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County looks at facility's **future**

Concerns expressed about finances and liability

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Change aspects of the county home or cease its operations?

That was the question county officials discussed with members of the public Monday.

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council spoke with community members about the state of Jay County Country Living (formerly known as Jay County Retirement Center) and its future. No decisions were made at the meeting, which served mainly to inform and hear opinions from the public on the facility's operations.

In the last 10 years, Jay County Country Living's budget has jumped from roughly \$421,000 to about \$523,000. Its revenue has fluctuated, with its highest at \$406,729 at the beginning of 2018. Other years in the last decade show revenue totals between \$268,000 and just under \$345,000.

In 2021, commissioner Chad Aker explained, the facility's budget came to \$499,000, and its generated revenue came out to about \$290,000. Jay County Counpresident Jeanne Houchins added that the county has spent roughly \$2.2 million in unreimbursed funds for the facility in the last 10 years.

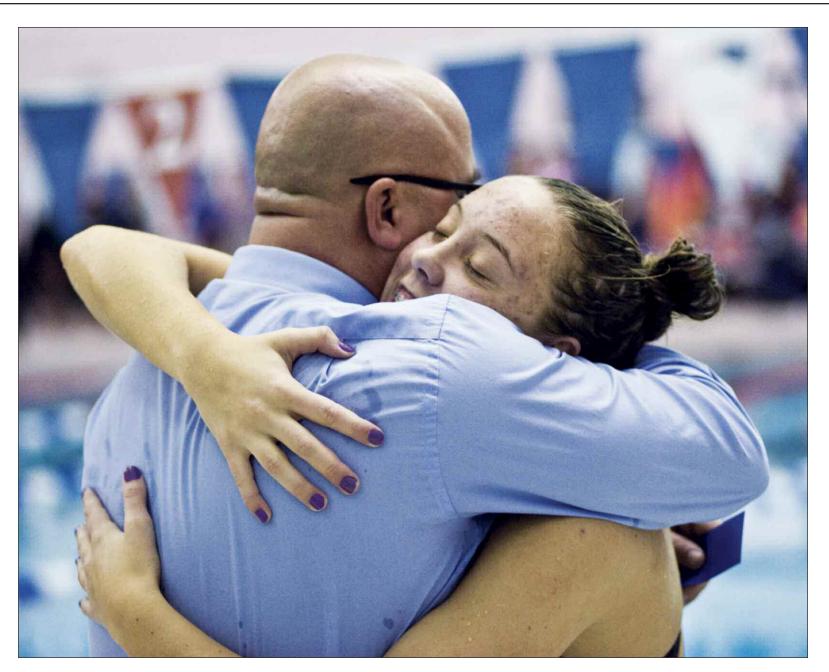
That's a lot of taxpayers' dollars lost that could somewhere Houchins said.

Residents pay \$1,240 per month for room and board. According to a document distributed at the meeting, Jay County Country Living has about \$203,600 in uncollected debt from previous or current residents. (Commissioners wrote off an additional \$51,377 in Janu-

ary.)
"We need to go off what has to be done financially, what's best for the county, Aker said. "That's how we take this into considera-

One cause cited for the large uncollected debt is the months-long process of applying for federal or state programs to pay for some residents' stay, such as Indiana's Residential Care Assistance Program.

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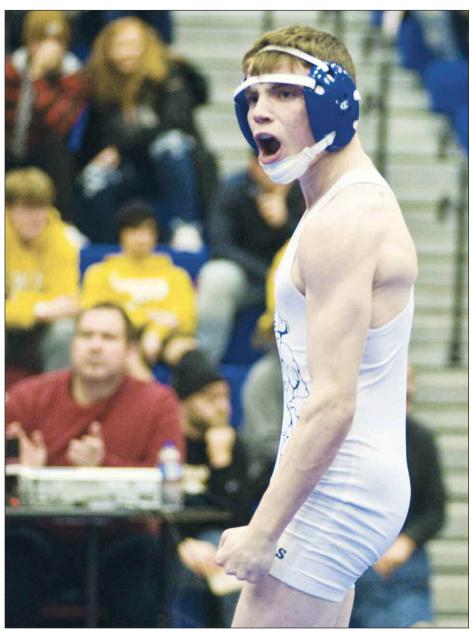


Tournament triumphs

Jay County High School's swimmers and wrestlers had a strong extended weekend. On Saturday, the Patriot wrestling team earned seven semi-state berths while hosting the regional tournament. Pictured at right, Cody Rowles celebrates after pinning Cayden Smithley of Norwell in their 113-pound regional championship match. Tony Wood (126 pounds) also won a regional title for JCHS.

Competing in sectional preliminaries Saturday and finals Monday evening, the Patriot girls swimmers earned a third-place team finish with two athletes advancing. Pictured above, Jay County junior Mara Bader hugs coach Matt Slavik after her victory in the 100-yard breaststroke. She also earned a state berth with a win in the 200 individual medley, and freshman Maddy Snow advanced to the regional diving tournament with a thirdplace finish Saturday.

For more details about all of the tournament action, see page 8.



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Portland allocates funds to park board

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The city's parks will be getting an influx of funds.

Portland City Council on Monday approved allocating \$100,000 in economic development funds from Bitter Ridge Wind Farm to Portland Park Board for various

projects, with a focus on repairs

at Portland Water Park. late last year allocated \$100,000 each to Portland and Dunkirk and \$50,000 each to Redkey, Pennville, Bryant and Salamonie from economic development

Jay County Commissioners ect. Each municipality must decide how they would like to spend those funds, then return to commissioners for final

Portland Park Board in Janufunds from the wind farm proj- ary discussed replacing tile

approval.

around the edge of the pool at the water park following significant issues with tiles cracking and breaking. When they break and fall, they leave behind sharp edges that cause a safety con-

installed to allow local officials to evaluate how the new tile holds up through the winter months. The cost for putting in the new tile for the entire pool is expected to come in around \$70,000.

Council member Janet Powers inquired about the timeline for the tile, which originally was not expected to be delivered until September.

'Right now we're still hoping for a March delivery on the tile,'

Once delivered, the tile is expected to take seven weeks to install and then would need three

test section has been weeks to cure. There is then several weeks of work needed to prepare the pool to open.

The park board has discussed various other projects in recent months, including soccer fields at Milton Miller Park, the addition of pickleball courts and upgrades to facilities at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field.

Council members Kent McClung, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Dave Golden and Powers approved allocating the funds to the park board.

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Deaths

Paul Miller, 95, rural Portland Cheryl Myers, 80, Portland Barbara Stuteville, 69, rural Portlan**d**

Donna Voght, 68, Portland Cathy Zorn, 65, Winchester Linda Greer, 65, Berne Alice Smiley, 86, Indianapolis Julie Morton, 74, Fort Recovery Marc Thornburg, 58, Parker

Details on page 2.

Weather

Focus of wind farm \$\$\$

will be for water park repairs

Jay County had a high temperature of 30 degrees Monday. The low was 19.

The forecast calls for a low of 31 tonight. The high will climb above the freezing mark to 36 Wednesday, and there will be a chance of flurries in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins reported Monday that the city will hold its board of works and city council meetings at 6 and 7 p.m., respectively, Feb. 14, as scheduled. The city had canceled meetings during the second half of December because of an increase in cases of COVID-19 in Jay County.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's FRHS girls basketball game against Celina.

Friday — Coverage of Thursday's Jay County Plan Commission meeting.



Funds

Aker also asked a of series questions regarding business possibilities in Portland.

In response, Boggs confirmed Tractor Supply Company is considering the former Marsh supermarket site, 218 W. Lincoln St., on the south end of the shopping center that also includes Dollar General. He said the building is in need of repairs before anything can move forward.

The mayor also confirmed that a new coffee shop has applied for a building permit, adding that he believes it will be put in as a corporate shop and then potentially sold as a franchise. He said he did not have a name of the company involved.

Aker also asked if the ate the opportunity for walks.

the grocery store chain to open a site in Portland. "I don't believe so," said

Boggs. In other business:

·Council approved updated standard operating procedures for the city's fire department.

•Golden asked about the status of an Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs grant application for funding for the planned Meridian Street sewer project. Boggs said grant awards are expected to be announced this week.

•Boggs noted that he has named Brad Clayton to the Jay County Regional Sewer District Board of Directors to replace Randy Mann.

•McClung and Boggs thanked city workers for their efforts in clearing snow and keeping trash pick-up on schedule following last week's winter closure of the Aldi store storm. McClung also asked in Winchester might cre-residents to clear their side-

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Powerball

Monday 5-15-38-47-65 Powerball: 10 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$158 million

Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$31 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-5-0 Daily Four: 6-1-9-5 Quick Draw: 5-8-10-11-13-15-17-23-27-33-34-35-39-40-52-53-54-58-72-75 Evening

Daily Three: 6-3-9 Daily Four: 3-5-3-8 Quick Draw: 8-9-10-12-13-15-18-22-24-27-29-30-42-

46-51-54-63-64-65-78 Cash 5: 16-27-37-40-45 Estimated jackpot: \$115,000

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Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 4-6-8 Pick 4: 0-6-2-3 Pick 5: 4-0-5-6-2 **Evening** Pick 3: 5-5-8 Pick 4: 6-3-9-7 Pick 5: 0-4-0-8-1 Rolling Cash 5: 4-7-11-19-22 Estimated

\$100,000 Classic Lotto: 10-11-12-

13-27-38 Kicker: 4-4-5-6-9-1

Jackpot: \$21.7 million

Markets

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March wheat 7.61

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March corn	6.32
Beans	15.50
March beans	15.53
Feb. wheat	7.35

Today in history

Queen of Scots was stock exchange, held its beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth

On Feb. 8, 1587, Mary, world's first electronic first trading day.

In 2017, Jay Emergency Medical Service personnel made a presentation to Jay County Council about the need for more space at its facil-Portland.

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Citizen's calendar

Today

Board of Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday

of mayor's office, city hall, ter, 118 S. Meridian St., 321 N. Meridian St.

6 p.m. — Jay County 5:30 p.m. — Portland Council, commission-

7 p.m. — Jay County 4 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Com-Works, munity Resource Cen-Portland.

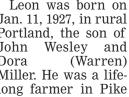
Obituaries

Paul Miller

Jan. 11, 1927-Feb. 4, 2022 Paul "Skinny" Leon Miller, age 95, a resident of rural Portland, passed

away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Leon was born on Jan. 11, 1927, in rural Portland, the son of John Dora



Miller. He was a lifelong farmer in Pike Township and a member of Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association, where he enjoyed displaying his tractors and homemade helicopter.

Leon married Betty Sue (Harrell) Carpenter on March 14, 1978. Survivors include:

One son — Glen Miller, rural Portland, Indiana

Stepchildren — Gary Jones, Melody Funk, James Carpenter and Tim Carpenter

Several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren

He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Miller.

Private services will be held for the family at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Pastor Steve Arnold will officiate, and burial will follow at Lisbon Cemetery, north of Union City.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Cheryl Myers

Aug. 15, 1941-Feb. 1, 2022 Cheryl Myers, age 80, a resident of Portland, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at her home in Portland.

Cheryl was born on Aug. 15, 1941, to Paul and Eva Ellen (Hathaway) Martin. She graduated from Port-

land High School and William married "Bill" Myers on May 6, 1961. He passed away on April 12, 2019.

Cheryl loved helping others and was sweet to everyone. She loved her children, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren more than anything. She was extremely proud of them all and loved spending time with them. They all were her happi-

Myers

Cheryl was an avid collector of antiques and Portland memorabilia. She donated most of her collection to the Jay County Historical Society where she was a life member. Cheryl had her own floral shop years ago and loved doing floral arrangements and crafts, and putpuzzies together. Chervi enjoyed attending Fellowship Bap- shopping, working in her flower tist Church with her sister Eva Lou. She was the founder of girls softball in Portland and a former member of the Portland Optimist

Survivors include:

Her children — Chuck Myers (wife: Janet), Bryant, Lori Sims (husband: Jeff), Portland, Steve Myers (wife: Deb), Portland, and Carol Pfeifer (husband: Andy), Sanford, North Carolina

Sisters — Eva Lou Enyart, Portland, and Mary Brotherton (Wayne), Portland

Brother — David Martin (wife: Linda), Portland

Ten grandchildren and 28 great-

grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Myers; her parents, Eva Ellen and Paul Martin; a brother, Paul Martin Jr.; and in-laws Ray and Faye (Trobridge) Myers.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Williamson-bairdfreeman.com.

Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Cheryl's life will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Hugh Kelly will officiate the service and burial will follow at Little Salamonia Cemetery, southeast of Port-

Memorials may be directed to Jay County Historical Society.

Barbara Stuteville

June 25, 1952-Jan. 19, 2022 Barbara Jo Stuteville, age 69, of rural Portland passed away Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born in Gatlin, Ohio, on June 25, 1952, the daughter of Dale

to 2015, Stuteville who survives.

ager for Jay Products Stuteville for over 40 years. Barbara enjoyed fishing

Surviving are her wife Susan; one son, David Jacks of Union City, Indiana; two daughters, Robin Jacks of Portland and Sherry Hensley (husband: James) of Portland; two sisters, Karen Mara of Mansfield, Ohio, and Nancy Eagleson (husband: John) of Madison, Indiana; two granddaughters, Courtney Franks and Sarah Jacks; several step-grandchildren; three step-great grandchildren; and several nieces

A memorial visitation will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, from 4 to 5

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Donna Voght

land passed away on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born in Portland on Nov. 4, 1953, the daughter of Don and Frances (Missicano) Hicks. She was married on March 14,

1975, to Voght, who survives. Donna worked for

Pennville ate, member of Tri-

Tractor Association. Donna enjoyed garden and reading. She loved people and animals but especially her

one son, Adam Voght (wife: Mary Beth) of Craigville, Indiana; two daughters, Molly Robbins of Portland and Jill "Eris" Robinson of Muncie; one brother, Tom Hicks (wife: Carol) of Portland; eight grandchildren; and one great-grand-

three brothers, John Hicks, Joe Nelson and Donald Nelson.

day, Feb. 9, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Lori McIntosh presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

County Humane Society.

Cathy Zorn

July 14, 1956-Feb. 4, 2022

Cathy Zorn, age 65, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at

Randolph Nursing Home in Winchester. Cathy was born on

July 14, 1956, in Portland, the daughter of Joe and Mildred (Wilson) Moses. She graduated from Portland High School and worked for Jay Gar-



ment in Portland. She then worked on the farm with her husband and family for many years.

Survivors include:

Her children — Brad Zorn, Portland, Indiana, Bill Zorn (Nikki Parks), Portland, Indiana, and Brian Zorn (Melinda), Portland, Indiana

One brother — Mark Moses, Shreveport, Louisiana

One sister — Chery Faught, Portland, Indiana

Seven grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Services to celebrate Cathy's life will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Mike Harris will officiate, and burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant.

Memorials may be directed to Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Linda Greer

March 31, 1956-Feb. 6, 2022 Linda G. Greer, 65, of Berne, Indiana, passed away on Feb. 6, 2022, at her residence after a five month battle of cancer.

This was her third battle with cancer.

She was born March 31, 1956, in Pennville, Indiana, the daughter of

late Robert McFarland and Iris (Gillum) Wilson who survives.

Linda graduated from South Adams High School, class of She 1974. was employed at Smith Brothers in Berne for 42 years as a seam-



stress. She was a member of the American Legion Post #468.

She loved her family and her grandchildren very much. She was an avid Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Pacers and Indiana Hoosiers fan. Linda was known for her enthusiasm for life.

Survivors include her daughter, Megan (Blake) Booher-Sechrist of Huntertown, Indiana; son, Matt (Whitney) Greer of Liberty, Indiana; mother, Iris Wilson of Fort Wayne, Indiana; brother, Bobby (Debbie) McFarland of Portland, Indiana; sister, Lisé (Dave) Shaver of Como, Indiana; three grandchildren, Hannah Sechrist, Selah Greer and Theo Greer; and her beloved

cat, Bootsie. Linda was preceded in death by her Pops, Chuck Wilson.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel in Berne with Pastor Chuck Koenemann officiating.

Friends and family will be received from 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. service at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be made to Riley Children's Hospital or the ACCF-cancer.

Arrangements are by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Yager-Kirch-Condolences may be expressed at hofer Chapel in Berne, Indiana.

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Election filing complete

The Republican side of the ballot feaand two for state representative.

Filing for the May primary election came to a close Monday with the lineup of races featuring contests for the Republican nominations for Jay County

Commissioner and Jay County Sheriff. Chad Aker, who currently serves as commissioners president, is facing a primary challenge as he seeks a second term. He will square off against former Jay School Board member Bryan Alexander for the GOP nomination.

Joel Bowers was the lone Democrat to file to run for the commissioners seat.

The Republican side of the ballot features a three-way race for the nomination for sheriff. Former two-term sheriff Ray Newton and longtime sheriff's office employees Tony Lennartz and Patrick Wells are all vying for a chance to replace Dwane Ford, who can't seek re-election because of term limits.

Democrat "Watermellon" Jim after withdrawing his candidacy for rats filed to run in District 79. Redkey Town Council.

Other contested races at the county tures five races for county-wide offices level are all on the Republican side: Auditor — Emily Franks against

The Democratic side is far more Kristi Morningstar Recorder — Melanie Upp against

Becky Hesher County council (District 1) — Brenda Beaty against Randy May

Anna Culy (auditor) and Betty St. Myers (recorder) could not seek re-election because of term limits. Democrat Ted Champ, the incumbent council member in District 1, is uncontested for his party's nomination for the seat.

Both state representatives who represent part of Jay County are facing primary challenges.

Republican J.D. Prescott, Union City, who represents the southern two-thirds of the county in District 33, will have a rematch from the 2020 primary against Brittany Kloer of Portland. Republican Matt Lehman, who now represents the northern third of the county, faces a challenge from Russ Mounsey for the District 79 seat.

John Bartlett of Hartford City was Phillips on Monday filed to seek the the lone Democrat to file to run for state Democratic nomination for sheriff representative in District 33. No Democ-

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SERVICES

Wednesday

Voght, Donna: II a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home,

Wolford, Todd: Í p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, 7230 S. Indiana I, Redkey.

Friday Zorn, Cathy: II a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Com-

merce St., Portland.

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Smiley, Alice: 3 p.m., 400 Deerfield Road, Union City.

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Zoning

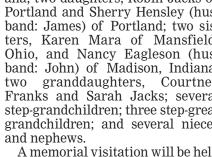
ers' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. Thursday

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Custom Cabinets and FCC both in Portland. She was a 1972 Portland High School gradu-

Voght State Gas Engine and

Surviving are her husband Sam;

She was preceded in death by

Funeral services will be Wednes-

Memorials can be made to the Jay

221 N. Meridian St., Portland. Thursday

Saturday Myers, Cheryl: 3 p.m.,

Service listings provided by

PROGRESSIVE

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Snow removal is appreciated

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

I looked out the window this morning to see the snow sparkling and the sun shining brightly. There was a small drift in the backyard with bunny tracks leading down the drift and heading towards the house. It was a balmy 12 degrees Fahrenheit. I decided that no matter how pretty it was that I was staying in today. The bunnies are more than welcome to play in the snow. I didn't see any cat tracks and the squirrels seem to be hiding. I wonder where they go when it is too chilly for them to chase each other up and down the trees.

Yesterday I went outside intending to shovel the driveway. I was pleasantly surprised to find that it had already been cleared of snow.

This isn't the only time that has happened. When we first moved to this house I was shoveling several inches of snow that covered the driveway. I was incredibly grouchy. My husband people to do it for us. Sometimes was working late. It was cold. It was my birthday.

I was about halfway finished usually gets to it before we do.

As I See It



when a guy driving a tractor that was equipped with a snow blade pulled into the drive. He motioned me out of the way. He cleared the driveway in a few minutes, waved at me then went on his way without saying a word. I was telling the neighbor about this when she told me that the person who salvaged my birthday was the sheriff. I never expected that.

The sheriff never cleaned our driveway again. Every few years someone will either wave me away and relocate the snow to the yard or clean it off before we have a chance to get to it. We rarely know the people who do the work and I am always grateful for the help. I never expect we clear the snow from the neighbor's front steps but she

The willingness to help someone without any pay or recognition is one of the good things about this town. This is the only place we have lived where people routinely help each other. I am not counting the neighbors who lived next to us in the last house we owned in Ohio. If we missed cutting the grass, the neighbor guy would scalp the yard. By the time he was finished only a few scraggly blades poked through the dirt. Asking him nicely to not do that fell on deaf ears. He usually mowed while both of us were at work. Then after we got home he would tell us with pride in his voice, "I really scalped it this time." I would cringe and tell him thank you and remind him that scalping the yard isn't good for the grass. He obviously didn't care and went on torturing the lawn.

Yesterday afternoon I found out that the new neighbors had cleaned the driveway for us. They also cleared off part of the sidewalk on their side of the street. We will have to find a way to thank them. Their efforts were much appreciated.

Alcohol service returns to airline

By NATHAN DILLER

Special to The Washington Post Southwest Airlines will bring alcohol service back to most flights starting Feb. 16, the airline said Thursday, ending nearly two years of dry operations and restoring an important source of revenue for the company. But a union representing the flight attendants who will be serving the drinks said it is "outraged" by a move that could exacerbate unruly behavior from passengers.

After suspending its full drink menu at the beginning of the pandemic, Southwest said, it will add beer, wine and liquor drinks, all priced between \$6 and \$7, on flights of 176 miles or longer. The airline will accept drink coupons that had been set to expire in 2020 or 2021 through Dec. 31. It will also start serving nonalcoholic options such as apple juice and hot cocoa.

have "Customers expressed a desire for more beverage options, so we're delighted to restore additional on-board offerings as a part of the Southwest hospitality that our customers know and love," Tony Roach, the company's vice president of customer experience istration.

and customer relations, said in a statement.

Lyn Montgomery, president of Transport Workers Union Local 556, the union representing Southwest flight attendants, called the airline's decision to resume alcohol sales "both unsafe and irresponsible' in an emailed statement.

According to unruly passenger data from the Federal Aviation Administration, the number of investigations the agency initiated spiked from 146 in 2019 and 183 in 2020 to 1,099 in 2021. Of the 5,981 unruly passenger reports the FAA recorded last year, 73 percent (4,290) involved mask-related incidents. The FAA said in August that alcohol played a role as well.

"We have adamantly and unequivocally management informed that resuming sales of alcohol while the mask mandate is in place has the great potential to increase customer noncompliance and misconduct issues," Montgomery said.

The federal mask mandate for air travel and other public transit will remain in effect through March, per the Transportation Security Admin-

Tumor surgery changes sister

DEAR ABBY: My sister, who was a bright and cheerful star for everyone and anyone, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. It was removed with almost 100% margins several years ago. Our family feels unbelievably blessed that she's OK, but she knows she's not the same. This is ignored by some close relatives, but not by me.

I will forever be grateful for the fact that she's alive and OK, but she is not the sister I once knew no matter how hard she may try. I sympathize with her, I listen, I know she struggles because she's missing her old self. I try with heartfelt messages, but ultimately, I feel useless. And, selfish as it sounds, I miss my sister, my TRUE sister, terribly. I know this isn't what she wants, and I will be there for her no matter what the future brings. But what else can I do for her? I want to be anything she needs me to be, as she is more than deserving. — SUPPORT-IVE SIS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SIS: While some of her capacity may be diminished, what your sister needs is you to be her stalwart sister and love her for the person she is NOW. Support her, love her, appreciate that she's still those aspects of her personality demic. Before the ceremony, my hus-

Dear Abby



that are lost. I say this because it isn't healthy for either of you to dwell on the negative at this point, when there is so much for which to be thankful.

DEAR ABBY: I divorced my husband of 12 years after catching him cheating with multiple women. I took time for myself and wasn't in a hurry

to meet anyone. However, about a vear after the divorce, I met a great guy. I was quickly introduced to his family and they embraced me, inviting me to holidays and birthday parties, etc. Four years went by and we started talking about marriage. We made plans to have our wedding at our favorite beach with family and a couple of friends. There were several people we would have loved to take with you and quit focusing on part, but who couldn't due to the pan-

band and I came up with the idea of wearing white face masks to take a group picture. As the masks were being distributed, his family got angry and said they weren't going to do anything they didn't want to do. They then stomped off and wouldn't participate in the vows or any of the

They're angry with me, and I am hurt. And the hateful things they said also hurt my husband. I don't know how to handle this. — BAD IDEA IN **FLORIDA**

DEAR BAD IDEA: What happened was terrible, and I can't blame you for feeling hurt at the treatment you and your husband received on your wedding day. However, this is the tribe you married into. Your husband's family may have reacted strongly because they objected to having their faces covered in a photo or to face masks in general. If it was the latter, it's a shame they felt they had to take a political stance while you were celebrating your nuptials. Try to be forgiving. However, if you are abused again, recognize it may be time to distance yourselves and concentrate on your side of the family.



Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email THEATRE—Holds its regnews@thecr.com.

Today

step program for those in Public Library, 315 N. Ship sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at

JAY COUNTY CIVIC ular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Commu-THE LANDING — A 12- nity Room at Jay County St., Portland.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-Life Ministries, 228 S. based recovery group for Meridian St., Portland. For substance abuse. Meal more information, call starts at 6 p.m. and the

(260) 703-0777 or (260) 726- 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-

> NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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 MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.

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

BRYANT/NEW CORY-DON SENIOR CITIZENS Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner.

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

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Be open-minded, no one is perfect

To the editor:

I can't imagine being permanently judged by what I had done in my worst moment.

Close your eyes. Think about the Editor the worst thing you've ever done or the worst thing that has happened to you. A time when you felt shame and embarrassment. Think of a time when you felt so small or mortified at the thought that someone may find out a secret you've kept or a choice vou made.

Chances are there is more than one moment that you are thinking of.

That's OK. It's normal to have mistakes in your past. As a matter of fact, they have probably helped shape the person you are today. They are probably some of the most important times of your life in terms of defining yourself as a person and build-

Letters to

ing your character. Iron sharpening iron, as they say.

What if we wrote down in detail the time you were thinking of. What if we wrote it in thick permanent marker onto both sides of a giant white poster board? Then we punch two holes in the poster board tie each end of a string through them and hang that sign around your neck.

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around your neck at all times documenting the worst moment in your history of you. Imagine the random passersby and the face they will make when they read your sign. What will you feel when you meet your significant other's parents for dinner that night? Ĥow do you think your interview will go for that big job you are excited about? What will you feel? How will you react?

Now, like most people, you will probably figure out how to live your truth. You will most likely learn to champion your lowest moment. You will have a great story about how you moved through that time of adversity and made it through to the other side. This is how you will begin to heal your mental health and start to overcome the embarrass-

truth is exactly that. It is the story that made you. And you should be proud of who you are.

If that were the only side to this story, it would be a triumphant story of self-discovery. This would be a celebratory tale of standing tall and owning your truth. But before we queue the ticker-tape parade, reality washes over you. Because of your truth being plastered out in the open for everyone to see. People will pass by you at the park and make pleasant conversation with the next person. Your wait staff isn't as pleasant. Your flight attendant is more cheerful than everyone else. You realize all the "normal" people — those who don't have to explain themselves just to make friends, those who don't need to have an awkward conversation before a

Honestly, good for you. Your pleasant one, those who don't collect sour looks from strangers like emotional scout badges sewn directly onto the tender sides of their heart. The "normal" people get to keep their skeletons packed neatly into their closets.

Getting a job is easier for them. The dinner with the soonto-be in-laws is a little less

uncomfortable. This is what stigma feels like. This letter is a plea for readers

to practice perspective. Don't form your opinion of a person based on their worst moment. Allow yourself to be open-minded and remember that you weren't always perfect.

Jake Martz Prevention project coordina-

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition

States should save surpluses

By KARL W. SMITH Bloomberg Opinion

It's one of the few silver linings of the pandemic: State governments are awash in money.

Many are spending it on education, construction projects and tax cuts. They would be better off saving it for a rainy day.

There are two obvious rejoinders to this recommendation, both of which can be best expressed as questions. First: Isn't it more fiscally responsible to use the money for longterm needs and short-term tax relief? And second: You mean it's not raining

Both questions have the same answer: These are not normal times. That means the fiscally prudent course Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's plans for the state's historic windfall, for example, include a mix of long-term spending on infrastructure and shortterm tax relief — is not necessarily the wisest course. And what feels like rain to many consumers inflation at its highest in almost four decades, and a stubbornly persistent pandemic — looks a lot different from a budgetary perspective.

The current state budget pandemic caused a shift in spending patterns, from services to goods. Most state sales taxes focus on goods, so this shift caused a tremendous expansion in

the relative sales tax base. It's highly unlikely that this shift will be permanent. A simple rebalancing of consumption spending will produce major losses in state revenue. There is a chance, however, of overshooting. For example, spending on dental services was down more than 20% in 2020, the last year for which there is data. When the pandemic lifts completely, there will be a backlog of teeth waiting to be pulled.

Other services, from personal trainers to accountants, could see a surge in spending as consumers make up for all the things they put off during Covid. If and when this happens, states will face even sharper shortfalls in revenue.

A second concern is inflation. Europe experienced much of the same shift in consumption patterns as the U.S. But the trajectory of consumption line with what it was before olina.

Karl W. **Smith**



the pandemic. In the U.S., it has accelerated at a record pace. So while Europe's inflation seems to reflect mostly transitory issues, the U.S.'s appears deeper.

That acceleration in spending and the associated rise in inflation are direct consequences of the U.S. government's much larger expenditure of pandemic relief. In one way or another, those trends have to correct themselves.

If nothing else, continued inflation will lead the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates. Some analysts are expecting as many as seven rate hikes this year. In that case, consumer spending could be cut sharply as the economy experiences a mini-recession similar to the one it went through in 2015-2016 — and states could see a precipitous drop in rev-

Under a more fortunate scenario, there would be fewer rate increases and a surpluses are driven by more gradual decline in several factors. First, the overall consumer spending. There are reasons to believe that might yet come to pass: Even with record levels of consumption, Americans were not able to spend all of the relief money the government doled out over the past two

Savings rates hit record levels, although they began to drop sharply at the end of 2021 and they should get back to normal sometime this year. When that happens, consumers may feel more hesitant about big purchases.

Under this scenario, the hit to states' finances would be less severe. Yet it's still hard to argue that now isn't a good time for states to make deposits into their rainy day funds. Their residents' cash position is almost certainly going to decline in the near future. So it makes sense for states to take this opportunity to improve theirs.

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Smith is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist. He was formerly vice president for federal policy at the Tax Foundation and assistant professor of economics at spending in Europe is in the University of North Car-



Pence's rebuke was significant

tanced themselves from the more

drastic idea of having Pence try to

declare Trump the winner. Even

shortly after his comments Sunday,

Trump seemed to seek a mulligan.

focusing a later statement only on the

idea of Pence "sending it back to the

he and Trump would never see "eye

to eye" about what happened Jan. 6.

One could infer then that he was sav-

ing Trump was indeed wrong, but

Pence talked about it more as if it

around their differences with

Trump. They talk about Trump's

ideas as if they are proposals floating

in the ether that some random blog-

ger had raised, rather than the for-

mer president of the United States

effectively trying to set democracy

saying not only that what Trump did

was wrong and that his idea was "un-

American" but that it was corrosive

to democracy and that it's something

tion, we won't just lose elections

we'll lose our country," Pence said.

are to be conducted by the states -

'If we lose faith in the Constitu-

Pence added: "Under Article 2, Sec-

tion 1 of the Constitution, elections

not by Congress." He said Congress's

role is merely to count the votes. He

also warned about what would hap-

Republicans should abhor.

But Pence went further still Friday,

This is how Republicans dance

was an honest disagreement.

Similarly, Pence said last year that

TAKING A STAND FOR CENSORSHIP

By AARON BLAKE The Washington Post

Mike Pence finally got closer to saying directly what he's been gradually pointing to for more than a year: Donald Trump was treading all over the Constitution with his gambit to overturn the 2020 election.

Speaking at a Federalist Society event in Florida, Trump's loyal second-in-command addressed the issue more head-on than before. He did so after Trump said over the weekend that Pence could've and should've tried to unilaterally overturn the election.

"I heard this week that President Trump said I had a right to overturn the election," Pence said. "President Trump is wrong. I had no right to overturn the election.

Pence added quickly that "frankly, there is no idea more un-American' than the one Trump pushed.

The substance of Pence's com-

ments weren't much different from what he's said before. But on Friday, he tied it all together and directly invoked Trump in a way he hadn't before — and in a way that's very likely to stick in Trump's craw and force a more direct clash between the two of them.

Pence said on the morning of Jan. 6, 2021, that he didn't have the right to accept or reject electoral college votes unilaterally. He also described that idea as "un-American" last summer. But in neither case did he describe these as being necessarily Trump's ideas.

Trump had invoked the idea of Pence unilaterally overturning the election in the run-up to Jan. 6. But he generally focused merely on the idea that Pence would send the issues back to the states to consider what to do about the (bogus) claims of voter fraud. Others around Trump have also, in the year since Jan. 6, dispen if Trump's standard were to be writing for The Fix.

Aaron**Blake**



applied in the 2024 election, suggesting Vice President Kamala Harris could try to unilaterally overturn an election for the Democratic ticket.

The big takeaway, though, is Pence directly saying Trump was wrong. There's a reason he avoided that for the past 13 months. And it would've been easy to merely restate what he's said before without invoking Trump.

The events of the past several months — culminating with Trump's statements Sunday and Monday show that Trump isn't going to let this go any time ahead of 2024. He even suggested Monday that Pence should be investigated (for what, it's not really clear).

Pence would've been kidding himself to think this would all blow over one day, but the continued focus on Jan. 6 — by Trump and by the House's select committee, which has significantly ramped up - has apparently made Pence realize he can't keep hoping against hope for that.

It seems highly unlikely that Republicans will ever take his side in this or any other clash with Trump, but Pence's political future rests on them at least understanding where he was coming from — and no longer pretending this is something that can be put to bed with a few offhand comments. Trump certainly hasn't let it lie, even as Pence had avoided directly going after him.

Pence declining to go along with Trump's gambit on Jan. 6 was surely him clearing a very low bar when it comes to political courage; such was the extreme nature of what Trump wanted him to do. And now, at least, Pence is acknowledging with a little more clarity just how ridiculous and "un-American" what Trump asked him to do was.

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Local/Indiana

Obituaries

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Alice Smiley

Alice Leota (Jetter) Smiley, 86, Indianapolis, formerly of Union City, Ohio, passed peacefully to become an angel with God on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022.

Alice was born in Salamonia, Indiana, in the home of Victor and Mary Esther (Deglar) Jetter, her parents.

Alice graduated from Madison High School in 1954, participating in cheerleading and band, playing her beloved saxophone. After high school, Alice enjoyed working at the Home Cafe and in retail sales before marrying her high school sweetheart and husband of 66

years, Franklin Smiley, Union City, Ohio.

Alice then started her most rewarding career as a homemaker and mother to five children. Alice was truly



one of a kind. Revered by her family, she leaves an impactful legacy on all those she loved and was exceedingly proud of all her children and grandchil-

Alice is survived by her husband Frank, 86; their four children: Estella (Alan) Woodard of Maitland, Florida, Barry Ohio, Smiley, Greenville,



Alice wass preceded in death

by her eldest daughter Teresa Dotson: her parents: and her sisters Jacqueline Grady and Phyllis Nicely.

The family is thankful for the care provided by the staff of Fresenius Kidney Care, Fishers, Indiana, and her many wonderful dialysis friends.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, followed by services to begin at 3 p.m. at Reichard Funeral Home, 400 Deerfield Road, Union City, Indiana. A private burial ceremony will take place in the spring at Old Teegarden Cemetery, Ansonia, Ohio.

Please express condolences and share your memories of Alice online at reichardfh.com.

Julie A. Morton, Fort Recovery, June 13, 1947-Feb. 6, 2022. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort

Marc Thornburg, Parker City, June 16, 1963-Feb. 3, 2022. Serv-

ices will be held at a later date.

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Future

Continued from page 1 Provided at the meeting were copies of an inspection report done by Matt Stechly, president of Core Facilities. (The company, which has been working for the county for more than a year, provides facility management, project management and consulting.) Stechly's report lists several building deficiencies, such as a decaying exterior, corroded plumbing, rusted handrails and guardrails, and damaged radiators. It also describes safety hazards, such as collapsing ceilings, open electrical boxes, high levels of arsenic in the water, damaged exterior walkways foundation, cracked windows.

"I'm concerned for the residents now," said council member Ray Newton. 'There's a lot of things in here that (are) a big liability for the county ... we're going to do something quick on some of this stuff, or it's going to come back and be bad for the county.'

Brian Commissioner McGalliard shared his concerns with the facility, such as the needed repairs as well as the decreasing resident count. The facility currently houses 15 residents, according to Aker, although it can house up to about 42 people.

"The status quo is not going to work right now. We're going to have to show we really need it or do away with it, one of the two, McGalliard said. "I hate to anything close we also have a supply and demand we have to look potential, and a lot of cos-

right now is the badmouthing (of) that place (about it closing)," said former commissioner Mike Leonhard. "Who wants to go out there and live if they think they're going to close?'

Former director Hope Confer resigned Jan. 23, McGalliard noted. Jay Commissioners



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Cliff Guingrich of rural Portland speaks during a joint session of county officials Monday. Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners held an informational meeting to discuss the future of Jay County Country Living, formerly known as Jay County Retirement Center.

recently hired Melissa Blankley as interim director — she will be formally hired at the next commissioner's meeting Feb. 14.

Blankley, a registered nurse, told the crowd she started Sunday and has been getting a feel for the position. She noted the building is in need of some

"There's just so much metic stuff that needs to "The biggest problem get done before we go out and start telling the community that we've got apartments and rooms for people," she said. "We just want to make it nice, comfortable and inviting to (residents) while they are there."

> Other worries shared about the facility's future were that most staff do not have training in nursing. It

serves as an assisted living and employee facility Heather Weaver noted it relocates residents to nursing homes as needed. Howquestions have ever. popped up in the past about when to send a resident to a new location better fitting their needs. Blankley said she plans to make clearer elines on when a resi dent's transition needs to take place.

Cliff Guingrich of rural Portland wondered aloud why the facility stopped caring for cattle and operating on a "self-sufficient" basis. He also suggested the community use the surrounding land for other purposes in order to keep the facility going. Jay County Humane Society could look into using the land for its new building, he said.

"I think if the word gets out about what's available out here, the cost, I don't see why you can't bump the attendance out there,' added local resident Greg Miller.

One community member asked if the county has surveyed residents about their needs, such as if locals ise a daycare" for elderly family members. Another resident suggested the county put together an advisory board. That committee, he said, could determine a plan for the facility's future.

Jay County auditor Anna Culy cautioned those at the meeting that some of their suggestions may not be allowed under Indiana Code.

"There are a lot of really great ideas," said Culy.
"There are certain rules that we will have to follow that will not fall in line with the good ideas, and it's because it's a county department, we have to answer to state... I love the ideas, but I'm not sure, because we explored them yet ..."

Commissioners. absent Rex Journay, and council Parr and Ted Champ, shared their own opinions.

'We don't want to have 35 people or more behind (on bills)," said council member Harold Towell. "Yeah, I know it's money, but I think it's part of this equation that we've got to use to come up with an answer."

"We have a budget and we have to make sure that, for taxpayers, we are doing the right thing, and \$2 million is a lot of money,' added Newton.

Filing

Continued from page 2 Republican Travis Holdman is uncontested for the nomination for state senator in District 19. No Democrats filed to run in the primary.

Three Republicans former council member Dave Dudelston, Chance Retter and Floyd Life filed to run for two nominations for at-large seats on Redkey Town council. Incumbent Dottie Quakenbush is the only candidate on the Democrat side of the ballot after Phillips' withdrawal. (May, the other incumbent, chose not to run for re-election in favor of trying for a seat on Jay County Council.)

Candidates for nominations for Pennville Town council at Republicans Alicia Corwin and Branda Manns and Democrat Mil-

Uncontested candidates for their party's nomination for county-wide office are Democrat Joel Bowers for Democrat incumbent Wes Schemenaur of prosecutor, Republican incumbent Robin Alberson for assessor, Democrat incumbent Ted Champ for Jay County Council (District 1), Republican incumbent Harold Towell for county council (District 2), Democrat Kelly Stipp for county council (District 2), Republican incumbent Faron Parr for county council (District 3) and Republican Cindy Bracy for county council (District 4).

All township trustee can-They are: Republicans James Brewster (Wayne), Angela Moeller (Jefferson), Steven Cash (Penn), Virginia Cline (Noble), Rex Pinkerton (Jackson), Jason (Wabash). Rosenbeck Jenny Cline-Wagner (Knox) and Scott Hilfiker (Madison), and Democrats Nancy Cline (Greene), David Champ (Richland) and Crystal Laux (Bearcreek).

advisory Township board candidates are as fol-

Republicans — Tammy Horn, Scott Coy and Jeff Alberson in Pike, Kathy Mosser; Matt Caster and Terry Rigby in Jackson; Janet Confer in Jefferson. Ronald Paxson in Penn; Dennis Rodgers and Joelle Rinker in Knox; Jeff Overholser, Emily Daugherty and Eldon Campbell in Noble; Greg Shreeve in Madison; and Carrie Shaneyfelt, Michelle Jones, Michael Shreeve and Phillip Zarate in Salamo-

Democrats — Richard Nixon in Jefferson; Robert Bailey, Alvin Cassel, Don Whitenack and Billy Bailey in Greene; Gary Glogas and Joseph Lloyd in Richland; and Shelli Rigsbee and James Haffner in Bearcreek.

Candidates for Democratic precinct committeeman are Brett Darby (Wayne 1), Bart Darby (Wayne 2), Nancy Cline (Greene), James Phillips (Redkey) and Fred Bailey (Wavne 7).

Running for Republican state convention delegate are Jenae Blasdel, Jon Eads, Matt Goldsworthy, Lenny Muhlenkamp, Michael Brewster, Jeff Hopkins, Missy Elliott, James C. Phillips, Amy Schilchter, Schlichter, Ilze Koch, Carrie Petro and Oakland Gaerke. Running for Democratic state convention delegate are Fred Bailey and James Phillips.

FAFSA application bill advances

By SUE LOUGHLIN Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

A bill to require Indiana's high seniors complete FAFSA before graduation

has passed out of the Indiana Senate by a 30-19 vote and is now headed to the House for consideration. FAFSA is the Free Application

for Federal Student Aid.

Completing the FAFSA "is the most important step in the financial aid process and determines eligibility for both state of Indiana and federal financial aid," according to INvested, an Indiana-based nonprofit that provides financial aid counseling to students and fam-

Indiana's high school class of 2021 missed out on an estimated \$65

million in federal Pell grants, according to the National College Attainment Network. By not filling out FAFSA, they also miss out on state financial aid.

Indiana ranked in the bottom half of states last year for FAFSA completion, with 55.9% of seniors filing. Less than 60% of high school seniors nationally completed the FAFSA.

Indiana's college going rate for the class of 2019 was 59%.

Senate Bill 82 is authored by State Sen. Jean Leising, R-Olden-Bill proponents say it could help

education for those who think they can't afford it. That, in turn, can lead to better

open the doors to post-secondary

job opportunities and also make the state more competitive from an economic development standpoint.

But opponents worry that school staff would have to spend too much time tracking down families who don't plan to seek financial aid. They favor other measures to promote FAFSA completion.

The issue is important to Indiana State University, which serves many first generation and Pell-eligible students, said Greg Goode, Indiana State University executive director of government relations.

Goode testified in favor of the bill before the Senate Education and Career Development committee; the bill passed unanimously out of committee.

Those from low income back-

and

grounds, or those who would be first generation college students, are less likely to fill out the FAFSA. Goode said. The issue is particularly important at ISU, where about 45% of the freshman class are the first in their families to go to col-

This bill changes the FAFSA process from an opt in to an opt out, Goode said. There are ways to opt out — by parents, an emancipated student, and a school principal or counselor.

Goode chairs the Wabash River Regional Development Authority, an entity that represents six counties and includes five colleges and universities: ISU, Rose-Hulman, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Ivy Tech and Vincennes.

Capsule Reports

Highway crash

A Portland woman turned her vehicle in front of oncoming traffic at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 75 South, causing a collision about 7:50 a.m. Monday.

Shawna L. Bye, 49, told Jay County Sheriff's Department she was driving her 2011 Chevrolet Traverse east on county road 75 South and waiting to turn north onto Indiana

sign and waited for a truck on the opposite side of the road before beginning to turn, according to a sheriff's department report. As Bye turned her vehicle, she pulled in front of a southbound 2013 Dodge Dart, driven by 39-year-old Kelli J. Hummer of Redkey. Hummer wasn't able to stop before her car collided with Hummer's vehi-

Both cars were towed,

\$10,000 between

Deer hit A Berne man drove his

county road 100 North about 5:50 a.m. Wednesday. Ryan J. Muhlenkamp, 41, was driving east on the road just east of county road 100 East when a deer ran in front of his 2011 Ford Fusion. He wasn't

Intersection collision

age estimated.

\$2,500 and \$5,000 in dam-

Damage is estimated vehicle into a deer on between \$10,000 \$25,000 after a Ridgeville man's vehicle crashed into a Portland man's car at the intersection of Arch and Meridian streets about 5:40 a.m. Saturday.

Michael W. McFarland, 57, Portland, was driving able to avoid hitting the east on Arch Street and 67. She stopped at the stop with damage estimated animal, causing between crossing Meridian Street. towed from the scene.

wasn't able to see a northbound 2008 Ford Edge, by driven 47-year-old W. Canter Brian Ridgeville, because of a large pile of snow in the intersection. Canter told police he also wasn't able to see McFarland's 1999 Chrysler Concorde, causing Canter's vehicle to collide with McFarland's vehicle.

He told Portland Police he

Both vehicles

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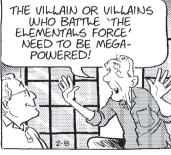








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reacted mechanically to what looked like a routine situation instead of reacting the way he

should whenever the contract appears to be a virtual laydown. In

such situations, a diligent declarer always asks himself: "What can defeat me?"

The answer to this question is not hard to find. Only a 4-0 club division can place the contract in jeop-

ardy, so declarer should focus his

attention on how he might over-come this distribution if it exists.

and, after having done so, South might then see the wisdom of leading the nine of clubs at trick two!

This thoughtful precautionary play pays maximum dividends in the actual case. East takes the nine with the tax and present a case.

with the ten and returns a spade

but he is already fighting a losing battle. Declarer wins the spade with

the queen, leads a heart to dum-my's ace and returns a club.

and plays another club. East's Q-7

and plays another club Easts Cy-1 succumb to South's A-8-5-3, and declarer finishes with nine tricks. While it is true that the recom-mended line of play would cost declarer a 30-point overtrick if the

missing clubs were divided 2-2, that is an insignificant consideration

when it comes to safeguarding a

vulnerable game.

After East plays the jack from the Q-J-7, South wins with the king, leads a diamond to dummy's ace

♦ A 10 7 3 WEST **♦** J 10 7 6 4 **★**K93 **▼**107 **♦**KJ94 ♣Q J 10 7 SOUTH A Q 8 ♥Q 4

South dealer

The bidding:
West Pass Pass Pass Pass

 six of spades. Opening lead

The player who habitually plunges ahead without thought is certain to run into trouble from time to time. As a case in point, consider this deal where West leads a spade against three notrump. Many against three notrump. Many declarers would take East's king with the ace and impulsively cash the ace of clubs. When West showed out, the contract would become unmanageable, and South would

end up well short of his mark. Adopting such an approach would supply strong evidence that declarer

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Tomorrow: A delicate deduction

2-8 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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Jutte, Rammel team up for Tribe in win

MOUNT VICTORY, Ohio -Owen Jutte had one of his best games as an Indian.

Cale Rammel wasn't too far

and Rammel both poured in more than 20 points in leading the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team to a 61-55 win against the host Ridgemont Golden Gophers on Satur-

The Indians (12-6) led after every quarter, including a 13-10 advantage at the first break and 30-22 at halftime. Ridgemont had an 18-12 edge in the third quarter

Local roundup

to trim the margin to just two points, but FRHS held on for the

Jutte scored a game-high 24 points, including a 7-of-9 effort from the free-throw line. Rammel added 23 points, and Landon Post contributed six points.

Tribe overmatched

Recovery's girls basketball team was overmatched by the Division IV No. 2 Tri-Village Patriots on Saturday, 69-24.

The Indians (5-15) trailed 21-6 at the end of the first quarter and went into halftime down 47-15. The Patriots (19-2) continued to pull away in the third, and kept the Indians to just one point in the fourth quarter.

Alexis Wendel scored eight points to lead the Indians, with Cali Wendel and Whitley Rammel contributing six points apiece.

Meghan Downing of Tri-Vil-NEW MADISON, Ohio — Fort lage led all players with 31 points, and the Patriot surpassed 1,000 career points in the process.

Jay gets two wins

PONETO — Jay County Junior High School's wrestling team picked up two wins against Allen County Athletic Conference rivals Monday at Southern Wells.

The Patriots (8-2) defeated the host Raiders 84-10, then topped Heritage 89-12. Corbin Lothridge, Grant

Linville, Jayden Lee, Sylas Wenk,

Leighton Brown, Garrett Bennett, Chris Compton, Rhysin Blowers, Joaquin Johnson and Alan Ortiz were all undefeated on

Jacob Robinson, Cole Carpenter,

Gavin Thomas finished his day 1-0, and Maddox Byrum was 1-1.

Wood second

Blake Wood was the lone member of Jay County Wrestling Club competing this weekend. He finished as the runner-up in the 47pound 8-and-younger division in a tournament at Cascade High School. Hayden Richman, Hayden Ison,

Continued from page 8 The freshman, who joined the school's 200-point club for six dives less than two weeks ago, was able to solidify the No. 3 spot and close the gap with runner-up Brianna Cook of Adams Central on her final three dives, finishing third with 306.85

Jocelyn Mercier of Burris won the event with 329.9, followed by Cook with 313.8. Emerson Meredith of Norwell was fourth at 287.95 as the top four divers move on to the regional to be contested at 6 p.m. tonight at Homestead.

"To come in and send a freshman to regional is big," said Slavik. "And I don't think she scratched the surface. ... She's capable of a lot more. I think more than five seconds in the 400

she'll be throwing a lot more 6s and 7s freestyle relay. at Homestead.'

Union City's Elly O'Connor, who trains with Jay County, matched Bader with a pair of state berths. She took the 50 freestyle in 25.7 seconds and won the 100 freestyle in 55.83.

The Patriots' other opportunities at state berths were in the freestyle relays after earning No. 2 seeds in both in Saturday's preliminaries. However, the top-seeded teams proved too much to overcome in both.

Zion Beiswanger, Morgan DeHoff, Emily Dues and Bader were second to Huntington North by 2.39 seconds in the 200 freestyle relay while Elayna Paro, Bader, Beiswanger and Dues finished as runners-up to Norwell by

Seniors Paro and Dues each finished their careers with a pair of topfive sectional finishes. Paro was fourth in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 breaststroke, and Dues took the No. 5 spot in both the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

Freshman Kenzie Huey followed Dues in seventh in the 100 backstroke. Competing in the consolation finals for the Patriots were Millspaugh (ninth - 500 freestyle, 14th - 200 freestyle), Anastasiya Fomina (10th – diving); Beiswanger (11th - 200 freestyle), Ieva Busa (13th - diving), Abigail Johnson (14th - 500 freestyle)\, DeHoff (15th - 100

freestyle) and Snow (16th – 100 breaststroke).



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Grace-ful flip

Jay County High School's Grace Yowell flips as she dismounts from the balance beam Monday during the Patriots' first and only home meet of the season at East Jay Elementary School. JCHS hosted Huntington North and Mississinewa. Results from the meet were not provided.

Seven

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"Cameron, he keeps chipping away there at the Litchfield kid. We're hoping we can get him. ... Cameron beat a very highly ranked Daleville kid ... in the semifinals. So, man, he had a great day.'

Moore (21-7) and Curtis (26-11) each earned regional berths with shutouts in the opening round. The former picked up a 9-0 major decision over Yorktown's Joey Cline at 106 pounds and the latter built an 11-0 lead before pinning Noah Gibson of Daleville in 3:38 at 120 pounds.

Reiley (30-8) built a 4-0 advantage in his 132-pound opening-round match and then finally gave up the

first point of the day for the Patri- fourth at the sectional and had to ots when Ben Edwards of Yorktown got an escape in the second round. But he wouldn't allow any more points as he won 8-1.

Moore, Reiley and Curtis each dropped semifinal matches to stateranked opponents. Reiley and Moore both bounced back to finish third, with the former pinning Colton Bollenbacher of South Adams in 1:37 and the latter shutting out Winchester's Quentin Keen

Curtis wrestled a frenetic thirdplace match but couldn't quite keep up with Yorktown's Carter Overby in a 15-10 defeat.

Each of the Patriots who finished to win regional titles.

take on champions from the Delta sectional in the opening round Saturday had their seasons come to an end. Those losses all came by pin:

•A.J. Myers (26-11) in 5:45 to Jonah Jones of Monroe Central at 160 pounds

•Cameron Gage (19-15) in 5:13 to Cowan's fifth-ranked and undefeated Tony Abbott at 145 pounds

•Conner Specht (23-14) in 51 seconds to No. 14 Joel Kennedy at 220

•Ramon Bravo (25-11) in 39 seconds to No. 19 Jackson Ingenito at 195 pounds

Abbott and Ingenito each went on

Sports on tap

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Today Jay County - Junior high girls swimming at Norwell Invitational - 5 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Winchester TV schedule Driver - 6:30 p.m.

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Seven to semi-state

Rowles and Wood repeat as regional champions while Patriots finish as team runners-up

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The start was pushed back three and a half hours to allow for safer travel following last week's storm.

And when he took the mat for the first match, Daniel Moore wrestled a scoreless first two

Once he recorded a reversal in the early moments of the second period, the Patriots were rolling.

The first four Jay County High School wrestlers on the mat Saturday didn't give up a single point in their opening-round matches. The host Patriots went on to rack up seven semi-state berths, including repeat individual titles from Cody Rowles and Tony Wood, while finishing as the regional tournament run-

"It feels good because you know you're where you need to be," said Wood, a sophomore. "It really just keeps you rolling into the state series.

'It just feels good to win and set yourself up for semi-state,' added Rowles, his classmate.

The Patriots scored 104.5 points to trail only 15th-ranked Bellmont (123.5), which had three individual champions, in the field of 17 scoring teams. Adams Central was third with

Joining Wood and Rowles with semi-state berths were regional runners-up Bryce Wenk and Cameron Clark, third-place fin-



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ishers Ethan Reiley and Moore, and fourth-place finisher Taye Curtis.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to the semi-state, which will be contested Saturday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort

"We feel pretty good," said JCHS coach Eric Myers. "You'd like to take them all. You'd like to move them all on. But taking seven on, we're excited about it.'

In their regional championship bouts, Rowles and Wood each faced rematches. Both had fallen behind their opponents in the previous weekend's sectional title bouts before coming back for victories. No rallies were necessary Saturday.

The 11th-ranked Rowles (33-1),

Norwell's Cayden Smithley in a headlock early. Smithley got a reversal to even the score, but when Rowles cinched in another headlock, it was over. The pin came in just 1 minute, 8 seconds.

"The opportunity presented itself to end it quick, so I took it," said Rowles, who pinned his way through the regional with quarterfinal and semifinal wins over Isaiah Spurlin of Winchester and Bowen Keith of Cowan. "He just pressured into my headlock, and I throw a pretty good headlock. He just didn't see it coming, I don't think.'

While he didn't record a pin, Wood was similarly in control against Gavin Cook of Adams Central. A takedown midway through the first period gave who won his regional title at 106 him the only points he would pounds last season and went on need. He added an escape early

to earn a state berth, caught in the second and got behind Cook for an insurance takedown with just seven seconds left. He then rode out the third period after Cook chose the bottom

"He cleaned some stuff up and just wrestled a solid technical match, stayed in good positions," said Myers of Wood, a 2021 regional champion and state qualifier at 120 pounds, following his 5-0 victory. "He's a heck of a wrestler."

Wenk (33-5) trailed fifth-ranked Hunter Page (39-1) by just a single point in their 182pound championship match after coming up with an escape with 56.1 seconds left in the final period. But Page responded with a single-leg takedown 21 seconds later and held on for the 6-3 win.

Wenk made it to the finals by scoring an 18-2 technical fall

over Thomas Price of Yorktown followed by a 9-4 decision of Cowan's Dalton May.

Daniel Moore of Jay County

High School tries to gain control against Yorktown's Joey Cline during the opening-

round match in Saturday's

regional competition. Moore

blanked Cline 9-0 to earn a

semi-state berth and went on

to win the third-place match

over

Quentin Keen.

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Winchester's

After knocking off Daleville's No. 10 Julius Gerencser in the semifinals at 138 pounds, the 11th-ranked Clark (18-3) met Bellmont's sixth-ranked Dominic Litchfield in the finals for the second straight week. Litchfield was able to work for a three-point near fall after Clark chose the bottom position to start the second period on the way to a 4-0 final score. (Clark's first-round win came by an 8-2 decision over Zach Bates of Winchester.)

"Bryce did a great job," said Myers. "I know he came in last year and lost the first round of the regional. He wanted to get to semi-state and give himself a shot to go to the state finals.

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Junior Mara Bader of host Jay County High School swims to a sectional championship Monday night in the 100-yard breaststroke. She also dominated the breaststroke leg on the way to winning the 200 individual medley.

Bader to state, girls 3rd

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

After a sixth-place finish at the Norwell Invitational and a couple of early dual-meet losses, the Patriots felt some were counting them out.

But Saturday they set themselves up to be near the top of the list, and Monday they cashed in that potential.

Mara Bader earned a couple of individual state berths, Maddy Snow advanced to the diving regional and the host Jay County High School girls swim team posted a third-place finish in the sectional tournament.

'I'm really happy with third place," said JCHS coach Matt Slavik. "We were closer to second than I would have thought. ... The girls put forth a great effort and I'm super proud of them.'

The Patriots, who had won four straight sectional titles but also graduated two individual state qualifiers last season, scored 255.5 points to keep themselves near the top of the standings. Norwell, which finished first in a pair of relays but recorded no victories in individual races, scored 375 to run away with the meet and win its first championship since 2010. Delta was second with 271, and Huntington North trailed JCHS by 22 points to place fourth in the 12-team field.

State berths were well-distributed — the winner of each swimming event advances to the state finals that begin with preliminaries Friday at Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis — with Jay County, Union City, Norwell and Huntington North each taking two while South Adams, Burris and Delta picked up one apiece.

Bader, who earned the No. 1 seed in both

Junior claims two titles as Jay County reaches goal as team

of her events during Saturday's preliminaries, found herself trailing midway through the 200-yard individual medley after Huntington North's Annika Carpenter out-paced her by more than two seconds on the backstroke leg. But Bader's strength was up next.

The JCHS junior needed less than 25 yards to surge back ahead on the breaststroke leg, and by the time it was done she had a three-second lead. She continued to pull away in the freestyle, posting a time of 2 minutes, 18.85 seconds, to beat Carpenter by nearly five seconds and successfully defend her sectional title.

Bader's victory in the 100 breaststroke was never in doubt. She dominated from start to finish for a career-best time of

"I always tell myself, 'Race the clock," said Bader of the big win in the breaststroke. "So I just always try to do that. ... I just tell myself to keep pushing and I'm almost there and just to race the clock.

The entirety of the diving competition was contested Saturday afternoon, with Snow standing 20 points out of second place and holding a 13-point advantage for third through the semifinals.

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