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For the Dawgs

Guntle is cooking up various hot dog creations

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Sean Guntle has always had a knack for cooking.

At 2 years old, his mother had him cooking eggs on the stove.

At 15, he started smoking meats and cheeses as a hobby.

Now he's taken the next step in his culinary journey.

Big Sean's Dawgs opened in mid August at 124 N. Commerce St., Portland, the former home of Yergy's BBQ.

"I've always wanted to open up my own place," said Guntle. "I've always done cooking — that's one of the first things I was ever taught how to do. (It) helps me stay calm, and well ... there's really no other reason to my madness. I just enjoy it."

Guntle began smoking meats and cheeses as a teenager, spending his weekends split between the hobby and playing on Jay County High School football team.

A 2022 Jay County High School graduate, Guntle started with a hot dog cart about eight months prior to serving up dogs from his new spot at the intersection of Commerce and Walnut streets. The first day he planned on opening his food cart for business, though, a thunderstorm doused those plans.

After learning from Jay County Health Department about the need to use a commissary — a registered establishment in which food and supplies are kept, handled, prepared, packaged or stored — Guntle turned his eyes from a cart to a building. He reached out to property owners Steve and Janna Snyder and soon enough he was prepping for his first opening as a restaurant.

Big Sean's Dawgs offers a few different takes on the all-American meal. Customers have a few different hot "dawgs" to choose from on the menu, including a classic all-beef (Fisher Meats) hot dog, one with coney sauce or one topped with bacon and cheddar.

The establishment also offers nachos with cheese, coney



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Sean Guntle, pictured above, opened Big Sean's Dawgs in Portland in late summer. The establishment offers specialty hot dogs and nachos from its spot at the southwest corner of the Commerce Street and Walnut Street intersection.

sauce and cheese or pulled pork, barbecue sauce and cheese.

Guntle noted his menu will

change and grow as time goes on. Last month, he added another item. The "Oinker" features smoked pulled pork served on a

hot dog bun, with the option to add jalapeño slices, cheese and barbecue sauce.

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Pressure mounts for report to be released

By JULIE K. BROWN and MICHAEL WILNER

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Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for attorney general, Matt Gaetz, abruptly resigned his Florida congressional seat on Wednesday ahead of the potential release of a House Ethics Committee report about alleged sexual misconduct with a 17-year-old high school girl that a congressional source described to the Miami Herald as "highly damaging."

Gaetz, 42, resigned just as news emerged that the committee investigating him was preparing to vote on releasing its findings Friday. His resignation effectively closed the probe into lingering allegations that Gaetz had sex with a minor, engaged in illegal drug use and accepted improper gifts.

The panel lost the power to punish Gaetz when he left Congress. Before his resignation, Gaetz could have faced potential expulsion depending on the committee's findings.

Still, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee responsible for vetting Gaetz's nomination — across party lines — said Thursday that they expect the committee to turn over its findings in some form, whether it be an initial report, a finalized report or the underlying evidentiary information uncovered during the probe.

The congressional source told the Herald and McClatchy that a prescheduled meeting of the House Ethics Committee regarding the Gaetz report would still take place on Friday.

Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee issued a statement on Thursday afternoon demanding the Ethics Committee be transparent with the American public about its findings.

"The sequence and timing of Mr. Gaetz's resignation from the House raises serious questions about the contents of the House Ethics Committee report and findings," they said. "We cannot allow this critical information from a bipartisan investigation into longstanding public allegations to be hidden from the American people, given that it is directly relevant to the question of whether Mr. Gaetz is qualified and fit to be the next Attorney General of the United States."

Republican lawmakers on the panel also said that a review of the report would be necessary during the vetting process.

Texas Republican Sen. John Cornyn, a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the Senate "should gain access to all relevant information by whatever means necessary," including a possible subpoena.

"I don't think any of us want to fly blind," he told reporters in the Capitol. "Part of this is to protect the president against information or surprises coming out later that he and his team weren't aware of."

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Tribune News Service/Lexington Herald-Leader/Tasha Poullard

Training for fire

Lexington Fire Department Battalion Chief Shane Poynter and the Lexington Fire Department invite media members to the Lexington Fire Recruit Class 73 House Burn in Lexington, Kentucky. The trainees joined several probationary firefighters at a property on Man o' War Boulevard, east of Interstate 75, to battle an intentionally set structure fire.

Additional data centers proposed

By JOSEPH S. PETE

The Times (Munster)

Tribune News Service

Two more data centers are being proposed for Merrillville, where a \$900 million data center is already under consideration.

Tech companies have been engaged in a rush to bring data centers to Indiana amid a boom in demand because of the growing use of data in general, and artificial intelligence in particular, since the Hoosier State has one of the most favorable tax policies in the country for data centers. More than \$15 billion in data center projects are being pursued across the state, including in LaPorte and New Carlisle.

A new data center is being considered at the AmeriPlex at the Crossroads Business Park on Broadway, south of 93rd

Avenue. Another data center is being weighed at Colorado Street and Harms Road on the southeast side of the town.

Merrillville's Data Center Citizen Advisory Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Nov. 20 and 21 at Town Hall, 7820 Broadway, to hear proposals from the developers.

Town spokesman Chas Reilly said details, including jobs and investment numbers, would be revealed at the meetings.

Karis Critical already is considering up to \$900 million in investment in a data center on 180 acres on 101st Avenue east of Deep River. The developer, which built a data center in DeKalb, plans to build up to nine buildings at a cost of \$100 million.

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Deaths

Gail Compton, 83, Portland

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Weather

Friday's high temperature was 52 degrees in Jay County.

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high in the mid 50s. The low will be in the lower 40s. Sunday will bring a high of 60 under partly cloudy skies. Monday's high will be in the lower 60s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Portland Main Street Holiday Festival will run from 3 to 7 p.m. today. The event on Main Street between Meridian and Harrison streets will feature music, shopping and food and drink vendors.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from tonight's JCHS girls basketball home opener.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Jay School Board meeting.

Friday — Details from Jay County Redevelopment Commission's sessions.



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Allegations and investigations
Gaetz has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. But with his nomination to lead the Justice Department, he is likely to be scrutinized over the scandal — if he goes through the normal confirmation process.

Responding to his nomination on Wednesday, Gaetz posted a brief message on social media that “it will be an honor to serve as President Trump’s attorney general.” Attempts to reach him and his representatives on Thursday were unsuccessful.

The girl at the center of the controversy, who is now 24 and lives in Colorado, called for the release of the Ethics Committee’s report, through her lawyer, John Clune. ABC News reported on Thursday evening that she had testified before the House committee that she did have sex with Gaetz when she was underage.

“Mr. Gaetz’s likely nomination as Attorney General is a perverse

development in a truly dark series of events. We would support the House Ethics Committee immediately releasing their report. She was a high school student and there were witnesses,” Clune said in a statement Thursday on social media.

The allegations involve Gaetz’s friendships with two of his former associates, ex-Florida lawmaker Chris Dorworth, and former Seminole County Tax Collector Joel Greenberg. Greenberg pleaded guilty to underage sex trafficking and a host of other felonies, and then implicated Gaetz in some of his crimes — which led the Justice Department to open a probe into Gaetz in 2020, when Trump was still in office.

Greenberg was sentenced and is serving an 11-year prison term.

Gaetz unsuccessfully tried to obtain a pardon from Trump before he left office. According to the Washington Post, Gaetz told a former White House aide who testified during a Congressional

hearing into the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol that he was seeking a preemptive pardon in an investigation of which he was a target.

Part of the Justice Department probe into Gaetz focused on a party at Dorworth’s Orlando-area home on July 15, 2017. Witnesses said that Gaetz attended the party, where young women, including the minor, were given drugs and bedrooms were made available for sexual activities.

The Justice Department closed the Gaetz criminal probe without filing charges in 2023. The chief problem with the case, sources told the Herald at the time, was the lack of credibility of two key witnesses: Greenberg and the victim, who later became a porn star on social media.

But the Justice Department had other witnesses and forensic evidence, according to several lawyers representing women who provided statements to the government.

Sources said there were text

messages, photos, and Venmo transactions to back up many of the allegations against Gaetz.

The Daily Beast reported on the Venmo records, saying that they showed that Gaetz sent \$900 to Greenberg and used a nickname they had for the teenager on the transaction record.

Both federal and Florida sex trafficking laws have been rewritten over the last decade. Those who pay minors for commercial sex can be charged as human traffickers. Human trafficking — an umbrella term that includes sex trafficking — involves soliciting, enticing, harboring or using another person for the purposes of exploitation.

Minors cannot consent to commercial sex, and not knowing the age of someone is not a defense for having sex with a minor.

Sex trafficking is a first-degree felony in Florida, and if it involves someone under the age of 18, it could lead to life in prison.

The House Ethics Committee opened its own probe into Gaetz in 2023, but it stalled when they were unable to obtain evidence from the Justice Department. They did, however, obtain testimony and affidavits from witnesses.

Most recently, new details about Gaetz became public in September as part of a federal civil lawsuit filed by Dorworth in 2023. Testimony from witnesses — one of whom was Gaetz’s ex-girlfriend — claimed that Gaetz was at the party at Dorworth’s home. Forensic evidence from Gaetz’s cell phone also indicated that Gaetz was at the home. Moreover, a sworn affidavit by a witness said the underage girl, identified as A.B., was naked, and that party guests were having sex and consuming alcohol, marijuana, ecstasy and cocaine, court records show.

Gaetz was not a party to the lawsuit, which Dorworth had filed against Greenberg.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Sunday 11/17, Monday 11/18, Tuesday 11/19, Wednesday 11/20, Thursday 11/21. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (e.g., 61/53, 66/44).

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-6-2 Daily Four: 8-8-7-4 Quick Draw: 2-5-11-14-17-21-22-30-36-37-38-41-48-60-61-66-71-78-79-80
Ohio Midday
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$130 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$387 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Dec. beans9.87 Wheat4.87
ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.24 Dec. corn4.25 Beans.....9.81 Dec. beans9.81 Wheat4.86
Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.26 Dec. corn4.26 Beans.....9.62 Dec. beans9.69 Wheat4.77

Today in history

In 1855, British explorer David Livingstone became the first European to see Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River. The falls at the modern-day border of Zambia and Zimbabwe span more than 5,500 feet at its widest point and has a drop of 355 feet.
In 1889, the Oahu Railway and Land Company started operating on Oahu, making it possible to move agricultural products from the inland areas of the island to ports more effectively.
In 2003, Jay County Commissioners reviewed a list of planned Indiana Department of Transportation projects. It included resurfacing U.S. 27 from Portland to Deerfield, paving U.S. 26 on the west side of Portland and resurfacing Indiana 67 between Redkey and Portland, all in 2004.
In 2021, the Jay County High School girls basketball team clobbered visiting Oak Hill 60-22. Madison Dirksen scored 15 points to lead the Patriots, who were ranked eighth in Class 3A. —The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board executive session, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living dining hall, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. Tuesday 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Obituaries

Gail Compton

July 24, 1941-Nov. 14, 2024

Gail Compton, age 83, of Portland passed away on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, at her residence.

She was born in Portland on July 24, 1941, the daughter of Williard “Bill” and June (Frasher) Ireland. She was married on July 24, 1960, to Ronald Compton and he passed away on May 10, 1991.

Gail had worked for Marsh Supermarkets for 35 years and was assistant deli manager. She was a 1959 Portland High School graduate, member of Tri Kappa Sorority and enjoyed knitting, loved her cats and

enjoyed cooking for everyone.

Surviving are two sons, Curt Compton (wife: Christine) of Portland and Troy Compton (wife: Dina) of Albany; three sisters-in-law, Sandy Ireland, Sally Ireland and Connie Walker, all of Portland; four grandchildren, Samantha, Colton, Tory and Katey; and two great-grandchildren, Benton and Nova.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Ireland.

A celebration of life will be held on



Compton

Saturday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Portland Elk’s Lodge.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to Jay County Cancer Society or Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Dawgs ...

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He shared dreams to offer regional-themed hot dogs, such as an “Idaho Dawg” with baked potato-style toppings, in the future.

A key feature of Guntle’s craft lies within the coney sauce, a savory tomato and meat sauce original recipe that differs from the traditional sweet sauce.

“(He’s) been perfecting that recipe for a long time,” noted his mother, Kari Pearce, who helps Guntle in the kitchen along with a few other family members and friends.

As someone living with celiac dis-

ease, Guntle wanted to make sure his restaurant offered gluten-free options for others with the same condition. He serves “Dawg Bowls,” hot dogs without a bun in a dish with a choice of toppings.

Hours and days of operation for Big Sean’s Dawgs vary. (A full-time employee for Delaware County Correctional Division, Guntle runs his business on a part-time basis.) It is typically open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, with the same hours sometimes offered on Tuesdays and additional hours occasionally through the week. To check in on

the business’ open days each week, visit the BS Dawgs Facebook page.

Big Sean’s Dawgs’ soft opening in August turned into more than Guntle expected. The establishment sold out of food in 2 hours and 15 minutes, going through 15 pounds of meat.

Guntle has been thankful for the support from the community, pointing to different times when the business had sold out of food before closing for the day. He’s also excited to be doing what he loves.

“I’m doing this purely because I enjoy it,” he said.

Data ...

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Merrillville’s Data Center Citizen Advisory Committee recommended a zoning change for the Karis development, which also will require a planned unit development approval from the Merrillville Plan Commission. Karis asked NIPSCO to do a study to see if it could meet its power needs.

“My position on data centers has been that as long as they are built in locations with little or, more importantly, no impact on residential properties or harm existing businesses, we should support them with open arms,” Bella said. “The town can use the increase in tax base, which in turn lowers property taxes paid by homeowners and other businesses as more contribute to the property tax ‘pool’ so existing payers will pay less. The other

added economic benefits are enormous.”

Merrillville’s Data Center Citizen Advisory Committee consists of town officials, developers and residents. It’s reviewing all the data center proposals to come to town.

Committee member Stephen Muenstermann, the president and CEO of Cloudbusters, said that there was a need for data centers.

“In today’s world, your demand for online services is growing exponentially — spanning everything from goods and meals to education, communication, entertainment, healthcare, social connections, mass media, networking, marketing, and beyond,” he said in a report he prepared on data center. “Every aspect of your life is increasingly driven by the digital landscape, shaping how you live, work, and connect.”

90th Birthday Party for Cletes Rines

Sunday, November 24th, 2024 1:00pm to 3:00pm



At The Women’s Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds

Any and all are invited to come and stop in to say hello and wish her a Happy Birthday. No Gifts please.

Advertisement for Generac generator. Text: Be prepared before the next power outage. It’s not just a generator. It’s a power move. Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535. Call 866-953-2203 to schedule your free quote!

Advertisement for Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Text: COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER. If you need a meal it will be delivered on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 2024. There will be no charge — it is Free! Please fill out the form and mail to one of the addresses below or call so we will know how many to prepare. ALL OF JAY COUNTY WELCOME. Drop of or mail to: Asbury U.M. Church, Zion Lutheran Church.

Election Day should be a holiday

Bangor Daily News (Maine)
Tribune News Service

In last week's presidential election, about a third of eligible voters nationwide didn't cast a ballot. There are likely many reasons for this, including a choice not to vote for either Donald Trump or Kamala Harris.

However, voter participation in the U.S. has long lagged many other countries. Maine is a welcome exception. Nearly 73% of eligible Mainers cast a ballot in last week's election, among the highest in the country.

Making voting easier will very likely increase voter turnout. One way to do that would be to make election day a national holiday.

It's an idea that's been around for years, but has failed to gain much support.

This year, the idea gained

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some traction for a very unfortunate reason. On Election Day, hoax threats, known as "swatting" calls, were made to numerous communities in Maine. The calls reported an armed shooter at local schools. Many schools were briefly put in lockdown on Tuesday as the calls were investigated. None of the calls were deemed credible.

It is unclear if the calls were meant to interfere with the Nov. 5 election, but schools are often used as polling places, so these

calls temporarily disrupted voting in some places. In South Portland, a polling station near the city's high school was locked down for a time last Tuesday morning.

The threats have added to support for making Election Day a national holiday, a change recommended in 2001 by The National Commission on Federal Election Reform, a bipartisan group of former lawmakers, including presidents.

David Trahan, the executive director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, said his organization would back a bill to make Election Day a holiday to alleviate security concerns at schools that children are attending, the Bangor Daily News reported.

Such a bill was introduced in the Maine Legislature in 2019,

but it was rejected by lawmakers.

Nationally, a bill that would have made Election Day a federal holiday, backed only by Democrats, passed the U.S. House in 2019. It stalled in the Senate after Republican Leader Mitch McConnell called the legislation, which also included provisions to compel states to adopt independent redistricting commissions, prohibit purging of voter rolls and require more disclosure of political donations, a "power grab" by Democrats.

Several years ago, U.S. senators, including Angus King, sponsored a bill to move federal elections to weekends in hopes of increasing turnout.

Without work obligations, voting on weekends can be easier. Mark Franklin, a professor at Trinity College in Con-

necticut reported that weekend voting could increase participation by up to 7%.

Our longstanding practice of holding federal and many statewide elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month dates to the mid-1800s. Back then, when it could take a day by horse and carriage to get to the county seat to vote, the concern was making sure elections didn't interfere with farming. Tuesday was chosen because that day didn't interfere with the sabbath or market days, says Why Tuesday?, a group working to draw attention to America's low voter turnout and ways to improve it.

Voting on the weekend or making the November election a national holiday would most likely increase voter turnout. So, perhaps it's time for a change.

Lift up positives, call out negatives

By JIM MARTIN
The Charlotte Observer
Tribune News Service

We're one week past an election that would have been a surprise no matter who won. President-Elect Donald Trump and his team are busy organizing key appointments. Democrats are busy blaming each other for a hard-fought loss. Losers respond this way after close elections. Partly it's jockeying for position four years later.

Much will be written about how polling dominated much of every day's news. By emphasizing that Trump was gaining, very close or ahead of Harris, polls conveyed subliminal approval that it was popular to vote for Trump. For two months voter preferences seemed frozen in time.

Both parties dumping a half billion dollars on just seven swing states surely stirred their bases but probably overloaded the minds of the small subset of undecided voters. Too many wild accusations may have strained belief. Swing states were confused by thousands of harsh ads accusing each other respectively of fascism or communism. Fear of Trump was offset by distrust of Harris.

Some acknowledge a major handicap for Vice President Kamala Harris. She had never won support in any state presidential primaries. The hot issue of abortion rights was her best major policy advantage, plus being the only candidate with no scandal or criminal record. Border control came too little, too late.

Her campaign tried to appeal to moderate voters, hinting how she would work for everybody, whatever that meant, while assuring the base that her "values haven't changed." The only concession she personally promised consistently was to permit fracking in Pennsylvania. If she had a legitimate reason for that, she never let on.

The celebrity class helped Harris raise money, but few voters are persuaded by opinions of elites. Her strong emphasis on identity politics to energize racial minorities and feminist voters likely backfired, driving substantial numbers of young adult males, white, Black and Latino, to Trump in hopes of job prospects and defense of their masculinity.

James Carville, after predicting a Harris victory

Jim Martin



(nice try, James), lamented that her campaign was negated by "woke era" politics. Stephen A. Smith criticized that she was "catering too much to people on the fringes." On the extreme left, Sen. Bernie Sanders chided her for not pushing socialism, even after she promised new free stuff. Harris was blamed for advancing progressive ideals too fast and too slow.

Meanwhile, Trump kept acting like Trump: vindictive, boastful, insulting, long-winded, scowling, even frightening, with a mass hypnotic effect. Television news filled its sound bites of Trump with his blatant bluster of name-calling, leaving little time to critique his policies. It was as if millions concluded that his criminal trial amounted to partisan persecution and Jan. 6, 2021, was a patriotic celebration. It was still among the six closest elections in a hundred years, about the average margin of electors for the last seven elections in a deeply divided nation.

Our immediate future depends on our leaders of both parties and all factions taking a calmer approach with each other, discussing differences with clarity and respect so decisions can be worked out for the good of all. As always, there will be mistakes, errors and false starts. There will also be many steps for our benefit.

What's ahead for America? Much depends on the attitude shown by the new leadership of the Trump administration. More respect and less revenge on former opponents will help rebuild a more united nation. This will be easier for them if Democrats continuing in office will rise above the tactic of opposing every Republican initiative just for spite. Then the rest of us can speak freely with confidence, lifting up bipartisan agreements that work while calling out partisan excesses that divide.

Let's be courageous enough to lift up the positives before we call out the negatives.

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Martin, a Republican, was North Carolina governor from 1985 to '93.



Absolute power is doing its thing

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

Almost a century and a half ago, Lord Acton delivered an ageless truth.

"Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely," he wrote in 1887.

Many people think Acton meant only individual moral rot, the dissolution of the soul who lives a life unchecked by legal and ethical restraints.

He did mean that, but he also thought power — particularly absolute power — corrupted more than just the person or persons who possess it. It also warps systems and societies, distorting collective senses of right and wrong and transforming priorities in ways that defy both reality and common sense.

We're seeing this disintegration of virtue and institutional standards of integrity at work now in both Indiana and the United States at large.

Here in the Hoosier state, we're witness to the depressing spectacle of Lt. Gov.-elect Micah Beckwith picking a fight with college student journalists at The Indiana Daily Student. Beckwith, who won national attention by trying to make it harder for readers to access library books, complained on social media that the IDS was being mean to President-elect Donald Trump by highlighting on its front page some of the uncomplimentary things Trump's former subordinates and allies have said about him.

Beckwith threatened in his post to cut funding for Indiana University if the college doesn't shut the students that divide.

Beckwith and his running mate, Gov.-elect Mike Braun, are part of a Republican Party that controls every aspect of Indiana's state government. Indiana faces significant challenges.

To name just one, average incomes in our state trail behind three of our

four neighbors — thank goodness for Kentucky — and have since before Beckwith was born. Two decades ago, when Mitch Daniels was elected governor and began what now will approach a quarter-century-long reign of Republican rule, he cited ending this inequity as one of the GOP's top priorities.

Freshly granted power, Beckwith has made his first priority not addressing this persistent problem that stunts Hoosier opportunities and lives but shaking his fist at one of the state's premier universities.

He must not be aware that college graduates, on average, earn in excess of \$1 million more over the course of their working lives than non-college graduates do.

Either that, or he understands that figuring out how to help Hoosiers build better, more remunerative careers will require thought and hard work, while screaming the equivalent of "get off my lawn!" does not.

And he just doesn't want to think that much or work that hard.

Because there is no one to hold Beckwith and the GOP accountable and keep them on task, the man who soon will be our lieutenant governor can start fights that serve no purpose and pay no attention to the fact that Hoosiers lead lesser lives than their neighbors to the north, east and west.

That's power once again corrupting priorities.

At the national level, the once and future president has demanded that whoever will be the next majority



John Krull

leader of the U.S. Senate agree to recess appointments of Cabinet members as a condition for Trump's support.

The demand makes no sense in terms of public policy or even politics.

Trump's Republican Party controls the Senate. Any Senate Democrat up for reelection in 2026 is unlikely to choose a Cabinet confirmation as a hill he or she wants to die upon.

That means Trump's appointments will sail through the Senate confirmation process.

Trump's demand isn't about policy, politics or personnel.

It's about power. It's about bending the legislative branch to the will of the president-elect and eroding or destroying one more of the constitutional safeguards the founders of this nation built into our system of government.

Put another way, as he prepares to return to power, Donald Trump's priority isn't on improving the lives of the people who returned him to office but on figuring out ways to acquire still more power.

Most likely, he will get it. The GOP long ago stopped being the party of Lincoln, a gathering of patriotic souls dedicated to building a stronger union, and now is fully, completely the party of Trump — and mini-Trump's such as Beckwith.

For them, power isn't a means. It's an end.

Lord Acton spoke to that reality, too.

"Authority," he wrote, "that does not exist for Liberty is not authority but force."

Amen.

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— Thomas Jefferson

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE GUY ASKED HIS WEARY-LOOKING DOG WHAT KIND OF DAY IT HAD, WHAT WAS ITS REPLY? "RUFF!"
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals L

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to home decorating. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = I)

A. 22 14 10 6 23 22 12 23
Clue: Inside

B. 9 6 13 12 23 16 10 6
Clue: Make something more festive

C. 21 16 10 6 23 22 16 7 8
Clue: Items used to create something

D. 22 14 8 24 22 23 22 14 17
Clue: Giving someone creative feelings

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(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Classical questions

1) What village named in the title of a Washington Irving story is about 25 miles north of Manhattan?

2) What composer who was orphaned at 10 is famed for his Brandenburg Concertos?

(1) Sleepy Hollow
(2) Johann Sebastian Bach

11-18 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND INVENTOR WHO REALLY LOVED SWISS-PRODUCED COUGH DROPS: RICOLA TESLA.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals D

HOME DECOR WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ALCOVE ARMOIRE BACKSPLASH BALUSTRADE BANQUETTE BROCADE CHEVRON COFFERED CONSOLE CORNICHE DESIGN KICKBOARD LAMINATE LINOLEUM PATINA RUNNER SCALE SCONCE SECTIONAL SHIPLAP TREATMENTS UPHOLSTERY VANITY WAINSCOTING

World FACT:

This is the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere.

English: Soil
Spanish: Tierra
Italian: Terra
French: Terre
German: Erde

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

RTAEH 1 2 3 4
GOEBL 5 6
DITSSEU 7
RWKO 8

X P L 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Answer: Explore the world

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 14

532 BC: Alexander the Great is crowned pharaoh of Egypt.

1889: Journalist Nellie Bly begins a successful attempt to travel around the world in fewer than 80 days.

1960: Ruby Bridges is the first black child to attend an all-white school in Louisiana.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Creates origami
6 Venice waterway
11 Breakfast bowlful
12 Aviator Earhart
14 Melodious
15 Humble
16 Expert
17 Abodes group
20 Morays
22 Standard
23 Abbr. on a phone
24 Rose parts
26 Pasta brand
28 "Town"
30 "The Matrix" role
31 Pi preceder
35 Poker pot starters
39 Gambler's aid
40 Zilch
42 Ms. Bombeck

DOWN

43 Ruby of Hollywood
44 Hackneyed
46 Choose
47 Jordan's neighbor
49 Woodstock attendee
51 Dodged
52 Stun guns
53 Creative muse, slangily
54 "Still —"
(Angelou poem)

3 Zodiac feline
4 Sprint
5 Sailing vessel
6 "Titanic" director
7 Novelist Oz
8 Actor Beatty
9 Syrian city
10 "Hear me out"
11 Cod and May
13 Arcade pioneer
18 Scratch the surface
21 Painter's garb

23 Atmospheric layer
25 California's Big —
27 PBS funder
29 Soccer star
31 Cristiano Ronaldo
32 Swiss breakfast mix
33 Post-winter thaw
34 Diarist Anaïs
36 Figures of speech
37 Realm
38 Fills up
41 Christine of "Chicago Hope"
44 Pager sound
45 Deceitful type
48 TV spots
50 "— Love You" (Beatles hit)

Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 11-16

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The element of safety

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 7 5
♥ K 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 10 8 6 4

WEST
♠ 9 8 3
♥ 6
♦ Q J 9 8 4
♣ K Q J 2

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

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 9 7 4
♥ A K 10 6 2
♦ A
♣

The bidding:
South West North East
2♣* Pass 2♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♦ Pass 4♥ Pass
6♥

*strong, artificial
Opening lead — king of clubs.

When you're declarer in a slam, it is surely right to give the play more careful consideration than if you were in, say, a partscore contract. South neglected to do that in today's deal, and it wound up costing him 1,530 points.

He won the club lead with the ace and played the A-K of diamonds, planning to ruff the third round of diamonds with dummy's king.

Unfortunately, East ruffed the king of diamonds and returned a trump, and South later had to lose a diamond trick to West for down one.

The deal illustrates the type of reasoning required when a contract seems easy to make. In such cases, declarer should stop and ask himself, "What can defeat me?"

Had South followed that rule in this deal, he might have found the winning line of play. A 5-1 diamond division is certainly not probable, but since it is possible, some effort should be made to guard against it.

After taking the club lead and cashing the ace of diamonds, South should play the deuce of diamonds at trick three! This guarantees 12 tricks whether the diamonds are divided 3-3, 4-2 or 5-1. In the third and critical case, South can subsequently ruff the six of diamonds with dummy's king, discard the ten of diamonds on the ace of spades and so ensure the contract.

There is no question that South was unlucky to run into a 5-1 diamond break that cost him the slam. But it is also true that the most it would have cost him to lead a low diamond at trick three was 30 points, while the failure to do so could, and in fact did, cost him 1,530 points.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Aromatherapy spot
4 Constitution letters
7 Franc replacer
11 Robust
13 Cattle call
14 Saharan
15 Scrambled wd.
16 Tavern
17 Faction
18 Katherine of "27 Dresses"
20 — Martin (cognac)
22 "Diamonds" singer
24 Sell directly
28 Amaze
32 Singer Lena
33 Serb or Croat
34 State VIP
36 Jogger's tempo
37 "Be silent," in music
39 Icon lineup

41 Greyhound alter-native
43 Pint-sized
44 Monumental
46 Sunrises
50 Greek cheese
53 Biblical pronoun
55 Denomination
56 Rara —
57 Vichy water
58 Online auction site
59 Say it isn't so
60 Use a straw

61 Jazz combo instrument
21 "Whatevs" and Sensibility" director
23 "Sense and Sensibility" Lee
25 United — Emirates
26 Bygone Peruvian
27 Ogler's look
28 "The Thin Man" dog
29 Bridge coup
30 Diplomacy
31 Speck
35 Pledge
38 Spigot
40 British ref. work
42 Flying toys
45 Spiced tea
47 Spider creations
48 Final Four org.
49 Charon's river
50 Passing craze
51 Adam's mate
52 Can metal
54 "Uh-huh"

Solution time: 21 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 11-18

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13
14 15
16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23
24 25 26 27
28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38
39 40 41 42
43 44 45 46
47 48 49 50
51 52
53 54

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ 10 9 8
♦ J 10 9
♣ J 4 3

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

EAST
♠ K Q
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ Q 8 6 5 4 3
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ A J 7 2
♥ Q
♦ A 2
♣ A K Q 9 8 6

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♦ Dble 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 3NT

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Bridge and poker are two entirely different games, but they have at least one thing in common: both incorporate — and even encourage — a certain degree of bluffing and deception.

Today's deal, from the final of the 1992 U.S. Bridge Championship, features a classic deceptive play by declarer. South, Jeff Meckstroth, reached three notrump as shown after a sequence that began with an artificial and forcing one-club opening.

There would have been no story to tell if West had led his best suit — hearts — but he opted to lead the king of diamonds in response to his partner's lead-directing double of North's artificial one-diamond bid.

Meckstroth took the king with the ace and considered his chances. Eight tricks — six clubs, a spade and a diamond — were in plain view, and a ninth could easily be developed by conceding a diamond. But he was certain that if he returned a diamond at trick two, the opponents would shift to hearts and put a quick end to the proceedings. The alternative of running his club suit first offered little hope, since that would reveal too much about his hand and lead to the same unhappy ending.

So Meckstroth decided that the best way to fight fire was with fire, and he calmly tabled the queen of hearts! West won with the ace and continued diamonds. East took the ten with the queen and, though he appeared to consider other options, finally returned a third diamond.

As soon as the diamond hit the table, Meckstroth unabashedly claimed nine tricks, leaving a chagrined East to ponder whether he could or should have found the winning defense.

Tomorrow: High expectations.
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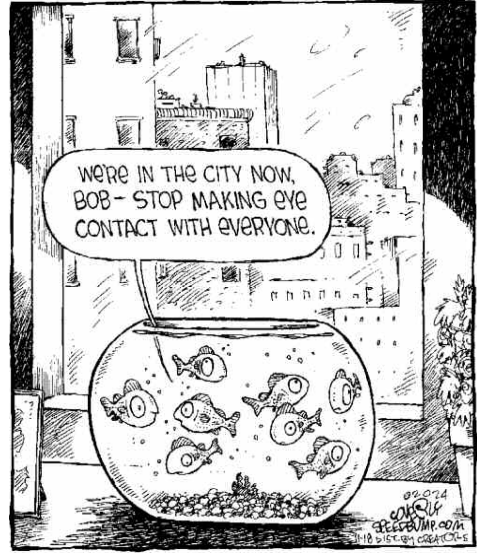
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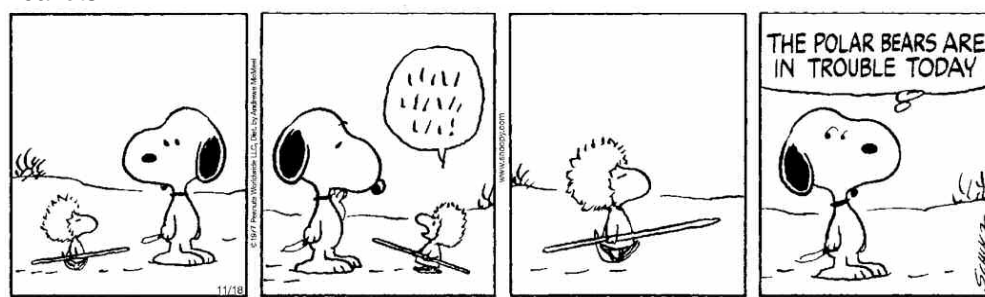
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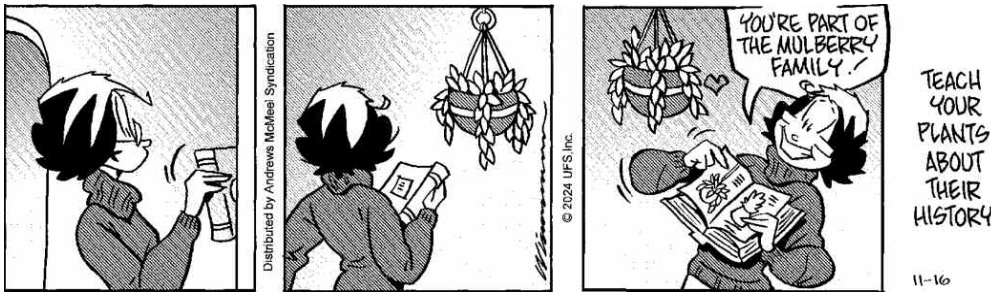
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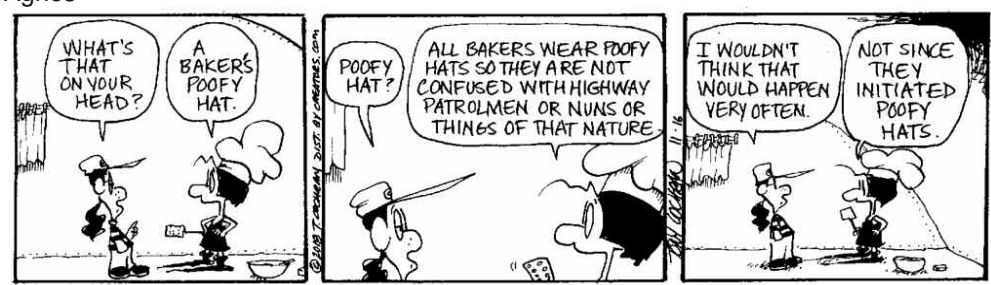
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Rose is Rose



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Agnes



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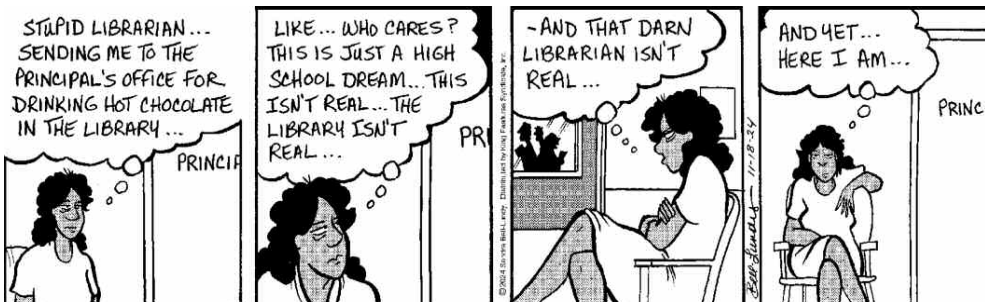
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Between Friends



Between Friends



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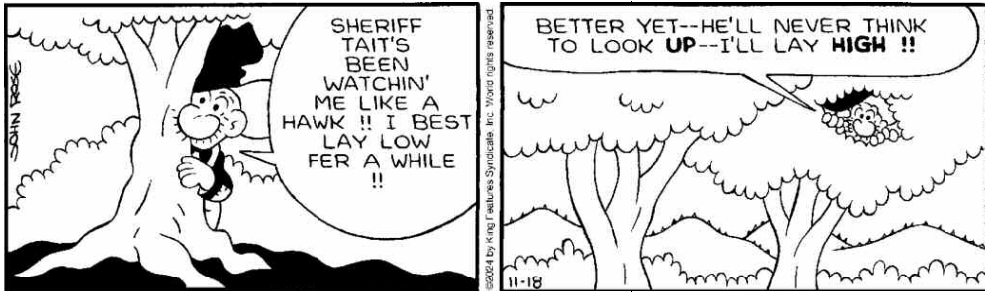
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Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey

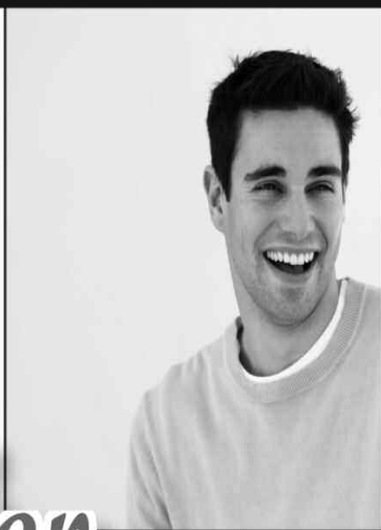


Beetle Bailey



We Deliver

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.

Beating the Bearcats



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School freshman Brenna Ruble runs a far side cradle on Muncie Central's Courtney Thrash during a dual-meet on Thursday. Ruble pinned Thrash with the move a little over two minutes into the match, to help the Patriots to a 54-15 victory and keep Ruble undefeated on the year.

Patriots take five of eight matches against Muncie Central for 54-15 win

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

MUNCIE — Wrestlers typically only need to grapple for two minutes at a time before getting a break.

Brenna Ruble got a different experience in her seventh match of the season, and the freshman utilized every extra second to the fullest.

Taking advantage of nearly an extra 30 seconds in the 115-pound match, Ruble secured her seventh career pin in the first round to help the Jay County High School girls wrestling team take down the Muncie Central Bearcats 54-15 on Thursday.

The Patriots (3-0) got to wrestling in eight matches during its third dual meet of the season, claiming victory in five.

“Our girls are wrestling pretty well right now,” said JCHS coach Eric Myers. “It’s fun to see them grow. ... It’s fun and exciting to be able to come out here and wrestle against a team like Muncie Central, who’s growing their program also and has a good group of girls. They’ve got a good coach in A.J. Bradley and it’s good to get a good weeknight dual in. You wouldn’t have been able to say that a couple of years ago, but it’s a lot of fun.”

It was one of the Jay County freshmen’s matches that stood out during the meet.

Ruble and Muncie Central’s Courtney Thrash were deadlocked for the first 90 seconds of the 115 contest before the JCHS freshman executed a single-leg takedown to get three points on the board.

After about five more seconds, assistant coach John Winner realized the clock had not been running and alerted the operator. After it finally started, a few seconds ran off before they cut a minute off the time and continued.

During that final minute, Ruble worked a far side cradle on Thrash, leading to a pin milliseconds before the clock sounded to end the round.

“I was definitely starting to feel that,” Ruble said. “The girl that I

wrestled, she was very strong in my opinion and a very good wrestler. I just stayed with it and did not give up. ... I found that I could work her more and get her more worn out. Then instead of having that short time (where) I’d have to rush into the move I felt like I had more time to lock the cradle up.”

Ruble is now 7-0 in her career with all seven matches ending by fall in the first period.

The 115-pounder wasn’t the only freshman to find success early in the season, as Amara Crawford pinned Ava Platt 40 seconds into the 190-pound match. Crawford has also won all of her matches by fall this season to sit at 6-0.

“We’ve got a good group to start with, but then to be able to add like those two who’ve wrestled for us in club and middle school and come in experienced, that has really helped solidify our girls team from top to bottom,” Myers said.

The Patriots also got three victories from former state competitors.

Emily Manor got things started with a victory in the 140 match. She took down Learah Rollins early in the opening period and got two 4-point near falls to lead 11-0. A Manor takedown, a Rollins reversal and then an escape gave the JCHS senior a 15-2 advantage going into the third. Starting on top in the final period, Manor forced Rollins to the mat to secure the pin with 1 minute, 40 seconds remaining in the contest.

Mallory Winner (who came in ranked 27th nationally in the 170 weight class by USA Wrestling, FloWrestling and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum) made quick work of Yarimar Figueroa. She got a two-leg takedown in three seconds before eventually getting the fall in 45 seconds.

Maleah Parsons also pulled off a win over Alyssa Black in the 145 contest. The two got whistled three times for going out of bounds in the first 23 seconds.

After the third time, John Winner directed Parsons to shoot for



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Emily Manor of JCHS takes a shot at the Bearcats’ Learah Rollins during the 140-pound match Thursday. Manor won the match by fall with 1:49 left in the third period.

Black’s hips. During the next action, Parsons immediately executed a double-leg takedown, leading directly to a pin in 29 seconds.

“She was going straight arms on me and I was mostly trying to snap her down, but that wasn’t really working,” Parsons said. “I just like pushed her arms up and went forward (on the last try) when she was pushing into me.”

The rest of the Patriots’ points came off of forfeits. Filling in the weight classes for the free points were Katie Rowles — who is ranked 30th national in the 95-pound weight class despite it not existing in Indiana — (100), Tatianna Willis (120), Sophie Thomas (130) and Lina Lingo

(135). (Neither team had wrestlers for the 105 and 110 weight classes.)

Two of Jay County’s losses came by pin while the other was an 11-7 decision. Jumping up into the 235-pound weight class, Rayan Murphy fell to Rianna Webb in 59 seconds.

Allison Tipton held a 7-3 advantage with a minute left in the second period before Noemi Galan got a reversal on her. Galan kept working Tipton before eventually getting the JCHS sophomore on her back with 18.5 seconds remaining in the 125 contest.

Maddie Gage battled with Amaya Stoudemire in the 155 match. Gage got the first takedown with 31 seconds left in the first period to lead 3-0. Gage started on top in the second and held

Stoudemire down until there were six seconds left. The junior Bearcat pulled off a reversal and a 4-point nearfall to claim a 6-3 advantage. A single-leg takedown and a 2-point nearfall got Stoudemire to 11 points, while Gage only managed a reversal and 2-point nearfall, coming up just short of a pin as time expired.

“We’re going to have some minor setbacks here and there, but I think that’s how we’re going to learn,” Myers said. “Not everything’s going to go right in every position and every match like we want it to, but I think that’s the way our girls are going to learn. We’ll get back into the room and fix some things and be ready to progress forward.”

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Hamilton Heights — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls bowling vs. St. Mary’s at Celina — 9:15 a.m.; Girls basketball scrimmage at Fort Loramie — 9:30 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball at Norwell — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Norwell — 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball at Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12 p.m. — College football: Texas at Arkansas (ABC); Tulane at Navy (ESPN2);

Ohio State at Northwestern (BTN); Clemson at Pitt (ESPN); Utah at Colorado (FOX)
12 p.m. — College basketball: Wake Forest at Xavier (FS1)
12 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Gotham FC at Washington Spirit (CBS)
1 p.m. — College basketball: Notre Dame at Georgetown (NBC)
1 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Boston Bruins (FSDN Indiana)
2 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Stanford at Indiana (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — College football: Michigan State at Illinois (FS1)
3 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: N.C. State at TCU (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Virginia at Notre Dame (NBC); Penn State at Purdue (CBS); LSU at Florida (ABC); Boston College at SMU (ESPN)
4 p.m. — College football: Nebraska at USC (FOX); Baylor at West Virginia (ESPN)
4 p.m. — College basketball: Yale at

Minnesota (BTN)
6 p.m. — College football: Rutgers at Maryland (FS1)
6 p.m. — College basketball: Bowling Green at Michigan State (BTN); Florida Atlantic at Liberty (YouTube)
7 p.m. — College football: Arizona State at Kansas State (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Georgia (ABC); Oregon at Wisconsin (NBC)
7:30 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Texas at DePaul (FS1); Arkansas at UCLA (BTN)
8 p.m. — College football: Cincinnati at Iowa State (FOX); UAB at Memphis (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College basketball: Loyola Marymount at Saint Louis (FSDN Indiana)
9:30 p.m. — College football: Washington State at New Mexico (FS1)
10:15 p.m. — College football: Kansas at BYU (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — College football: San

Diego State at UNLV (FS1)
Sunday
12 p.m. — College basketball: New Mexico at St. John’s (FS1)
1 p.m. — College basketball: St. Mary’s at Nebraska (BTN)
1 p.m. — NFL: Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears (FOX); Indianapolis Colts at New York Jets (CBS)
3 p.m. — College soccer: Michigan at Ohio State (BTN)
4 p.m. — College basketball: Kansas City Current at Orlando Pride (ABC)
4 p.m. — College basketball: Utah at Mississippi State (ESPN2)
4 p.m. — NHRA: In-N-Out Burger NHRA Finals (FS1)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills (CBS)
5 p.m. — NBA: Miami Heat at Indiana Pacers (FSDN Indiana)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Cincinnati Bengals at Los Angeles Chargers (NBC)
8:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Indi-

ana at Nebraska (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — College basketball: Cal at USC (BTN)
10:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at UCLA (BTN)
Monday
1 a.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — College volleyball: Texas at Alabama (ESPN)
5 p.m. — College volleyball: Illinois at Purdue (BTN)
6 p.m. — College basketball: Miami (OH) at Michigan (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Toronto Raptors (FSDN Indiana)
8 p.m. — College basketball: UT Rio Grande Valley at Wisconsin (BTN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Houston Texans at Dallas Cowboys (ABC)
Tuesday
7 p.m. — NBA: Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics (TNT)

7 p.m. — College basketball: Texas A&M-Commerce at UConn (FS1); Cleveland State at Minnesota (BTN)
8:30 p.m. — College football: Western Michigan at Central Michigan (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College football: Northern Illinois at Miami (OH) (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA: New Orleans Pelicans at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)
9:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at San Antonio Spurs (TNT)
9 p.m. — College basketball: Purdue at Marquette (FS1); Montana State at Northwestern (BTN)
Local notes
Final race
The final race in the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26.
Preregistration can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.