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Record Renna

Senior Renna Schwieterman hugs assistant coach Renae Dixon during a timeout after Schwieterman broke the Jay County High School all-time scoring record of 1,458 points set by Shannon Freeman in 1986. With her 27 points Thursday against New Castle, Schwieterman now has 1,459. For more on the game, see page 8.

Redkey council OKs its 2023 salaries

5% raises were approved as part of budget in October

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Town salaries are in place for next year.

Redkey Town Council on Thursday approved its 2023 salary ordinance, which reflects 5% raises that were approved by council in October.

The salary ordinance shows salaries of \$44,082.23 for the town marshal, \$41,563.07 for the wastewater operator, \$39,520 for the deputy marshal (the position is currently vacant), \$39,169.61 for the clerk-treasurer, \$36,334.71 for the utilities worker and \$30,988.44 for the office assistant. The water operator receives \$220.41 per week and town council members receive \$432.84 per quarter. Part-time laborers are paid between \$13.18 and \$16.46 per hour, as set by council.

Council members Dottie Quakenbush, Randy May and Gary Gardner voted unanimously to approve the salary ordinance. (Council members Erik Hammers and John Pierce were absent from the meeting.)

Council also approved a 2023 contract with Bill Tressler Backhoe & Trenching not to exceed \$4,956.52 per month for excavation and sewer services.

Also Thursday, clerk-treasurer Mary Eley updated council members regarding plans to use federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to purchase new water meters and readers. She said the town will be seeking bids with a goal of starting that process in spring or summer 2023.

Town employee Randy Young noted that all meters must be lead free by 2024.

During a discussion about the police department, Gardner asked if the town had advertised its open officer position. (Town marshal Chance Retter has been the only officer since being hired in June to replace Todd Miller following his resignation.)

Eley said the position has not been advertised recently. Retter noted that there have been a few applicants but that none have been good fits for the position thus far.

Gardner pushed for the position to be advertised, noting that council had voted to do so.

"We've got to do something," he said.

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Forecast shows slowing economy

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle
Tribune News Service
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's days of exponential economic growth and revenues exceeding forecasts may soon be over, according to newly updated forecasts presented before the State Budget Committee Thursday.

The good news from the presentation is that lawmakers will have roughly an additional \$1.6 billion

to spend when they draft a new two-year state budget.

But GOP leaders warn that the amount won't cover requested agency projects and capital needs. And an economic forecast predicted a mild recession will begin in the first quarter.

"I think we need to be very cautious as we move forward," said Bremen Republican Sen. Ryan Mishler, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Enhanced federal funding in 2021 and 2022 designed to plug pandemic-related budget holes enabled states like Indiana to invest elsewhere, which legislators chose to partly spend on economic development grants and capital improvement projects. But 2022's inflation rates caused those project budgets to soar, increasing the building of a northwestern prison in Westville from \$400 million to \$1.2 billion, for example.

Inflation also pushed state revenues higher as consumers continued buying goods and services, which padded the state's tax collections.

Mishler said these cost overruns meant budget writers will start the process \$1 billion behind even before considering special agency requests and an increase to the K-12 tuition support formula, higher education and Medicaid.

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Missile barrage knocks out power

At least 76 Russian missiles hit Ukraine

By VOLODYMYR

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Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

A salvo of more than 100 Russian missiles knocked out power and water across Ukraine as President Vladimir Putin's forces continued their campaign of attacking infrastructure.

Rockets slammed into residential areas across the country on Friday. The capital, Kyiv, was targeted by 40 alone, although air defense forces shot down 37. Overall, Ukrainian forces downed 60 of the missiles, Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Valeriy

Zaluzhnyi said on Telegram.

"This was one of the most massive attacks since the beginning of the full-scale invasion" in February, he said.

The attack underscores Moscow's focus on pounding Ukraine's energy infrastructure in an attempt to weaken the nation's resolve to resist Putin's invasion.

Russia used Tupolev Tu-95 aircraft from the Engels air base for the first time in the almost 10-month old conflict, Ukrainian Air Defense spokesman Yuriy Ihnat said. The turboprop-powered bombers have been in service since the 1950s.

Ukraine's allies have responded by heeding Kyiv's call for more air-defense capabilities, with US officials saying Washington is poised to send Patriot air and missile defense batteries to Ukraine pending final approval from President Joe Biden.

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Christmas clap

Second grader Cesar Gonzalez-Aragon claps enthusiastically Thursday morning at East Jay Elementary School during dress rehearsal for East Elementary School's Christmas program based on the book "The Bear Stays up for Christmas."

Deaths

Dennis Hart, 65, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 52 early Thursday before it fell through the day to a low of 36.

Tonight's low will be 24 with scattered flurries and isolated snow showers possible. Expect scattered flurries Saturday with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a high of 30. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

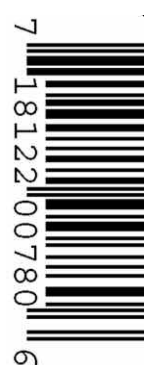
In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday across from Pennville Fire Station and 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball game at Delta.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay School Board meeting.



Forecast ...

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Agency asks over two weeks totaled more than \$700 million, Mishler said, including state employee compensation increases. In December 2020, a 1% increase in the tuition support formula — which doesn't guarantee a 1% increase to each school district due to enrollment declines — would cost the state roughly \$75 million per year.

Under the nationwide public health emergency, states couldn't cease any Medicaid coverage for individuals but the federal government would send an additional 6.2% in return, covering 71.2% of Medicare costs rather than the typ-

ical 65%. The Family and Social Services Administration, which oversees Medicaid, drafted its forecast under the belief that the public health emergency would end in April.

The 6.2% enhancement expires in June, but officials say they'll need a full year to assess the Medicaid rolls and redetermine whether someone still qualifies, so the number covered will decrease by roughly 25%.

Assuming a peak in coverage in May 2023, nearly 2.3 million Hoosiers will be covered under Medicaid compared to the pre-pandemic 1.5 million, according to the forecast. After one year spent cut-

ting between 300,000-400,000 Hoosiers off of the program, the number is expected to be just shy of 1.9 million, for an overall increase of 409,000 Hoosiers.

"That number will start to decrease as soon as we hit go but it will take time to go through that volume of people," said Allison Taylor, FSSA's Medicaid director.

During the presentation, the agency noted that the federal enhancement saved the state \$550 million in the 2022 fiscal year, but expenditures are expected to increase in 2023 and beyond, though most of it will still be covered by federal dollars.

The agency also said that, due to

the state's near-total abortion ban, it anticipates an additional 2,300 children born under Medicaid annually. Roughly 40% of the state's births are covered by Medicaid but the agency assumed some women would still be able to leave the state to obtain reproductive healthcare.

This is only true if the ban goes into effect. It is currently halted by a court injunction.

The state is also phasing out another program in favor of managed care for long-term supports and services, transitioning elderly and disabled Hoosiers from institutional care into home- and community-based services.

Obituaries

Dennis Hart, Portland, June 22, 1957-Dec. 14, 2022. There will be no services.

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

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

CR almanac

Saturday 12/18	Sunday 12/19	Monday 12/20	Tuesday 12/21	Wednesday 12/22
30/20	30/17	33/23	34/11	20/11
Scattered flurries are in the forecast for Saturday with wind gusts reaching up to 25 mph.	Sunday's forecast shows winds gusting to as high as 20 mph with lows in the teens.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday, with a low around 20 degrees at night.	Another day of mostly cloudy skies is in the forecast for Tuesday. Low of 11.	Wednesday's forecast predicts temperatures will stay in the low teens at night.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$149 million	21-24-27-35-37-43-49-55-57-59-61-64-69-71-76-80 Cash 5: 6-18-19-32-42 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$429 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 2-8-0 Pick 4: 7-7-0-3 Pick 5: 7-7-8-2-1 Evening Pick 3: 5-4-5 Pick 4: 0-8-2-9 Pick 5: 6-8-1-3-9 Rolling Cash: 4-8-24-25-26 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-6-2 Daily Four: 9-4-8-4 Quick Draw: 1-2-9-15-24-25-28-29-33-36-39-40-42-43-48-55-64-72-73-74 Evening Daily Three: 2-7-1 Daily Four: 2-1-3-3 Quick Draw: 1-6-9-13-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.71 Jan. corn.....6.68 Wheat.....6.69	Wheat.....6.93 July wheat.....7.42
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.68 Jan. corn.....6.68 Feb. corn.....6.67	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.45 Jan. corn.....6.45 Beans.....14.64 Jan. beans.....14.64 Wheat.....7.42
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.51 Jan. corn.....6.51 Beans.....14.63 Jan. beans.....14.68	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.20 Jan. corn.....6.22 Beans.....14.48 Jan. beans.....14.53 Wheat.....7.03

Today in history

In 1431, King Henry IV of England was crowned King of France. He's the only English monarch to have served in both roles.

In 1707, Mount Fuji erupted for the last recorded time. The volcano, known as the highest in Japan, erupted for 17 days.

In 1773, protestors in Boston dumped taxed British East India Company tea into the harbor. Colonists tossed more than 300 chests of tea into the water.

In 1775, Richard Arkwright patented his carding machine, a mechanism used in cotton mills.

In 1777, Virginia ratified the Articles of Confederation. Full ratification by all 13 states didn't occur until several years later in March 1781.

In 1893, "New Work Symphony," created by Antonin Dvorak, premiered at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1913, Charlie Chaplin began his film career at Keystone. The comedian went on to win several Academy Awards, including a special award for his impact in bringing motion pictures the fame they have today.

In 1971, conflict in the Indo-Pakistani War ended. The war lasted 13 days, finishing with the creation of Bangladesh.

In 1944, the Battle of the Bulge began with Nazi Germany launching a counteroffensive against the Allies in Belgium.

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Citizen's calendar

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 Recovery School Board, community room, Fort Recovery High School, 400 E. Butler St.	7:15 p.m. — Fort Recovery Records Commission Committee, village hall, 201 S. Main St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, Portland Municipal Airport, 661 W. 100 North.	

Redkey ...

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Eley said she would get an advertisement running beginning in January.

In other business, council:
•Set a special meeting for 6 p.m. Dec. 29 to handle year-end business.

•Heard May say goodbye to council as he noted that it's possible he will not be available for the Dec. 29 meeting. He is leaving town council after being elected last month to serve on Jay County Council.

•Council heard a request from Gavin Grady for assistance with a citation he received for having chickens on his property. Grady said council had told him that he would not be ticketed while he was pursuing his request to have the town ordinance changed to allow chickens. (Town council ultimately voted against making that ordinance change.) Council tabled the issue to be able to discuss it with town attorney Wes Schemenaur, who was not at the meeting, but

during the conversation Grady admitted to still having chickens on his property in violation of the town's ordinance.

•Heard from Tadeusz Kolodka regarding his request to vacate an alley. He and wife own three of the four properties surrounding the alley between Harrison and Butler streets connecting Grandview Avenue and Wayne Street. May and Gardner expressed support for vacating the alley, but noted they'd like for the town to have an easement in the case that any utility lines needed to be run through the area. Council tabled the issue to discuss it with Schemenaur.

•Noted that the town was approved for a \$196,100.25 Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant for paving of Boyce Street between Sycamore and Meridian streets, Bell Avenue between Meridian and Butler streets, Sycamore Street between Indiana 67 and Main Street, all of Morgan Drive through

Redkey Morgan Park and Bell Avenue between Meridian and Washington streets. Quakenbush noted that the project to install a new sidewalk from Redkey Elementary School to Redkey Morgan Park is complete.

•Heard May indicate there should be only one key to the police evidence room. Retter said he is in possession of the only key. May said he simply wanted his assertion recorded in the meeting minutes.

•Learned during department reports from Young that: Indiana Department of Environmental Management recently inspected the town's wastewater treatment plant and had some suggested changes. He said the town will also be receiving a letter regarding issues with combined sewer overflows; Young was re-elected chief of Redkey Volunteer Fire Department with Mark Leavell as secretary treasurer; the town has enough salt on hand and plows and salt spreaders are prepped and ready for winter.

Casino project is now at \$290 million

By HOWARD GRENINGER
The Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)
Tribune News Service

The cost of the Queen of Terre Haute Casino Resort is now projected at \$290 million, up from \$260 million, Ryan Jordan, senior vice president of real estate development for Churchill Downs Inc., told the Indiana Gaming Commission on Thursday.

"We have not made any program changes nor reduced amenities, but we have added amenities..." Jordan told the gaming commission. "We are excited about it and continue to move forward."

The casino will have 1,000 slot machines, 34 gaming tables and now will have nine food and beverage venues, including a soda shop based on the iconic Coca-Cola bottle invented in Terre Haute. The casino resort, with a 122-room luxury hotel, is slated to open in March 2024.

"That will be refined as we finalize subcontractors in early January, but we feel good about that date," Jordan said.

However, a new design removes a rooftop pool on the casino resort's nine-

story hotel, and instead relocates the pool into a separate ground level building that can cover a larger pool.

When questioned about the pool redesign, Jordan said Churchill Down's initial site was on 20 acres on Terre Haute's south side and "the initial idea was more space-constrained, and that added the amenity [of a pool] on the rooftop. As we got into it, a rooftop pool would be seasonally limited with wind and cold weather," Jordan said.

With a larger 50-acre site on Terre Haute's east side, Jordan said "we felt if we moved it and have an in-ground pool ... we can make it larger and improve the amenity. At the same time, it was a smaller pool on the rooftop," he said.

Removing a rooftop pool, Jordan said, allows more space for a bar and lounge with an indoor/outdoor space.

The rooftop area "will have an upscale bar and lounge. We image serving small-plate, tapas-style food, but also provide great cocktails. ... This will be a wonderful spot with great views of Terre Haute looking south, north and west. There is an outdoor patio on the west side, so with great weather, people can sit outside with fire pits and heaters," Jordan said.

The casino will have a high-limit gaming area and VIP lounge. Dining will include a steakhouse, a casual dining area and a grab-and-go food area. An event center is accessible off the hotel lobby as well as from the gaming floor.

The casino's "Crossroad Sports Bar" will have larger screens and have two viewing areas.

SERVICES

Saturday
Landess, Carol: 1 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

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Exhibit showcases local artists

There's a free exhibit open in Mercer County.

Auglaize/Mercer Center of Arts Place is hosting its holiday art show now through Jan. 6. Local artists and creators have handcrafted goods for sale at the exhibit open to the public.

The center at 207 East Spring St., St. Marys,

Taking Note

Ohio, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and on Tuesdays by

appointment only. For more information, call Rachel Parker, director of Auglaize/Mercer Center of Arts Place, at (419) 394-0707 or visit amc@myartsplace.org.

Page program

The Indiana Senate is accepting applications for its page program.

Students in grades six through 12 participate in the full-day program, which includes touring the statehouse, listening to debates and helping staff with tasks.

They also have an opportunity to meet their state senator.

The full-day program begins in January and

goes through early April. Pages are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the legislative session.

To learn more, visit IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program.

Christmas service

First Church of Christ in Fort Recovery will

host its Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Dec. 24, with its Christmas Day worship and communion service slated for 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25. Everyone is invited to attend.

The church is located at 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

For more information, call (419) 375-2860.

Choose right timing for sharing sympathy

DEAR ABBY: My father passed away a couple of years ago, and my mother passed on recently. I have noticed something that I would like to share with your readers. When I came back to work after the funeral, many well-meaning friends and co-workers approached me to express their sympathy.

Instead of a short message or a hug, the majority shared stories about the deaths of their loved ones. Many of them were fairly long. I believe they shared with me to emphasize that they understood what I was going through. What they didn't understand was that I didn't have the energy to listen to their stories after what I had just been through.

After Mom died, seven people came to me and did this. I was so drained afterward that I had to go home. The next day, one of my dear friends came into my office, handed me a thermos of homemade soup, told me she loved me and was here for me, hugged me and left. It was the most uplifting moment I had experienced since my mother's passing.

Please tell your readers that while they have been through tri-

Dear Abby



I have always had a big hand in helping our daughter "Lauren" raise her three kids, ages 5, 10 and 15. She has moved in with us and out many times. About a year ago, she decided she would not do it again. Instead, she moved in with a boyfriend.

The kids tried it there but told us, "We don't want to live there." They don't feel safe because there are so many strangers and so many parties there. My daughter decided to let the kids live full time with us, and she now visits us only when it's convenient for her. If we ask her to come stay with them, she will agree but not show up. She also promises the world to her kids and doesn't follow through. She always has a ridiculous excuse as to why.

The 15-year-old has lived here more often than not. Lauren says I make it too comfortable for them here, and I should tell them they can't live here. She has tried to force them to leave, but both of the older ones flat-out refuse. The oldest said if they can't live here, they will go to a foster home because "We are not living with our mom, ever!"

Lauren does have full custody.

als, and these trials enable them to empathize with grieving survivors, so soon after that death is not the time to share these stories. — TIREDD IN TOPEKA

DEAR TIREDD: Many people don't know what to say when someone dies. While the individuals who offered their "extended" condolences meant well, I'm sure they would have been shocked had they been told it left you unable to function. Not everyone grieves in the same way.

Readers, it is important to take your cues from the person who is grieving. I am sharing this letter with you because the writer has a point. Sometimes the most effective message is a short one.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and

She drops off the youngest after spending a couple of hours with her, promising she'll be back "in a little bit," but we may not see her for three to five days. Are we wrong for giving them a good, safe home? Should we tell them they have to go live with their mother? — BACK AND FORTH IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BACK AND FORTH: Of course you are not wrong! Your grandchildren are lucky to have such stable and loving grandparents in their lives. I see no reason why you should tell those kids they aren't welcome in your home, which is their refuge. Your daughter has proven repeatedly that she isn't able to take care of her children.

Consider discussing with a family law attorney how to gain legal custody of all of them. If the older kids tell a judge about the conditions at their mother's house and that they feel unsafe there, custody may be granted.

DEAR ABBY: My sister doesn't want children. I fully support her decision, and I'm happy she

knows herself well enough to make it. She does, however, have what she refers to as her "fur babies." She has a wonderful, generous heart and is very charitable. My children have been blessed by their aunt's generosity.

My issue is: Lately, she has made a few comments about how I don't bring holiday gifts for her dogs. It's remarks like, "Well, my fur babies don't get gifts from their aunt." Should I feel guilty for not adding her pets to my gift list because she considers them equal in value to human children? I can't think of her dogs like I do my nieces and nephews. Am I wrong? — AUNT OF FUR BABIES?

DEAR AUNT: You may not consider your sister's dogs as equal to human children, but she does. Gift-giving is supposed to be reciprocal. Your sister has been generous with your children, and you now know it bothers her that her "fur babies" have been overlooked. When the next gift-giving cycle rolls around, drop by a pet store. It is the kind thing to do, and it shouldn't break the bank.

Community Calendar

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

Today

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and

Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

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

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

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at

5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

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

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

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

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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Thursday's Solution

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Masks, vaccines are our best shot

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

The clunky word “triple-demic” is now on many lips. It means we now face a winter with three different respiratory viruses with similar symptoms are spreading rapidly, and stressing hospital capacity.

Public health is not rocket science. The best way to frustrate the tiny danger is for people to mask in public and, whenever possible, to get shots to protect themselves.

The first virus sending peo-

Guest Editorial

ple to the ER and ICU is our now familiar foe COVID-19 — which on the cusp of 2023, despite having become less virulent as it has evolved, is still killing more than 450 Americans per day. The second is the

perennial scourge called influenza, for which hospitalizations are spiking. The third is RSV, a pathogen that, while no fun to catch no matter how old you are, is especially hard on infants.

When in public and indoors, covering your face with a high-quality mask remains the simplest and easiest line of defense against the triumvirate, akin to wearing sunscreen in the blazing heat. The second weapon in the arsenal is the needle, which delivers

imperfect but safe and fairly reliable protection against two of the viruses.

COVID is no longer truly a “pandemic of the unvaccinated” — in November, 90% of those who died of COVID were 65 or older, many of whom had their first two or even three shots. But still just 14% of Americans by most recent count have had their bivalent boosters, which guard against the newest variants. Older folks especially, with weaker immune systems, need these

extra shots so a bout with COVID doesn't become deadly.

Flu shots are available at your local pharmacy. It takes a few seconds and may well spare you and those you love from many days of misery. This year's shot is a good match to the strains that are circulating.

As for RSV, it has no general population shot yet (just one for preemies and other highly vulnerable babies), but a few good candidates are in the pipeline. Step on it.

Trips to work vary widely

By MORTON J. MARCUS

An aspect of working familiar to most employed Hoosiers is the daily journey from home to workplace.

It is an incidental part of life for some and a tortuous hassle for others. It is a stroll from the kitchen to the sunlit study for some and a battle on the freeways filled with sound and fury for others.

Which conditions individuals face are determined by where they live relative to where they work and the manner of transit over the intervening terrain.

Some of the differences between women and men in the journey to work arise from the differences of their occupations.

Teachers in the same school, regardless of gender, normally have identical hours. The same can be said for factory and office workers. But if women tend to be school teachers and men factory workers, their working hours might be quite different.

Other differences between the journeys arise from the spatial arrangements of activities. If women work in offices downtown and men work in warehouses on the fringe of the city, they contend with different distances and traffic conditions.

Household responsibilities, particularly with respect to children or elderly relatives, often have the conventional household located closer to the employment site of the wife than to that of the husband. This difference is predicated on the traditional expectation of women being caregivers.

The differences in data from the Census Bureau are averages which often hide as much as they reveal. We do not have here data by age, living arrangements, presence of children or elderly parents, use of public transportation and other critical factors. Most of all we need to avoid having the bell-shaped curve in our heads as the variations may be spread widely.

Nonetheless, the data are indicative of important differences. Men are more likely to use a vehicle to go to work. Women are more likely to work at home and in the county where they live. They car pool more than men.

Women tend to leave home during that rush hour of 7 to 8 in the morning, which matches

Eye on the Pie



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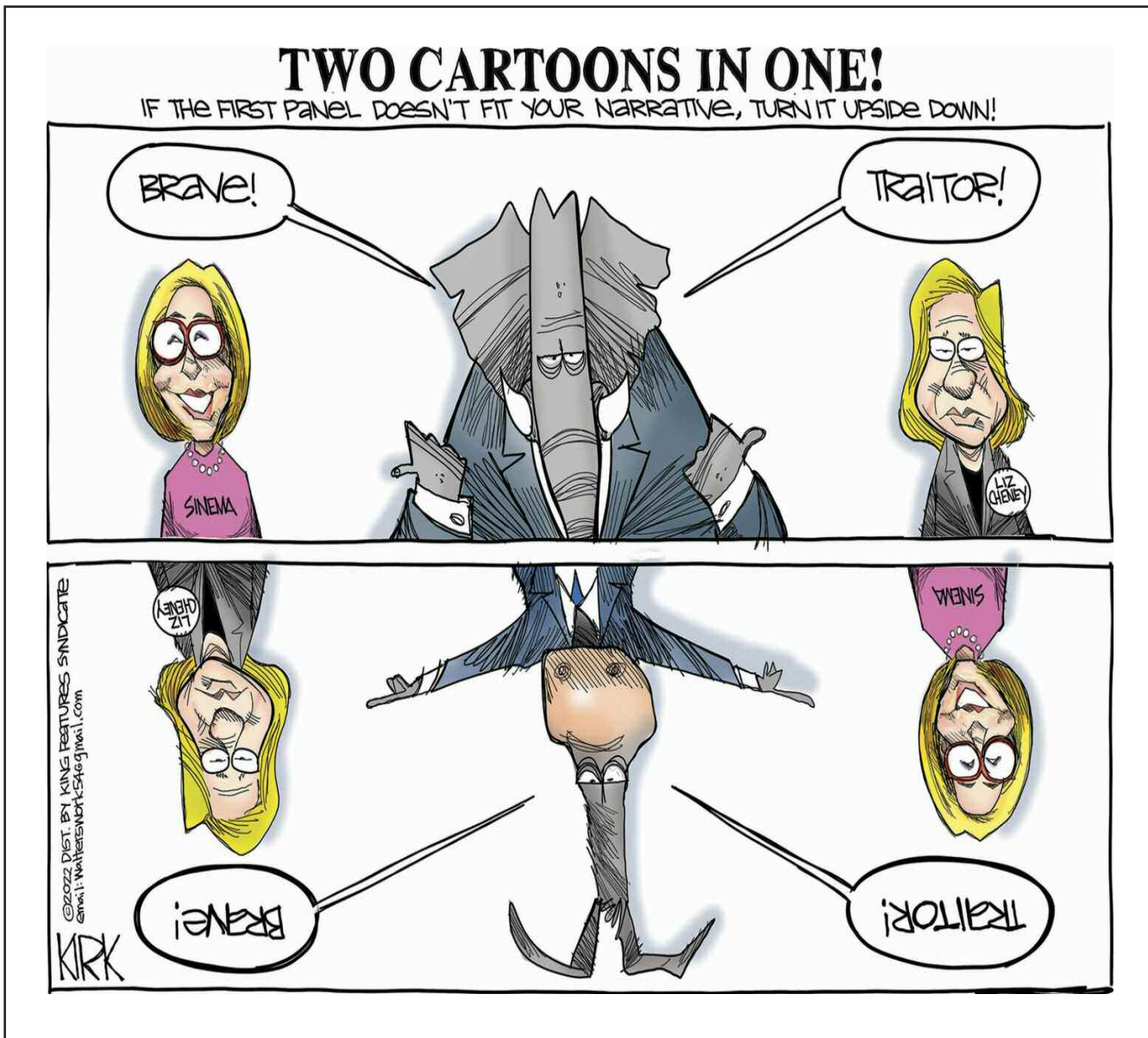
school and office work in most communities. Yet women, more than men, work those less standard hours with departures anytime 9 a.m. through the day to midnight. This would be consistent with part-time and swing-shift employment. Earlier morning hours would be in line with factory, warehouse, trucking and other transportation jobs.

For women who do not work at home, their average journey to work is 21.9 minutes 3.5 minutes shorter than the average man's 25.4 minutes. In both cases, that's about two minutes shorter than the U.S. averages.

Now there's the selling point for Hoosier economic developers to lure firms from other states. However, folks in other states work from home more than do our employees. And those in other states don't use their cars as much as we do.

Can you say public transit?

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Theory is extreme, dangerous

By NOAH FELDMAN

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

This Supreme Court hasn't exactly been shy about issuing extremely conservative rulings. Even so, one pending case stands out for its combination of dangerous and unhinged. That case is *Moore v. Harper*, and involves the so-called independent state legislature theory. The bad news is that Wednesday's oral argument underscored how outrageous the argument for it is. The good (or at least, less-bad) news is that it seems most of the justices want to reject it.

The independent state legislature theory is the product of an opportunistic, hyper-literal interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. According to Article I, section 4 of the U.S. Constitution, “The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof.” The theory asserts that this means a state legislature can violate its state's constitution in congressional elections, and that the state's supreme court may not stand in the way because the legislature must have the final word.

In a second, I'll tell you why this is unhinged. But first, let me tell you why it's dangerous. If the state legislature can violate its own state constitution in federal congressional elections, logically it could do the same in a presidential election. Under their bad-faith arguments, a state legislature could overthrow the people's vote for president — and the state's supreme court would have no ability to block it. Hence, a rogue state legislature could determine the outcome of a presidential election. Presumably, they are also counting on the U.S. Supreme Court to stand by and let it happen.

Justice Elena Kagan put it simply, if a little too politely. The theory, she said, might allow the legislatures to

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insert themselves ... in the certification of elections and the way election results are calculated. So — and in all these ways, I think what might strike a person is that this is a proposal that gets rid of the normal checks and balances on the way big governmental decisions are made in this country. And you might think that it gets rid of all those checks and balances at exactly the time when they are needed most.

Now for the unhinged part. Leave aside that no one so much as mentioned this independent state legislature notion at the nation's founding. Leave aside that the language of the U.S. Constitution just carried forward the language of the Articles of Confederation. The basic issue is that, to the founders and to us, state legislatures only exist as creatures of the state constitutions that bring them into existence.

According to the American theory of government, the people are sovereign. The people create a constitution. That constitution creates the legislature. It follows that the state constitution controls everything the legislature may do. And since state supreme courts interpret state constitutions, they get to say whether state legislatures have violated them.

Here's Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson on the subject, crystal clear: The U.S. Constitution is “not giving just anybody in the state that right” to choose the time, place and manner of elections. “They're giving [it to] somebody called the legislature and, in order for us to have a thing called the

legislature, we have to look at the state constitution to determine ... what that entity's powers are, how they can be exercised.”

Even the lawyer for the independent state legislature theory admitted at oral argument that the words “state legislature” would have to include the governor, who can veto whatever the state legislature does. Why? Because the veto power is written into the state constitution — the very document the theory's proponents claim is irrelevant.

Chief Justice John Roberts pressed this point early on. In response, the lawyer claimed there was a difference between “procedural” limitations, like the veto, and what he called “substantive” constitutional rules, like a state constitutional rule against partisan gerrymandering.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett pounced on this proposed distinction. “As a former civil procedure teacher,” she said, “I can tell you [that] is a hard line to draw and a hard line to teach students.” This was a nice way of saying the lawyer's distinction was junk.

Add Roberts and Barrett to the liberals, and you've got five votes — enough to block this unhinged theory from becoming dangerous law. As a bonus, Justice Brett Kavanaugh also seemed inclined to reject the most extreme part of the argument, which he noted went beyond former Chief Justice William Rehnquist's opinion in *Bush v. Gore*. When something is worse than *Bush v. Gore*, it's really bad.

It's alarming that this insane theory has made it this far, but we can all breathe a tiny bit easier knowing the odds are against it. That counts as good news — or at least, less-bad news.

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Songs of the season

Members of the Fort Recovery High School choir, directed by Tracy Evers-Westgerdes (right) sing Sunday evening during the school's Christmas concert.

Burst leaves two injured

By MICHAEL KIEFFER
dpa
Tribune News Service

BERLIN — Two people were injured after a large tank at Berlin's Sea Life aquarium burst, flooding a nearby street in the city center, a spokesperson for the fire brigade said on Friday morning.

The injured people, whose identity remains unclear, have been taken to hospital.

A very loud noise could be heard in the hotel near the German capital's cathedral where the aquarium is located at around 5:45 a.m., with parts of the building's façade sent flying onto the street, a police spokesperson said.

"The aquarium is damaged, water is leaking. The situation is not clear at the moment," the fire brigade had said earlier on Twitter.

Senate passes spending bill

By TONY ROMM
The Washington Post

The Senate late Thursday approved a measure to fund the government through Dec. 23, securing a one-week deadline extension that gives Democrats and Republicans one final opportunity to work out a longer-term spending deal.

The 71-19 vote — coming a day after the House adopted it — sends the stopgap to President Joe Biden and staves off a federal government shutdown that otherwise would have occurred after midnight this Friday.

The measure, known as a continuing resolution, essentially preserves federal spending at its current rate. It paves the way for lawmakers to continue to work on a set of bills known as an omnibus, which would fund federal agencies through the 2023 fiscal year that concludes on Sept. 30.

The omnibus package could allow for new increases in federal spending in a vast array of areas, from government programs targeting the economy to new money for the military and its veterans. Law-

makers also hope to couple the appropriations package with billions of dollars in emergency funding, delivering on the Biden administration's request to help Ukraine and respond to recent natural disasters, including Hurricane Ian.

"No drama, no gridlock, no government shutdown this week," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York) said on the chamber floor as voting began, hours after he acknowledged there's still "a lot of work to do" on a broader spending deal.

In an early, encouraging sign, congressional negotiators on Tuesday clinched an agreement on what they described as a "framework" for the omnibus legislation. Two days later, the parties came to terms on funding levels for broad categories of spending, according to a person familiar with the negotiations, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the sensitive talks.

Otherwise, though, the architects of the still-forming package — Sens. Pat Leahy (D-Vermont) and Richard Shelby (R-Alabama),

and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Connecticut) — have shared no other details as they labor to finalize a massive measure likely to be thousands of pages in length. The bill is also expected to include funding for many lawmakers' pet projects, colloquially known as earmarks. And Democrats have pledged to include an election reform bill as part of the still-forming legislation.

Even once they broker a deal, Democrats and Republicans still must work together to adopt it in the waning hours of the legislative year. The calendar is especially tricky in the narrowly divided, slow-to-act Senate, where any omnibus will need 10 GOP votes to prevent a filibuster.

Adding to the headaches, some Republicans in recent days have sought to slow down the process at the urging of Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-California), the House minority leader now vying to become speaker. Party lawmakers have argued that Congress should not adopt a long-term funding package until next year, when the GOP is set to

assume control of the chamber — and hopes to use the negotiations to force spending cuts.

"I don't know why any Republican, let alone 10, would want to help them do that in those circumstances," Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) said at a news conference earlier this week.

On Thursday, Lee took to the Senate floor to blast the "corrupt process" at work in pursuit of an omnibus. Stressing that "no one wants a shutdown," he put forward an amendment that would have sustained federal spending at existing levels into March — though lawmakers ultimately defeated it.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), for his part, has sought to put pressure on the delicate talks: While he has praised progress in omnibus negotiations, the GOP leader has said the chamber has until Dec. 22 — a day before funding actually runs out — to reach a deal. Otherwise, McConnell has stressed that his party would only accept "a short-term" measure into early next year.

Power ...

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Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, and Poltava suffered blackouts in the ninth barrage since October. At least nine energy facilities, including power generators and substations

that transmit electricity were hit, according to Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko. He said that 50% of Ukrainians remained without power.

With temperatures around freezing, there will

be temporary disruptions to water and heating, the deputy head of President Volodymyr Zelensky's staff, Kyrylo Tymoshenko, said on Telegram.

It was the first large-scale barrage since Dec. 5, when

Ukraine said it had downed more than 60 of the 70 missiles Russia had launched.

A top Ukrainian official also said Thursday that Moscow may only have enough firepower for three or four more missile bar-

rages. Russia denies it has any difficulties in supplying its military, even as western intelligence services say that it has turned to Iran for drones and is seeking artillery shells from North Korea.

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Bidding quiz

1. The bidding has gone:
You: 1♠, 2♥, 3NT
Partner: 2♣, 2NT
What would you bid now with: ♠AQ984 ♥AKJ2 ♦7 ♣J95

2. The bidding has gone:
You: 1♠, 1♥, 1NT, 3NT
Partner: 1♦, 1♠, 3♦, 4♣
What would you bid now with: ♠9762 ♥AJ3 ♦A8 ♣KQ73

3. The bidding has gone:
You: 1♠, 1♥, 1NT, 3NT
Partner: 1♦, 1♠, 3♦, 4♣
What is partner's most likely distribution? ***

1. **Three clubs.** You should continue to paint a picture of your distribution by bidding three clubs. Partner will assume you have a 5-4-1-3 pattern, though he might also allow for the possibility that you are 5-5-0-3 or 5-4-0-4. Your three-club bid might lead to a superior game or slam in clubs. If partner has something like ♠62 ♥Q5

2. **One notrump.** Not all bids are cut-and-dried. In this case, it could be argued that one spade is a better rebid than one notrump. Which bid you make is largely a matter of which school you come from. The great advantage of the notrump rebid is that it immediately limits the size and shape of your hand to 12 to 14 high-card points and balanced distribution. The chief advantage of rebidding one spade is that it caters to the possibility that partner has four spades. The drawback is that the one-spade bid could be based on unbalanced distribution and anywhere from 12 to 18 high-card points and is therefore highly ambiguous.

3. **Partner should have four spades** for his one-spade rebid and six diamonds for his jump-rebid of three diamonds over one notrump. His four-club bid must be based on three-card club support, so partner's distribution is virtually certain to be 4-0-6-3. Your next bid should be based on the high probability that this is his actual pattern.

Tomorrow: With a little bit of luck.
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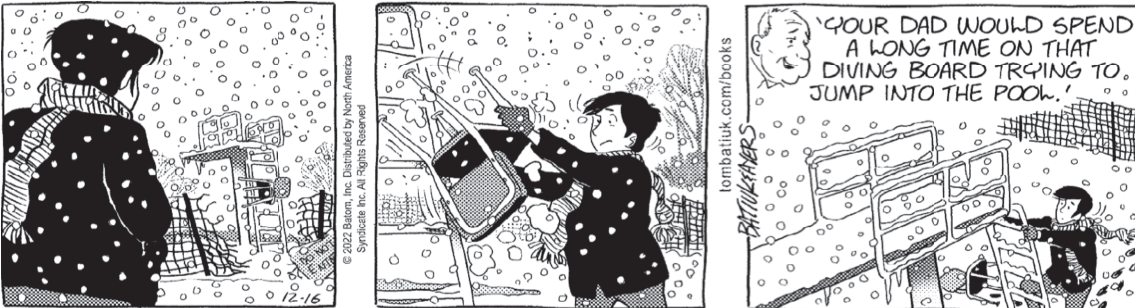
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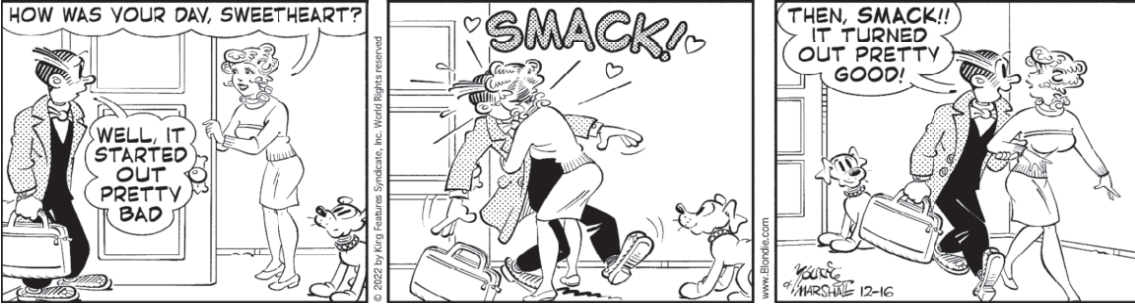
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All-time ...

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With a 35-point lead and a running clock, Comer took the rest of his starting lineup out of the game but left Schwieterman in to chase the milestone. She scored on a breakaway off of a steal at the 6-minute mark for 22 points and then hit a 3-pointer 40 seconds later to pull within one of the record.

A 3-point try from the right wing a couple of possessions later missed the mark, but the Patriots got the offensive rebound. Schwieterman tried again and missed, but was fouled.

She calmly stepped to the line and drained both free throws to etch her name in JCHS history.

"It's just a great accomplishment," said JCHS coach Kirk Comer. "Credit to all her teammates who got her the ball in the right positions. She's worked and worked and worked for this ... I'm really proud of her. ...

"A big part of her game is from things she's done in the offseason with club basketball, working on her own, coming in the mornings ... staying after for open gyms, going to boys open gyms, just all the work that she's put in to accomplish this goal. ... I always say, 'You get out of it what you put into it.' She's put the work in and she's deserving of this."

Schwieterman had been on pace all season to break the record Saturday at South Adams. But with the Starfires as one of the strongest teams remaining on the Jay County schedule and tied with the Patriots at 2-0 in the Allen County Athletic Conference, the goal was to handle history Thursday.

"It was nice to be able to get that out of the way before Saturday's game against South Adams, it being a conference game," said Comer. "She doesn't



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Jay County's Molly Muhlenkamp (left) and Emma Hart of New Castle battle for a loose ball Thursday during the Class 3A No. 5 Patriots' 58-15 victory over the Trojans. Muhlenkamp scored seven points as JCHS picked up its ninth consecutive win.

have to worry about that anymore."

The Patriots (10-1) were in control throughout, blanking winless New Castle in the opening quarter. They pushed the lead to 15-0 on a Gabi Bilbrey hoop early in the second quarter before Emma Hart scored the Trojans' first points on a driving

layup with 5:43 left in the half.

The JCHS advantage was 25 at halftime, and it scored the first nine points of the second half. New Castle managed just one field goal in each of the final two quarters.

Molly Muhlenkamp, Mabrey McIntire and Breanna Dirksen followed

Schwieterman with seven points apiece. Gabi Bilbrey added six.

Junior varsity

Jay County built a big lead in the first half and then completely dominated the second for a 48-9 victory over the Trojans.

The Patriots were up 28-8 at halftime before hold-

ing New Castle without a field goal in the second half. The Trojans were scoreless in the fourth quarter.

Bella Denton's 12 points led JCHS to the victory. Danielle May and Alexis Sibray added eight points apiece.

New Castle got four points from Anna Tyner.

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Abby Knapke finished first in diving and Joelle Kaup took the top spot in the 100 backstroke.

Carson Fullenkamp was the only other individual winner for the Fort Recovery boys, taking first place in both the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly.

FR girls fall

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery girls basketball team suffered its seventh straight loss to open the season, falling 46-32 to the Versailles Tigers.

The Indians, who are 0-3 in the Midwest Athletic Conference, trailed 24-10 at halftime.

Their scoring improved in the second half — the team had been held to 25 or fewer points in its last three games — but they were still unable to recover.

Cali Wendel's 13 points paced Fort Recovery, which will play its next game Tuesday at Wapakoneta. She hit a pair of 3-pointers for the Indians.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp followed with eight points, and Karlie Niekamp scored seven.

Jay JH girls split

Jay County's junior high girls basketball teams split with Southern Wells, with the eighth grade Patriots winning 39-24.

The seventh grade team fell 28-26.

Hallie Schwieterman powered Jay County's eighth grade team with 27 points.

Amelia Heath followed with four.

Heath's 10 points were the Patriot team high in the seventh grade game. Natalie May had eight points and Gabi Petro scored six.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls wrestling at Findlay — 4 p.m.; Boys basketball at Delta — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball (including freshman) at Versailles — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Boys wrestling at Carroll — 9

a.m.; Girls wrestling at Findlay — 9 a.m.; Girls basketball at South Adams — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Ansonia — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
11:30 a.m. — College football: Miami (Ohio) vs. UAB (ESPN)

3 p.m. — College football: UTSA vs. Troy (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (Bally Indiana); Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

Saturday
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup bronze medal game — Morocco vs. Croatia (FOX)

11 a.m. — College football: Cincinnati vs. Louisville (ESPN)
Noon — College football: Jackson State vs. North Carolina Central (ABC)
Noon — Men's college basketball: Wake Forest at Rutgers (BTN); Indiana at Kansas (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour Champions — PNC Championship (NBC)
2:30 p.m. — College football: Florida vs. Oregon State (ESPN)

3:30 p.m. — College football: Washington State vs. Fresno State (ABC)
4 p.m. — College football: Montana State vs. South Dakota State (ESPN2)
5:45 p.m. — College football: Rice vs. Southern Mississippi (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: SMU vs. BYU (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Southeast Missouri State at Iowa (BTN)

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Fourth-quarter free throws push Schwieterman past Freeman for scoring record

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

NEW CASTLE — The result of the game was never in doubt.

The only question was whether it would feature a record.

The answer: Yes.

Schwieterman scored 16 of her game-high 27 points in the second half, tying and then breaking Shannon Freeman's 36-year-old career Jay County High School scoring record on a pair of free throws with 4:14 left. The chase for the record highlighted a blowout ninth straight win for the Class 3A No. 5 Patriots, who scored the game's first 15 points en route to defeating the New Castle Trojans 58-15.

How did breaking the long-standing record feel? "Good," said Schwieterman, typically nonchalant.

The 27-point effort gave her 1,459 points for her career, one more than the record Freeman completed in the 1985-86 season.

"God has blessed me with talent. My family, they've supported me," said Schwieterman, who was presented with the game ball when Comer took a timeout after she

broke the record. "I mean, my mom and dad, every single basketball practice, every single basketball game. They do not miss. My coaches, they've been great. ... All the coaches. All my teammates. They've been amazing throughout all four years."

She had already long since surpassed the JCHS boys scoring record of 1,177 held by 2013 graduate Brock McFarland. At this point the only local numbers left for her to chase pre-date school consolidation — 1,529 points by 1971 Bryant graduate Tom Weigel, 1,574 by 1959 Bryant graduate Richard Masters and 1,723 by 1972 Redkey graduate Greg Bales. (At her current scoring pace, she would need 13 games to surpass Bales. There are 10 regular-season games remaining prior to the sectional tournament.)

Schwieterman entered the game needing 26 points to match Freeman and 27 to break the record. She scored three in the first quarter and had 11 by halftime. Another seven in the third quarter put the number in sight.

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Renna Schwieterman releases the ball on the free throw that pushed her past 1986 graduate Shannon Freeman for Jay County High School's all-time scoring record. Schwieterman scored 27 points in Thursday's 58-15 win over the host New Castle Trojans to give her 1,459 for her career.

Wendel breaks his own mark in 200 free

BERNE — Sage Wendel has never been faster.

Wendel demolished his own 200-yard freestyle record

Thursday as the Fort Recovery

High School swim teams hosted Minster and Marion Local at South Adams.

The FRHS boys team finished second in the three-team meet with 46 points, trailing Marion Local (68) and finishing ahead of the Wildcats (9).

The Tribe girls totaled 91 points for first place. Minster was second with 56 and the Flyers had 21.

Fort Recovery was dominant overall in the 200 freestyle, with Wendel's time of 2 minutes, 3.82 seconds coming in nearly 25 seconds faster than runner-up John Kramer of Marion Local. He shattered his own previous school record of 2:06.74.

Wendel was also first in the 100 backstroke.

Teigen Fortkamp also easily won the girls 200 freestyle. She was nearly 20 seconds faster than Minster's Chaney Cedarleaf in 2:09.73.

Forkamp also won the 100 freestyle while Audra Bubb picked up victories in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke.

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