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And then there were ...



Caitlin Weigel (Sir Lawrence Wargrave), left, and Joscie LeFevre (Vera Claythorne) perform together during Wednesday evening's dress rehearsal for Fort Recovery High School's production of "And Then There Were None." Their production of Agatha Christie's murder mystery opens Friday.

FRHS production shifts away from comedy with classic Agatha Christie murder mystery

By RAY COONEY

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stage almost from the start.

This time around, the characdo they?

Fort Recovery High School will open its production of Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None" on Friday night in the elementary/middle school auditeria.

The school has focused on musical comedies — 2020's musical farce "Lucky Stiff," for exam-

ple — since he's been with the eight strangers arriving at an secret. Eventually, the bodies district, said director Reid island, all on a different pre-A year ago, a dead man was on Knuth. So while Christie's clastense. They are greeted by the remain, and the audience, are sic murder mystery has always butler and housekeeper and left to guess at which of them been one of his favorites, he informed that their hosts will the culprit might be. ters get picked off one by one. Or chose it more in an effort to chalarrive the next day. The guests Knuth is partial to the show's something new.

"I love comedies," said Knuth, who co-directed last year's production along with Tracy Evers-Westgerdes. "But I wanted to try to expand their comfort zones as much as I could. And ... Agatha Christie writes it so well ...

The production begins with

island getaway, but ...

"They discover that everything is not as nice and pretty as it seems," said Chase Kaiser, who plays adventurer Philip Lombard. "Stuff starts happening between them and you real-

ly start to see the creepiness ..." All of the guests have a begin to fall. Those who

lenge the FRHS performers with $\,$ are all $\,$ expecting a wonderful $\,$ bookends $\,$ — $\,$ the $\,$ beginning when everyone is interacting and then ending after suspense has built toward the big

reveal. "They just sell it really well," he said of the final scene. "And it's clear that they're into it when we get to that point.

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shifts to blue

Positivity rate in county fell to 4.7%

By RAY COONEY

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For the first time in months, the state department of health considers Jay County to be at minimal risk for the spread of coronavirus.

The county was deemed "blue" (minimal risk) for the first time since mid-October in the metrics updated Wednesday by Indiana State Department of Health.

It had been rated yellow (moderate risk) for each of the last two weeks. It had been at high or severe risk from Oct. 28 through Dec. 29.

Jay County was one of just 11 that were blue statewide and the only one in the area. Adams, Wells, Blackford, Delaware and Randolph counties were all rated yellow. The closest county that was also rated blue was Madison.

The local rating came down because of a decline in the positivity rate. Jay County had a positivity rate of 4.73% this week, down significantly from last week's 9.77% and just below the 5% threshold in the state's metrics.

The county's cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents were also down to 63 as compared to 146 the previous week.

The state map continued to show improvement overall.

After 63 counties were rated either orange (high risk) or red (severe risk) last week, only eight were orange this week. None were red. The bulk of the map remains yellow, with 73 counties deemed moderate risk.

Jay County's drop to blue comes about a month after its first coronavirus vaccination clinic opened Jan. 12 at Jay County Health Department.

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Portland Municipal Airport has a better idea of where it's going to get the dirt needed to extend its runway.

Now it just has to be approved by Jay County's zoning board.

Portland Board of Aviation at its meeting Wednesday voted to recommend that contractor HIS Constructors Inc. purchase dirt from a nearby property owned by Greg Whitenack.

The dirt would come from his property at 1338 W. 100 North, Portland, and would be cleared for the expansion of Whitenack's pond at that site. The pond is currently about 20,000 square feet and Whitenack is looking to expand it to be about 10 times that, said Jason Clearwaters of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, the airport's engineering

Airport hopes to repurpose ground to be cleared for pond

about a mile east to the airport, but that's an runway construction site at the airport. First, however, the pond expansion must be approved by the Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Getting the dirt from nearby will be efficient but also would reduce the amount of time truckloads of dirt would be transported on county roads if soil came from somewhere furaway, Clearwaters

A risk that had to be considered was that the pond Dirt made available from expansion could possibly such an expansion is attract more wildlife that planned to be transported may make its way to the

unlikely scenario due to the pond's distance from the airport, according to Clearwaters.

Any purchase would be covered by HIS Constructors since money for buying dirt was included in the contract awarded to the company in 2020 to complete phase one — grading and drainage — of the nearly \$3 million runway extension from 4,000 feet to 5,500 feet.

Construction for that project is expected to get underway in early May, Clearwaters said.

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Clearing again

After having cleared roads from the more than a foot of snow that fell Monday and Tuesday, plows were back out again this morning thanks to about an inch of accumulation overnight. An additional few inches was expected today. Jay Schools were closed for the fourth day in a row and Fort Recovery Local Schools were closed for the second time this week.

Deaths

Lauranna Teeter-Fox, 55, rural Decatur

Lavern Wolters, 89, Coldwater, Ohio

Details on page 2.

Weather

About an inch of snow fell overnight in Jay County. The high temperature was 19 degrees Wednesday, up from a low of minus-4 early in the day.

Snow is possible until about 8 p.m. tonight with a low around 10. Expect partly sunny skies with a high of 17 Friday. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Both the Indiana House and Senate are working on bills that would curtail the governor's ability to issue executive orders. What are your thoughts on the legislation?

Send letters to the editor to r.cooney@thecr.com. There is a 700-word maximum.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's boys swimming sectional at JCHS.

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



Obituaries

Lauranna Teeter-Fox

Oct. 25, 1965-Feb. 15, 2021 Lauranna Teeter-Fox, age 55, of rural Decatur, Indiana, passed away Monday evening Feb. 15, 2021, at

her residence. She was born in Portland on Oct. 1965, the daughter of Noah Teeter and Mary (Hodge) Hardesty. She was married to Roger Fox, who



Teeter-Fox

survives. Surviving are her husband Roger; her mother and stepfather Mary and Bill Hardesty of Deerfield; one son Duane Herman (wife: Teresa) of Redkey; one daughter, Felicia Teeter (fiance: Sylinda Elam) of Portland; one brother, Noah W. Teeter of Portland; one sister, Deelisa Anderson of Florida; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father Noah Teeter and nephew Isaiah Martyne.

Saturday

2/13

20/11

Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at 4 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with pastor Adam Reidenour presiding. Visitation will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Condolences may expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Lavern Wolters

July 2, 1931-Feb. 15, 2021 Lavern J. Wolters, age 89, of

Coldwater, Ohio, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, at Miami Vallev Hospital in Dayton due to a stroke.

He was born July 2, 1931, in Coldwater to the late Richard and Mathilda (Will) Wolters. On Aug. 29, 1953, he married Alfrieda A. (Schoenlein) in St. Rose, Ohio. She died Nov. 8, 2008.

Lavern had eight children, 31 grandchildren and 25 greatgrandchildren with one on the way: Children Joyce DeStefano of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Diane and Joe Siegrist of Union City,

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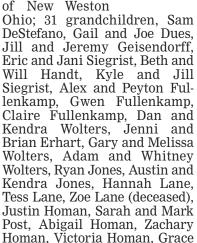
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Indiana, Shirley and Kevin Fullenkamp of St. Henry, Ohio, Steve and Deb Wolters of Celi-

St. Jones of Henry, Ohio, Donna and Larry Lane of New Bremen, Ohio, Brenand Ken da Homan of Maria Stein, Ohio, Lynn and Ron Broering

na, Ohio, Jane



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Wolters

Thimmes, Nathan Broering (deceased), Rachel Broering, Cody Broering, Cory Broering, Jesse Broering and Jacob Broer-

Lavern was the last surviving member of his family.

He was preceded in death by siblings and in-laws Mildred and Jerome Selhorst, Lucille, Rudy and Mary Link, Dolores and Ludwig Wuebker, Albert Victoria Schoenlein, Bernard and Ruth Schoenlein, Herman Schoenlein, Roman and Rita Schoenlein, Mary and Vernon Rutschilling and Esther and

Walter Rethman. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, the men's society of the church and Coldwater Knights of Columbus.

and lived a full life filled with *name*, faith and family.

A Funeral Mass following all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at Holy Trinity

Church, Coldwater, with live stream

coldwatercluster.org/information/watch-mass-online. Burial will follow in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Coldwater. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday and 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater where CDC guidelines of mask wearing and social distancing will be followed.

Memorials may be made to Center for Neurological Development and the Cancer Association of Mercer County.

Condolences may expressed at hogenkampfh.com. •••••

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area Lavern was a lifelong farmer free of charge. They include the residence, city ofbirth/death date time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary serv-

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Sunday

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Friday





Powerball

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Hoosier

Midday

60-61-70-72-74-80

Evening

1-15-21-32-46

Power Ball: 1

Power Play: 3

Mega Millions

Daily Three: 7-1-7 Daily Four: 00-5-6-3

Estimated jackpot: \$78

Estimated jackpot: \$20

Quick Draw: 2-3-4-5-8-

23-24-34-38-46-53-54-55-59-

Daily Three: 9-7-2

Daily Four: 3-2-2-2

Quick Draw: 2-14-16-

21-24-25-27-31-32-33-35-42-

Warmer at Warmer night. Mostly sunny during the day. No snow is cur-rently projectwise **Lotteries**

with a 80% chance rain/snow in the late aftermostly

34/31

temperatures as under mostly cloudy skies. No snow is

29-32-42

Ohio

30-39

25-37-42

Estimated

\$5.8 million

Midday

Evening

Pick 3: 1-1-2

Pick 3: 3-1-8

Pick 4: 2-7-7-3

Pick 5: 0-0-2-3-5

Rolling Cash: 5-10-27-

Classic Lotto: 3-16-21-

Kicker: 9-2-4-4-7-6

Estimated

\$4.7 million

Pick 4: 9-1-7-7

Pick 5: 0-3-6-3-9

Monday

2/15

34/29

Similar

44-46-47-51-56-62-73-76

Cash 5: 2-30-36-41-45

Hoosier Lotto: 9-16-28-

tempera-tures peak-ing above freezing during the day

Mystery ... Continued from page 1 Fort Recovery shows are typically a one-

Homan,

weekend affair, but with the auditeria's capacity limited because of the ongoing coronavius pandemic, Knuth doubled the number of performances. Shows will be at 7 p.m. tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Feb. 26 and Feb. 27. There will also be a matinee at 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$6 and are available by contacting the FRHS office. In addition to adding shows to the sched-

ule, the pandemic impacted the production's casting. Anticipating the possibility that some performers could be lost because of illness, Knuth doubled up on many of the roles. (It paid off, as a couple of performers were lost from the cast.) While Isaac LeFevre (ex-detective William Blore), Caitlin Weigel (judge Sir Lawrence Wargrave), Makenna Laux (General Mackenzie), Ella Kremer (butler Rogers) and Kaiser will portray their characters in all of the shows, the other six roles are split between two actors. Makena Ellenberger and Alix Englehardt share housekeeper Mrs. Rogers, with Isaac Brockman and Bethany Dues as boatman Fred Narracott, Laura Hipple and Joscie LeFevre as former governess Vera Claythorne, Paul Homan and Olivia Smith as wealthy young man Tony Marston, Megan Knapke and

Emma Fullenkamp as religious island owner Emily Brent, and Emily Merrill and Kiana Matsuda as Dr. Edward George Armstrong.

While the cast has faced some issues related to the pandemic, it's been the weather that has posed a challenge as the show approaches. Tuesday's rehearsal had to be conducted via Zoom because of the excessive snowfall in the previous 24 hours. And after Wednesday's short rehearsal, snow again led to school being

Knuth said he's been especially proud of the way his cast members have handled the challenges that have been thrown their way, in terms of the different type of show,

canceled today.

the pandemic and the rehearsal schedule. Weigel said she's especially enjoyed the shift from creating laughter to building

drama and suspense. 'It's different than what we normally do," she said. "The genre is definitely just a classic mystery. ... When you think mystery, you think Arthur Conan Doyle and Agatha Christie. ... Really from the beginning it's supposed to just keep you guessing because really everyone there, up until the moment they die, seems like a reasonable candidate for who could be

Airport

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members Clyde Bray, Faron Parr, Mitch Sutton and

About 140,000 cubic yards al Aviation Administraof dirt is needed to com- tion's grant oversight risk In other business, board through 2024. The over- port has sold 4,176 gallons sight, required by the FAA of fuel since the start of every three years, is virtually unchanged from the

•Signed off on the Feder- previous contract, Clearwaters said.

•Heard from airport manassessment forms for 2021—ager Hal Tayzel that the air-January for \$13,184.

•Paid \$1,024.98 in claims.

Markets

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Central States Montpelier

Corn	5.45
March corn	5.48
Beans	13.81
March beans	13.81
Wheat	6.34
March wheat	6.36

Sunrise St. Anthony

Corn	5.27
March corn	5.30
Beans	13.65
March beans	13.71
Wheat	6.24
March wheat	6.24

Capsule Reports

Icy roads

Slick road conditions caused traffic accidents this weekend.

Gavin M. Grady, 32, Muncie, was driving east on county road 400 South just east of county road 1100 West about 2:35 p.m. Saturday when he drove into a ditch and hit a utility pole. His 2012 Toyota Corolla was towed, with damage estimat-

ed between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Krishna K. Hunt, 20, Union City, was driving west on county road 600 South about 6:15 p.m. Sunday when her vehicle slid off the road and hit a fence. The 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Hunt did not have a valid driver's license

have a valid passenger driver, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Cow hit

A Portland resident driving on county road 400 North drove into a cow about 9:16 p.m. Saturday.

Teresa A. Arbuckle, 61, Portland, was driving east on the road just east of county road 650 West when a cow walked in front of her 2004 Toyota Sienna. Arbuckle told Jay County Sheriff's Office she was unable to avoid driving into the ani-

The cow's owner, John Walter, told officers it pushed over a fence and was running loose with four other cows. Damage other than a learner's permit and did not is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

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Jay County now has three vaccination clinics with the recent addition of the pharmacy at Walmart in Portland. The vaccination at the health department runs from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as

8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturdays, and the clinic at IU Health Jay has appointments from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Appointments for vaccinations are currently available only to those 65 and older. Those interested in making an appointment can do so online at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

Clinics in adjacent counties are at Adams County Hospital, Adams County Department, Health Kroger in Decatur, Wells County Health Department, IU Health Blackford, Blackford County Health Department, Randolph County Health Department and Walmart in Winchester. There are nine vaccination clinics in Delaware County, including IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Thus far, 2,575 first doses of vaccination have been administered in Jay County. (Those numbers do not necessarily reflect the number of local residents vaccinated, as any eligible Hoosier can be vaccinated at any clinic in the state.) Nearly 835,000 first doses have been administered statewide.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines encourage wearing a mask and avoiding close contact when around others and frequent hand washing and surface cleaning as ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Today in history

Citizen's calendar

Town Council, park Court St., Portland.

"Chicago Seven" defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those convictions were later reversed).

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered respectively. by Clyde W. Tombaugh at

6 p.m. — Portland St.

Plan Commission, Jay

County Courthouse,

6 p.m. — Redkey

Court St., Portland.

auditorium,

courthouse,

On Feb. 18, 1970, the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona.

In 1960, the 8th Winter Olympic Games were opened in Squaw Valley, California, by Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

In 1971, Pennville and Dunkirk advanced to the championship game of the Jay County junior high boys basketball tournament with wins over Noble and Bryant,

cabin, 200 S. Mooney

9 a.m. — Jay County

commissioners' room,

Monday

Commissioners,

courthouse, 120

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SERVICES

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 120 E. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Teeter-Fox, Lauranna: 4 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral

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Saturday

Wolters, Lavern: 10:30 a.m.,

Alsip, Maurice: II a.m.,

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TRACT 1: 95 ± ACRES All tillable w/irrigation & lift station. Tract has road access onto SR 1 & is mostly pattern tiled. TRACT 2: 33 ± ACRES Includes 60'x120' 3-sided cattle barn, waterers, concrete lot, electric, w/fence, well, & livestock chute. Potential building site. TRACT 3: 60± ACRES Beautiful tract consisting of a 2,214 sq. ft., 3-story brick home w/a 21/2 attached garage, 2 ponds & 1 pavilion. Home has 4 bedrooms, 11/2 baths, hot water heat & crawl space. Also included is a 34'x60' heated show barn w/10' ceilings, 4 waterers & overhead door, a 42'x62' bank barn, 26'x40' office garage w/overhead doors, 14'x14' red garden shed, 24'x40' heated hobby workshop, 54'x72'x14' high for hay storage & workshop w/sliding doors & overhead door. Tract is mostly pattern tiled. Bidding on this tract must be on an individual basis & cannot be combined w/other auction tracts. TRACT 4: 38± ACRES very secluded w/ an estimated 100' of road frontage on Balbec Rd & a lane that goes back approx. 900'. Presently, this tract is a pasture field. Great land for pasture. Tract is mostly pattern tiled. TRACT 5: 66.5 ± ACRES (SWING TRACT) can only be purchased by an adjoining property owner or combination of property that has road frontage. Tract also includes a lift station & is mostly pattern tiled. TRACT 6: 3.5± ACRES w/approx. 255' of frontage on Balbec Rd. This Tract is level & a potential building site. TRACT 7: 24.5± ACRES w/an estimated 1060' of frontage on Balbec Rd & 720' of frontage on a gravel road. This is a rolling parcel that is fenced & seeded to alfalfa. Potential building site. Tract is mostly pattern tiled. TRACT 8: 27.5± ACRES w/road frontage & some roll. This is a pasture field presently w/a corral & chute, fence, pond, electric, well & some woods. Potential building site. Tract has a fair amount of drainage tile installed. TRACT 9: 25± ACRES w/about 1,055 of road frontage. Rolling pasture field w/fence. Parcel has electric, corral, well, cow & calf shed. Potential building site. TRACT 10: 21± ACRES w/an estimated 1,085' of road frontage. This parcel has some woods & a fence. Potential building site. TRACT 11: 26.5± ACRES w/approx. 860' blacktop road frontage. This parcel is presently a nice rolling pasture field & has a small wooded area. Potential building site. TRACT 12: 26.5± ACRES w/about 550' of blacktop road frontage. This tract has rolling land w/a fence, pasture field, livestock chute, corral, well & electric. Potential building site.

Inspection Dates: Sat, Feb. 13 from 10am-1pm & Mon, Feb. 22 from 1-3pm, Meet a Schrader Representative at Tract 3.

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John Jay offering free education classes

John Jay Learning Center is offering free classes for earning a High School Equivalency diploma.

Previously called the Educational General Development diploma (GED), it is the standard equivalent to a high school diploma.

Classes are Monday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30

Taking Note

p.m. Those interested can call (260) 729-5525 or email info©johnjaycenter.com for more information.

attendees wear masks during class and practice list, students must have a

possible.

Dean's list

Three Fort Recovery students were recently named to the University of Findlay dean's list for the fall semester.

Making the dean's list were Lauren Bruns, Natalie Homan and Con-John Jay requests ner Muhlenkamp. In order to qualify for the

social distancing when grade point average of day. It was not held last library is seeking dona-3.5 or higher.

Guitar lab returns

There's a new opportunity for kids to learn how to play guitar.

Arts Center is hosting a group guitar lab this spring for students in 4th through 6th grades who are beginning or intermediate guitarists.

The class begins Mon-

semester due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn more, visit artsland.org/musicworks or

The Blackford County JCPL baby shower

call (765) 348-4154.

The Jay County Public Library is hosting a month-long baby shower to collect needed items for the Jay County Pregnancy Care Center.

tions of baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby food, baby snacks, baby formula, baby gas drops, baby Orajel and toothbrush and toothpaste for baby teeth.

Gifts can either be dropped off at the baby display table at the library or mailed to 315 N. Ship St., Portland. The first 24 who donate items will receive a Among diapers, the gift from the library.

Distant relative becomes unwanted freeloader

DEAR ABBY: My husband is an amazing guy. We have a very nice life except for an older sort-of family member who is living with us.

"Nathan" has been living in the house for years, but he isn't a blood relative. He's my husband's late stepfather's brother. Nathan is a several-timesdivorced curmudgeon who was living in a shed. He was allowed to stay here to get on his feet and, partially, out of respect for the stepfather.

Nathan refuses to help out in any way. He comes and goes as he pleases and is living rentfree. We pay the mortgage and all the bills. Nathan buys food and stuff for himself, but then will eat the household food my mother-in-law buys.

I'm tired of the garbage he makes. He smokes in his room,

Dear Abby

Advice?



and he's nasty, rude and demanding. He needs to move out or pay up, but my husband doesn't want to do anything. — UNHAPPY AT

HOME **DEAR UNHAPPY: Just** this. Realize that nothing will change until your husband is finally willing to put his foot down and insist on some changes, or the freeloader leaves this earthly

to heaven," but it appears is credible? Could they be her request. My mother, as Nathan is already experi- jealous of the close friendencing heaven right here on Earth, so do not expect him to move on his own.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently informed that my best friend of 10 years, "Darlene," planned to ghost me as soon as she got pregnant. I'm shocked that she would say such a thing or plan to do it. I always thought I was

But now Darlene and her husband are getting a divorce, and she has been all chummy. I have a sour taste in my mouth. Do I stay friends and get over it, or give her her wish and disappear? — UNFRIENDED IN THE WEST

DEAR UNFRIENDED: Are plane for the next. I would you sure the person who

ship you have with Darlene? Frankly, it would be incredibly stupid for a person planning to ghost someone to tell DEAL a mutual friend who might leak it before the fact. Talk to Darlene!

Do not end the friendship unless you are absolutely certain what you were told was the gospel.

DEAR ABBY: My 82-year-old mother made a special request of her visiting relatives on Christmas Day. She asked everyone to hand over their cellphones for the entire celebration upon entering or "don't come." She said she would return them as we left.

Certain family members had have used the phrase "goes informed you about her plan major meltdowns because of

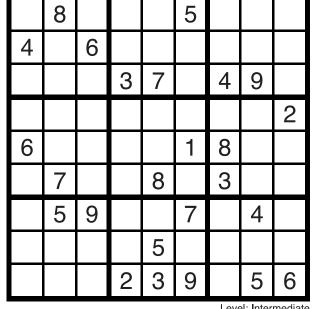
always, provided hors d'oeuvres, dinner and gifts for all 23 people. Do you think this was a fair request? — NOT A BIG

DEAR NOT: Your mother wanted to encourage more than superficial communication. As she indicated, if anyone felt her request was too much of an imposition, they were free to refuse her invitation. The oldest rule of entertaining is: The host makes the rules. Of course it was a fair request!

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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8	6	9	2	4	7	1	5	3	

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

CITIZENS SENIOR CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

support group for parents, friends and relatives who land. Members are encour- cy testing with ongoing 251-8792.

have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 Nikki or

Bosworth at (765) 584-6452. EN AVANT CLUB Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

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Important work is far from over

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Three years ago Sunday, 17 people were stolen from their loves ones in an immeasurable tragedy.

A 19-year-old gunman entered Marjory Stoneman gunman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and unleashed a hail of bullets on students and

When the final toll was determined days later, it included freshman soccer player Alyssa Alhadeff, who dreamed of playing for the U.S. national team; Martin Duque Anguiano, a member of the U.S. Army

Hoosier **Editorial**

Beigel; Nicholas Dworet, who planned to join the University of Indianapolis swim team and dreamed of going to the 2020 Olympics; football Aaron Feis, who died running toward the gunfire; 14-year-old Jamie Guttenberg; athletic director and wrestling coach Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps; geography teacher "Lukey Bear" Hoyer; freshman and cross country coach Scott and dancer Cara Loughran; ican history, sadly one of too character in the coach state in the coach in the co

Montalto; 17-year-old Joaquin Oliver; Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps member Alaina Petty; senior and youngest of 10 grandchildren Meadow Pollack; Helena Ramsay, a lover of cats and music; trombone and baritone player Alex Schachter; straight-A student Carmen Schentrup; and Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet Peter Wang, who was West Point-

Seventeen families destroyed. Hundreds of others

al settings.

And yet, those touched deepest by this devastating event are determined to turn their experience into victory for the light.

In the aftermath of the Parkland tragedy, students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas banded together to form Never Again MSD, an advocacy group that has organized protests, led marches, including the March for Our Lives, and started boycotts in an effort to keep other children from enduring what

TEXAS TURNS BLUE

Girl Scout, soccer player and many involving the deaths of nough, the organization seeks Color Guard member Gina our young people in education-legislative action to prevent similar shootings with gun control measures.

Parents of the victims, including Jamie Guttenberg's father Fred, have also become

advocates for change.

And their combined efforts have been fruitful. Since 2018, more than half of our states have taken steps to prevent future tragedies with gun control laws and mental health legislation.

Their work, and ours, isn't over. We'll never be able to bring those 17 beautiful lives back, but we can and must do everything we can to not add

Key indicators are changing

By CATHY O'NEIL
Bloomberg Opinion

Millions of vaccinations, together with the end of the perilous holiday season, are having the effect I had hoped for: Finally, U.S. COVID-19 cases have entered what looks like a terminal decline.

Time to celebrate? Not quite. To get a sense of the suffering this disease has yet to visit upon humanity, we'll have to focus on other data.

Cases will no longer be a reliable leading indicator, for a number of encouraging reasons. For one, they'll be less likely to lead to deaths, as more elderly and otherwise vulnerable people get vaccinated. Also, testing is becoming increasingly convenient: When more people start doing athome tests before traveling or going to work, asymptomatic cases will be recorded.

What matters, then, is how the people affected are actually faring. Here are some indicators to watch:

·Hospitalizations and related illnesses. Death isn't the only bad outcome for people who get COVID-19. People with cases severe enough to require hospitalization also experience other long-term health problems. Some require oxygen for months. Some experience symptoms such as brain fog and severe fatigue — that bear a troubling resemblance to a condition called POTS, or postural orthostatic tachycardia Worse, syndrome. seems that even mild cases can trigger POTS. I'm afraid these longerterm consequences will become the center of the story by this summer.

·Suicides and overdoses. Whether or not people get infected, the long period of social isolation is taking a toll on their mental health. The opioid epidemic appears to have gotten worse, and suicide hotlines have been busier. Comprehensive official data on causes of deaths during the pandemic haven't come out yet. They'll merit remain cautious.

attention when they do. Variants. New variants of the virus can be problematic if they're a mathematician who has more contagious, less worked as a professor, contained by vaccines or (worst of all) both. data scientist. She found-Again, the health conse- ed ORCAA, an algorith-

Cathy O'Neil



For now, most vaccines seems to offer pretty good protection against bad outcomes. But we'll have to keep tracking variants and the vaccines' effectiveness against them.

than the number of cases. That's why some of the research on the South African variant has been misleading: It looked primarily at mild cases in young people, which offers little insight into how the variant would affect most people (what's the mortality rate, the prevalence of health long-term issues?). For now, most vaccines seems to offer pretty good protection against bad outcomes. But we'll have to keep tracking variants and the vaccines' effectiveness against them.

In the meantime, aside from getting vaccinated, people will have to

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Weather provides a reminder

By DAVID VON DREHLE The Washington Post

If your news regarding the energy future begins and mostly ends with Elon Musk's Twitter, you might get the idea that we're near a green nirvana in which most homes and businesses generate and store their own power in sleek batteries hanging on the walls of the garage.

The batteries juice our smart appliances and charge our electric cars and trucks. If electrical grids have any role in this future, they'll function mainly to buy surplus power from our green homes and sell it to more backward consumers, thus greening their lives,

Like a lot of science fiction, the Musk marketing pitch has a toe in reality and might someday come true. It's fun to imagine. But the cold truth is something different, as Middle America is being reminded.

And I mean cold. Snow on the beach in Galveston, Texas; subzero wind-chill factors across Texas; sheets of ice in Oklahoma and Louisiana; days on end without a thermometer above zero across thousands of square miles in the Upper Midwest. The polar vortex put a dagger in us this year. Mother Nature delivered a pop quiz to the 14 states in the regional electrical alliance, and the power grid failed.

Like the bloom of youth, electricity is a bounty few ponder until it is gone. Let the grid run low on juice in a cold snap, though, and people pay attention. The thermometer read 5 below zero Tuesday morning in my neighborhood of greater Kansas City when our turn came to endure a rolling blackout. The temperature inside the house dropped

10 degrees in an hour. We were lucky: Our power returned as the blackout rolled on. Across much of Texas, many residents haven't been so fortunate. More than 4 million people were efficient homes and businesses, column for The Post.

David Von Drehle



without power during much of Monday. Oncor, the utility serving North Texas, found its plan for rolling blackouts stalled across much of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. To conserve enough electricity to meet the extraordinary demand while protecting key facilities such as hospitals, the power company had to shut down neighborhoods and keep them dark and shivering.

While demand surged, supply fell. Solar farms lost juice as snow clouds filled the skies. Wind turbines froze in the bitter cold. Icing was evidently a problem at steamdriven plants, too, whether powered by coal or natural gas.

The good news: A warming trend is forecast as the jet stream resumes a more familiar course. Texans should be back in their shirt sleeves in a week, the snow and ice melted into memory. Late-February temperatures in the 30s and 40s will have Kansas Citians off the weather and back to the urgent matter of acquiring offensive linemen to protect Patrick Mahomes.

If past is prologue, elected officials and policymakers will quickly move on as well. Modernizing the electrical grid to make it more resilient, more efficient and more secure is the worst kind of challenge: complex, expensive and easy to ignore.

The complexity is largely a function of local ownership and local regulation of electrical utilities. They see overall demand for electricity leveling out, thanks to more-

which means a future without growth for their bottom lines. Because a grid is only as strong as weakest member, major improvements would require every local utility to make major investments despite the no-growth outlook. Most would prefer to look

So here we are. Millions of chilly folks have received a stark reminder that our daily lives are governed by the flip of a few switches. When electricity flows, we're part of the 21st century; shut it off and we feel ourselves reeling backward toward the Dark Ages. Yet local companies lack motivation and capital to build a stronger grid on their own.

This is a job for the federal government. By law and by regulation, Congress and the Biden administration should set standards for efficiency and reliability that local utility companies must meet, and provide grants and other financing to pay for upgrades. This may not have the cool factor of a sleek electric car or a battery-powered house, but it is the urgent here-and-now.

This is more than a matter of comfort in a cold snap. Intelligence agencies warn that the United States' power grids are increasingly vulnerable to attacks from hackers sponsored by foreign adversaries. Hardening the nation's electrical supply against cyberwarfare is clearly a federal responsibility and a matter of national security. It only makes sense to engineer a more efficient, flexible and reliable electricity network at the same

Maybe there's a future far ahead in which every American life goes cordless. Meanwhile, few of us can thrive for even an hour unplugged. The truth just hit us like a cold slap in the face.

Von Drehle writes a twice-weekly

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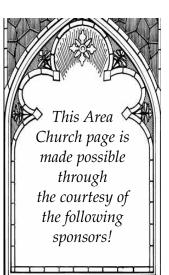
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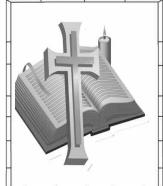
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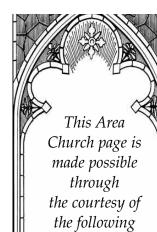
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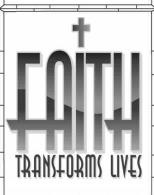
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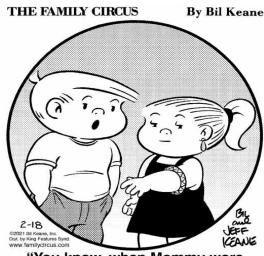
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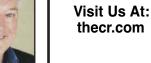
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Contract & Bridge By Steve Becker

Rising to the occasion

That's not the way to play winning

The slam ordinarily would have

been easy to make, even with the relatively poor dummy South inher-ited. Had the opposing spades been divided 2-1, he would have scored at

least 12 tricks by cashing the A-K of trump and A-K of diamonds, then

crossing to dummy with a trump to

discard his two low clubs on the Q-J

But when declarer ruffed the

opening heart lead and played the ace of trump, West showed out, and South had to revise his plans. With no

ready entry to dummy to utilize the Q-J of diamonds, he decided to force

his way into the North hand by delib-erately losing a trump trick. So he next cashed the A-K of dia-

monds and then led a low trump to

dummy's eight. East won with the jack but could do no better than

South ruffed and led another low trump to dummy's ten. He then cashed the Q-J of diamonds and on

Only one more hurdle — a club

finesse — remained to be sur-mounted, and when it succeeded, the

return a heart.

slam was home.

Both sides vulnerable NORTH ♠ 10 8 5 ♥ 10 5 2 **♣**843 WEST EAST ◆87532 ◆KJ9 SOUTH AKQ9643 ♦ A K The bidding:
North East
Pass ♠AQ65 4 ♥ Pass Pass 6 Opening lead — king of hearts.

South's blind shot at six spades certainly wasn't scientific, but all factors considered, it was a sensible bid that was likely to win most of the

Whenever your judgment says that you're more apt to gain points than to lose them by making a certain bid, you should not talk yourself out of doing so because your partner might have the wrong hand for you.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals H

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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In review

IU wins

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Trayce Jackhad son-Davis points and 10 rebounds to lead Indiana to an 82-72 victory over Minnesota on Wednesday night.

Indiana (12-9, 7-7 Big Ten) rebounded from a 78-59 loss on Saturday to fourth-ranked Ohio State and has won three of four. Minnesota hasn't won at Indiana since a three-point win in 2012.

Jackson-Davis was 8 of 14 from the floor and has scored 20-plus points 12 times this Aljami season. Durham and Jerome Hunter scored 16 points apiece.

ND beats 'Canes

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Nikola Djogo scored 18 points on 7for-10 shooting and Nate Laszewski scored 14 and Notre Dame beat Miami 71-61 on Sunday.

Laszewski finished shooting 6 for 8, Juwan Durham scored 12 and Dane Goodwin scored 11 with 11 rebounds for the Irish.

Notre Dame (9-10, 6-7 Atlantic Coast Conference) now has won back-to-back games for the third time this season, and six of its last eight as it tries to make a push coming down the season's home stretch.

-Associated Press

Osaka beats Williams in Aussie semi

As Serena Williams walked off the court after her latest so-close-vetso-far bid for a 24th Grand Slam title ended with a loss to Naomi Osaka at the Australian Open, the 39-year-old American paused and put her hand on her chest while thousands of spectators rose to applaud.

Was this, Williams was asked at a news conference after the 6-3, 6-4 semifinal defeat, her way of saying

"If I ever say farewell," she

tell anyone."

the next question When returned the conversation to the subject of Williams' many mistakes Thursday (Wednesday night EST) — twice as many unforced errors, 24, as winners, 12 — she shook her head, teared up, said, "I'm done," and abruptly walked out of the session with reporters.

On Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. local time (3:30 a.m. EST), Osaka will meet first-time Grand Slam finalist Jennifer Brady of the United

22nd-seeded Brady, who is from Pennsylvania and played college tennis at UCLA, prevailed in an epic, 18-point last game to edge No. 25 Karolina Muchova 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in

Brady dropped to her back at the baseline after saving a trio of break points, then converting her fifth match point when Muchova sent a forehand long.

the semifinals.

"My legs are shaking," Brady said. "My heart is racing.

She lost to Osaka in a three-set

thriller in the U.S. Open semifinals last September.

"Everyone's just really excited whenever they play their first final," Osaka noted about what awaits Brady, "but they're also really nervous.

Williams was hoping to get to her 34th Grand Slam final but, once again, couldn't quite get the job done in order to add one more Grand Slam trophy to her collection of 23 and equal Margaret Court for the most in tennis histo-

Continued from page 8 The rest of Clark's 132pound field has no shortage of past successes. Combined, the 15 are owners of 17 total state medals.

Despite Clark Rowles going up against stacked fields, Myers' goal this week — the wrestlers weren't able to practice Monday or Tuesday because of the weather conditions and had a short practice Wednesday

wrestlers are concentrat- is going to bug them at ing only on who is in the all. circle with them.

front of you. Those three freshmen have wrestled tons of high-level matches whether it's (Indiana State Wrestling Association) or national duals they've wrestled those high-level matches.

— is just making sure his atmosphere or the arena Clark said.

And should they win "Really we just continue Friday, they can make to focus on one match at a more history for themtime," Myers said. "Just selves. The Patriot prowrestle the guy that's in gram has produced 16 state medalists who've combined for 25 medals. Only two of them came from freshmen — Mason Winner in 2017 and Ethan Reiley last year.

"It would be really nice to place and show everydon't think the one what I'm made of,

'Just wrestle the guy that's in front of you. Those three freshmen have wrestled tons of high-level matches ... I don't think the atmosphere or the arena is going to bug them at all.

> -Eric Myers, Jay County wrestling coach

Sports on tap

Local schedule

TodayJay County — Boys swimming hosts sectional preliminaries - 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Muncie Southside - 5:30

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball sectional semifinal vs. Hardin Northern - 7

Friday

Jay County — Wrestling state finals at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis - 6 p.m.; Boys swimming sectional (diving) - 6 p.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader vs. Nor-Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs.

New Bremen - 6 p.m.

SaturdayJay County — Wrestling state finals at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis – 9 a.m.; Boys swimming hosts sectional finals - 9 a.m.; Boys basketball vs. Seton

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball sectional final vs. TBA - 7 p.m.

Jay County — Junior high swimming vs. Norwell – 6 p.m.

Tuesday Jay County - Boys basketball at Win-

chester - 6 p.m.

Feb. 25

Jay County Junior high wrestling at Woodlan – 6 p.m. Fort Recovery -- Girls basketball district semifinal vs. TBA at Wapakoneta -5:30 p.m.

TV schedule Today

7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: lowa at Wisconsin (ESPN) 7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Toronto Raptors at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)

8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Ohio State at Penn State (BTN)

9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Saint Mary's at Gonzaga (ESPN); Rutgers at Michigan (FS1); Arizona at UCLA

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(ESPN2) 10 p.m.

 NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

11 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Colorado at Oregon (ESPN2)

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7 p.m. — Wen's College Basketball: Saint Louis at Dayton (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN) 8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets (ESPN)

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Saturday Noon — Men's College Basketball: Michigan State at Indiana (ESPN) 1 p.m. — Men's College Basketball:

UConn at Villanova (FOX); Kentucky at Tennessee (CBS) 2 p.m. - Men's College Basketball:

Texas Tech at Kansas (ESPN); Missouri at South Carolina (ESPN2) 3 p.m. — Men's College Basketball West Virginia at Texas (ABC)

4 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Auburn at LSU (ESPN)

5:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Purdue at Nebraska (BTN)

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Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana Disbursements by Vendor 2020 Amount

Fund /Category/Vendor Name

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Ronald F. Rosenbeck, Wabash Township Trustee

Telephone:260-997-6577 Date this report was to be published February 18th, 2021

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Wabash Township at its annual meeting this 10th day of February, 2021 Sarah M. Davidson, Wabash Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 10th day of February, 2021. Wabash Township Board: Sarah Davidson, Jane Martin, Beverly Westgerdes

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2021 IHSAA wrestling state finals preview

Cody Rowles, Tony Wood and Cameron Clark have been working for this moment all season. Now, with the state final set for 11 a.m. Friday, the trio is preparing to get ...

One more win

Wood

Braden

has an open-

ing-round matchup

with Brownsburg

Haines (17-8), who

is No. 15 and has

the most losses

of the 16 quali-

a little more

said. "Brownsburg is

always a tough program.

Those are two guys that

are somewhat evenly

matched. Some of the

(Haines) strengths play

into Tony's strengths. I'm

hoping we can take

bracket features the top

four wrestlers in the

ranked Chesterton sopho-

more Sergio Lemley (33-

The rest of Wood's

including top-

advantage there."

state,

fiers in the weight class.

"Tony has

junior

Cody Rowles

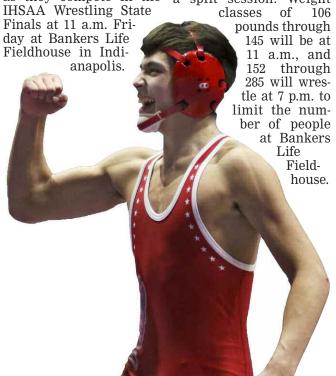
By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review Combined, they have 102 victories this year to just a dozen losses. None of that matters

now. What's important to the trio of Jay County High School freshmen — Cody Rowles, Tony Wood and Cameron Clark — is the next one.

They've already made program history by becoming freshmen state qualifiers. One more win puts them in Patriot lore.

Each will be trying to become a state medalist the opening round will be as they compete in the a split session. Weight



Tony Wood

"It's going to take a really strong effort," said JCHS coach Eric Myers. "Talked about this going into semi-state (on Saturday), from here on out you're going to have to urday grind out every single match. We don't have a lot of matches you're going to get a pin. 'They're just going to 5 p.m. and

have that mindset that the champithey're able to and willing to grind out a 6-minute match and maybe more."

Because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic,

their father's footsteps Bruce Wood and Rowles — by becoming sectional and regional champions. They were the first two father-son duos in program his-

tory to accomplish the favorable draw," Myers Tony Wood, who is just

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one of two freshmen in the 120-pound state field, had a chance to one-up his father by becoming a semi-state champion, but he lost in the final to sixth-ranked Aidan Sprague of East Noble.

As a semi-state runnerup, Wood has the best draw of the three Patriots as he meets a wrestler who was third at his respective semi-state. So

state champion in Illinois as a freshman.

Rowles, who is 37-2 at 106 pounds, meets fifthranked Nathan Smith (27-5) of Southport in the second overall match Friday morning. Rowles is one of four freshmen at 106, and only three of the other 12 wrestlers are returning state qualifiers.

"He's wrestling with a lot of confidence right now and he feels good about that matchup,' Myers said.

Rowles made easy work of his opponents on his way to the sectional and regional championships, but at semi-state he dropped a 9-5 decision to Vicente Eckman Goshen. After that loss, though, Rowles rebounded by pinning No. 16 Keegan Malott of East Noble in 57 seconds for third place.

to back down to anyone,' Myers said. "He's going to give it everything he has.'

fourth-ranked

"Cody is not one

Cameron Clark, only freshman in the 16wrestler field at 132 pounds, has the toughest first-round matchup. Clark, who is 28-6 and placed fourth at semistate Saturday, meets Browns-

1), who was a 113-pound burg senior Kysen Montgomery (27-3) in the opening round.

"He's a good wrestler, obviously," Clark said of Montgomery, a three-time state medalist who was third at 126 pounds last year, fourth at 120 as a sophomore and fifth at 106 as a freshman. "I'm going to go out and wrestle my best and if I beat him that's awesome. If he beats me and I wrestled good, at least he beat me because he out-wrestled me and it's not because I wrestled bad.

'I'm really excited." See **Win** page 7 Continued from page 8



Cameron Clark

The Midwest Athletic Conference still honored a handful of Indians on Wednes-

All Vaughn and Kierra Wendel were both named all-MAC first team, the confer-

ence announced Wednesday. Whitley Rammel was named second team and Paige Fortkamp earned honor-

able mention. Vaughn led the Indians with 11.4 points per game, which was 10th overall in the conference. She also averaged 5.9 rebounds per game, which was tied for ninth in the

Wendel put in 10.2 points per game, was second on the team with 21 made 3-pointers and her 2.7 assists were also second on the team. Her 54 total helpers ranked 10th

The Indians came up short in their bid Whitley Rammel averaged 8.4 points for back-to-back conference champi- per game (she missed five contests), fourth on the team and her which was 7.5 rebounds per game were a squad

> Paige Forktamp led the team with 30 made 3-pointers and was third with 9.3 points per game and 5.5 rebounds.

> Fort Recovery, which begins tournament play at 7 p.m. tonight at home, finished the year 14-6 and 6-3 in MAC play. The Minster Wildcats, who won Division IV state championships in both 2018 and 2019 and were heading to the state tournament in 2020 before it was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, were a perfect 9-0 in the MAC to win the conference championship.

> Minster's Ivy Wolf, who has signed to play with Miami (Ohio), was conference player of the year, and Wildcat coach Mike Wiss was coach of the year.





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Pacers top T'Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Domantas Sabonis had 36 points, 17 rebounds and 10 rebounds, and Malcolm Brogdon added 32 points and nine rebounds as the Indiana Pacers beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 134-128 in overtime on Wednesday night.

Sabonis, Brogdon and the Pacers erased a 10point deficit in the fourth quarter. Indiana trailed 98-88 and eventually took a five-point lead in the fourth.

Sabonis knocked down a pair of free throws with 11.1 seconds left in regulation to help send the game to overtime tied at 121.

"We got some key stops, and that helped our offense," said Sabonis, whose 36 points were a career high.

The Pacers played their second straight overtime game, coming off an OT loss to Chicago on Mon-

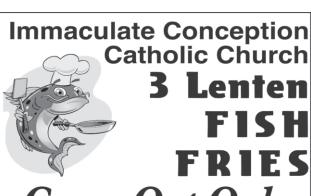
After giving up the first five points in overtime Monday, Indiana jumped out to a quick five-point

lead Wednesday in OT. Brogdon hit a 3 to start overtime, and Sabonis followed with a basket in the paint for a 5-0 run.

"That's exactly what the guys were talking about at had 30 points and 10 the end of regulation, getting into that last five minutes and really digging in," Pacers coach Nate Bjorkgren said. "I thought we came out more

Karl-Anthony Towns rebounds for Minnesota.

Malik Beasley added 31 points in his first game of the season off the bench, and Ricky Rubio finished with a season-high 20 assertive on offense to points and 13 assists.



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