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Rate hike OK'd on 1st reading

Portland sewer charges to go up by 34.5%

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Sewer rates are set to go up by nearly 35%.

Portland City Council on Monday approved an ordinance on first reading that would raise sewer rates by \$7.44 on Jan. 1 and an additional \$8.47 on April 1.

Council also learned the city and its airport have been named in a lawsuit connected to the recently completed runway extension project.

In August, consulting firm Baker Tilly presented the results of a sewer rate study and indicated that increases would be needed to pay for planned wastewater treatment upgrades. Those include a raw pump station, equalizing basin and other changes that are required as part of the city's agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The project at that time was estimated at \$10.8 million.

Baker Tilly recommended the city seek almost entire amount through the State Revolving Loan Fund. The rate increases are needed to pay for those bonds.

The total \$15.91 increase will take the average 4,000gallon-per-month user to a \$61.57 monthly charge.

Council members Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker and Dave Golden approved the ordinance increasing the rates on first reading. It will be subject to vote on second reading at council's Nov. 21 meeting.

Mayor John Boggs also informed council that the city and its airport have been named in a lawsuit from Greg Whitenack against HIS Constructors of Indianapolis.

The city hired HIS for construction of the first phase of the runway extension project at the airport. HIS had a separate contract with Whitenack to take fill dirt from his property to use to level the land west of the existing runway for the extension.

Cindy Whitenack, Greg's wife, visited an aviation board meeting in November 2021 to issue a complaint that HIS did not meet the specifications of its agreement. At that time, it was acknowledged that the airport had similar issues with HIS but that because the aviation board was not part of the contract for the dirt there was little it could do to impact the situation.

'I think it's a frivolous suit," said Boggs of the city being named.

City attorney Schemenaur said the issue is between the Whitenacks and HIS.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Time to vote

Janet Bantz signs in to vote at Jay Community Center this morning. Polls will be open until 6 p.m. today. Local elections include races for commissioner, sheriff, county council and school board.

Road work planning moves forward

By BAILEY CLINE

FORT RECOVERY Planning for a future reconstruction project continues.

Fort Recovery Village Council agreed Monday to pay \$48,955 to Choice One Engineering for completing the second stage of planning for reconstruction of Butler Street (Ohio 119), a project estimated to begin in 2024.

Transportation Alterna-tives Program grant from light at Wayne Street. Per ODOT guidelines, tives Program grant from Transportation (ODOT) for the reconstruction, ing opened bids and way plan, which in total additional fees in order

reconstruction of Butler Street

ed at just over \$3 million. Work will include a new was awarded a \$1,026,000 as replacing the traffic their

with the total cost expect-selected a contractor would tack on about — by July 2024.

Fort Recovery continues toward

Diller explained the right-of-way include

\$100,000 to the project cost.

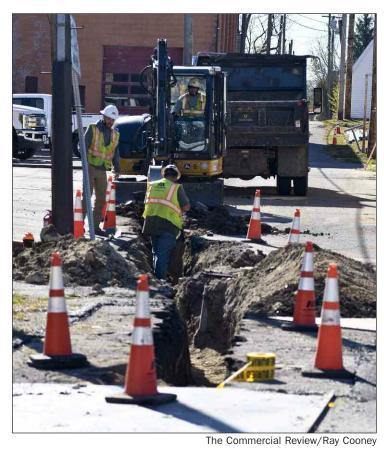
nated to begin in 2024. water line, sidewalks, village and ODOT have Diller said they had In May 2021, the village curbs and street, as well been back and forth on previously decided to right-of-way approach for the project.
The department is now specifics in plans submitted at different phases of Ohio Department of the project needs to start specifying the village the project. The village defined by at least have needs to have a right-of- will likely have to pay the

to move forward with the project.

Diller and Mayor Dave Kaup expressed their frustration with the development and said they are planning to set up another meeting with ODOT officials.

Monday, Diller Also reminded council about changes in utility rates. Previously he asked for advice from council members about adjusting rates, which are currently set at \$44 per month for 2,000 gallons of water with improvement fees. (That splits into \$22.50 for water usage and \$21.50 for sewer usage.)

See **Road** page 2



Adding a line

A crew from Miller Pipeline works Monday afternoon to install a new line along the alley that runs parallel to Main and Franklin streets connecting Commerce and Washington streets in downtown Dunkirk.

Franciscan closing **ER** site in Hammond

Shut down will leave city without a hospital

By MICHELLE L. QUINN Post-Tribune (Merrillville)

After a century of having a hospital in its limits, the City of Hammond will no longer have emergency care services as Franciscan Hammond will close its operations

there by the end of the year.

Franciscan Health Hammond, Dyer and Munster interim President and CEO Barbara Anderson announced in a release Thursday Franciscan the Health Alliance governing bodies have voted to stop inpatient admissions at its Hammond campus and will close its emergency department by the end of the year. Franciscan will instead focus on efforts to "broaden access to primary care," she said, by moving its services to Munster and Dyer.

Power remains out to about 32K in Chicago, Maywood following

high winds reaching 60 + mph,

officials say

Since Franciscan announced in 2021 that it would invest \$31 million in creating a 10-bed inpatient and Emergency Unit in Hammond while demolishing much of the 100-year-old hospital itself, a perfect storm of too few patients and a health-care worker shortage caused the boards to rethink their strategy, Anderson said.

"In the last 15 months, we have seen inpatient volume at Franciscan Health Hammond drop to an average of 2.5 patients per day," Anderson said in the release. "Of the 54 patients who present to the emergency room each day, more than 90% would be better served in a lower cost setting, such as an urgent care or primary care clinic. It is difficult to maintain operational efficiency at these volumes."

Additionally, a "critical shortage of health-care workers" and a "dramatic shift" in patients choosing full-service hospitals elsewhere "makes it impossible to continue to keep an inpatient facility open that is averaging less than three inpatients per day," Anderson said. Franciscan Hammond will now divert patients needing inpatient care to its Munster and Dyer campuses as a result.

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Deaths

William Bailey, 62, Union Joseph Riddell, 91, Port-

Stephen Parks, 45, Union City, Ohio Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Monday. The low was 44.

Tonight's low will drop into the 30s. Expect a high of 68 Wednesday under

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County High School will host a FAFSA night from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 17. Representatives will be available to assist with the FAFSA the filing process and help answer any questions. Parents/guardians will need to bring their 2021 tax information. Please through door 1.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from today's local, state and federal elections.

Thursday — A look at local athletes competing at the college level.



Road

Continued from page 1 Changes are being made to account for inflation.

Base rates will rise slowly, with the village implementing a \$3 increase in 2023, a \$2 increase in 2025 and a \$2.50 increase in 2027. Other changes will likely include raising the tap fee to \$500 from the current \$450, raising the sewer improvement fee from to \$2 from the current \$1.50, eliminating the discounted rate for using more than 50,000 gallons per month, increasing the sewer rate by about a dollar and introducing an industrial rate for sewage from industrial facilities, charging about \$4 per thousand gallons.

Diller said he would put together a reduced.)

draft of the changes and do a first reading of the ordinance later this month.

He also noted the village is undergoing testing today to determine the amount of sludge reduction in the wastewater lagoons.

"We are definitely seeing something happen in those lagoons," he said, noting the change in water composition. Kainos Ag of Muncie has been applying product to the ponds since September and, according to Diller, would like to continue application throughout the winter. (The village paid Kainos Ag \$49,000 for sludge reduction. The company is paid based on how much sludge is

The process is the first step in its wastewater treatment plan. Poggemeyer Design's long-term plan for the village also suggests the construction of a mechanical wastewater treatment plant.

In other business, council members Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, Al Post, Luke Knapke, Erik Fiely and Cliff Wendel:

•Learned work on Milligan Street has been completed.

 Authorized Diller to enter into an agreement for new tax software. •Transferred \$7,750.54 from the water revenue fund to the water bond retirement fund and \$4,000 from the loan reserve fund to the water reserve fund.

Obituaries

William Bailey

William "Bill" J. Bailey, 62, Union City, died Friday at his home in Union

Arrangements pending at Williamson-Funeral Home in Port-

Joseph Riddell, Portland, Oct. 11, 1931-Nov. 3, 2022. Services will be held at a later date.

Union City, Ohio, a 1996 al homes or mortuary Fort Recovery High School services.

graduate, Jan. 17, 1977-Nov. 4, 2022. Private services will be held at a later

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connec-Spencer and Penrod tion 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 Stephen Eugene Parks, accepted only from funer-

> Voters wait in line to cast their ballots at the Gulf Harbors Civic

in New Port Richey,

Florida. All 435 seats in

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35 of the 100 seats in

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today's 2022 elections.

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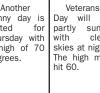
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Another sunny day is slated for Thursday with a high of 70





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Partly sunny, temperatures dropping to the high 30s during

37/22

Sunday's weather looks to be mostly sunny with a high of 37 degrees.

37/20

Lotteries

Powerball

Monday 10-33-41-47-56 Powerball: 10 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 billion

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$154 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-2-0 Daily Four: 3-1-1-9 Quick Draw: 2-4-7-8-12-16-18-20-30-39-42-45-46-48-53-54-60-62-73-74 Evening

Daily Three: 5-4-5 Daily Four: 7-6-2-8 Quick Draw: 2-3-10-1920-27-28-33-37-41-43-44-47-49-54-62-67-70-71-79

Cash 5: 8-13-35-38-45 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000

Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 5-4-4 Pick 4: 6-4-9-6 Pick 5: 2-2-4-3-6 Evening Pick 3: 2-8-4 Pick 4: 6-8-9-8 Pick 5: 8-1-6-3-1 Rolling Cash 5: 6-16-29-

Estimated jackpot: \$130,000 Classic Lotto: 13-21-23-

24-30-44 Kicker: 1-4-7-0-7-9

Jackpot: \$1.1 million

Rate

Continued from page 1 The aviation board is continuing to hold back \$99,383.98 in retainage from HIS and has told the firm that property releases will be required from the two borrow pit sites — one owned by the Whitenacks and the other by the City of Portland — before those funds are distributed.

Also Monday, rural Portland resident Jenny Bricker requested support for her effort to preserve the steel truss bridge on Indiana 26 over the Salamonie River on the east edge of Portland. Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is scheduled to remove the bridge beginning in April and install a new concrete structure.

Bricker referred to the bridge as a "unique and architectural and gem" asked for help in working with INDOT to modify the project to keep the bridge in place.

Rob Weaver of Jay Countv Historical Society and WPGW Radio and also spoke in support of saving the bridge.

Both cited concerns regarding the planned new bridge potentially contributing to flooding issues.

Council members and Boggs discussed Bricker's

request and agreed to look were in support of the city into setting up a meeting with INDOT officials. They also suggested she start a petition in support of her effort.

In other business:

•Goldsworthy and Boggs reminded those eligible to vote in today's election.

 Boggs told council additional environmental testing is scheduled for this month at the former Sheller-Globe south property, 510 S. Bridge St. Depending on those test results, the city could be able to request permission to transfer the property to Chad Fifer. (He was selected as the winning bidder for the property in September and plans to use the site for a sawmill.) The property is currently under an environmental restrictive covenant via the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

•Council forwarded a request from CB Development for economic development income tax (EDIT) funds to help pay for water wells for a planned condominium development by CB Development to its EDIT advisory committee. The company made a similar request to Jay County Commissioners last month. Council members and county EDIT advisory committees holding a joint meeting to hear information regarding the request.

Tribune News Service/Tampa Bay Times/Douglas R. Clifford

•A work session was scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 15 to discuss the city's golf cart ordinance, which has been a frequent topic of discussion at meetings since it was passed in May. Goldsworthy suggested repealing the ordinance.

approved Council Boggs' reappointments of Rusty Inman, Reda Theurer-Miller and Joe Johnston to the city's redevelopment commission. It also reappointed Mike Simons and Dave Teeter — council has two appointments to the board while the mayor has three — on Boggs' recommendation.

•Boggs announced that ne has named Johnston to tative on East Central Indiana Regional Planning District's board.

•Golden commented regarding recent park board discussions about lifeguard and manager pay. He said he'd like to see comparisons with other area facilities before mak-

issues. •Powers complimented the city crews on their leaf

ing any decisions on such

pick-up efforts. Residents were reminded that to have leaves picked up they should be raked to the curb (not into the road). They should not be bagged.

•Boggs issued reminder that parking on Court Street on the east side of Jay County Courthouse is restricted parking during business hours. The east side of the street is for business loading and unloading and the west side is for county employ-

•Boggs encouraged Portland residents to thank a veteran Friday on Veterans Day.

•Council approved the following: additional appropriations totaling \$165,400, including \$80,000 as the first half of the city's contribution to the new Jay County Humane Society serve as the city's represena nimal shelter, \$49,000 for police equipment for two vehicles and \$25,000 for police gas; the creation of a fund to receive money from a national opioid lawsuit settlement, which is expected to result in \$21,772.99 for the city over a 16-year-period; the closure of Main Street between Meridian Street and the alley west of Ohio Valley Gas from 3:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 2 for a Christmas festival.

Markets

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Corn......6.62

Heartland St. Anthony

Corn	6.31
Dec. corn	6.41
Beans	14.14
Dec. beans	14.19
Wheat	8.03

Today in history

In 1861, The Trent Community Affair began when U.S. Imel was a featured per-Navy Captain Charles Wilkes commanded the interception of British mail steamer Trent and the arrest of Confederates who were headed to ing in more than 6,000 Europe to rally support deaths and leaving more for their cause. Great than 4.1 million dis-Britain claimed violation of international law and prepared troops for conflict, but the incident ended after the release of the prisoners and an apology from Secretary

of State William Seward. In 2003, Portland native Jack Imel was the featured speaker at the Dunkirk and \$50,000 each 50th anniversary celebration of the Jay County Boys Club (now Jay

former on the Lawrence

Welk Show. 2013, Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, resultplaced from their homes.

In 2021, Jay County Commissioners allocated \$400,000 in economic development funds from Scout Clean Energy's Bitter Ridge Wind Farm to local municipalities, including \$100,000 each Portland for for Redkey, Pennville, Salamonia and Bryant.

Closing

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Had Franciscan been able to predict the "dramatic decrease in voladministrators would've planned differently, Anderson said.

Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott Jr., a vocal opponent of Franciscan Health Alliance's plans, was angry at the announcement.

"For nearly a year, the City of Hammond has been enduring the proposition of their only hospital being substantially closed when Franciscan Health announced that St. Margaret's, which has been a mainstay of health services in the city for over 100 years, was eliminating most services and demolishing the majority of the health-care campus," he said in a statement. "Now, after assuring the city and mayor last year that certain important services would remain open, Franciscan has announced that it is completely shutting down operations in Hammond by the end of the year — including the Emergency Room, which will leave critical services unavailable for many residents.

"This announcement has left Lake city and its residents and to make son said in the release

tal for its 80,000 residents and it underscores the problem in America an America that now has two healthcare systems — one if you are wealthy and one if you are not.'

And anyone who says people are "deciding with their feet" to go elsewhere is a red herring, he said.

"This healthcare corporation chose to divest in Hammond. This decision directly contradicts their ministry and mission to provide assistance to the poor and most vulnerable," McDermott said, pointing out that the Franciscan Hammond Emergency room is a main drop-off point for the Hammond Fire Department. "This is not a compassionate decision. This corporate decision will place at risk anyone who needs immediate and emergency services that could result in a life-or-death sit-

"I promise that I will continue to do everything in my power to seek out an alternative healthcare providers that are committed to the

County's largest city without a hospi-sure Hammond's healthcare needs are met."

Anderson said that Franciscan Health Alliance will invest \$5.3 million to renovate space for its Dr. John Lanman Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured, Fresh Start Market for the food insecure, Diaper Pantry, Prenatal Assistance Program, primary care clinic, dialysis, anticoagulation clinic, multi-specialty clinic and women's health center. They will also try to provide Hammond staff members with other jobs throughout the network, though it wasn't immediately clear how many that would

A "qualified developer of housing for senior and disabled citizens is very interested in working with the city to renovate the two oldest and largest buildings on the campus" as well, plus a "federally qualified health-care clinic has expanded its territory into Hammond for the development of a primary clinic to serve the ongoing healthcare needs of those seeking care locally," Ander-

Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

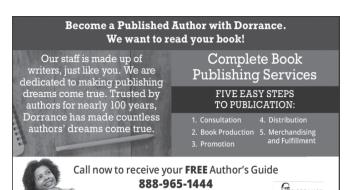
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, Board of Works, city 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Public Library Board of 131 S. Main St.

Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay County

School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk

building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City 4 p.m. — Jay County Council, city building,



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Veterans deserve to find peace

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review Veterans Day is this Friday, Nov. 11. It is a federal holiday, so no mail will be delivered that day. Other random businesses will also be closed.

It is a day set aside to honor those who have served our country. The date was chosen because World War I had just ended. It had been called the war to end all wars. Sadly, we humans seem to enjoy killing other people. I can't think of a time when there wasn't a war somewhere on

The agreement to stop the fighting went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year. President Woodrow Wilson declared the day to be Armistice Day. In 1938, the word "armistice" was young man who had just gotten

As I See It



changed to "veterans" and the day has kept that name ever since.

When I think of Veterans Day, I remember way back when the Vietnam War was raging. There were a lot of anti-war protesters. Nobody ever thought about thanking the men and women who served their country.

I was a senior in high school. The guy teaching senior social studies and government thought it was a good idea to have a out of the military talk to the mind are the charities set up to class about his experiences. I don't remember his name.

He wasn't much older than we were. He gave his speech and then we were encouraged to ask questions. The more questions he answered, the more we could see him panic, or, in the words of the day, the kid was freaking

It was apparent that he wanted to be anywhere but in that classroom. In today's words, he was having a panic attack. Finally, the teacher realized what was going on and thanked the boy for coming and let him

I have never forgotten that haunted look in his eyes. I am sure the poor guy woke up with nightmares for years to come.

The other thing that comes to home, she cried the entire time that he has found peace.

help wounded veterans.

Why? Why aren't our wounded warriors given the support they need without having to beg for it on television? They were injured serving their country so why doesn't their country take care of them? I do not understand.

Two of my uncles served in the military as did two of my cousins and my son-in-law. Thankfully, they all came back

Most of the time I don't even realize when Veterans Day is until the mail doesn't show up in the mailbox. The only service member I currently know is my daughter's niece. The last I heard she is wanting to be a spy.

The first few times she called

she was on the phone with her mom. She has since adjusted to her new life and is doing quite

The last few years, we have been encouraged to thank any member of the military that we encounter. "Thank you for your service" is the catchphrase of the times. We are expected to thank police officers in addition to thanking members of the mil-

I wish for the impossible. I wish there was no need to sacrifice our young so that we could be safe. I wish we really could give peace a chance.

Since we find that impossible, I hope you take a moment to remember that haunted young man from my high school. I wish that in the ensuing years

'White Christmas' production begins Friday

It's almost time to start dreaming of a white Christ-

Taylor University's Mitchell Theatre will host performances of Irvin Berlin's "White Christmas" beginning Friday. The production based on the popular 1954 film follows a songand-dance team as they join with a sister act and put together a plan to help their al. Its score features "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," Wuncie will have Damn Tall Buildings in its

Taking Note

former commanding gener-

Shows are slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 and Dec. 3, and at 2 p.m. Sundays Nov. 20 and Dec. 4. To purchase tickets, call (765) 998-5289 or email boxoffice@taylor.edu.

7:30 p.m. Thursday at Pruis Hall, Ball State

University.

Damn Tall Buildings blends elements of bluegrass, blues, roots-rock and vintage swing into its music, according to a press release from Emens Auditorium.

Tickets may be pur-

and the classic song, midst this week. The folk chased at the Emens box "White Christmas." group is performing at office at Ball State University, online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at (765) 285-1539.

Art exhibit

There's a new exhibit at Blackford County Arts

ALCOVE Artists, a group of regional artists, music performed by guihave a variety of pieces on tarist Ken Bantz.

display through Dec. 15 at the arts center, 107 W. Washington St., Hartford City. Their works include mixed medial, oil and acrylic paintings, as well as handwoven rugs and

A free opening reception for the artists is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday with

Parents' divorce is raw subject

DEAR ABBY: My parents were married for 22 years. They separated in 2007, and by 2008 the divorce was final. While this was a good thing for both of them, the fallout from their marriage was intense. I won't dig into the ugly details, but they both had their faults, and it was rough.

Since the divorce, Dad has moved on. Sadly, he lost his wife of 13 years suddenly several months ago. Mom still blames Dad for every bad thing that has happened to her since the divorce, even though she chose to quit her job and go on disability, which severely limited her income and options. When Dad's wife died, Mom was almost happy. She said she knew that same grief because of what she went through with the divorce. (It's NOT the same thing.)

I would like to invite Dad to holiday gatherings with the family this year. as he will be alone most of the time, there. How can I help her move on? —

DEAR INCLUSIVE: Remember the adage, "You can lead a horse of hearing. No matter what I ask of to water but you can't make him drink"? All these years, your he denies I ever spoke to him, asked mother has nursed her anger as him to do anything, etc. When I sug-

Dear Abby



though it was an infant. The only person who can help her "move on" is herself, which she is clearly unwilling to do.

Ask your father how he would feel about joining the family during the coming holidays. You may find that he would prefer to avoid her and socialize with friends he and his wife cultivated during their marriage. But please do not allow your mother to dictate whom you can or cannot entertain in your home. If she wishes to but Mom refuses to come if he is stay away, that will be her privilege and her punishment.

> DEAR ABBY: My husband is hard him or when we have a conversation,

gest that he may have a hearing problem and should see a doctor, he becomes angry, belligerent and denies there's anything wrong with him. Our marriage has turned into one big fight. I have asked him to say, "I didn't hear you. Could you repeat that?" when he doesn't hear me, but that hasn't worked. He still flat-out denies that I said anything to him. If I don't hear him clearly, I ask him to repeat what I didn't hear. How can I convince him that he needs a hearing aid before these fights end our marriage? — ON DEAF EARS IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR O.D.E.: This is a problem you both should discuss with your husband's doctor, preferably before his next physical. Sadly, his denial is shared by many who equate hearing loss with something to be embarrassed about. I can suggest a "Band-Aid" in the meantime, but without intervention, your husband's problem will progress, and he will find himself increasingly socially isolated. For now, if you want his attention, TOUCH HIS ARM OR SHOULDER before asking a question. That way he will have to pay attention.

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Community Calendar

Sudoku

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Notices will appear in space is available. To suban item, *email* tal. news@thecr.com.

Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet

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Tuesday of each month in Community Calendar as the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospi-

> BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

THE LANDING — A 12at 11:30 a.m. on the second step program for those in

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703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 ANONY-MOUS — 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 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.

Level: Beginner

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Saturday's Solution

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

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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)

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.

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Fed right to suggest slowing hikes

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

Economies are not known for being simple things to untangle. Unlike in the physical sciences, where if you do enough calculations, you can shoot a projectile into an asteroid moving at an incredible speed 7 million miles away, the so-called laws of money deal with the hazier and less predictable forces of group psychology and consumption.

That's why reasonable people can disagree on the proper solu-

Guest **Editorial**

has been hammering U.S. families and eroding away wage gains. Most people can agree that the Federal Reserve's efforts to end an era of practically interest-free money has helped

tion is the supply chain shocks downstream from the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, factors over which the Fed has no control.

Yet as the Fed has moved aggressively ahead with more dramatic rate hikes than we've seen in decades — bringing the cost of borrowing to levels that remain historically on the low end — many, including this board, have urged a measured

a big part of the inflation equa- do more long-term damage than with a new injection of cash, we inflation that might already be on the road to cooling off.

When announcing another 75base-point hike yesterday, Fed Chair Jay Powell rightly acknowledged that there are lags between the measures enacted so far and their impact, indicating that he may tap the brakes on his brake-tapping strategy and respond to changing circumstances, minimizing future hikes. Good. Even as Pow-

know from experience that recessions have a way of getting out of hand.

Powell and the other Fed governors should also meaningfully engage with the fact, as pointed out by the likes of the chief economist at UBS Global Wealth Management, hardly a left-wing ideologue, that soaring prices are being driven in part by corporate profiteering using natural inflation as cover. No amount of tightening demand can fix

Stories haunt even years later

By JOHN KRULL

The stories trickle out like tears streaming down cheeks.

Schifrin, PBS Nick News-Hour's foreign affairs and defense correspondent, describes sitting in a graveyard sobbing after he stood with a parent in Ukraine while the body of the parent's son was Authorities exhumed. needed to determine the ways the son had been tortured before he died.

Linsey Davis, weekend anchor for ABC World News Tonight, talks about reporting on the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and all the death and suffering, despair she observed there. She remembers just sitting in her car, shaken to her core, thinking, "What did I just see?"

Dave Cullen, the author bestselling the books Columbine and Park land: The Birth of a Movement, chokes up as he describes talking with those who lost loved ones in a school shooting.

He describes how he batdepression after reporting on the Colorado school shooting and had to struggle to lighten the darkness it brought into his life.

We've gathered Franklin College, the school where I teach, for the Inaugural National Trauma Journalism Symposium. The recent gathering was in partnership with the Trust for Trauma Journalism.

The goals for the event are straightforward. We want to help journalists tell the stories of people who have experienced great trauma in ways that are sensitive to their pain. And we want journalists to take care of themselves as they encounter trauma as a part of doing their jobs.

That's not easy. This work takes journalists into dark places. To tell the tale of a school shooting, a natural disaster, a war or some other horror, a reporter must try to empathize with the feelings of those who have experienced that hor-

That means not just witnessing but taking in their fear, their grief, their sense of desolation.

As we start the symposium, Dr. Frank Ochberg, a psychiatrist who is a pioneer of both trauma journalism and the study of trauma itself, warns those attending that the discussions to come could trigger painful memories.

He's right. As the two days of discussions proceed, I find my thoughts dragged back to my newspaper days — particularly one period nearly 30 years

It was a time when guns

John Krull



ful partnership in cities across the country. Driveby shootings became a common occurrence.

My editors discovered that victims, their families, their friends and other survivors would talk with me. Again and again, I was sent to a funeral or to the home of grieving parents.

At one, I talked with a father whose teenage son had been gunned down. The boy wasn't even the intended target, just an innocent bystander who caught a stray bullet.

As the father talked with me about his son, his face twisted in grief as he struggled to fight back tears. He failed. The sobs rolled over him like a wave. He fell forward and I caught him, then held him as his weeping wracked his entire body.

Difficult as that moment was, it wasn't the one that hit the hardest.

That one, in theory, should have been a happier story. It didn't involve a death. I went to the hospital to talk with a little boy who had been clipped in another drive-by.

His mother and grandin the hospital bed.

When I asked how he was doing, he stared at me. "I got shot," he said. "Somebody shot me."

Behind me, I could hear his mother and grand-

mother try to stifle sobs. When I left the hospital, I sat outside for a long time, wondering what kind of world we lived in, thinking of that small boy and the memories he would carry throughout his life.

I got shot. Somebody shot me. After I turned my story in, I asked my editors to not send me out to cover any more shootings for a time. They agreed.

For a time. Now, at the symposium, I listen to a former student of mine. She's the news editor at the local paper. She talks about what she saw, what she experienced, while covering a mass shooting just up the road.

And I wonder how long those ghosts will follow

Franklin College's Pulliam School of Journalism and publisher of TheStateand drugs formed a dread- houseFile.com.



"I'D SAY THE ODDS ARE 60-50 THAT'S WRONG."

NASA study is worthwhile

War technology that could be used

against us, and the CIA worried that

fears of UFOs could be used to drive

mass hysteria. In all these cycles

deeper exploration showed mundane

explanations for most sightings.

Those few sightings that couldn't be

explained rarely had the kinds of

data that might support firm conclu-

sions about what happened. This,

along with the conspiracy-theory

inclinations of many UFO enthusi-

asts, is why most scientists steer

So what, if anything, has changed

The last few decades have seen a

revolution in the science of astrobi-

ology, the study of life in the uni-

verse. It was led by the discovery of

exoplanets, alien worlds orbiting dis-

tant stars. When I began my graduate

work in the late 1980s, we did not

know if any other star hosted even

one planet. Now, thanks to spectacu-

lar advances in telescope technology,

we know that almost every star in the

sky is home to a family of worlds.

Since life needs planets to form and

thrive, this knowledge significantly

increases the possibilities of life

Even better, the new technologies

enable probes of those distant

worlds. The search for biosignatures

planet where life exists — and tech-

claim that alien life has been found

will have to pass through a gauntlet

signs of a biosphere, the parts of a

clear of the subject.

beyond Earth.

By ADAM FRANK

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

NASA announced last month that its new panel to study Unidentified Aerial Phenomena — i.e. UFOs was staffed up and ready to get working. The panel is impressive, including planetary scientists, astrophysicists, experts from the Federal Aviation Administration, data scientists and a celebrated astronaut. I have mother were with him. He worked with a few of these scientists. was a third-grader, small and the group represents a stellar for his age. He looked lost collection (pun intended) of smart, creative people with high scientific

> But what, exactly, are these scientists supposed to be doing in the contentious domain of UFOs? More importantly, is this really something that NASA should give time and money, potentially risking the agency's credibility?

> The truth is, this group's ninemonth study is unlikely to determine conclusively what these phenomena are. But NASA's pursuit can provide a transparent case study of how science is done on a subject full of unknowns. And the discussion can highlight the remarkable progress being made in the scientific search for life on distant planets.

> The last few years have brought enormous public attention to Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. In 2020, the Department of Defense caused a stir when it released three videos of Navy jets encountering these phenomena. A preliminary, controversial government report released last year claimed the Navy had seen a variety of UAPs and most could not be easily accounted for. Congress added an amendment to the last defense budget to create a UAP office, which the Pentagon launched

> many times since the first widely reported UFO sighting in the U.S. in 1947. Back then the Air Force was

Adam Frank



could accept it. It's against this extraordinary progress we've made in our scientific search for life that the new NASA

cism before the scientific community

panel should be viewed. Its work can demonstrate how science goes about answering questions, especially ones with such high stakes. Given the panel's short tenure, its chief job and the first job of any scientific investigation — will be to ask what kinds of data are available. Are that data up to the task of answering the question posed? If not, what kinds of data are needed and what kind of

effort is required to get it?

This is how science works. This quest for data that meet tough standards of evidence is the process that gave us cellphones, safe jet travel and drugs that cure formerly intractable diseases. NASA's panel can begin to lay out what a rational investigation of UFOs looks like without assumptions about what UFOs are. Is a network of Earth-observing satellites required, or upward-looking ground stations? These are some of the ques-

tions it may take on. I would wager that most scientists including me — overwhelmingly doubt that UAPs have anything to do with life beyond Earth. But a UAP panel can tackle the subject and demonstrate that most beautiful aspect of science: the ability to withhold judgment in favor of evidence. And it can do so with a broader lens than the Pentagon and congressional investigations, which focus on UAPs as a defense issue.

At their best, these efforts can seize upon an issue of great public interest to offer a master class in how science works. For a nation awash in science denial, that would be no small thing. And by creating a blueprint of what evidence is demanded by a question as extraordinary as whether we're alone in the universe, the panel can show the equally extraordinary progress science is making toward

Frank is an astrophysicist and proconcerned that UFOs might be Cold of stringent tests and strident skepti- fessor at the University of Rochester.

nosignatures — signs of intelligence That's the thing about is taking off. NASA's James Webb this year. this work. The ghosts This UFO furor reflects a longer-Space Telescope, which launched in term cycle of public interest, govern-December, is only the first among ment attention and eventual lack of new observatories that will vastly Krull is director of clear resolution that's played out expand the data we collect from worlds light-years away. But any answering it.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane 11-8 KEANE

"Even if we add all our ages together we're still not old enough to vote.'

NO ONE'S EVER EXPLAINED IT THAT WAY TO

ME BEFORÉ

ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE "UNDECIDED VOTERS"?

Peanuts



Rose is Rose

ROMANTIC

Agnes

Hi and Lois

Funky Winkerbean

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PUBLISHED IS BECAUSE PEOPLE

GOT SO USED TO ORDERING

ONLINE DURING THE

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ENJOYING A NICE NAP ON COMPANY TIME AGAIN

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PANDEMIC ... 31

Blondie

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THE GUINING STARS.

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BY EMBRACING

MY ODDNESS, THE

PRESSURE TO CONFORM IS EASED.

THE FIRE 19 ABSOLUTELY



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EVERYONE

CALLSME

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INTO WORK MODE SO I CAN

WEIRD.

BECAUSE

YOU'RE

WEIRD



How do I know the coyotes won't eat ME?

I AM GOING

TO BE A TEACHER

SHHH. IF ANYONE FINDS OUT THEY'LL

NEVER LEAVE ME ALONE.

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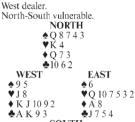
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Contract By Steve Becker

With malice aforethought



SOUTH **≜**A K J 10 2 ♥A 9 6 **♣**Q8

The bidding: South Pass 2 **♠** king of clubs. Opening lead Endplays take all kinds of forms.

but the general idea is always the same. Declarer arranges to put one of the defenders on lead at a time when that defender must hand declarer a trick he might not have gotten otherwise.

Such situations are usually brought about by design. A declarer is fortunate indeed if the setting occurs naturally; in most cases, the sequence of plays must be carefully planned and executed in order to Consider this deal where West led the K-A and another club against three spades. Declarer ruffed, drew trump and continued with the K-A of hearts and a heart ruff. With the clubs and hearts having been eliminated from both hands. South was

arrive at the winning position.

now in position to cut his three natural diamond losers to two. So, he crossed to his hand with a trump and led a diamond, rendering the defense helpless. West did as well as he could by playing the 9, but declarer, sizing up the situation perfectly, ducked in dummy.

It did not matter what East played on this trick. If he allowed the nine to hold, West could do no better than continue with a diamond, whereupon East would take the ace and be forced to yield a ruff-and-discard. Similarly, if East overtook the nine with the ace and returned a diamond, dummy's queen would become a trick, and South would

again emerge victorious.

It is true that the contract could have been defeated had West led a diamond at either trick two or trick three. This would have allowed the defense to score two club tricks and three diamond tricks. But once West had failed to do this, South could not be stopped from getting home safely with proper play.

Tomorrow: Perseverance pays off. **CRYPTOQUIP**

11-8

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHICH PART OF EACH WEEK SHOULD FOLKS SET ASIDE TO SUBMIT PAYMENTS ON THEIR BILLS? DUES-DAY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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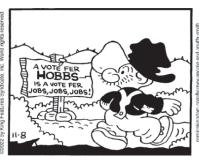
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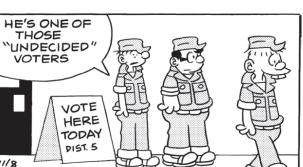
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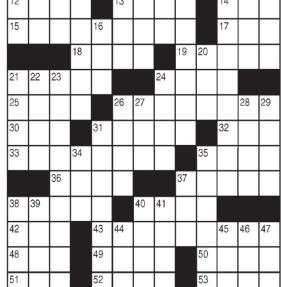












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Continued from page 8 The top 20 athletes in each race earned medals at All-Ohio recognition. Brittany Arnold of Botkins earned that final spot in 19:12.8. Anna's Paige Steinke finished in 17:46.1 to win the state title by nearly 20 seconds.

Heitkamp found himself in a similar position to Brunswick, sitting 27th at the mile mark. (Each of the top 29 runners was under 5 minutes at that point.) He was alone in 28th place after two miles, running about 10 meters ahead of Aaron Gannon of Mount Gilead and Evan Mcpherson of Federal Hocking (Stewart).

He dropped back in the final mile-plus as he finished in 16:46.4. Thomas Franklin of Ottawa Hills was 20th in 16:26.9. East Canton's Brylan Holland finished in 15:41.7 for the state champi-

"Obviously it's just a win to finish at state, even if you don't run the best, which has kind of been the trend for me," said Heitkamp, referencing his experience at the track state finals in June and cross country last season. He had times of 16:16 for three consecutive weeks before posting a 16:26 at the Tiffin regional. "But it's just a learning experience. ...

"It was mainly just a good race experience with that many people. I wasn't super crazy nervous going into it. It just was overwhelming whenever you have all those people at that pace. Because we were flying. ...

"And then it's a matter of trying to hang on for as long as possible and I just couldn't.'

Even so, he finished 23 seconds faster and 41 positions higher than at the 2021 state finals.

Ellie Will, who had led the FRHS girls at the state meet in each of the previous two seasons, followed Brunswick as she was 61st after the first mile and 63rd after the second. The junior slipped nine spots in the final mile to post a time of 20:41.1 for 72nd. (She had finished 70th last season.)

Jenna Hart, another junior, fun.

was next in 91st with a time of 21:07.6. Seniors Megan Diller (97th – 22:23.1) and Caitlin Weitzel (144th – 22:29.7) rounded out the team score for the Tribe.

Also running for the Tribe were Alexis Wendel (147th -22:33.5) and Joelle Kaup (161st – 23:00.5).

Coach Diller said she was concerned after her team struggled at the gun.

"I just turned around and thought, 'Oh gosh,'" she said. 'But they had that turned around pretty quickly. That was good. Because it is sometimes hard. This course narrows in spots and it's a little hard to pass. They were able to make that up really well."

The Indians had hoped to surpass last season's 12th-place state finish — it tied the 1999 effort for the best in school history — and Diller thought with a great day they could have a chance at the top 10. They were about 30 points out of 10th place at every check-in and were within striking distance of 11th as they trailed Ottawa Hills by just nine points after 2 miles. But they slipped back in the final mile-plus, finishing 27 points behind 11th-place Huron. Ottawa Hills ended up 10th with 284 points.

The meet marked the third consecutive trip to the state finals for Fort Recovery and just the fifth in school history. It was also the career finale for Weitzel, Wendel and Megan Diller.

"They're the reason we're here," said Christy Diller of the senior group. "Definitely those three saved the day last week. ... And those three and Joelle were packed up really nicely today. I'm sure that helped us out scorewise. They fought today. They showed up. They all ran really

"They're very quiet leaders. Nobody's flashy. They're just really good friends. These girls just get along so well. I cannot emphasize that enough. ... They just show up ready to work. They keep things light. They make it



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Fort Recovery High School junior Trevor Heitkamp runs down the home stretch of the Division III boys race during Saturday's cross country state finals at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park. Heitkamp passed Denison Murphy (3160) of Grandview Heights with less than 100 meters to go and finished 35th in 16 minutes, 46.4 seconds.

Saturday

Continued from page 8 er) Chris (Ballard) and I talking, we saw things collapse, and I've seen things go from bad to worse, and I thought it was time and it was necchange as of this morn-

rulebook for when to missal was not stunning.

make a change, and he developed over 52 years working in the NFL.

With Indianapolis sporting the league's 32nd-ranked offense and producing its essary to make the fewest yards in 25 years during Sunday's 26-3 loss against the New England Irsay noted there's no Patriots, Reich's dis-

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The choice of Saturday pair of highly regarded just three years as a high why I'm a candidate you "In (general manag- had to go by his intuition as his replacement was utterly unexpected. In selecting the 47-year-old two-time All-Pro, Irsay and Ballard bypassed two coaches on the staff with previous head coaching experience — defensive coordinator Gus Bradley and defensive

consultant John Fox. The Colts also have a assistant coaches on the rise in special teams coordinator Bubba Ventrone and running backs coach Scottie Montgomery, who assumed some of the offensive Marcus week after Brady was fired.

tabbed for the job with asked Mr. Irsay, 'Tell me pared."

school in Georgia on his resume.

"I'd be shocked as well probably the same questions you asked," Saturday said when asked to put himself in the anacoordinator duties last lyst role he's filled a bunch of different peo-Instead, Saturday was hiring. "I'll be frank. I lege, and I felt very pre-

coach would consider in any role to do this.' I've been consulting here for a couple of years with Frank and Chris and Strauss (offensive coach Chris Strausser) at ESPN for the past sev- ple. I've met with coaches

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Mixed emotions

Fort Recovery girls are 13th at cross country state finals with Brunswick 33rd; Heitkamp finishes 35th in boys race

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review
OBETZ, Ohio — The Indians were left with that odd feeling that can come along with competing at the highest level.

They were proud to be competing amongst the best. But they also felt they could have done better.

Fort Recovery High School's girls team finished 13th in Saturday's OHSAA Division III Cross Country State Finals at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park with Natalie Brunswick's 33rd-place effort leading the way. Trevor Heitkamp was 35th in the boys race.

"I thought all around we had really solid races," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "Everybody showed up and ran."

"I think the girls all did well tonight. ... They fought the whole time. To finish 13th we came in ranked 15th — it's a good day."

The Indians scored 312 points, finishing 22 behind 12th-place McDonald and four ahead of 14th-place Fredericktown.

Minster, the Tribe's Midwest Athletic Conference rival, totaled 76 points to repeat as state champion for its sixth state title in the last seven years and a record 15th overall. (No other girls team has won more than seven.) Fort Loramie was a distant second at 119.

Brunswick, the only FRHS runner competing Saturday who had not been to the state finals previously, was 25th after the first quarter-mile. By the time the runners returned



Fort Recovery High School's Natalie Brunswick (center) runs toward the mile mark at Fortress Obetz during Saturday's OHSAA Division III Girls Cross Country State Finals. The junior closed her first season of cross country with a 33rd-place finish, leading the Indians to 13th place as a team.

Katie Lane and hit the mile mark in 31st place.

The junior slipped to 37th at to the stadium at Fortress the 2-mile as the field thinned who was seeded 36th based on because obviously there's myself. Obetz she was at the front of a out, but was able to gain back regional times but had hoped nothing you can do about it

minutes, 46.6 seconds, for her 33rd-place finish.

"It was OK," said Brunswick,

pack alongside Mogadore's four spots to post a time of 19 to make a run at the top 20. "I once you're done. I went out finished, which that sucks pretty good. I'm happy with

definitely felt like I could have there, still had a good race, still done a little bit better after I competed pretty well. It's still

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Jay third in opener

emerging sport.

that pattern.

Jay County High School's girls wrestling team opened its season Saturday with a third-place finish in the New Palestine Dragons Invitational.

The Patriots' 126 points were just one behind Franklin Central and Lake Central, with the former winning the event based on criteria. Warren Central was a close fourth with 120

among 31 scoring teams. The result came without defending 160-pound state champion Mallory Winner, who is out after breaking her leg in the offseason. Several other wrestlers also missed the tournament because of injuries.

Kiley Williams and Katie School High Girls Wrestling State Finals last season. (Girls wrestling is not yet an IHSAA sport, but in the spring was added as an "emerging sport." To hold an IHSAA state tournament, at least 50% of member schools must participate.)

Williams had her toughest match in the opening round of the 195-pound bracket, edging Jasmine Hollins-Rowie of Warren Central 11-9. She made quick work of Kokomo's Marli Redfern in the semifinals with a pin in 29 seconds and then pinned Leah Mitchell, also of Kokomo, in 2:39 in the championship

Patriots have been among Rowles won championships bracket — it was for the leading groups in an for JCHS, which had the wrestlers who weighed in fourth-most wrestlers at less than 100 pounds — They plan to continue advance to the Indiana Rowles recorded pins over Warren Central's Essence Austin (1:37), Franklin Central's Savana Garner (55 seconds) and New Albany's Callie Walker (30 seconds).

Lina Lingo matched Williams in point scoring for JCHS — they each had 24 — as she placed second at 126 pounds. She recorded three consecutive pins, two of which came in the first round, before falling by pin to Phoebe Dowty of Indian Creek in the cham-

pionship match. Adding third-place finishes were Jayla Huelskamp at 120 pounds, Dakota Chowning at 126 pounds and Haley Ridenour at 152 pounds.

Saturday takes over

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — One of the more surreal days in Indianapolis Colts history was capped Monday night with a bizarre stream-of-consciousness news conference led by owner Jim Irsay.

At times defiant and combative, Irsay defended his unprecedented move to hire long-time center Jeff Saturday as the team's interim head coach after firing Frank Reich midway through his fifth season in charge.

Since taking control of the franchise

in 1995, Irsay never before had fired a

head coach during a season. But he said the time was right with the Colts (3-5-1) riding a three-game losing streak and fading from playoff con-

"Well, you know, things change," Irsay said. "In 27 years, I never had a quarterback retire on me at age 29 in his prime. Things change. You change the way you move out to try to deal with each situation, and you never like to make a change — much less during the season. It's not ideal.

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6 p.m. Nov. 29.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Girls basketball at Fort
Wayne South Side – 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
2:30 p.m. — Soccer: Bundesliga –
Werder Bremen at Bayern Munchen (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Ohio at Miami (Ohio) (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Edomonton Oilers at Tampa Bay Lightning (TNT) 8 p.m. — College football: Ball State at

Toledo (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Nashville Predators at Seattle Kraken (TNT)

Wednesday 2:45 p.m. — Soccer: League Cup –

Leeds United at Wolverhampton

(ESPN2) 7 p.m. - NBA basketball: Denver

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10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN) 10 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Minnesota Wild at Anaheim Ducks (TNT)

Local notes

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.

All-sport passes are also available for \$150 for adults and \$50 for students. Senior citizen passes are \$30, junior high adult passes are \$25 and junior high stu-

dent passes are \$10. 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

To have an event listed in "Sports on

tap," email details to sports@thecr.com