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King to purchase stations from Weavers

Paperwork has been filed with Federal **Communications Commission**

Jay County's radio station will have a new owner. Rob and Mindy Weaver are in the process of selling their Jay and Adams County radio stations to Mark King, Rob Weaver confirmed Friday.

Insight first Radio reported the sale, and WPGW Radio has also began broadcasting notice as required under Federal Communications Commission rules.

King, a Portland resi-dent, will purchase the Jay County stations (WPGW 100.9 FM and 1440 AM as well as 105.3 FM) for \$996,873.40 from the Weavers and the non-commercial WZJR 91.7 for \$55,740.54 from the couple and their son Kyle, Radio Insight reported. He will also purchase WZBD 92.7 FM in Adams County from the Weavers for \$343,905.69.

A stock sale filed by King in late January indicates he will pay a total of \$110,000 at closing with the remaining balance to be financed by the Weavers.

For additional details about the sale, see The Commercial Review next week.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Petting pony

Murphy Siegrist, 2, pets a pony during Fort Recovery FFA's petting zoo Friday afternoon. Fort Recovery Elementary students and local children visited Fort Recovery High School for the event, which had been postponed to Friday because of weather.

Commissioners approve EDIT funding

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Commissioners made a few funding decisions Thursday. Council will consider whether to allocate dollars to those choices

John Jay receives \$35,000,

ter for Learning last year, \$50,000 through donations, endowments in 2023 and \$70,000 in 2022. Aker and grants. She pointed out the said he believes John Jay Center large amount of services renfor Learning is valuable to the dered to communities. community, but he balked at the Carducci briefly discussed Arts amount requested. He noted the county has contributed \$665,000 to the organization in total over the years.

tributed \$25,000 to John Jay Cen- Place is about 75% funded

next month.

Jay County Commissioners reviewed applications again for this year's economic development income tax (EDIT) dollars.

Approved by commissioners Thursday included funding of \$35,000 for John Jay Center for Learning, \$15,000 for Arts Place's Arts in the Parks program, \$8,000 for Jay County 4-H Člubs, \$5,000 for Jay County 4th of July Committee, \$3,000 for East Central Indiana Small Business Development Center. \$2.500 for Dunkirk Fire Department and \$2,500 for Redkey Fireworks Committee.

Commissioners forwarded those requests to Jay County Council, which meets March 12.

Other requests for dollars they included requests from Jay County Development Corporation, Jay County Chamber of Commerce and Jay County Fair Association — were put on hold.

Commissioners last year included \$323,000 EDIT dollars in their 2025 budget request for vari-

Arts Place awarded \$15,000

included \$260,000 in a fund labeled as contractual services and \$63,000 split between John Jay Center for Learning (\$25,000), Arts in the Parks (\$15,000), Jav County Development Corporation services (\$10,000), Jay County 4th of July Committee (\$10,000) and East Central Indiana Small Business Development Center (\$3,000).

Jay County Council in September agreed on a split 3-2 vote to allocate no specific funding in that portion of the county's 2025 budget. Instead, it decided commissioners could approach the council to request additional appropriations for using EDIT dollars in 2025.

As of Friday, the county had more than \$2.15 million in its EDIT fund, with the county estimated to receive another ous entities or projects, which \$775,747.50 by the end of the year.

Commissioners agreed Thursday to contribute \$35,000 to John Jay Center for Learning's High School Equivalency (HSE) program. The organization originally requested \$70,000.

Executive director Rusty Inman explained the HSE program serves the community in more ways than one.

"The way we attract other entities to come into the community or to raise wages is through education," he said.

Answering a question from commissioner Doug Horn, Inman said the HSE program serves an average of 45 to 50 people annually. Commissioner Duane Monroe asked how many of those are Jay County residents, with Inman saying the majority live in Jay County.

Commissioners president

"At some point I'd like to reduce those costs to the county," he said, suggesting the organization potentially charge more for its services or look into other solutions.

Monroe compared assets from John Jay Center for Learning and Arts Place to others seeking EDIT funding, pointing to a greater need for others.

Inman said the grants John Jay Center for Learning receives are restricted to certain uses and can make the organization's assets look more inflated. He pointed to a \$70,000 loss this year in the organization's budget.

Aker said he was in favor of contributing a portion of the request to John Jay Center for Horn Learning. suggested \$35,000, with Monroe and Aker agreeing.

Arts Place executive director Chad Aker noted the county con- Carolyn Carducci noted Arts

in the Parks, a summer arts program for school-aged students offered in 14 communities in Ohio and Indiana, including Jay County. Last year, there were 897 class registrations for the program in Jay County, with Carducci noting children may take more than one class. (There were more than 2,200 registrations across the 14 communities.)

Commissioners agreed to grant the full \$15,000 request to Arts Place.

Commissioners tabled a \$25,000 request from Jay County Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Zach Chenoweth explained the organization is no longer planning to ask for \$25,000, saying its request would likely now be closer to \$10,000.

"That would be tremendous for the budget, where we don't have to necessarily spend so much time and do so many events, as far as labor-wise, be more committee-side," said Chenoweth.

See Funding page 2



Pig pass

The point guard pig (Carter Wellman) looks to pass during FFA basketball at halftime of Friday's Jay County High School boys basketball game against Norwell. For more on the game, see page 10.

First Lady to fundraise **By NIKI KELLY** tion with state leadership in his 2023 legislative agen-

Indiana Capital Chronicle

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After slashing a popular reading program from the budget, Gov. Mike Braun said Friday he asked First Lady Maureen Braun to spearhead an initiative to keep Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Indiana.

"She has agreed and she will work with philanthropic partners and in consultato identify funding opportunities for the book distribution program," the governor said in a news release.

The program gifts free, high quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five on a monthly basis, regardless of family income.

Former Gov. Eric Holcomb included a statewide expansion of the program tinued the funding.

da. The General Assembly earmarked \$6 million for the program in the state's last biennial budget — \$2 million in the first year and \$4 million in the second to ensure that all Hoosier kids qualify to receive free books.

But when Gov. Braun prepared his budget proposal in January he discon-

Deaths

Ruth Kemp, 103, Portland

Robley Evans, 75, Bluffton

Details on page 2.

Roselyn Huston, 85, Geneva

land

Karl Fennig, 86, rural Port-

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 28 degrees on Friday.

Skies will be mostly sunny today with a high of 30 and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. The high will climb into the upper 30s on Sunday and then the mid 40s on Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Civic Theatre will host a pre-audition night for its production of "Freaky Friday" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. The event is an opportunity for newcomers to ask questions about the process and for anyone interested in auditioning to get tips and feedback from the staff.

Coming up

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

Wednesday — Details from Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball game at Winchester.





Felony court news

Drug possession

Multiple Jay County people were sentenced to serve time for drug possession.

Melinda S. Montgomery, 39, 234 N. Meridian St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 144 days credit for time served. Montgomery was placed on probation for 730

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, two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and maintaining a common nuisance, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.'

Curtis A. Faught, 42, 328 South Jaqua Ave., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of missed.

methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He also admitted he is a habitual offender. Faught was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 258 days credit for time served. Faught was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dis-

pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail. Hines was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Shannon Riley, 41, 4057 S. guilty in Jay Circuit Court to mine and neglect of a depend- phernalia were dismissed.

Gary L. Hines, 46, Portland, ent, both Level 5 felonies. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Riley was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 4 felony for dealing methamphetamine, a 1000 West, Redkey, pleaded Level 6 felony for obstruction of justice and a Class C misdepossession of methampheta- meanor for possession of para-

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Lotteries

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 2-6-2 Daily Four: 3-5-6-7 Quick Draw: 2-8-9-10-11-12-20-25-36-38-49-52-54-60-64-66-68-71-73-74

Ohio Midday

Pick 3: 8-1-9 Pick 4: 2-7-1-1

Pick 5: 3-1-0-6-7

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$215 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$41.2 million

Markets

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Obituaries

Ruth Kemp

Feb. 16, 1922-Feb. 19, 2025 Ruth Kemp "Little Grandma," age 103, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, at IU Health Jay.

Ruth was born Feb. 16, 1922, in Darke County, Ohio, the daughter of

Noah and Evelyn (Brining) Nisonger. Ruth married William Kenneth Kemp on April 9, 1938, and he passed away on Sept. 6, 2002

cook at Madison Township School and Jay County Hospital.

She also worked at Campbell Soup in Saratoga and G.C. Murphy in Port-

land. Ruth was a member of Praise Chapel Church of God and attended Church of the Brethren in Portland. At Praise Chapel, she was involved in many activities including Women's Life of the church, WCG of the church and served as treasurer. Ruth was an avid sports enthusiast attending many games in person and watching sports on TV.

Survivors include:

Her children - Marlene Neargarder, North Salem, Indiana, and Marilyn Bentz (husband: Jack), Portland, Indiana

Eight grandchildren — Debbie Hosier (husband: Bruce), Rick Neargarder (wife: Kathy), Delee Hall (husband: Reggie), Diane Bentz-Cooper (husband: Odie), Phil Bentz (wife: Rachel), Ila Badger, Dick Watkins and Jack Burns

Twenty great-grandchildren and 43 great-great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by four grandchildren, Scottie Neargarder, Billy Bentz, Stevie Bentz and Missy Bentz-Lee; and three great-greatgrandchildren, Hendrick, Harrison and Hadlee Neargarder.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Kevin McClung will officiate and burial will follow at North Salem Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Missy Lee Scholarship Fund through The Portland Foundation.

was a 1957 Madison High School graduate and lifetime resident of Jay County.

Karl spent his entire adult life in the timber business as a logger and timber buyer. He also owned and operated a sawmill in Port-

land during the 1960s. He was well known for his vast experience and expertise in the timber business.

He worked for Freeman Corp. and Indiana Veneer and retired from Frank Miller Lumber Company in 1999. After retirement, he began operating a sawmill on the farm doing custom sawing.

His hobbies included raising horses and mules, tinkering in his shop and playing music. He was a member and director of the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association. Other memberships include Portland Eagles Lodge, The Percheron Draft Horse Association, Circle X Riders and Jay County Trail Riders.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 44 years, Jody (Krahulec); children Karl Steven Fennig of Redkey, Sharon Rose Hiatt (husband: Eric) of Ridgeville, Jewel Ann Hardymon (husband: Randy) of Portland, Mark Allen Fennig (wife: Joann) of Union City and David Brian Fennig of Carrollton, Kentucky; his first wife and mother of his children Naomi (Gaston) Kramer of Eaton, Ohio; stepchildren Todd Detro (wife: Susie) of Ridgeville and Luann Detro of Ridgeville; brothers Michael Fennig (wife: Brenda) of Union City and Joseph Fennig (wife: Kathleen) of Portland; sisters Mary Gluff (husband: Howard) of Muncie and Madeline Hays Lewis of Texas; 14 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother John L. Fennig (Liz Gatewood).

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor



1967, then attended Ball State University before graduating from Indiana University School of Dentistry. He moved to Wells County in 1975 to practice at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic. In 1985, Dr.



Evans

Evans started his own private practice. He retired in 2014 after nearly 40 years of dentistry.

Dr. Evans was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, where he served as a past session and trustee member. He was a member of the Indiana Blacksmithing Association, Indiana State Cancer Society, Rotary, Indiana Dental Association and American Dental Association, and was a volunteer examiner for the American Radio Relay League.

Dr. Evans was a very talented blacksmith and found his new passion later in life creating ham radios. He graciously offered his time and talents to Kate's Kitchen and many mission trips throughout his life, his favorite being a two-week trip to the Congo with his wife Therese. He was looking forward to his annual fishing trip this fall to Canada with friends.

On Feb. 28, 1976, Dr. Evans and Marie "Therese" McDonough were married. They created a beautiful life together and were married for 49 years.

Survivors include his wife, Therese of Bluffton; two daughters, Tara Marie (Scott) Meyer and Natalie Elizabeth (David) Brege, both of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren, Hallie, Wellesley, Ava, Marlee, Scarlett, Jameson, Jaxson and Quinnleigh, who lovingly referred to him as "Bop.'

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Rod Evans.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home Bluffton.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. March 1, 2025. at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton with the Rev. Terry Epling officiating.

She worked as a

Kemp

Today in history

was sentenced to death national flag, which in Athens, Greece, for depicts a maple leaf impiety and corrupting youth. A philosopher, region. he became one of the first to debate moral became heavyweight and ethical thought.

Maine battleship sank in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. More than half of its crew members died, inciting violence against Spain and leading to the Spanish-American War, which lasted for eight months.

In 1933, Chicago United States president-elect Franklin D. three weeks later.

In 1954, animator Matt Groening was born in Portland, Ore- ing in Nevada. His gon. The cartoonist is remains were found known for his comic strip, "Life in Hell," In 2015, as many as and TV series "The 30 million people in 600 Simpsons" and "Futurama.'

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In 2008, adventurer

cities around the world protested the Iraq War. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

6 p.m. – Dunkirk land Building and Plan-Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, Com-

munity Room, high school, 400 Butler St.

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Mooney St.

In 1979, Leon Spinks

Muhammad Ali.

Roosevelt. Cermak died Steve Fossett was declared dead more than five months after his airplane went misslater that year.

Council, city building,

5 p.m. — Redkey Town

5:15 p.m. - Jay/Port-

Community

Council executive ses-

sion, park cabin, 50

ning Inter-local Joint

Resource Center, 118 S.

6 p.m. — Redkey Town

Council, park cabin, 50

Meridian St., Portland.

131 S. Main St.

Tuesday

Mooney St.

Board,

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Karl Fennig

May 9, 1938-Feb. 19, 2025 Karl Lewis Fennig, age 86, rural Portland, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 19, 2025.

He was born in Muncie, Indiana, on May 9, 1938, the son of Herman F.

Funding

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"The director can actually be out and about and meet with chamber members, in my opinion, provide a true value to the chamber members ... (that's) the goal with the next director.

He added that the chamber has already made some changes amid its search for a new director. Chenoweth said the request will likely depend on the new director's salary.

Aker asked Chenoweth to fill out another funding application. Monroe added the organization has another director.

Addressing a \$26,050 request from Jay County Fair Association, Aker said the dollars to cover insurance related to an infrastructure project. He suggested Jay County Fair Association first look into an Indiana Office of Community Rural Affairs grant and advocated for not alloorganization Thursday.

Scott Turner presiding. Burial will follow in the Bluff Point Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday an hour prior to the services.

Memorials can be made to Southern Care Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Robley Evans

July 3, 1949-Feb. 18, 2025 Dr. Robley "Rob" E. Evans, 75, of Bluffton, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at his home with the love of his life, Therese, by his side.

Dr. Evans was born on July 3, 1949, in Union City, Indiana, to Emerson and Harriet (Herbst) Evans. He gradand Marybelle (McGuire) Fennig. He uated from Portland High School in

Burial will take place at a later date at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to Congo Helping Hands and may be directed through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Friends may share condolences with the family at thomarich.com.

Roselyn "Kaye" Huston, Geneva, Nov. 10, 1939-Feb. 20, 2025. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva

SERVICES

Today Denney, Mary: I p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Monday

Wendel, David: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Tuesday

Fennig, Karl: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Kemp, Ruth: I p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Huston, Roselyn: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

March 1

Evans, Robley: 10:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 215 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton

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that he'd like to wait until

the request was made for to help pay for the project cating funding to the

Horn agreed, saying he to contribute \$8,000 — an would like Jay County Fair annual request — to Jay meeting Monday.

Association to seek an OCRA grant first. He suggested that if the group can't secure funding in a timely manner, commissioners should revisit the topic. Monroe noted that if the organization can't get an OCRA grant, he would

like to approve the request. Community developer Nate Kimball pointed out OCRA's budget has been cut by 57% this year. Some grants may not be available and those that are may be more competitive, he added.

Commissioners tabled requests from Jay County Development Corporation for its annual budget and its Launch Jay! business pitch competition (\$15,000).

Commissioners recently agreed to a \$100,000 contract with JCDC through the end of June. Aker mentioned he met with JCDC officials Thursday morning and said there isn't a clear budget request yet, noting the organization is still in the process of hiring a new executive director.

Commissioners agreed

County 4-H Clubs for awards. The organization originally asked for \$17,936, with the additional amount to cover insurance, locks, bookkeeping software, a laptop and sound deafening panels. Commissioners said they would like to see 4-H Clubs raise their own funding toward the project before asking for county dollars.

Commissioners agreed to a \$3,000 request from East Central Indiana Small Business Development Center. A representative explained its services are free to the public. The organization offers business advice, such as one-onone business consulting, financial projects and workshops.

They also agreed to requests from Jay County Fourth of July Committee, Dunkirk Fire Department and Redkey Fireworks Committee for Independence Day events.

Also Thursday, Aker asked commissioners to consider a cut-off date for receiving EDIT requests for 2026. He suggested they set a date at their regular

Family

Broadband office hosts listening sessions

Indiana Broadband Office is hosting a public listening session in Jay County next month.

Sessions — they'll be offered across the state throughout the month — offer an opportunity to hear updates on Indiana's broadband expansion efforts and learn more about the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Opportunity (DO) programs and how they will impact communities.

The sessions also offer an opportunity for residents to ask questions and share feedback with state broadband officials.

Taking Note

Jay County's session will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 4 at Jay County Public Library in Portland. All sessions are open to the public.

Grants available

dollars available. The organi- email portlandindianarotary- Taking applications zation recently announced it has allotted \$5,000 for local grants. Projects to be completed with the grant must occur between September 2025 and May 1, 2026.

Grant awards will range from a minimum of \$500 to a two Jay County High School maximum of \$5,000. The twoprocess fold application requires approval from Portland Rotary and the Rotary District.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. March 28. To receive high school career. Applica-Portland Rotary has grant applications or ask questions, tions are due before March 31.

grants@gmail.com.

New scholarship

Jay County Solid Waste Management District has a new scholarship program.

The district will be awarding seniors with \$250 scholarships. To qualify, students must have volunteered with a group or organization manning recycling drop off centers throughout Jay County during their

Indiana Donor Network Foundation is accepting applications for educational scholarships.

The scholarships are open to immediate family members of Indiana residents who were organ, tissue or cornea donors, living donors, transplant recipients and Hoosiers waiting for transplants.

Applications are available online at indianadonornetwork.org/scholarships.

The deadline to apply is March 17.

Boyfriend refuses to ever leave his house

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with someone for 11 months. We're both each other's first relationship after being single for a few years following traumatic breakups. During our entire relationship, he has not cut his hair, left his house or socialized with anyone besides me, except via text.

He doesn't visit me, but he always leaves his door open for me. We have discussed going out, but he always finds a reason to be with me. His social stay inside. After a while, I media shows a completely realized they were just different man, but it was all excuses. He claims to be fine, but his mother and I should I do? — DISCOURare worried. She told me AGED IN MICHIGAN



he became this way after his breakup and COVID.

My boyfriend always seems happy around me marry and have children. He also says "I love you" and expresses his desire to prior to his breakup. What



DEAR

and states that he wants to

AGED: Because this man was a different his and the COVID pandemic, and his mother is also worried about him, speak up. People who lose interest in things they used to do and no longer groom themfrom depression, which his doctor could help him with.

Make it clear to your reclusive that you have been the weekend, at my huspatient for almost a year now, and if he wants to continue hav- When her husband texted

DISCOUR- you, he must consult a didn't back me up. My out. Where he should fear of leaving his house. Without professional help, he won't get better, and this could become your life as well.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband's friends and their selves may be suffering son came to spend the weekend at our new camper with us. We asked their son repeatedly in front of his parents not to **boyfriend** do damaging things. After band's urging, I texted the woman about his behavior.

licensed mental health daughter told me she heard professional about his him tell the man on the phone that it was all me, and that they were welcome back when I was on vacation. I was furious.

That was three years ago, and my husband still hangs out with them. He has asked me to apologize so we can all be friends again. Am I wrong for demanding he tell the truth, that he wanted that text written, that he lied and it was NOT "just me"? I want him to back me up as he should have. — TICKED-OFF WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Face it. Your husband set you ing a relationship with mine about it, my husband up and then chickened

have a backbone, it appears he has a wet noodle. You are not wrong for wanting him to fess up, but don't expect it to happen. On this subject, your husband is more interested in pacifying his buddy than what your feelings about it may be. You have my sympathy.

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.

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Fifty-three donate blood at Jay Community Center

Fifty-three donors gave blood Sipe, Tuesday during American Red Franklin Hogle, Jill Hemmel-Cross' blood drive at Jay Community Center.

Donors included Ralph Frazee, Mark Tillman, John

Michael garn, Rita Reynolds, Joyce Eldridge, and Donald Schloss-

Also Dennis Negele, Jack

Schmidt, Sara Auker, Freeda Osen- Rogers, Cara Cramer, Marilyn Guggenbiller, Connie Ronald.

Hart, Sharon Schoenlein, Billy Freeman, Denise Glentzer, Sarah Rines, Samuel Grobb, Eric

baugh, Joni Penrod, Aaron Knapke, Joel Taylor, Paula Bar-Bergman, Mary Laux, Kevin ron, Kathy Ayers, Lorrisa Bous-Keller, Cheryl Gibson, Dustin man, Jerry Bousman, Lindzy Upp, Jeff Geesaman, Margaret Douglas Shidler, Carla Pogue, Reier, Madona Bruggeman and Tara Leese.

Also Tammy Krieg, Brian West, Duane Monroe, Barbara Myers, Nichole Parks, Cami Ashley, Benjamin Heath, Lillian Johnson, Elizabeth Skiver, Denise Culy, Molly Twigg, Ana Minnich and Jayne Pearson.

Community Calendar inøgen Notices will appear in FAST OPTIMISTS — Will day For more information IU Health Jay Outpatient **INOGEN[®] PORTABLE** or to schedule an appoint-Community Calendar as meet at 7 a.m. for break-Behavioral Health Center, space is available. To sub- fast at Richards Restaument, call (260) 726-8636. Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw **OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS** *email* rant. Walk-ins accepted. St., Portland. PING PONG — Will be BREAD OF LIFE COM-BRYANT COMMUNITY played from 9 a.m. to noon MUNITY FAMILY MEAL CENTER EUCHRE — Will Call us toll-free at each Monday at Jay Com-— Will be served from 5:30 be played at 1 p.m. each ALCOHOLICS ANONY munity Center. to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Tuesday. The public is wel-1-877-930-3271 EUCHRE — Will be United Methodist Church, come. played starting at 1 p.m. 204 E. Arch St. in Port-JAY COUNTY CANCER each Monday at West Jay land. Everyone is wel-SUPPORT GROUP — Will



Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

MOUS — Will meet at 10

a.m. at Zion Evangelical

mit an item,

news@thecr.com.

Sunday

Today

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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

Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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PREGNANCY 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 PORTLAND BREAK- 5 p.m. Monday through Fri-

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PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

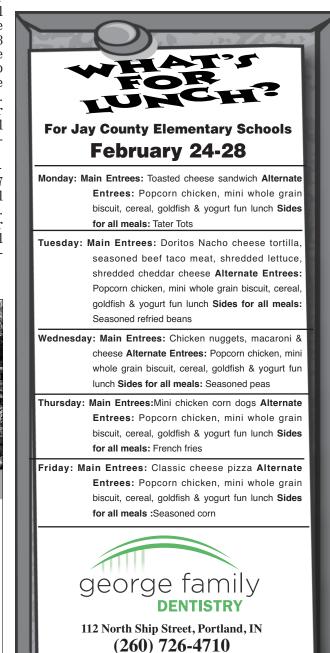
A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church. 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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Opinion

Ban betrays a promise to our allies

Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

Republican and Democratic Guest administrations alike benefited from the sacrifices of Afghans who put their lives on the line to support U.S. troops, and spread American values, in the 20-year war against the Taliban. Both have now betrayed the trust those allies placed in them.

previous White The botched the August House withdrawal 2021 from Afghanistan, ushering the Taliban back into power. It tried to atone in part by smoothing pathways for military interpreters and others who qualified for Special Immigrant Visas, as well as refugees including judges, journalists and women's rights activists, to emigrate to Ameri- for their initial months. Mean- credibility and standing caused tration

Editorial

ca. By the end of President Joe Biden's term, close to 5,000 Afghans a month were successfully resettling in the U.S.

The current administration has thrown the system into turmoil. Its broad-ranging suspension of foreign aid has cut off funds that SIV holders were relying on to travel to the U.S. and upended the resettlement services meant to help them once they arrive, including rent support

while, a 90-day freeze on refugee by the first. Allies asked to supadmissions has blocked other Afghans who had received approval to migrate — and who rightly fear for their safety.

Together the measures have affected roughly 45,000 SIV applicants ready to fly out of Afghanistan and at least 15,000 qualified refugees, according to the coalition #AfghanEvac. Many of the latter are currently in Pakistan, which has launched a wave of deportations aiming to push migrants back across the border. Thousands of other Afghans whose cases are still in the application process now face uncertain futures.

This second abandonment compounds the damage to U.S.

port America in future conflicts will surely wonder whether any promises made to them will last past the next election. China and other rivals have gained yet another example to add to their long narrative of U.S. capriciousness and hypocrisy.

More scrutiny of foreign aid, which the president campaigned on, is fair game. But a blanket refugee ban is cruel and unjustified, as is the pause in aid to organizations supporting food security, education and other critical services around the world. Congress should press the White House to rethink both. In the meantime, legislators from both sides of the aisle should demand that the adminisissue waivers for

Afghans who have been properly vetted and approved to come to the U.S., as well as for the services they require to reach the country and settle down. Other groups no doubt have strong arguments for relief; that's no reason to punish Afghans who face legitimate threats of persecution or even death because of their U.S. ties.

National Security Adviser Mike Waltz is a decorated veteran of the war in Afghanistan. He surely knows that the world is too dangerous for the U.S. to make its way without friends. If the administration wants to build "peace through strength,' as it says, it should leave no doubt it will stand by those who risk their lives to stand by America.

Continue momentum for reading education

Bv CHISOM OKORAFOR OtherWords

With an annual budget rapidly approaching \$1 trillion, the Pentagon already gets more discretionary tax dollars than any other agency.

congressional Now Republicans are proposing to hike that figure by anywhere from \$100 billion to \$150 billion — while slashing funding for programs like Medicaid, SNAP, and other programs that help keep Americans on their feet.

Lawmakers have it backwards: We need to invest more in those programs and less in the Pentagon, which simply can't account for how it's spending our money.

Late last year, the Pentagon failed its mandatory audit — yet again.

This isn't the first time this has happened, either in fact, the Pentagon has failed every audit it's ever undergone. According to the Project on Government Oversight, the Defense Department is the only department to have achieved consistent failure over nearly 35 years of government audits. Quite the achievement.

While the Pentagon may not know where its money goes, we do know that about half of its budget each year goes to private, for-profit contractors The Pentagon's deep overreliance on these corporations not only wastes billions of taxpayer dollars, but also feeds conflicts and contributes to weapons proliferation. Ultimately, this creates a fundamentally less secure world. Much of the Pentagon's operations and personnel have been outsourced to 'private military contractors," or PMCs. The use of PMCs exploded during the Iraq and Afghanistan - by 2019, there Wars were 1.5 times as many contractors on the ground in the Middle East as U.S. troops. These corporations have turned our tax dollars into their private slush fund with rampant waste, fraud, and abuse. Take for instance the time in 2020 when the Pentagon paid over \$52,000 for a trashcan. Or when a Pentagon contractor made a 9,400 percent profit margin off of a half-inch metal pin. Last year, reports emerged that Pentagon contractor Boeing made almost \$1 million in profit just from overcharging for spare parts on C-17 cargo planes, such as soap dispensers.

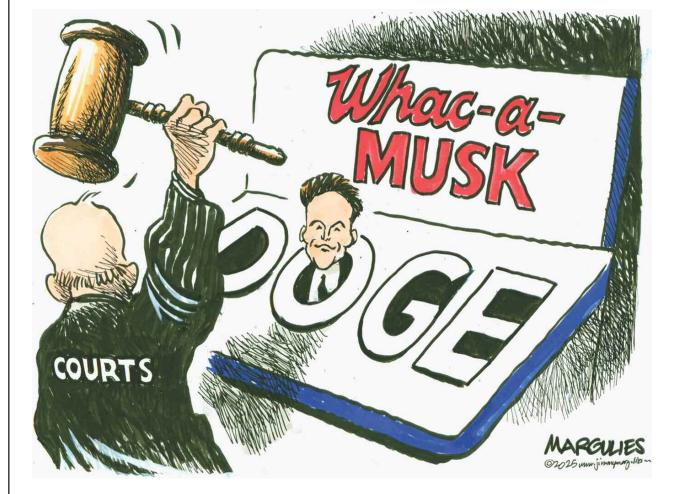


There are countless examples of **Pentagon** *contractors* defrauding American taxpayers ...

tractors defrauding American taxpayers like this, and yet we keep writing them bigger and bigger checks. And the wealthier these companies and their executives get, the easier it is for them to throw their weight around in government.

Look at Elon Musk, President Trump's chief billionaire backer and the one he charged with rooting out "waste" from the government.

Musk, the wealthiest oligarch on the planet,



Forget DEI; it's about decency

By JOHN KRULL TheStatehouseFile.com

Many, many years ago, the newspaper where I worked required staff to go through diversity training.

At the introductory session, the facilitator went around the room and asked everyone how they felt about

John Krull



exclude someone for no valid reason is rude.)

These actions by the president and his minions will be costly. Denying reality always is.

Businesses, colleges and other parts of American life didn't decide to start encouraging employees, stu-

examples of Pentagon con- ies.

has many glaring conflicts of interest as he meddles in the U.S. government. Not the least of which: he's a Pentagon contractor CEO himself, through his company SpaceX.

Contractor fraud isn't going away — in fact, it will only get worse with the most recent Pentagon budget's loosened restrictions on how these companies can spend taxpayer dollars. Despite this, there is little political will to crack down on the companies that are bleeding taxpayers dry.

Our politicians can't just allow the Pentagon to fail audit after audit forever. We have to curb our endless spending on the military — and put that money back into our real needs, like creating jobs, educating students, protecting planet, and much our more.

Targeting companies that make billions ripping off taxpayers is a perfect place to start.

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diversity.

When she came to me, I said calling it diversity training was a mistake, one that gave bigots a club they could use to give advocates for fair treatment a prolonged and persistent beat-

ing. "It should be called 'decency training," I said.

Because what we were talking about in those sessions — treating all human beings with dignity and respect regardless of race, national origin, faith or sexual identity — was what I had been raised to think of simply as good manners. You treat other people as you want and expect to be treated yourself.

Using the word "diversity" spoke to outcomes rather than a process. It allowed critics to argue that the whole thing was about rigging the game when it truly was about the opposite.

We weren't trying to move whole groups of people to the finish line ahead of other groups. No, we were working to make sure that everyone made it to the starting line and had a chance to run the race.

I didn't make much headway with my argument all those years ago.

Diversity training was what they called it at that first session and diversity training is what it remained.

I still think, though, that my point was valid.

Those of us who want to see all human beings given a fair shake gave those who thought some people just didn't deserve an equal chance a huge advantage in the debate simply by not thinking through the nomenclature.

We made it sound as if we were arguing for something new and radical and different, when in fact we often were talking about values that were at least as old as Scripture.

Do unto others..

If we'd called it decency training or even basic etiquette, we would have forced them to argue against simple good manners and principles that almost every major faith tradition embraces. Let them make the case that the Declaration of Independence's implicit promise that all people are created equal and are endowed with "certain unalienable rights," including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness was a mistake.

(Yes, I know the declaration's preamble refers only to men, but 18thcentury usage often used masculine terms to speak for all of humanity. Yes, I know that was sexist. One of the things that is both the most infuriating and the most inspiring about this nation's founders is that they put all their shortsighted flaws and prejudices on display while also crafting and enshrining language and principles that have allowed Americans ever since to indict them for those flaws and prejudices.)

But we decided to stick with diversity training as the label.

Flash forward several decades.

Now, the Donald Trump-led federal government and a host of state governments have declared war on DEI diversity, equity and inclusion.

Or, as I prefer to think, on decency, fairness and simple politeness. (To dents.

dents and others to treat others with courtesy and consideration out of nowhere. Those enterprises did so because the world was changing. Human beings were becoming more transient, moving from one country and culture to another with increasing rapidity.

Schools, corporations and communities that wanted to be successful wanted to secure both talent and markets - needed to figure out ways to reach across cultural divides and redress historic grievances.

That still is the case.

The world is not going to change any slower because Donald Trump and his followers prefer to stick their heads in the sand.

The opposition from Trump and his supporters, though, creates an opportunity for us to do a reset on the discussion. We now can reframe the debate.

How about if we start by ditching DEI as an acronym?

Instead, how about if we start saying to everyone everywhere regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender or sexual identity that we're going to treat you with decency, with fairness and with good old-fashioned courtesy, because that's what goodhearted people do?

Let the president and his crew take issue with that.

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The bidding tells the tale

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East dealer Both sides vulnerable. NORTH turn means that North's high cards are apt to be in the other three suits exactly where South would like

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n your 13 cards when you first see them, that value seldom remains the same as bids are made - or not made - by the other three players. Thus, South's hand is a minimum

opening bid in terms of its highcard strength, but it rises greatly in value when his partner bids two diamonds. It then grows still more in value when both opponents bid hearts.

This is because East-West are likely to have considerable honorcard strength in hearts, which in case would be two spade tricks.

Contract 🍦

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them to be. South's five-diamond bid is based in large part on these West led the heart queen, ruffed

by South. Declarer then cashed the K-A of trump and led dummy's queen of clubs, losing the finesse to West's king. South later lost two spade tricks to finish down one.

However, declarer should have made the contract. West's opening lead had marked him with the Q-J of the suit, and his partner with the A-K. It followed — since West had made a vulnerable overcall in a suit headed by the Q-J - that West was highly likely to have most of the missing honor cards in spades and clubs - and in particular, the club king.

South should therefore have initiated the club suit by leading the club deuce toward dummy. Had he done that, South would have gotten home safely. If West took the king, declarer would later discard two spades from dummy on the A-J of clubs and thus lose only one club and one spade to make the contract.

And if West did not take the king of clubs, the outcome would be the same. South's only losers in that

By Steve Becker

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Opening lead — ten of spades. This deal occurred in the Mixed Pairs at the 2002 world bridge championships. North-South were many-time women's world cham-pion Judi Radin, playing with the hero of many a deal reported in this column, Zia Mahmood (now known to all simply as Zia). After Radin's three-club rebid, Zia characterically present on the

Zia characteristically pressed on to slam, learning along the way via Roman Key Card Blackwood that North either held three aces or two aces and the king of clubs.

Looking at all four hands, it can be seen that the spades do not break 3-3 and the ace of hearts is doomed. But things changed dra-matically after West selected the harmless-looking ten of spades as

his opening lead. Zia played low from dummy an noted the appearance of East's jac as he won with the ace. If the oppo nents' plays were honest, this mean that West had the 9-8 of spade giving Zia an opportunity to space the slam-going trick. So at trick two, Zia put the six of spades on the table and, after West

followed low, showed the courag of his convictions by letting the si ride. When it held, Zia had his 12t trick and the slam.

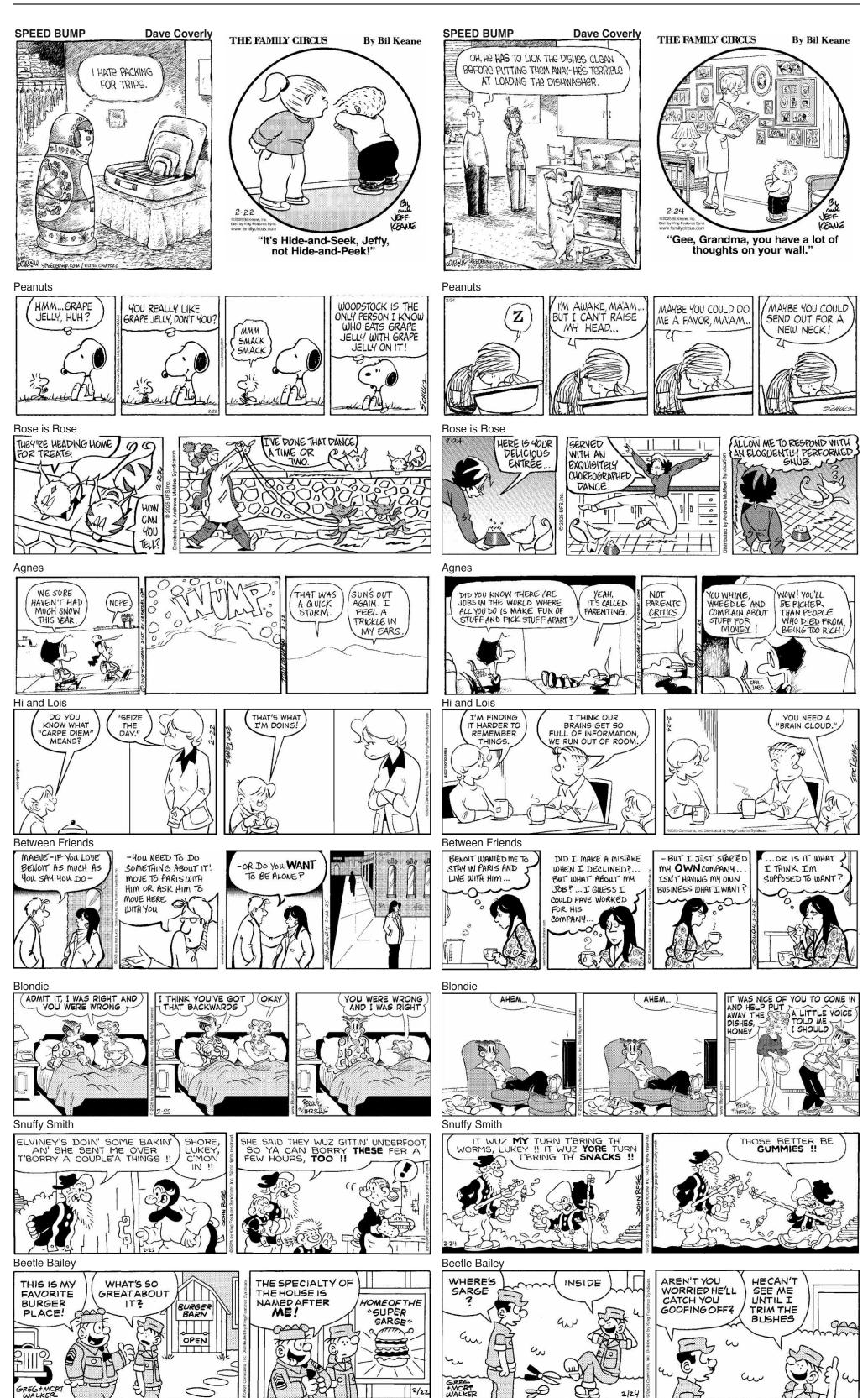
It might appear that if West has covered the six with the eight, th slam would have gone down, bu this is not necessarily true. The pla of the eight would have given Zia chance to shine another way.

After taking the eight with dum my's king, declarer would run hi clubs and diamonds, reducing hi hand to the Q-7 of spades and sin gleton king of hearts. West would come down to the 9-5 of spade and ace of hearts. The play of the king of hearts would then force West to win and lead a spade int South's Q-7, and the slam would still come home.

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15th day of February, 2025. Noble Township Board: Emily Daugherty Eldon Campbell Jeffrev Overholsei CR 2-22-2025- HSPAXLP

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Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana

	Cash & Invest	ments Combin	ed Statement	- 2024	
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Fund	Name	Jan 1, 2024	Receipts D	isbursements	Dec 31, 2024
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overnment	al Activities				
1	Federal Revenue Sharing	\$4,963.66	\$0.00	\$600,00	\$4,363.66
2	Fire Fighting	\$69,252.49	\$20,878.44	\$12,360.00	\$77,770.93
3	Rainy Day	\$10,605.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,605.24
4	Township	\$109,387.08	\$56,763.82	\$44,602.21	\$121,548.69
5	Township Assistance	\$143,458,82	\$26,401.75	\$19,055.75	\$150,804.82

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I, David Champ, Trustee of Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or any other person. 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 of the township.

David Champ, Richland Township Trustee

Telephone: 765-768-1047

Date this report was to be published, 2-22-2025 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Richland Township at its annual meeting this 18th day of February, 2025

Gary Glogas, Richland Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 18th day of February, 2025.

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	ARP RECOVERY FUND	\$418,386.98	\$38.46	\$251,065.90	\$167,359.54
	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$411,491.47	\$222,659.45	\$193,429.41	\$440,721.51
	LOCAL ROAD AND STREET	\$47,145.67	\$15,981.74	\$6,359.44	\$56,767.97
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	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY)		\$41,327.75	\$39,436.35	\$13,955.61
	PARK NON-REVERTING OPE		\$18,913.17	\$1,716.45	\$70,897.50
	PLANNING AND ZONING	\$180.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.55
	POLICE CONT. EDUCATION	\$26,735.57	\$2,837.00	\$0.00	\$29,572.57
	RAINY DAY	\$23,203.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,203.75
	LIT - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$167,880.20	\$100,048.00	\$61,239.47	\$206,688.73
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	POLICE DONATION FUND	\$6,923.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,923.85
	COMMUNITY CROSSINGS	φ0,320.00	φ0.00	φ0.00	<i>40,320.00</i>
2401	GRANT FUND	\$0.00	\$87,029.25	\$87,029.25	\$0.00
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4474	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$838.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$838.58
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	BOND & INTEREST SINKING	\$ \$219,608.07	\$165,979.09	\$332,752.58	\$52,834.58
6202	SEWAGE UTILITY BOND AND	D			
	INTEREST SINKING	-\$654,986.85	\$702,653.11	\$344,170.00	-\$296,503.74
6504	STORM WATER CONSTRUCT	ION \$205,244.11	\$173,113.58	\$261,673.30	\$116,684.39
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6607	BONY - WATER DEBT RESER	RVE \$153,132.92	\$36,489.66	\$0.00	\$189,622.58
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6609	SEWAGE BOND & INT INVES	ST \$1,509.89	\$10,420.81	\$0.00	\$11,930.70
6610	SEWAGE IMPROV				
	INVESTMENT	\$193,777.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$193,777.12
8802	POLICE PENSION	\$66,116.40	\$31,257.59	\$22,161.52	\$75,212.47
8852	CASH ON HAND	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
	PAYROLL	\$198,622.91	\$1,297,964.85	\$1,488,903.96	\$7,683.80
8976	CREDIT CARD CLEARING AG	CCT \$3,143.30	\$361,032.17	\$361,025.47	\$3,150.00
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6201	SEWAGE UTILITY				
	OPERATING	\$1,853,298.32	\$1,375,288.91	\$1,322,987.50	\$1,905,599.73
6611	SEWAGE OPERATING INVES	ST \$700.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.09
	SEWAGE IMPROVEMENT	\$2,673,547.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,673,547.54
6634	SEWAGE B&IHUNTINGTON	\$16,847.10	\$345,951.81	\$344,170.00	\$18,628.91
WATER					
	WATER UTILITY OPERATING	G \$400,534.43	\$1,266,947.41	\$1,003,163.22	\$664,318.62
6103	WATER UTILITY				
	DEPRECIATION	\$1,083,401.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,083,401.46
6104	WATER UTILITY				
	METER DEPOSIT	\$54,705.44	\$13,225.00	\$12,596.40	\$55,334.04
	Total All Funds	\$11,467,482.29	\$8,950,738.66	\$8,333,799.89	\$12,084,421.06

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Sports

Score by quarters:

Ft. Rec. 13 7 18 21-58 Houston 14 6 12 18-50

3-point shooting: Fort Recovery

4-6 (Overman 1-1, Dilworth 1-1, Fortkamp 1-1, Post 1-3). Houston

5-23 (Crim 4-11, Steiner 1-4, Cole

Rebounds: Fort Recovery 34 (Barga 14, Evers 6, Post 3,

Fortkamp 3, Overman 2, Jutte 2,

Dilworth 2, Team 2). Houston 22 (Burks 4, Pollock 4, SBowman 3,

Crim 3, Leist 3, Steiner 2, Team 2).

Assists: Fort Recovery 8 (Barga

4, Overman 2, Post, Evers). Hous-

ton 8 (Burks 4, Crim 2, ABowman,

Blocks: Fort Recovery O. Hous-

Personal fouls: Fort Recovery 13

(Barga 4, Fortkamp 3, Jutte 2, Dil-

worth 2, Evers 2). Houston 26 (SBowman 5, Steiner 4, Mohler 4,

Leist 4, Burks 3, Crim 3, ABowman

Turnovers: Fort Recovery 15.

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0-1, Mohler 0-1, Burks 0-6).

Tribe takes one at Troy

Aggressive play gives Indians 59-50 win over Houston in sectional championship

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

TROY, Ohio — Neither team could find significant separation in the first half.

Coming out of the locker room at the intermission, the Tribe was ready to attack the Wildcats. Being the aggressor paid off for the Indians.

The sixth-seeded Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team jumped on top of the No. 7 seed Houston Wildcats in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 1 sectional championship hosted by Troy on Thurs-day, controlling the glass and getting to the foul line at will to earn a 59-50 victo-

After falling in the first round last season, the win advances the Indians (7-16) to the district opener in which they will face the No. 5 seed Riverside on Tuesday at approximately 7:30 p.m.

"I'm just super excited," said FRHS coach Bob Leverette. "We knew it was going to be a dog fight. (Houston's) a Shelby County League team. They're in the same boat we are. It's 0-0 (now) but we both had pretty tough seasons. Felt like we were both pretty battle-tested and know it would be down to the wire. We made our free throws, I'm just proud of our kids and we get to go play for a second.'

The Indians came out of the locker room with aggression and looked to get to the rim.

As a result, Fort Recovery got to the free throw line at a large clip, found success on the offensive glass and even got some opportunities for kick outs.

FRHS went on a 10-4 run over the first 3 minutes, 17 seconds, of the third period. Breaker Jutte opened the quarter with a bucket on an assist from Briggs Overman, before Grant Fortkamp hit a three off a Overman outlet pass.

Jeffrey Leist, who led Houston (5-18) with 13 points, scored the Wildcats' the free throw line to cut



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School's Colson Post gets fouled by Davis Burks of Houston during the 59-50 OHSAA Division VI Southwest 1 sectional championship at Troy on Thursday. Post made both free throws to help the Indians go 21-for-32 from the foul line.

first bucket 45 seconds into the HHS deficit to 27-24 through the rest of the goal percentage. The sopho-the period. The Tribe before Brody Barga scored third before Barga finished more had a double-double

The teams traded baskets rebounds, assists and field

Box score

Houston Wildcats vs. Fort Recovery Indians

Indians varsity summary

OHSAA Division VI Southwest 1 Sectional Championship

Fort Recovery (7-16)

	FG-FGA	FI-FIA	PIS
Overman	2-7	7-14	12
Post	1-6	4-4	7
Jutte	3-4	3-4	9
Barga	6-7	3-4	15
Dilworth	1-2	0-0	3
Evers	1-4	0-0	2
Fortkamp	3-7	4-6	11
Totals	17-37	21-32	59
	.459	.656	
Def. rebou	ind perce	ntage: .	646
	Houston	(5 1 9)	
	FG-FGA		PTS
ABowman	0-0	0-0	0

.404 .600 Def. rebound percentage: .440					
Totals	21-52	3-5 .600	50		
Leist	6-10	1-2	13		
Mohler	2-3	0-0	4		
Crim	4-12	0-0	12		
SBowman	3-6	0-0	6		
Pollock	2-4	0-1	4		
Cole	0-1	0-0	0		
Steiner	1-4	0-0	3		
Burks	3-12	2-2	8		
ABowman	0-0	0-0	0		

glass as he pulled down six four triples. While Housof the team's 14 offensive rebounds, resulting in four buckets for him.

"I'm 6'5" obviously, but it's all positioning," Barga said. "I watch Dennis Rodman on documentaries, getting it off the backboard, getting in the right position and all that stuff."

The Wildcats got the score down to four points with 5:22 left to play, but the free throw line became a major factor down the stretch. After Burks cut the game to 43-39, FRHS scored the next six points on free throws from Overman and Colson post and a Barga drive.

With a 10-point advan-tage and only three minutes remaining, the Indians only needed one more bucket from Jutte on a baselineout-of-bounds play assisted by Barga before bonus free throws took them home.

Fort Recovery outscored Houston by 18 points at the foul line. The Tribe shot 21for-32 (65.6%) on free throws, including 11-for-15 (73.3%) in the fourth quarter, while the Wildcats went 3-for-5 (60%).

On the defensive end of

ton's big man and shooter found ways to score, the Indians held the HHS guards - Burks and Skylar Boman — to just 14 combined points.

Jutte started his day on Bowman, but as the Houston senior got into foul trouble, he switched onto Burks to finish off the game.

"(Bowman) was their dude that kind of created everything and we wanted to keep him out of the paint," Leverette said about matching him up with Jutte, a 6 foot, 5 inch for-ward. "Once he fouled out, Breaker had to go to the next best guy and he did a really good job on him. We lost (Crim) a few times near the end and let him hit a couple of threes, but overall pretty solid efforts."

Fort Recovery had a balanced offensive attack as Barga was supported by 12 points from Overman, 11 by Fortkamp, nine from Jutte and seven from Post. Braylon Dilworth and Gavin Evers each scored a basket as well for three and two points, respectively.

Next up, the Indians

grabbed the ball right of the net and Grant seconds later.

Davis Burks then got to

transition and Fortkamp Fortkamp stormed down hit a pair of free throws and in transition to go up rebounds and also dished the floor to score just eight after being fouled by 38-32. Barga put forward a out four assists. Joseph Mohler on a curl cut.

on an offensive rebound in with back-to-back baskets with 15 points on 6-of-7 on an offensive rebound shooting (85.7%) and 14 strong day as he led the Indians in

Barga found a lot of his points, success on the offensive in the third quarter to hit opener.

the floor, Leist carved the face the Pirates of River-Indians up inside during the first half before quiet- De Graff beat the fourthing down and Luke Crim seeded Northeastern 55-53 found his 3-point shot late to make it to the district

side (8-15). The team from

Pair of twos

Glentzer picks up No. 2 seeds in sectional prelims

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

It's been a decade since the Patriots sent anyone to the state finals.

In many of the ensuing seasons, they haven't had anyone seriously contending for a trip to Indianapolis.

Though not the favorite in either of his events, a freshman is on the verge of breaking that drought.

Cooper Glentzer led the host Jay County High School boys swim team as he earned a couple of No. 2 seeds Thursday in the sectional preliminaries.

"It's exciting," said JCHS coach Matt Slavik. The team's last individual state qualifiers were James Keen and Sok Vormohr in 2015. (A relay also qualified that season.)

With Cooper being a freshman, it's breathed some new life into this team with him, between him and Carson. ... Cooper ... seeded second in both the fly and 500 free, normally not two events you are competing in, I think he's got a legitimate shot to get out. So we'll see. Saturday's going to be a fun day.

The top 16 swimmers from Thursday's preliminaries advance to swim in the championship and consolation finals as the meet resumes Saturday. (Diving begins at 9 a.m., with swimming to follow at 1 p.m.) The top swimmer in each event Saturday will advance to the IHSAA Boys Swimming State Finals on Feb. 28 and March 1 at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Carson Westgerdes, a Jay County High School freshman, swims the 200-yard freestyle during Thursday's sectional preliminaries. Westgerdes earned the No. 7 seed in the event and teamed with Cooper Glentzer, Peyton Yowell and Lincoln Clamme for the No. 4 seed in the 400 freestyle relay.

Based on Thursday's results, the Patriots project for a seventh-place finish, as finals berths were difficult to come by beyond the pair from Glentzer. Bluffton, the top seed in five events including a pair of relays, is projected to repeat as the sectional champion by about 100 points, with Delta, Norwell and

skirmish for second. Bellmont what the goal was. I was happy and Burris look to be in a battle with how everybody performed. for fifth ahead of Jay County, Huntington North, Adams, Blackford and Adams Central.

Muncie Central in a three-way across the board. ... They did ... Big improvement over where South we've been the last couple of years.'

Glentzer showed he is within "Overall, I thought it was a striking distance of a state great meet," said Slavik. "We berth, especially in the 100-yard had significant time drops butterfly. His time of 54.55 sec- 200 medley relay in 2:01.22.

onds put him just 0.24 seconds behind Bluffton's top-seeded James Isaac Wheeler, the defending champion.

The Patriot freshman is also the No. 2 seed by a couple of seconds to Delta's Zach Baty in the 500 freestyle after posting a time of 4:59.75 Thursday. (His time was less than a second off of the school record of 4:59.18 set by James Keen in 2014.)

The next best result for Jay County in the preliminaries came in the 400 freestyle relay, with Carson Westgerdes, Peyton Yowell and Lincoln Clamme joining Glentzer to pick up the No. 4 seed with their time of 3:43.41. The same quartet was fifth in the 200 freestyle relay.

Westgerdes and Yowell each made championship finals in one event. Westgerdes, a freshman, was seventh in 1:59.89 in the 200 individual medley while Yowell, a junior, took the No. 8 spot as he finished in 53.57 in the 100 freestyle.

"Peyton Yowell, he came back in the 100. I wasn't expecting him to come back in the 100,' Slavik said. "He just finished ninth in the 50. In both, moved up two spots.'

Also qualifying for Saturday's consolation finals were Yowell (ninth — 50 freestyle), Matthew Fisher (10th — 100 backstroke), 100 freestyle) and Clamme (16th -100 breaststroke).

Max Klopfenstein, David Keen, Kamdyn Carter and Matthew Fisher teamed for ninth in the

Sports

3-point shooting: Norwell 6-14

(JMcBride 4-8, Owen Wallis 1-1, NMcBride 1-6, AMcBride 0-5). Jay

County 5-17 (Griffin 4-10, Wasson

1-1, Comer 0-2, Swoveland 0-2,

Rebounds: Norwell 14 (JMcBride

5, AMcBride 4, Wallis 2, team 2,

Riley). Jay County 29 (Comer 6,

Phillips 6, Griffin 6, Forthofer 5,

Dirksen 2, team 2, Barnett, Swove-

Assists: 10 (AMcBride 5.

JMcBride 3, Wallis, NMcBride). Jay

County 6 (comer 4, Phillips, Swove-

Blocks: Norwell 1 (Wallis). Jay

Personal fouls: Norwell 14

(JMcBride 4, Riley 4, Wallis 3,

AMcBride, NMcBride, Thornton). Jay

County 15 (Comer 3, Wasson 3, Dirksen 3, Swoeveland 3, Griffin 2,

Turnovers: Norwell 8. Jay County

Barnett 0-1, Dirksen 0-1).

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Phillips)

12.



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Jay County's Aiden Phillips puts up a shot over Garry Riley of Norwell during the second half Friday. Phillips grabbed offensive rebounds that led to a pair of free throws and a Tucker Griffin 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

Takeover

Continued from page 10 'That thing ends up being an absolute monster in a two-point loss," he said. "That's really not our kids' fault. That's no one's fault. We played for the last shot. We did everything right. We got a good look. If we make that shot, they inbound the ball and don't even get a shot off. ...

"It's a one in 200 type shot, maybe more. But it went in today."

Griffin had 11 of Jay County's 15 points in the second quarter and seven of its 10 in the third, when the other three came on a triple from sophomore Brock Wasson. He hit all of his four two-point tries from the field, added four 3-pointers and went 7-of-8 from the line for his 27 points.

He also shared the high of game six rebounds with teammates Jayden Comer and Phillips as the Patriots posted a 29-14 rebounding advantage.

"For him to have his Senior Night go this way, he deserves it," said Gary. "He's been great for us from a leadership standpoint. He brings the passion. He brings the grit. That stuff's contagious."

Josh McBride's 22 points and five rebounds were the team high for Norwell. Adam added five assists.

After Norwell scored the first five points and the Patriots tallied the next six, the rest of the game was tight. JCHS trailed just once in the just one at the end of the had nine.

Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Norwell Knights

Boys varsity summary Norwell (10-10)

		,			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS		
Wallis	4-5	0-0	9		
Riley	1-1	0-0	2		
AMcBride	4-13	3-3	11		
JMcBride	7-13	4-5	22		
NmcBride	2-7	0-0	5		
Thornton	0-1	0-0	0		
Totals	18-40	7-8	49		
	.450	.875			
Def. rebou	ind perce	entage: .	619		
Jay County (11-9)					

Jay County (II-9)						
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS			
Comer	0-3	0-0	0			
Barnett	0-1	0-0	0			
Wasson	1-2	0-0	3			
Dirksen	0-1	2-2	2			
Forthofer	3-6	0-2	6			
Phillips	1-3	2-2	4			
Griffin	8-14	7-8	27			
Swoveland	3-7	3-4	9			
Totals 16-27 14-18 51						
.432 778						
Def. rebound percentage: .955						
Score by quarters:						

Norwell 10 12 12 15-49 Jay Co. 12 15 10 16-51

second half — 37-35 after first quarter before geta Josh McBride 3-pointer to open the third quarter – and its seven-point

lead a few minutes later was the largest of the game.

Jay County is off tonight and will learn its tournament draw Sunday before closing the regular season with a visit to Winchester on Tuesday and a home game against Bellmont on Friday.

Junior varsity

Jay County struggled in the third quarter and could not recover in a 51-34 loss to the Knights.

The Patriots trailed by

ting outscored 16-5 in the second. Their deficit hovered around a dozen points in the third quarter and Norwell pulled away late in the fourth.

Brock Wasson hit three 3-pointers en route to his team high 11 points for the Patriots. Eight of those came in the third quarter.

Benson Barnett added nine points, and Brady Jetmore totaled six.

Trey Privett matched Wasson with three triples and 11 points for Norwell. Cooper Bunn joined him in double figures with 10 points and Noah Comer

Sports on tap

Local schedule Today

Jay County — Boys swim sectional at Jay County – 1 p.m. (diving preliminaries – 9 a.m.) Fort Recovery - Girls basketball dis-

trict championship vs. Arcanum at Monroe - 5:30 p.m.

Monday

Jay County — Junior high wrestling at South Adams – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high swim vs. Norwell - 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County - Boys basketball at Winchester – 6 p.m. Boys basketball dis-Fort Recovery

12:30 p.m. - NHL: Minnesota Wild at Detroit Red Wings (ABC) 12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Aston Villa vs. Chelsea (NBC) 1 p.m. — PGA Tour: Mexico Open

(NBC) 1:30 p.m. - PVF volleyball: All-Star

Match (CBS) 1:30 p.m. - NASCAR Craftsman

Truck Series: Atlanta (FS1) 2 p.m. — College basketball: Iowa State at Houston (ESPN); Wake Forest at N.C. State (ESPN2); Penn State at Min-

nesota (BTN) 2 p.m. — Club Friendly women's soccer: San Diego Wave at Bay (FOX) 2:30 p.m. — College basketball:

Rhode Island at Saint Louis (USA)

- Women's college 2:30 p.m.

ers at Denver Nuggets (ABC) 10 p.m. — College basketball: BYU at Arizona (ESPN); Cal at Stanford (ESPN2)

Sunday — Premier League soccer: 9 a.m. Newcastle United at Nottingham Forest (USA)

12 p.m. — College basketball: UConn

at St. John's (FOX) 12 p.m. — Women's college basket-ball: Notre Dame at N.C. State (ESPN); Purdue at Ohio State (BTN); West Virginia at TCU (ESPN2); Villanova at Provi

dence (FS1) – NBA: New York Knicks at 1 p.m. Boston Celtics (ABC) 1 p.m. — MLB Spring Training: St

Ambetter Health 400 (FOX) 3:30 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (ABC)

3:45 p.m. — College basketball: Ohio

gan at UCLA (BTN) 5 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Clippers

8 p.m. — College basketball: Michi-gan at Nebraska (FS1) 9 p.m. — College basketball: Hous-ton at Texas Tech (ESPN)

ball: Baylor at Kansas State (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — TGL golf: Boston Common Golf at Atlanta Drive GC (ESPN2) College basketball:

Tuesday

1 p.m. — MLB Spring Training: Toron-Blue Jays vs. St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — College basketball: Duke at Miami (ESPN); Providence at Marquette (FS1); Baylor at Cincinnati (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. - NBA: Cleveland Cava

liers at Orlando Magic (TNT) 1 p.m. — NHL: Seattle Kraken at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)

9 p.m. — College basketball: Missis-sippi State at Alabama (ESPN2); Iowa at

Illinois (FS1) 9 p.m. — TGL golf: The Bay Golf Club

at Jupiter Links Golf Club (ESPN) 10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at

Los Angeles Lakers (TNT) 11 p.m. — College basketball: New Mexico at San Diego State (FS1)

3:30 p.m. - NHL: New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins (TNT)

State at UCLA (CBS) 4 p.m. - College basketball: Drake

at Northern Iowa (ESPN2) 4 p.m. — Women's college basket-ball: Illinois at USC (FS1); LSU at Ken-

tucky (ESPN) 4 p.m. — College gymnastics: Michi-

at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana) 5 p.m. — Shebelieves Cup women's

soccer: United States at Australia (TBS) 6 p.m. — College basketball: USC a

11 p.m. — College Kansas at Colorado (ESPN)

2:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer Crystal Palace at Aston Villa (USA)

trict semifinal vs. Riverside at Trov 7:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today

7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Everton at Manchester United (USA) 10 a.m. - Premier League soccer:

Ipswich Town at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)

12 p.m. - College basketball: Tennessee at Texas A&M (ESPN); Oregon at Wisconsin (FOX); TCU at Cincinnati (ESPN2)

12 p.m. - Women's college basketball: Penn State at Michigan (BTN) 12:30 p.m. — College basketball: Richmond at Saint Joseph's (USA)

ketball: Iowa State at Baylor (FOX) 3 p.m. — NHL: Washington Capitals

at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC) 4 p.m. — College basketball: Auburn at Georgia (ESPN); Oklahoma State at Kansas (CBS); Virginia at North Carolina

(ESPN2); Washington at Iowa (FS1) 4:30 p.m. — MLS soccer: Los Ange-

les FC at Minnesota United (FOX) 6 p.m. — College basketball: Akron at Ohio (ESPN2); Kentucky at Alabama (ESPN); Boise State at Nevada (FS1)

6 p.m. — College hockey: Ohio State at Minnesota (FOX) 7 p.m. - NHL: Anaheim Ducks at

Boston Bruins (FOX)

8 p.m. — College basketball: Duke at Illinois (FOX); Butler at DePaul (FS1) 8:30 p.m. - NBA: Los Angeles Lak-

Louis Cardinals vs. Houston Astros (FDSN Indiana)

1 p.m. - NHL: Edmonton Oilers at Washington Capitals (TNT)

1 p.m. — PGA Tour: Mexico Open (NBC) 1 p.m. — U.S. Indoor Championships

track and field (NBC) 1:30 p.m. — College basketball: Pur-due at Indiana (CBS)

1:30 p.m. — Women's college bas-ketball: Richmond at VCU (CBS)

2 p.m. — College basketball: Florida Atlantic at Memphis (ESPN2); Xavier at

Seton Hall (FS1) 2 p.m. — Women's college basket-ball: North Carolina at Louisville (ESPN); Indiana at Michigan State (BTN) 3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series:

Rutgers (FS1)

6:30 p.m. — College wrestling: Purdue at Nebraska (BTN) 7 p.m. — NBA: Memphis Grizzlies at

7 p.m. — KDA: Weinpins Grizzles at Cleveland Cavaliers (ESPN)
7 p.m. — College basketball: North Carolina at Florida State (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — College wrestling: Iowa

at Oklahoma State (BTN) 9:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Minnesota Timberwolves

(ESPN)

Monday 5 p.m. — TGL golf: Los Angeles Golf Club at New York Golf Club (ESPN2) 7 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. - Women's college basket

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Tucker takeover

JCHS senior pours in 27, including first-half buzzer beater in two-point victory

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review In his first and only season made an impact.

On Senior Night, his fourth 3-pointer gave him 27 points and his team a seven-point Norwell was unable to get anylead.

team's leading scorer.

Junior Gradin Swoveland scored seven of his nine points off the rim and was no good at in the final 2:30 Friday in support of Griffin's big night to help the Jay County High end there, it just didn't drop," School boys basketball team hold on for a 51-49 victory over the visiting the Norwell Knights.

"We deserved that one," said JCHS interim coach Brogan Gary. "To fight through adversity and for us to find ways to make winning plays and understand what that looks first six points, Griffin carried like is a big thing for us. So the offense for the next 22 minthis is a huge win.

Griffin's triple midway through the fourth quarter off of an offensive rebound and assist from Aiden Phillips capped a 9-0 run that gave the Patriots (11-9) their biggest lead of the night at 44-37. But Norwell (10-10) would not go away, tying the game at 46 with less than two minutes to go.

lane to reclaim the lead and, after a Josh McBride pass into the teeth of the JCHS defense three-quarter-court heave was led to a turnover, he added a a turning point. couple of free throws with 15.4

seconds on the clock to extend the lead to four.

A three-point play by the as a Patriot, Tucker Griffin has Knights kept them in the game, and they had a chance after Swoveland split free throws with eight seconds to go. But where close to the basket, Then he turned it over to the instead getting a fading Adam McBride 3-point try from deep on the left wing that clanged the buzzer.

"We got a good look at the said Norwell coach Michael McBride. "I thought it was a pretty good look for us ... We wanted to get to the rim. We weren't able to do that, but we got a second option coming off that.

After Cole Forthofer and Swoveland scored Jay County's utes.

The highlight came at the end of the first half as he snagged a rebound off of a Norwell miss and launched a 3pointer from the west side of Indiana as outlined on the Patriots' court. He buried the shot for a 25-22 halftime lead.

"The kids were all jacked up," said Gary. "It's an exciting Swoveland drove into the moment. My biggest thing was to keep building off of that."

McBride agreed that the

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Jay County High School sophomore Brock Wasson defends against Owen Wallis of Norwell during the third quarter of the Patriots' 51-49 victory Friday. Wasson and classmate Benson Barnett started the third quarter for JCHS, with Wasson hitting a key 3-pointer that broke a 29-29 tie.



boys basketball team that finished the year with a 19-2 record. In the front row from left to right are Roman Lyle Jaylen Dillon Dunnington and Eli Homan. Back row are coach Dusty Pearson, Job Dirksen, Finn Hemmelgarn, Bentley Comer, Abram Leed, Jade Westgerdes and Not pictured is Jenson

Photo provided

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Annual Meeting/Program - Wednesday, February 26, 2025 6:00 PM - Bob Schmit Memorial Building Jay County Fairgrounds

Guest Speaker - Joe Caudell Department of Natural Resources' Deer Research Biologist.



Joe will talk about the deer population estimate project that DNR is currently working on and how EHD affects deer population.

The dinner/program is free & everyone is encouraged to attend.



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