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Child care, housing are key factors

Report lays out priorities for helping rural areas of Indiana

(Editor's note: This story from Indiana Capital Chronicle is being broken into three parts. This is the third and final in the series. The first and second ran Thursday and Friday.)

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The Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute recommends seven specific priorities for achieving what it calls "rural prosperity."

Priority 1: Provide residents with access to reliable, affordable transportation that connects them to essential goods, services, and jobs

The institute called on policymakers in Indiana to invest in expanded transportation options for rural Hoosiers, including ridesharing approaches like carpooling or vanpooling, as well as vouchers that low-income riders can exchange for rides.

Lawmakers are additionally encouraged to enact policy that enables more electric vehicle usage, mostly through investments in public charging stations, and rebates for the sale or lease of electric vehicles.

Priority 2: Ensure all Hoosiers have access to high-quality, affordable housing

The report says policymakers can increase the supply of high-quality, affordable housing by enforcing habitability standards, increasing investments in the state's Housing Trust Fund.

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Holidays underway

Jay County got its holiday celebrations underway Friday with Christmas at the Courthouse and the Arts Place Holiday Benefit Auction. Pictured above, members of the Jay County High School choir sing Friday night on the third floor of the courthouse following the tree lighting. At left, John Petro shows off two tickets to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari in Santa Claus at the auction.



DOJ names special counsels

By **ZOE TILLMAN**
and **ERIK LARSON**
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Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Justice Department has appointed an independent special counsel to oversee criminal investigations related to former President Donald Trump and decide whether to bring any charges now that he's making a third run for the

White House in 2024. Attorney General Merrick Garland said Friday he determined it was in the public interest to appoint a special counsel given "recent developments," including Trump's announcement that he planned to run for president again and President Joe Biden's stated intention to run for re-election. "The Department of Jus-

Justice has long recognized that in certain extraordinary cases it is in the public interest to appoint a special prosecutor to independently manage an investigation and prosecution," Garland told reporters in Washington.

Allowing a special counsel to handle the probes may protect the government from potential conflicts of interest and avoid

allegations of bias, because the investigator would operate largely independently from Justice Department leadership.

Garland named John L. "Jack" Smith as the special counsel under an order signed Friday. Since 2018, Smith has served as the chief prosecutor for the special court in The Hague charged with investigating and adjudicating war

crimes in Kosovo. He is a former acting US attorney.

Smith will take on oversight of the investigations into the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol — including any role that Trump may have played — as well as the former president's handling of classified White House records after he left office, according to Garland's order.

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Jay competes Sunday

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

The Patriots were on the sidelines Friday night.

They will be there again tonight.

On Sunday, they'll be in a competition of their own showing off their game-cheering skills.

The Jay County High School cheerleading squad will compete Saturday in small varsity Game Day division in the Universal Cheerleaders Association Hoosier Regional at Hamilton Southeastern.

Game Day is a category focused on the style of cheerleading fans would expect at a basketball or football game rather than jumping, tumbling and stunts.

"Our skill levels now are more based on game cheering versus a competition squad," said JCHS coach Lindsey Peterson. "Game Day is looking at how well you can effectively lead a crowd instead of difficulty. It's about being solid and getting the crowd to interact ver-

Patriots will be in small varsity Game Day division

their Patriot Nation cheer, which involves the only building in the routine. It closes with the singing of the school song.

What are the squads judged on?

"How we perform in front of a crowd," said Lilly Rogers, the group's lone senior. "If we're spirited. If we can lead a crowd. I feel like it's more about being a cheerleader."

"It's more about leading the crowd than our actual routine being perfect," added junior Erin Ring.

Rogers leads a young group that features five freshmen — Emma Hatzell, Kayla Jetmore, Katie Rowles, Faith Faulkner and Paisley Fugiett — six sophomores — Adriene Denney, Jocelyn Haggard, Mikaylee Hoffman, Jordyn Hutzler, Coryn Blalock and Sydney Huffel — and juniors Karci Hopkins and Ring.

"Lilly is just really good leading everyone," said Peterson. "She gets along with everyone. People are drawn to her."

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Lilly Rogers, Jay County High School's only senior cheerleader, leads the squad through its routine at practice Thursday. The Patriots will compete in the Universal Cheerleaders Association Hoosier Regional on Sunday at Hamilton Southeastern.

Deaths

Betty Riddell, 87
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 32 degrees early Friday.

Today's high will be 33 with winds gusting to 35 miles per hour and a chance of flurries. Sunday's high will be 28. Skies will be sunny Monday with a high of 44.

See page 2 for an extended roundup.

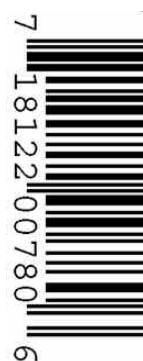
In review

Winterfest activities continue today with the Saturday with the Kids Breakfast and Karnival from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at East Jay Elementary School. The Little Miss Winterfest Pageant is at 2 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, with the Parade of Lights is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Meridian Street in Portland.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from tonight's JCHS girls basketball game at Winchester.

Wednesday — Our special Thanksgiving edition features an aerial look at Jay County.



Capsule Reports

Failed to yield

Damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after a Dunkirk woman failed to yield to oncoming traffic, causing a collision at the intersection of county roads 300 West and 200 South about 2:34 p.m. Thursday.

Faith L. Clark, 31, Dunkirk, was driving a 2016 Volkswagen Jetta south on county road 300 West and stopped at the intersection with county road 200

South, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. She began to turn east onto county road 200 South and failed to see an oncoming 2002 Dodge Ram, driven by 23-year-old Dylan R. Homan of Maria Stein, Ohio. The vehicle Clark was driving was struck by Homan's vehicle.

Homan complained of an upper leg injury. Clark's passenger and vehicle owner Joshua K. Fields, 42, Dunkirk,

complained of a lower leg injury. Both vehicles were towed.

Drove into traffic

An Elwood resident drove into the path of oncoming traffic along Franklin Street in Portland, causing a crash about 9:34 a.m. Thursday.

Jayne L. Roberts, 27, was driving their 2014 Chevrolet Malibu eastbound on an alley when they continued into Franklin Street,

according to a Portland police report. They drove in front of an oncoming 2011 Chevrolet Silverado, operated by 51-year-old Matthew W. Hoover of Portland, and their vehicles collided.

Roberts was cited with an infraction for operating a vehicle without financial responsibility. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle Hoover was driving is registered to Austin R. Rednour of Muncie.

Obituaries

Betty Riddell, the mother of a Geneva woman, Oct. 24, 1935-Nov. 15, 2022. Services will be held at a later date.

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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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Sunday 11/19	Monday 11/20	Tuesday 11/21	Wednesday 11/22	Thursday 11/23
27/19	43/24	48/28	50/33	49/31
Sunday looks to be sunny, with temperatures sticking in the 20s throughout the day.	Monday's weather looks like sunny skies with highs in the low 40s.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday with highs jumping to the upper 40s.	Wednesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies, with a high near 50 degrees.	Thanksgiving Day has a 30% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.

Factors ...

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They can also provide funds for appraisal gap financing and make regulatory changes that spur housing development or increase the appraised value of existing housing, especially manufactured homes.

Priority 3: All businesses in rural Indiana have an adequate supply of appropriately skilled workers

Despite recent efforts to get Hoosiers better educated, Indiana still lacks the skilled workforce needed to grow our economy, the report says.

Among the policy institute's recommendations to help increase the skills or educational attainment of adults already in the workforce is a call for a pilot program that would allow Indiana to provide supportive and wrap-around services to help financially vulnerable Hoosiers attain more skills and education. The state should also put greater emphasis on increasing education and training options available to Hoosiers participating in Indiana's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Priority 4: Rural areas fully integrate immigrant residents into their communities

Supporting immigrant participation in existing small business development programs is critical at the statewide level, according to the policy institute. Policymakers and state economic development leaders should additionally encourage local economic development strategies and systems to explicitly include immigrants.

Priority 5: Businesses and their employees have access to high-quality and affordable broadband services in all rural communities

To boost broadband access in rural Indiana, policymakers in Indiana should consider investments that build on existing state efforts to support internet providers in providing access to fast and reliable internet services in their service areas. Indiana should also leverage federal resources to boost broadband access in rural parts of the state, and invest in nonprofits that deploy free Wi-Fi networks in low-income apartment buildings.

Priority 6: Provide workers in rural Indiana with access to good jobs with living wages

The primary recommendation is for lawmakers and local governments to raise the minimum wage for public employees and workers, although the policy institute did not

give specific numbers for such increases. Policymakers can also enact family-friendly workplace policies, including those pertaining to paid family medical leave insurance programs. State lawmakers can further mandate that all private and public sector employers provide paid sick days to their employees.

Priority 7: Ensure rural Hoosier families have adequate access to high-quality and affordable childcare

Quality, affordable childcare is critical for helping Hoosiers in rural communities go to work, according to the report. Lawmakers in Indiana should increase state funding to expand access to childcare, like additional investments in On My Way Pre-K, as well as childcare subsidies for children aged 0-3. The policy institute additionally called on the state to invest in the childcare industry, including both high-quality early childhood training programs, and paying reimbursement rates that support and reward providers who pay higher wages and provide benefits.

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Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-4-7 Daily Four: 2-1-8-9 Quick Draw: 1-6-9-10-15-17-19-21-32-36-43-46-47-50-63-64-65-67-70-78	Rolling Cash 5: 16-17-23-25-30 Estimated jackpot: \$280,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-5-7 Pick 4: 0-9-3-4 Pick 5: 8-8-7-0-7	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$93 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$238 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.88 Dec. corn.....6.85 Wheat.....6.53	Wheat 7.62 Dec. wheat 7.62
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.88 Dec. corn.....6.83 Jan. corn.....6.77	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.58 Late Nov. corn6.58 Beans.....14.13 Late Nov. beans.....14.13 Wheat8.08
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Today in history

In 1794, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Jay negotiated a treaty, known as the Jay Treaty, with Great Britain. It helped calm relations between the countries following the American Revolution and called for British evacuation of the Northwest Territory — land that later became Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin — by June 1, 1796.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, dedicating the battlefield cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It concluded: "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall

have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

In 1777, Anwar Sadat, president of Egypt, began his visit to Israel following the Arab-Israeli War. During the trip, he offered a peace plan to the Israeli parliament.

In 2004, Holly Stein and Tiffany Gaerke sparked the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team and each finished with 12 points for the Indians in a 44-31 season-opening victory over the Memorial Roughriders (St. Marys).

In 2021, Cory Jones of Redkey pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the August 2020 fatal shooting of Shanna Jones of rural Dunkirk. Jones had been charged with murder and a habitual offender enhancement.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Portland City Council executive session, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, Fort	Recovery High School, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Tuesday 2:15 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

Competes ...

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Jay County is scheduled to compete at 2:22 p.m. Sunday.

There are four other squads — Silver Creek, Lafayette Jefferson, Cathedral and Bedford North Lawrence — in the small varsity Game Day division.

The Patriots have a goal of finishing in the top three. And although they don't plan on taking a trip to Florida, earning a berth to the UCA Nationals — the squad qualified last year — would be a nice accomplishment, Peterson said.

"I just want us to compete our best," added Rogers.

Keys to success Sunday are about teamwork and spirit.

"Everyone working together to get builds hitting," said Hopkins of a key area of focus.

"Building is a rough spot for us right now," agreed Rogers. "So stabilize our stunts."

"We don't have a lot of difficulty with in our building so we've got to have solid building," said Peterson. "We've got to stay energetic and enthusiastic. And our motions have to be solid as well."

DOJ ...

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"I intend to conduct the assigned investigations, and any prosecutions that may result from them, independently and in the best traditions of the Department of Justice," Smith said in a statement. "The pace of the investigations will not pause or flag under my watch. I will exercise independent judgment and will move the investigations forward expeditiously and thoroughly to whatever outcome the facts and the law dictate."

The White House was not given advance warning of the appointment, according to an official familiar with the matter.

Garland said a special counsel will allow prosecutors and FBI agents to continue their work "expeditiously." But he said that Smith's authority would not include the hundreds of prosecutions against people charged with participating in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

Smith has "built a reputation as a determined and impartial prosecutor" who can "follow the facts wherever they lead," Garland said. "Mr. Smith is the right choice to complete these matters in an evenhanded and urgent manner."

Under federal regulations that govern the appointment of a special counsel, Smith will not be subject to day-to-day oversight by Garland or any other senior political appointee. However, he can be disciplined or removed by Garland "for misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or for other good cause,

including violation of Departmental policies." Garland is required to report to Congress if he decides to remove Smith.

If Smith makes a recommendation to take — or decline to take — a particular action that Garland refuses to accept, the attorney general is also required to notify Congress. At the end of his work, Smith will submit a confidential report to Garland explaining any prosecutorial decisions; Garland can decide whether to make that report public.

Smith will have the ability to bring on his own staff or request that Justice Department employees be detailed to his office, but a cadre of career prosecutors are already managing both the Jan. 6 and Mar-a-Lago investigations.

Smith, who is registered as a political independent, has accepted the appointment, but he wasn't in attendance for the announcement because he had a recent injury while biking in the Netherlands and underwent knee surgery, according to a senior Justice Department official. He is still in the Hague but will return soon, the official said.

"The special counsel is authorized to conduct the ongoing investigation into whether any person or entity violated the law in connection with efforts to interfere with the lawful transfer of power following the 2020 presidential election or the certification of the Electoral College vote," according to Garland's order, which he signed Friday.

The Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County, a Christian, pro-life ministry is seeking an Executive Director.

Strong communication, leadership, and people skills is a must. Candidate should be comfortable working with women regarding reproductive issues, also dealing with crisis and personal situations that may include domestic violence. Duties include managing volunteer and paid staff, overseeing budget, fund raising and public relations. It is preferred that candidates should possess 3-year management/supervisory experience.

The Pregnancy Care Center is a 501 (c)3non-profit. Application packets are available for pick up Monday - Friday between the hours of 1-5pm. Applications and Resume should be returned by December 12th. Stop by the Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County located in downtown Portland Indiana at 216 South Meridian Street.

Questions - phone 260-726-8636

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If you need a meal it will be delivered on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 2022. There will be no charge - it is **Free!** Please fill out the form and mail to one of the addresses below or call so we will know how many to prepare.

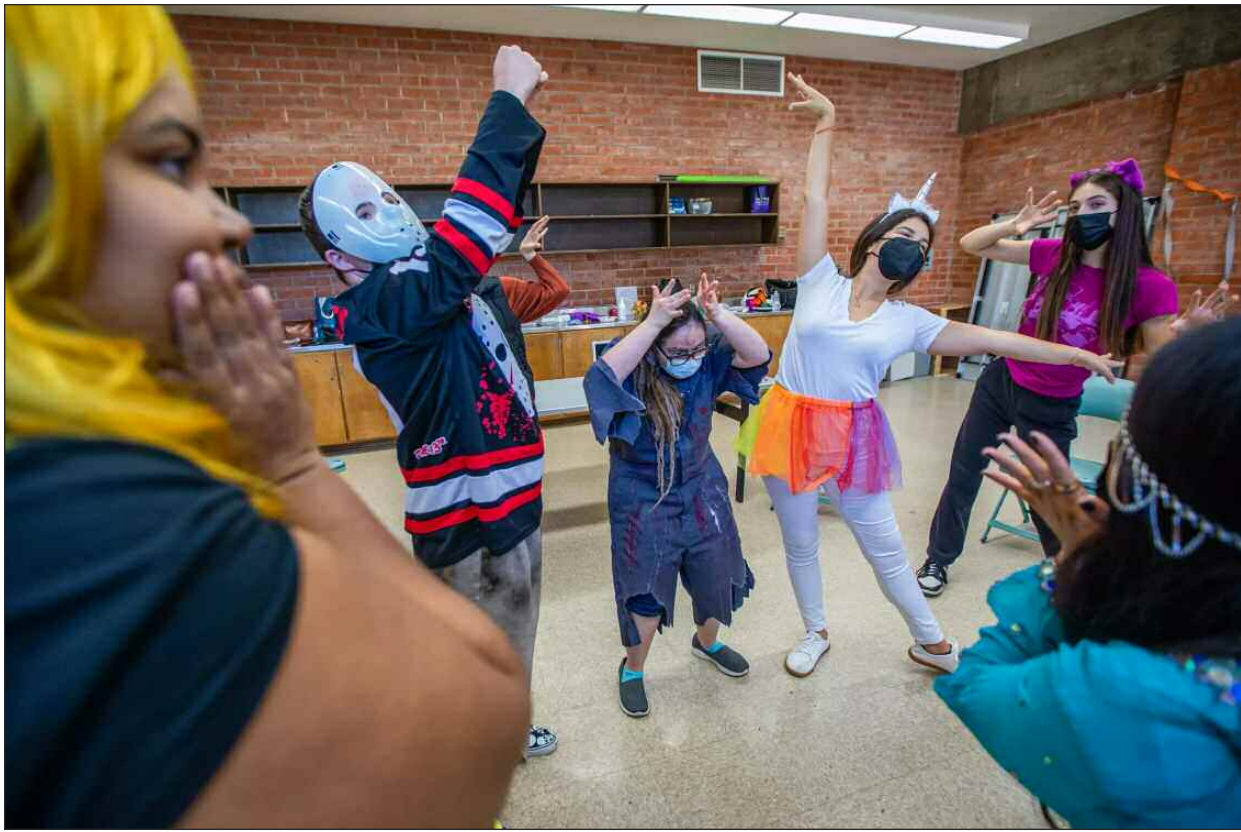
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Dance It Out

Students participate in the Let's Dance It Out class in Santa Monica, California. The program for special needs teenagers and adults aims to build social, emotional and cognitive skills using the power of movement.

Husband hugs other women

DEAR ABBY: My strongest "love language" is physical touch. For 23 years, my husband gave hugs galore to any and every woman, but never to me. The word "never" is not an exaggeration. He has recently begun to change and try to be better. Now he does hug me as much as I want. But when he hugs other women, it still feels like a knife through my heart.

Dear Abby



He says the hugs mean nothing to him, but I question why, if they were so insignificant, he couldn't give me even one for more than two decades? How do I get over feeling hurt when he hugs other women? Is there something wrong with my perspective on this? I'm not sure if I'm being too sensitive. — FINALLY WORTH HUGGING

DEAR FINALLY: Too sensitive? There is nothing wrong with your "perspective." For 23 years your passive-aggressive husband chose to withhold a gesture of affection you requested, while showering other women with it. It's "nice" that he's finally willing to make the effort to hug you but, frankly, it seems a bit late. It may take a therapist to help work through your justified hurt and anger over this. My advice is to start now.

sympathizes with me; however, my youngest daughter thinks I need to move on and get over his death. How can I make her understand that his death has devastated me, and getting over it will take time? She reads tarot cards and claims the cards are telling me to get over it and move on. How can I get her to stop with the card readings? — HEARTBROKEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Your daughter may be trying to be helpful. She may also be uncomfortable seeing her mother in pain. Clearly, she has no clue about how grief works. There is no timetable for it, but three months is a relatively short period of time.

Tell her that for the foreseeable future those card readings will no longer be a subject of discussion. Then, if she brings it up again, change the subject.

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

DEAR ABBY: My husband died suddenly three months ago. My family

Scholarship available to new teachers

Indiana residents planning to pursue a career in education can apply for a state teaching scholarship.

Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship provides up to \$7,500 each year for up to four years to high school and college students pursuing a career in education. Students in exchange must agree to teach for five years in Indiana. To be eligible, students must graduate in the top 20% of their class, score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT or have a cumulative GPA of at

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least 3.5. Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship awards 200 students with the scholarship annually. Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/next-

teacher to learn more and apply. The deadline is Jan. 31.

Learn to quilt

Another session in John Jay Center for Learning's senior learning series is set for next month.

Gentry and Viola Clark with Grandma-N-Me Quiltin of Portland will lead a presentation on quilting during the session Dec. 1. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the presentation to follow. Tickets are \$5 per person.

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. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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 BREAK-

FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 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.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at South Side Church of Christ, 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. New members welcome. For more

information, call (260) 726-5924.

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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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.

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 Tuesday 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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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

Wednesday

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

6	8	9	7	4	3	5	1	2
7	2	5	1	6	8	3	9	4
3	4	1	9	2	5	7	8	6
2	7	4	5	3	9	1	6	8
8	1	3	4	7	6	2	5	9
5	9	6	2	8	1	4	3	7
9	6	7	3	1	2	8	4	5
4	3	8	6	5	7	9	2	1
1	5	2	8	9	4	6	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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools November 21-25

Monday:	Main Entrees: Walking beef taco, Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, cheddar/Mozzarella salad, saltine crackers, Light ranch dressing, Side for all meals: Vegetarian Refried Beans
Tuesday:	Main Entrees: Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, cheddar/Mozzarella salad, saltine crackers, Light ranch dressing, Side for all meals: Seasoned Peas
Wednesday:	No School
Thursday:	No School
Friday:	No School



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Delta Theta Tau offers its thanks

To the editor:
Xi chapter, Delta Theta Tau, Portland, would like to thank the many individuals who participated in the success of Xi chapter's 37th annual "Deltas' Holiday Crafts & Gifts Show."

The support, cooperation and understanding of the administrators, faculty and staff at Jay County Junior-Senior High School make this event possible. Thank you.

A very special thank you to all of the following: each custodian who was a part of the Friday evening set-up, which is consuming for them and upsets their regular routine and schedule but "requires" them to be willing to help us out with many issues; each custodian that was a part of the show on Saturday, who helped with each situation that came up before, during the show (and the snow) and clean-up; the students who helped mark and tape booths Thursday and Friday; the swim

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teams and coach Matt Slavik and all other coaches; the wrestling team and coach Eric Myers and all other coaches; the girls basketball team and assistant coach Sherri McIntire; student council members and sponsor Jessica Lloyd; students from the choir; our Tri Kappa sisters; and all other groups or individuals that helped in any way. Their hard work is greatly appreciated and necessary.

A sincere thank you to the Jay County Sheriff's Office reserves and officers.

Thank you to Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves for taking his time to visit the show.

We value all our participat-

ing dealers. They participate by displaying their arts, crafts and gift items but also by renting booth space and tables, buying raffle tickets and purchasing food items. All add to the money that is used to help many. The dealers play a valuable part in this giving back. Also, thank you for your generosity in donations for the drawing. Thank you.

Our show would not be the success it is without the patronage and enthusiasm of our community and surrounding communities. Your support makes it possible to give back to those needing a helping hand. Thank you. Also, the local businesses that you visit in Jay County that day appreciate your support.

We would like to congratulate Roxanna Gaines, a customer from Farmland, Indiana, for winning the 50/50 raffle.

We would also like to congratulate the following dealers that

each won a 5-foot booth for next year: Tanner McClain, Kathie Rockwell, Cheryl Gardner, Monica Miller and Sheri Painter.

We extend a sincere thank you to each of our sisters who are associate members or members-at-large who are willing to help by volunteering their time providing baked goods or donations.

And to our families, we could not survive without your understanding, encouragement and your hard work. You are there to do anything that we ask. And we ask so much of you. The show would not be possible or be as successful without you.

We would like to take this time to acknowledge and praise each of our Delta sisters. Without each of you and your commitment to Delta Theta Tau, the "Holiday Crafts and Gifts Show" would not exist. The rewards that we receive are

many. Each time we can extend a helping hand to someone, we realize how significant and satisfying all the work, tired muscles, and hours of planning are to our community. It is our time to give back and this event makes that possible. The realization that the success of this event has enabled Xi chapter to give back over \$600,000 in the last 37 years is overwhelming and fills our hearts with pride.

If you helped in any way and we forgot to mention you, we sincerely apologize. But please know that it takes many helping hands to achieve the success of this event and, in turn, allows Xi chapter, Delta Theta Tau, to give back to our community.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Linda Ashman
Representing the members of Xi chapter
Delta Theta Tau
Portland

Inflation isn't as bad as you think

By JAMES K. BOYCE
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

Inflation is a hot-but-ton issue, and its political fallout can be huge.

Some think that the hyperinflation during Germany's Weimar Republic in the 1920s — when, at a trillion to the dollar, the German mark literally was not worth the paper it was printed on — contributed to the rise of Adolf Hitler. Current U.S. inflation is not remotely comparable, but pollsters say it helped to sway voters in the midterm elections in favor of the Republicans.

We hear that inflation is "soaring" not only on Fox News but also in the pages of the New York Times. We are told that the inflation rate has remained "stubbornly high" at 8.2% over the past 12 months.

Yet the inflation rate in recent months tells a very different story. From the beginning of July to the end of September, prices rose by only 0.5% — equivalent to an annual rate of about 2%.

Why the difference in numbers? Imagine that you've been speeding down the highway at 75 miles per hour for 45 minutes, then you turn onto congested city streets and have been averaging 15 mph for the last 15 minutes.

How fast are you driving now? The common-sense answer is that you're doing 15 mph. But measured over the last hour, you're doing 60.

The arithmetic of 12-month inflation rates is more stubborn than inflation has been. Even after slowing down, it takes time for your speed over the last hour to come down, too. But it makes no more sense to claim that inflation is "soaring" now than it would to say that you are accelerating through stop-and-go traffic.

The 12-month inflation rate is a useful measure for some purposes, like comparing trends across countries or over long time periods. What doesn't make sense is to use the 12-month rate to claim that the current level of inflation is either rising or falling.

James K. Boyce



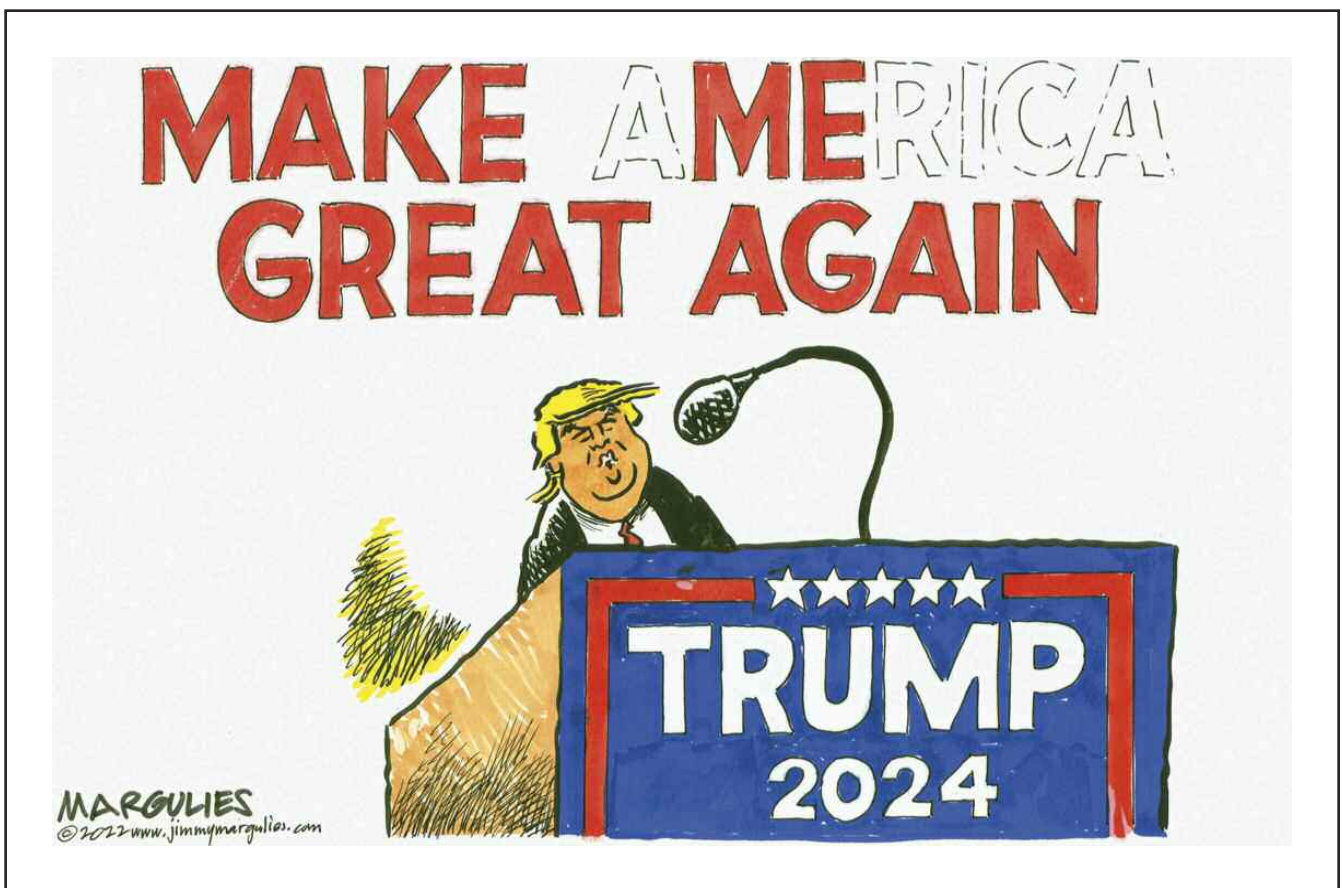
The causes of this year's inflation are a legitimate matter for debate. Supply-chain disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, exacerbated by the war in Ukraine, have played a role worldwide. The power of mega-corporations to raise not only their prices but also their profit margins, now at their highest level in 70 years, added fuel to the fire.

Stimulus spending under the Biden administration has raised inflation, too, though an extra bump in prices may have been worthwhile to support hard-pressed families, rebuild our decrepit infrastructure, and possibly head off a depression.

The reasons that inflation has cooled off in recent months are also open to debate. The Biden administration's decision to tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve had an impact: Gasoline prices fell more than 20% from the beginning of July to the end of September. Interest rate hikes by the Fed began to dampen demand — which, although not the ideal fix for supply shortages, is the main inflation-fighting tool the Fed has at its disposal, recalling the old adage about every problem looking like a nail when the only tool you've got is a hammer.

But whatever the causes, we ought to be able to get the facts straight. And the fact is that rather than soaring, inflation has actually eased — and eased a lot — in recent months. Fevered reports of runaway inflation are misleading, with political repercussions that could go well beyond number games.

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Time to save is running out

By DAVID CHAVERN
The Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

Local journalism is a cornerstone of democracy and a vital source of information for communities across the country, with newsrooms covering local politics, high school sports, local business openings, cultural events and other matters that help a community remain vibrant and connected. But the industry is facing an existential crisis because of the unyielding power of Big Tech platforms such as Google and Facebook.

With less than four weeks left in this Congress, now is the time for the Senate to pass the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) (S. 673 and H.R. 1735). The JCPA was favorably reported out of Committee on Sept. 22 with strong bipartisan support and now must head to the floor for a vote. The JCPA will hold tech giants accountable and provide a necessary lifeline for local papers, requiring Big Tech to compensate small and local outlets for the use of their content.

Big Tech benefits tremendously from journalism content, yet they refuse to pay local publishers fairly for the journalistic content that fuels their platforms. As a result, local papers are being replaced by tech platforms using black box algorithms designed to keep users inside their walled gardens — all while charging exorbitant ad fees — up to 70 percent of every advertising dollar.

Since 2000, U.S. newspaper circulation has dropped by half, with 31 million fewer daily newspapers in circulation in 2020. The vast majority of U.S. counties with no regular newspaper — "news deserts" — are in rural areas. Despite record audiences, since news outlets transitioned to digital, revenue has drastically declined.

The tech giants have built their

David Chavern



empire by profiting off the hard work of journalists without fairly compensating them. And as local publications struggle to stay afloat, Big Tech has only doubled down on their anticompetitive practices, further consolidating their control over the flow of information.

This is fundamentally unfair, and the JCPA will bring about much-needed change.

The JCPA will benefit small and local publishers exclusively and impose severe penalties if the tech platforms do not negotiate with them in good faith. The bill has a limited scope of six years to address a broken marketplace, while the broader competitive landscape is fixed through other legislation and the courts. The JCPA also incentivizes publishers to hire more journalists and protects our constitutional freedoms of speech and the press. The bill's scope is limited to compensation and does not allow for negotiations around up/down ranking or display — it serves only to ensure fair compensation for local news outlets. The JCPA has strict transparency requirements on the terms of each agreement reached between tech platforms and journalism providers and establishes clarity in how news outlets spend the funds they receive.

News publishers around the world are being compensated by Big Tech. Australia passed a similar policy to the JCPA, the News Media Bargaining Code, for media organizations to

bargain for payment, which has produced significant revenue (billions of dollars, if translated to the U.S. market) for hundreds of publications of all sizes. One Sydney journalism professor noted that she hadn't seen her industry so financially robust in decades. There are so many open positions for reporters, they cannot all be filled, a signal of the improved economic health of the industry. The swift and clear successes of the Australian Code — and efforts in other countries such as Canada, the UK, European Union, and more — should serve to encourage the passage of the JCPA in the United States.

Thousands of hometown papers from across the political spectrum, as well as both Democrats and Republicans in Congress, support the JCPA. Moreover, in these highly polarized times, polling data found that 70 percent of Americans support the JCPA. The JCPA has such broad support because ultimately, it is about basic fairness.

Local papers cannot afford to endure several more years of Big Tech's use and abuse, and time to take action is dwindling. If Congress does not act soon, we risk allowing social media to become America's de facto local newspaper. The Senate must advance the JCPA to the Senate floor for a vote before the end of the year to rein in Big Tech and restore fairness to local journalism — one of the most important checks and balances we have against corporate power and government corruption — before it's too late.

Chavern is president and CEO of News Media Alliance, the news industry's leading trade organization, representing nearly 2,000 diverse publishers in the United States: newsmediaalliance.org.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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A worker conducts a drop test on bottles at the Cove lab. In the coming months, Cove plans to release its biodegradable water bottle in stores.

Biodegradable bottle is coming

By MARK BERGEN
Bloomberg

The Cove water bottle is a thin, sturdy cylinder, eggshell-white with a matching lid. It feels familiar.

"If someone gave that to you," offered Alex Totterman, Cove's founder and chief executive, "you probably would have no idea that that wasn't a plastic bottle."

If someone does give you this bottle, it would be a remarkable achievement. Scientists and businesses have spent many years and much money trying to replace everyday packaging with natural materials that don't pollute the Earth — so far, that's given us little beyond compostable straws. But the challenge hasn't deterred Cove from its own five-year journey to producing the first "fully biodegradable" bottle of water. In the coming months, Totterman says Cove's creation will finally hit stores at \$2.99 a pop.

Totterman has also said this before. In February 2019, he told Fast Company Cove's bottles were arriving in stores later that month. They didn't. In October 2020, Totterman told the Los Angeles Times his bottles were arriving after the new year. Still nope. Pandemic delays and supply chain bottlenecks have repeatedly derailed the startup's plans, as has the chemistry involved in its mission.

Cove's investors are still on board. The company has raised \$20 million since 2018 from luminaries like Salesforce co-founder Marc Benioff, media heir James Murdoch; and Valor Equity Partners, an early backer of Tesla Inc. Totterman also bagged investment from singer Ellie Goulding, DJ Diplo, and Palm Tree Crew, a holding company co-founded by DJ Kygo — plus a few pop stars he wouldn't name. By his telling, grocers, music festivals and corporate campuses are waiting with bated breath, and checkbooks in hand, for someone to produce a water bottle that people won't feel guilty about tossing out, and Cove is nearly ready to produce 20 million bottles a year to meet interest from "pretty much every major retailer and brand," Totterman said. (Whole Foods is the only named customer.)

Cove's bottles start in kitchens. RWDC Industries, a chemical supplier with U.S. headquarters in Georgia, first collects cooking oil from restaurants and ferments it into polyhydroxyalkanoates, or PHA, a polymer meant to dissolve in water or soil without any toxic residue. RWDC ships this creation to Cove's warehouse north of Los Angeles, where it arrives as tiny round pellets that look and feel like bits of Styrofoam. RWDC — the only PHA supplier of

Cove's that the startup would name — adds secret ingredients to its concoction, but Blake Lindsey, the company's chief commercial officer, said that there's nothing synthetic involved.

From there, the PHA pellets move to Cove's 25,000-square-foot factory, where they are sent through machinery to vacuum away moisture, sift out metal, and stretch, cut and mold the material into a hollow canister fit for water. A label is then printed directly onto each bottle ("Cove's plastic-free, renewable bottles"). The ink, made from algae, is meant to biodegrade, too. Water from a purification plant nearby is poured in. By Cove's estimates, its bottles will disintegrate in water and soil in under five years.

After starting in 2018, Cove cycled through at least one approach to making its bottles that didn't pan out. When the company decided to open its own factory, in early 2021, Cove quickly discovered the unpredictability of its Goldilocks material. If PHA gets too cold, it becomes too brittle; if it's too hot, it goes soft. During one test run, the ingredient overheated, and Cove's factory floor erupted in steam and a pungent aroma of caramel that one early employee described as "especially vivid." (The unique properties of PHA mean that different batches produce different scents; during a visit in early October, Cove's factory floor smelled strongly of buttery popcorn.)

Every piece of bottling equipment Cove bought also needed to be modified to handle the fickle material, and most took forever to show up. Steel pipes to transport the pellets between machines and a temperature sensor tool didn't arrive for more than a year. Still today, one of Cove's 12 employees manually sorts bottles rolling off the assembly line because a mechanical sorter is en route. "We ordered [it] back in January. It was promised to be here in April," explained Cove's vice president of technology Jim Shepherd, shouting over the machine din. "We're now in October and basically waiting on a robot."

When Cove first started production, it would ship PHA pellets to laboratories to test their physical properties, intending to wait on the results before forging them into bottles. "It wasn't fast enough," said Agnes Steckler, Cove's research director. So the company built Steckler her own lab, a room with eight machines to measure resilience, melting points and molecular weight of the PHA. The lab cost the startup more time and "millions of dollars," Totterman said. But it was worthwhile: "We had to

take a step back to take two steps forward."

Even that wasn't the last hurdle. Once Cove finally began churning out bottles, most weren't strong enough to withstand a tight grip, or a drop from a few feet. "It turns out, it's very difficult to bring a new technology to market," said Peter Rahal, an early investor.

Others have tried to crack the biodegradable bottle. In 1990, the British industrial firm ICI announced a biodegradable plastic made from a mixture of bacteria and glucose that took 15 years to develop. ICI said the material absorbed enough carbon dioxide to match emissions from production, and rolled it out first as shampoo bottles in Germany. But the material was expanded to few other items and six years later ICI sold the invention patents to Monsanto, which soon pawned off the biodegradables division to a company called Metabolix. It, too, tried remaking plastics, failed, then steered the research into agriculture.

Meanwhile, every food and beverage giant, under significant pressure to get off plastic, has experimented with natural substitutes. Few projects have left the lab. Last year, Coca-Cola Co. abandoned its plans for plant-based packaging in favor of 100% recyclables, arguing that consumers were demanding reusable bottles.

Such corporate efforts underestimate the expense and headache of converting organic materials into a viable plastic replacement, according to Ramani Narayan, a professor at Michigan State University and expert on bioplastics. He has seen a parade of companies try harvesting various chemical mixtures, only to give up or fall short of bold promises — and he's wary of RWDC's claims about PHA. "Every third person comes around, 'Oh, I've got this magic stuff now. I can save the world's problems,'" Narayan said.

Danimer Scientific Inc., a company planning to make straws, Skittles bags and rum bottles using plant-based PHA, was last year accused by scientists — and short sellers — of overstating biodegradability claims. (Danimer argued its process met international testing standards.) Cove's key ingredients from RWDC have been approved as biodegradable by certification body TÜV Austria, and Totterman says his company is awaiting similar approval for its bottle.

After initially working with contractors, Totterman decided to bring Cove's process in-house, recruiting a small team of material scientists and manufacturing veterans — though none of them are

PHA experts. Before Cove, Totterman worked for a water purification startup in his native U.K. Shepherd is a molecular scientist who spent decades at Coca-Cola and Procter & Gamble, although he hadn't worked with PHA until joining last year. "We're figuring out the standards," said Totterman. "Because there isn't a blueprint."

Investors like this temerity. "Experience can be a burden," says Rahal, who created RxBar, the health food brand. "If you know too much and you're too smart, you don't jump. And you've got to jump."

More hurdles remain. Recent environmental legislation in California categorizes PHA as a plastic, limiting the amount of material Cove can use in production. (Ben Kogan, Cove's policy lead, is working on a counterproposal.) And pricing is in flux. Two years ago, Cove promised a \$2.29 bottle, but it has since added 70 cents to that price in response to price hikes on raw materials. Totterman thinks expecting consumers to reuse bottles or recycle more often is naive. Expecting people to pay more for compostable bottles sounds naive, too, but Cove sees validation in Liquid Death, an aluminum can water brand worth an eye-watering \$700 million.

The company also takes inspiration from another premium product: An investor deck from this summer describes Cove's strategy as "the Tesla playbook" — sell an expensive item that conscious consumers will buy, driving down production costs. Pricy water is merely a "Trojan Horse" for a range of compostable consumer goods, Totterman said, hinting at future Cove shampoo bottles and other home care products.

But first, water. Behind the Cove factory, Totterman showed off a storage warehouse stocked full of boxes with Cove's bottles, ready to ship out when the time is right. "We kind of fought to get here, kicking and screaming this into existence," the CEO admitted. "We're basically in striking distance now." He didn't give a precise date.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL COOKS WHO ARE SKILLED AT MAKING YUMMY DISHES REALLY FAST? CELERITY CHEFS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals G

Trivial Review (Answers are printed below, upside down.)
General queries
1) What European explorer gave the Pacific Ocean its name?
2) What was the first soda to be created, one year before Coca-Cola?

11-21 CRYPTOQUIP
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE ANNUAL DRINKING CONTEST KICKED OFF LAST NIGHT, THE COMPETITORS CAME OUT SWIGGING.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals T

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to caregivers.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(A. 26 1 10 15 13 22 19 26 15)
(B. 26 1 10 10 25 13 7)
(C. 3 5 13 19 20 8)
(D. 5 7 7 15 20 7 19 25 20)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to caregiving.
AHLTHE
Answer: Health

Guess Who?
I am an actress born in California on November 15, 1991. As a young star, I appeared opposite Harrison Ford and was nominated for a Young Artist Award. I am best known for a role on an ABC Family show about teenagers.
Answer: Shailene Woodley

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

FOOD FACT!
THIS FOOD TYPICALLY IS THE MAIN COURSE DURING THANKSGIVING DINNER.
ANSWER: TURKEY

Crossword Puzzle
Grid with numbers 1-7.

ACROSS
1. Least perceptible
4. Notion
5. Metal container
7. Seasoned and tasty
DOWN
1. Relatives
2. Brewed drink
3. Gratified
6. Structure that closes an entrance

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
15
1920: THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS HELD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.
1926: THE NBC RADIO NETWORK OPENS WITH 24 STATIONS.
1971: INTEL RELEASES THE WORLD'S FIRST COMMERCIAL SINGLE-CHIP MICROPROCESSOR, THE 4004.

New word
CASSEROLE
a type of stew or side dish cooked slowly in an oven

CAREGIVER WORD SEARCH
Grid of letters for word search.
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS
ACUTE, AGENCY, ASSISTIVE, CARE, CHRONIC, COMORBIDITY, COMPANION, COMPETENCE, CUSTODIAL, DIRECTIVES, DISABILITY, DISCHARGE, FACILITY, FAMILY, GUARDIANSHIP, HOME HEALTH AIDE, HOSPICE, INDEPENDENT, INFORMAL, MEMORY, MOBILITY, PROXY, SUPERVISION

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Pie
SPANISH: Tarta
ITALIAN: Torta salata
FRENCH: Tarte
GERMAN: Pastete

Did You Know?
THE CORNUCOPIA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "HORN OF PLENTY," IS A SYMBOL OF FALL.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: STUFFED TURKEY

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
40 Morning moisture
42 Actress Deborah
6 Hinder
11 Frodo, for one
12 Wore down
14 Texas city
15 Un-attached
16 Army address
17 "Let's stop arguing, okay?"
19 Actor McKellen
20 Wife of Geraint
22 Supplement with "out"
23 Florida
24 "Encore!"
26 Support
28 Chemical suffix
30 June honoree
31 Vie
35 Perhaps
39 Tarzan's clique

Grid for crossword puzzle.
Yesterday's answer 11-19

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Reducing the element of luck
East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠Q5, ♥AJ104, ♦A1052, ♣AQ7
WEST: ♠642, ♥K732, ♦987, ♣1083
EAST: ♠8, ♥Q986, ♦QJ63, ♣KJ95
SOUTH: ♠AKJ10973, ♥5, ♦K4, ♣642
The bidding: East 4♠, South Pass, West 4♠, North Pass.
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.
It isn't easy to make six spades on this deal even if you see all 52 cards. And it's certainly more difficult if you have to play the hand without this advantage. But, even so, the correct method of play is almost sure to land the contract whether you see the East-West cards or not.
Declarer starts with 11 tricks consisting of seven spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club. Stated differently, South has two potential losers — both in clubs.
The simplest way of trying to avoid one of the club losers is to finesse the club queen in the hope that West was dealt the king. However, this method of play offers only a 50% chance for the slam — and a competent declarer is always reluctant to settle for just an even chance without first seeking another method of play that might increase the likelihood of success.
So, to give himself a better shot for the slam, declarer adopts a line of play designed to circumvent the finesse. He wins the diamond lead with the king, cashes the spade ace, leads a diamond to the ace and ruffs a diamond high. Only four tricks have been played, but South is already certain to make the slam.
A low trump to the queen is followed by a ruff of dummy's last diamond. Declarer then draws the missing trump, leads his singleton heart and, after West follows low, plays dummy's ten! East wins, but whether he returns a heart or a club, South acquires his 12th trick.
Note that if West plays the king on South's heart lead, the outcome is exactly the same. Declarer wins with the ace and returns dummy's jack to force out the queen (discarding a club if East plays low), and thereby establishes his 12th trick.

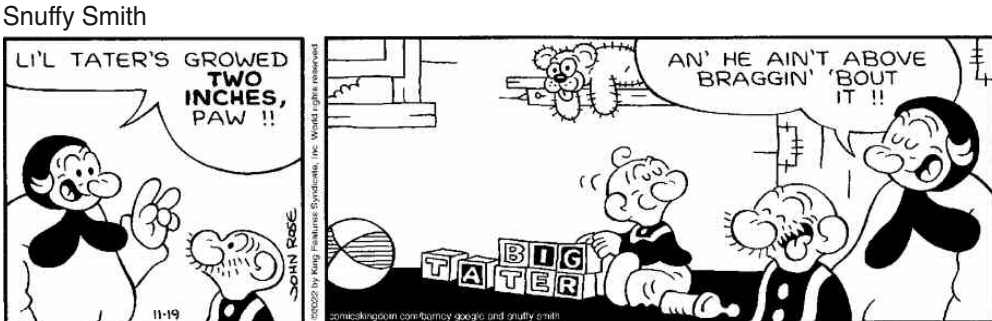
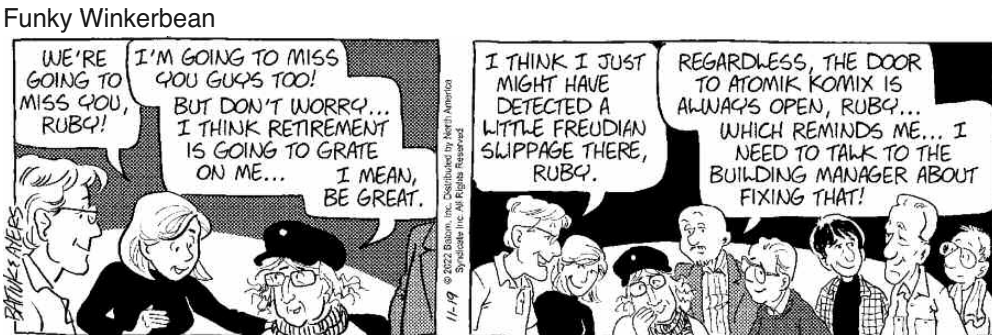
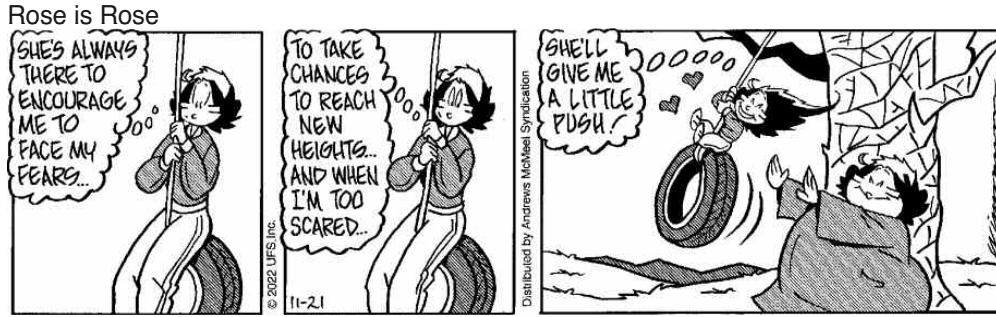
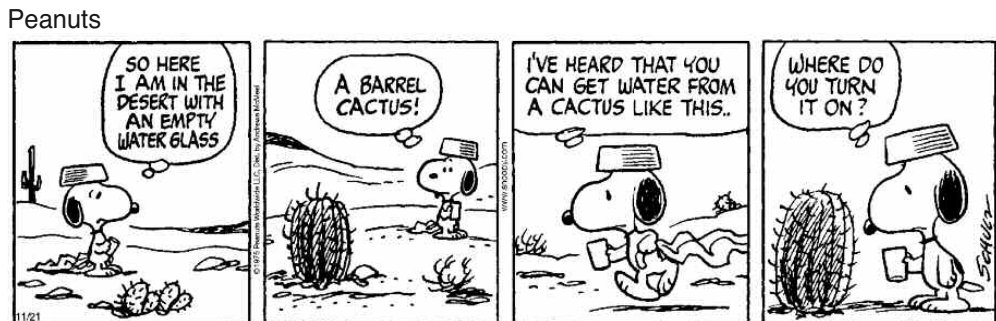
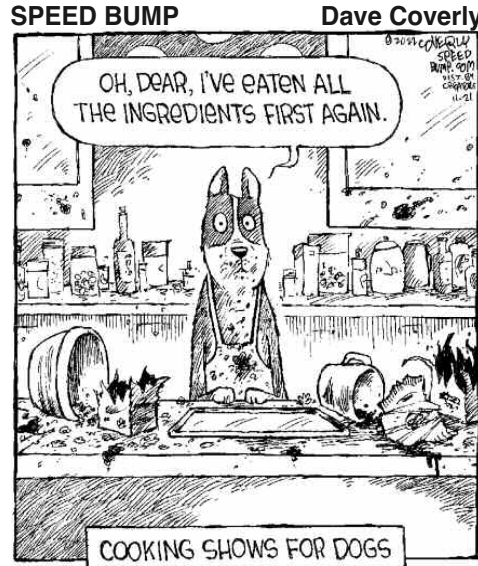
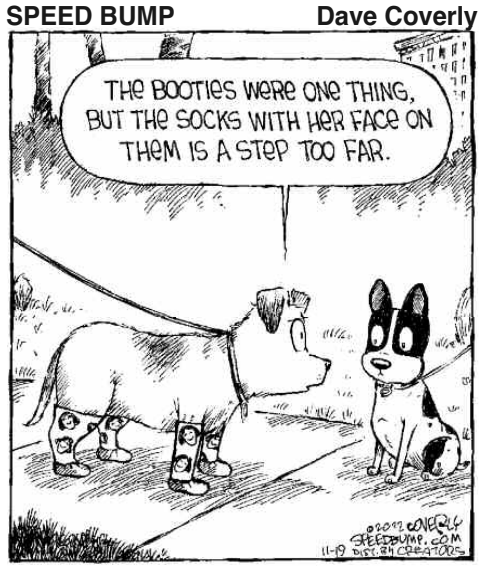
Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠KJ643, ♥9754, ♦105, ♣A4
WEST: ♠9875, ♥K106, ♦KJ93, ♣J5
EAST: ♠10, ♥Q, ♦87642, ♣KQ10932
SOUTH: ♠AQ2, ♥AJ832, ♦AQ, ♣876
The bidding: South 1NT, West Pass, North 2♥, East Dble.
Opening lead — jack of clubs.
Advocates of artificial bidding methods can point to this deal from the Italy-United States match at the 1965 world team championship as illustrating both the up-side and down-side of such methods. At the first table, with Howard Schenken and Peter Leventritt North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown.
South's one notrump indicated 15 to 18 points. Two clubs was Stayman, asking South to bid a four-card major if he had one. East (Walter Avarelli, playing with Giorgio Belladonna) doubled to show clubs. From then on, the bidding was natural, and Leventritt had no trouble making four hearts, losing only two trump tricks and a club to score 620 points.
At the second table, the bidding was more spirited and also much more artificial. With Benito Garozzo and Pietro Forquet North-South for Italy, the bidding went: South 1♣, West Pass, North East 1♠, Pass 5♦(!), Pass 5♠, Dble.
The opening one-club bid by Forquet was strong and artificial, promising at least 17 high-card points. North's one-spade response was also artificial, showing an ace and a king, or three kings; it was coincidental that he actually had a spade suit.
The two-notrump bid by East (Dorothy Hayden, playing with B. Jay Becker) was the "unusual notrump," announcing length in both minor suits. Becker's leap to five diamonds was an attempt to short circuit the major-suit game it seemed likely the opponents could make.
The Italians thus found themselves confronted by a five-diamond bid — and had not yet bid a real suit! They did the best they could by doubling, but the two-trick defeat for +300 yielded a net gain of 320 points for the U.S. team.
Tomorrow: It's magic.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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46 Levitate
50 Timber wolf
53 Pen tip
55 Forbidden act
56 Envelope abbr.
57 "Today" rival, briefly
58 Amorphous mass
59 AAA jobs
60 Briny expanse
61 Mao -tung
4 "The Office" character
25 Bailiwick
26 Big-foot's cousin
27 Graceful bird
28 Enjoy gum
29 Get wind of
30 Intro studio class
31 Quick swim
35 Asian holiday
38 Pot pie morsel
40 Fan's cry
42 Ladder steps
45 Watch reading
47 Electric unit
48 Seth's son
49 Judicial garb
50 Long crosser
51 Oklahoma tribe
52 Texter's "Incidentally"
54 Sheep's cry

Grid for crossword puzzle.
Saturday's answer 11-21



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Bubp Building at Jay Co. Fairgrounds.
Saturday November 19th, 2022
10 A.M.

ANTIQUES, FURNITURE & COLLECTIBLES
Baseball cards, Top Gun trapper keeper, Griswold/Favorite & Wapak cast iron skillets, Pet Milk metal sign spice box, knives, gun cases, tackle boxes with lures, new fishing poles, large selection of Department 56 Charles Dickens Villages & Longaberger baskets, vintage child's sleds, early hump back steamer trunks, Berlin child's wagon toys, John Deere Model #20 pedal tractor, farm toys, Hot Wheels & Matchbox cars, 80+ lunch boxes to include

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Response ...

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“Any time Renna’s hot, or whoever, we’re gonna try to get them shots,” said Comer. “That was set at the end of the quarter and again at the beginning of the second quarter. We were just trying to take advantage of her hot hand.”

Bellmont shot 45% from the field in the opening quarter but, hampered by some foul trouble, it hit for just 28% the rest of the way. Senior point guard Sydney Keane picked up her third foul with 1:28 left in the first half and her fourth at the 4:17 mark of the third quarter. She eventually fouled out with 1:41 to play, putting an end to the Braves’ comeback effort.

“She’s obviously our leader,” said Bellmont coach Andy Heim. “It’s just her slashing around, making everybody else better that really hurts. And also defensively. She’s quick-footed, long arms, things like that that really help our 2-3 be effective.”

Schwieterman scored 20 points to lead the Patriots, pushing her career total to 1,303. At her current pace, she would break Shannon

Countdown to the record

156

Renna Schwieterman is 156 points away from breaking Jay County High School’s all-time scoring record of 1,458 points held by 1986 graduate Shannon Freeman. At her current scoring pace she would break the record Dec. 17 at South Adams.

Freeman’s career scoring record before the end of the calendar year.

Dirksen followed with 10 points and Bilbrey had eight to go along with a team-high eight rebounds. Saxman dished out five assists.

Ellen Scott and Hailey Cole reached double figures for Bellmont with 15 and 10 points, respectively. Cole had a game-high 10 rebounds and Rachel Bleke notched four assists.

The game was the first of back-to-back battles



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Sophie Saxman of Jay County fights a shot up against Belmont’s Tessa Spiegel during the second half Friday. The Patriots face another state-ranked opponent tonight as they host Class 2A No. 2 Winchester.

with state-ranked opponents for the Patriots, who will be back on their home floor tonight to take on Class 2A No. 2 Winchester. The Golden

Falcons handed JCHS one of its five losses last season and has scored at least 66 points in each of its three games thus far this year.

Box score			
Class 3A No. 8 Jay County Patriots vs. Class 3A No. 9 Belmont Braves		Score by quarters: Bellmont 14 11 8 12—47 Jay Co. 18 15 14 13—56	
Girls varsity summary			
Bellmont (4-1)		3-point shooting: Bellmont 6-18 (Scott 3-9, EBleke 2-4, Keane 1-6, Cole 0-2, TSpiegel 0-2). Jay County 6-17 (Schwieterman 3-8, Dirksen 2-3, McIntire 1-4, Muhlenkamp 0-1).	
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Scott 6-12	0-0	15	
Keane 3-12	2-4	9	
EBleke 3-7	0-0	8	
Laurent 0-0	0-0	0	
MSpiegel 0-0	0-0	0	
RBleke 1-4	1-1	3	
Cole 2-6	6-6	10	
TSpiegel 1-7	0-0	2	
Totals	16-50	9-11	47
	.320	.818	
Def. rebound percentage: .517			
Jay County (3-1)		Rebounds: Bellmont 28 (Cole 10, team 6, RBleke 5, Scott 2, TSpiegel 2, Keane, EBleke). Jay County 30 (Bilbrey 8, Schwieterman 6, Saxman 5, Muhlenkamp 4, Dirksen 4, McIntire 2, Denton).	
FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS	
Muhlenkamp 3-6	1-2	7	
Saxman 3-6	0-2	6	
McIntire 1-5	0-0	3	
Bilbrey 3-3	2-2	8	
Denton 1-1	0-0	2	
Schwieterman 7-20	3-4	20	
Dirksen 4-6	0-0	10	
Petro 0-0	0-0	0	
Totals	22-47	6-10	56
	.468	.600	
Def. rebound percentage: .552			
Assists: Bellmont 6 (RBleke 3, Keane, EBleke). Jay County 12 (Saxman 4, Muhlenkamp 3, Schwieterman 3, Dirksen 2).			
Blocks: Bellmont 0 Jay County 2 (Schwieterman, Saxman).			
Personal fouls: Bellmont 12 (Keane 5, Cole 3, MSpiegel 2, RBleke 2). Jay County .			
Turnovers: Bellmont 16. Jay County 16.			

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls wrestling at Northview - TBA; Girls swimming at Westfield Invitational - 10 a.m.; Girls basketball vs. Winchester - 6:30 p.m.; JV wrestling at Adams Central - 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Arcanum - 6 p.m.; Boys basketball scrimmage vs. Kalida - 10 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Freshman boys basketball vs. Delta - 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Richmond - 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Union City - 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys basketball at Bishop Luers - 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Middle school girls basketball at Minster - 4 p.m.

TV sports

Today
11 a.m. — College football: Navy at Central Florida (ESPN2)
Noon — College football: Louisiana at Florida State (Bally Indiana); Illinois at Michigan (ABC); Wisconsin at Nebraska (ESPN); TCU at Baylor; Northwestern at Purdue (FS1); Indiana at Michigan State (BTN)
2:15 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Arizona State (ESPN2)
2:30 p.m. — Boston College at Notre Dame (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Ohio State at Maryland (ABC); Miami at Clemson (ESPN); Texas at Kansas (FS1); Penn State at Rutgers (BTN)

9 p.m. — College football: UAB at LSU (ESPN2)
9:45 p.m. — College football: San Jose State at Utah State (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Utah at Oregon (ESPN)

Sunday
8 a.m. — Auto racing: Formula 1 - Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (ESPN2)

4 p.m. — College football: Iowa at Minnesota (FOX); Georgia Tech at North Carolina (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Orlando Magic at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at South Carolina (ESPN); Texas Tech at Iowa State (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (ABC)
8 p.m. — College football: USC at UCLA (FOX)
9 p.m. — College football: UAB at LSU (ESPN2)

11 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup - Ecuador vs. Qatar (FS1)
1 p.m. — NFL football: Philadelphia Eagles at Indianapolis Colts (CBS); Chicago Bears at Atlanta Falcons (FOX)
1 p.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour - CME Group Tour Championship (NBC)
3 p.m. — NBA basketball: Wagner at Seton Hall (FS1)
4 p.m. — NFL football: Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers (CBS)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Kansas City Chiefs at Los Angeles Chargers (NBC)

Monday
8 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup - Iran vs. England (FS1)
11 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup - Netherlands vs. Senegal (FOX)
2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup - Wales vs. United States (FOX)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Orlando Magic at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

8:15 p.m. — NFL football: San Francisco 49ers at Arizona Cardinals (ESPN)

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Tuesday
5 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup - Saudi Arabia vs. Argentina (FS1)
8 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup - Tunisia vs. Denmark (FS1)
11 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup - Poland vs. Mexico (FOX)
2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup - Australia vs. France (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns (TNT)

Local notes
Wrestling registration set
A sign-up session is scheduled for kindergarten through second graders

who would like to be part of Jay County Wrestling Club.

The club’s Little Patriots Program is for those in kindergarten through second grade and focuses on wrestling basics. The registration fee is \$80.
Sign ups will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

FR tickets available
Season tickets for Fort Recovery boys and girls basketball are available now. Tickets can be purchased from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays in the high school office. They are \$55 for adults and \$35 for students.

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Sports

Improved response

No. 8 Patriots handle second-half push from No. 9 Belmont, come up with key 3-pointers, defensive stops to improve to 3-1

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Kirk Comer was curious to see how the Patriots would respond when a good team made a second-half run against them.

Their first experience in that situation didn't go so well.

On Friday night, they stood strong against a state-ranked rival.

The Class 3A No. 8 Jay County High School girls basketball team saw its eight-point half-time lead dwindle quickly after the intermission but was able to pull away again for a 56-47 victory over the ninth-ranked Belmont Braves.

"I was seeing how we were going to handle that," said Comer, whose team let a seven-point, second-half lead slip away last weekend in an overtime loss to Hamilton Heights. "And I thought we responded well and got a big basket when we needed it, which really boosted our confidence."

The Patriots had an eight-point lead at halftime, but Belmont (4-1) scored the first five points of the second half to pull within three. A Brianna Dirksen 3-pointer got JCHS going again and then Mabrey McIntire hit a triple from the left wing off of an inbound pass from underneath to get some breathing room back.

The home team used a 6-0 spurt early in the third quarter to take a 14-points lead, its largest of the game. The Braves got back to within six with two minutes to go, but never scored again.

"We finished better, which we were hoping to do," said



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Jay County High School senior Renna Schwieterman drives past Ellen Scott of ninth-ranked Belmont during the No. 8 Patriots' 56-47 victory Friday. Schwieterman had 20 points to lead JCHS to the victory.

Comer. "I thought our defense was really good tonight. We made plays when we had to make plays down the stretch."

Bellmont, which had opened with wins over Concordia,

Woodlan, North Side and Bishop Dwenger, had control early as it opened the game with a pair of 3-pointers. It stayed ahead for the bulk of the opening period before a Molly Muh-

lenkamp steal and fast-break layup sparked the Patriots.

Dirksen added a 3-pointer and on the next possession the Patriots held the ball for a 3-pointer by Renna Schwieterman in the

closing seconds. They went right back to Schwieterman for another triple to start the second period, capping an 11-0 run that gave them the lead for good.

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