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Funds rescinded



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Commissioners Rex Journey (left) and Chad Aker discuss rescinding a decision to fund up to \$275,000 toward a new Jay County animal control facility Monday. They agreed to rescind the funding until Jay municipalities come to a funding agreement after commissioner Brian McGalliard rehashed the discussion and the county's options.

Commissioners step back on animal control, plan to revisit after municipalities weigh in

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Two weeks ago, commissioners approved funding for a new animal control facility. On Monday, the new group reversed that decision.

With two new officials in office, Jay County Commissioners rescinded the Dec. 28 approval of up to \$275,000 toward a new animal control facility that would be owned and operated by Jay County Humane Society.

Jay County Animal Control Task Force — a committee created by commissioners in 2018 to come up with solution for long-term animal control in the

county — proposed building a new facility for the humane society in November to serve as the main entity for housing stray animals. (The county previously contracted with Bill and Kathy Fields for animal control prior to their retirement last year. Midwest Pet Refuge operates locally as an independent organization mainly serving the cat population.)

Commissioners Chuck Huffman, Mike Leonhard and Aker voted unanimously at their last meeting of 2020 to fund a quarter of the project up to a maximum of \$275,000 from Bitter Ridge Wind Farm economic

development funds. The decision came after Jay County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory committee made a recommendation to do so.

Commissioner Brian McGalliard, who now represents the south district after Huffman chose not to seek re-election, on Monday proposed rescinding the funding commitment. He noted the task force only presented two building options at costs of \$1.14 million and \$1.35 million, respectively.

"As county commissioners, I think we have more options than just that," McGalliard said.

Over the next 10 years, he

estimated, the total cost for the project and its annual budget will be around \$3.7 million. The plan requires Jay municipalities to contribute toward its cost, and some don't have the money, he added. (Pennville Town Council rejected the funding proposal Jan. 5, and Redkey Town Council tabled discussion in December.)

Reviewing three possible paths forward, McGalliard recommended rescinding the funding commitment and reconsidering after all of the county's government entities could weigh in on the project and find common ground.

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Dunkirk plans to make updates

Attorney has been reviewing ordinances

By ROSE SKELLY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — The city's ordinances will continue to be updated in the new year, including several that have been defunct for years.

Dunkirk City Council received an update on the effort to revise the city's laws and regulations at its Monday meeting.

Council president Jesse Bivens has been working with city attorney Wes Schemenaur to edit and update the city's ordinances as needed. They are going section by section, currently focusing on laws related to the police department. Many of the ordinances haven't been updated in quite some time, and some are now obsolete.

"They run the gamut from, you know, kind of mundane things like adding a word or two here and there to abolishing the requirement that you license your bicycle by the city," Schemenaur said.

Schemenaur gave council members a packet with the proposed changes to the police department ordinances, asking them to review the edits and contact him with any additional feedback. Once the updates are complete, the city will advertise changes that affect penalties for violating the ordinances. Council will be reviewing the water department ordinances next.

In other business, council members Tom Johnson, Bryan Jessup, Lisa Street, Kevin Hamilton and Bivens:

•Learned that the police department's Chevrolet Tahoe, which recently had its engine replaced, is back on the road. The final bill from Rich's Auto Repair was \$4,979.74, down from an estimate of \$5,500.

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FR board thanked

By BAILEY CLINE

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School board members started the meeting Monday with a small surprise.

Fort Recovery Local Schools principals and treasurer Deanne Knapke presented handmade art to the board for School Board Appreciation Month. Staff coordinated with each board member's family during school to have their children paint their handprints on canvas.

Board member Anne Guggenbiller said she was surprised her 4-year-old didn't tell her beforehand, but principal Kelli Thobe explained she probably thought it was a classroom project.

Also Monday, the school board appointed new positions for 2021. Nick Wehrkamp was elected again as president of the board, with Don Wendel

Wehrkamp re-elected as president

as vice president. Jake Knapke will serve as the 2021 Ohio Schools Board Association legislative liaison, with Guggenbiller as an alternate. Wendel will also serve as the 2021 Student Achievement liaison.

The board also agreed to keep its meetings on the third Monday of every month starting at 6:30 p.m.

Deanna Knapke discussed a report for income and taxes she received from the Mercer County auditor. In the forecast, she said, it was predicted

there would be a \$77,000 increase in taxes compared to 2020 figures.

She also compared the first six months of fiscal year 2021 to school year 2020. Fort Recovery Local Schools have about \$163,000 less total revenue than last year, or 3.1%, she said. Total expenditures are also down about \$177,000, or 3%.

"So really, our revenue and expenditures are kind of balancing each other out," she said.

There is less state funding (\$122,000) and other operating revenue as well this year, she continued. Knapke commended school principals for controlling spending on needs rather than wants.

"You guys have done a very nice job of keeping things stable," board member Greg LeFevre added.

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Trail hazard

The destruction left behind by the emerald ash borer continues to make hikes in area nature preserves a little hazardous. Though ACRES Land Trust has felled dozens of dead ash trees in its Bibler Preserve in Jay County, "widow-makers" like this one are still to be found along the trails. Caution is advised.



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Deaths

Pauline Hartman, 71, Pennville
 John Miller, 85, Dunkirk
 Penny Taylor, 52, Redkey
 Al Souder, 92, Portland
 Mary Weitzel, 92, Fort Recovery
 Mitsu Bergdoll, 82, Dunkirk
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Weather

Jay County's high temperature Monday was 29 degrees. The low was 23.
 Tonight's low will be 30. Expect a bit more warmth Wednesday with the high climbing into the 40s under partly cloudy skies.
 See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Helena Agri-Enterprises announced recently that it will award a \$1,000 Helena HomeGrown Scholarship. The scholarship is open to a 2020-21 high school senior who will pursue a degree in agriculture or science. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31. For more information, visit helena-homegrown.com.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of the opening day of Jay County Health Department's coronavirus vaccination clinic.

Friday — Results from the Jay County High School wrestling team's match Thursday against Homestead.



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Wednesday 1/13	Thursday 1/14	Friday 1/15	Saturday 1/16	Sunday 1/17
43/32	42/31	38/25	30/22	29/23
Warmer and well above freezing all day under mostly cloudy skies. Southwest wind of 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of a rain-snow mix in the evening. South wind of about 15 mph.	Cooler under mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow in the morning. Cool at night.	Cooler with temperatures projected to stay below freezing all day and night. Mostly cloudy.	Slightly cooler under mostly cloudy skies with no snow projected. Below freezing all day.

Lotteries

Powerball Saturday 14-26-38-45-46 Powerball: 13 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$550 million	19-25-29-30-36-43-44-45-46-50-52-57-65-69-70 Cash 5: 10-13-19-25-40 Estimated jackpot: \$210,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$615 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-5-3 Pick 4: 9-0-7-2 Pick 5: 3-9-3-7-1 Evening Pick 3: 6-5-8 Pick 4: 7-6-6-2 Pick 5: 1-2-4-8-6 Rolling Cash 5: 9-15-26-30-37 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000 Classic Lotto: 12-16-23-33-42-49 Kicker: 6-0-2-5-6-1 Jackpot: \$3.1 million
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Markets

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Today in history

On Jan. 12, 2000, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Illinois v. Wardlaw*, gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In 1910, at a White House dinner hosted by President William Howard Taft, Baroness Rosen, wife of the Russian ambassador, caused a stir by requesting and smoking a cigarette — it was, apparently, the first time a woman had smoked openly during a public function in the executive mansion. (Some of the other women present who had brought their own cigarettes began lighting up in turn.)

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma*, unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

In 1969, the New York Jets of the American Football League upset the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League 16-7 in Super Bowl III, played at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

In 1971, Jay County Council approved the transfer of \$35,000 from the accumulative bridge fund and local road and street fund for the construction of a bridge over Limberlost Creek in northeastern Jay County.

In 1976, mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie died in Wallingford, England, at age 85.

In 1995, Qubilah Shabazz (keh-BEE'-lah shuh-BAZ'), the daughter of Malcolm X, was arrested in Minneapolis on charges she'd tried to hire a hitman to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan (the charges were later dropped in a settlement with the government).

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday
5:30 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, machine shed at Barry Miller residence, 705 E. 300 North, Portland.

Monday
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

7 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Obituaries

Pauline Hartman

Pauline Hartman, 71, Pennville, died Monday at her home. Arrangements are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Pennville.

John Miller

Feb. 19, 1935-Jan. 8, 2021
John A. Miller, 85, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away at home on the morning of Jan. 8, 2021, after battling dementia.

He was born the son of Kenneth Miller and Evalyn Shirley Miller on Feb. 19, 1935, in Muncie, Indiana. He graduated from McKinley High School in 1953 in Randolph County. In 1955, he married his school sweetheart Judy Thornburg and they had two sons.



Miller

John spent most of his life in the petroleum business. He started with Farm Bureau Co-Op and then spent six months in U.S. Army reserve training. He ran a service station for several years and then moved to Dunkirk in 1969 where he continued in the petroleum business with Miller Oil Company until retirement. He said his therapy was doing yard work and gardening.

John was master of the Farmland Masons where he received his 50-year pin. He was on the board of directors of The First State Bank and Indiana Oil Marketers, and also a member of the Dunkirk Elks and American Legion. He was a member of the Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church.

John spent summers coaching little league and enjoyed boating and camping with his family. He was a member of The Happy Cruisers club. A fun pastime was playing cards with friends and family. But his real passion in life was flying. He earned his pilot license and went on to get his instrument rating.

Survivors are his wife Judy; son Gary (Kriss) of Kansas City, Missouri; brother Jack Miller (Sandra) of Knox; and his sister Ledajean Flory (Lloyd) of Edinburgh; six grandchildren, Ashley Miller of Kansas City, Missouri, Abbi Robinson of Austin, Texas, Hawkin Miller of Kansas City, Missouri, Alicia Miller of Madison and Brockton and Logan Miller of Hartford City; and five great-grandchildren, Taylor and Shelby Brown of Redkey, Iko Miller of Kansas City, Missouri, Wilhelmina Robinson of Austin, Texas, and Ryker Miller of Madison.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jim Miller; and son Greg (Christine) as of 2019.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at Beech Grove Cemetery in Muncie, Indiana, with Pastor Randy Davis officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

Penny Taylor

Aug. 23, 1968-Jan. 7, 2021
Penny Darlene Taylor passed away on Jan. 7, 2021, at the age of 52.

She was born in Bluffton on Aug. 23, 1968, the daughter of Virginia Anderson and Larry Taylor. She grew up in Pennville before relocating to Redkey, where she resided for the remainder of her life. She is survived by two sons, Steven Taylor (Mikaela), 33, and Kenny Burks Jr., 27, as well as four grandchildren, Nevaeh, Ryder, Kingston and Treyvin. She had several brothers and sisters.

She was preceded in death by one sister and grandchild.

It may be cliché to say to know our mother was to love her. However,

cliché it is, it rings true.

She was one of the most selfless people we will ever have the pleasure to know in our lifetime. She much rather would have helped someone else she loved before helping herself. Now, we admit, we are incredibly biased, her resiliency was something to behold. Despite any other obstacles in her life, she made sure to take care of anything asked of her. It may have been last minute, but she got it done. What can we say? We got our tendency to procrastinate from her. Our mother was one of the nicest, most understanding and forgiving people that existed, and we get the privilege of calling her Mom.

Services will be held Thursday at Redkey United Methodist Church, visitation from 2 to 5 p.m. with Pastor Jason Rice officiating.

Arrangements by Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Allen Souder

Oct. 7, 1928-Jan. 9, 2021
Allen D. Souder, 92, passed peacefully Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021. He was born in Garrett, Indiana, on Oct. 7, 1928, to Ora L. Souder and Miriam (Bryant) Souder.

Joyce (Barnes) Souder, his wife of 69 years, preceded Al in death on July 20, 2020. They were married on Nov. 5, 1950, in Garrett, Indiana.

Surviving are four children, Susan (Michael) Medler of Portland, Indiana, Thomas (Diane) Souder of Dublin, Ohio, Ronald Souder of Mesa, Arizona, and Ellen (Chuck) Deardorff of Westfield, Indiana. He has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Allen graduated from Garrett High School in 1947 and served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He attended Ball State University where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education. He was a teacher and coach from 1957 to 1988. Allen taught and coached in Portland and Ridgeville, Indiana, and Fort Recovery and Paulding, Ohio.

A few of Al's achievements came while coaching basketball in Fort Recovery:

- Al was voted State Coach of the Year in 1967.

- The Fort Recovery boys basketball team was a state semifinalist in 1969, and, in 1971, became the Ohio High School Class A State Champions.

- Allen's basketball teams worked hard to earn him 308 wins during his coaching career.

- Allen is a member of the Halls of Fame at Garrett High School, Fort Recovery High School and the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association.

He was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church, enjoyed watching high school and college sports, golfing and traveling to warm climates.

A quote from Coach Al: "It was a joy to coach players, many of whom became doctors, bankers, teachers, lawyers and good citizens in their communities."

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the family will be foregoing a funeral service at this time but will be having a celebration of life at a later date.

Memorials or donations may be made to: Fort Recovery Community Foundation, Attention: Al and Joyce Souder Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 52 Fort Recovery, OH 45846.

The Souder family would like to express its sincere appreciation and



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love to all whom have touched the lives of Al and Joyce.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, Indiana, is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Mary Weitzel

Sept. 8, 1928-Jan. 9, 2021
Mary Ann Weitzel, age 92, of Fort Recovery, passed away on Jan. 9, 2021, at Briarwood Village, Coldwater.

She was born Sept. 8, 1928, in Burkettsville to the late Leo and Elizabeth (Wendel) Rammel. On June 15, 1948, she married the late Cletus Weitzel, who died March 21, 2006.

Mary Ann is survived by her five children, Lavern (Jane) Weitzel of Fort Recovery, Lucy (Leonard) Bruns of Chickasaw, Ohio, Paul (Cindy) Weitzel of Portland, Ruth (Fred) Jutte of Fort Recovery and Rita (Dave) Tobe of Fort Recovery; 19 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Margaret Rammel, of West Union, Ohio; and in-law, Alice Weitzel of St. Henry, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her two children, Alice (Gary) Howard and Charles "CW" Weitzel; a great grandchild, Elise Tobe; siblings, Julian (Edna) Rammel, Madonna (Martin) Wilker and Ivo-Rammel; in-laws Aloys (Sally) Weitzel, Arthur (Vita) Weitzel, Lawrence (Marie) Weitzel, Joe (Eva) Weitzel, Dick (Betty) Weitzel, Julius Weitzel, Lorena (Wilbert) Boeckman, Alvina (Art) Rindler, Dorothy (Herbert) Timmerman and Luke Rose.

Mary Ann was a member of Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery, and its Altar Sodality. She was also a member of the Daughters of Isabella Circle 810 and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 345, both of Fort Recovery.

She was a wonderful baker and was fondly known as the "Pie Lady." She also enjoyed quilting, camping and being surrounded by her family, especially her grandchildren.

A public Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. today at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church with Fr. Christian Cone-Lombarte as celebrant. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

A private visitation was held at Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

Contributions can be made to the State of the Heart Care, 1350 N. Broadway St., Greenville, OH 45331, or the Briarwood Village Activity Fund, 100 Don Desch Drive, Coldwater, OH 45828.

Condolences may be expressed at brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

Mitsu Bergdoll

March 1, 1938-Jan. 8, 2021
Mitsu Bergdoll passed away peacefully at the age of 82 in the presence of family on Jan. 8 after her courageous battle with cancer.

She was born March 1, 1938, in Miyako Island, Japan, to Shigeru and Tatsu Okuhama. After graduating Miyako High School (Class of 1957) and living in Naha, Okinawa, for a short time, she set out to Tokyo where she worked in the finance department at Tachikawa Air Force Base. This is where she met James Bergdoll Jr., her future husband of 48 years. She made the brave move to start a new life in Indiana and was married on May 8, 1972, on Beaver Hill Farm in rural Dunkirk, Indiana, where her and Jim spent most of their married life.

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Weitzel



Souder



Bergdoll

SERVICES

Today
Miller, John: 2 p.m., Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie.

Wednesday
Bergdoll, Mitsu: 2:30 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Thursday
Taylor, Penny: 5 p.m., Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St., Redkey.

Friday
Klopfenstein, Garnet: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Sheriff's Department will be taking applications for the following positions

- Full time Merit Deputy
- Full & Part time Correction Offices
- Part time Dispatcher

Will be accepting applications until 1/22/21

Probation violation

Two Portland residents were arrested Monday after they violated their probations.

Kimberly K. Piercy, 35, 210 W. Second St., had an original charge of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She is being held in Jay County Jail on \$3,000 bond.

Bradley P. Lemaster, 44, 4443 W. 800 South, previously had a conviction of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Lemaster was released from Jay County Jail on \$950 bond.

Possession

Residents of Randolph and Delaware counties were arrested Monday after they were allegedly found with illegal drugs.

Rebecca L. Keener, 46, 337

W. Ann St., Winchester,

was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs and possession or use of legend drugs or precursor. She's being held at Jay County Jail on \$3,000 bond.

Cameron P. Morgan, 22, 3700 W. Kilgore Ave.,

Muncie, was preliminarily charged with three Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance, unlawful possession of a syringe and possession or use of legend drugs or precursor. She also has a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing. Morgan is being held on \$5,000 bond at Jay County Jail.

What's in the past cannot be rehashed

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

It is almost the middle of January. Time for my mom to ask if my tulips are blooming yet. They are not. That's just one of the little things that used to bother me when we talked on the phone. She knew that tulips rarely if ever bloom in January. I suppose there's a first time for everything.

To those who still have a mother, or any relative who is older than you, resist the urge to tune them out when they tell the same story each and every time it is remotely relevant. Instead, ask them to flesh out the story. I always knew my grandmother worked at the Atlas Underwear Company. I have no idea how old

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she was then, how long she worked there, what she did, or any of a thousand questions I have now that she is gone.

Then there was the "baby in a shoebox." I was told that my grandfather's hair turned white when he saw his little sister in the shoebox. Except none of his sisters would have been in a shoebox and his hair was brown. The cousins I have been in touch with remember the same thing. We all

have heard of the "baby in a shoebox" but still don't know any details. If your family has tales of a baby in a shoebox please let me know. Maybe we are related.

The cold weather is good for staying inside unless you are our niece, Jane. Recently she wrote that she "Enjoyed a peaceful, quiet, humbling 15 mile run this morning and the sun is coming out!! What a great start to the weekend!!" Is she nuts? This is the art teacher who also runs marathons. Never in my life have I had any inclination to run for one mile, let alone 15. Perhaps that is why she is in such great shape and I'm not.

My idea of winter fun is to check on the paper-white bulbs I received for Christmas. They are

waking up and beginning to grow leaves. I have two heavy cut-glass vases filled with them. The vases help keep the plants from flopping over as much once they do bloom. I also have a bunch of hyacinths, each with its own jar, that need to be put in the refrigerator. They need a cold period before they will bloom.

Many of us also need a cold period before we bloom. Watching the political unrest play itself out on the television is stressful enough to fulfill that requirement. If politics isn't your cup of tea, then try to go grocery shopping. Empty shelves still appear on a regular basis.

Then there is the ultimate bogeyman. It goes by several names but I refer to it as the

virus. We are presented with dire figures every day. We are cautioned to stay home as much as possible, wash our hands every few minutes, and wear the hated masks.

As of today I have known several people who have contracted the virus. Thankfully, most of them have had mild cases. Only one has ended up in the hospital and she is staying at her sister's house for the time being.

I am waiting for the world to go back to the same old routine, realizing that will never happen. Until someone proves otherwise, time is linear. Going back is not an option. We can only go forward. Let's hope the worst is behind us.

Weed prompts divorce threat

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are going on 19 years of marriage and have three teenage girls. We have had multiple rounds of marriage counseling, mostly with good results, although the benefits seem to be short-lived. Most of our problems have stemmed from my husband's drinking or smoking pot. He's not abusive, he's a good provider, but he just likes to get high. Thank God it's not often, but I'm not nor have I ever been OK with it.

Our girls recently found his pot stash and helped themselves. When I questioned them about where they got it, they admitted they found their dad's stash. For me, this is the last straw. How can I teach my kids this is not OK when their dad's actions say otherwise? I'm now made out to be the prude since apparently I'm "no fun."

I'm a nurse, and even if it were legal in our state, I wouldn't use it. I told my husband that I'm done and I'm ready for a divorce. He says I'm being ridiculous. Do I need to lighten up? I think I already know your answer, but I just need to see it to validate my feelings. — ANTI-DRUG WIFE AND MOM

DEAR ANTI-DRUG: Although marijuana may be legal in an increasing number of states, "supplying" drugs to minors is against the law in all of them. What happened cannot and should not be ignored, but ending a good marriage because your husband likes to use pot OCCASIONALLY seems extreme.

Dear Abby



It may take more visits to a marriage and family therapist for you to agree to disagree on this, but it is very important that your daughters be disabused of the idea that what they did was OK with either of you. It's time you and your husband form a united front, and he needs to find a better place to keep his stash.

DEAR ABBY: Because of the recent COVID-19 crisis, my wife and I have been stuck at home. I have asked her questions about former boyfriends and lovers. She told me some things, but when I bring it up now, she gets defensive and accuses me of belittling her and bringing back memories she has asked God to help her forget. I feel I am owed an explanation since they all took place while we were dating (including with my best friend) and with a house sitter after we were married. Am I wrong to bring it up after many years and a great marriage? P.S. It's eating at me, and her stonewalling by saying "I can't remember" is frustrating, especially because all her friends talk about her great memory. — DEPRESSED IN TEXAS

DEAR DEPRESSED: Yes, you are wrong because this isn't getting you anywhere positive. In fact, it's the opposite. If you are looking for a divorce after "many years and a great marriage," keep digging.

While your wife's poor judgment and infidelity are deeply regrettable, the two of you managed to build a life together and move beyond it. Sometimes people forget what they need to forget in order to function.

Accept it and use your quarantine time to do something more positive than playing "20 Questions."

DEAR ABBY: I have been having some emotional turmoil. I'm feeling depressed and hopeless. I know I need to tell my parents, but I'm too scared. I'm afraid they will brush it off or blame me. It's really affecting my life. Please give me some advice on how to break the news. — GIRL WITH A PROBLEM IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR GIRL: Many people are experiencing feelings similar to the ones you are. The worst thing you can do is keep them to yourself. Be brave. Tell your parents about your depression and turmoil. If they are disbelieving, confide in a teacher or the parent of a close friend so they can advise your parents on getting you professional help if it is necessary. My thoughts are with you, and I hope you feel better soon.

Funeral home is now a venue

FORT WAYNE (AP) — An ornate northeastern Indiana mansion that housed a funeral home for nearly a century is getting a new, more festive life as a venue for weddings, anniversaries and other occasions. The roughly 125-year-old Fort Wayne mansion had long been served as the home of the Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, but the 15,000-square-foot building was sold last month to RGS Real Estate.

Belle Castle Enterprise plans to renovate the property for use as an event center for weddings, bridal parties, birthdays, anniversaries and corporate events, representative Carlene Gray told The Journal Gazette.

"No funerals," she said, laughing.

The building was built about 1893 by Robert Clarke Bell, a

late 19th- and early 20th-century attorney and Democratic state senator, for himself and his wife, Clara.

Built in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, it is ornate inside and out. Its interior features parquet floors, carved wood trim and a tile fireplace, and its exterior includes elaborate gargoyles and decorative arches.

The building is historic for its architecture, its first owner and events that it once hosted, including visits by William Jennings Bryan, who unsuccessfully ran for president as a Democrat in 1896, 1900 and 1908.

Bryan, who was one of Bell's friends, was reported to have given speeches from the home's front porch, said Connie Haas Zuber, executive director of ARCH, a Fort Wayne nonprofit historic preservation organization.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based 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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

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Wound ripped in democracy's soul

To the editor:
The events in our nation's Capitol building on Jan. 6 are thoroughly appalling and disgusting by any stretch of the imagination.

No matter who you support politically, if you seriously don't see this for exactly what it was, your not seeing clearly.

For those of us who've served in uniform and travelled extensively outside of the USA, we have seen how the United States has always been a shining example of the peaceful transition of power, through our election process, to other countries.

Not one shred of credible evidence has been presented to show any "stolen" election, yet there are those who buy into vast conspiracy theories that simply don't reflect a bit of verifiable truth.
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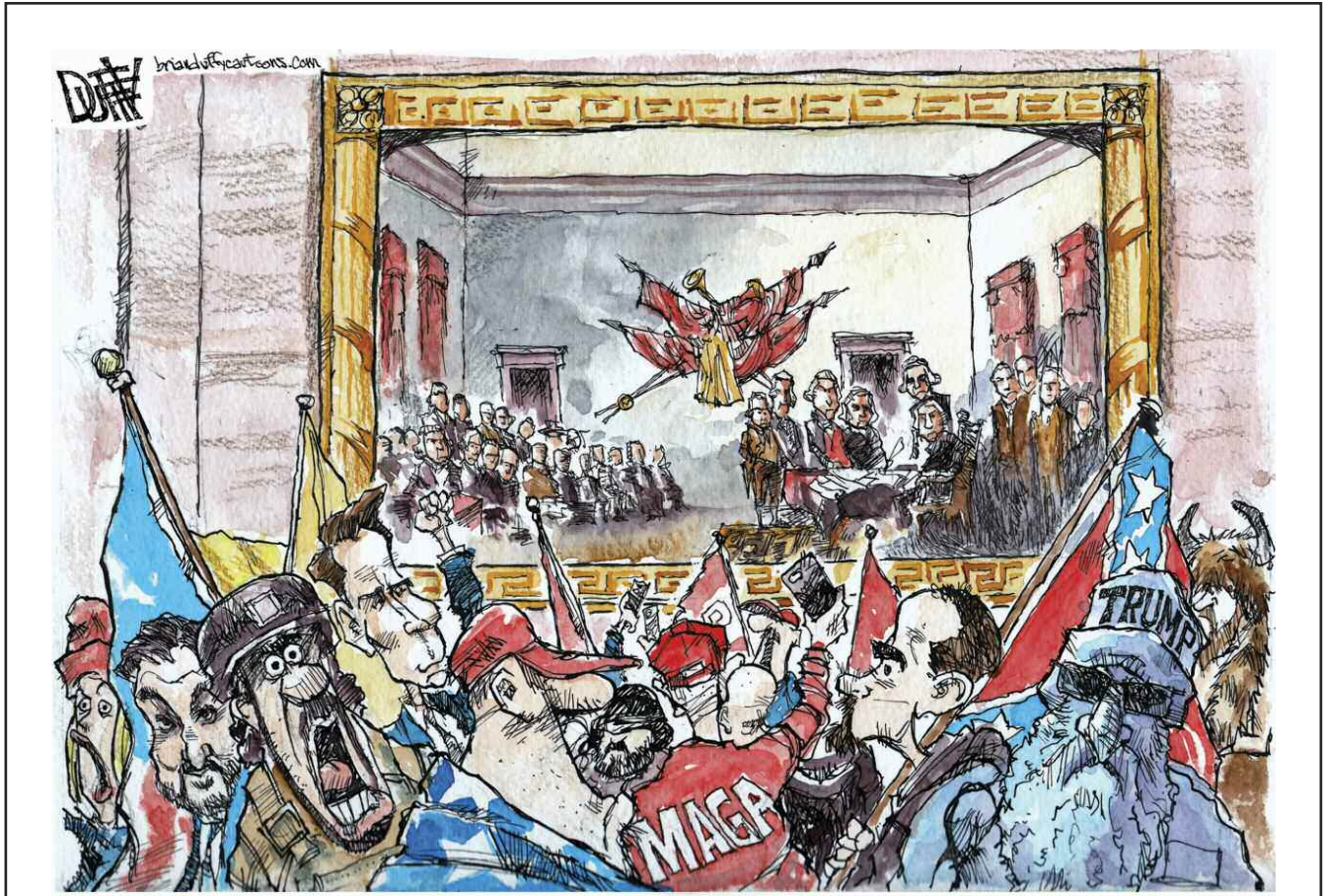
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here locally, a lot of voters didn't get the outcome they wanted. What transpired on Wednesday, Jan. 6, is not the way we fix this.

We must find common ground and heal this chasm between two very polarized sides. The extreme of each side is far too influential and is destroying any chance at healing this wounded process.

And make no mistake about it, what we saw was a terrible wound ripped into the very soul of the foundations of our democracy.

Respectfully,
James D Fulks III
Dunkirk



Under the Glare of the Founding Fathers

Line was crossed to terrorism

By **JERRY DAVICH**
Post-Tribune (Merrillville)

Trump flag or American flag. Choose one. You can't obey both in regard to the protests and rioting that took place Wednesday at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

I saw flags from both ideologies hoisted into the air outside our nation's hallowed temple of democracy. That historic site looked like the setting for a banana republic revolution in a Third World nation, not for a traditionally symbolic day in the United States.

MAGA, my ass. Americans may be subjected to more looting of democracy through Jan. 20 and even beyond by self-described patriots and so-called Christians. At what point did these right-wing rioters obey their God, their scripture, and the law of the land when they illegally marched over police barricades to storm the sacred U.S. Capitol?

Hypocrites. At what point did they obey the American flag by honoring its democratic electoral process – just as every other losing political party has done? At what point does violently invading the Capitol Building seem more acceptable than silently taking a knee on a football field sideline?

The Grand Old Party proudly defines itself as the party of law and order, boasting pro-police allegiance as recently as last year's protests and riots. Does Blue Lives Matter not matter when you feel you're wronged?

Federal police might as well have rolled out a red, white and blue carpet for the mob who turned a peaceful demonstration into a violent riot. This mob of President Donald Trump loyalists revealed its true colors. Imagine if they were people of color. Would they be allowed to easily infiltrate that building, vandalize lawmakers' offices, pose for casual photos, and then be politely escorted out the door a few hours later?

Enablers. What if this attempt to stop a joint session of Congress was flanked by Black Lives Matter flags, not Confederate flags? How many knees of law enforcement officers would have been on the necks of Black "criminals?" What took place Jan. 6 happened only because law enforcement allowed it to happen. I watched some officers take

Jerry Davich



selfies with radicals who violently destroyed federal property.

"We love you. You're all very special," Trump told protesters afterward in a video.

Stand back and stand by until Jan. 20?

Trump supporters from the area told me that 99% of those protesters in D.C. were there for a peaceful assemblage, not for a violent riot inside a federal building.

"Jerry, about 80 of them were morons," Michael Ganz told me. "I watched the other 99% of them walk off peacefully."

There were more than 80 morons there, according to video accounts I watched. And what about all the rioters who followed behind that small number of morons into the Capitol Building to openly and brazenly break the law?

"Most of the conservatives I know truly try to live their lives in peace, try to follow the golden rule, and raise our kids to work hard," the Beverly Shores man said. "These people you are looking at with the MAGA crap, and the ones who are violent, are a small, small percentage."

Another Northwest Indiana resident, from Valparaiso, who attended that rally said his personal experience was nothing like the news accounts he watched later that night in his hotel room. Both men said they did not enter the Capitol.

"There were almost a million people there today. The place was packed. Not one fight, not anything damaged, nothing destroyed, no fights. We were in the center of the rally, we saw everything," he posted on his Facebook page.

I don't challenge his vantage point, only his viewpoint. Maybe he didn't witness everything like the rest of the world.

On a day that will now live in infamy, Trump sympathizers rushed to defend rioters by insisting that those thugs who trampled into the Capitol Building were all left-wing radicals under the guise of right-wing extremists.

Seems more like delusion masked by nationalism.

"Did this mob spring spontaneously from America? No. This mob was invited," U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, told fellow lawmakers Wednesday night after they reconvened to count Electoral College votes.

The majority of the mob are likely your average conservative Americans, some who live in an alternative universe designed by lies, half-truths and conspiracy theories. Many of them believe Trump's endless lies that the 2020 election was rigged, without a shred of proof. Nothing.

They aptly, and pathetically, reflect their hero, an old man who will be hauled out of the White House on Jan. 20, just as they were escorted out of the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday. "I'll be with you," Trump told supporters that morning at a rally. Another lie.

He was nowhere to be found near the march. He lit a short fuse in his Wednesday morning speech to supporters and watched the fireworks from the safe bunker of his insanity in the White House.

His fantasy about a "landslide election victory" has eclipsed the reality about his devastating loss. As usual, Trump found a boogeyman to blame. He's never to blame for anything. I challenge you to prove he has ever admitted to wrongdoing.

I blame Trump for inciting the violent insurrection that erupted from a peaceful rally.

I blame his Republican sycophants for allowing it to happen, and then feigning shock when it did. There are consequences for repeatedly lying to decent but duped Americans, strictly for political gain, not for national interests.

I blame anyone who chooses lies over facts to justify their beliefs. I blame everyone who stupidly believed they could change the electoral process through a misguided rally. And who crossed those police barricades that separated a legal protest from an illegal riot.

On Wednesday night, Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser told demonstrators, "Go back to your state."

Yes, go back to your state of denial, state of delusion or state of defiance.

There's a dangerously thin line between misguided patriotism and terrorism. It was crossed again Wednesday at the Capitol. I blame anyone who doesn't condemn it.

Riot showed the fragility of freedom

By **HENRY OLSEN**

Special To The Washington Post

Wednesday's riot at the Capitol was unconscionable, unpatriotic and despicable. Its participants acted in the misguided belief that our most cherished political accomplishment — the peaceful transfer of power according to the outcome of free and fair elections — was at risk. That does not excuse storming the symbol of our democracy, the wanton destruction of public and private property, and the utter disregard they showed for the law and for law enforcement.

President Donald Trump's role in instigating this crisis is clear. For months, he has lied to his supporters, telling them falsehoods about a "stolen election" that are unsupported by serious evidence. He and his minions — especially once-honored former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani — have spread rumors, calumny and fanciful inventions in an effort to overturn the people's will. At best they were reckless, ignoring substantial and unjustified risk that their baseless accusations could ruin popular faith in democracy and result in violence. The seeds they planted grew into the tree whose fruits we now see.

Our democracy's strength is equally clear. No political leader joined the riot; none sought to use the tumult to seize power. It appears our nation's military leaders consulted with the vice president's cool head rather than the president's fevered one when deciding to deploy the National Guard. There was never a risk that what some have called a "coup attempt" would ever turn into anything other than a paroxysm of anger, more akin to a toddler's tantrum than a serious effort to overthrow the government. That is worth celebrating as we ponder our next steps.

Many have called for Trump's immediate removal from office, whether through impeachment or the 25th Amendment. We should commend such calls, as it is clear our president has no regard for the norms of the nation he leads. He still has a few days left in office, which is ample time to wreak terror if he found people willing to work his will. The risk of that rightly terrifies all genuine patriots.

Trump stands exposed for all as an egotist who cannot restrain himself for the national good. Even Richard Nixon had the sense of shame and obligation to resign rather than cling to office once it became clear he had no chance of avoiding impeachment and removal. Some will still follow this charlatan down the road

Henry Olsen



to ignominy and forced retirement. Many other conservatives — a clear majority, I hope — will depart from his orbit and seek to rebuild without him.

Legally removing him, however, risks making him a martyr and hence strengthening him in his weakest moment. The 25th Amendment's invocation would remove him from office but not from public life. He would still be free to publicly challenge his removal until Jan. 20, and who knows what he could be capable of once unchained? Impeachment would take a few days even if Republicans quickly fell into line, and again, would leave him at liberty to wreak havoc. Our leaders must weigh the risks as well as the rewards of their choices as they decide how best to contain him as the sands run out of his hourglass.

Jan. 7 was my mother's funeral. I had hoped I could take the day off to concentrate on celebrating her memory. Wednesday's events, however, compelled me to write about something equally worthy of celebration: the perpetuation of American freedom.

While delivering my mother's eulogy, I extolled her for what she was: a kind, decent woman who loved her husband, her family, her friends, her church and her country. Dorothy Olsen was like hundreds of millions of Americans who never have 15 minutes of fame. But it's people like her who make America great and for whom American democracy was created. The great always make their mark on history. It's ordinary folk that Ronald Reagan called "the forgotten American" who most benefit from the rule of law, the peaceful transfer of power and the economic magic of democratic capitalism.

Wednesday's events show us how fragile free nations can be. Let us now rededicate ourselves to achieving the American promise — that all people are created equal and capable of self-government in private and through our government. Our oft-forgotten fellow Americans deserve no less.

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Obituaries

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In the 1980s, Mitsu became known for a Japanese craft called Temari after an article in Family Circle magazine. These decorative balls were popular at Christmas and people from around the country would call in with orders for the holidays.

She was a retiree of Saint-Gobain in Dunkirk. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and an active member of the Indiana Okinawa Kenjinkai. Mitsu enjoyed playing bingo, bowling, traveling back to Okinawa, watching her beloved grandchildren and spending time with friends and family. Mitsu also loved classical and Japanese standards music.

Her constant and contagious smile, kindness, generosity and friendliness will be missed by all who knew her. As a young girl, she was shaped by a daily struggle to simply survive the aftermath of World War II. She saw first-hand that all material possessions are transitory. However, friends and family are everlasting and imparted this to her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband James; son Brant Bergdoll (Stacie) of Noblesville, Indiana; daughter Loree Everette (Jerry Greene) of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; and sisters Shizue Okuhama and Ayako Sakurai of Okinawa, Japan. Her family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital and Cancer Care, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Home Health Angels and Transitions Hospice.

A graveside service will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at Hillcrest Cemetery of Redkey, Indiana. The family will have a private visitation and service.

Dunkirk Memorial Chapel of Dunkirk, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements.

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Rescinded ...

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"I'm not against animal control whatsoever," he said. "... I just think maybe we need to reign this in a bit."

Commissioner Rex Journey, who now represents the north district after defeating Leonhard in last year's Republican primary, added one of his concerns is that the proposed budget and present budget don't align. Roughly \$750 is needed per animal at the humane society, compared to about \$157 per animal at Midwest Pet Refuge and about \$125 per animal at the Fields' facility, he said.

McGalliard noted the humane society is a no-kill shelter, and Aker said some animals have been there for years without success in finding a new home.

"It's hard to place them all, I understand that, but you've got to have alternatives," Jay County resident Virginia Burkey said during the discussion.

Portland's wastewater treatment plant, which is adjacent to the current humane society facility, will also be expanding in the next few years and needs the humane society to move locations in order to do so. (There is no specific deadline yet, county attorney Bill Hinkle said. The year 2022 was cited as a potential deadline at a Jay County Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee meeting in December.)

Commissioners voted unanimously to rescind the funding commitment.

County auditor Anna Culy also asked for guidance regarding whether or not she should continue looking into switching the county to virtual time clocks. Commissioners debated the subject at the last meeting. Time clocks can be beneficial for ease of access, she explained.

"For me, my office is smaller, but it will still help," she said. "For the EMS department, it would possibly be lifesaving, in terms of how much time they have to spend."

Commissioners agreed it should be left up to county department heads whether or not to make the switch.

Also, commissioners elected Aker as president

and McGalliard as vice president of the group. They made several board and county appointments, including:

•Journey as president and Aker as vice president of the drainage board

•McGalliard and county council member Matt Minnich to the Jay County Regional Sewer District board

•Tom Laux, Steve Ford, Minnich and Aker to Jay County Plan Commission

•Jim Bruner to the Community and Family Services board

•Culy to the EDIT advisory committee

Jay County Health Department environmentalist and administrator Heath Butz reminded commissioners its coronavirus vaccination clinic begins today. Hoosiers 80 and older who have registered online will be asked to fill out paperwork before getting their shot and waiting 15 minutes after before leaving. He asked if the health department would be allowed to use the courthouse auditorium in the event it would need more space for the clinic, and commissioners agreed to keep the space available.

Aker asked Butz how the county is doing in respect to weekly coronavirus updates. Butz said it's likely Jay will stay in the orange category. The vaccine is like a "light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

"But we still (have) got to get there, so it's important that we keep doing those masking, social distancing (practices)," he said to commissioners, none of whom were wearing masks but were socially distanced.

In other news, commissioners:

•Approved the following: Purchasing a \$27,100 Dodge Ram 2,500 from Fuqua Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM in Dunkirk for the county surveyor's office; Amy Blakely as the new Jay County Emergency Management Agency director; and about \$19,583 in claims (including a loan payment for \$10,236 and two claims for courthouse cameras for \$6,691 and \$1,412)

•Asked county surveyor Brad Daniels to get quotes for a new stainless steel salt spreader.

•Re-elected Bivens as council president.

At the Dunkirk Board of Works and Public Safety meeting, also held Monday, board members Dan Watson, Street and Robbins:

•Voted to add a fourth full-time police dispatcher position to reduce overtime costs. There are currently three full-time dispatchers and several part-time employees.

•Heard that for the second month in a row, the chloride levels at Ardagh were down. The city has been combatting high chloride over the past year to remain in compliance with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

claims, including \$4,300 to Mann's Electric for installing LED lights at the water plant and \$1,299.99 to W.W. Williams for an annual inspection of generators at the water plant.

•Heard Dunkirk Park Board is working on a five-year plan for the city's park, which will be necessary to seek out grants for further renovations.

•Approved the Knox Township fire contract for 2021, which is \$1,688.25.

•Received information about the animal control task force's proposal for a new Jay County Humane Society building. Task force chair Julie Forcum will give a presentation at council's Jan. 25 meeting.

•Were reminded there will be an open house at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Dunkirk Railroad Depot with entertainment and snacks in an effort to attract new businesses to the building.

•Heard from Robbins that the department supervisor assignments will remain the same in 2021 as they were in 2020.

•Paid \$176,583.04 in



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Fort Recovery school board member Greg LeFevre admires artwork created by his son, Camden, third grade. School board members all received canvases on Monday painted from their children's handprints to celebrate School Board Appreciation Month.

Thanked ...

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Also Monday, high school principal Tony Stahl noted the meeting about college credit options will be held online this year. There will be pre-recorded video and links online. Also, the FFA won second place in the

state on an agriculture, technology and mechanical systems test in December, he added.

Superintendent Larry Brown also talked about pursuing an Ohio safety grant. As a result, some classrooms will receive safety bags equipped with

items such as generator-based radios, phone chargers and flashlights, he said.

In other business, board members:

•Accepted amended amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission, authorizing tax levies and certifying

them to the Mercer County auditor

•Hired three volunteer softball coaches (all former players) — Renee Evers, Lauren Day and Jackie Bruggeman

•Accepted a \$12 donation from Network For the Good to FFA.

House moving to impeach

By LISA MASCARO, BILL BARROW and MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Poised to impeach, the House sped ahead with plans to oust President Donald Trump from office, warning he is a threat to democracy and pushing the vice president and Cabinet to act even more quickly in an extraordinary effort to remove Trump in the final days of his presidency.

Trump faces a single charge — "incitement of insurrection" — after the deadly Capitol riot in an impeachment resolution that the House will begin debating Wednesday.

At the same time, the FBI warned ominously Monday of potential armed protests in Washington and many states by Trump loyalists ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration Jan. 20. In a dark foreshadowing, the Washington Monument was closed to the public amid the threats of disruption. Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf abruptly resigned.

It all added up to stunning final moments for Trump's presidency as Democrats and a growing number of Republicans declare he is unfit for office and could do more damage

after inciting a mob that violently ransacked the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday.

"President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of Government," reads the four-page impeachment bill.

"He will remain a threat to national security, democracy, and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office," it reads.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is summoning lawmakers back to Washington for votes, and Democrats aren't the only ones who say Trump needs to go.

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania joined GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska over the weekend in calling for Trump to "go away as soon as possible."

Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., encouraged House GOP colleagues late Monday to "vote your conscience," according to a person granted anonymity to discuss the private call. She has spoken critically of Trump's actions, but has not said publicly how she will vote.

Pending impeachment, Democrats called on Vice President Mike Pence and the Cabinet to invoke their constitutional authority under the 25th

Amendment to remove Trump from office before Inauguration Day.

Their Democrats' House resolution was blocked by Republicans. However, the full House is to hold a roll call vote on it Tuesday, and it is expected to pass. After that, Pelosi said, Pence will have 24 hours to respond. Next would be the impeachment proceedings.

Pence has given no indication he is ready to proceed on a course involving the 25th Amendment.

He and Trump met late Monday for the first time since the Capitol attack, a senior administration official said.

Trump and Pence had a "good conversation" in the Oval Office discussing the week ahead, and they pledged to continue working for the remainder of their terms, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private meeting.

No member of the Cabinet has publicly called for Trump to be removed from office though the 25th Amendment.

As security tightened, Biden said Monday he was "not afraid" of taking the oath of office outside — as is traditionally done at the Capitol's west steps, one of the areas where people stormed the building.

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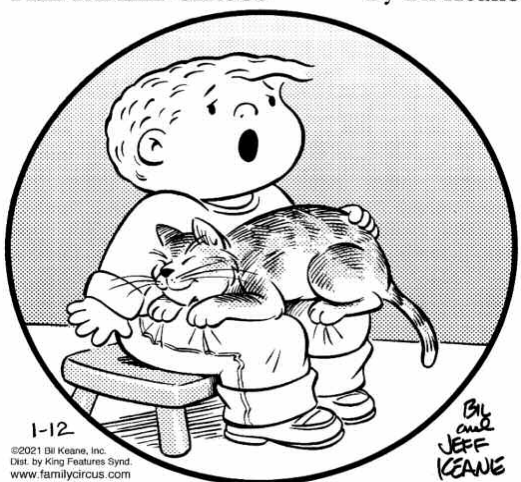
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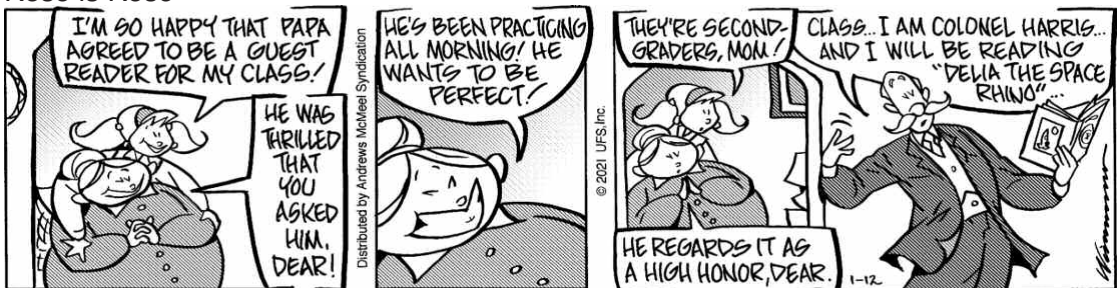
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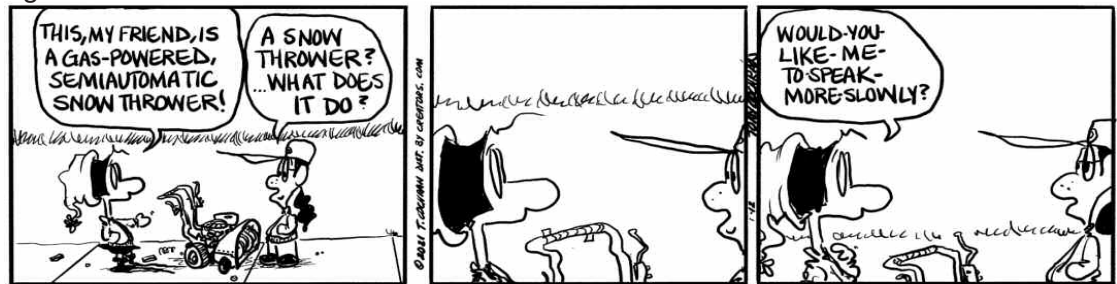
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Kings hold off Pacers with replay help

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Buddy Hield made a big 3-pointer moments after Indiana's Domantas Sabonis had a basket taken away following a replay review, and the Sacramento Kings beat the Pacers 127-122 on Monday night.

Hield finished with 18 points on six 3s as the Kings won for the second time in seven games. Harrison Barnes had a season-high 30 points and eight rebounds, and De'Aaron Fox added 21 points and nine assists.

"This was probably our best

win just because it was consistent throughout," Sacramento coach Luke Walton said. "It wasn't a ton of highs or a ton of lows. It was just consistent basketball. Win or lose, this is how we have to play."

The Kings held a one-point lead when Sabonis went up underneath the basket and was credited with a bucket as Richaun Holmes was called for goaltending with 1:25 remaining. After a lengthy review, the call was overturned.

After Hield's 3 made it 121-117,

Indiana's Victor Oladipo missed from beyond the arc. Fox then scored on a soaring one-handed dunk.

"As a group we know we didn't put forth our best effort these last couple of games," Holmes said. "It's about staying locked in. This is how we feel we can play every night. This has to be the standard."

Sabonis had 28 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers. Malcolm Brogdon added 24 points, while Oladipo and Doug McDermott scored 21 apiece.

Indiana forced turnovers on two of the first three possessions of the game, but coach Nate Bjorkgren felt the Pacers' defense broke down at key times.

"We have to do a better job on the ball, just being more active there, so they can't have their pinpoint precise passes right into their shooting pocket like a coach would pass it," Bjorkgren said. "That wasn't much fun tonight."

Oladipo scored 14 of 17 points for Indiana during a late stretch in the fourth. He, too, blamed the Pacers' defense.

"We just have to do a better job of getting stops and do a better job of sacrificing on that end," Oladipo said. "We have to talk better. We have to communicate better."

"We have to be decisive and smart. It's the little things right now. It's not something major we can't fix."

Fox made a buzzer-beating 3 to end the first half with the Kings up 65-64. It came 10 seconds after Brogdon's 3-pointer over the outstretched arm of the 6-foot-10 Holmes.

Carries ...

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Dowlen showed his versatility in the second quarter. He drained a 3-pointer from the left corner on an Ethan Dirksen assist to surpass his previous career-high of nine points set Jan. 5 against Muncie Central. Dowlen also made a layup and three foul shots.

After Bennett Weitzel split a pair of free throws, Dowlen and Dirksen handled the JCHS offense for the next four minutes. They outscored Adams Central 13-5 — Dirksen and eight points including two 3-pointers — as the Patriots opened their biggest lead of the night, 43-28.

Adams Central rifled back, however, going on a 13-2 run that spanned the third-quarter break and cut the deficit to just four points. Kam Brown nailed a pair of 3-pointers — the Jets made eight total from long range — and Braysen Yergler added five points.

Yergler matched Dowlen's effort of 24 points and did most of his damage from long range as he was 5-for-9 from beyond the arc.

But Jay County responded to put the game out of reach. Dusty Pearson got a jumper to fall from just inside the free-throw line, Weitzel scored on a Dirksen assist and then Dowlen hit his third and final triple on a Muhlenkamp helper to make it 52-41.

"It was crucial," Bomholt said of the response to the Jets closing the gap. "We didn't panic. We gave up a little bit of a lead — I don't like that, we have to get that solved. When we did come back, possession-by-possession, showed a lot of maturity. Got the ball in the right spots."

Dirksen finished with 12 points, two fewer than his season average. Weitzel was three shy of his season average of 10 points. Pearson finished with six points



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Jay County High School's Adam Muhlenkamp fights through a box out by Adams Central's Ethan Brown while trying to get to a rebound during the first half Saturday at JCHS. The Patriots won, 58-50.

and a game-high eight rebounds.

Junior varsity

Blake Bogenschutz hit the eventual game-winning 3-pointer with 8.6 seconds left as Jay County got its first win of the season, 35-34.

The Patriots (1-5) lost a 26-20 lead to start the fourth quarter but ended the losing streak on Bogenschutz's heroics. He had a team-high 12 points. Tren-

ton Alexander chipped in eight points, and Gavin Myers had seven points.

Max Hamilton, Hudson Conkling and Zach Wurm scored nine each for Adams Central

C-team

Solid defense carried Jay County to a 42-15 drubbing of Adam Central

The Patriots (5-2) allowed just two points in each of the first two quarters.

Trevin Dunnington

Box score				
Adams Central Jets at Jay County Patriots				
Boys varsity summary				
Adams Central (6-5, 1-1 ACAC)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Yergler	9-15	1-3	24	
Nnschwandr	1-3	0-0	2	
Torres	0-2	2-3	2	
EBrown	0-3	2-2	2	
Poling	4-10	3-3	11	
KBrown	3-7	0-0	9	
Green	0-1	0-0	0	
Tester	0-0	0-0	0	
Totals	17-41	8-11	50	
	.415	.727		
Jay County (3-3, 2-2 ACAC)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Weitzel	3-7	1-4	7	
Dowlen	9-13	3-4	24	
Dirksen	4-9	2-3	12	
GMuhlnkmp	2-5	0-0	4	
Pearson	3-6	0-0	6	
Heniser	1-4	0-0	3	
AMuhlnkmp	1-2	0-0	2	
Totals	23-46	6-11	58	
	.500	.545		
Score by quarters:				
A. Central 9 14 13 14 — 50				
Jay Co. 15 14 16 13 — 58				
3-point shooting: Adams Central 8-22 (Yergler 5-9, KBrown 3-7, Torres 0-2, EBrown 0-2, Neuenschwander 0-1, Green 0-1), Jay County 6-12 (Dowlen 3-6, Dirksen 2-3, Heniser 1-2, Faulkner 0-1).				
Rebounds: Adams Central 21 (team 6, Poling 5, EBrown 4, Yergler 3, Neuenschwander, KBrown, Green), Jay County 29 (Pearson 8, Dirksen 6, Weitzel 4, Dowlen 4, GMuhlnkmp 2, Faulkner 2, team 2, Heniser).				
Assists: Adams Central 5 (Green 2, Yergler, Torres, KBrown), Jay County 13 (Dirksen 5, GMuhlnkmp 5, Weitzel, Pearson, Faulkner).				
Blocks: Adams Central 1 (Torres), Jay County 2 (Pearson 2).				
Personal fouls: Adams Central 15 (Neuenschwander 3, EBrown 3, KBrown 3, Yergler 2, Poling 2, Green, Tester), Jay County 8 (Dirksen 2, AMuhlnkmp 2, Weitzel, Dowlen, Pearson, Heniser).				
Turnovers: Adams Central 13, Jay County 12.				

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Fort Recovery (6-5) trailed Botkins (10-0) at the end of each quarter, but rallied to tie the score at 55 in the fourth. That is, until Jamison Meyer

Owen Jutte was lights out from distance, turning in seven 3-pointers on his way to a game- and career-high 27 points. He had 21 points at halftime. Cale Rammel was second for the Indians with 15 points, and Brian Bihn scored seven. The Indians made 13 of the game's two dozen shots from behind the arc.

Fort Recovery's junior varsity team moved to 6-5 with a 44-43 victory. Troy Homan and Wyatt Grover each scored 16 points for the Indians.

Three pace Indians

FORT RECOVERY — Three Indians combined for 46 points in helping the Fort Recovery girls basketball team to a 61-46 victory over Mechanicsburg on Saturday afternoon.

The Indians (9-3), who led 20-18 after the first quarter, allowed just two

second-quarter points in opening a 32-20 advantage at halftime. They pushed the advantage to 49-30 with one quarter to play.

Alli Vaughn had a game-high 20 points, including a dozen before halftime. Paige Fortkamp made three 3-pointers on her way to 16 points, and Whitley Rammel contributed 10 points in the win.

Fort Recovery's junior varsity team got a 56-51 win for the Tribe sweep. Kensey Gaerke had a team-high 15 points, and Mara Pearson was one behind with 14 points.

Patriots 2-0

OSSIAN — Jay County's junior high wrestling team opened its season Saturday by going 2-0 at the Norwell Super Duals.

The Patriots (2-0) picked off the host Knights 49-37 before topping Carroll, 57-34.

Sylas Wenk Landon Garringer, Griffin Byrum, AJ Myers, Layne Reidt, Alan Ortiz and Jaylen McClain were all 2-0 on the day.

AJ Heskett, Xander Torre, Leighton Brown, Carter Barton and Chris Compton all went 1-1.

Routs ...

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They finished the year 13-0 — a full season when many wondered if it would be possible to play any.

For Saban, it was career title No. 7 overall, breaking a tie with Alabama great Paul "Bear" Bryant for the most by a major college coach.

"To me this is the ultimate team," Saban said. "There is more togetherness on this team than on almost any team we've ever had. They've had to overcome and to persevere so much through this season, and they have done it magnificently."

Ohio State (7-1) just couldn't keep up. Justin Fields, playing what might be his last game before heading to the NFL, passed for 194 yards and a

touchdown. Whether Fields was 100% after taking a brutal hit to the side during his brilliant semifinal performance against Clemson was hard to know for sure.

"I was able to be out there," was all the junior quarterback would say.

On the Buckeyes' first drive, they lost star running back Trey Sermon to an injury, and in a game they needed to be running at top speed, facing one of great offenses in recent history, they sputtered too much. Ohio State has never allowed more points in a bowl game.

"I think there's a feeling of, if you don't score you're going to get behind and then the pressure mounts," Buckeyes coach Ryan Day said of facing the Tide's prolific offense.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Swimming at Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Muncie Northside — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Eighth grade girls basketball at Marion Local — 5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Wrestling vs. Homestead — 6:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Heritage — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Marion Local — 5:30 p.m.; Swimming at Van Wert — 5:30 p.m.; Eighth grade girls

basketball at St. Marys Memorial — 6:15 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Wisconsin at Michigan (ESPN); Tennessee at South Carolina (ESPN2); But-

ler at St. John's (FS1)
8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Rutgers at Penn State (BTN)
9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Providence at Marquette (FS1)
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Sports

Dowlen's day carries Jay

Sophomore pours in career-high 24 points in Patriots' ACAC win

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

The Patriots' leading scorer was held two below his average.

The team's second-biggest threat offensively was three fewer than what he usually puts in.

So the smallest kid on the court made up the difference.

Josh Dowlen poured in a career-high 24 points in carrying the Jay County High School boys basketball team past the Adams Central Jets on Saturday, 58-50.

"Honestly, I didn't think I'd be able to (score) this high," said Dowlen, a 5-foot, 8-inch sophomore who was averaging just 4.2 points per game heading into the night. "But I couldn't have done it without my team."

The win pushes the Patriots to 3-3 on the year and 2-0 in Allen County Athletic Conference play, while the Jets dip to 6-5 (1-1 ACAC).

"We were just working the ball, keeping up, making good passes," Dowlen said of what was working offensively. "We've got good chemistry and we're just getting better throughout the year which is good."

JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose Patriot

team next plays in the ACAC tournament semifinal Friday at Bluffton against the winner of tonight's opening round game between Woodlan and Bluffton, said it's no surprise Dowlen, one of three sophomores in his starting lineup, is capable of such a high-scoring night.

"It's one of those things, we're going to have games where all five of our guys may be in that spot because all of our guys can score," he said, "Tonight it was Josh's night, but as we go through the season we could get that from all five guys at different times."

Dowlen got to work early, scoring eight of the Patriots' 15 points in the first quarter. His first bucket came on an offense rebound and gave the Patriots a 6-4 advantage. He later put in three consecutive fast-break layups, the last two on outlet passes from Gavin Muhlenkamp.

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Josh Dowlen, a Jay County High School sophomore, slices to the hoop for a layup past Adams Central's Angel Torres during the first quarter Saturday at JCHS. Dowlen scored a career-high 24 points in leading the Patriots to a 58-50 win in Allen County Athletic Conference action.

Bama routs Bucks

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The celebration was at once familiar and unique. The confetti cannons sent a crimson and white shower into the air and Alabama players ran to the sideline to grab their championship hats and T-shirts.

It's a rite of passage if you have played for the Crimson Tide under coach Nick Saban.

This time, though, the band playing the fight song was a piped-in recording, and when "Sweet Home Alabama" blared, only a few thousand Tide fans were still in the stadium to sing along.

The final game of a college football season in a pandemic, a season that was uncertain to be played in the summer and filled with disruptions in the fall, ended in the most predictable fashion: Alabama as national champion for the sixth time in the last 12 years under Saban.

DeVonta Smith was uncoverable, Najee Harris unstoppable and Mac Jones impeccable as the top-ranked Tide won the College Football Playoff national championship game 52-24 against No. 3 Ohio State on Monday night. See Routs page 7



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Jay County High School's Zion Beiswanger swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley during Saturday's Jay County Invitational. Beiswanger won the opening heat of the race and placed seventh overall in 2 minutes, 48.24 seconds.

Patriots second again

The Patriot girls once again finished second.

Jay County High School's girls swim team was the runner-up at the Jay County Invitational on Saturday.

A year after being second by one point, the Patriots' team score of 486 was 57 behind champion Oak Hill. Coldwater (406) was third and Fort Recovery (334) was fourth.

Bluffton won the boys' competition with 578 points, Oak Hill scored 530 for second and the JCHS boys matched their female counterparts with 486 points.

Ashlyn Dow was the lone dual winner for the Patriot girls, as she was first in the 100-yard freestyle in 55.99 seconds and the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.41. She also joined Rieley Brewster, Eliza Bader and Mara Bader to win the 200-yard medley relay in 1:54.82, then teamed with Lilli Clemmons and the Baders for a 200 freestyle relay win in 1:45.78.

Eliza Bader was first in the 50 freestyle with her time of 25.52 seconds.

Kyle Sanders had two wins for the JCHS boys, beating the field in the 200 freestyle (1:56.9) and 100 freestyle (50.69) races.

Fort Recovery's Ava Bubp had the best individual performance for the Tribe girls. She was the runner-up in both the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle. Teigen Fortkamp took second in the 200 freestyle.

Local roundup

Six are perfect

CENTERVILLE — A half dozen wrestlers went undefeated Friday as the Jay County B wrestling team went 2-2 in the Wayne County Classic at Centerville.

Jay County opened the day with a 49-24 win over Richmond, then lost back-to-back duals against Beech Grove (42-36) and Franklin County (43-27) before rebounding to beat Cambridge City Lincoln (42-36).

Daniel Moore, Taye Curtis and Blake Pruett were all 4-0 on the day with three pins. Logan Kelley and Ryan Herring were both 2-0, and Kelley got both of his victory by pin. Kaeghan Khalig won his only match.

Isaiah Riggins was 3-1, while Caleb Meadows and Aidan Stephens were both 2-2.

Deep shot buries Tribe

BOTKINS, Ohio — In a game that featured 24 made 3-pointers, it was a 22-footer at the buzzer that handed the Fort Recovery boys basketball team 58-55 road loss at Botkins on Saturday night.

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