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## **Choirs** finish 3rd in opener

Just Treble, Patriot Edition start strong at Northrop

The show choirs had a strong start to their seasons.

Patriot Edition and Just Treble, Jay County High School's show choirs, each finished third Saturday as they opened their season at the Northrop Classique 2025 in Fort Wayne.

The JCHS winter guard was also in competition Saturday, finishing 14th overall in Regional A Class in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association competition at Westfield.

Patriot Edition started strong as it won Mixed Division - Tier II ahead of Churubusco's New Era to advance to the evening's finals. The group went on to take third overall behind champion Magic of Carroll and runner-up Class Royale of Homestead.

Competing in the Treble Division, Just Treble took third place in both the preliminaries and finals. It trailed Select Sound of Carroll and Elite of Homestead.

The Jay County winter guard posted a score of 48.52 to finish fifth in its round at Westfield. That total was good for 14th overall, just 0.05 points ahead of Breman Emerald and less than a point behind Western. Carthird.

The choirs have this simulators. weekend off before heading to Ohio to compete in the Kenton Cup on Feb.

County's winter guard will compete again Saturday at the Snider contest in Fort Wayne.

## Coaches connect

Jay County High School assistant coach Doug Arbuckle - he Jerry coached in Bomholt's absence and Patriot alum and current Blackford coach Aaron Daniels exchange pleasantries following their game on Saturday. Daniels, who also used to coach at JCHS as an assistant, got the better of his former school, as the Bruins won 56-41. For the full story, see page 8.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

## Partnership intended to boost program

**By ADRIAN MARTINEZ-DE LA CRUZ** 

The Times, Munster, Ind. Tribune News Service

VALPARAISO — Ivy Tech Community College recently announced a new partnership with Israeli-based technology roll's junior varsity won firm CyberProAI to help stuwith 58.02 points with dents in its cybersecurity Warren Central (57.3) sec- gram train with dynamic interond and Delta (56.6) active software, exercises, labs ny's "Cyber Range" will also Michigan City and LaPorte camand military-grade cyber attack

> According to the college, students will gain real-life experience through participation in coursework with the college and this new partnership, with training content aligned with Ivv Tech's curriculum and certification requirements. The compa

Ivy Tech is working with CyberProIA to train students in various areas

serve as a key component, being able to simulate real-world cyber threats through a highly interactive, gamified environment.

"This partnership is a testament to our commitment to delivering innovative and relevant training opportunities to our students," said Aco Sikoski, chancellor of the Valparaiso,

puses. "This initiative supports Indiana's vision of becoming a hub for technological advancement while positioning Ivy Tech as a leader in cutting-edge cybersecurity education.'

"This innovative partnership extends beyond Porter County, encompassing the Ivy Tech Lake County campus, further expand-

ing access to these cutting-edge cybersecurity training resources for students across Northwest Indiana," said Ivy Tech Lake County Chancellor Marcos Rodriquez. "Both campuses will leverage CyberProAI's technology to enhance their existing cybersecurity programs and better prepare graduates for indemand careers in this critical field."

"Our partnership with Ivy Tech is an opportunity to deliver highly customized, practical training that equips students with the skills needed to excel in the cybersecurity workforce, said Oron Mincha, general manager of CyberProAI North Amer-



Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum smiles during her daily press conference Monday at the National Palace in Mexico City. Sheinbaum said the U.S. has agreed to pause the start of tariffs on Mexican goods for one month, after talks with her counterpart Donald Trump.

Tribune News Service/Getty Images/AFP/Yuri Cortez

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 45 degrees Sunday. The low was 29.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 20s. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with rain expected in the afternoon and a high in the upper

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

## Mexico, U.S. agree to delay tariffs for at least one month

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

Mexico has managed to avoid U.S. tariffs — for now — after its president came to a last-minute agreement with President Trump.

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum, in a post on X, said she spoke to the American leader Monday morning and that they came to an accord that delays for at least a month Trump's threat of 25% tariffs on all Mexican goods imported to the United

In exchange, she said Mexico had agreed to reinforce its northern border with 10,000 members of its national guard in order to combat migration and the trafficking of illegal drugs.

Trump confirmed the agreement in a post on Truth Social.

"I just spoke with President Claudia Sheinbaum of Mexico,' he wrote. "It was a very friendly Mexican soldiers on the border separating Mexico and the Unit-

ed States. Over the weekend, President Trump announced that heavy tariffs on goods from Mexico, Canada and China would take effect Tuesday, raising the specter of a disruptive trade war that could damage the economies of all three nations and dramatically raise costs for U.S. consumers.

Trump signed executive orders placing duties of 25% on importconversation wherein she agreed ed goods from Mexico and Cana-

to immediately supply 10,000 da, with a 10% rate on Canadian energy products. Those tariffs would have violated a 2020 free trade pact that Trump himself signed and celebrated as "the fairest, most balanced and beneficial trade agreement we have

ever signed into law.' Trump also imposed a 10% tax on all imports from China.

Trump said the tariffs were necessary because the three countries haven't done enough to stop the flow of unauthorized immigrants and drugs into the United States.

See Tariffs page 2

**Wednesday** — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.

Coming up

**Thursday** — Details from Tuesday's Jay County Development Corporation meeting.

Trump had announced tariffs

for Canada, China and Mexico

to go into effect on Tuesday

**Friday** — A preview of the brackets for the wrestling regional at JCHS.



David Miller, 82, Portland Details on page 2.

**Deaths** 

### In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner to host a tailgate food distribution from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

## **Tariffs**

Continued from page 1 The White House insisted the tariffs would remain in place "until the crisis is alleviated." Trump repeatedly said that "nothing" would stop him from imposing the tariffs.

Shortly after Trump's tariff announcement on Saturday, the leaders of Mexico and Canada announced they would respond by slapping retaliatory taxes on U.S. goods. China also said it would "take corresponding countermeasures to firmly safeguard its rights and inter-

Mexico followed a now-familiar

threat — in this case accusing the Mexican government of being in cahoots with drug traffickers — and then announce an 11th-hour accord, saying that the targeted government had caved to Trump's demands.

A similar scenario unfolded last month with Colombia, which turned back U.S.-bound military flights filled with deportees from the United States, triggering a diplomatic crisis.

Trump immediately imposed tariffs on Colombian imports to

backed down and agreed to receive military flights with Colombian deportees — something that the Colombian president never publicly agreed to.

Trump's tariffs against Canada and China were still slated to go into effect Tuesday.

Trump said that he spoke with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada on Monday morning and planned to do so again in the afternoon.

In a speech on Saturday after Trump announced his tariffs, Canadian Prime Minister The last-minute deal with the United States, but soon Justin Trudeau urged his citiafter declared that Colombian zens not to buy American-made

Trump script: Make a radical President Gustavo Petro had products and announced two that claim, highlighting in a waves of tariffs against the United States. He questioned Trump's claims that Canada is to blame for high levels of immigration and America's fentanyl crisis. "Less than 1% of fentanyl and less than 1% of illegal crossings into the United States come from Canada," Trudeau said.

> In an overview of the tariffs on Mexico, a document released by the White House said "Mexican drug trafficking organizations have an intolerable alliance with the government of Mexico."

Sheinbaum struck back at ed States each year.

post on X over the weekend Mexico's gains in the fight against drug traffickers. She said that since she took office four months ago, Mexico has seized more than 40 tons of drugs, including 20 million doses of fentanyl, and has arrested more than 10,000 people linked to organized crime.

She criticized the U.S. for its high levels of drug consumption, urging Trump to do more to combat drug sales, and linked Mexico's violence to the thousands of firearms being smuggled south from the Unit-

## CR almanac

Wednesday 2/5	Thursday 2/6	Friday 2/7	Saturday 2/8	Sunday 2/9
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35/31	46/25	35/30	47/28	34/21
There's a 70% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies on Wednesday.	with tempera-	Mostly sunny skies on Friday when the high will be in the mid 30s.	Saturday's forecast shows a 60% chance of snow under mostly cloudy skies.	Mostly cloudy on Sun- day, wher there's a slight chance of rain.

## Lotteries

### **Powerball**

Estimated \$100 million

### **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$77 million

### Hoosier

Sunday Midday Daily Three: 8-6-9 Daily Four: 7-6-9-0 Quick Draw: 3-4-5-7-8-11-14-25-34-38-41-44-47-52-56-61-71-72-73-78

Evening Daily Three: 3-0-6 Daily Four: 9-0-9-5 Quick Draw: 1-2-5-12-

**Markets** 

Corn.....4.84

March corn ......4.89

April corn ......4.96

**POET Biorefining** 

Corn.....4.91

March corn ......4.95

April corn ......5.06

**Richland Township** 

Corn ......4.84

March corn ......4.84

**The Andersons** 

**Portland** 

**Cooper Farms** 

Fort Recovery

20-31-32-34-38-41-45-46-49jackpot: 51-54-58-62-68-69-71

Cash 5: 3-10-13-22-25 Estimated jackpot: \$316,000

### Ohio

Sunday Midday Pick 3: 7-6-5 Pick 4: 6-5-3-0 Pick 5: 3-1-6-2-0 **Evening** Pick 3: 5-4-4 Pick 4: 3-2-4-9 Pick 5: 1-8-8-7-9 Rolling Cash 5: 13-14-20-21-34

Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

March beans ......10.48

Wheat ..... 5.17

Corn.....4.82

March beans ......10.49

Wheat ......5.39

March corn ......4.78

Beans ......10.28

March beans ......10.33

Wheat ......5.13

March corn .....

**ADM** 

Montpelier

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St. Anthony

## **Obituaries**

### **David Miller**

Feb. 4, 1942-Jan. 31, 2025 David Miller, age 82, a resident of Portland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.

David was born on Feb. 4, 1942, in Wilder, Tennessee, the son of Isaac and Choyce (Norrod) Miller. David served in the U.S. Navy

aboard the USS Beatty. He worked at Westinghouse and owned and operated the Marathon gas station in Redkey for many years. David enjoyed fishing and hunt-

ing trips to Canada and especially enjoyed bow hunting. David was a devoted member of Redkey Church of the Nazarene.

He married Alona Hatzell on Nov. 5, 2001.

Survivors include: His wife — Alona Hatzell, Portland, Indiana

His daughter -Christi Loy (husband Portland, Mitch), Indiana

A son — Brian

concentration

(wife: Brenda), Murfreesboro, Ten-name, nessee, and Jack Miller (wife: Nancy), Redkey, Indiana

Several grandchildren

parents and a brother, Jerry Miller. al homes or mortuary services.

A celebration of life services may be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to

Redkey Church of the Nazarene or Redkey Veterinary Clinic.

Arrangements are entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

The Commercial Review publish-Stepson — Shannon Clark (wife es death notices for those with a Stephanie), Selma, Indiana connection to our coverage area connection to our coverage area Two brothers — Gary Miller free of charge. They include the of residence, city birth/death datetime/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, He was preceded in death by his which are accepted only from funer-

## **Felony court news**

### **Resisting police**

sentenced to jail after they pleaded guilty to resisting police.

Andrew J. Bailey, 36, 1072 E. Indiana 26, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 365 days suspended and given 166 days credit for time served. Bailey was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for 180

Ashlyn N. Longfellow, 20, 730 E. 500 South, Winchester, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony, and a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangering a person. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days of her sentence suspended and given four days credit for costs, ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee and placed on probation for 361 days. As part of her plea agreement,

meanor, and a minor consuming alcohol, a Class C misdemeanor, were dismissed.

equivalent to 0.15% or

more, a Class A misde-

### Unlawful possession

William J. Gallo Jr., 35, 305 W. Race St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 1.5 years in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Gallo was assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: two Level 5 felonies for possession of a narcotic drug and possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for obstruction of justice and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of

Jacki N. Reed, 522 Madilia were dismissed.

Anthony D. Kelsey, 36, 3405 S. Grant St., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 260 days credit for time served. Kelsey was assessed \$189 in court costs.

### Narcotic drug

Two Jay County resi-

## operating a vehicle with dents were sentenced to

alcohol

### Two local residents were

time served. She was assessed \$189.50 in court a Class A misdemeanor for

Three Indiana residents were sentenced to jail for unlawful possession of a syringe.

marijuana.

son St., Decatur, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with at least nine months suspended and given credit for time served. She was placed on probation, assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of parapherna-

#### Johnson was placed on jail after they pleaded guilty to possession of a

narcotic drug.

Miller

Janessa C.S. Guntle, 23, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Guntle was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. In a Circuit separate Jay Court case, she pleaded to another Level 6 felony for possession of a narcotic drug. Guntle was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all of her suspended, sentence assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Logan K.M. Johnson, 23, 363 W Commerce St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. Johnson was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 82 days suspended and given 82 days credit for time served.

**Happy** 

**Birthday** 

**Hinshaw!** 

**83rd** 

Bill

probation for 283 days, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

### **Common nuisance**

A Pennville woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to maintaining a common nui-

Sundra R. Southerland, 45, 290 North Meridian St., Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 34 days credit for time served. Southerland fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

## Today in history

In 1789, George Washington was elected the first president of the United States. He took office later that year on April 30. In 1861, the Confeder-

ate States of America was established by six states in Montgomery, Alabama. It disbanded four years later. In 1913, Rosa Parks

was born in Tuskegee, Alabama. Parks played a crucial role in launching the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 after she refused to give up her bus under seat to a white man.

was born. A feminist, billion regular users. Friedan founded the

National Organization of Women in 1966.

**In 1938**, "Our Town" debuted on Broadway. The classic theatrical production created by Thornton Wilder portrays small-town American life.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) was incorporated in New York. It catered to members of the United States Armed Forces.

In 2004, Facebook was launched Mark by Zuckerberg. After just decades two online, the social media In 1931, Betty Friedan service has more than 1

## Citizen's calendar

### **Today**

4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corpora-Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland

chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. Town Council, town courthouse, 120 N.

7 p.m. — Salamonia Board of ter.

### Wednesday

5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Com-Community mission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

### Park Board, council **Thursday**

4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special 7 p.m. — Pennville session, auditorium, hall, 105 N. Washington Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Portland Works, Town Council, School- mayor's office, city house Community Cen- hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

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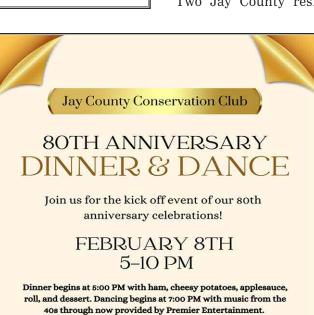
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Lochtefeld, Dale: 5 p.m.,

The Gardens, 522 Western Ave.,

St. Henry, Ohio.

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## Couch comfort needs an upgrade

By CHRIS SCHANZ The Commercial Review

We're going to need to upgrade our couch to something more comfortable if this keeps happen-

You know how when we're sick, even as adults, sometimes we just need the comfort of our parents?

Two weekends ago, Baby Schanz was impacted by some sort of virus and all she wanted was either me or my wife.

(I swear, I'm not trying to write each of these columns about someone in my household being sick. It just seems she chose her first winter as the time to – and destroy ours.)

She'd sleep for a few hours during the night,

**Parental Ponderings** 

sometime and then between 1 and 4 a.m. she would wake up hysterical.

She would get a bottle, be rocked to sleep only to wake up as soon as she would be put into her crib.

We'd rock her to sleep again — to the point in which she would spit the pacifier out of her mouth because she was practically unconscious — and build her immune system she'd wake up once again.

Wash. Rinse. Repeat. For hours.

Eventually, I'd set up a

four nights. This was also during the same stretch of time in which she wasn't getting good

sleep.

naps throughout the day, which puzzled us as we figured she'd sleep better though the night if she wasn't getting in her naps.

since apparently that's the

only thing that made her

comfortable enough to

It happened three out of

Wishful thinking, apparently.

The one night she didn't need to be comforted, she got in a big nap during the day and was able to sleep throughout the night.

Baffling.

spot on the couch so I nights our daughter would Chrissy needs her sleep, through the night, it's a could hold her and have wake up during the night, her fall asleep in my arms, either needing food or a clean diaper, and we'd be able to get her back to sleep.

But the sleep regression and need for comfort returned shortly there-

And we spent two more nights on the couch.

It didn't matter if we gave her Tylenol to help a virus or ensured she had a clean diaper, she just did not want to be alone.

The contact sleeps are what she wanted most, much to the chagrin of her father.

I took on the duty of sleeping on the couch with her because I know I am able to function better on For a couple more less sleep than my wife is. daughter needs to get pher.schanz@gmail.com.

whereas over the course of the last two decades I have perfected being able to get by on far less thanks to careers that required late nights followed by early mornings.

I am usually lethargic and in need of copious amounts of caffeine, but I can generally make it work.

However, I don't sleep well while sitting up — I can't sleep in airplanes no matter how tired I am. I can't lie flat with Baby Schanz when we're on the couch, which in terms of comfort level is nowhere near that of our king-sized bed, so sleeping there is not easy.

And if it's what my

sacrifice I'm going to have to make.

In a seven-day span, I spent five nights on the

I know it's just temporary, that sleeping on the couch won't be an everyday thing for her. She'll grow out of it eventually, despite her mother and I not wanting her to grow up to that point yet.

For the time being, it seems, if I'm going to be spending more nights on the couch than in my bed, I need to find a way to make it more cozy.

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Chris Schanz is a former CR Sports Editor who is also a sleep-deprived dad. Send sleep tips to christo-

## Surprise announcement bewilders relative

DEAR ABBY: I received a Facebook message from my first cousin. In it, she apologized for not communicating for the past 10 months. It ended with, "Send me your address so I can send you a birth announcement." Abby, I wasn't even aware that she had been pregnant.

I contacted her father, who said the child was born two months ago. This cousin is not a teen or unwed. She's a professional and married. I am puzzled, not only because I wasn't told, but mainly because her message did not announce the birth, other than referencing that an announcement would be mailed.

Frankly, I'm confused and not interested in feigning sudden interest in a situation I was excluded from knowing about. I can't help but assume the purpose of the mailed announcement is a gift grab, coming months after the child's arrival.

Dear Abby



Your thoughts? — LEFT IN THE

DARK

**DEAR LEFT: Heaven only** knows what may have happened with your cousin. There may be much more to this story than the fact that you were "excluded." There may have been problems with your cousin's pregnancy or with her baby, which your relatives were reluctant to share. Please don't start a grudge unless you have facts that indicate otherwise. Act approprifor that baby, along with a sup-

portive message, and you will have fewer regrets.

DEAR ABBY: My youngest son, age 27, has been clean and sober for two years, having survived the horrible addiction of fentanyl. I helped nurse him back to health. It wasn't easy, but he is alive today. However, with this sobriety, a new person is emerging who is critical of and condescending to his siblings and to me. He finds flaws in all of us that "disgust him," and therefore, he has chosen to no longer engage with us.

He claims he is telling "his truth" and only "right or wrong" exists for him anymore. He has no problem with hurting our feelings as that is "our problem" and he "won't cater to society's norms anymore." I come to him from a place of love and acceptance, and ately, send a little something I tell him this all the time. He tells me I'm delusional and living a lie.

I don't know what to do or say anymore. He's willing to walk away from our family if we can't come to a place of "mutual understanding," which is HIS way. I'm about ready to walk away from him because I'm tired of his tirades and his putting everyone down. What should I do? — DIS-ILLUSIONED MOM IN MIN-

**DEAR MOM:** Is it possible that in order to gain his sobriety, your son joined some sort of cultlike program? His treatment of you and his siblings is neither normal nor acceptable. If you prefer to save yourself the heartache and end his verbal abuse, you have the right to distance yourself until he straightens out.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 74-year-old woman, married 52 years, raising our 8-year-old great-granddaughter, whom we have adopted. Our **endeavor**.

lives are full of adventure and learning. I have the desire to earn a college degree and now have the opportunity and resources to do so. My husband is fully onboard.

I would like to study special education. I have no idea if this would be a professional pursuit or simply gaining knowledge, as our child is a special needs child. Am I crazy to pursue this? My social life with friends may change because of the constraints of time and energy in study. — FUTURE STUDENT IN IOWA

STUDENT: **DEAR** appear to be fully aware of the sacrifices you will have to make to reach your goal. True friends will understand your absence, which is only temporary. I applaud your desire to complete your education in a field that will help your greatgranddaughter to succeed, and I wish you luck in your

## **Community Calendar**

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

**Today** 

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOV-A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they devellong-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is wel-

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 ter.

p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-ERY SUPPORT GROUP — MOUS — Will meet at 7 loved one or has a spouse p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

### Wednesday

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland. SINGLES AND SEPA-

RATES SUPPORT GROUP living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

REIN-COMMUNITY FORCEMENT AND FAMI-LY TRAINING — A nonconfrontational, evidencebased intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON **FAMILY** GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229. A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-

based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call — For anyone who's lost a Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

**Thursday** 

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 RECOV-ERY — 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.

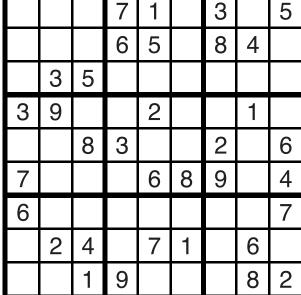
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## Sudoku



Saturday's Solution

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

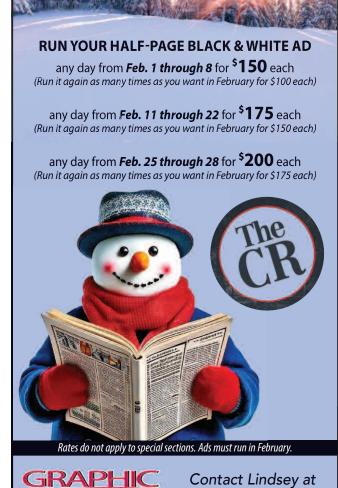
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6	8	9	1	3	4	5	7	2
4	5	2	6	1	7	3	8	9
3	7	8	5	4	9	2	6	1
9	6	1	2	8	3	7	5	4



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## We should not use Taliban tactics

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We've got no problem with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement doing its job and deporting violent criminals and those guilty of sex offenses involving minors, among other serious matters.

We've no wish for immigration agents to do so in secrecy, either. But here in America, we don't have show trials nor do we ritualistically lambaste such people in service of political power or television ratings.

Unlike some nations, we don't hang, beat or interrogate people in the public square, either.

Why not? It debases everyone. America takes a higher path.

## Guest **Editorial**

We were astonished to see Phil McGraw, a man who uses a sobriquet that includes the word "doctor," embedding himself with ICE, a questionable move in and of itself for a person who has claimed to heal, and then literally shining a spotlight on a Thai national who was rounded up by ICE on Sunday in Chicago.

recognized him from TV and on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," then took part, consciously or not, in his own ritual humiliation for a hungry TV audience.

Let's be clear here. The man reportedly was a convicted sex offender and internet predator, and we want him gone. We understand the propaganda value, too, for a Trump administration that wants to confirm the president's point that there are bad people in this city and state without legal authoriza-

True. And there are bad people with legal authorization

Either way, there was something profoundly unsettling about a man who found fame Dr. Phil's quarry told him he and a huge fortune in our city

a man who made his bones by offering advice to often vulnerable guests as a psychotherapist would, someone who set himself up as an avuncular healer, telling people how to nurture their relationship with their spouse or cope after a relationship has fallen apart.

Dr. Phil had many followers, and much of his advice, although sometimes controversial, had a certain commonsense appeal. We may even have listened occasionally our-

Dr. Phil now is pushing a new prime-time show on his Texasbased network Merit Street Media. And he apparently believes his audience is well

standing next to the feds and questioning a target without a lawyer at his side. We get why Donald Trump's Department of Justice wants him there: It implies that such people won't just be removed; they'll be humiliated at the same time.

Given the abhorrent nature of the Thai national's crimes, it's easy to say that's all fine. Take all the licks you want, Dr.

But it's not. The Taliban do not roam the streets of Chicago, and their modus operandi should not be applied here.

We think that somewhere deep in his memory from "The Oprah Winfrey Show," Dr. Phil knows that too.

## Death penalty dies with each generation

By AUSTIN SARAT

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service Death Penalty The Center's Information recent annual report contained good news for those opposed to capital punishment. The number of new death sentences remained small by historical standards in 2024, at 26 nationwide, as did the number of executions, 25, and the number of people on death row, about 2,250. Public support for the death penalty, meanwhile, remained at a five-decade low. 53%.

But the report's most important finding for the future of capital punishment concerns the stark generational differences of opinion on the death penalty. The center cited a recent Gallup poll illustrating that the way people think about death sentences now depends heavily on their age.

"Less than half of U.S. adults born after 1980 those in the millennial and Generation Z birth cohorts — favor the death penalty," Gallup noted. "At the same time, roughly six in 10 adults in older generations are in favor of such laws. Two decades ago, there were no meaningful age differences in views of the death penalty."

Support for capital punshment is declining from called Silent Generation, people born before the end of World War II, to 42% in Gen Z, today's youngest voters. This suggests the death penalty in the United States is dying one generation at a time.

This pattern has been widely noted and consistent for years. USA Today documented striking age-related differences in support for the death penalty more than a decade ago. A 2015 YouGov survey found that "young Americans are much more skeptical of the death penalty than their elders.'

What explains the capital punishment generation gap? For older generations, as University of Michigan law professors Samuel Gross and Phoebe Ellsworth noted in a 2001 paper, "Stories of grisly murders and the suffering families of the victims were more prevalent and more vividly described in unfair convictions." But direction. younger generations have grown up with more stories of arbitrariness, dis- political crimination and error in Amherst College.

Austin Sarat



America's death penalty

Moreover, as fewer people are sentenced to death and executed each year most of them in a shrinking number of states death penalty system looks ever more arbitrary and capricious.

This new script is exemplified by stories of death row inmates who have been freed by revelations of injustice and of others who

were executed despite strong cases for exoneration. The Death Penalty Information Center noted "significant media attention" surrounding "the milestone of 200 death row exonerations, the which country reached in July when a California man was found to have been wrongfully convicted.

Younger generations' exposure to America's death penalty has come at a time when, as Gallup noted, "many states had moratoriums on the death penalty or repealed laws that allowed capital punone generation to the next ishment ... often motivat-— from 62% among the so- ed by cases in which death-row inmates were later found innocent." That may explain why younger people, as the Death Penalty Information Center suggests, regard capital punishment as a "relic of another era."

Writing about the way generations different come to see the world in different ways, the political theorist Michael Walzer has described what he calls a "gradual pedagogy" that is shaped and reshaped by experience.

The reshaping of the way younger Americans think about capital punishment has led to a generational gap in attitudes that "has been widening every year for the past 20 years," as the Death Penalty Information Center noted. This in itself may not bring the death penalty in the United States to an end in the near term, but it's a reason to believe that it's the media than stories of headed inexorably in that

Sarat is a professor of science



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## State needs accountability

By NIKI KELLY Indiana Capital Chronicle

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The Indiana Capital Chronicle sued the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) last week — a move we as an outlet don't take lightly. But transparency in the spending of taxpayer dollars is a core belief not just for journalists, but society as a whole.

In this case, we sought the cost of the drug the state acquired to conduct the recent execution of convicted killer Joseph Corcoran. The cost of the pentobarbital shouldn't be treated any differently than the salary of a judge, the cost of a construction contract or how much state officials spend on travel.

Citizens deserve to know the basic cost of operations, and the death penalty should not be an exception. In fact, the taking of a person's life should be held to the highest stan-

How we got here

We sought the cost soon after the state announced it had acquired the drug last June. It had been years since the state could conduct an execution because an intense focus on drug manufacturers and suppliers had made it hard to get the drugs.

That focus led lawmakers to block information about manufacturers and suppliers from public access after a lawsuit was filed. In fact, the state lost that legal battle until it retroactively enacted a law.

That process was distasteful, but the law is the law, and we did not seek the name of the supplier or manufacturer. We asked only for the cost of the drug. That's it. All the IDOC had to do was provide an invoice with large black boxes redacting other information beside the cost.

Gov. Eric Holcomb refused. It clung to the law, which includes confidentiali-

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ty for "information reasonably calculated to lead to the identity" of the people or company behind the drugs. The law specifically mentions examples, such as a name, address or tax identifier. Cost is not included. And frankly, the idea that a dollar figure could "reasonably" be used to find the manufacturer or supplier is a

ridiculous stretch. The irony is that while the Republican administration is fighting this request tooth and nail, other GOP members — including Attorney General Todd Rokita, new Gov. Mike Braun and more — want individual terminated pregnancy released as public records.

These abortion records include a lot of personal information about people who receive abortions. In the past they have been released, but redacting identifying information which is exactly what we want in the execution case.

But when lawmakers banned abortion with few exceptions, the Indiana Department of Health sought advice about whether the reports could be used to identify a woman, especially in smaller counties. Abortions have dropped from thousands a year to just dozens.

Currently, the IDOH puts out an aggregate report every three months but won't release the individual But the administration of former records. That also led to a lawsuit, talchronicle.com.

which anti-abortion advocates lost. The issue is now being fought at the executive and legislative levels.

So, why do Republicans want abortion records released but not death penalty records?

### Changes to the law

In the past, Indiana's public access counselor could have weighed in and guided the parties in our dispute to a resolution. But lawmakers last year placed new restrictions on the counselor's interpretations when issuing opinions. Specifically, the counselor now can only use the public access law itself and court rulings to issue opinions.

Because this particular issue has not been decided by a court, the counselor felt he couldn't make a firm ruling. And that's why we must go to court.

Thankfully for us, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press is handling the case for us. But if I were an average citizen, I would be forced to spend my paycheck to simply find out what my government is up to.

It's time for everyone to live up to Indiana law, which says "it is the public policy of the state that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees.'

And we intend to hold them accountable to that.

Kelly, editor-in-chief of Indiana Capital Chronicle, has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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### Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently made donations of \$3,000 to Arts Place and \$2,000 to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services. Arts Place will utilize the funding for its Arts in the Park series of summer arts workshops for students 6 and older. JRDS provides residential, community and other services to those with special needs. Pictured (above left) are First Bank of Berne branch managers Kaitlyn Roby (left) and Tracy Carpenter (right) and Arts Place receptionist Teresa Penrod and visual arts director Allison Smiley. Pictured (above right) is Carpenter with JRDS clients Kameron Woodbury and Josh Avery along with director of fund development and marketing Traci Gross.

## Meridian is offering dental exams

Meridian Health Services will offer free dental exams for children ages 1 through 14 at its Meridian Dental sites on Monday, Feb. 17.

The free exams will be offered from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the American Dental Association's national "Give Kids a Smile" event. Participating locations include Portland, Muncie, Richmond and Marion.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged to avoid wait times. To make an appointment, call (866) 306-

### **University honored**

U.S. News & World Report ranked six Ball State University online programs among the best 25 in the nation.

BSU's highest ranking was seventh for its master's in curriculum and educational technology. Other top programs were master's in special education (11th), graduate educational administration (13th), master's of business administration (16th), graduate programs in education for veterans (24th) and bachelor's degrees (25th).

These rankings highlight grams and the engaging learn. ples in the marketplace. ing environment available to our online students," said Trudi Weyermann, assistant provost for learning initiatives at Ball State, in a press release. "From the expertise of our faculty to the dedicated student support resources we deliver, our focus is on empowering students to succeed in their education and careers. We take great pride in being a trusted choice for learners seeking quality, flexibility, and value.

### **Program awarded**

**Business** roundup

Wesleyan University as a 2025 Inspiring Programs in Business Award winner for its doctor of business administration program.

Each student in the program is assigned a research chair for mentorship and guidance. It also connects alumni with current students.

"Located at Indiana Wesleyan University, the DeVoe School of Business actively underrepresented supports groups through specialized programs, mentorship, and partnerships," said Shelley Webb, chair of IWU's DBA program and Division of Business, in a press release, "The school is dedicated to developing leaders who can drive positive change in the business landscape, all while adhering to a Christian worldview and emphasizing the importance the exceptional academic pro- of ethical and virtuous princi-

### **Hospital recognized**

Healthgrades named Reid Health to its America's 250 Best Hospitals for 2025.

The rankings are based on patient outcomes, with Healthgrades evaluating risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates. Reid joined Franciscan Health of Indianapolis, IU Health West of Avon and Franciscan Health Lafayette East among the Indiana hospitals on the list.

"To fulfill our mission to lead Insight Into Diversity maga- our communities to well-being, zine recently named Indiana one person at a time requires a

the highest quality of care," said Craig Kinyon, Reid Health president/CEO, in a press release. "This national recognition reflects what we've long known about our team's unwavering commitment to exceptional patient care.'

This is the second consecutive year Reid has been on the 250 list.

### **Promotions made**

Commonwealth Engineers announced the promotion of Andrew Robarge to its board of directors last week.

Robarge is a partner and project manager at the firm's Crown Point office. In addition to joining the board of directors, he was also promoted to vice president.

Other promotions include Chris Limcaco to partner and Natalie Schelling and Cierra Heckaman as associates.

### **Director named**

The Indiana Arts Commission announced Thursday that Eric Ashby has been promoted as its new director of programs.

Ashby previously served as the commission's grants and research manager. He has also worked at the Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement.

### **Leadership announced**

Manufacturers Indiana Association last week announced Angie Holt as its board chair for another year, with Paul Perkins as vice

Holt is president and CEO of Rathburn Precision Machining of Auburn. She is also treasurer of the Community Foundation of DeKalb County.

Perkins is president and co-

sonville, president of DACW Worldwide and president of Bayport Technical.

#### Financing closed

Invenergy recently closed financing on \$1.1 billion for solar projects in Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee.

The Indiana project that will move forward is the 200megawatt Trade Post Solar Energy Center in Sullivan County. Also part of the financing are the 240-megawatt Cadence Solar Energy Center in Ohio and the 150-megawatt Yum Yum Solar Energy center in Tennessee.

"As Invenergy continues to develop world-class energy solutions that address growing electricity demands across the country, it is important to partner with premier financial institutions that share our commitment to strengthening the grid with cleaner energy, said Brian Bortman, Invenergv's senior vice president, in a press release. "This is a significant transaction, and we Invenergy and our ability to build top-of-the-line energy centers.'

Invenergy is developing Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County.

### **Lilly donates**

Eli Lilly and Company donated \$1.1 million for scholarships at Howard University.

The funding will fund up to 12 Lilly Bison Scholarships of up to \$10,000 per year. They are available to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors and transfers.

enable Howard University to continue producing students roundup.

team that's driven to provide founder of Amatrol of Jeffer- for transformative careers," said Ben Vinson III, president of Howard University, in a press release. "With partners like Eli Lilly, we are preparing scholars to tackle global challenges and ensure scientific and technological advancements benefit all communities.'

#### Ranked No. 1

Fortune ranked NextEra Energy No. 1 in the electric and gas utilities industry on its World's Most Admired Companies list.

The honor marked the 17th time in the last 19 years that NextEra has topped its industry. The list is based on ratings from executives, directors and analysts on innovation, people management, use of corporate assets, social responsibility, quality of management, financial soundness, long-term investment value, quality of products/services and global competitiveness.

"This recognition would not be possible without the relentless dedication, creativity and thank our lending partners for hard work of our more than their continued confidence in 16,000 employees, who constantly uphold our company's 100-year legacy by driving innovation and excellence in our industry," said NextEra chairman, president and CEO John Ketchum in a press release. "Energy demand is growing exponentially, and we have the scale, experience and technology to deliver."

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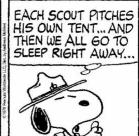
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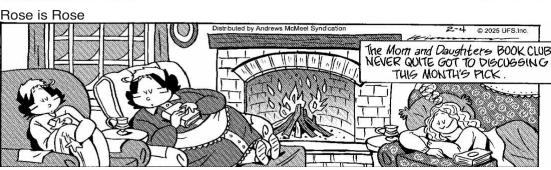
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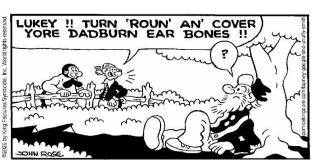






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## Contract By Steve Becker

### Little strokes fell great oaks

to acquire a 10th trick, but this is

ruff in dummy. In that case, East

would win with the nine and return a trump. He does not have to be a

genius to figure out what you're planning to do. Your best bet would be to finesse, but West unfortu-

nately wins with the king and

returns a trump. Eventually you go

However, this is the wrong way to play the hand. The right play at

play the financ. The right play at trick two is the king of clubs, not a low club! Observe the effect of this play if West has the ace, which would happen about half the time. In the actual case, West takes the king with the ace but is helpless.

He can return a trump which

He can return a trump, which you'd win, but when you next led a second club, West would find him-

down one.

much easier said than done. Let's say you lead a low club at trick two to pave the way for a club

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West South 2 ♣\* 2 ♠ North 2 ♦\*\* 3 ♦ East

strong, artificial \*\* negative Opening lead - nine of diamonds.

Pass

Choosing the best line of play sometimes requires exceptionally fine judgment. In most cases, how-ever, the correct approach is clearcut, although not necessarily

apparent.

For example, suppose you're in four spades on this deal and West leads a diamond. You win with the ace, and the question is how to pro-

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second club, West would find him-self stymied. If he won the trick, he would then be faced with the unhappy choice of letting you ruff a club in dummy or saerificing his sure trump trick by leading a sec-ond trump. And if East won the club instead, he would have no trump to return. trump to return. The king-of-clubs lead at trick two is not something that springs readily to mind, but it nevertheless ceed. It seems obvious that you should try to ruff a club in dummy substantially increases your chances of making the contract.

Tomorrow: A 5,150-point decision.

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## Fall

Continued from page 8 The triples started to fall en masse in the second quarter as Jacob Leas hit back-to-back shots to tie the game at 19, with Kitterman hitting one more to finish the period. Leggett, Leas, Kitterman and Kentral Toomer each hit a three as the Bruins started to pull away in the third.

"We've struggled with the zone this year and I told the kids, 'This is going to be the best zone we see all year," said BHS coach Aaron Daniels, who was the Jay County junior varsity coach last season. "We knew that we had to be a lot more patient than we have been. I told the kids, 'We're a really good 3-point shooting team. The problem is we aren't taking the right threes.

"Tonight we had a couple that weren't the right threes, but a lot more of them were inside-out they touches, moments that were better shots than we normally get. Credit to Jay County's

defense, they were fantastic but we came to play and when you hit shots, it's really hard against the zone." Along with leading JCHS

in points, Forthofer pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds. Swoveland was the only other Patriot in double figures with 11

Leggett led Blackford with 16 points on 5-of-7 (71.4%) shooting. Baker and Kitterman each added 13, while Leas had 11.

### Box score

Blackford Bruins vs.

Boys varsity summary

Ja	y Count	y (8-7)					
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PT:				
Comer	0-2	0-0	0				
Barnett	0-0	0-0	0				
Petro	2-6	2-2	6				
Dirksen	0-0	0-0	0				
Forthofer	5-6	2-2	12				
Phillips	2-2	0-0	4				
Griffin	3-9	0-0	8				
Swoveland	4-15	2-3	11				
Totals	16-40	6-7	41				
	.400	.857					
Def. rebound percentage: .708							

Blackford (11-7) FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS Leggett 1-2 0-0 Leas 4-11 0-0 Baker 4-7 4-5 13 13 Kitterman 0-0 Dillon 0-0 0-0 0-0 Duren 19-40 8-9 .475 .889 Def. rebound percentage: .792

Score by quarters: Jay Co. 10 11 12 8 — 41 Blackford 9 17 16 14 — 56

3-point shooting: Jay County 3-11 (Griffin 2-5, Swoveland 1-4, Comer 0-2). Blackford 10-22 (Kitterman 3-5, Leas 3-10, Leggett 2-3, Toomer 1-1, Baker 1-3).

Rebounds: Jay County 22 (Forthofer 12, Swoveland 3, Team 3, Petro, Dirksen, Phillips, Griffin). Blackford 26 (Kitterman 9, Leggett 4, Leas 4, Baker 4, Dillon 2, Toomer, Duren, Team).

Assists: Jay County 11 (Griffin 7, Comer 3, Swoveland). Blackford 13 (Leggett 5, Leas 2, Baker 2, Kitter man 2, Dillon 2).

Blocks: Jay County 6 (Forthofer 2, Swoveland 2, Dirksen, Griffin). Blackford 4 (Kitterman 2, Leggett,

Personal fouls: Jay County 13 (Forthofer 4, Swoveland 4, Phillips 2, Griffin 2, Petro). Blackford 15 (Toomer, Baker, Kitterman, Dillon, Leggett, Leas, Duren).

Turnovers: Jay County 12. Black-

Bomholt was brought to a stable condition early on Sunday and made it back home. Similarly to when Bomholt missed the Jan. 11 game, staff and the coach will evaluate if he is ready to return to the sideline for Thursday's matchup with Southern Wells early this

While both Daniels and Arbuckle wished their best for Bomholt's recovery, the Patriots will have three days to prepare for the Raiders (0-13) with or without their leader.

"It's tough obviously and it throws a wrench in your plans and procedure, but you just have to adjust the best you can with that," Arbuckle said. "I think the boys will come back next week and they'll get back to work and get a good week of practice in.'

'I just want to send my best to coach Bomholt, Daniels said. "He's a good friend and mentor of mine and you just hope for the best."



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School junior Tucker Griffin fires away a three during the Patriots' 56-41 loss at Blackford on Saturday. Griffin led all players with seven assists in the game.

## Seniors

Continued from page 8 The ensuing escape from Mann was the only point he would earn.

Heskett extended his lead to 10-1 by the end of the first period and finished the match with another cradle for a four-point nearly fall. His victory by technical fall — 17-1 — came in 3:08.

The senior, who pinned Will Franze of Bellmont in the semifinal after a quarterfinal bye, has continued to flourish after moving up from wrestling at 132 early in the season.

"it was too hard for him to stay down there," said Myers. "We looked at 138, kind of a tough class, and we're like, 'Let's just go to '44.' ... Once he got adjusted to it here, I think he's really growing into it."

looked primed to break through him because he did everything Southern Wells in 25 seconds and and give Jay County a third he needed to do to win that match handing Max Nussbaum of 53 seconds.

back-and-forth match late in the second period with a couple of near falls for a 15-7 lead. But Will Patterson of South Adams threw him into a headlock to start the third period and was able to squeeze it for a pin in 4:24.

The trip to the finals for Landers came with pins over Grant Nunley of Bluffton in 2:24 and Jarin Frauhiger of Southern Wells in 3:30.

"He made one mistake, kind of got into a tie situation when we didn't need to and got a headlock," said Myers, adding that Landers made huge strides after not wrestling his best eight days earlier in the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament. "I'm really happy with the progress he made in a week. I'm two matches of the day, with Landers (25-12), a sophomore, really kind of heartbroken for Myers pinning Kaden Bercot of

champion as he took control of a and just made a bad choice and ended up on his back."

The Patriots had a difficult time in their other finals matches, all of which were losses to rivals from Bellmont.

Lothridge (27-9) gave up a single-leg takedown in the first minute of his championship match and went on to drop a 10-1 major decision to Jacob Binegar. He pinned Payton Taylor of Union City in 31 seconds in the quarterfinal round and then **Brock Sprunger of South Adams** in 4:27 in the semifinal.

Myers (17-5) and the eighthranked Ortiz (32-3) each fell by pin in the finals, the former in 1:44 to No. 8 Xavior Palacios and the latter in 2:56 to Grady Baker. Both cruised through their first

Adams Central a 16-1 technical fall. Ortiz recorded pins against Blackford's Clayton Heflin in 2:58 and Adams Central's Gavin Rumple in 5:23.

Wenk and Coy both bounced

back from getting pinned in the semifinals to take third. Wenk (27-12) picked up a technical fall in the consolation bracket and then pinned Titus Loshe of South Adams midway through the second period of the thirdplace match. Coy (23-11) won his final two matches of the day with pins, including finishing off Bellmont's Ryne Fawbush in 2:36 in

the consolation finals. Carpenter (7-14) split his first two matches of the day and earned his regional berth by pinning Norwell's Camden Connet in the consolation bracket. He dropped the third-place match by pin to Bellmont's Landon Rich in

## On tap

#### Local schedule Today

Fort Recovery — Girls bowling MAC tournament at Minster – 4:30 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball MAC tournament – 5

### TV sports

6:30 p.m. -

 College basketball: Marquette at St. John's (FS1)

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Texas Tech (ESPN2); USC at Northwestern 10 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at

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Parcel ID : 38-12-23-100-006.001-026 & 38-12-23-100-005.002-026 Location: 8847 E 600 S, Portland, Madison Town-

ship, Section 23 The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection in the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 South Meridian Street / Suite E, Portland, Indiana, 47371.

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John Hemmelgarn Zoning Administrator/Direc-

Jay/Portland **Building Department** Date: 1/29/2025 CR 2-4-2025-HSPAXLE

### 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

### Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  $2025 \, \mathrm{TERM}$ In the Matter of the

Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of: Donna Marie Shaner-Pfeifer, Deceased

No. 38CO1-2501-EU-000002 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that

Wayne Allen Shaner and Christopher Allen Shaner were, on the 23rd day of January, 2025, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of Donna Marie Shaner-Pfeifer deceased who died on September 30, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after decedent's whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 23rd day of January, 2025. Melissa Elliott

Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana HINKLE, RACSTER, SCHEMENAUR & LANDERS 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47371 Attorney CR 1-28,2-4-2025-HSPAXLP

### **250 PUBLIC NOTICE**

### Public Notice

Jay County Public Library, Jay County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2024

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Local	Local Fund	and Inv. Bal.			and Inv. Bal
Fund	Name	Jan 1, 2024	Receipts	Disbursement	s Dec 31, 2024
Number					
Governmen	tal Activities				
100 Library	Operating Fund	\$800,588.20	\$1,253,498.61	\$1,147,949.68	\$906,137.13
101 Petty Ca	ash	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
102 Change		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
200 Gift		\$148,796.74	\$12,971.64	\$6,911.45	\$154,856.93
201 Rainy D	ay	\$185,231.13	\$6,093.53	\$0.00	\$191,324.66
226 Endown	nent Allocation	\$75,721.95	\$24,802.95	\$20,401.65	\$80,123.25
276 State Te	echnology Fund	\$0.00	\$5,183.62	\$4,722.00	\$461.62
280 Purdue	Extension	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
400 Library	ImprovementReserve	\$1,031,985.91	\$185,864.13	\$26,390.10	\$1,191,459.94
801 Evergre	en Indiana	\$23.50	\$155.37	\$167.37	\$11.50
802 Withhol	ding Funds	\$0.00	\$127,805.38	\$127,805.38	\$0.00
809 Flexible	e Benefit	\$227.54	\$1,499.94	\$1,430.24	\$297.24
Total All Fu	ınds	\$2,242,824.97	\$1,621,875.17	\$1,339,777.87	\$2,524,922.27
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0101 TOWN	SHIP FUND	\$11.432.22	\$34,438.87	\$26,071.56	\$19,799.53
0105 EXCE	SS LEVY	\$597.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$597.64
0840 TOWN	SHIP ASSISTANCE	\$40,575.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,575.39
1111 TOWN	SHIP FIRE & EMS	\$8,836.16	\$11,239.92	\$17,500.00	\$2,576.08
9999 PAYR	OLL DEDUCTIONS	\$0.00	\$1,147.50	\$1,147.50	\$0.00
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SS: Jav County I, Rex A. Pinkerton, Trustee of JACKSON TOWNSHIP, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer

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## Sectional seniors

Byrum and Heskett dominate in finals to earn titles for Jay

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Dominant.

The Patriots' champions both left zero doubt.

Griffin Byrum and A.J. Heskett showed off their superior skills in different ways, one recording the quickest pin of the finals while the other racked up the points.

The pair of seniors — one a repeat champion and the other a first-timer — stood atop the podium Saturday as they led a group of nine regional qualifiers as the host Jay County High School boys wrestling team took third place in the sectional tournament.

"It feels great to be a two-timer and get my name on the wall twice," said Byrum, who is ranked 16th in the state. "That's

what I was after."

"Amazing," said Heskett.
"Last year I fell short just by one match right at the end. And now a year later I'm back at it, senior year, got it."

The Patriots' 208 points left them behind champion Bellmont (250.5) and runner-up Adams Central (230). South Adams was fourth in the nineteam field with 193.

Joining Byrum and Heskett in making it to the finals were Corbin Lothridge at 106, Jason Landers at 132, A.J. Myers at 190 and Alan Ortiz at 285. Sylas Wenk and Bryce Coy finished third at 120 and 215, respectively, and Cole Carpenter placed fourth at 175.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class earned regional berths and will return to Jay County at 8:30 a.m. Saturday,

"Not a bad day," said JCHS



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School's A.J. Heskett hits a cradle against Wyatt Mann of South Adams during their 144-pound sectional championship match Saturday. Heskett rolled to a 17-1 win by technical fall, picking up one of the two individual titles for the host Patriots.

was without Jacob Robinson because of a ligament injury. "I thought we wrestled fairly well.

'We always like to have an extra place here and there, but I felt like overall we wrestled well.

"Griff's been pretty dialed in for the last few weeks," he added. "He's wrestling really

"A.J. Heskett's ... been behind some pretty good guys the last few years. He's wrestling really well right now. We're working really hard in the practice room. I'm excited about his progress."

Byrum (33-3) played to his

coach Eric Myers, whose team strength in the championship knew he was going to be diving match, getting behind Adams Central's Myles Kaehr for a takedown 30 seconds in. From there, he worked for his signature cradle. Once he locked it in, Kaehr was done.

The championship pin in 1 minute, 14 seconds, followed his victory in 1:25 over Union City's Joseangel Perez in the semifinal after he got a bye in the quarterfinal.

"I knew coming into that match that the biggest part of the match on the feet was gonna be level," said Byrum, who won his second sectional title. "I and I knew I had to have a good level for that.

"I'm extremely excited about it, but it's just another goal that I've had that I see myself getting. I expected to win.'

While Byrum took care of business in a hurry, Heskett (33-4) went a different route. He nearly got caught as Wyatt Mann of South Adams took a quick shot but was able to avoid it, setting up a battle for position. Heskett eventually came out on top, getting a cradle for a takedown and three-point near fall.

See **Seniors** page 7

roundup

## **Patriots** fall to **Blackford**

**Bomholt** suffered second medical scare prior to 15-point loss

#### By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

HARTFORD CITY The Patriots have already secured a win without their leader manning the

Three weeks later, they couldn't repeat the result as the Patriots faced their neighbor without their head coach.

The Jay County High School boys basketball team failed to get a second victory in the absence of coach Jerry Bomholt, as it went cold over the final six minutes of a 56-41 loss to the Blackford Bruins on

Saturday. Less than 24 hours after losing to Bluffton on a lastsecond shot, the Patriots (8-7) learned that they would be without Bomholt, who suffered a health scare that required paramedics five minutes prior to the junior varsity game ending. Bomholt previously missed the game on Jan. 11 against Adams Central after a health scare kept him out, a game Jay County won 62-

"I don't know if it was just a little bit of an emotional drain from last night or what," said JCHS assistant coach Doug Arbuckle, who filled in during Bomholt's absence. "I felt like we came out with some good energy and kept it close there early and through the first half were in striking distance. In the third quarter there they got off to a good start and

got us down. "We were fighting back, but that's tough to do gamein and game-out to put your foot on the pedal to try and

get back in the game.' Jay County (8-7) trailed the Bruins (11-7) by nine points heading into the final period. It took the Patriots little time to cut the deficit to only one pos-

session. The first two possessions of the fourth quarter featured Tucker Griffin pushing the ball up the floor and finding Cole Forthofer who finished as the Patriots' offensive leader with 12 points on 5-of-6 (83.3%)

shooting — for a layup and a jump shot at the free throw line. Forthofer got fouled on the following possession, but got the ball back from Gradin Swoveland on the following baseline-out-ofbounds play. Forthofer ripped the ball through and power dribbled to the right

consecutive basket that cut Blackford's advantage to 42-39 with 6:05 remaining. The Patriot center wouldn't take another shot as they went cold for the

side of the rim for his third

next 3 minutes, 27 seconds. While Jay County fell silent offensively, the Bruins slowed down the pace to kill clock. During the 3:27, BHS scored three baskets, including a pair of triples from Gage Baker and Mason Kitterman to push

two by Baker.

Blackford found a home from beyond the arc, as the starters combined to nail

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## FR gets No. 4 seed

The bracket is out. They'll need a pair of upsets, but the Tribe ought Local to like their odds at a

regional bid. The Ohio High School Athletic Association released brackets on Tuesday and the Fort Recovery girls basketball team received a No. 4 seed and is matched up with No. 11 Triad in the Division VI Southwest 2 sectional championship to open the

postseason. The Indians (10-10) will travel to Covington to face Triad (4-17) on Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. A victory over the Cardinals would set up a match with the winner of secondseeded West Liberty-Salem

and No. 9 seed Fairlawn. The WLSHS Tigers (13-6) would be the highest seeded team Fort Recovery could face prior to the regional semifinal. The District semifinal would be held at Covington as well on Feb. 18 at approximately 7:30

p.m. The district championship would be held at Monroe on Feb. 22 with a time to be determined later. Potential opponents include No. 3 seed Arcanum (11-8), which beat FRHS 34-33 in the first week of the season. The Indians could also see fifth-seeded Houston (12-8).

Should the Indians make it back to the regional for the first time since 2011, they would face the winner of the Northwest 5 district, which includes six Midwest Conference Athletic schools.

#### **Evers leads** ARCANUM,

Gavin Evers scored a season-high 16 points to propel the Fort Recovery boys basketball team past the Arcanum Trojans 48-44 on Saturday. Evers, who previously

Ohio

only broke double digits three times on the season, hit six shots with at least one in each quarter to get to 16. Briggs Overman followed with 15, netting three buckets in the second and third periods.

Breaker Jutte added nine points, Colson Post had five eterman added one.

and Brody Barga scored three to reach the final. Trojans (10-8) Two reached double figures as Cameron Ball led all scor-

ers with 19 points and Lan-

don Flatter added 17. The Tribe outscored AHS by two points in the first and third periods, while edging it by one in the other quarters.

### **Eight grade champs**

Both of the Jay County Junior High School girls basketball teams made it to the Allen County Athletic Conference basketball tournament final, but only the eight graders pulled out the championship.

The Patriot seventh grade team took down Bluffton 25-24 in the semifinal before losing to Adams Central 35-21 in the championship.

Boo Towell led Jay County against the Tigers with 10 points, while Brenna Weitzel had seven. Bella Barnett, Arabella Link, Ali Luna and Kyla Sims each scored a basket as well.

Towell scored nine points against the Jets. Weitzel, Link and Barnett finished with five, four and three points, respectively. The eight graders beat

Bluffton 51-19 in the semifinal before smothering Southern Wells for a 35-5 victory. Karsyn Schwieterman

led the Patriots in both games with 22 and 24 points, respectively. Against Bluffton, Charlee Peters put up 13 points, Claudia Dirksen had six and Kendall Schemenaur and Alyvia Schwieterman each supported with four.

Dirksen followed Karsyn Schwieterman with five points in the ACAC title game, while Schemenaur had four, Peters scored three and Alyvia Schwi-

its lead back to 11. Swoveland scored the final hoop on a drive to the rim with 2:38 remaining. Blackford then iced the game with four free throws from Amarian Leggett and

10 3-pointers.

See Fall page 7