly and the 200 medley relay.

Yowell will be the Patriots' headliner for the sprint events. Slavik said a year of experience should help the sophomore as he has started to learn the language and intricacies of the sport.

Fisher is a versatile swimmer who could be slotted into nearly any event the Patriots need him to compete in.

"He's got a lot of diversity," Slavik said. "He works hard in the offseason too. I don't know where he'll be yet, but I know he's solid in whatever I ask him to do."

Last season, Fisher swam stroke, as well as the first leg of the medley relay.

Monroe was the only Patriot to make the sectional finals in multiple events, doing it in the individual medley and the breaststroke. Lincoln Clamme will be looked at to fill the roles that were left open by his graduation.

Brasen Glassford will be the team's diver. Last season, Glassford finished ninth at the sectional. The top four finishers advance to the diving regional.

"I think he's got a lot of potential to score high in the sectional," Slavik said. "He's got a lot of good board work. And he's off to a good start.'

While Slavik will have a lot of experimenting to do with the relays and the lineup as a whole, he is hoping the team can take a step forward. The two goals he has

2023-24 schedule

<u>Date</u> Tuesday, Nov. 28	Opponent Bluffton	<u>Time</u> 6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 30	Anderson	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3	Celina Sprints	11 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 5	Oak Hill	6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 7	Norwell	6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 11	South Adams	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12	Delta	6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18	Adams Central	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27	Homestead (diving)	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2	Bellmont	6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4	Celina/Coldwater	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5	Jay Co. Invitational	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6	Jay Co. Invitational	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9	Yorktown/Union City	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Muncie Central	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19	ACAC Meet	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23	Blackford/Burris	6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	Marion	6 p.m.
Home meets in bold		

laid out for the team are to hard. Some of them last finish at least second in the year was the first year ever Allen County Athletic Conference and in the top half of the 11-team sectional.

"All of these kids, I can't speak highly enough of," Slavik said. "They all work improve."

joining the swim team, so those kids were just trying to get up to speed and those who have been doing it a while continue

- College football: Purdue at

- College football: Penn State at

– NHL: Colorado Avalanche at

Sports on tap

Local schedule Friday

Jay County — Girls basketball at Woodlan -6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball scrimmage at Kalida - 10 a.m.; Girls basketball at Crestview – 6 p.m.

7:30 p.m. — NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics (ESPN); Toronto Raptors at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana) 8 p.m. — College basketball: Duquesne at Nebraska (BTN)

9:30 p.m. — College basketball: Florida vs. 2)

– NHL: Vegas Golden Knights at

Atlantic vs. Butler (ESPN2)

- 3 p.m. College basketball: Oklahoma vs. Iowa (FS1) 4 p.m. College basketball: Arizona vs.
- Michigan State (FOX) 4:30 p.m. — NFL: Washington Commanders
- at Dallas Cowboys (CBS)
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Friday 12 a.m. - College basketball: BYU vs. Ari-

zona State (ESPN2) 12 p.m. — College basketball: Bryant at Xavier (FS1)

12 p.m. — College football: Iowa at Nebras-ka (CBS); Miami at Boston College (ABC); TCU ma (FOX). Memphis at Te klaho nnle (F

Michigan State (NBC); Texas Tech at Texas (ABC) 7:30 p.m. — NBA: Miami Heat at New York

Knicks (ESPN)

Pacers (Bally Indiana)

at Oregon (FOX)

8:30 p.m. ·

Minnesota Wild (TNT)

en State Warriors (ESPN

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6:30 p.m.

Michigan (BTN)

7:30 p.m. -

TV sports

Today — College basketball: Northern 12 p.m. Iowa vs. North Carolina (ESPN)

2:30 p.m. — College basketball: Texas Tech vs. Villanova (ESPN) 7 p.m. — College basketball: Baylor vs. Ore-

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6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Tennessee vs. Indiana (FOX) 7:30 p.m. - College football: Ole Miss at

Mississippi State (ESPN)

8 p.m. — College basketball: Boise State vs. Virginia Tech (ESPN2)

8:20 p.m. - NFL: San Francisco 49ers at Seattle Seahawks (NBC)

10 p.m. — College basketball: N.C. State vs. Vanderbilt (ESPN2)

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2 p.m. - College basketball: Manhattan at

UConn (FS1) 3 p.m. - NFL: Miami Dolphins at New York Jets (CBS)

- College football: UTSA at 3:30 p.m. Tulane (ABC)

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6 p.m. — NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at Buf-

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