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By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

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website

County also looking at options for recording, streaming

Jay County Commissioners took a step toward making information about their meetings more accessible. And they are continuing to look at additional

Commissioners on Mon-day approved moving forward with plans to make their agendas and meeting minutes accessible on their website while also getting a first look at options for either live-streaming or recording and posting

Craig Frazee of Dynamic **Business Solutions of Port**land visited commission-

ers and presented them with answers to questions regarding the county web-

site and two options for systems that would live

stream and/or record their

meetings in the commissioners' room at Jay Coun-

asked about the ability to

post meeting minutes and

adding that feature would be simple with an integra-tion fee of \$250 and some

basic training for staff that

would be responsible for

uploading. (Dynamic Busi-

ness Solutions could also handle the uploading.) He also reported that the ability to add and change meetings to the calendar on the website already

exists. His company can make those changes upon request or train county

approved spending the \$250

to allow posting of meeting

recording, one option

would involve a hub at the

center of the commission-

ers' table that would be

able to pick up anyone

speaking within 10 feet.

(Additional microphones may be needed for those further away.) It would also

pick up a 360-degree view of the room on video with the ability to focus on the

individual speaking. The system could live stream or

record and automatically

post meetings on a sched-

ule. It would cost about

involve a single speaker

and single camera with a

wide-angle view of the

entire room. It would be

operated from a separate

laptop computer and would

require someone to manu-

ally transfer files and post

for public viewing. The

cost would be about \$3,500.

would be stored via Ama-

zon Web Services. Both

would also have a \$100

expressed support for mak-

ing live streaming and recording of meetings

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Commissioners again

annual service fee.

available.

In both cases, meetings

The other option would

\$5,250.

As for live streaming and

staff to do so.

Commissioners

agendas and minutes.



Sounds of season

The Jay County High School band and choirs held their Christmas concert Sunday. Pictured above, members of Just Treble perform while director Susan Denney (foreground right) plays the piano accompaniment. At senior Thomas Charles plays the French horn during the band portion of the concert.

raun announces run for governor

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Mike Braun Sen. announced his campaign for governor in downtown Indianapolis Monday at a pricey steakhouse surrounded by supporters and donors, joining Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Fort Wayne business-

man Eric Doden in the 2024 race. "I'm here today because I truly

believe Indiana's best days are in 2024. Doden announced his cam- in 1979, which grew to become one before us," Braun said. "... this state does so many things correct but I think we can get a little better; I've been a believer that there's always room for improvement."

Braun's announcement came the same day as Crouch's campaign launch, and others are rumored to be considering the open seat. Gov. Eric Holcomb is

and released this cycle's first ad campaign shortly after the November election.

individual Crouch gave reporters one-on-one interviews while Braun gave a ten-minute speech before ushering media out and declining to take questions.

Harvard-educated Braun coterm-limited and cannot run again founded Crystal Farms in Jasper

paign nearly a year ago of the largest turkey operations in the Midwest, according to his campaign biography. Two years later, Braun started the Meyer Body Company, an auto parts distribution company, which fuels much of his wealth — estimated to be \$136,831,124 in 2018 — making him one of the richest members of Congress.

See Braun page 5

FTX co-founder accused of fraud

By BOB VAN VORIS

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

FTX co-founder Sam Bankman-Fried accused by U.S. regulators of carrying out a multiyear scheme to defraud investors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said on Tuesday that Bankman-Fried, who was arrested on Monday in the Bahamas and is facing criminal charges in the U.S., raised more than \$1.8 billion from investors. The SEC also said he concealed risks and FTX's relationship with his trading firm Alameda Research, and used commingled customer funds.

"We allege that Sam appropriate controls.

Bankman-Fried built a house of cards on a foundation of deception while telling investors that it was one of the safest buildings in crypto," SEC Chair Gary Gensler said in a statement.

Bankman-Fried diverted billions of dollars of customer funds to help grow his other entities, the SEC said in its complaint filed Tuesday in New York's Southern District court. The SEC complaint alleges that FTX raised more than \$1.8 billion, including \$1.1 billion from about 90 U.S.-based investors, in an "orchestrated scheme to defraud equity investors" who bought in based on the belief that FTX had

Weather

ture topped out at 41 degrees

Rain is expected to begin early

Wednesday and continue until

about 1 p.m. with winds gust-

ing to 30 miles per hour. The

See page 2 for an extended

Monday. The low was 36.

high will be 46.

outlook.

Jay County's high tempera-

Tonight's low will be 35.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Wrapping helpers

Volunteers wrap gifts for Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County on Saturday morning in the commons area at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. The organization served 137 families and 588 individuals this year, providing eight gifts per person.

In review

A Republican caucus on Monday selected Dave Haines to fill the Jay County Council at-large seat being vacated by Ray Newton following his election as sheriff. Haines topped former Jay County Commissioner Chuck Huffman on the sixth ballot. Other candidates were Duane Monroe, Dean Jetter, Greg Miller and Chris Swanson.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's JCHS swim meet

Friday — Coverage of Thursday's Redkey Town



Deaths

Mary Smith, 81, rural Port-Details on page 2.

against Norwell.

Council meeting.

Obituaries

Mary Smith

Feb. 21, 1941-Dec. 10, 2022 Mary M. Smith, age 81, of rural Portland passed away on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, at Parkview Regional Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Portland on Feb. 21, 1941, the daughter of Orville and Donna (Kile) Monroe. She was married on Dec. 8, 1957, to Max Smith and he preceded her in death on March 15,

Mary worked at Jay Garment and Foods. Cooper She was a member of Bellefoun-United tain Methodist Church, Ladies

Aid and Busy

Bees Home Ec. Club, and was an avid reader who enjoyed cross word puzzles, fishing and spending time with her grandchildren.

The tempera

ture will drop

to 21.



Surviving are two sons, James Smith of Fort Wayne and Larry Smith (wife: Karen) of New Palestine, Ohio; two daughters, Sherry Garke (husband: Dennis) of Fort Recovery, Ohio, and Brenda Kaup (husband: Dennis) of Fort Recovery, Ohio; two brothers, Richard Monroe of Pennville and Gary Monroe of Sharpsville, Indiana; one sister, Irma Hierholzer of Jamestown, Tennessee; brother-in-law Myron Johnson of Peru, Indiana; two sisters-

in-law, Nell Monroe of Portland and Donna Bradfrod (husband: Richard) of Sukin, Florida; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Gordan Jackson presiding. Burial will follow in the Mount Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Heart Fund.

Condolences expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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 serv-

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

CR almanac

Wednesday 12/14	Thursday 12/15	Friday 12/1 6	Saturday 12/17	Sunday 12/18
46/40	47/29	36/24	30/20	31/21
Rain is expected, specifically in the morning hours, with	The forecat calls for a high of 47 under partly sunny skies.	cloudy skies	The high will be 30 under mstly cloudy skies.	Expect mostly sunny skies with a high tempera- ture of 31.

Lotteries

Powerball

per hour.

winds gusting to 30 miles

Monday 16-31-50-55-61 Powerball: 9 Power Play: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$134 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$400 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 6-1-5 Daily Four: 0-1-2-0 Quick Draw: 7-12-14-15-19-29-30-33-35-40-41-45-52-57-58-62-64-69-73-78 Evening

Daily Three: 2-7-2 Daily Four: 1-7-1-7 Quick Draw: 3-10-1420-23-31-36-43-44-47-48-49-55-56-62-68-69-70-73-78 Cash 5: 10-17-22-36-37 Estimated jackpot: \$85,000

Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 6-9-6 Pick 4: 1-3-0-9 Pick 5: 7-3-2-3-9 Evening Pick 3: 7-9-9 Pick 4: 7-3-0-5 Pick 5: 7-3-2-3-9 Rolling Cash 5: 2-13-16-20-30

Estimated jackpot: \$250,000 Classic Lotto: 1-3-4-16-

Kicker: 2-0-6-2-8-8 Jackpot: \$1.3 million

Website

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They asked Frazee to look into what type of system would be needed to allow that capability in the courthouse auditorium, which is where Jay County Council typically meets.

They also discussed the possibility of shifting all meetings to the auditorium, which is a larger space and would eliminate the need to install multiple recording systems in the courthouse.

Commissioners Chad Aker, Brian McGalliard and Rex Journay also approved the creation of a task force to discuss how best to use funding the county will receive from a national opioid lawsuit settlement. The county will get an initial payment of \$146,657.71, with smaller payments annually over a period of about 15

McGalliard volunteered to be part of the task force and to reach out to Kimbra Reynolds of Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition about the possibility of chairing the group. Commissioners discussed various other individuals and organizations for involvement, including Jay Emergency Medical Service, the Jay County Sheriff, Jay County Prosecutor. local judges and IU Health Jay.

Commissioners also approved a resolution requiring that department supervisors initiate exit interviews for full-time employees who are leaving county jobs. The policy is part of the process of a hiring freeze in which department heads must alert the county's personnel committee when a full-time employee plans to leave a position. The committee would then review the vacated position, schedule a conference with the department head and alert council about the position. Council would then need to approve the position to be filled within 60 days. If it is not approved, funding for it would be eliminated from the budget.

Personnel committee members have said the goal of the freeze is to learn why employees are leaving their positions.

Upon approving the resolution egarding exit interviews commisforced to take part in the process.

Commissioners heard again from Bill Hinkle advising against it. Jenny Bricker, who is one of the local residents leading an effort to keep the condominium development for off date of Dec. 26.

Indiana 26 (Water Street) bridge over the Salamonie River in place. (Indiana Department of Transportation plans call for removing the bridge and constructing a new one in the spring.)

Bricker indicated that an inspector from Hoosier Historic Bridges looked at the structure and said it is in good structural shape. (That contradicts an INDOT report she shared.) She asked about next steps and said she feels support from community leaders is needed.

Commissioners noted that they sent a letter to INDOT regarding the issue and shared the response, which read, in part:

"Unfortunately, INDOT cannot do anything further to retain this bridge ... No public comments were received verbally or in writing ... Because INDOT received no public comments or offers to buy the bridge, we moved forward with the contract letting

The letter indicated that a public hearing regarding the project was advertised Nov. 3 and 10, 2021, and that the hearing was held Nov. 18, 2021. (The Commercial Review confirmed that those public notices were published on those dates.)

Commissioners also clarified a statement made by Portland Mayor John Boggs at last week's city council meeting regarding bridges in the county. While most bridges fall under the purview of county commissioners, that does not include the bridge in question as it is part of a state highway. All state highway bridges are the responsibility of the state.

In other business, commissioners: Received updates regarding Jay County Country Living, including that it currently has 22 residents and is nearing a break-even point financially. Commissioners approved the installation of a mobility chair lift by Lifeway Mobility at a cost of \$6,534 and accepted donations of \$1,000 from Mount Zion United Methodist Church and \$500 from Red Golf for curtains in rooms at the facility. Aker reported that a new system in place has eliminated arsenic levels in water. Also discussed was the possisioners noted that employees can't be bility of renting the facility's comnext meeting will be held at 9 a.m. munity room, with county attorney

of county road 75 South near Jay County High School. Commissioners indicated that engineering firm RQAW of Fishers is doing a study to determine whether City of Portland water could be extended to the property and what such a system would cost.

 Discussed quotes for a new truck for Jay County Emergency Management Agency. The current truck is 10 years old. Commissioners asked director Samantha Rhodehamel to inquire with dealers about trade-in values for the current truck and will revisit them at their next meeting.

 Met with highway department superintendent Eric Butcher, who reported that crews completed 33 miles of berming this year. Ditches are now being cleaned out daily. Commissioners and Butcher also talked briefly about equipment that could eliminate the need for cutting into roads and driveways for some projects. They plan to look into the options further.

•Approved the following: Holding a tax certificate sale for properties that are delinquent on property taxes; writing of \$48,373.01 in debt from Jay County Country Living and \$1,828.72 from the county clerk's office; purchasing a server for the auditor's office with Dell Technologies at a cost of \$12,684.64; and the 2023 contract with Purdue Extension at \$119,000.

•OK'd payment of the following: A \$16,026.89 from Matrix Integration for email and back-up services; and \$45,417.49 to Laux Plumbing for lining a sewer at Jay County Jail.

•Tabled a \$37,545.60 claim from Motorola for a server and remote server migration. Commissioners want to clarify some details about the claim with Sheriff Dwane Ford before moving forward.

 Opened five bids for fuel and two bids for stone for 2023. They were taken under advisement and will be addressed at a future meeting.

•Signed the title for a LifeStream Services bus that will be disposed after it was damaged in an accident.

•Offered a reminder that their Dec 27. With Christmas on Sunday this year, the federal holiday is •Briefly discussed the planned observed on their regular meeting

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Today in history

In 1642, South Island, New Zealand, was spotted by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman.

In 1989, singer/songborn in West Reading, and was named best new female vocalist by the Academy of Country Music Awards.

captured Saddam Hus- City Pool. sein, president of Iraq,

during the Iraq War. He was convicted of war crimes and executed three years later.

In 2004, Jay County writer Taylor Swift was Commissioners selected Principal Financial Pennsylvania. She broke Group for county health through with debut insurance after reviewalbum "Fearless" in 2008 ing about a dozen options.

In 2021, Dunkirk City Council approved spending \$59,045 to install a In 2003, U.S. forces new liner at Dunkirk

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Portland City Court

Judge Donald Gillespie Trials scheduled

Pierre M. Souffrant, Deer Park, New York, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service violation, pre-trial Jan. 4; Kenisha L. Lehman, Portland, operating a vehicle with fictitious plates, continue May 3; Robert P. Miller, Portland, driving with a suspended license, continue May 3; Dean L. Burgess, Pennville, driving with a suspended license, continue May 3; Sondra J. Burgess, Pennville, driving with a suspended license, continue May 3; Oryan Cochran, Portland, driving without a valid license, continue Jan. 4; Susan Nichols, Portland, accumulation of rubbish and storage of junk, continue Jan. 4; Clarence Cooper, Portland, accumulation of rubbish, storage of junk, overgrown weeds and weeds or grass taller than 8 inches, pre-trial Jan. 4; Ryan A. Markle, Plainfield, driving without a valid license, pre-trial Jan. 4; Terry M. Snyder, Dunkirk, driving with expired

plates and driving without insurance, pre-trial Jan. 4; Karandeep Singh, Indianapolis, speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, Jan. 4

Paid by waiver

Sarah L. Guntle, Portland, speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$154.50; William E. Strait, Portland, operating a vehicle with a false plate, \$160.50, and failure to provide registration, \$25; Hardeep Singh, Fresno, California, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Barbara J. Ellis, Manvel, Texas, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Jerry E. Garron, Fayetteville, Georgia, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Tejinder Singh, Indianapolis, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance, \$385.50; Dennis Negele, Portland, expired plates, \$160.50, and operating a vehicle with fictitious plates, \$25.

SERVICES

Today Sanders, Sue: I p.m., Baird-

Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday

Jones, Doug: 5 p.m., Fairhaven Funeral Home, 6557 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne.

Friday

Smith, Mary: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Service listings provided by **PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday

Upper 8 a.m. – Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells County Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

1 p.m. — Jay Countv Sheriff's Office Merit Board, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Port-

6 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Thursday

Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.

6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Central, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

6:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-7 p.m. — Jay County ery School Board, com-Fort munity room, Recovery High School, 400 E. Butler St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, vil-6 p.m. — Redkey Town lage hall, 201 S. Main St.





Offer ends 1/21/23. Offer price includes limited-time savings of \$10/mo. All prices include \$5 AutoPay & Paperless bill discount, which may take 1-3 bill cycles to begin (pay \$5 more per month until discount begins). New approved residential customers only. Offers may be discontinued at any time. Regional sports fee up to \$11.99/mo. is extra & applies. See details.

Weekend brought spirit of season

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

One more trip to the store and the Christmas shopping should be done. It was more challenging than usual since I have given up driving out of town. Buying a present for someone who is right next to you spoils the surprise.

Yes, I know that the internet has almost everything a person could want. I go to Amazon and type in the brand name, size and description of what I am seeking. It offers to show me anything except what I asked

I am used to clothing sizes not being standardized. Therefore, I don't completely trust the size of things that I can't touch. If I hold up a shirt I am thinking of buying for my husband, it should reach from my shoulders almost to my knees.

As I See It



Likewise, pants should reach from my shoulders to my feet. I can't do that online. Nor can I tell the weight of anything. Is the shirt thick or thin? Is the texture soft or itchy? I won't know until the item shows up on my doorstep.

The internet has another disadvantage. Delivery estimates are seldom accurate. When I placed the order for a gift for our grandson, the delivery estimates were reasonable. One or two days later I was notified that the item would be shipped in the middle of Janu-

ary. A wave of panic and disappointment smacked me in the chest. Today I got a message that the item would be here

As usual, when I am shopping for others, I can find plenty of things for myself. When someone asks what I want for Christmas, I draw a blank. I have almost everything I need. At this stage of the game, the last thing I need is more stuff.

This is excepting plants and books. I can never have enough of either. Nevermind that I have no place to put them.

Shopping, with all of its challenges, is only a part of Christmas. There was a time when I watched Christmas specials every evening. I still miss listening to Linus tell the Christmas story concluding with, "and that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

Snow Man. He was in a play. The giant snowman may have been the subject of the play but the cast of mostly children were amazing. Their voices were as pure as only children's can be.

Frosty was followed by "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical." Again, the cast was outstanding, The smallest girl took the show. She was the very definition of spunk and sass. The part of the play where they were making baskets for the poor hit home.

There was a time when we depended on those boxes to help get through the winter. My stepdad didn't get much work in the winter. He laid drainage pipe for a living and that came to a halt in the cold. There were no unemployment benefits. He never got vacation be disappointed.

I did get to see Frosty the pay or any other type of compensation.

> His boss would enlist him to clean out hog pens in the winter. Let me tell you, that was hard, nasty work but I never heard him complain. He was a good and honorable man.

Back to the play. I did keep an eye on one particular character of the Christmas play. He played Bob. In real life, he is in charge of this newspaper. I knew he was involved in community theater but I hadn't known that he could sing. I thought he made a very good

It was a nice weekend up until my hubby came down with what we are hoping is just a miserable cold. If you get a chance to attend any of the events at the Arts Place, do not hesitate to attend. You will not

Widow's mom wears out her only child

DEAR ABBY: I am an only child and I love my mother. My father passed away after a short illness three years ago, leaving my mother a widow. My problem is, she calls me multiple times a day. I'm not one of those women whose mom is my best friend or someone who enjoys talking on the phone. If I don't answer, she keeps calling back. She calls while I'm getting ready for work, on the way to work, while I'm at work or on the way home, etc.

I know I may regret it one day, but I don't have the energy for all her daily calls, which are basically her asking me 50 questions. I don't talk to my own grown children on a daily basis like she calls me. I have reached the point that I dread it and at times ignore

I have encouraged her to branch out — hang out with other widows, meet new friends or join groups, but because of COVID she's hesitant. I don't want to be ugly to her, but the more she does this, the more anxious I get. I have also asked her to just text me so I can respond Dear Abby



she just doesn't think about that as an option.

She's a very sweet woman, but she is stressing me out! Is it me or her? Please help me so I don't ruin this relationship. As an only child, am I being selfish? INUNDATED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR INUNDATED: It isn't you, it's her. Your mother is doing this because she feels lonely, anxious and vulnerable and may have forgotten how to socialize as an individual without your father. The COVID restrictions added to the problem because people were discouraged from hanging out in groups.

After three years, it is not selfish to create boundaries

screen your calls and talk with our lives miserable and try to conyour mom when you aren't stressed and have a few minutes to spend in conversation.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I moved into a new rental house on my best friend's property a year ago. We love living here. We moved to be closer to my friend, "Noah," who is like a brother to me. He and his wife live on the same property.

Noah was diagnosed with heart disease two years ago, and was given a year to live. He has surpassed that estimate. He now wants my husband and me to buy the house we are renting. I'm hesitant because Noah's wife suffers from a mental illness.

She has always been threatened by our close friendship, and if anything goes wrong in her life, she accuses me of sabotaging her. When she's stable, she's a nice and generous person, but recently she has been experiencing hallucinations and severe paranoia.

Noah wants us to stay because with her. Tell her you will he needs our support. I'm afraid when I'm available, but she says speak to her once a day. Then that after he's gone, she'll make

test the ownership of the property. The property is in Noah's name only. He bought it before they got married. What should I TORN TO PIECES

DEAR TORN: Your question is of a legal nature and in no state of the union am I licensed to give legal advice. That is why you, your husband and Noah need to schedule an appointment (ASAP) to discuss this business matter with an attorney who can give you guidance to ensure your interests are protected if this transaction takes place. Because it won't solve the issue of Noah's unstable wife, that question should be up to you and your husband to debate separately.

DEAR ABBY: I have been trying to develop a relationship with my half-sister, and I'm getting very mixed messages. She is mostly polite and distant. But then there are times she'll disinvite me from her child's birthday party or "unfriend" me on Facebook, etc. She explains later that **is** she did it out of anxiety, and she unwilling to give.

seems worried about being hurt. She has an excuse every time I ask to get together.

I know she's affected by our father dying of cancer when she was young (she was 10 or 11), so I attribute her behavior to that and try not to take it personally. However, it hurts, and I'm tempted to give up. It is clear she has no interest in spending time with me. Should I stop trying to engage her? She talks warmly with our other shared relatives but not with me. I don't think I've done anything wrong, so I'm baffled. SLIGHTED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR SLIGHTED: Your half-sister appears to have emotional challenges in addition to her anxiety. That she would disinvite you to a family function after you had accepted the invitation was rude. It's time to take the hint and step back. Having a parent in common does not guarantee siblings will have a close relationship. My advice is to go on with your life and quit pushing for something this woman apparently unable

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in mation, call (567) 279-8352 Community Calendar as or (260) 729-7000. space is available. To subnews@thecr.com.

Today

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-

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more infor-

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

Wednesday

ING 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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Čenter. BRYANT/NEW CORY-

DON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

PORTLAND ROTARY each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY MORN the second Wednesday of each month in room 205 on the second floor of John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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

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

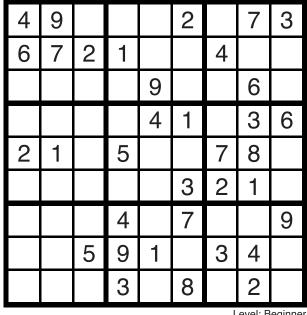
JAY COUNTY SCOUTS ORGANIZATION — Will meet for its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 at the scout facility, 4684 S. Waste Management Drive, rural Portland.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in PortSchedule your advertising 1/2 page color ad (10.5 inches by 10.5 inches) (including in Christmas Greetings) Pick-up in color \$400 Pick-up in B & W \$300 1/4 page color ad \$375 Pick-up in color \$275 Pick-up in B & W \$250 Three 3x5 ads black and white \$250 (regular price - \$585) **Special Pricing** Dec. 1-31 The Commercial Review **Email Lindsey** at L.Cochran@thecr.com

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Sudoku



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.

Leaders should learn from teachers

The Republic (Columbus)

Lawmakers are vowing to go back to the chalkboard on education. Top Republicans vow to "reinvent" high school to expand work-based learning experiences for Hoosier students.

That's a healthy discussion to have, and we're all for education reforms that make the curriculum more relevant to students. But we also hope our representatives and senators will use the upcoming session as a good-faith reset for public education in another way.

Simply put, it's time they get back to basics. A good start would be paying attention, coming to work ready to learn, and listening to teachers.

It's no mistake, as columnist Leo Morris points out on this page, that whatever problems lawmakers may see in our state's lier in the summer, the number of

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education system, blame lies squarely at their feet. After all, they set education laws and standards, and schools in Indiana traditionally consume roughly half of the state's general fund dollars.

To lawmakers' credit, they bumped up Indiana's previously abysmal national ranking in average teacher pay with an increase in 2021. Even so, just before the beginning of this school year, the Indiana Department of Education reported nearly 1,800 open teaching positions statewide. Earvacancies topped 2,300.

More and more teachers are leaving the profession and fewer are entering. This should trouble lawmakers, who should study the reasons why and make evidencebased reforms to reverse these harmful trends.

Yet educators earlier this month gave some anecdotal evidence of what could be factors. As the Indianapolis Business Journal reported, "Indiana's largest teacher unions lobbied for lawmakers to directly address the ongoing, statewide teacher shortage. They also called for increased funding to public schools, and implored legislators to focus less on 'culture war' issues.'

We can't argue with any of that, and serious lawmakers shouldn't either. Particularly that last part. Last session, a few terri-

ble bills sought to restrict what teachers could say in the classpotentially barring instruction of vague "divisive concepts." A Republican author of one such bill starred on the national stage as the annual embarrassing Hoosier lawmaker after he defended his bill on the Senate floor by saying teachers "need to be impartial" when discussing Nazism and fascism in the classroom.

Teachers responded to such Statehouse shenanigans with earnest, honest demonstrations and testimony that felt as if they were fighting

Because they were. We were proud to stand with teachers earlier this year and crusade in editorials against bills that targeted them and librarians for doing their jobs. We are prepared to do

for their professional lives.

But we'd rather not have to. We urge House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) and Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray (R-Martinsville) to spare the state from such ugliness and set a positive tone in the upcoming session. They can start by taking a lesson from this year's session and urge their members to stop filing legislation that targets teachers.

Failing that, Huston and Bray must use the power of their positions to ensure that such badfaith legislation doesn't resurface in committee hearings.

Come January, we'll see if our lawmakers — and their leaders have learned anything.

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Legislation is a major win

Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

Progress can painfully slow in the American constitutional system. That makes it all the more important to recognize when the process works as it should.

Last week, the Senate passed a bipartisan bill that will require states and the federal government to recognize samesex marriages that have been conducted in any state or U.S. territory where such unions are legal. It also affirmed the legitimacy of same-sex marriages for the purpose of federal benefits. It's now back to the House, where an earlier version passed in July. Should the bill advance as expected, President Joe Biden has said he'll promptly sign it.

Arguably, the measure is superfluous. Although it would formally repeal the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which had defined marriage as a marriage now has a union of one man and already invalidated it. support such unions. Since the 2015 Obergefell been established as a constitutional right.

Yet the Respect for Marriage Act, as the new bill is titled, should stand as a landmark nonetheless, for two reasons.

One is that it affirms the value of making policy by legislation as opposed to judicial fiat. Supporters of abortion rights have recently been dismayed to realize that a right invented by a court in one era — as with Roe v. Wade — can be just as easily dismantled in another. Indeed, Justice Clarence Thomas, in his concurring opinion in the case overturning Roe, suggested that the decision invited reconsideration of other high court rulings, including

Obergefell. one joined Thomas's opinion, and Obergefell is almost certainly here to stay. But the point stands: An elected legislature, accountable to voters and responsive to shifts in public opinion, is the appropriate venue for social policies. Same-sex supposed to work.

be Guest **Editorial**

An elected legislature, accountable to voters and responsive to shifts in public opinion, is the appropriate venue for negotiating wide-ranging social policies.

firmer basis in federal one woman, more recent law, as well it should: Supreme Court prece-Polls show that more dents had effectively than 70% of Americans

second v. Hodges ruling, more-virtue of the bill was proover, gay marriage has cedural. After the House passed the original version, Senate Democrats could've played politics, dared Republicans to mount a filibuster, and used their opposition as a cudgel during midterms. Instead, the bill's cosponsors accepted that genuinely undecided Republicans such as Mitt Romney had goodfaith reservations about the bill and held off on voting until after the midterms. That collegial trust paid off: Twelve Republicans — about a quarter of the Senate GOP conference — eventually crossed over and supported a revised version that addressed their concerns about religious liberty.

As recently as 1996, the U.S. was solidly opposed to gay marriage. Today thanks in large part to decades of hard work and political pressure by advocates for marriage equality — lawmakers in both parties have fashioned a bargain reflecting a new national consensus. That's how the negotiating wide-ranging democratic process is



Student lost to gun violence

By SOFIA GONZALEZ

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

Her name was Ruby. She was one of mine. A sophomore. I offered her oneon-one support in my academic lab as an intervention tier for kids who needed extra pushes in the right direction.

I see her face, and I hear her voice. Long jet black hair and dark frames. Super bubbly and talkative and always beefing with her teachers.

"Mrs. G., I like coming here. You cool, Mrs. G. Like you listen to me and don't judge, you feel me?' 'Yah, I feel you, Ruby. Show me

your essay, show me what you got." She would, with pride, whip out her laptop and slide it to me. She'd smile and watch as I read. She wasn't a bad writer; she had a way with literary

devices. 'You likie?" she whispered.

"I likie," I responded. She'd end up talking my ear off most days, and I'd let her. I appreciated her confiding in me. Her attendance was spotty, though, so I'd see her in spurts. But when she came, I felt her presence. She was so sweet and respectful. She always greeted me and would ask how I was doing. She wound up bringing to the lab a friend in trouble. I'd sign him in with positive attendance and help him too. This was last school year.

This school year, I thought she'd stop in, but I didn't see her.

During Thanksgiving week, staff members received an email informing us that a Morton East student, Ruby Navarrete, had died the prior weekend. My mind froze. I whispered to myself, "Is it her, my Ruby from Sofia Gonzalez



it. I asked how she passed and learned she was killed in a shooting at a party in the city. The wrong place. The wrong time.

I swiftly left my room and waved to security to watch my class. I went to the room of a trusted colleague and friend. A full panic attack commenced.

Several staff members surrounded me and encouraged me to breathe. My colleague Ritz just held me as I wept. Semi-audible words spilled out: "She was just a baby." "Her mom, her mom, Dios mio." My eyes were closed tight. My principal touched my shoulder and whispered, "I need you to breathe, kid."

I was taken in a wheelchair outside, where a crisp breeze and the afternoon sun roused me. I made it home in a colleague's car.

The evening was a blur. My family rushed to my aid, and texts and calls came in from my school community. My reaction points to deeper

wounds that still need healing. My experiences teaching in struggling parts of Chicago for many years, the panic and angst over gun violence, still rattle my insides like maracas.

I tried to take the message to Washington this summer, to spread awareness about the lives of my students last year?" A second email confirmed and what it's like to be a teacher in an East High School in Cicero, Illinois.

urban setting. Such are the stark realities of living and teaching in environments more susceptible to tragedies like Ruby's. Will the situation ever change? Can I bang my wooden spoon on pots any louder? Ruby marks another student of

mine lost to gun violence. The shooter isn't in custody. "Justice for Ruby" goes the beating drum of my heart. The next day after finding out is

always the hardest. I zero in on my student's favorite seat. My imagination places them there.

I worked in Chicago's toughest neighborhoods. I'm now a Title 1 teacher in Cicero, but my school isn't removed from these issues, which are all too familiar to communities of color. As a Latina, a teacher of color, I have a problem with this: these issues shouldn't be normalized. I'm deeply committed to my school community for its heart and grit. We need more resources, systemic change and support at the state and federal levels.

Ruby's funeral was excruciating. A sea of students, staff members and her family members gathered. She wore a crown, her hair long and flowing. Catholic chants and songs filled the air. Touching her hand, I whispered that I'd use my voice for change, somehow, in some way. I meant it.

This is what teachers and school communities go through when they lose a student to gun violence. I will continue to tell these stories.

I came back the next day to school and reported for duty. I will be back every time. This, I pray.

Gonzalez is a teacher at Morton

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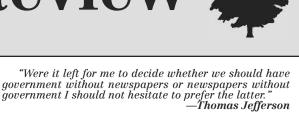
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Throughout his time in Congress, Braun has closely aligned himself with former President Donald Trump, consistently approving his agenda.

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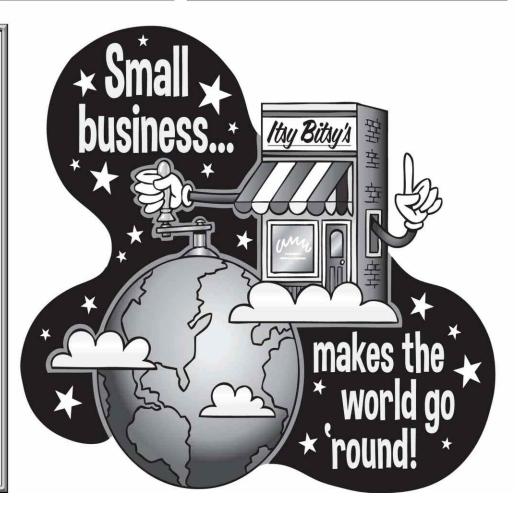
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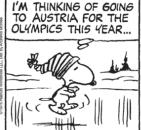
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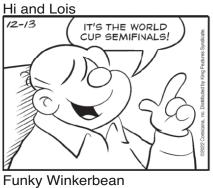
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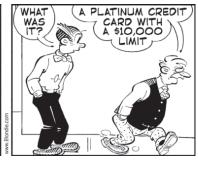


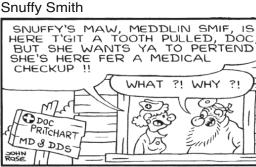














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By Steve Becker

dummy and lead any spade but the queen, intending to let it ride. This protects against three spades in either opponent's hand (if East shows out on the first spade, declarer puts up the ace and returns a spade toward the queen) and thereby to assure no more than one spade loser.

But many Souths, knowing East had started with five hearts and West with only three, thought it very unlikely that East could have all three spades and West none. These declarers thought West had to have at least one spade, and if it

These declarers thought West had to have at least one spade, and if it was the singleton king, they could make an overtrick. So they laid down the ace of spades and were flabbergasted when West showed out. All of these Souths — about two-thirds of the field — thus went down in an ice-cold contract.

Without any revealing bidding by East-West, the expectancy that East would have all three spades is 11%. Since East was known to have started with five hearts, this percentage is slightly lower.

As opposed to this, the chance that West would be dealt the singleton king — normally 13% — was also lessened slightly by the fact that he had only three hearts.

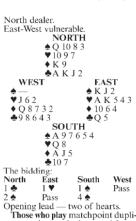
It would therefore seem that try-ing to make an overtrick had about a 2% better chance of succeeding than the safety play. But does that justify going down in a cold con-tract? Such, dear reader, are the types of questions that keep match-point players un all night

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A different game



Bridge

Those who play matchpoint duplicate — where a single overtrick can make the difference between a good result and a poor one — sometimes find themselves doing something that would make rubber-bridge players cringe. Those of you who don't play matchpoints should steel yourselves for what follows.

The deal occurred at a regional tournament. Virtually every North-South pair reached four spades on the bidding shown, and after a heart lead, East played the K-A and another heart, ruffed by South.

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No doubt most declarers were

aware of the standard safety play with this spade combination. At rubber bridge, declarer would cross to

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Honoring Shannon

Jay County High School held ceremonies honored Shannon (Freeman) Frogge during girls and boys basketball games on Friday and Saturday night. Frogge is Jay County's all-time leading scorer with 1,458 points — current Patriot Renna Schwieterman is on the verge of breaking that record — rebounder with 831. She was Gatorade's Indiana Player of the Year, a USA Today honorable mention All-American, first-team All-State by multiple organizations and selected to the Indiana All-Star Team. She went on to play at the University of Kentucky and Ball State University. She was named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Silver Team in 2011 and inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2018. Pictured making the presentation to her Saturday are former teammates Tina (Schwieterman) Easton and Sherri (Schaffer) McIntire. Her number will be retired following the 2022-23 season.

NE rookies come up big Sports on tap

By JIM PIGNATIELLO

masslive.com Tribune News Service

The Patriots had two rookie running backs score touchdowns en route to a victory over the Cardinals in Arizona on Monday Night Football.

the game with an ankle injury, the team turned things over the rookies Pierre Strong and Kevin Harris.

2022, scored the game's first touchdown early in the second quarter on field with a knee injury after the

land lead. Strong, the team's fourth round pick, then put the game away early in the fourth quarter from 3 yards out for a 27-13 lead.

Damien Harris at running back as he was inactive due to a thigh

Strong finished with 70 yards rushing on five carries, while Harris had 26 yards on eight rushes.

Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray was carted off the

third play of the game. ESPN's Adam Schefter reported that Murray will undergo further testing "bug as one source said tonight, 'it doesn't look good."

The Patriots defense scored the team's other TD when Raekwon McMillan returned a fumble 23

Josh Uche had three of the Patriots' six sacks on the day. He has 10 sacks on the season.

Mac Jones completed 24 of 35 pass attempts for 235 yards. He was intercepted once and sacked once.

ACAC

Continued from page 8 Conner Specht ending his match against Bryan Roll of South Adams in just 13 seconds. Rowles and Joaquin Flores (170) needed just 26 seconds to end their matches against Southern Wells' Kalib quick pins came from Wood in 34 seconds over Heritage's Andrew Mirelez, Rowles in 24 seconds over Preston Munster of Woodlan and Wood in 20 seconds over Bluffton's Gavin Sawyer.

Also adding pins in less than a minute were Clark over Logan White of Heritage, Wenk over Clayton Pugh Trausch of South Adams, Curtis over Tyler Guise of Woodlan, Reiley over Gunner McCarthy of Woodlan, Wood over Devin Armstrong of Woodlan, Specht over Nick Piedra of Woodlan, Curtis over Jed Logan of Bluffton, Rowles over Ivan Amantecatl of Bluffton, Clark over Meet Patel of Southern Wells, Myers over Blayden Schonder of Southern Wells and Wenk over Blayden Jackson of Southern Wells.

Girls place fifth

LEBANON Jay County's girls wrestling team placed fifth Saturday in the Lebanon Girls Perry Meridian Begin-Invitational. Perry Tournament were

points to finish eight Michael.

ahead of sixth-place Jay County had a bunch Lafayette Jefferson and first-minute pins, one behind fourth-place including heavyweight Rochester, the fifthranked team in the state. Top-ranked Penn won the tournament with 266 points ahead of Harrison (201) and Warren Central (131).

Jayla Huelskamp (120), Mallory Winner (160) and Richardson and Colt Kiley Williams (182) all Clark, respectively. Other finished fourth overall. Lina Lingo (126) was third in her pool. (Wrestlers were placed into pools, with the top two in each pool eligible for an overall placing.)

Huelskamp won her first three matches of the day, all by first-period pin, before falling by 10-0 major decision to Zoe Hamilton Heights.

Elementary 4th

INDIANAPOLIS — The Jay County Elementary Wrestling Team placed fourth Sunday at the Perry Meridian Elementary Duals.

Jay County defeated Alexandria, Cascade and New Palestine while losing to Perry Meridian and Indian Creek.

Blake Wood was undefeated for Jay County at 5-0. Posting 4-1 records were Jackson Bonifas and Varen Ridgeway. Khoden Bentz and Cooper Reynolds each finished 3-2.

Placing first in the The Patriots scored 118 Cage Reynolds and Owen

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston a 14-yard run for a 7-3 New Eng- third

After Rhamondre Stevenson left

Harris, a sixth round draft pick in

The Patriots were

yards to the end zone.

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final (FOX) 7:30 p.m. - NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT) 9 p.m. — NHL hockey: Washington

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT $2022\,\mathrm{TERM}$ In the Matter of

the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of: Caroline M. Jones Deceased

No. 38CO1-2211-EU-000045 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of November, 2022, Isaac D. Jones, Esther A. South, and Matilda L. Garner were appointed as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Caroline M. Jones, deceased, who died on October 22nd, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 21st day of November, 2022. Eric D. Orr, #28713-01

Eric D. Orr, Attorney 346 US Highway 27 North Berne, IN 46711 Telephone: (260) 589-2345 Jon Eads Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana CR 12-6,13-2022 HSPAXLP

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Bryant Town Ordinance Number 2022-05

ORDINANCE REGARDING TREES. PLANTS AND/OR SHRUBBERY OBSTRUCT-ING THE VIEW AT AN IN-TERSECTION OR VIEW OF STREET SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Bryant, Indiana wish to adopt this ordinance regarding trees, plants and/or shrubbery obstructing the view at an intersection or view of street signs within the Town of Bryant, Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRYANT, INDIANA, AS FOL-

Notwithstanding any other provisional of this chapter, no person shall maintain, plant or permit to remain on any private or public property situated at the intersection of two or more streets or allevs in the Town of Bryant, any tree, shrub, or other plant growth, which may obstruct the view of the operator of any motor vehicle or pedestrian approaching such inter-

It is unlawful for any person to plant, cause to grow, allow to grow or maintain any tree, shrub other plant growth of any kind which is an obstruction to the clear and complete vision of any traffic sign or driveway approach to a street in the Town of Bryant. It shall be the duty of every owner of such tree, shrub or other plant growth to prune or remove such obstruction.

Any tree, shrub or other plant growth which obstructs the view at an intersection or the view of a traffic sign shall be deemed dangerous to public travel and the Town of Bryant may order, by written notice, the owner or occupant of any private property to take such steps as are necessary to remove such obstruction. Failure to take such action will result in a penalty in accordance with Bryant Town Ordinance Number 2022-

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Town Council and publication, as required by law. Passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Bryant this 21st day of November, 2022. Attested:

Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Minnich Gregg Ellenberger, James Jones, & Scott Schoenlein CR 12-13,20-2022- HSPAXLP Page 8 **The Commercial Review** www.thecr.com

ACAC with ease



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Jay County High School sophomore Christian Wittkamp squeezes a headlock on Woodlan's Brady Garrison while the referee counts a near fall during their 152-pound match in the Allen County Athletic Conference Duals on Saturday at Adams Central. Wittkamp defeated Garrison by an 18-2 technical fall and the Class 2A No. 1 Patriots (16th overall) dominated the tournament, going 6-0 with none of their matches decided by fewer than 30 points.

Jay County dominates for duals title

other highly ranked teams in the points.

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challenging the No. 1 Patriots. The Class 2A No. 1 Jay County High School boys wrestling team dominated the Allen County Athletic Conference Duals on Friday and Saturday at Adams Central,

MONROE — There are some round-robin event by at least 30 Adams, 70-9 over Woodlan and 72-

The Patriots, who are ranked None of them came close to 16th in the state overall, essentially put the title away when they dominated Class 1A No. 2 Adams Central 50-19. Their other wins came by scores of 60-15 over Bluffton, which was ranked in the top 10 in Class 1A prior to the season, 78-6 winning every match in the over Heritage, 67-12 over South

12 over Southern Wells.

Sylas Wenk (106 pounds), Taye Curtis (120), Cody Rowles (126), Ethan Reiley (132), Tony Wood (138), Cameron Clark (145) and AJ Myers (182) all finished undefeated for Jay County. Christian Wittkamp (152), Bryce Wenk (195) and Daniel Moore (113) all went 5-1.

The dominant win over the host

Jets came with a sweep of every weight class from 106 to 145. That stretch included five pins for the Patriots, with Curtis finishing off Oliver Hindenlang in just 19 seconds. Wenk recorded a pin of Myles Kaehr in 4:46, and Reiley, Wood and Clark added consecutive pins in 4:33, 4:00 and 1:47, respec-

See ACAC page 7

Tribe wins at the

BRADFORD, Ohio – The Indians were on the edge of dropping their second game of the week.

Rex Leverette took care of that.

Leverette grabbed a rebound in the closing seconds Saturday night and scored a put-back hoop as time expired to lift the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team to a 55-54 victory over the Bradford Railroad-

The Indians (4-1) were down by seven heading into the final period but locked down on defense to rally. They gave up just five fourth-quarter points to put them in position for Leverette's last-minute hoop — it accounted for his only points of the game — to lift them to victory.

Cale Rammel powered Fort Recovery, scoring 23 of his game-high 26 points in the first three periods. Alex Dues added nine points, including five in the fourth quarter, and Daniel Patch added eight.

FRHS dominated the junior varsity game 76-35.

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Monroe wins two

to lead Patriot boys

to their first victory

BERNE — The boys got their first victory.

The girls improved to 4-

It was a strong evening for the Jay County High School swim teams Monday, with the boys topping the host South Adams Starfires 113-37 and the girls winning 102-

The Patriot boys also placed sixth out of nine scoring teams at Saturday's Norwell Invitation-

Josh Monroe led the JCHS boys (1-4) against South Adams, finishing first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 butterfly. He was the squad's

lone double winner. Adding individual victories for the boys team were Brasen Glassford in diving, Lincoln Clamme in the 100 backstroke. Kolby Baldwin in the 200 freestyle, David Keen in the 200 individual medley, Wyatt Kunkler in the 500 freestyle and Joseph Dow in the 100 freestyle.

The Patriots also swept the relays, with Monroe,

Clamme, Baldwin and Beiswanger and DeHoff David Keen winning the 200 freestvle and Kunkler, relay. Dow, Baldwin and Fisher finishing first in the 400

freestyle. Mara Bader was the win two events as she was first in the sprint freestyle races. Maddy Snow took the top spot in diving, Morgan DeHoff won the 100 backstroke and Avery Wentz was first in the 100 butterfly.

Bader also teamed with Zion Beiswanger, Lauren Kunkler, Down and Fisher and DeHoff to Matthew Fisher taking take the 200 freestyle both the 50 freestyle and the 200 medley, Monroe, relay and Sophia Hoevel, 100 freestyle.

to win the 400 freestyle

The Patriot boys scored 96 points in the Norwell Invitational to finish 54 behind fifth-place Adams only Jay County girl to Central and 59 ahead of seventh-place Bellmont. Oak Hill scored 290 to win by 13 over the host

Knights. Monroe won the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.63 for Jay County's only victory at the meet. He was also fifth in the 200 individual

medley. Kunkler placed sixth in

Trojans trounce JC

NEW CASTLE — The season hasn't started the way the Patriots had hoped. Jay County High School's boys basket-

ball team struggled in the opening quarter Saturday and could not fight its way back in a 57-36 loss to the New Castle Trojans. The game got away from the Patriots (1-

3) early as they fell behind 19-4 in the opening quarter. The teams were even in the second period but New Castle extended its lead to 18 after three quarters en route to the 21-point final margin.

Colin Taylor, a sophomore, paced New Castle (4-2) with 17 points. Senior Gavin Welch was right behind him with 16.

with 10 points. Dusty Pearson was next with eight, and Josh Dowlen and Gradin Swoveland each scored five.

it visits Delta.

Blake Bogenschutz was the only Patriot to reach double figures as he finished

JH girls win

Basketball

roundup

Jay County's junior high girls basketball teams picked up a couple of victories Monday with the seventh graders beating Muncie Northside 37-27 while the eighth grade team won 35-28.

Elizabeth Brunswick reached double figures for the seventh grade Patriots, scoring a team-high 10 points. Kylie Shannon followed with seven points and Gabi Petro scored six.

Hallie Schwieterman's 21 points set JCHS will try to rebound Friday when the pace for the Patriot eighth graders. Natalie May added six points.