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FR to pursue a new trail

Path would run along Ohio 49, Sharpsburg

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The village is pursuing funds for a new trail near Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School.

Fort Recovery is applying for Ohio Department of Transportation dollars to put a multi-use trail along Ohio 49 and Sharpsburg Road. Fort Recovery Village Council discussed the proposed project at its meeting Monday.

The village will be applying for Systemic Safety funding through ODOT by the end of January with hopes to provide a 6-to-8-foot-wide path for residents to walk to the industrial park and the school. Fort Recovery's match would be 10% of the project total, which is estimated between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

According to its website, ODOT has an annual safety program budget of \$158 million and more than 300 projects in development or construction. Its available systemic safety funding — it is paid for through the department's Highway Safety Improvement Program — aims to reduce roadway departure and pedestrian crashes. The new funding measure offers two programs with requirements for each intended construction area.

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Heroic performance

Jay County High School's Patriot Edition show choir performs in exhibition at the end of Saturday's Jay County Show Choir Spectacular. (Pictured in front are Gabby Duncan and Elsria Goodman.) NHS Singers from Noblesville High School took home the grand championship Saturday, leading with best vocals and best female soloist Maddie Durst. Patriot Edition and Just Treble will open their 2022 competition season Saturday when they travel to the Pendleton Heights Arabian Spectacular.

Lawmakers consider easing rules

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A proposed loosening of Indiana's regulations on nursing education programs is advancing in the Legislature, with supporters saying the step is needed to help address a statewide nursing shortage.

Hospital officials and health care organizations supporting the proposal have told legislators that thousands of nursing jobs are open across the state in a shortage exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic as some nurses have quit or taken part-time

jobs, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

The Indiana House could vote in the coming days on approving the bill that would allow nursing schools to increase enrollment and hire more part-time instructors. A com-

mittee voted unanimously last week to endorse the proposal.

Community Health Network, with a staff of 5,000 nurses and hospitals in Indianapolis, Anderson and Kokomo, is trying to fill about 600 nursing positions, said Jean Putnam,

the system's chief nursing officer. She said hospitals and nursing homes across the state have some 4,000 nursing jobs open.

"I have never seen this type of vacancy rate in my career," Putnam told the legislative committee.

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Bill debate underway

By LISA MASCARO

AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Facing stark criticism from civil rights leaders, senators return to Capitol Hill under intense pressure to change their rules and break a Republican filibuster that has hopelessly stalled voting legisla-

tion. The Senate is set to launch debate Tuesday on the voting bill with attention focused intently on two pivotal Democrats — Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Joe Manchin of West Virginia — who were singled out with a barrage of criticism during Martin Luther King Jr. Day events for their refusal to change what civil rights leaders call the "Jim Crow filibuster."

Martin Luther King III, the son of the late civil rights leader, compared Sinema and Manchin to the white moderate his father wrote about during the civil rights battles of the 1950s and 1960s — a person who declared support for the goals of Black voting rights but not the direct actions or demonstrations that ultimately led to passage of the landmark legislation.

"History will not remember them kindly," the younger King said, referring to Sinema and Manchin by name.

This will be the fifth time the

Senate will try to pass voting legislation this Congress, as elections officials warn that new state laws are making it more difficult to vote in some parts of the country.

The House has passed the package, but the legislation is stalled in the Senate, opposed by Republicans. With a 50-50 split, Democrats have a narrow Senate majority — Vice President Kamala Harris can break a tie — but they lack the 60 votes needed to overcome the GOP filibuster.

Once reluctant to change Senate rules, President Joe Biden used the King holiday to pressure senators to do just that. But the push from the White House, including Biden's blistering speech last week in Atlanta comparing opponents to segregationists, is seen as too late, coming as the president ends his first year in office with his popularity sagging.

Democrat Senators Sinema and Manchin face criticism on voting rights

"It's time for every elected official in America to make it clear where they stand," Biden said on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. "It's time for every American to stand up. Speak out, be heard. Where do you stand?"

The Senate is launching what could become a weeklong debate, but the outcome is expected to be no different than past failed votes on the legislation. Biden has been unable to persuade Sinema and Manchin to join other Democrats in changing the rules to lower the 60-vote threshold. In fact, Sinema upstaged the president last week, reiterating her opposition to the rules changes just before Biden arrived on Capitol Hill to court senators' votes.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, had shelved a promised Monday rules change vote that would have been linked to the King holiday.

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Japan News

Substitute prep

Workers put the finishing touches on a batch of kaku kanten, a specialty of the Suwa region of Nagano Prefecture that utilizes the bitter winter cold in the production process. Kaku kanten is a form of agar, a vegetarian substitute for gelatin produced by boiling tengusa and other plants.

Deaths

Larry Newland, 61, Portland

Jerry Johnson, 66, Dunkirk
Phyllis Eglan, 88, Pennville
Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature hovered in the 20s Monday in Jay County with a high of 28 degrees and a low of 23. There was a trace of freezing rain.

Expect a low of 32 tonight with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. There is a slight chance of drizzle Wednesday with a high of 29. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of tonight's Portland City Council meeting.

Friday — Results from Thursday's JCHS girls basketball game at Delta.



Capsule Reports

Crashed into tree

A Pennville woman and two children were injured after their vehicle left county road 300 North and struck a tree about 7:05 p.m. Saturday. Rebecca M. Moser, 35, was driving west on the road near county road 450 West when the 2011 Hyundai Sonata she was driving struck a northern tree. Haven Anderson, 4, and Georgia Reese, 8, were also in the vehicle at the time of the crash. Moser sustained a lower leg injury, and both children received upper arm injuries. All three were taken to IU

Health Jay for a medical evaluation. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. The vehicle is registered to Christopher R. Anderson of Pennville, and it was towed.

Passing accident

A Michigan man crashed his vehicle into the van of a Geneva woman while driving while attempting to pass it on U.S. 27 about 2:35 p.m. Monday. Daniel J. Franks, 37, Eaton Rapids, was driving his 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe north on U.S. 27 just south of county road 200 North behind a 2014 Chevrolet

Express, driven by 61-year-old Jody J. Smith. As Franks began to pass Smith, his vehicle and struck the left side of the van Smith was driving, causing it to crash into a sign on the side of the road. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. The vehicle Smith was driving is registered to Dustin S. Godsey of Decatur.

Deer hit

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland woman's vehicle hit a deer on county road 200 North about 5 p.m. Sunday. Sara E. Rodehamel, 54, was

driving west on the road near county road 200 West when a deer ran in front of her 2018 Jeep Compass. She wasn't able to avoid the collision, and the deer struck the front of her vehicle and rolled over the hood. Rodehamel told Jay County Sheriff's Office the animal broke her headlight, dented the quarter panel on the drivers side and broke the windshield.

Sign struck

A Portland woman's vehicle struck a stop sign in the Walmart parking lot about 11:47 p.m. Sunday. Carrie D. Younger, 47, was

backing out of a parking spot at 950 W. Votaw St. She continued backing up and hit a stop sign with the front end of her 2012 Chrysler Town & Country. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Hay bale

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after an Ohio woman crashed her vehicle into a bale of hay on county road 300 East about 6:40 p.m. Sunday. Jennifer R. Steinke, 31, Saint Henry, was driving east on the road near county road 600 East when her 2010 Chevrolet hit the hay bale sitting in her lane.

CR almanac

Wednesday 1/19	Thursday 1/20	Friday 1/21	Saturday 1/22	Sunday 1/23
38/16	24/12	24/12	30/17	27/15
There's a chance of drizzle before 10 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy with wind gusts as high as 20 mph.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Thursday with winds between about 10 to 15 mph.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Friday, with a high in the lower-to-mid 20s.	Saturday should be partly sunny. The high will likely reach about 30 degrees.	Another day of partly sunny skies is planned for Sunday, with lows dipping to the mid teens.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 9-24-35-46-65 Powerball: 9 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$62 million	55-56-61-63-64-72 Cash 5: 7-12-16-21-33 Estimated jackpot: \$115,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$347 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-4-4 Pick 4: 3-3-8-5 Pick 5: 5-9-3-5-7 Evening Pick 3: 8-0-3 Pick 4: 7-4-6-6 Pick 5: 5-7-7-0-7 Rolling Cash 5: 7-9-29-34-36 Estimated jackpot: \$320,000 Classic Lotto: 4-17-20-26-45-48 Kicker: 5-7-6-5-9-4 Jackpot: \$20.4 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 9-6-5 Daily Four: 0-1-4-8 Quick Draw: 3-4-5-7-10-11-14-18-36-40-42-43-56-62-63-64-66-70-71-79 Evening Daily Three: 4-0-9 Daily Four: 9-5-5-6 Quick Draw: 2-4-6-14-27-29-33-35-36-40-44-46-49-52-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.02 Feb. corn6.05 Wheat7.49	Wheat 7.54 Feb. wheat 7.54
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Today in history

On Jan. 18, 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion.

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 2005, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "super-jumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in France.

In 2007, the Jay County High School girls basketball team knocked off host Norwell 47-41. Sara Garringer paced the Patriots with a dozen points as she and Abby Loy made free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	Thursday 3 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

Obituaries

Larry Newland

March 12, 1960-Jan. 6, 2022
Larry Newland, age 61, of Portland passed away Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, in Coldwater Community Hospital in Coldwater, Ohio.

Larry was born in Portland on March 12, 1960, the son of James and Maxine Mae (Strait) Newland. He was a truck driver and owned an archery business. He was a member of Celina Moose and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Surviving are two brothers, Glenn Newland (wife: Julia) of Portland and Lester Newland of South Carolina; two sisters, Connie Newland of South Carolina and Elsie Cox of Muncie; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Newland; and a sister, Betty Allred.

Memorial visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to Jay County Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Newland

Indiana Glass Outlet

He belonged to Sons of The American Legion Post 227, Dunkirk, and Moose Lodge No. 1352 where he often socialized. Jerry enjoyed fishing, spending time at the cottage, bowling, watching football and NASCAR, and BS storytelling.

Survivors include his sister, Ruby Johnson, Dunkirk; stepbrothers Bub Fuller (wife: Beth), Dunkirk, and Dan Green (wife: Lisa), Dunkirk; special niece Rozie Johnson; special nephew Rowdy Scruffy Johnson; three great-nieces; and seven great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Virginia (Hardaman) Johnson; two brothers, Rick Johnson and George Johnson; and niece Christina.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at Meacham Funeral Service with burial following at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Dunkirk.

Visiting hours are Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to Cancer Services of East Central Indiana (Little Red Door), National Emphysema Foundation, Sons of The American Legion Post 227 or Dunkirk Moose Lodge No. 1352.

Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be expressed at MeachamFuneralService.com.

Phyliss Eglan

Aug. 9, 1933-Jan. 15, 2022
Phyliss A. Eglan, 88, of Pennville Indiana, passed away on Saturday,



Johnson

Jan. 15, 2022, at 6 p.m. at her family farm west of Pennville in Penn Township, Jay County, where she resided since 1952.

Phyliss was born on Aug. 9, 1933, in Muncie, Indiana, to Omer and Treva (Rigby) DeBatty. She graduated from Redkey High School in 1951 and married Richard "Dick" Eglan on Aug. 23, 1952, in Pennville. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 2011.

Phyliss was a homemaker and farm wife. She was a member of the Yellow Rockers Square Dance Club. She enjoyed nature and animals.

Phyliss was preceded in death by her parents, Omer and Treva DeBatty; husband, Dick Eglan; daughter-in-law, Judy Eglan; granddaughter, Debra Michelle Eglan; and great-granddaughter, Addisyn Marie.

Loving survivors include her children, Marcia Eglan of Portland, Indiana, Kathy Garton of Pennville, Indiana, Jerry Lee Eglan of Pennville, Indiana, Rick (Anita Kay) Eglan of Pennville, Indiana, and Michelle Wagner of Pennville, Indiana; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family with the Rev. Earl Doll officiating. Burial will follow at Twinhill IOOF in Pennville, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the donor's favorite charity in memory of Phyliss.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier, Indiana.



Eglan

Felony arrests

Violation

Elizabeth Faye Corwin, 444 W. Henderson St., Montpelier, was released from Jay County Jail on \$880 bond Friday. She had been arrested Friday for a probation violation relat-

ed to a Level 6 felony charge of possession of methamphetamine.

Methamphetamine

A Portland man was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and

other charges this morning.

Daniel I. Davidson, 42, 824 W. High St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with two Class A misdemeanors for possession of

marijuana and driving with a suspended license and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Pursue ...

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Also Monday, council members Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, Luke Knapke, Al Post, Cliff Wendel and Erik Fiely adopted an amended zoning ordinance on final reading. Most of the changes are minor; village administrator Randy Diller had explained in December. Some key differences include it now being illegal to put storage containers — such as large shipping con-

tainers used for cargo — on any lot except industrial lots and allowing business and medical offices in the industrial park under conditional use. Prior to Monday, the zoning ordinance was last updated in February 2009.

Fiscal officer Roberta Staugler noted Park National Bank will no longer be collecting water bills for the village after March 31. The village will send out letters the next three

months informing local residents of the change. (Bills can be paid through auto pay or by mailing checks. Plans are also in the works to install a secure drop box at village hall.)

Diller, who was not present at Monday's meeting, listed plans in the meeting agenda to contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for a complete wastewater system study, including the wastewater stream from Cooper Liquid Egg Processing.

SERVICES

Today
DeBoy, Bryce: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday
Christie, Marilyn: 1 p.m., Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

Thursday
Newland, Larry: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Johnson, Jerry: 2 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Good books can take readers anywhere

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

I was checking Facebook this morning to see if there were any new pictures. There weren't any from my daughter and her family in Texas. However, there was a series of photos featuring our niece's daughter, Isabella, who is in first grade. They live in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Earlier in the week we had gotten a note saying that Isabella was in Girl Scouts, and we were asked if we wanted any cookies.

What a silly question to ask. Of course we want cookies. The latest message began innocently enough by mentioning that the Cincinnati Bengals won their first playoff game in

As I See It



31 years. The news got worse after that. Isabella had been so excited to read a new book of hers that she jumped on the couch and threw her head back right onto the edge of their granite countertop. That hurts just thinking about it.

Her parents took her to the nearby Children's Urgent Care. The gash on her head was soon held together with two staples. She can't wait to show her friends at school this week. I wouldn't be surprised if she also wore the

hospital bracelet to school.

Little kids are so resilient and they seem to heal much quicker than we older people do. I don't expect Isabella to have much of a scar and even if she does end up with a scar the injury is on the back of her head and will be covered by her hair. I'm guessing that she won't be jumping on the couch anytime soon.

I am glad to learn that Isabella is a reader. I am not sure which book she was looking forward to reading. To anticipate a new book so much that she injures herself is amazing. Her mom just said the book was, "The Festival at Sugar Ridge".

I remember the first time I read "The Monster

at the End of This Book" to my daughter. It was delicious building up the suspense with every page until the last page revealed the monster. (It was Grover.) She was disappointed that her own children didn't care for it. She has also warned her kids that Grandma seldom reads the books as written.

A good book can take you anywhere. Do you want a good cry? Or maybe you would rather laugh until you can't breathe? There are books for that. How about books that take you into other worlds, other cultures? Somebody has written those. Or maybe you want to learn something. I know that today the internet is the place to go for

instructions but I believe that printed instructions are easier. Or maybe you just want to escape life for a while. Books are perfect.

A book doesn't have a commercial after every sentence. One can read as quickly or as slowly as the reader chooses. Some books may be missing a page or two but they never crash in the middle of a sentence. They never need to be recharged. The words never disappear at the most inconvenient time.

A new book is like a new baby doll. They have a certain smell to them. They come in an assortment of sizes. They feel good in our hands.

While I have never injured myself with a book, I understand how it

can happen. When one of my favorite authors died, his daughter chose to continue the series. I was looking forward to seeing if she was as good an author as I hoped. She did not disappoint me. Her first book in the series concentrated more on the female characters. Her father had made the males the main characters. It was well worth the wait.

The only book I am reading right now is the one for book club. It isn't as heavy as some of the books we have read.

Isabella is feeling better today. I am hoping she gets some much deserved sympathy and a little bit of fame because of her injury. I am guessing that she won't be jumping on the couch for a while.

Parent frets about mother-in-law babysitting

DEAR ABBY: How do you know when a grandparent is no longer capable of babysitting? Recently, my mother-in-law came to visit and, as usual, she babysat our toddler while I ran errands, went to the gym, etc.

When I returned, it was immediately obvious that my son had soiled his diaper, so I changed him. I could tell it had been some time since he had relieved himself. His water bottle and milk were out of his reach because she "didn't want him to spill it," so it had been hours since he had a sip of anything. There were smaller issues as well. I spoke with my husband about it, but he downplayed the situation.

Am I overreacting, or is my husband in denial about his mom's diminishing capabilities? She's planning another visit with us again soon, and I'm sure she expects solo babysitting time. Is this safe? Should I say something? If so, what? Of course I appreciate free babysitting and a loving grandmother, but not to the detriment of my son. — VERY

Dear Abby



WORRIED MOM IN COLORADO

DEAR MOM: Ideally, you should have asked your mother-in-law why the diaper hadn't been changed when you got home and realized it hadn't been. Your husband may have minimized what happened because he can't accept that his mother's mental capacities may be diminishing. Denial is common when a parent is in the beginning stages of dementia because the symptoms can be subtle.

Having concerns about leaving your son alone with her is not "going overboard." During her next visit, stay close to home and quietly monitor what she is — and isn't — doing. If she

is indeed slipping, she needs to be evaluated by a geriatrician, and may need supervision for herself.

DEAR ABBY: Three weeks after I met my love, he proposed. We were married four months later. We hadn't discussed finances, but he did know my income was higher than his. (We are both retired and were widowed when we met.)

After nine months of marriage, we got into some financial problems, and instead of sitting down to discuss it with him, I did what I usually do when I get scared: I bolted. I asked him to leave and filed for divorce.

Since then, I have realized that I still love him and want him in the last chapter of my life. I know I hurt him, and I want to make it up to him, but he's afraid I'll ask him to leave again. I also love his family and miss them all very much. I would never hurt him again. We have been talking, and he has a girlfriend and doesn't want to hurt her. Advice? —

ANOTHER CHANCE IN FLORIDA

DEAR ANOTHER CHANCE: You blew it. Your former husband has moved on since the divorce, as evidenced by the fact that he has a new lady in his life. Learn from his example and move on with yours, because it doesn't appear he will be coming back anytime soon — if ever.

DEAR ABBY: Is it customary to give a house cleaner or cleaning service lunch or offer them food if they are doing an extensive cleaning job? I ask because my mother-in-law hired a cleaning crew. She watches my infant daughter during the day. She doesn't cook or clean, although I pay her. Well, she gave the crew lunch. Mind you, she didn't ask me if it was OK or if I wanted the leftovers for my own lunch. I wouldn't mind, but I'm wondering if this is typical. —

CLEANING CREW LUNCH
DEAR CLEANING CREW: Let me put it this way: It is intelligent and hospitable to

offer lunch if you want a happy, energetic cleaning crew who look forward to coming back. The practice is NOT uncommon.

P.S. If there are leftovers you would like to have for lunch, take them with you before the housekeepers arrive.

DEAR READERS: Monday we celebrated the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the visionary civil rights leader who was assassinated in 1968. So many of his words ring as true today as when they were first spoken: "All progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face-to-face with another problem." (This applies to many aspects of life today.) — LOVE, ABBY

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Community Calendar

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

Today
ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

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.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BR-ANNA'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
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

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

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

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday
SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.
EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.
ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third

Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

PTSD SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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

Sudoku

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	5			9	8		1	
7				1		2		
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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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Public opinion polls aren't reliable

By **BUD HERRON**

The Republic (Columbus)

There are lies, damned lies and public opinion polls. That is my misquoting of a quip often attributed to Mark Twain. The original quote was about statistics, but describes opinion polls so well I feel Twain wouldn't mind the plagiarism.

(In my defense, Twain attributed the quote to British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, who also claimed he never said it, so I figure it is fair game for theft.)

We should all embroider that quote on a throw pillow and keep it on our recliners as America enters what we call an "off election, election year." That's a year when we don't vote for a president, so a lot of us lose interest and fail to cast a ballot, allowing more than the usual number of political lunatics to be elected by the robotic party faithful.

Across the country, 34 senators and all 435 members of the

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House of Representatives will be elected. Locally, Greg Pence's seat is up for grabs (no pun intended) in Congress. And Republican Senator Todd Young will ask us to send him back to Washington for another six-year term.

In addition, 36 out of 50 states will elect or re-elect their governor. Indiana is not one of them. Our next crack at picking a governor will be in 2024.

By then, the power-grabbing General Assembly supermajority may have made the position obsolete, eliminating the need for a governor at all. So brace yourself for a pandemic of public opinion polls.

Sadly and frighteningly, no vaccine is available to prevent these polls — leaving us to suffer through the phone calls, snail mail, emails, text messages and computer links asking us to spill our political beans.

Some of the polls are not actually polls at all. They are political propaganda devices sent out by candidates to show they want input on issues when they actually just want to appear to want input. Their questions often assume the correct answer — "Do you back my re-election to Congress or are you anti-American?"

Other polls are sent out by professional polling organizations hired by allegedly unbiased news organizations. These are the expert professional pollsters who elected Hillary Clinton president in 2016.

Polling organizations constantly stress their polling is "scientific" and accurate when viewed within a statistical

"margin of error." I suspect the "margin of error" is mostly created by two factors: 1. Interviewees are notorious liars when asked personal questions; 2. A lot of the people who write the questions live on another planet.

Public opinion pollsters seem to be intent on dividing those responding to their questions into stereotypic categories. Two of the usual categories are "with a college degree" and "without a college degree." This always strikes me as a way the poll takers have learned to be polite as they say "informed people" and "uninformed people."

Shouldn't they also have categories called "ignorant college graduates" and "well-read high school dropouts" and "high school graduates who can fix a computer" and "college graduates who can't fix a cheese sandwich"?

They also like to segregate answers by sex, race and place

of residence — creating more monolithic stereotypes for TV analysts to exploit while standing in front of the "big board" on election night. How else would they be able to tell us with purported authority that "the rural vote may explain why a goat is now governor of Nebraska" or "suburban women overwhelmingly back candidates who oppose taxes on imported wine."

While I find all this poll taking entertaining, I have long ago quit believing in the "scientific validity" of most of it. I have developed my own method of deciding the outcome of elections.

The margin of error is a consistent 50-50. I just flip a coin.

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Keep fighting for democracy

The Washington Post

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it is perhaps more important than ever to recall King's immortal expression of hope, a paraphrase of a 19th century abolitionist minister: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

King preached both urgency and patience — nonviolent perseverance in the face of fire hoses, dogs, beatings, lynchings. Every second of marginalization was intolerable. Yet it took a decade after King's 1955 Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott for Congress to approve the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Enslaved Americans had been freed a century before. King did not lose hope. He kept working. He believed that most people feel compassion for their fellow human beings, even if it can take time for some to recognize themselves in others — and even more for this recognition to change minds.

Though the challenges today are different, it is increasingly hard to hold on to this hope and faith in each other. Compassion across political and social disagreements appears to be disappearing. Abhorrent beliefs are hardening rather than softening. Americans increasingly refuse to venture outside their bubbles — physical and virtual zones of the like-minded that are filled with varying amounts of misinformation.

Thus, a once-in-a-century pandemic is exacerbated by people who refuse to accept miracle vaccines and the politicians who pander to them. A disturbingly large number of voters, concentrated on the right, now believe that anti-democratic violence is acceptable. And, most important for King's legacy, the political system is failing to protect the voting rights of minorities in the United States.

The Supreme Court in 2013 gutted the Voting Rights Act. Republican-run states have since

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passed waves of laws that are designed to make voting harder, with a disproportionate impact on minority communities. There was once a bipartisan commitment in Congress to protect all Americans' voting rights. Now, Republicans block bills that would impose modest minimum standards for voting access and they balk at efforts to repair the Voting Rights Act they once overwhelmingly supported.

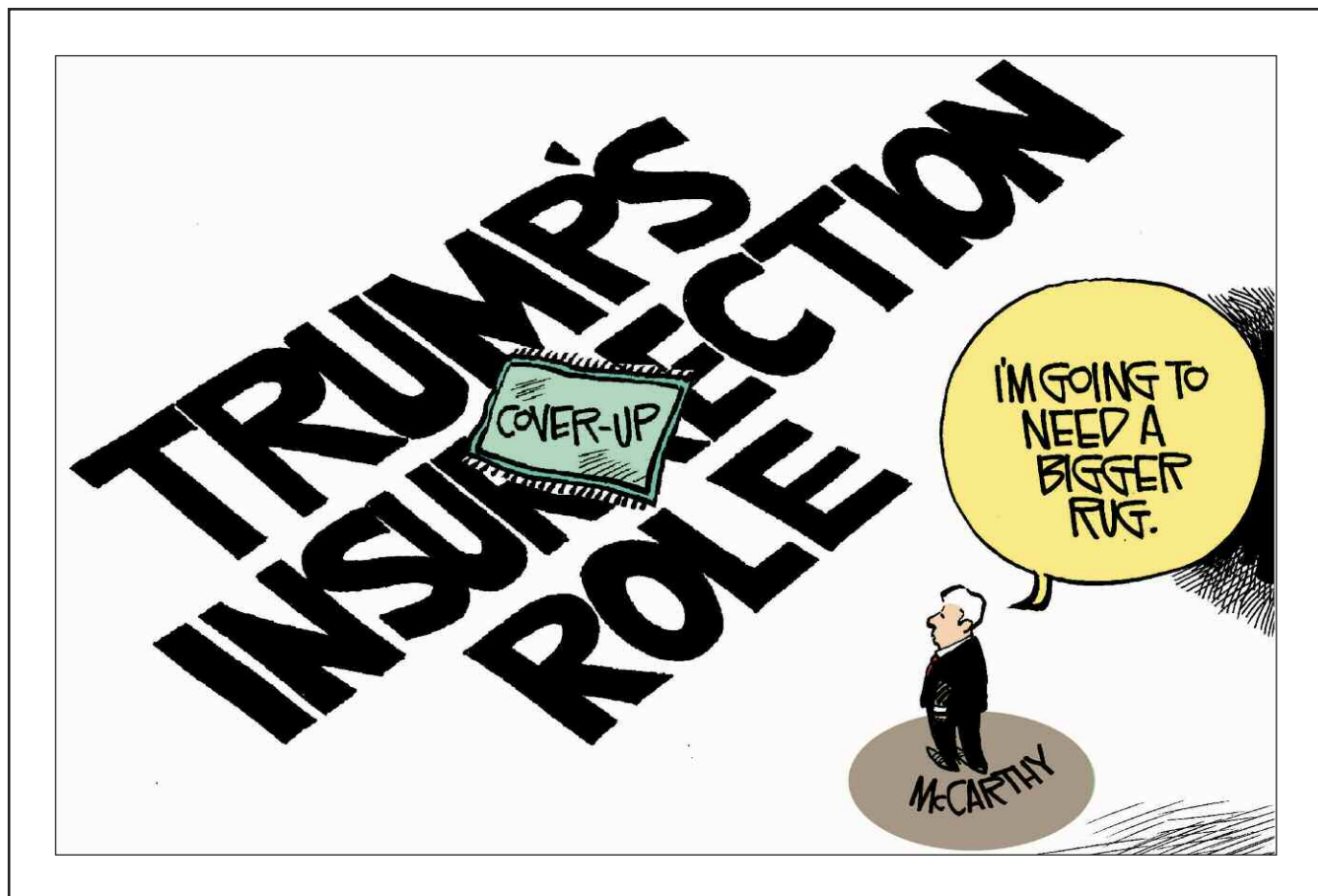
King would not have lost hope. He would have kept working. "The road ahead is not altogether a smooth one. There are no broad highways that lead us easily and inevitably to quick solutions. But we must keep going," he declared in Montgomery in 1965.

It is crucial to seize every opportunity for progress, even if it feels small and insufficient in the moment. Senate Republicans are poised to block voting access bills this upcoming week, and Democratic holdouts refuse to change the chamber's rules to ease their passage.

But some have expressed interest in insulating the election process from partisans who would subvert the results. As important as enabling Black Americans to vote is ensuring that their votes are counted over the objections of those seeking to label their ballots illegitimate.

If there is an opportunity to make even a small amount of progress, leaders of conscience must seize it.

Then they should redouble their efforts — in towns, cities, counties, states, the courts and Congress — to do more. King's hope for the future was not an invitation for complacency. The arc of the moral universe will not bend itself.



Arizona may impact 2024 election

By **PAUL WALDMAN**

The Washington Post

Electoral politics today can feel like a combination of the mundane and the terrifying. In many places, debates and elections between relatively sane adversaries take place as they always have. Yet in others, more than a moment's observation leads one to fear that the American system is cracking apart.

Those of us who sit up nights worrying about the next few years — not that our favored candidates might lose, but that the stage is being set for a collapse of our democracy — can easily be accused of getting too worked up over minor problems and the utterances of a few kooks. And maybe we are; the future is always uncertain. But if you look at a place such as Arizona — where the fate of U.S. democracy could well be decided — it's hard not to feel afraid.

Former president Donald Trump went there Saturday for a rally of the faithful, and what was most disturbing wasn't even Trump's own litany of lies and conspiracy theories. If you sat through Trump's tired recitation of the old hits, you'd think he was slipping into irrelevance, a pathetic loser trying to convince a dwindling cadre of fans he was still relevant.

No, what mattered about the event was the parade of Arizona politicians who came to pay tribute to him, one more deranged than the next, each there because they hope they can ride Trump's support to their own positions of power.

And they just might.

Amid the expected GOP congressmen and right-wing media figures was Kari Lake, the former local news anchor whose campaign for Arizona governor is based on her embrace of

Paul Waldman



Trump's election lies. She has said the leading Democratic candidate, Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, should be imprisoned for presiding over a fair election in 2020. Trump has endorsed Lake, and she leads in primary polls.

And there was secretary of state candidate Mark Finchem, whom Trump has also endorsed. You probably haven't heard of Finchem, but it is almost impossible to exaggerate what a fanatic he is. He came to Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, to protest the election, and he maintains that the vote in Arizona was stolen. Finchem is a QAnon conspiracy theorist who says there are "a whole lot of elected officials" who participate "in a pedophile network in the distribution of children." He is also a self-proclaimed member of the far-right Oath Keepers.

Imagine for a moment: It's 2024, we have an incredibly close presidential election, and it all comes down to Arizona, where the election is being run by an Oath Keeper and QAnon conspiracy theorist who has devoted himself to the mission of making sure Donald Trump gets elected.

If that doesn't frighten you, I don't know what would.

Trump himself is not bothering to hide his intention of getting officials elected who will be in a position to steal the 2024 election for him. "We

have to be a lot sharper the next time when it comes to counting the vote," he said in a recent video. "Sometimes the vote counter is more important than the candidate. . . . They have to get tougher and smarter." All over the country, Republicans who promote Trump's lies about 2020 are running for secretary of state. And some of them are going to win.

There are signs an increasing number of Republicans are worried that Trump might lead their party to future defeats. A few are even willing to quietly disagree with him here and there. But there is still no doubt he controls the party. He'll be the presidential nominee if he runs in 2024 (as it increasingly appears he will). When he endorses a primary candidate, there's a good chance that person is going to win. Conservative media is still in thrall to him. Every Republican knows that if they oppose him, they risk their careers. His grip is secure.

And Arizona is one of his key projects. Like Georgia, it's a formerly red state that has been trending blue, where he lost narrowly last time and where some Republicans in the state's power structure were unwilling to go along with his attempt to undo the election results. So he's moving to purge those Republicans and replace them with his own slate of far-right candidates who will be judged on one measure above all: Are they willing to repeat his lies about 2020 to prove they'll be there for him if he needs to steal the 2024 election?

There are plenty of commentators who will say that liberal warnings about our democracy being in peril are overblown. I hope they're right. But I wish there was more reason to think they are.

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Hong Kong to euthanize rodents

By SHIBANI MAHTANI and THEODORA YU

HONG KONG — Hong Kong has asked pet shops and owners to hand over close to 2,000 hamsters for culling by authorities, after 11 of the small rodents tested positive for the coronavirus in a pet shop. The territory has also suspended the import of small animals.

Authorities announced the decision today after the city's health experts found two groups of hamsters, which originated in the Netherlands and arrived in Hong Kong on Dec. 22 and Jan. 7, to be "high-risk" for

Hamsters have tested positive for COVID-19

carrying the novel coronavirus. The hamsters turned over by pet owners will be killed to "cut the transmission chain," health officials said.

"Evidence shows that the hamsters are infected with the COVID-19 virus. It is impossible to quarantine and observe each of them

and their incubation period could be long," said Leung Siu-fai, the director of Hong Kong's Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

The role of pets in coronavirus transmission has been studied and debated since the start of the pandemic, but for the most

part, infection appears to be a one-way street, with animals catching the virus from their owners and generally recovering quickly.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called the risk of animals spreading the virus to people "low" but noted that it "can spread from people to animals during close contact." The exception appears to be minks, with cases of humans being infected by them.

In 2020, Denmark culled some 17 million commercially raised minks after they were found to be at risk of carrying the coronavirus. The government

later admitted that the minks were improperly killed and buried, and a commission has been established to look into the case.

In cramped Hong Kong, hamsters have been popular as cute and low-maintenance pets.

The city, like mainland China, is holding firm to a policy of "zero COVID," imposing extreme, 21-day quarantine requirements on anyone arriving from overseas. The territory was able to maintain zero local infections for weeks until December, when two flight attendants returning from the United States who were infected with the highly

transmissible omicron variant went out into the community.

Last week, a 23-year-old woman working at a pet shop called Little Boss in Hong Kong's Causeway Bay was found to be infected with the delta variant, which has been rare in the city. At the same time, several hamsters in the pet shop also tested positive for the coronavirus. Health officials in Hong Kong are investigating this as a possible case of animal-to-human transmission because two other human infections, one confirmed and one preliminary, have been linked to the pet store.

Consider ...

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The bill would allow nursing programs that have been operating for five years or longer and have an 80% or higher rate of students passing the state licensing exam to increase enrollment at any rate they deem appropriate, rather than current limit of 25% a year.

The bill would also allow nurses with a bachelor's degree to teach associate-level

nursing courses if they are enrolled and making progress in a master's degree program. Other provisions would allow more than half of nursing program instructors to be part-time and permit schools to conduct more of a student's clinical training time with simulations using mannikins and role-playing.

Indiana will need an additional 5,000 nurses by 2031, and cur-

rently needs to increase the number of nursing students graduating each year by 1,350, said Republican Rep. Ethan Manning of Denver, the bill's sponsor.

"It's a problem that existed before, but the pandemic has made the problem worse, like many other things," Manning said.

Ivy Tech Community College, which graduates about 1,300 nurses a year, said it had to

turn down 300 qualified students last year because it didn't have enough spots open. The bill would let Ivy Tech increase nursing spots by 600 a year by allowing it to hire more adjunct faculty that could teach courses and oversee clinical simulation training, said Mary Jane Michalak, the college's vice president of public affairs.

Norma Hall, the nursing school dean at the University

of Indianapolis, said she opposed provisions in the bill allowing schools to provide up to half of clinical training through simulation, rather than on real patients.

"This violates our national accreditation standard, which allows for simulation to be used as a supplement to, but not a replacement for, actual contact hours with patients," she said.

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But he is pressing ahead Tuesday as advocates push to put senators on record, despite the expectation that no bill will pass by week's end.

Senators have been working nonstop for weeks on rules changes that could win support from Sinema and Manchin, only to see their efforts repeatedly dashed. The two senators, both moderates, have expressed openness to discussing the ideas, but have not given them their backing.

Both Manchin and Sinema have argued that pre-

serving the Senate filibuster rules as they are, at the 60-vote threshold to advance legislation, is important for fostering bipartisanship. They also warn of what would happen if Republicans win back majority control, as is distinctly possible this election year, and could easily pass GOP-backed bills.

Sinema came under particularly fierce criticism on social media for invoking King as well as the late Rep. John Lewis, whose name is on the legislation, despite her refusal to change the rules.

Blame also fell to Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who is leading his party against the voting legislation. The Kentucky Republican has argued the legislation is a federal overreach into state-run elections, and he harshly criticized Biden's speech last week as "unpresidential."

Civil rights leaders have implored the Senate to act swiftly, as states are passing laws that many argue will make it more difficult for Black Americans and others to vote by consolidating polling locations, refusing to allow water dis-

tribution in long lines and requiring certain types of identification.

"We cannot think of a time more defining to the American story than the chapter you are presently writing," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson wrote in an open letter to the Senate.

"What country will your children and grandchildren be left with, given the relentless assaults on American freedom and democracy?"

Manchin spokeswoman Sam Runyon said in a statement late Monday: "Senator Manchin believes

strongly that every American citizen of legal age has not only the right, but also the responsibility to vote and that right must be protected by law. He continues to work on legislation to protect this right."

Sinema's office did not respond to a request for comment.

The voting bill was the Democrats' top priority this Congress, and the House swiftly approved H.R. 1 only to see it languish in the Senate.

Now called the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, the package before the Senate includes some of

the most sweeping changes to elections in a generation, including making Election Day a national holiday and requiring access to early voting and mail-in ballots that became overwhelmingly popular during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Boys ...

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The two teams had traded the lead through a low-scoring first quarter, with Jay County leading 8-6 at the first stop. The Patriots then racked up 17 points in the second stanza to take a 25-18 lead into halftime.

Jay County had a 36-28 lead heading into the final period before Woodlan opened the quarter with a 13-2 run to take that aforementioned 41-38 lead.

That set the stage for the heroics from Dirksen and Dowlen.

Jay County coach Jerry Bomholt said the Patriots responded well to the Warriors' challenge.

"We needed an offensive and a defensive play," Bomholt said.

Dirksen said it was a matter of staying calm, knowing what needed to be done and then doing it.

"We had to stay in control, not turn the ball over, and take the right shots," Dirksen said.

Box score				
Jay County Patriots vs. Woodlan Warriors	Woodlan (9-7)			
	FG	FT-FTA	PTS	
Fox	0	0-1	0	
Lichty	2	0-0	5	
Reidy	6	5-6	19	
Smith	3	0-0	9	
Miller	3	0-0	8	
Totals	19	5-6	41	
Score by quarters:				
Jay Co.	8	12	11	8 — 44
Woodlan	6	12	10	13 — 41
3-point goals: Jay County 4 (Dowlen, E. Dirksen, Bogenschütz, Pearson); Woodlan 8 (Smith 3, Reidy 2, Miller 2, Lichty).				
Personal fouls: Jay County 10, Woodlan 8.				

Meanwhile, as Dowlen shadowed the Warrior guard bringing the ball up the court, one thing was going through his mind.

"Don't let him shoot," Dowlen said.

Dowlen got the steal, raced about three quarters of the way down the court and executed a perfect layup with less

than five seconds remaining.

Dirksen led Jay County with 18 points. Dowlen added seven.

Joe Reidy had 19 points to lead all scorers for Woodlan.

The Patriots, who have won four in a row, return to action Friday night when they host South Adams in an ACAC contest.

Girls ...

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The advantage moved to as many as nine points in the second half before Woodlan closed to within 33-29 midway through the fourth quarter.

But Schwieterman said she and her teammates stepped things up on defense as they limited the Warriors to just two points the rest of the way.

Jay County coach Kirk Comer agreed that the Patriots' defense made the difference.

"It was just enough to get us over the hump," Comer said. "We wanted to hang in there and make a couple of plays, and we were able to do that."

It helped pick things up when the shooting was off the mark. The Patriots hit for just 26% from the field in the first half and were just 9-of-20 (45%) from the line on the night.

Schwieterman said things felt off in warmups, and that could have been part of the reason for the offensive struggles.

Box score				
Class 3A No. 5 Jay County Patriots vs. Woodlan Warriors	Woodlan (15-4)			
	FG	FT-FTA	PTS	
Klopfenstein	0	0-0	0	
Roney	0	0-0	0	
Eager	0	0-0	0	
Smith	3	3-5	9	
Krohn	3	0-0	7	
Kneubuhler	6	1-1	14	
Totals	12	5-6	31	
Score by quarters:				
Jay Co.	8	12	7	11 — 38
Woodlan	10	4	8	9 — 31
3-point goals: Jay County 1 (Schwieterman); Woodlan 2 (Schwieterman 4, Krohn, Neubuhler).				
Personal fouls: Jay County 11, Woodlan 13.				

"We have to be prepared to play starting in warmups," Schwieterman said. "Then that'll carry over into the game."

She added that she and her teammates hope winning the ACAC tournament will be a boost as the Patriots kick things into high gear for the postseason.

The IHSAA sectional

draw will be held Sunday, with Jay County in a group that also includes defending champion No. 6 Hamilton Heights.

Madison Dirksen followed Schwieterman with seven points for the Patriots, and Gabi Bilbrey chipped in with six.

Taylor Kneubuhler led Woodlan with 14 points.

Roundup ...

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At Garrett, Khoden Bentz (8-and-younger 49 pounds) placed second and Bryce VanSkyock (10-and-younger 67 pounds) took third. And at Monrovia, 8-and-younger grapplers Blake Wood

(47 pounds) and Parker Huntsman (61 pounds) finished second and third, respectively.

Flyers top FR boys

MARIA STEIN — Fort Recovery's boys basketball team just

couldn't quite keep up with the host Marion Local Flyers on Friday night in a 43-35 defeat.

The Indians (8-4, 2-2 Midwest Athletic Conference) managed just two field goals in the first quarter and two in the third, but

still trailed just 28-21. They pushed their scoring in the fourth, but Marion Local (8-2, 2-1 MAC) hit seven free throws in the final period to keep the Tribe at a distance.

Only four Fort Recovery play-

ers scored in the game, with Cale Rammel totaling a team-high 13 points. Landon Post joined him in double figures with 11 points.

Brady Ronnebaum led a balanced effort for the Flyers with 11 points.

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TWO TITLES

JCHS sweeps ACAC Tournament



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Renna Schwieterman, a Jay County High School junior, cuts down the net Saturday night following the Class 3A No. 5 Patriots' 38-31 victory over Woodlan in the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament championship game at South Adams. Schwieterman scored 21 points and was named the Hilliard Gates Most Valuable Player for the second straight season.

By DAVID VANTRESS
The Commercial Review

BERNE — Good basketball teams find a way to win on nights when they aren't their sharpest.

The Class 3A No. 5 Jay County High School girls basketball team fit that description in their Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament championship game against Woodlan on Saturday night at South Adams' Stardome.

Neither team looked to be at its usual sharpness, and both teams struggled to get shots to fall both from the field and at the free-throw line. But at the end of the night, the Patriots made just enough plays to win their sixth ACAC tournament crown, besting the Warriors 38-31.

Renna Schwieterman was named Hilliard Gates Most Valuable Player for the second straight season as her 21 points powered the Patriots to their 13th consecutive victory, their longest streak since sweeping the 2008-09 regular season.

The loss halted an eight-game winning streak for Woodlan.

Jay County (16-2), which beat the Warriors (15-4) by three in November, was in a tight game again Saturday, trailing by two after the first quarter before pushing to a 20-14 halftime lead.

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By DAVID VANTRESS
The Commercial Review

BERNE — Often, a basketball game comes down to making one or two critical plays.

Or not making them. Saturday night at Stardome on the campus of South Adams High School, the Jay County boys basketball team got two key plays in the closing minute to rally for a 44-41 win over Woodlan in the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament championship game.

It marked the first ACAC Tournament title for the Patriots since 2016.

Trailing 38-36 late, the Warriors (9-7) got a quick five-point spurt on consecutive possessions to take a 41-38 lead into the closing seconds. But then it was Jay County's turn to step up when it counted.

Ethan Dirksen scored back-to-back buckets to give the Patriots (11-2) a 42-41 lead with less than 20 seconds left in regulation.

And then Joshua Dowlen came up huge on defense, getting a steal and coast-to-coast layup with time winding down to seal the win and ignite both the Jay County bench and the large crowd that made the short trip north on U.S. 27.

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Jay County High School senior Ethan Dirksen trims off a piece of the net Saturday night at South Adams after the Patriots defeated Woodlan 44-41 to win the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament championship game. It marked the first ACAC tournament title for JCHS since 2016.

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Wendel sets record

Sage Wendel has a new record. Wendel set a new mark in the boys 500-yard freestyle Monday night as the Fort Recovery High School swim teams finished second in a three-team meet.

The FRHS girls scored 69 points to trail New Bremen (87) and finish ahead of St. Henry (18). The Indian boys had 20 points for second behind New Bremen (90) and ahead of St. Henry (13).

Wendel was the star of the night, breaking the school record in the 500 freestyle in 5 minutes, 51.06 seconds. He was also first in the 200 freestyle.

Teigen Fortkamp was the lone double winner for the girls team, earning first-place finishes in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. Also picking up victories for the Fort Recovery girls were Joelle Kaup (50 freestyle), Melissa Laux (diving) and Audra Bulp (100 breaststroke).

FR girls fade in 3rd

FORT RECOVERY — A disastrous third quarter destroyed the Fort Recovery girls basketball team's chances of picking up its third win Saturday as it fell 51-25 to the visiting South Adams Starfires.

The Indians (2-12) trailed by just two points at halftime as both teams struggled to get much offense going. But South Adams (10-6) exploded in the third quarter to outscore FRHS 24-4 and put the game well out of reach.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp was the top scorer for Fort Recovery, getting all of her six points in the final period. Grace Gugenbiller, Cali Wendel and Mara Pearson followed with four points apiece.

Macy Pries led the Starfires with 17 points. Fifteen of those came in the third

Local roundup

quarter, when she hit three 3-points. Peyton Pries added 16 points for SAHS.

Patriot JV second

STRAUGHN — The Jay County High School junior varsity wrestling team just missed a tournament title Saturday, going 4-1 for a second-place finish at the Tri-High Varsity Invitational.

The Patriots topped Wapahani 52-22, Tri 78-0, Centerville's JV 57-18 and Victory College Prep 69-0. It's lone loss came to North-eastern, 42-36.

Cameron Clark (138) and Daidrick Retz (145) were both undefeated with 4-0 records. Griffin Byrum (113/120) went 3-0 in contested matches.

Also finishing with winning records in contested matches were Trey Nichols (152) at 3-1 and Kaleb Meadows (132) at 1-0.

Abernathy wins

Jay County Wrestling Club had athletes competing at three different sites in individual tournaments over the weekend, with Kendall Abernathy earning a tournament title.

Abernathy took first place at 101 pounds in the 14-and-younger tournament at Carmel. Morgan Abernathy was the runner-up in the 12-and-younger 69-pound bracket.

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Batum's 32 down Indy

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Nicolas Batum scored all of his season-high 32 points in the second half, Reggie Jackson added 26 points and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Indiana Pacers 139-133 on Monday in a matchup of sub-.500 teams.

Marcus Morris had 21 points for the Clippers, who snapped a two-game skid with their highest-scoring game of the season. Batum and Jackson combined to score 33 of their team's 35 points in the fourth.

"I didn't do anything crazy, I was just wide-

open," Batum said. "I just played off of those guys and made some shots."

Caris LeVert had 26 points and nine rebounds before fouling out with 28 seconds to play and the Pacers down by five. Chris Duarte added 24 points, seven rebounds and six assists as seven Pacers scored in double figures. They've lost four in a row and 10 of 11.

The Pacers got within three with 30 seconds left on LeVert's basket after trailing by 13 earlier in the fourth. But Jackson scored the Clippers' final seven points to close out the win. "His pace was really good, attacking and get-

ting downhill," Clippers coach Tyrone Lue said. "His pace is what really changed the game for us."

The Clippers have struggled offensively of late, but they shot 55% from the floor and as a team made 18 3-pointers.

"It's great to play like that," Batum said. "Everybody is touching the ball and everybody's shooting."

Down 19 points in the third, the Pacers made a run to start the fourth. They scored 10 in a row and later cut their deficit to 109-102 on a wide-open dunk by Goga Bitadze, who finished with a career-high 17 points.