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Charge filed for Portland man's death

Perez faces Level 1 felony for the death of David Riley

A Portland man is facing a Level 1 felony count in connection with another Portland man's death from an incident involving drugs.

Luis J. Perez, 31, 128 W. 3rd St., was charged with dealing in a controlled substance resulting in death, a Level 1 felony, Jan. 11 in Jay Circuit Court for the death of David R. Riley.

Perez is being held on a \$55,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case, Portland police received a 911 call regarding a possible overdose Sept. 6 at 904 N. Franklin St. When officers arrived, they found David R. Riley on the floor.

Riley was later pronounced dead at the scene.

Riley's 12-year-old son told police they were watching a movie when he noticed his father was unconscious. An autopsy reported the cause of his death was a mixture of several drugs, including fentanyl.

Riley's roommate, Donald W. Burress, said in a police interview Dec. 27 he saw a red Durango pull in front of their home about 11 a.m. and heard Riley and the driver go into the bathroom. About an hour later, Riley's son informed him Riley was not breathing.

Police interviewed Perez, who drives a red Durango. According to the affidavit, Perez said he sold Riley two capsules earlier Sept. 6. He said Riley inhaled the contents of one of the capsules.

In Indiana, a Level 1 felony carries a 20 to 40-year sentence, with an advisory sentence of 30 years.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

\$100 heave

Jay County High School athletic trainer Spencer Tonner was selected to take the FCC halftime half-court shot Friday night during the Patriot boys basketball team's game against South Adams. FCC agreed to donate the regular \$100 prize to the JCHS Student Council if Tonner at least hit the backboard or the rim. He delivered, smacking his shot off the backboard on the southwest corner of the gym. For coverage of the game, see page 10.

Jobs website will shut down

Hoosier Opportunity launched in spring 2017

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A website launched five years ago in an effort to highlight regional job opportunities is being retired.

Jay County Development Corporation announced recently that the Hoosier Opportunity website — hoosieropportunity.com — will shut down Jan. 31.

The decision was announced in an email to employers that have set up a profile on the website, which is a partnership between Jay, Randolph and Wayne counties.

"After careful consideration, including an employer survey, we've made the decision to end operation of the Hoosier Opportunity website effective January 31st, 2022," the email from JCDC executive director Travis Richards said. "We were at a crossroads. In order to improve performance, the website would need a complete upgrade at a significant cost. Before we invested valuable resources we wanted to find out if our efforts would be worth it. Based on employer feedback, the short answer was no."

While official quotes were not obtained for the website upgrades, Richards estimated the cost to be at least \$20,000.

The initial start-up cost for the website was \$33,600 when it was being developed in 2016 and '17. Since then, Jay, Randolph and Wayne counties have contributed \$10,000 each year toward operation and upkeep for the website as well as advertising.

The employer survey sent out by Jay County Development Corporation showed only 7.7% of those who responded always used the site when posting jobs. Thirty-eight percent said they never used the site.

In addition, about 82% of respondents said shutting down the website would

not negatively impact their hiring process.

Wayne County received similar responses when surveying employers in its communities.

"It was pretty stark," Richards said.

The Jay County Development Corporation board voted in April 2016 to begin fundraising toward creating a regional jobs website in partnership with Randolph and Wayne Counties. The goal was to mimic the site off of Hometown Opportunity, a partnership between Mercer, Auglaize and Darke counties that had been successful in marketing jobs in west-central Ohio.

"I like to refer to this website really as a match-maker service, for matching people who have jobs with people who want a job," Bill Bradley, then executive director of JCDC, said at the time of the site's launch in May 2017. "That's what we're trying to do, on a local level."

An effort for a more of a local focus from national jobs websites and social media has changed the landscape, said Richards.

"The goal was to provide a connection point for employers and employees," he added. "At that time there were not a lot of services out there that did that. Since that time, other services ... have upped their game tremendously and they have become much more targeted."

As of Friday, there were 37 jobs listed on Hoosier Opportunity. Nearly 300 companies have profiles on the website. (Hometown Opportunity has 624 jobs and more than 700 company profiles.)

"I think our problem was it just never caught on here like it did in Ohio," said Richards.

Jay County Development Corporation is looking at other options to help local businesses and industries attract new employees. Currently, the lead option is creating a page within the JCDC website with a list of area companies that would include general information about jobs, required skills and wages, as well as a link to each firm's hiring page.

Retrospect

County launched immunization program

Twenty-five years ago this week, the county was celebrating the start of its immunization program.

The Jan. 22, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the first children's immunization clinic offered by Jay County Health Department at Jay County Courthouse.

Previously, the county had paid Community and Family Services to run the immunization program for local children.

The new program was made possible through federal and state funding. It allowed children up to age 18 to receive immunizations for free from 5 to 9 p.m. on Monday nights at the courthouse with no appointments necessary. Vaccinations at that time included those against Hepatitis B, diphtheria, Tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza, polio, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox).

On the first night, county health officer Dr. Eugene Gillum was watching quietly at the rear of the courthouse auditorium and looking for ways to improve the clinic's operation. He said he was hopeful the program would help to make vaccinations more accessible.

"I'm sure without (the clinic) there would be kids that would fall through the cracks," he said. "There's no reason for (children not receiving their shots) other than ignorance or laziness." Thirty children received

vaccines on the opening night of the clinic.

Diana Harvey, a Redkey resident, said she felt the program was a plus for county residents. She had previously used both the Community and Family Services program and private physicians.

"We don't have insurance that will pay for this," she explained of her 14-month-old son Harvey's shots. "This will take care of him until he starts school."

Michelle Michael agreed that the cost — none — and the evening hours were positives.

"I know it can be up to \$150 depending on the series of shots to have a child immunized at a doctor's office," she said.



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Michelle Michael of Pennville comforts her daughter, Emily, while the child was getting vaccinations during a visit to Jay County Health Department's immunization clinic on Jan. 22, 1997.

Deaths

Judy Reed, 81, Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 25 degrees Friday. The low was 16.

Saturday's high will be 29 with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. The low will drop to 19 overnight with snow expected beginning early Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

One new candidate filed Friday to run in the May primary election in Jay County. Adding her name to the ballot was Janet Confer for Jefferson Township Advisory Board.

Coming up

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

Wednesday — Results from Tuesday's Jay County High School swim meet.



State lawmakers waiting on decision

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers are holding off on pursuing major anti-abortion action as they await a U.S. Supreme Court decision that could roll back abortion rights across the country.

Republican legislators say they don't want to take up new Indiana restrictions until knowing how far they will be able to go under the Supreme Court decision that's not expected until after the state legislative session ends in March.

Those lawmakers might ask Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb to call the Legislature into a special session so they could

Court is not expected to rule until after end of 2022 legislative session

take action without having to wait until 2023.

Republican Sen. Liz Brown of Fort Wayne, who has sponsored several anti-abortion bills adopted in recent years, said Thursday that she was hopeful the Supreme Court will overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling

that affirmed the constitutional right to an abortion.

"Instead of putting a framework in place that we would change anyway, in a few weeks or months after the session is over, I'd rather wait and enact the framework that's going to be constitutional," Brown said.

In December, the Supreme Court's conservative majority indicated they would uphold a Mississippi ban on abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy and allow states to ban abortion even earlier. The Mississippi case directly challenges Roe.

Indiana law generally prohibits abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, with 99% of abortions in the state occurring at 13 weeks or earlier, according to a state Health Department report.

Republican Indiana Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said he could support seeking a special session on tighter abortion restrictions, depending on how the Supreme Court decides. Bray said he believed it is too complicated for the Legis-

lature to act ahead of that decision.

"To try and anticipate what that might say and draft legislation to anticipate every possible solution or opinion that they may come out with just looks completely undoable to me," Bray said.

One bill that has been taken up by legislators this session would create a specific law making it a felony criminal offense to coerce a pregnant woman into undergoing an abortion. The bill cleared a House committee last week despite criticism that it wasn't the proper response to domestic abuse tied to such actions, which could already be prosecuted under the state's law against intimidation.

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Sunday 1/23	Monday 1/24	Tuesday 1/25	Wednesday 1/26	Thursday 1/27
26/15	37/18	26/10	21/10	30/20
There's an 80% chance of snow before 1 p.m. Between 1 and 3 inches is expected.	Another chance of snow, then sleet possible in the late afternoon.	More snow is possible Tuesday, with the low dipping to around 10 degrees.	Wednesday looks to be mostly sunny, with a high near 21 degrees.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is on the horizon for Thursday.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-8-0 Daily Four: 1-5-8-5 Quick Draw: 3-6-7-20-21-23-24-39-40-41-42-45-49-50-54-57-65-70-72-80	Pick 4: 3-2-1-6 Pick 5: 9-3-6-3-5 Rolling Cash 5: 5-14-15-20-32 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-5-2 Pick 4: 5-0-0-2 Pick 5: 1-2-4-1-7 Evening Pick 3: 0-9-9	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$76 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$376 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.20 Feb. corn.....6.23 Wheat.....7.65	Wheat..... 7.70 Feb. wheat..... 7.70
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.31 Feb. corn.....6.31 March. corn.....6.26	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.11 Feb. corn.....6.11 Beans.....14.04 Feb. beans.....14.04 June wheat..... 7.78
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.11 Feb. corn.....6.16 Beans.....14.02 Feb. beans.....14.02	Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....6.11 Feb. corn.....6.11 Beans.....13.89 Feb. beans.....13.92 Wheat.....7.45

Today in history

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, declared a nationwide constitutional right to abortion.

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81 after a reign of 63 years; she was succeeded by her eldest son, Edward VII.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time in Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1947, America's first commercially licensed television station west of the Mississippi, KTLA-TV in Los Angeles, made its official debut.

In 1972, the Portland High School boys basketball team improved to 11-2 with a 65-51 victory over Anderson Highland. Randy Smith and Pat Medler each had 17 points for the Panthers.

In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, at age 104.

In 1997, the Senate confirmed Madeleine Albright as the nation's first female secretary of state.

In 1998, Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento, California, to being the Unabomber responsible for three deaths and 29 injuries in return for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

In 2006, Kobe Bryant scored 81 points, the second-highest in NBA history, in the Los Angeles Lakers' 122-104 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

In 2008, actor Heath Ledger, 28, was found dead of an accidental prescription overdose in a New York City apartment.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

Obituaries

Judy Reed

May 15, 1940-Jan. 20, 2022
Judy A. Reed, age 81, a resident of Redkey, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at her home in Redkey.

Judy was born on May 15, 1940, in Anderson, Indiana, the daughter of John and Mildred (Pate) Reed. She graduated from Anderson Community Schools and worked in the cafeteria at Anderson Community Schools for 25 years.

Judy married Joe Reed on May 17, 1963, and he passed away in 2007.

Judy was an avid fan of the Tampa Bay Rays.

Survivors include:

Her children — Jill Reed, Redkey, Indiana, Julie Barlow (husband: Dean), Redkey, Indiana, and John Reed (wife: Mitzie), Mulberry, Florida

Grandchildren —

Amanda Warner (husband: Robert), Jeremy Barlow (wife: Katie), Joel Greco, Joey Greco (wife: Erica) and Taylor Reed (husband: Andrew)

Great-grandchildren — Deaken Warner, Brayden, Brody and Layla Barlow and Aubree Forsythe

She was preceded in death by her



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husband, Joe; and a granddaughter, Kylee Reed.

Services to celebrate Judy's life will be held at a later date.

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

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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



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Alum returns

Jay County High School graduate Garrett Krieg made his first return to his alma mater as an opposing coach Friday night, leading the South Adams Starfires against the Patriots. Pictured at center, he walks the sidelines while Brady Beall of SAHS defends against the Patriots' Gavin Muhlenkamp. Krieg was a senior on the last JCHS sectional championship team in 2011 and later was an assistant coach for his father Chris Krieg, who is now a Starfire assistant.

Donnelly confirmed as ambassador

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Indiana Sen. Joe Donnelly will be heading to Rome as the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

The U.S. Senate approved Donnelly for the position in a voice vote Thursday. President Joe Biden nominated Donnelly for the ambassadorship in October.

Donnelly is a Democrat who served six years in the U.S. House from a South Bend-area district before winning election to the Sen-

ate in 2012. He lost his 2018 reelection bid to Republican Mike Braun.

Donnelly has bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Notre Dame, where he has been a part-time professor while also working for the Washington law firm Akin Gump.

Notre Dame President Rev. John Jenkins called Donnelly "a person of deep Catholic faith and commitment to public service."

"I am confident that he will serve

in this important new role with vision and integrity," Jenkins said.

"It comes as no surprise that there was broad bipartisan support for his confirmation, as he has proven throughout his career that he is committed to building relationships and working across divisions."

Indiana Republican Sen. Todd Young had endorsed Donnelly's nomination, saying "he will serve our nation well and represent the best of our Hoosier values."

SERVICES

Saturday

Fortkamp, Jean: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

Mallers, Judy: 11 a.m., Green Park Cemetery Chapel, Portland.

Cliby, Dixie: 4 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

Hein, Chuck: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

Arnold, Steed: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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D.C. firefighters add dog duo to team

By JASMINE HILTON

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — First responders defended the Capitol for hours on Jan. 6, many getting beaten, trampled and pepper-sprayed or witnessing their colleagues under assault.

A few months later, the group's pain was heightened by another attack when a driver drove his car into a gate outside the scene of the insurrection, killing one Capitol Police officer and injuring another.

After each traumatic event, a peer-support team responded to provide emotional and mental health support to their colleagues. One jurisdiction brought in a dog. The canine turned out to be an icebreaker and a source of comfort that made it easier for people to open up.

"That dog changed everything from my standpoint watching," Sgt. Scott Creelman of the D.C. Fire and EMS Department and a peer-support team member, said. "That dog was simply amazing."

Seeing that success, the D.C. fire department and D.C. Firefighters Association, International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 36, added two

Animals offer mental, emotional support to first responders

furry companions as members of the peer-support team in October: Levi, a 6-year-old German shepherd, and Avery, a 4-year-old chocolate Lab.

"It just makes everybody feel better when the dogs come into the room," said Levi's handler, EMS Capt. Sharon Moulton.

At a recent meeting in D.C. introducing the newest members of the peer-support team, Levi wore a vest — part of his uniform — and a knit badge that read, "Mama says I'm special."

The fire department and union created the peer-support team in 2019 to help and support members dealing with emotional stress or mental health challenges, the department said, striving to create a space where first responders can support each other and talk after traumatic events.

The team played a crucial role

after the insurrection, meeting with about 600 Capitol Police officers who needed help after the attack, the department said.

"Years past, it's always been a 'Suck it up and run with it' type thing. So people go take that home with them," Creelman said. "We want to erase that stigma that, you know, 'Everybody has to be tough.' It's OK if you need to talk to somebody. And that's how this peer-support group really got started."

Sgt. Jason Woods, peer-support team coordinator, said past programs have assisted first responders with stress and mental health, but after the department suffered multiple suicides, more efforts were taken. Woods said peer-support team members are "a team of trusted colleagues" trained to identify when a person is in crisis and then to connect them with the resources they need.

The recent addition of Levi and Avery have given the peer-support team a new tool to reach those who need help accepting help.

"People start coming up wanting to pet the dogs, and then sometimes people start opening up or they'll feel more at ease to just say, 'Hey, can I talk to you on the side?'" Woods said.

Local 36 Union President Dabney Hudson said the team arrives at stations to offer support when traumatic incidents occur, whether it be through opening up a discussion or letting first responders know they have someone there for them. The team follows up and focuses on long-term effects, such as PTSD, Hudson added. A fully staffed 24/7 hotline is also available for colleagues to call, with the option to remain anonymous.

Getting a service dog for extra support costs upward of \$30,000, but the team found another solution closer to home. Levi is Moulton's dog and Avery is Creelman's.

The two went through professional training courses and received certificates, and the dogs joined a team made up of about 45 members and two con-

tracted mental health clinicians.

Since the group is a part of the IAFF, the team is able to travel across the country to respond to departments in need. Other local law enforcement and emergency service agencies can request the peer-support team, too, Woods said.

The dogs can travel too, as department employees, ready for any mission.

"People just connect with animals differently than people, that maybe that animal would be enough to get somebody help," Moulton said.

In the coming months, the peer-support team plans to bring the dogs to positive events and outreach first through going to different firehouses to talk about peer support and how to access the program. This way, people can get familiar with them before being called to a tragic event, Moulton said.

"You sit down, you talk to people and you say, 'We're here for you,'" Moulton said.

"It makes a difference when they can just pet the dogs and connect to the dogs, and sometimes people ask to go and walk them and be alone with them for a little bit."

Chatty boyfriend causes jealousy

DEAR ABBY: I've been going out with this guy for a couple of months. The problem is, he has to ALWAYS talk to every woman he sees — from a two-second conversation to a several-minute conversation. He doesn't even know 99% of them.

When we go to a store, I feel like I'm invisible. He'll walk away from me and start talking to women. I don't trust him completely because sometimes he flirts or says something that could be taken in a sexual way, and I worry that one of these women could take it like he's interested in her.

I don't want to break up with him. I love him. But I feel I have reason to be jealous. I wish I was the only girl for him. Please give me advice. — NOT NUMBER ONE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR NOT NUMBER ONE: If you have discussed this with him and it persists, listen to your intuition. If he loved you, he would not be chatting up other women. If a man makes you feel like you are not No. 1, get rid of him before he destroys your self-esteem.

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Dear Abby



"best" way to handle this would be for you to take the bull by the horns and address the problem directly with her.

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DEAR ABBY: My 4-year-old grandson, "Johnny," is obsessed with all things military. Everything he picks up is a pretend gun, sword or blaster. I know we played cowboys and Indians as kids, pointing sticks or our hands and shouting "Pow! You're dead!" and none of us turned into shooters. But today's climate is more violent. Johnny has already gotten into trouble at preschool for pointing and making shooting noises. Is there anything we can do to discourage this behavior? Does he need professional help? — UNCLEAR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNCLEAR: Because Johnny has gotten into trouble for pretending to play with guns, his parents should explain to him why it is not OK to do that at school. Unless there is something going on with your grandson that you omitted from your letter, he should not need professional intervention for acting like a normal boy.

DEAR ABBY: We have a neighbor who likes to go out with us to the casinos, restaurants and various other places. This is doing her a favor, but she never contributes toward the transportation. When we go out with other couples, we alternate driving or help to pay for fuel. All we get from her is, "Thank you. Let me know when you're going next time."

I know she reads your column. I hope she reads this and realizes this sounds like her and takes the hint. What do you think is the best way to handle this situation? — ALWAYS THE TAXI

DEAR ALWAYS: Your friend may be an avid "Dear Abby" reader, but what if — heaven forbid — she misses the column today and doesn't see your letter? The

Community Calendar

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

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first

and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will

meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

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

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tues-

day of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland.

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools
January 24-28

Monday: Main Entrees: Chicken alfredo sauce, penne pasta
Alternate Entrees: Pancakes, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas

Tuesday: Main entrees: Beef, bean and cheese burrito, salsa, sour cream 1oz
Alternate Entrees: Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Rotini with Italian meat sauce, garlic breadstick
Alternate Entrees: Pancakes, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

Thursday: Main Entrees: Breaded chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, whole grain dinner roll, chicken gravy
Alternate Entrees: Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** rainbow veggie medley

Friday: Main Entrees: Sausage & pancake stick, syrup
Alternate Entrees: Pancakes, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Smile potatoes

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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Outgoing official urges getting involved

To the editor:
I want to thank the residents of Redkey for voting for me in the 2018 election for town council.

I will not be seeking re-election.

I enjoyed working with the people of Redkey, and it was a pleasure to serve you.

I would like to encourage everyone to get involved.

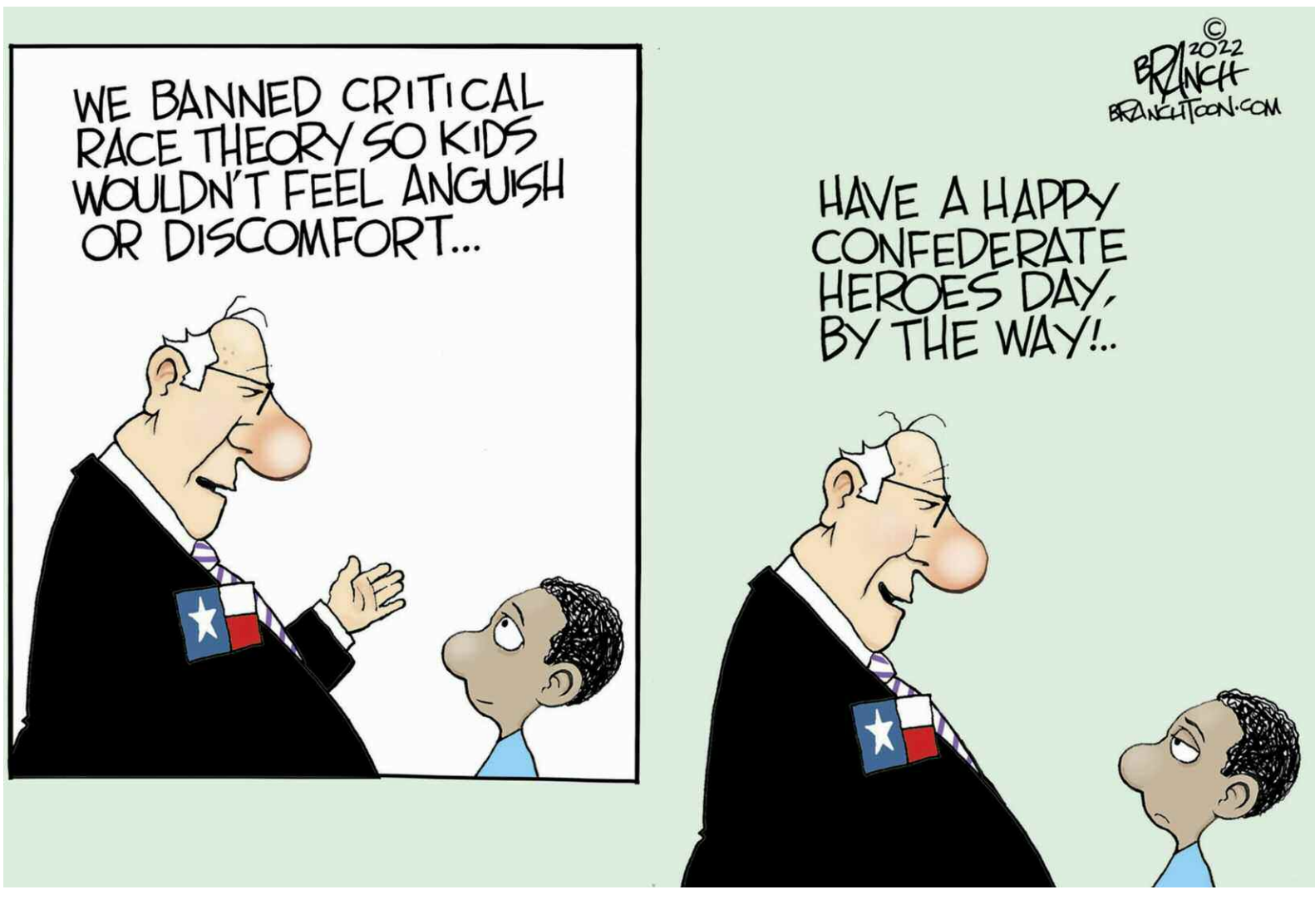
Go vote.
We need more people to run for council, go to meetings and take a stand for what's right.

Our ordinances need to be changed to treat Redkey people right.

Again, thank you for your support.

Randy May
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Letters to the Editor



Paid sick leave should be required

The Washington Post

The United States is one of only 11 countries on the planet that do not mandate paid sick leave at the national level.

This has long been problematic, but in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and as the omicron variant is spreading rapidly, it's disgraceful that a significant proportion of American workers do not have access to paid sick leave.

That puts too many — including those who earn the least — in a position of having to choose between going to work with COVID-19 or staying home and losing several days of income.

Nearly 80% of American workers have at least some paid sick leave, according to a Labor Department survey last year, but that masks a disparity: 95% of the highest-paid workers have access to paid sick leave, while only 35% of the lowest-paid workers do.

At the beginning of the pandemic, Republicans and Democrats in Congress came together to pass emergency legislation to aid the economy and require more firms to offer paid sick leave. But that requirement is now gone. Last year, Democrats also passed the American Rescue Plan, which included a tax break for companies that offered paid sick leave. That incentive expired in September.

If Congress moves forward with any sort of omicron relief, it should include a requirement that all companies offer emergency paid sick leave. At a minimum, this should be in place for pandemic-related absences.

Omicron has brought into focus how

Guest Editorial

quickly the virus spreads when sick people don't stay home. About 5 million Americans are home sick or isolating, according to research firm Capital Economics.

Many front-line workers in grocery stores and restaurants are especially at risk since they are the least likely to have paid sick leave. Red Lobster workers are among those who have reported they are going to work ill because of a lack of paid sick leave. McDonald's offers 10 days of paid sick leave for crew members in corporate-owned stores, and Domino's Pizza offers five, but most locations for these well-known brands are franchises that don't have the same policies.

Prominent retailers, including Walmart, Amazon, CVS and Walgreens, just scaled back their paid sick leave from two weeks to one after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reduced its recommended quarantine guideline to five days.

Fourteen states and Washington, D.C., mandate paid sick leave, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, but that's not enough. The fact that almost every other nation in the world requires paid sick leave shows that employers are more than capable of protecting their workers — and customers — by doing the right thing.

Congress should require all companies to offer paid sick leave.

Vision is quietly being realized

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Last weekend we set aside time to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and reflect upon his influence. Classrooms around the country replayed some of his speeches, and students together read his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." It is necessary that they did so, and no Americans can count themselves as truly educated who have not read much of his most popular arguments.

King's words are part of the canon of American political writing, and belong to a long tradition of Enlightenment thought. His best belongs in the same intellectual anthology as that of Jefferson, Lincoln and Thomas Paine. The essence of the American aspirations towards freedom can be understood by cobbling together just a few paragraphs from Paine's "Rights of Man," Jefferson's second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address, along with King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" and "I Have a Dream" speech.

Few readers likely experience the same misty-eyed affection for these words as do I. But, they cannot help but move even the most cynical observer of the American experience. Even an hour spent reading these words might allow us to better appreciate one another as we go about building a more perfect union.

Recent years have been difficult on the perception of growing racial comity and justice that nearly all Americans hoped would mark the passage of time. Sadly, it is difficult to write about race, in part because so many minefields have been set by people of bad faith. Moreover, there are too many gatekeepers to debate, when it is a subject for all of us. Happily, this column is not about race. It is about the decisions of individual Americans as they construct the building blocks of our Republic and our economy.

A vibrant and growing economy is a tender thing, which can be readily disrupted by a lack of trust and goodwill. Trade, employment, capital investment and the purchase of goods through a lengthy supply chain all rely upon extensive trust. As I have noted before, the opposite of war is not peace, it is trade. Peace demands nothing of us but the temporary suppression of violence. Trade between people demands trust, cooperation, and interdependence. These are more difficult, but enduring, demands upon our humanity.

History provides no example of long-term economic success built upon any other social and political system than that which places the individual first. Thus, political

Michael J. Hicks



philosophies that elevate race, gender, creed or other identity above the individual are ultimately incompatible with a successful economy. For every direction, our political discourse is increasingly filled with voices that value group identity over the individual. Ultimately, these ideas will fail here, not least because of the ongoing decisions of ordinary Americans about the ways in which they organize their lives.

A look at demographic data suggests the American people are moving along with addressing racial issues at our own quick pace. Stark inequality still exists in many places, along with abundant issues to think and act upon. But, the trend is almost universally positive, towards more acceptance and opportunity. As one small example, today Black women attend college at higher rates than white men. Few listening to King's "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963 would've imagined that. Of course, this might usher in different equity issues, particularly around gender, but I'll save that for another column.

The data that most astounds me is the explosive growth in mixed-race marriages and children. For fairly obvious reasons, this is the most telling component of our nation's integration story. In 1967, the year before Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, racial intermarriage was illegal in some states. That year, Loving vs. Virginia ended miscegenation laws. Demographers have estimated that in 1967, some 3.0 percent of new marriages were of mixed race.

By 2015, more than one in six newlyweds and one in 10 of all marriages were of mixed race. This trend is accelerating and is substantially more pronounced among better-educated adults. Some of this increase is due to individuals identifying themselves as multiracial. Still, it represents a significant shift in behavior of families and communities.

This phenomenon is not linked solely to race. Interfaith marriage rose from one in five in the 1960s to one in three today. Of course, changing religion for a spouse is not uncommon, but even a half century ago some interfaith marriages were deeply frowned upon. It should not be surprising that generations of white Americans who fled religious persecution would hold tight some

prejudices. In a similar vein, same-sex marriage is relatively new, comprising one in every 120 or so marriages.

I focus on marriage because it is more effective than surveys in revealing the general feelings towards race and faith. I am sympathetic to many who argue that intermarriage changes cultures and congregations, but the ability to marry who you wish is a human right. In that light, it is time to build new cultures and congregations. That is one thing we Americans do better than anyone else. We should also view these changes as the prism of our own family experiences.

Three generations ago, marriage between an American of Scots-Irish descent, such as myself, and an Irish Catholic would've been strongly opposed by both families. I can point to examples of deeply unfulfilling lives as a consequence. The probability that either would marry an African American would likewise be small. Neither instance would be remarkable today.

When I was born in Maryland, racially mixed marriages were illegal, though not often enforced. Today it is so common that the raw chance that one of my three children will marry someone of another race is roughly 50 percent, but the real probability is higher. The rate of intermarriage is growing quickly, and young adults who've graduated from college are more likely to marry someone of a different race. Moreover, all three of my kids are pursuing military careers, and so are entering the most desegregated institutions in the nation. Veterans are more likely than non-veterans to be married to someone of another race.

Not surprisingly, these data imply that it is exposure to diverse people is driving these changes. So, whatever amplification of racial discord we might perceive today, where racial relations arguably matter most of all — within the realm of family — progress is accelerating. That doesn't mean there is not more work to be done elsewhere. Still, I can think of few better testaments to the Enlightenment-inspired vision of Martin Luther King Jr., Jr. than this. When deciding who to marry, Americans increasingly "... live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

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Ardagh earns ENERGY STAR

A company with local connections has earned another award for its energy performance.

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Aldi closing

Aldi's Winchester location will be closing.

The City of Winchester confirmed on its Facebook page Thursday that the Aldi store on the south side of the city will be shutting its doors. An exact date for the closure has not yet been announced.

The store has been in operation in Winchester for about 30 years. It moved to its current location at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Greenville Pike in 2007.

Business roundup

Stopping Saturdays

Gannett recently announced that it would eliminate Saturday print editions for 136 of its newspapers.

The change, which includes several Indiana newspapers including the Star Press (Muncie) and The Palladium-Item (Richmond), is scheduled for early March. Other papers eliminating Saturday editions in the state will be the South Bend Tribune, Evansville Courier & Press, Bloomington Herald-Times and Lafayette Journal & Courier.

The Indianapolis Star was not on the list for elimination of the Saturday edition.

Subscribers to the Gannett newspapers that are halting the print editions will get online Saturday access to the entirety of the USA Today network.

Solar planned

Invenery, which is in the process of developing Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County, also has a solar farm planned for Delaware County.

The company's Meadow Forge solar project is estimated at \$155

million. It will cover about 1,000 acres in the northwest area of the county.

Invenery has committed to up to \$2 million in economic development payments to the county and will pay about \$50 million to participating landowners over the course of the life of the facility.

"We're ready to deliver the positive impact the Meadow Forge solar project has to offer the Delaware County community and we look forward to continuing our conversations with local officials, county commissioners, landowners and community members," said Invenery's Tom Schoder said in a press release.

IBA promotes

The Indiana Bankers Association recently announced the promotion of Rod Lasley to chief operating officer.

Lasley had most recently served as the association's chief financial officer. He is also president of two companies owned by the association.

Other promotions included: •Dax Denton as chief policy officer. He previously served as senior vice president.

•Josh Myers as vice president of member engagement. He previously served as executive and government relations coordinator.

•Elizabeth DeHaven as education manager. She previously served as education meeting coordinator.

Firms leaving Myanmar

PARIS (AP) — Total Energies and Chevron, two of the world's largest energy companies, said Friday they were stopping all operations in Myanmar, citing rampant human rights abuses and deteriorating rule of law since the country's military overthrew the elected government in February.

The announcement came just a day

after the French company called for international sanctions targeting the oil and gas sector, which remains one of the military government's primary sources of funding. It also comes a month after an Associated Press story on the growing push for oil and gas sanctions on both companies and on the resistance from the United States and France.

France culls poultry

By MEGAN DURISIN
Bloomberg

French poultry farmers face a mass cull of their flocks for a second straight year as a bird flu crisis deepens across Europe.

The government on Thursday ordered poultry and waterfowl in parts of the southwest — home to France's famed foie gras industry — to be killed to help stop the spread of the disease. That follows a severe outbreak that claimed about 3.5 million poultry, mainly ducks, between autumn 2020 and spring 2021.

Bird flu, whose highly pathogenic varieties can be deadly to poultry, often spreads through migrating birds and cases typically peak in winter. Europe has been facing a grim season with outbreaks in more than two dozen countries since October, risking higher chicken prices and fewer free range eggs. That may spell more bad news for consumers already seeing near-record food costs.

Many of the cases in France have been on duck farms, including for foie gras, according to a U.K. report. The Aquitaine region is where most birds are raised to produce the luxury food, made from the liver of fattened ducks or geese. About 1.5 million poultry have already been slaughtered, foie gras industry group CIFOG said by email.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEW TYPE OF CALMING DRUG PRODUCED FROM A SOFT, SILVERY-WHITE METALLIC ELEMENT: GALLIUM VALIUM.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals C

Trivial Review
History quiz
1) Martin Luther King Jr. was 35 when he became the youngest to win what?
2) From 1735 to 1750, slavery was banned in what British American colony?
(1) The Nobel Peace Prize (2) Georgia

1-24 CRYPTOQUIP
ELTZQSASR HBRTL UVT VHD H
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TW PQWRD: KTSAA LHSKHII.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A VERY FAMOUS ACTOR VOICED A BLUE CARTOON CHARACTER, SHOULD HE BE BILLED AS EDDIE SMURFY?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals E

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to food service.
A. 25 14 21 4 2 12
B. 12 2 10 6 2 10
C. 10 2 12 25 14 24 10 14 8 25
D. 21 22 4 4

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to restaurants.
RSDKIN
Answer: Drinks

Guess Who?
I am a singer born in England on January 20, 1971. I was inspired by the band Depeche Mode, and found myself in a successful 90's pop group. I have been a judge on "The X Factor UK" and serve as a songwriter for many artists.
Answer: Gary Barlow

kids' corner
Illustration of a child's desk with a laptop, calculator, and books.

BODY FACT:
BALANCE IS A NECESSITY WHEN PLAYING THIS SPORT, WHICH INVOLVES STANDING ON THIN BLADES.
ANSWER: ICE SKATING

Crossword Puzzle
ACROSS: 1. Devices with wheels or blades, 4. Enclosed area for skating, 6. Frozen water, 7. Made a surface even and regular.
DOWN: 1. Physical activities, 2. Speak and express, 3. Ice sport, 5. Tortilla chip with cheese or other topping, 6. One-twelfth of a foot.

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New Word
SLICK
smooth, wet and slippery

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ANSWER: HOCKEY SKATE

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 Volume-based, 6 Outcome, 12 Spud, 13 Key in again, 14 Chalkboard, 15 Vineyard, 16 Classic soda, 17 "Excuse me...", 19 Tolkien creature, 20 First lady of scat, 22 Lith., once, 24 Six-pack muscles, 27 "Carmen" solo, 29 Staffer, 32 Employer's directive, 35 Hideaway, 36 Couturier Christian, 37 Science guru Bill, 38 Small tablet, 40 Iowa city.
DOWN: 42 Top card, 44 Hotel chain, 46 "Casablanca", 50 Tomorrow, 52 Witty retort, 54 Billie Eilish hit song, 55 Allow, 56 Small maps, 57 Indian yogurt dish, 1 Count with an orchestra, 4 Mineral suffix, 5 Lipstick shade, 6 Incite, 7 Salon jobs, 8 Depot (Abbr.), 9 Father of Helios, 10 Serving custom-ers, 11 Try out, 12 Stock holder, 18 Hispaniola resident, 21 Trail the pack, 23 Cutting tool, 24 100%, 25 "Don't — stranger!", 26 Allowances, 28 Perfume dispenser, 30 Parched, 31 Scrape (out), 33 Span. lady, 34 Raw mineral, 39 Dunkable treat, 41 Egyptian peninsula, 42 Both (Pref.), 43 "Misery" star James, 45 Baseball legend Willie, 47 Parade initialism, 48 Actress Ward, 49 "How — you?", 51 Mature, 53 — jiffy.

Yesterday's answer 1-22
Crossword grid with numbers 1-22.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Elementary arithmetic
South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: A 7, Q 8 4, A Q 2, A K 10 9 3.
WEST: J 10 9 6 4 3, J 9 7 3, 5 3, 2.
EAST: 8 2, 6 5, J 9 8 7 6, J 8 7 5.
SOUTH: K Q 5, A K 10 2, K 10 4, Q 6 4.
The bidding: South 1 NT, West Pass, North 4♥, East Pass, South 5 NT, West Pass, North 7 NT.
Opening lead — jack of spades.
The ability to count to 13 is obviously important in bridge, but utilizing this ability at the proper moment is quite another thing. Here is an example that illustrates the kind of difference simple arithmetic can make.
West led a spade against seven notrump after North checked for aces and kings via the Gerber Convention. South could count 12 sure tricks — three in each suit. The 13th trick had to come from either hearts or clubs, and the problem was how to guard against the possibility that both suits might break unfavorably.
South began by cashing three spade tricks, discarding a club from dummy. When East pitched a diamond on the third spade, declarer learned that West had started with six spades.
South next cashed the A-Q-K of hearts, learning that West had also started with four hearts. Then, to find out how many clubs West had started with, declarer cashed the K-A of diamonds. When West followed to both, 12 of West's original 13 cards became known, and the only question remaining was whether West had one club or none.
So declarer next cashed the ace of clubs, and when West followed suit, West's original distribution — 6-4-2-1 — was confirmed. Accordingly, South led the ten of clubs from dummy and played low from his hand after East followed low. The finesse succeeded, as declarer knew it would, and South made the grand slam.
Now let's suppose declarer had cashed the A-Q of clubs earlier in the play, as many might have done before testing the other suits. In that case, South would have discovered that East had the J-x-x-x of clubs, but there would then have been no way to recover, and the grand slam would have gone down the drain.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
East dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: A 3 2, Q 6 4 3 2, K Q 6 3, J.
WEST: K J 10, A J 7, 10 5 4, K 10 6 2.
EAST: 9 7 6 5, K, J 9 2, Q 9 8 7 4.
SOUTH: A Q 8, 10 9 8 5, A 8 7, A 5 3.
The bidding: East 1♥, South Pass, West 1♥, North Pass, East 4♥, South Pass, North 3♥.
Opening lead — two of clubs.
Even the best players occasionally stumble in basic situations. Consider this deal played by Brazil and Norway during the 1970 world team championship.
At the first table, West led a club against four hearts, and the Brazilian declarer won East's queen with the ace. South played the ten of hearts at trick two, West contributing the seven and dummy the deuce as East won with the king.
East returned the nine of spades, South's queen losing to the king.
Tomorrow: Winning technique.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

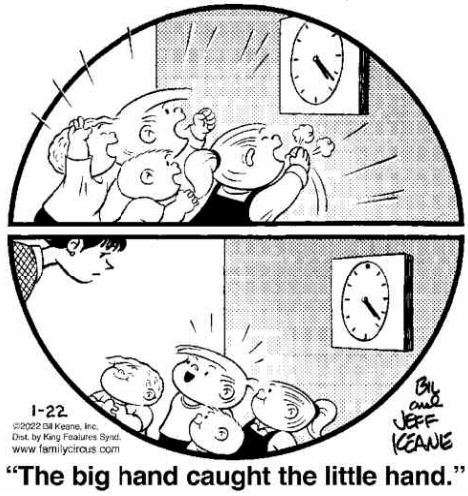
ACROSS: 1 Reddish brown, 5 \$ dispenser, 8 Cries of aversion, 12 Spiced tea, 13 Goat's plaint, 14 Entreaty, 15 Mystique, 16 Blue Angels events, 18 Australian red wine, 20 Fedora feature, 21 Medicinal plant, 23 PC key, 24 Schubert compositions, 28 "Monopoly" cubes, 31 Misery, 32 Barbs, 34 "Science Friday" network, 35 Adjoining, 37 Sweeten.
DOWN: 19 Sleep like —, 22 Treble clef, 3 Rani's lines, 4 Royal crowns, 5 Vast rainforest region, 6 — chi, 7 Painter Chagall, 8 Supported TV pal, 9 Acting smug, 10 Hacks with an axe, 11 Postpaid enc., 17 Mexican Mrs., 19 Sleep like —, 22 Treble clef, 24 Bristle, 25 Caviar base, 26 Fabric features, 27 Calming drug, 29 Tax pro jets, 30 Mess up, 33 Bygone, 36 Prairie homes, 38 Of service, 40 — Moines, 42 Beach bucket, 43 Church area, 44 Invitation notation, 46 Story, 47 China (Pref.), 48 Historic periods, 50 White wine cocktail.

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Crossword grid with numbers 1-24.

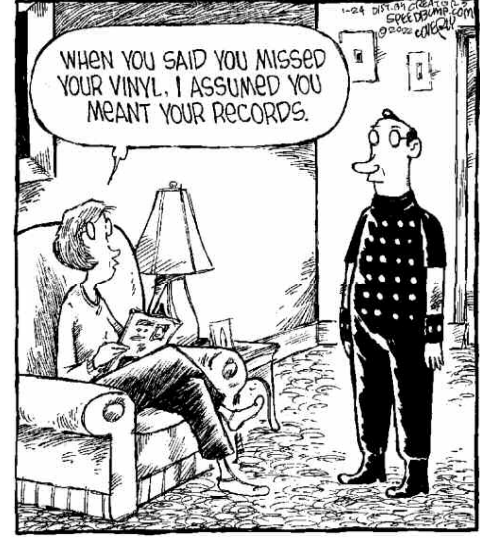
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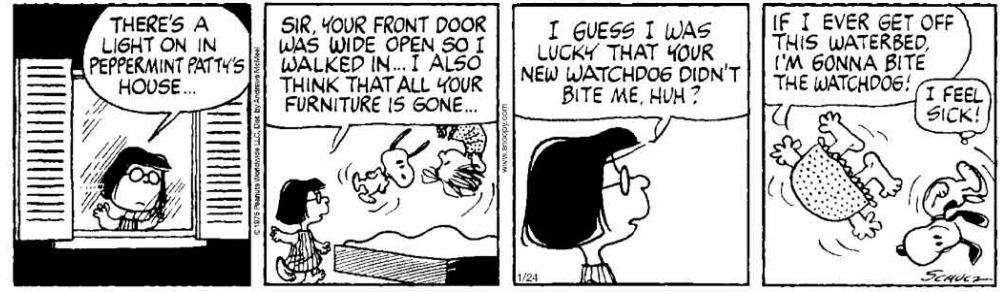
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Peanuts



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Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



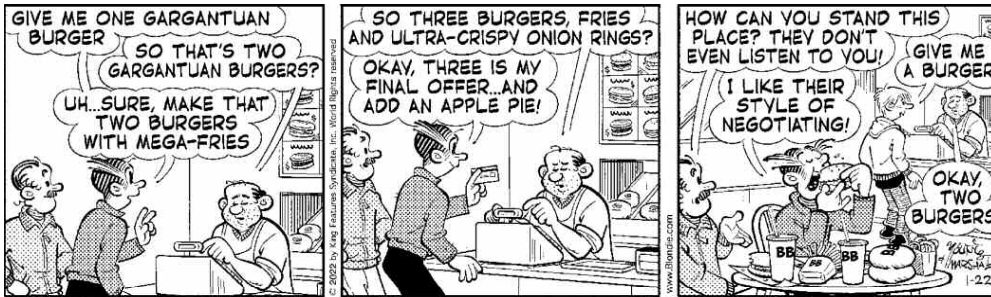
Funky Winkerbean



Funky Winkerbean



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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Saturday, January 29th, 2022
TIME 10:00 A.M.
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Bryant Community Center
(107 South Malin Street, Bryant, IN)
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, January 22nd, 2022
TIME 10:00 A. M.
LOCATED: Sapphire's Reception Center – 1100 West Votaw Street, Portland, IN
ANTIQUES
Oak 12-ft bar-back from Cromer Brother's store in Portland, Oak double-drawer drop-front secretary, Large cherry double glass-door display cabinet, ornate Victorian love-seat & sofa, Oil lamps, Book collection.
HOUSEHOLD – MISCELLANEOUS LG 50-in Flatscreen TV, Fishing poles & supplies, Several items not mentioned.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located : 112 N Wayne Street
Fort Recovery, OH,
Saturday Morning
JANUARY 29, 2022
10:00 A.M.
COMPLETE DISPERSAL OF MAYS TV
Pyramid 70V PA amplifier with mic talk over; Eclipse Sound Mixing Board; amplifiers; Sencore Oscilloscope; Whirlpool refrigerator; FRS Base Station radio; speakers; fire alarms; headsets; CB microphones; TV parts and pieces; New Britain stacked metal tool chest; S & K wrenches; Crescent wrenches; pipe wrenches; lots of cable and wire; ; **METAL SIGNS:** Red Goose Shoes, Black Hawk, Red Man, Clarks, Ariel Motors, Grape Nuts, and Remington; and many other items not listed.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located in the Bubp Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN
Saturday Morning
January 22, 2022
9:30 a.m.
OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS -GUNS
Bowser 1913 gas pump; Dr Pepper sign; Mail Pouch sign; Moxie sign; GE Automotive Bulbs display case; Havoline porcelain double sided sign; 1886 Elgin pocket watch; Moline pocket watch; knives; Hitler photograph/card; old military pins; Sam Holt Arms Co. Belgium double barrel 12 gauge stage coach gun; and other items not listed.

COINS
1851, 1853, and 1856 \$1 gold pieces; 1910, 1911, and 1912 \$2 ½ gold pieces; 1909 \$5 gold piece; 100+ Morgan Silver Dollars ranging from 1878-1921 including 1878 CC and 1890 CC; and many other coins not listed.

TOOLS
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OWNER(S): William & Janet Knapke, and Martin Collins

ADAMS COUNTY OFFERING

128 total acreage locating within Section 17 of Wabash Township in Adams County, Indiana. The land is non-tillable and will be offered as one of three tracts:

- Tract 1: 82 +/- acres with a large pond, and frontage on County Roads 850 S and 150 W
- Tract 2: 46 +/- acres with ponds, and frontage on County Road 150 W
- Tract 3: A combination of tracts 1 & 2

This land is enrolled in both the WRP and CRP Programs, and is prime deer, turkey, and water fowl habitat - Excellent hunting and recreational area!

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Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 38D01-2112-MI-000050
OAKWOOD MHC INDIANA, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.

DAWN MARIE KNIPP, BARBERA EMERICK, THOMAS EMERICK, UNKNOWN OWNER(S) OF ABANDONED MOBILE HOME, and INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES, Defendants.

SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT

To the Defendants named and any other person who may be concerned, Dawn Marie Knipp, Barbera Emerick, Thomas Emerick and the Unknown Owner(s) of the Abandoned Mobile who may be interested in the mobile home described in this notice you are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named cause.

Oakwood MHC Indiana, LLC has filed a Verified Complaint for Court Order to Issue Mobile Home title regarding a certain mobile home situated at 1237 N U.S. 27 #128, Portland, Jay County, Indiana 47371 at a manufactured home community known as Oakwood. The mobile home is described as a 1985 MAKE: COMMODORE, MODEL: UNKNOWN, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER UNKNOWN. Title and ownership of the mobile home is unknown. Plaintiff is requesting that title and ownership of the mobile home be transferred to BSREP II MH Bayshore Heritage, LLC.

This summons by publication is directed to any person who may claim an ownership interest in the mobile home and whose identity and whereabouts are unknown.

This summons by publication is directed to Dawn Marie Knipp whose whereabouts are unknown.

This summons by publication is directed to Barbera Emerick whose whereabouts are unknown.

This summons by publication is directed to Thomas Emerick whose whereabouts are unknown.

An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication of notice of the suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Responses must be filed at the Jay County Clerk's Office, 120 North Court Street, #11, Portland, Indiana 47371.

The names and address of the attorneys representing the plaintiff are:

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Jets upend Jay for ACAC crown

BLUFFTON — The Patriots are far from reeling.

But the end of the season has not gone as they would have liked.

Jay County High School's wrestling team came up short of a three-peat Friday night as it finished second to the Adams Central Jets in the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships in Bluffton.

The tight race for the title came down to the consolation finals and finals, which were contested simultaneously, with Jay County trailing by 10.5 points. The Patriots, who had nine wrestlers in championship matches compared to the Jets' 10, closed the gap to as few as 4.5 points after back-to-back wins by Tave Curtis (120) and Tony Wood (126). But they would get no closer despite winning four of the seven head-to-head matches between the top contenders and six individual conference championships overall.

Adams Central, which last

Patriots fall short despite winning six individual titles

won the conference tournament in 2019, finished with five individual titles and 281.5 points for first place. Jay County, which also got championships from AJ Myers, Ramon Bravo, Cody Rowles and Cameron Clark, was second with 261. The host Tigers, who earned three individual titles, were third with 213.5 followed by South Adams (208), Heritage (81), Woodlan (74) and Southern Wells (48) in the seven-team field.

The Class 2A No. 2 Patriots, who were coming off a loss last week to Homestead, had won the conference duals earlier this year, including a 44-31 head-to-

head win over Class 1A No. 5 Adams Central. The schools will rematch a week from today in the JCHS-hosted sectional tournament, which also features Class 2A No. 1 Bellmont.

Myers (160) came up with a late pin for the Patriots in his title match against Adams Central's Caden Funk. He stuck Funk with just two seconds left in their match after fighting off Bluffton's Elliott Apps 7-4 in the semifinals and pinning Clay Smith of Southern Wells in 1:30 in the opening round.

The 10th-ranked Wood knocked off Adams Central's Gavin Cook 8-6 in their champi-

onship match at 126 pounds. Wood had a first-round bye and then pinned South Adams' Terrance Ehr in 1 minute, 44 seconds, in the semifinal round.

At 120 pounds, Curtis advanced to the finals with a pin of Woodlan's Keegan Reinhard in the semifinal round. He won the championship with an 8-2 decision over Eddie Everett of Adams Central.

Bravo (195) had the closest of the title matches, building a three-point lead and holding on for a 4-2 victory over Adams Central's Keegan Bluhm, who entered the evening with just one loss. Bravo pinned Woodlan's Gavin Vachon in 1:55 and Bluffton's Cameron Farmer in 1:59 en route to the finals.

Rowles (113), who is ranked 13th in the state, was on the mat for less than three minutes en route to his ACAC title. After an opening-round bye, he pinned Tyler Guise of Woodlan in 1:27, in the semifinal and Kaden Davidson of South Adams in 1:22

in the championship match. He ran his record to 29-1 on the year.

The 18th-ranked Clark followed his first-round bye by knocking off Matt Heiser of Adams Central 10-6 in the semifinal round. He scored a 7-1 victory over South Adams' Silas Loshe in the championship match.

Adams Central's wins over the Patriots in the finals were as follows:

•Evan McAfee by a pin in 3 minutes, 10 seconds, over Cameron Gage at 145 pounds

•Trevor Currie by a 4-1 decision over Bryce Wenk at 182 pounds

•Blake Heyerly by a pin in 20 seconds over Conner Specht at 220 pounds

That left Gage, Wenk and Specht all with second-place finishes.

Adding third-place efforts for Jay County were AJ Heskett (106), Ethan Reiley (132) and Landon Mills-Blowers (152). Juaquin Flores (170) took fourth place.

Rolls ...

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But the most impressive stat of the night came at the free-throw line, where Jay County was a perfect 11-for-11.

"We got back to the fundamentals, and it paid off," Bomholt said.

Ethan Dirksen led the way for the Patriots with 22 points, including four 3-pointers.

Josh Dowlen added 11 and Dusty Pearson chipped in with 10.

Jacob Kakone led South Adams with seven points.

Even though he lives in Portland, Friday night's game was a homecoming of sorts for South Adams coach Garrett Krieg, a 2011 Jay County graduate who was part of the Patriots' last sectional championship squad in 2011. Under then-coach Craig Teagle, the Patriots defeated Fort Wayne South that season in the sectional final, and then fell to Kokomo, 44-37 in the regional semifinal.

Krieg was given his first assistant coaching job by Teagle.

"I'll always be grateful to Coach Teagle for giving me the opportunity," Krieg said.

From 2015-19, Krieg was an assistant for his father, Chris, at Jay County. He spent last season as the girls coach at Southwestern before taking the South Adams job in October.

And now the roles are reversed: Chris Krieg is one of his assistants.

"I'm lucky to have him," Garrett Krieg said.

Friday night against his alma mater, Krieg said rust hurt his squad. The Starfires hadn't played since Jan. 11, when they fell 70-34 to Woodlan in their ACAC Tournament opening-round contest. A scheduled Jan. 17 game against Lakewood Park Christian was postponed.

"We hadn't played in 10 days. Then we're out here against probably the best team we're going to see all year," Krieg said. "I



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Ethan Dirksen, a Jay County High School senior, saves a ball along the sideline after coming up with a steal Friday night. He tossed the ball ahead to Josh Dowlen for an easy layup as part of the Patriots' 14-6 first-quarter advantage. Defending on the play are Brady Beall (3) and Jacob Kakone (11) of the Starfires.

thought we were a half-step slow tonight, and that hurt us."

Ethan Dirksen is one of two current Patriots who played for Krieg when he was the freshman coach at

Jay County. He said it was fun to get to play against his old coach.

"We'll be rooting for him, except when they play against us," Dirksen said with a smile.

The Patriots are off until Friday night when they travel to Bluffton for another ACAC contest.

Junior varsity
Jay County was just as

Box score

South Adams Starfires
at Jay County Patriots

Boys varsity summary

South Adams (3-8, 1-2 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Steiner	0-0	0-0	0
Palomo	0-0	0-0	0
Beall	2-8	0-0	5
Subler	0-0	0-0	0
Minger	0-0	0-0	0
Hinshaw	1-7	0-0	3
Kakone	3-9	0-0	7
Mulelman	0-0	0-0	0
Schock	1-5	0-2	3
Myers	1-4	0-0	3
Scott	0-0	0-0	0
Fear	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	8-33	0-2	21
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Jay County (12-2, 3-0 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Nichols	0-0	0-0	0
Davis	2-5	1-1	5
Ab. Dirksen	0-0	0-0	0
Dowlen	4-5	2-2	11
Mhinkmp	1-1	2-2	4
Garringer	0-0	0-0	0
Alexander	0-0	0-0	0
E. Dirksen	8-11	2-2	22
Bgnschutz	1-4	0-0	3
Bihn	1-4	0-0	2
Pearson	4-10	2-2	10
Weitzel	2-2	2-2	6
Ransom	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	23-41	11-11	63
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Score by quarters:
S. Adams 6 6 5 4 — 21
Jay Cty 14 20 16 13 — 63

3-point shooting: South Adams 5 (Beall, Hinshaw, Kakone, Schock, Myers), Jay County 6 (E. Dirksen 4, Pearson, Bogenschutz).

Rebounds: South Adams 10, Jay County 33 (E. Dirksen 5).

Assists: South Adams 5, Jay County 17 (E. Dirksen 5).

Blocks: So. Adams 2 (Subler 2), Jay County 2.

Personal fouls: South Adams 15, Jay County 6. Fouled out: Hinshaw

Turnovers: South Adams 18, Jay County 10.

Billups powers 'Dons

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — Damian Chong Qui had a season-high 20 points as Purdue Fort Wayne romped past Robert Morris 86-62 on Friday night.

Deonte Billups had 16 points for Purdue Fort Wayne (10-8, 5-4 Horizon League). Jarred Godfrey added 15 points. Bobby Planutis had 10 points.

Purdue Fort Wayne dominated the first half and led 43-20 at the break.

Kahliel Spear had 16 points and eight rebounds for the Colonials (3-15, 1-8). Michael Green III added 14 points and six assists. Justin Winston had 11 points.

The Mastodons improve to 2-0 against the Colonials for the season.

Five ...

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The Patriots had a strong start to the meet as Maddy Snow and Natalie Wehrly took second and third, respectively, in diving. Dues had the only other runner-up effort in the 100 butterfly.

Beiswanger added a third-place finish in the 200 freestyle.

Jay County's boys were held winless on the evening. They had four second-place finishes.

Two of those came from senior Kyle Sanders. He was the runner-up in the sprints, posting times of 22.67 in the 50 freestyle and 49.95 in the 100 freestyle.

Nick Lyons took second place in 2:01.97 in the 200 freestyle and later finished third in the 100 backstroke. Josh Monroe was the runner-up in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:07.39 and also had a third-place finish in the 200 individual medley.

dominant over the Starfires, opening the second stanza with an 11-2 run to set the tone for the rest of the contest and cruise to a 64-35 win.

Parker Nichols and Wesley Bihn had 11 points apiece to pace the Patriots. Abraham Dirksen added 10.

Conner Fear led South Adams with 10 points.

90 SALE CALENDAR

UPCOMING AUCTIONS
Bricker Auction Company 414 N Meridian St. Portland, IN Jan. 15th - Covington Personal Property Auction Online Only Auction - First item will be closing @ 7:00 PM BIG collection of Coca - Cola memorabilia, garage items, Hot Wheels cars, furniture, Life Magazines, assorted vintage items, and much more! Jan. 22nd - Cunningham Auction Online Only Auction - First Item will be closing @ 7:00 PM Garage items, household items, commercial weight bench, other work out items, and much more! Previews are held on Fridays from 12:00 - 5:00 Download our app (Bricker Auction Company) from your Apple or Google Play Store to view our current and upcoming auctions! Cell: 260-703-0839 Bricker Auction Company Chad Bricker-Auctioneer AU11600027

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Sports

Five in a row



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Jay County High School senior Emily Dues bursts out of the water while swimming the butterfly leg of the 200-yard medley relay Friday night during the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. The host Patriots won their fifth consecutive ACAC title, outdistancing the runner-up Adams Central by 55 points.

Patriots extend ACAC title streak

The home team had only one individual victor.

And Adams Central won just as many total events.

But the host Patriots are still the beasts of the conference.

Jay County High School got two individual victories from junior Mara Bader and won a pair of relays Friday to take the title at the Allen County Athletic Confer-

ence Championships for the fifth consecutive year.

The Patriot boys were tied for second.

JCHS racked up 367 points to win the girls title by 55 over runner-up Adams Central, which also picked up four event victories Friday night. South Adams (250) was third, and Bluffton (239) finished fourth.

Bluffton won seven

events on the boys side to cruise to the championship with 469 points. The Patriots and Adams Central each scored 253 points while South Adams finished with 33.

Bader, the last of a group of four swimming sisters, led Jay County to its championship by first defending her ACAC title in the 200-yard individual medley. She was never challenged in the event, building a four-

second lead on the opening butterfly leg and rolling to her win by nearly 20 seconds in 2 minutes, 23.29 seconds.

The junior followed that effort by continuing the Patriots' strong breaststroke tradition. She and JCHS senior Elayna Paro finished first and third, respectively, in the event with times of 1:09.98 and 1:20.17.

Bader also teamed

with senior Emily Dues, sophomore Zion Beiswanger and freshman Morgan DeHoff to win the opening swimming event. They posted a time of 2:03.15 to take the top spot in the 200 medley relay. Bader, Paro, Beiswanger and DeHoff later fought off the Adams Central quartet in the 200 freestyle relay to win by less than a half-second in 1:50.25.

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JCHS rolls over Stars

By DAVID VANTRESS
The Commercial Review

The game plan for the Jay County High School boys basketball team was a simple one coming into Friday night's Allen County Athletic Conference contest against South Adams.

"We wanted to use our press to get some quick turnovers, convert them into points, and get out to a big lead," said Patriot coach Jerry Bomholt. "We wanted to get the speed of the game up from the opening tip."

The plan worked to near perfection against the Starfires, as the Patriots sprinted out to an early 24-6 advantage before coasting to a 63-21 win.

"We had the chance to mix and match some kids," Bomholt said.

The Jay County second unit did a great job in keeping up the intensity level, Bomholt said.

"Those guys know if there's any drop-off, we'll take them out and put the starters back in," Bomholt said. "They kept the intensity level high the whole game."

Indeed, the reserves played most of the fourth quarter, triggering the running clock.

The Patriots also dominated the inside game, winning the rebounding battle, 33-10.

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