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Trial is set for former AG Hill

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Former Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill is set to stand trial before a jury next week, following two years of delays — and nearly seven years since Hill allegedly groped a lawmaker and three staffers during a party.

At a final pre-trial conference Tuesday, counsel representing the four plaintiffs asked Marion Superior Court Judge Patrick Dietrick to delay proceedings. The judge declined.

Instead, Dietrick gave preliminary instructions. He led both sides' lawyers through the upcoming jury selection process, detailed his approach to direct examination and outlined a rough schedule for the five-day civil battery trial.

It's set to run Monday through Friday. Dietrick said he hoped to have the jury seated by lunchtime Monday so that counsel could give opening statements that afternoon.

Plaintiffs Niki DaSilva, Samantha Lozano, Gabrielle McLemore and former Rep. Maria Candelaria Reardon accused then-Attorney General Hill of unwanted touching during a bar gathering celebrating the legislative session's end in the early hours of March 15, 2018.

He has consistently denied the allegations, calling them "false" and "vicious."

A special prosecutor was assigned to the case and chose not to bring criminal charges. But the Indiana Supreme Court found in 2020, after a disciplinary commission complaint, that Hill had committed criminal battery. It suspended his law license for 30 days.

The four plaintiffs originally filed suit in the U.S. District Court for Southern District in 2019, but the court dismissed it in 2020. They re-filed in state court that year.

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Social concept



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Work is underway this week to put a new facade wall on the east side of The Greazy Pickle in Portland where an adjacent structure was torn down late last year. Portland Park Board president Brian Ison shared an initial idea to create a "social park" in the space at Tuesday's meeting. The board gave its informal initial support to the idea that could include a fire pit, cornhole courts, lighting, vegetation and open space for events.

Committee has put together plan for 'social park' at the former site of the Bailey Building in Portland

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

A preliminary idea for what to do with the downtown lot where the Bailey Building previously stood was presented Tuesday.

Portland Park Board gave informal initial support to an idea for the property at the southwest corner of Commerce and Main streets in Portland during its regular meeting.

The board also approved a couple of projects for Haynes Park for 2025.

The Bailey Building that once stood at 201 through 205 W. Main St. was demolished in late 2023. It had been in a state of disre-

pair for years before it was removed.

The remaining empty lot has been discussed as a possible event space in the downtown area and a committee was formed to look at options for the property. Park board president Brian Ison serves on that committee along with multiple members of Portland Main Street Connect and others. He presented a preliminary idea for the property at Tuesday's meeting.

He referred to the concept as a "social park" that could include a fire pit, cornhole courts, lighting, vegetation and open space.

A restroom was also considered but is not part of the initial plan.

Ison explained that the goal was to provide a venue that would be positive for local businesses, enhance existing events such as car shows and the Main Street festivals and bring in new events. (It would be set up with some lighting and electrical infrastructure to support such activities.) It could also be a lunch spot for downtown workers and a possible site for a farmers' market.

Another goal was to not add too much to the parks department workload, which already

includes Hudson Family Park, Haynes Park, Weiler-Wilson Park, Milton Miller Park and Portland Memorial Park.

"So, what we're looking at is just keeping it very low maintenance," Ison said.

The committee is working with Nature's Green of Fort Recovery to develop the concept. Ison said he expects to have cost estimates ready to be discussed at the Dec. 16 Portland City Council meeting.

With the park board agreeing informally to support the idea, the next step will be to present it to city council.

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Warming up

Lori McClain and Larry Spade from Mt. Tabor/Sugar Grove Church pass out hot dogs and soup to guests at Glass Capital Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram Monday during Dunkirk's annual Feel the Warmth of Christmas celebration.

Impeachment pushed

By **SOO-HYANG CHOI**

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

South Korea's opposition ramped up the heat on President Yoon Suk Yeol with an impeachment motion after he plunged the nation into a political crisis by briefly imposing martial law.

The Democratic Party and five other opposition parties submitted the motion Wednesday afternoon, according to a DP official speaking with reporters, less than a day after Yoon's shock move to take direct political control and his later humiliating climbdown.

The main opposition party earlier said it will pursue charges of treason and impeachment against Yoon, as well as South Korea's defense minister and safety minister, alleging that the declaration of martial law was illegal. The

defense minister offered his resignation.

Yoon's surprise gamble on Tuesday night to assert his authority in response to continued deadlock blindsided the nation, his own People Power Party and global allies including the U.S.

The chaotic developments whipsawed investors and prompted reassurances from monetary authorities that they would provide help in markets if needed, though Bank of Korea Governor Rhee Chang-

yong told Bloomberg the political events would not increase the likelihood of another interest rate cut.

While the president rescinded the move early Wednesday just a matter of hours after making the decree, his move triggered an outpouring of anger from the public and from his own party. He now faces widespread calls to resign with the prospect of yet another South Korean president facing the ignominy of an impeachment process.

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Opposition submitted motion against S. Korean president

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 32 degrees Tuesday. The low was 19.

The low will be around 15 tonight with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour and a 30% chance of snow showers. Expect mostly

sunny skies Friday with a high in the upper 20s. The high will climb into the 30s Saturday and 40s Sunday. Rain is expected Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music" opens at 7 p.m. tonight at Arts Place. The cast includes sisters Inara Sander and Niyah McIver as Liesl and Marta, Mason Paxson as Kurt and Maci Homan as Gretl. Tickets are available at bit.ly/JCCTTSOM, by calling (260) 726-4809 or at Arts Place.

Coming up

Friday — An update following Jay County Development Corporation's meeting.

Saturday — Coverage of the JCHS boys basketball game against Woodlan.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Parents, states press online safety bill

By GOPAL RATNAM
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Parents whose kids died allegedly because of social media content are pushing lawmakers to require tech companies to alter practices to minimize such harms.

Attorneys general in more than half of U.S. states support the same legislation, saying “many social media platforms target minors, resulting in a national youth mental health catastrophe.”

But with few days left in the current session, House leadership hasn’t set a floor vote for a

measure approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee in September. The bill’s companion in the Senate passed on a 91-3 vote in July.

“We are trying to get it done,” Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., said in a recent hallway interview in the Capitol. “I’m working like heck to get it done.” Bilirakis is chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, whose jurisdiction includes data privacy, security and consumer protection.

Bilirakis said he had spoken with the House Republican leadership, including Speaker

Mike Johnson, about bringing the measure to a vote. “I haven’t given up at all,” Bilirakis said. “I think we have a shot.”

A spokesman for Johnson’s office did not respond to questions about the bill.

Rep. Bob Latta, R-Ohio, one of the lawmakers seeking the chairmanship of the House Energy and Commerce Committee in the new Congress, said he had not discussed the bill with Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, the committee chair who’s retiring. Latta said in a brief interview that he wasn’t aware of whether the schedule will include the bill.

Social media companies’ aversion to the legislation is no secret. Tech industry trade groups — including NetChoice, a group that represents top tech platforms including Google LLC, Meta Platforms Inc. and Snap Inc. — have said that the measure is anti-constitutional because it curbs free speech.

Meta, for example, favors requiring app stores to get parents’ consent if kids under 16 want to download certain social media apps. A spokesman said that would be better than the proposals being considered in Congress, even with the House version stripping out some Senate bill provisions

through a substitute amendment by Bilirakis.

The first provision removed would have required tech companies to exercise a “reasonable care in the creation and implementation of any design feature to prevent and mitigate” harms to minors, including mental health disorders such as anxiety and depression, eating disorders, substance use disorders and suicidal behaviors.

The second provision would have required tech companies to design their products and services to mitigate “patterns of use that indicate or encourage compulsive usage by minors.”

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Friday 12/6	Saturday 12/7	Sunday 12/8	Monday 12/9	Tuesday 12/10
30/21	39/32	52/44	52/42	45/26
Mostly sunny on Friday, when the low at night may dip into the low 20s.	Saturday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with lows in the 30s.	There's a chance of snow Sunday, when the high will be in the low 50s.	Mostly cloudy skies on Monday with a 50% chance of showers.	Tuesday's weather looks like mostly cloudy skies and a 50% chance of rain.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$240 million	Evening Daily Three: 6-2-3 Daily Four: 2-7-0-7 Quick Draw: 6-15-18-20-22-26-27-29-39-41-47-48-49-55-56-58-62-67-69-74
Mega Millions 52-60-61-66-67 Mega Ball: 23 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$579 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 3-1-5 Pick 4: 5-8-6-6 Pick 5: 7-5-3-6-0 Evening Pick 3: 1-9-6 Pick 4: 3-6-5-1 Pick 5: 9-4-7-5-1 Rolling Cash: 3-13-19-27-29 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.37 Jan. corn.....4.35 Wheat4.27	Jan. beans9.77 Wheat 4.97
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.39 Jan. corn.....4.41 Feb. corn4.41	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.22 Jan. corn4.23 Beans9.74 Jan. beans9.76 Wheat4.85
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Today in history

In 1484, Pope Innocent VIII condemned witchcraft. He later sent inquisitors to Germany to put accused witches on trial.

In 1757, King Frederick II of Prussia defeated Austria in a battle at Leuthen during the Seven Years’ War.

In 1901, Walt Disney was born in Chicago. He was the creator of cartoon characters Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, and he also planned and built Disneyland near Los Angeles.

In 2013, Jay County High School’s wrestling team racked up eight points, including six in the first period, as it knocked off Muncie Southside 48-30. Senior Eric Hemmelgarn led the way by finishing off Daquevon Hopkins of the Rebels in just 49 seconds in the heavyweight match.

In 2018, Jay County High School senior Vivienne Kunkler signed to continue her swimming career at Bethel College. —The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.	7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Wednesday 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff’s Merit Board, training room, sheriff’s office, 224 W. Water St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

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If the council is on board, the committee and park board would seek grant funding for the project.

Board members Shauna Runkle, John McFarland, Jennifer Weitzel and Michael Brewster also approved three expenditures for Haynes Park.

The board has already ordered new playground equipment to replace an outdated unit near the shelter house on the north side of the park and looked at related items Tuesday. It approved

spending \$5,530 on mulch and plastic borders for the playground area. It also approved a \$5,295 contract with Gurgling Brook of Geneva to fence in the playground area after equipment has been installed.

Also approved as an \$7,250 contract with Tri County Log and Tree Service of rural Portland for removing dead limbs from the trees in Haynes Park. (City crews will handle the clean-up work.)

“That project has to be done for the safety of the public,” said Shauver.

In other business, the board:

•Briefly looked ahead to 2025, noting the need to begin advertising for a manager for Portland Water Park. The facility will also need some equipment upgrades, said Ison, specifically mentioning umbrellas.

•Heard from parks manager Ronnie Reynolds that all parks have been winterized and that he is working on getting quotes for mowers for the department.

•Approved a request from Arts Place to allow

the sale of alcohol for its Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre concert series performances on June 19 and July 10. Brewster, who is a Portland police officer, said there were no behavior issues resulting from alcohol sales at concerts this year.

•Was reminded by Ison that meetings will be recorded and livestreamed in 2025. (Doing so is required by state law beginning July 1.) The board will continue to meet at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

Impeachment ...

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“Yoon’s declaration of martial law appeared to be both legal overreach and a political miscalculation, unnecessarily risking South Korea’s economy and security,” said Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha University in Seoul. “He sounded like a politician under siege, making a desperate move against mounting scandals, institutional obstruction, and calls for impeachment, all of which are now likely to intensify.”

Lawmakers will need to wait at least 24 hours before they can vote on the impeachment motion with a time-limit of 72 hours, possibly extending this stage of the political drama to the weekend. A two-thirds majority is

required to approve the impeachment proceedings. The opposition needs 200 votes to approve the impeachment measures.

The president would be suspended from his duties during proceedings if launched. The final ruling on his impeachment would come from the constitutional court.

“Impeachment is a must,” said Chun Ha-ram, a minor opposition party lawmaker joining the motion. “It’s now time to think about how to prosecute Yoon for treason.”

With the martial law decree rescinded, investors dialed back some of their worst projections for the outcome of South Korea’s political chaos. The won, Asia’s worst per-

forming currency this year, regained most of its lost ground on Wednesday after plunging more than 3% shortly when initial news of the martial law decree broke on Tuesday. Stocks were hammered at the open, before recovering some of the losses to close down 1.4% in the afternoon.

Still, the move leaves confidence in Seoul’s policymaking process battered and raises doubts about whether it will become too inwardly focused to effectively deal with the challenges presented by Donald Trump’s return to the White House and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s weapons program and his deepening ties with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Capsule Reports

Turning accident

A Portland woman turned her car into another Portland woman’s vehicle at the intersection of Bridge and Seventh streets about 8:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Jama Gillum, 39, was driving a 2013 Honda

Civic along Seventh Street and turning south onto Bridge Street. As she turned, she struck a 2010 Ford Expedition driven by 62-year-old Sue Lee stopped along Bridge Street.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

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That’s also the year Hill sought reelection to his post, losing to current Attorney General Todd Rokita at the Indiana Republican Party’s convention. He launched a gubernatorial bid last year, in an attempted political comeback. But he came in sixth — last — according to the state’s primary election records.

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Try tips for healthy holiday eating

By MELISSA KANNEY

Food is a very important part of most holidays, family gatherings and celebrations. Most events are centered around the food! During this time of year many people find themselves gaining a little (or a lot) of weight between Thanksgiving and the new year. This can happen for a variety of reasons ... pressure to overeat, increased emotional eating or letting healthy eating slide with a plan for a strict diet and exercise routine in the new year. Whatever it may be, here are some helpful thoughts to stay

Your Health Matters



healthy through the holiday season!

1. Go to gatherings with a plan. Think about who you will be with, where you will be and what foods will be there. Consider what foods are the most special to you versus the foods that you could do without. You could also think about what triggers

you to overeat and what you could do to avoid these triggers.

2. Focus on weight maintenance versus weight loss during the holidays. If you are working on losing weight, now is probably not the best time to do it. Maintaining your current weight is enough of a challenge during the holiday season. Don't set yourself up for failure by making unrealistic goals.

3. Eat a light snack before going to holiday events. Try not to arrive to a party feeling hungry. A light snack before going can help you to not overeat at the holiday meal which

is typically made up of higher fat and higher calorie foods. Try a piece of fruit, a small carton of yogurt, or a string cheese before you go.

4. Be physically active everyday. Busy holiday schedules often disrupt our normal exercise routines, and in the winter, it is even harder to stay active. Little bits of movement even count! Try housework, shopping for groceries or gifts, dancing to holiday music, playing in the snow, etc. Be creative! This extra movement can help to relieve stress, regulate appetite and burn up extra calories.

5. Holi-"days" are not "weeks" or months." One or two days are not too much to "indulge," especially since there are 365 days in a year. Just make sure the "indulgence" doesn't last for the entire holiday season! You should enjoy the holidays, and especially the traditional holiday foods.

6. Enjoy good friends and family. Even though food is a big part of the holiday season, it doesn't have to be the main focus. The holidays are a time to reunite with friends and family, share laughter and cheer, celebrate, and give thanks. Focusing more on

these aspects than the food can also help us to remember what the season is all about.

7. Maintain perspective. Overeating one day won't make or break your diet plan, and it definitely won't make you gain weight! It takes days of overeating to gain weight, so if you over-indulge at a holiday party, put it behind you and remember to return to your normal eating the next day without any guilt.

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Melissa Kanney is a registered dietitian at IU Health Jay County Hospital.

Penny-pinching man loses his wife's affection

DEAR ABBY: My friend is married to a penny-pincher. He hates spending money. They are retired and have sizable assets. He never buys her anything for her birthday or takes her out to dinner. He doesn't buy her a card on Valentine's Day, either.

They each own their own homes and commute back and forth between them. When he comes to her house, she has her refrigerator stocked. When she goes to his, he has no food. She must go to the market and buy food for both of them. Then he gets angry in the market about spending money on food. He hates restaurants because they cost money.

Because he's so cheap, he goes to the local hospital and buys his dinner from the cafeteria there. They keep their finances separate, but she feels

Dear Abby



he should do SOMETHING for her for holidays and special occasions. She always does nice things for him, like treat him to sporting events, dinners, etc. If they go out with a group of people, he gets annoyed with splitting the bill. She's always slipping him money under the table so he can pay his and her share.

At this point, his cheapness is affecting their marriage. Abby, can you suggest anything to change a cheapskate husband?

He has the resources; he just doesn't want to spend any of it. — ASKING FOR A FRIEND

DEAR ASKING: If your friend and her husband spent a reasonable amount of time together before they married, she must have known about his "quirk." He may have a deep-seated fear of poverty. Because his penury has become increasingly hard for her to live with, she must speak up. That their homes and financial assets have been kept separate may have been very wise. (You didn't mention whether they are happy in other aspects of their marriage.)

Counseling might help — if he is willing to admit there is a problem. If she's soliciting advice from you, suggest she become less gen-

erous and eat well before she arrives at his home. If his cupboard is bare, he, not she, should go to the store to fill it or even treat himself to dinner at the hospital cafeteria. Not every spouse needs gifts but, because she does and he chooses to ignore it, she may have to accept they are two very different people. While opposites can attract, in this case, apparently it isn't true. What a shame.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been a widow for three years. There's a guy I have known for the last eight years, and I have had a crush on for a couple of years. I'm not sure how to talk to him about my feelings and I don't want to ruin our friendship. How can I talk to him and not

ruin our friendship? — FEELING LOST

DEAR FEELING LOST: Do you socialize with this person? If you do, the next time you go out together, tell him how much you like him and how special he is to you. If he reacts positively, tell him you may have a crush on him. THEN LISTEN. I wouldn't call that being unduly forward, but if he runs for the hills, you'll know your crush is not reciprocated. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

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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.

Today

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30

p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory

loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

Saturday

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

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE — BRINNA'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.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is

located at 216 S. Meridian 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 United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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FDA gets small, important victory

The Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

Given how the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority is better known for limiting the authority of federal regulatory agencies than supporting them, this week's small victory for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is an especially welcome one.

The justices served the nation's interest by essentially doing nothing — declining to hear the tobacco industry's First Amendment-based challenge to graphic health warnings on packs of cigarettes the FDA proposed more than four years ago. If anything, the victory was overdue.

Guest Editorial

Much has been written about Donald Trump's election as a turning point in the public's view of the proper role of government in their lives. We strongly believe at least one expectation hasn't changed: Americans want to hear the truth. And the warnings are, if anything, overdue. They picture, for example, discolored feet

with missing toes and a caption about how smoking reduces blood flow to the limbs that can lead to amputation. In another, a medical professional holds a diseased lung with a message of how smoking is linked to a potentially fatal lung disease.

A little difficult to view? Absolutely, and that's the idea. Each year, an estimated 7,500 adult Marylanders die from tobacco-related causes even as overall tobacco use is down. Shouldn't people be made to squirm?

Remember, secondhand smoke is a serious problem as well so the stakes are especially high. And

while overall smoking rates have declined in recent years, they remain a serious challenge. The FDA hasn't updated its warnings since 1984.

We can only hope the Silver Spring-based agency will continue to fulfill its mission to protect and promote public health by ensuring the safety of drugs, medical devices, food, cosmetics and other products. Trump's pick to run the FDA, Johns Hopkins surgeon Dr. Marty Makary, has proven moderately controversial but mostly for his past views on COVID and the performance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Makary has indicated he believes the FDA has "lost the trust of Americans" but that could indicate a desire to regulate more not less. More concerning is whether Trump's pick to run the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., will accept science-based evidence given his eccentric views on health care including his belief in a link between vaccines and autism.

Both nominees should be pleased by the Supreme Court's judgment on cigarette warnings and should say so during confirmation hearings.



It's time to learn a lesson from tariffs

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Tariffs and trade are rarely explained in a way everyone can understand, and we should blame economists for that. There are a few important points that every adult should know.

Tariffs are taxes levied on imported goods and services. Our constitution requires Congress to vote on all tax changes, but Congress gave special powers to the president to set tariffs under a "national security" claim. So, as long as the president claims the tariffs are designed to reduce the risk to national security, he can set tariffs.

This presidential power was created in 1962 and has been used only a few times. President-elect Trump imposed very broad tariffs in 2018, and President Biden continued them throughout his presidency.

Because these tariffs are not subject to normal policy debates, few Americans know about their effects. That's a pity because it permitted Trump to impose heavy and costly tariffs and allowed Joe Biden to keep them.

Tariffs are designed with the hope of pushing down our trade deficit, but they don't have any effect on our trade deficit. The size of the American trade deficit—how much more we import than export—is exclusive-

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ly the result of the savings rate, or how much more we spend than we produce.

It turns out that the U.S. savings rate is primarily affected by our federal budget deficit. You see, our federal budget deficit is caused by collecting fewer tax dollars than we spend each year. It is a classic example of spending more than we earn. To finance that, we sell Treasury bonds. This is a type of borrowing that reduces our national savings rate.

In short, Americans are buying more than we produce, and that has caused our trade deficit.

American citizens buy up about a third of the federal deficit each year in the form of bonds. These bonds are held by retirement accounts and pension funds as a safe investment, so we are lending money to our own government. But, for every dollar that we borrow from outside the U.S. each year, American net imports must increase by a dollar.

For example, last year, our federal deficit was about \$1.4 trillion, and roughly \$1 trillion was financed by foreigners buying U.S. treasuries. As a consequence, the trade deficit was roughly \$1 trillion. This is what mathematicians call an identity, such as 2+2=4.

Unless we collect enough money in tariffs to pay down the debt, tariffs will have no effect on our trade deficit. As long as we run federal budget deficits, we will have a trade deficit, and every American should understand that relationship.

Tariff rates would need to be about 150 percent to eliminate the budget deficit—if we still bought the same number of goods from overseas.

Now, tariffs can affect what we buy, and from whom we buy it. So, tariffs on the People's Republic of China would push domestic firms and consumers to buy goods or services from other countries. This happens because of the price effect of tariffs. Tariffs will increase the price Americans pay on imported goods. You cannot control the incidence of taxation.

No matter what laws you pass, or what claims you make about a tax, the entity that pays a tax on trade is determined by economics, not legislation. The relative

responsiveness to price of the buyer and seller determines who pays the tax.

We are a rich country, importing relatively inexpensive items from overseas, so our price sensitivity is very low relative to our suppliers. As a consequence, American consumers will pay most of the tariff costs.

Ironically, retaliatory tariffs on American exporters can be very damaging. We export lots of commodities—think soybeans, corn and oil. These products are produced in many places, so it is very easy for a country upon whom we place a tariff to retaliate by placing a tariff on our soybeans, corn and oil. In that case, almost all the tariffs will be paid by American farmers and oil producers.

Trade wars are not easy to win, and they are darned near impossible to win for rich countries that export commodities. We lost the last one and will lose the next one. And by "we," I mean all of us, though the cost will be more heavily born by U.S. farmers and manufacturers who import parts to assemble here.

That is why the Midwest, with its farms and factories, was so badly hurt by the 2018 round of tariffs.

Trump's proposed tariffs will cause the cost of products to rise

in the U.S., and at least one estimate from the Tax Foundation estimates the cost at more than \$2,000 per household each year. That would make this the largest inflation-adjusted tax increase in U.S. history.

The burden of tariffs will also fall most heavily on younger and poorer households. They buy a disproportionate share of goods, such as cars, appliances, consumer electronics and home construction materials.

Tariffs played such a large role in the Trump campaign that arguing against them is pointless. What would be best for the U.S. is to experience them quickly and in full. We should immediately proceed to levy a 20 percent tariff on all imports and 60 percent on Chinese imports, as Trump said he would do.

As we learn of the consequences, we should recall Benjamin Franklin's adage that experience is a costly school, but the fool will learn in no other way.

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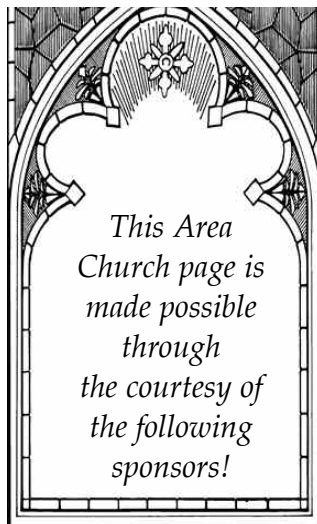
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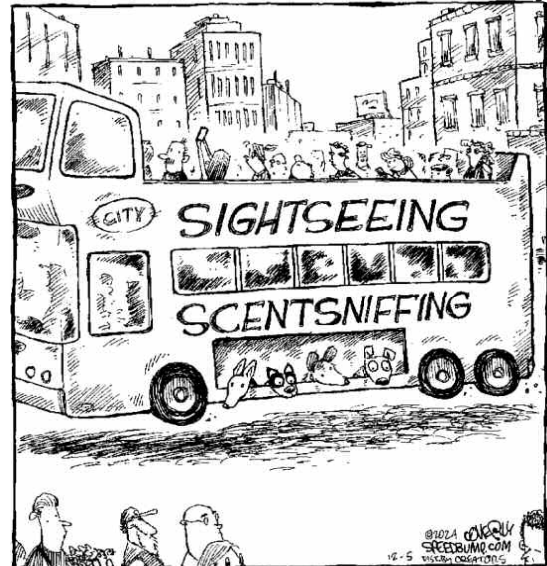


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automatically have led the ace and another spade and hoped for the best. But Merkle had not earned his reputation as a fine cardplayer by making automatic leads. He was too experienced for that.

Instead, he decided that there was very little hope of scoring two spade tricks, and that his best chance to defeat the contract was to assume that his partner had either a singleton heart or a singleton diamond and would be able to ruff the second round of one of these suits after Merkle regained the lead with the club ace.

The bidding: East 3♠ South 4♣ West 4♠ North 5♣ Opening lead: ?

This deal was played many years ago in a national pair championship. Holding the West hand was Harry Merkle, California expert. He found himself faced with the problem of finding the best opening lead against five clubs, reached on the bidding sequence shown. (South's four-club bid was artificial and was equivalent to a takeout double.) Probably most players would

But not knowing which red suit to lead, Merkle came up with a unique solution. With malice aforethought, he led the eight of spades!

Everything worked out exactly as Merkle planned. East won the spade with the ten and returned his singleton nine of diamonds. Declarer took the diamond with dummy's ace and led a trump to his king.

Merkle won with the ace and, consistent with his plan, returned a diamond. East ruffed to score the defenders' third trick, and the contract was down one, thanks to Merkle's brilliantly conceived defense.

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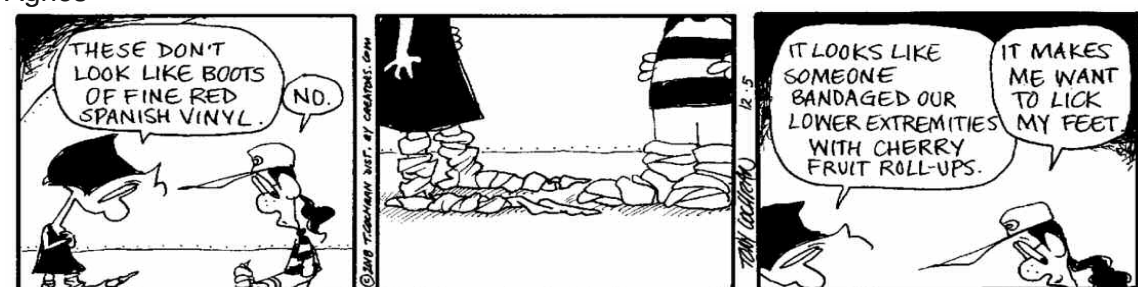
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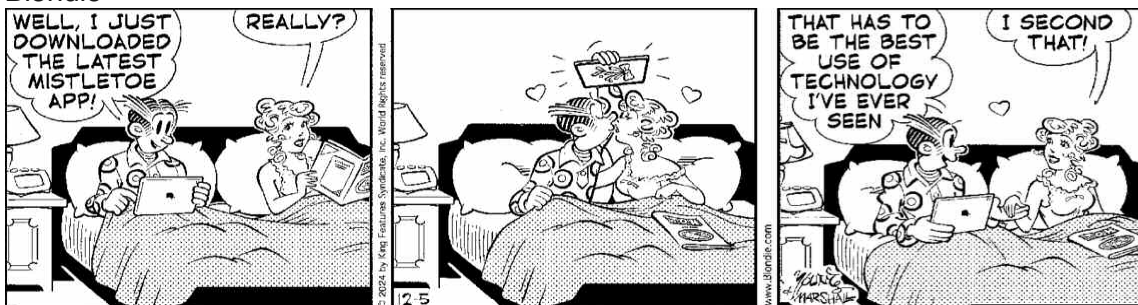
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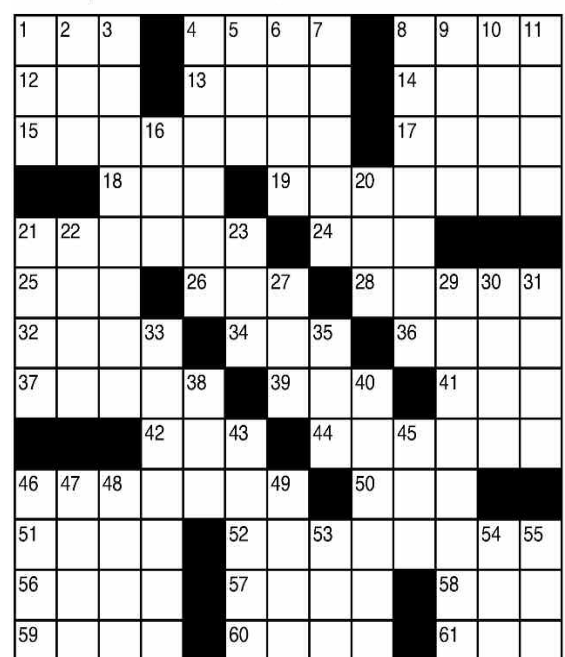
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Roundup ...

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The Patriots' most dominant victory came against Mount Vernon, winning 72-6. The Patriots claimed three of the four contested weight classes as Lina Lingo (135), Emily Manor (140) and Madison Gage (170) all won by fall in the first period.
JCHS beat Hagerstown 51-6 fueled by victories from Maleah Parsons (145) and Brenna Ruble (120). Parsons pinned Saide Nicholas in 1 minute 49 seconds, while Ruble edged out Brenna Walker for a 5-4 decision.
All seven matches between

Jay County and Centerville ended by fall as the Patriots claimed five of them for a 60-18 triumph. Katie Rowles (100), Manor (140), Gage (155), Mallo-ry Winner (170) and Amara Crawford (190) all took down their opponents.

Swim splits

BLUFFTON — The Jay County High School swim teams split with the Bluffton Tigers in the first Allen County Athletic Conference meet of the season.
The Patriot girls dominated Bluffton for a 115-64 victory, while the boys got clobbered 130-51.

The boys (0-1, 0-1 ACAC) only victories came from Cooper Glentzer and Matthew Fisher. Glentzer, a freshman, claimed the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2 minutes, 11.15 seconds, while Matthew Fisher won the 100 butterfly.
The girls team (2-2, 1-0 ACAC) earned eight first-place finishes, including a pair of wins for freshman Kaitlyn Fisher in the 200 freestyle (2:43.57) and the 100 freestyle (1:22.83).
Avery Wentz beat Bluffton's Tess Frauhiger in the 100 backstroke by 0.05 seconds. Other

individual victories came from Lauren Fisher in the 50 freestyle (32.25), Ariel Beiswanger in the 400 freestyle (5:54.56), Sophia Hoewel in the 100 freestyle (1:12.08) and Maddy Snow in the 1-meter diving (179.85 points).
The girls also claimed the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.
Junior High wins
DECATUR — The Jay County Junior High School girls basketball teams rolled over Belmont on Monday.
The eighth grade team picked up a 55-5 victory, led by

a 21-point effort from Karsyn Schwieterman. Charlee Peters followed with 11, while Alyvia Schwieterman added eight. Rounding out the scoring, Kendall Schemenaur had six points, Claudia Dirksen put up five and Arabella Link and Ali Luna both hit shots.
The seventh grade team got back on track with a 36-7 win over Belmont. Brenna Weitzel led the way with 20 points. Link and Bristol Kahlig supported with six and four points, respectively, while Boo Towell, Emmi Clark and Bella Barnett all had two.

Troubles ...

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Northeastern also went on a 15-0 run in the third quarter. Eight of the 15 points came in transition, scored again by Mikesell and Kircher. Kerri Gammon added three points off of a post up and a free throw, while Kircher hit a 3-pointer to start the run.
"We knew that going in and said basically everybody but Amelia was supposed to get back on Fort defense," McIntire said. "Obviously we didn't do a very good job of that. Credit to them. Like I said, they have a lot of athleticism and do a good job of pushing the ball up

the floor. There were times we didn't remember that and we were going in for the rebound and obviously it hurt us."
Despite only having two points from the foul line, Schwieterman again was Jay County's leading scorer with 10. Heath and Elizabeth Brunswick followed with eight apiece.
The Patriots will have three days off before they travel across the border to face off with Fort Recovery. A loss against the Indians will put the Patriots under .500 for the first time since the 2019-20 season 1-5 before improving to 14-9 by the end.



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Raylin Hummer, a freshman at Jay County, fires up a three during Tuesday's 60-33 loss. The Patriots will face Fort Recovery on Saturday and will need a win to avoid dropping below 0.500 for the first time since the 2019-20 campaign.

Box score			
Jay County Patriots vs. Class 2A No. 3 Northeastern Knights		Score by quarters: Northeast. 17 15 19 9 — 60 Jay Co. 9 8 11 5 — 33	
Girls varsity summary			
Northeastern (9-0)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Oler	0-0	0-0	0
Adams	1-7	0-0	2
Davis	0-0	0-0	0
Mikesell	7-12	3-6	18
Kircher	8-18	0-0	17
Allen	0-0	0-0	0
Shuler	3-4	0-0	9
Lee	0-0	0-0	0
Green	0-4	0-0	0
Angi	1-2	1-4	3
Hildbrand	1-1	1-2	3
Johnson	2-9	1-2	5
Gammon	1-6	1-2	3
Totals	24-63	7-16	60
	.381	.438	
Def. rebound percentage: .667			
Jay County (3-3)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Sibray	0-6	0-0	0
Newton	0-2	0-0	0
Schwtrmn	3-12	2-2	10
Hummer	2-6	0-0	4
Petro	0-3	0-0	0
Skirvin	0-1	0-0	0
Brunswick	3-9	2-2	8
May	1-2	0-0	3
Heath	4-7	0-0	8
Totals	13-48	4-4	33
	.271	1.000	
Def. rebound percentage: .725			
3-point shooting: Northeastern 5-21 (Shuler 3-3, Mikesell 1-3, Kircher 1-7, Adams 0-2, Green 0-3, Johnson 0-3). Jay County 3-16 (Schwieterman 3-5, May 1-1, Hummer 0-1, Newton 0-2, Petro 0-2, Sibray 0-5).			
Rebounds: Northeastern 33 (Johnson 7, Angi 6, Gammon 6, Mikesell 5, Adams 3, Team 2, Kircher, Shuler, Lee, Green). Jay County 40 (Hummer 7, Petro 7, Schwieterman 6, Brunswick 5, Sibray 4, Heath 4).			
Assists: Northeastern 12 (Angi 4, Mikesell 3, Shuler 2, Kircher, Green, Johnson). Jay County 10 (Schwieterman 3, Brunswick 3, Petro 2, Skirvin May).			
Blocks: Northeastern 5 (Angi 2, Johnson 2, Adams). Jay County 2 (Sibray, Heath).			
Personal fouls: Northeastern 5 (Adams 1, Johnson 2, Kircher). Jay County 16 (Sibray 4, Hummer 3, Petro 2, Brunswick 2, May 2, Heath 2, Schwieterman).			
Turnovers: Northeastern 12. Jay County 29.			

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Swim vs. Anderson — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at St. Henry — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Boys basketball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Freshmen boys basketball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3:15 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Tottenham Hotspur at AFC Bournemouth (USA)
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Ken-

tucky at North Carolina (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Purdue at Penn State (FS1)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Texas at Notre Dame (ESPN); Ole Miss at N.C. State (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Calgary Flames (FDSN Indiana)
9 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Duke at South Carolina (ESPN); Stanford at LSU (ESPN2)

Friday
4 a.m. — Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — PGA Tour: Hero World Challenge (NBC)
7 p.m. — College basketball: Miami (OH) at Indiana (BTN); Georgetown at West Virginia (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHL: Seattle Kraken at New Jersey Devils (NBC)

7:30 p.m. — NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls (FDSN Indiana)
8 p.m. — College football: UNLV at Boise State (FOX)
9 p.m. — College basketball: Illinois at Northwestern (BTN)
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Turnovers, transition troubles

Patriots offense can't keep up with No. 7 Northeastern defense in 60-33 defeat

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

The Knights came in with the plan to get out in transition and push the pace.

While the Patriots managed to keep stride with the Knights through the first quarter, a 12-0 run gave the visitors the lead and then a 15-0 run put the game out of reach.

The Jay County High School girls basketball team couldn't stop the Class 2A No. 7 Northeastern Knights transition attack on Tuesday as a pair of runs powered a 60-33 defeat of the Patriots.

"I feel like we're struggling to find balance," said JCHS coach Sherri McIntire. "We're struggling to figure out what our roles are, but you know what, it's still early. We have lots of potential, we've just got to get our chemistry better. ...

"I didn't feel like we were very fundamental tonight and had way too many turnovers. Credit to Northeastern, I think they're a fine ballclub, but I think way too many times we tried to throw over the top when we should have bounce passed. We just have to be more fundamental."

The Northeastern (9-0) defense caused problems for the Patriots (3-3) all night. Throughout the course of the game, the Knights forced Jay County to commit 29 turnovers, including 10 in the third quarter. With 66 possessions for JCHS, it turned the ball over at a 43.9% clip.

Northeastern was able to cause all of these problems for the Jay County offense without committing fouls. The Knights only had six fouls called against them.

The 2-3 zone defense employed by NHS also prevented Jay County's leading scorer Hallie Schwieterman from getting to the free throw line as much as she would when facing man-to-man coverage. The sophomore was averaging 10 free throw attempts a game coming into Tuesday, but only got to make one trip to the charity stripe after a block was called on Adyson Kircher in the opening minute of the third quarter.

"We practice all the time about turning ball handlers without putting hands on (them), showing palms to the officials, beating people to the spot and anticipating," said NHS coach Cold Dudley. "So that's just a lot of preparation and hard work in practice on defensive principles and that's how we like to play. We like to pressure without putting you at the free throw line."

The JCHS turnovers, combined with a concerted effort by the Knights to run off of missed shots, created a plethora of transition opportunities for Northeastern. Fast break opportunities accounted for 40% (24-of-60) of the Knights' points and fueled the two largest runs of the game.

The first run came after Amelia Heath scored off of a block-to-block connection with Stella Skirvin to cut the deficit to six points. The seventh-ranked team then rattled off 12-unanswered points, including nine off of fast breaks from Ava Mikesell and Kircher - they led the game with 18 and 17 points, respectively. The other three points came on a shot by Ariel Shuler from beyond the arc.

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Jay County High School freshman Elizabeth Brunswick goes up for a layup while Northeastern's Mackenzie Johnson defends during Tuesday's 60-33 loss. Brunswick finished with a team-high three assists while adding eight points and five rebounds.

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Patriots open with win over Bulldogs

CENTERVILLE — The Patriots wrestled 10 matches against the Bulldogs and their experience prevailed.

Local roundup

The Jay County High School boys wrestling team opened with a 53-27 victory over the Centerville Bulldogs on Tuesday, as it claimed six of the 10 contested matches.

All three of the Patriots upperclassmen that got to wrestle, Syllas Wenk, A.J. Heskett and Brice Coy, secured victories. Wenk won the 120-pound match by pinning Isaiah Smith in 2 minutes, 29 seconds. Coy got the fall against Julian Armyx as the final buzzer sounded to claim the 190 weight class. Heskett didn't get the pin, but got out early with a 17-0 technical fall 3:05 into the 138 contest.

JCHS (1-0) also picked up wins in the 126, 157 and 215 weight classes. Freshman Freddie Lingo (215) secured his first career victory with a fall against Sean Newman in 1:11. In the 126 match, Cooper Glassford beat Alex Noble, pinning the Bulldog in 1:43. Hayden Ison worked a victory in the 157 contest by putting Cameron Medvegy on his back in 4:49.

Alex Rivers, Jason Landers, Chandler Murphy and Reynaldo Ortega-Leos all took losses, as the rest of the Patriots' points came from forfeits.

Patriots sweep

CENTERVILLE — The Jay County girls wrestling team picked up a trio of victories over Hagerstown, Mount Vernon and Centerville on Tuesday. See **Roundup** page 7