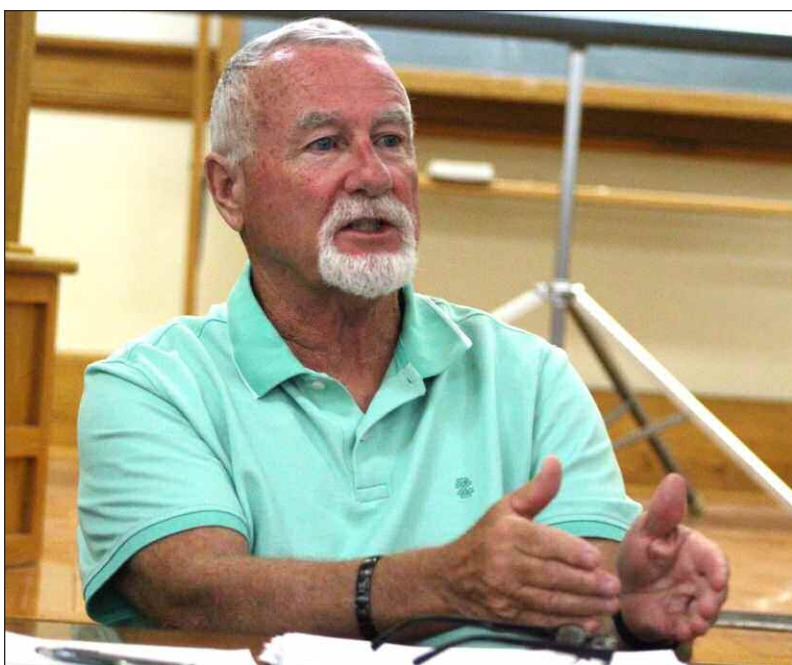


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## Career at a close

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

After more than two decades serving as a local government representative, Ted Champ's career in politics is coming to a close.

Jay County Council vice president Ted Champ has overseen a variety of county and Redkey projects through the years. And although he hoped to continue his efforts starting with another term in January, his plans were cut short when Redkey Town Council member Randy May took the win in the November election. At this time, Champ doesn't plan to seek elected office again.

Champ, 67, graduated from Redkey High School in 1973. The lifelong Redkey native worked as a bricklayer for more than 40 years. In 1995, he became a field representative for the Muncie, Richmond and Anderson area in

the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers. Champ has served as a trustee on the bricklayers and allied craft workers local pension fund for more than 30 years and as a trustee on the International Health and Welfare Fund.

He later took over as president of the Local 4 group, which includes all of Indiana and the western portion of Kentucky, and stayed in that position for 12

years prior to his retirement two years ago.

Champ has been selling headstones at his Redkey storefront, Champ Monuments, 18 W. High St., since 2005. He also manages seven rental properties shared with his son Kyle through Champ Properties.

He said he started in local politics to make a difference in his community.

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**After decades in local government, Champ doesn't plan to run again**

## Questions remain about spending requests

By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Top K-12 education requests for Indiana's next two-year budget plan center around new spending on literacy improvement initiatives and workforce readiness, as well as an increase to the K-12 tuition support formula.

But the state's key budget writers have expressed hesitancy about earmarking additional dollars amid inflation.

Some lawmakers have additionally shared their discontent with previous K-12 appropriations, saying the state's investments in Hoosier schools haven't best-prepared students for the workforce. Education funding for K-12 schools already is just over half of the state's \$17 billion budget.

Gov. Eric Holcomb told the Indiana Capital Chronicle he's committed to spending more on education, but that revenue forecasts next April will largely dictate his decision making. The Republican governor is slated to release his legislative priorities Jan. 4.

The upcoming 2023 session — which kicks off Jan. 9 — is expected to bring heated discourse around a myriad of different spending requests. The latest budget forecast showed state lawmakers will have additional money to work with when crafting the budget, but not enough to cover requested agency projects and capital needs.

Representatives from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) outlined the agency's requests before the Indiana State Budget Committee earlier this month.

Katie Jenner, the state's secretary of education, said the governor's proposed budget would include an increase to the state's tuition support formula, although an exact figure has yet to be made public.

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## Championship celebration

Jay County High School senior Ethan Reiley (right) high fives coach Eric Myers after winning the 132-pound championship Wednesday during the East Central Indiana Classic. He was one of six champions for the Patriots, who are ranked first in Class 2A and 16th in the state overall. For more on the tournament, see page 8.

## Russia pummels energy infrastructure

By DAVID L. STERN, ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN and ELLEN FRANCIS  
The Washington Post

KYIV, Ukraine — Explosions rocked cities across Ukraine early Thursday morning, as Russia continued its unrelenting pummeling of the country's energy infrastructure, launching dozens of missiles and hospitalizing at least three people in the capital, Ukrainian officials said.

Air raid sirens sounded out across Ukraine at 6 a.m. Washington Post journalists heard the first of several explosions in Kyiv a little over an hour later. Local officials in Odessa in the south, Kharkiv in the east, Lviv

### Ukraine has been hit by dozens of missiles

in the west and other regions reported missile attacks on social media. It was not immediately clear whether the sounds of blasts were from strikes or air defenses.

"The enemy attacks Ukraine from various directions with air and sea-based cruise missiles from strategic aircraft and ships," Ukraine's Air Force said in a statement

on Telegram, calling it a "massive missile attack."

Moscow has pounded Ukraine's infrastructure since early October, in an effort to leave the country without light, heat and water during the freezing winter months and weaken the Ukrainians' resolve to continue the war effort — a strategy that so far seems to have failed considerably.

It was the first major missile attack in about two weeks — and just days before the New Year's holidays. Russian forces also launched an assault of self-destructing drones on Ukrainian energy facilities last week.

Wire photos showed rescuers rushing to inspect the damage in Kyiv and residents taking shelter in a subway station.

Ukraine's military said that some 69 missiles had been fired, of which 54 were intercepted by the country's air defense systems. The Washington Post could not independently verify any of the figures cited by Ukrainian officials.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said on his Telegram channel that Ukrainian air defense forces had shot down 16 Russian missiles in the capital, while Odessa Gov. Maksym Marchenko said 21 missiles had been destroyed in his region.

But the missiles also caused extensive damage and injuries. Klitschko said that missile fragments struck a residential home, and three people, including a 14-year-old girl, had been injured in the capital. After the attack, 40 percent of Kyiv residents were without power, Klitschko said, though heat and water were continuing "as usual."

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### Deaths

Janet Shauver, 65, rural Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 47 degrees late in the day Wednesday. The low was 30.

Tonight's low will be 52 and there is a chance of rain beginning after midnight with wind gusts of up to 30 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Meetings regularly scheduled for Mondays will be held on Tuesday next week because of observance of the New Year's Day holiday. That includes Portland City Council at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. (The January meeting of Portland Park Board was moved to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 10.)

### Coming up

Friday — Results from today's JCHS girls basketball game versus Pendleton Heights.

Saturday — A look at the top 10 local news stories of 2022.





# Close ...

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“I got involved because I figured I’d lived in Jay County and Redkey all my life, and I didn’t want to be one that complained about things and not try to fix it,” he said. “So I thought, well, I’ll give it a shot, and I won.”

“And I’ve done the best I can do since that day.”

“I just didn’t want to be one of (those) people that had all the answers but didn’t even know what the question was, to be honest with you,” he added with a chuckle. “There’s too many people like that.”

His career as an elected official dates back to his time on Redkey Town Council.

“I was a young pup when I (did) that,” he said. “But that’s where I got my first start in politics.”

He served multiple terms before he and his wife, Lu Champ, moved just outside of Redkey city limits. The move forced him to leave town council and, in turn, pursue a county office.

Champ served one term on Jay School Board and spent three terms on Jay County Council. He talked about planning the budget each year, noting he enjoyed learning about the process. He also referenced issues such as the

fate of Jay County Country Living (formerly known as Jay County Retirement Center), which has struggled to balance its finances for several years. Earlier this month, Jay County Commissioner Brian McGalliard reported to county officials that the facility had 22 residents and has reached a near break-even point financially.

“We looked at closing it, but now that, and the only reason was because it was not even close to breaking even. Now it is, so why would you close it?” he said.

Champ has also been involved with planning usage of the county’s more than \$4 million allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds. Jay County officials have discussed using the dollars for large-scale projects, such as improving child care or building more housing.

“I was really looking forward to following that through and having a voice in making sure the money was spent wisely for the betterment of Jay County in the future,” he said.

Champ’s hopes for another term were quashed when Republican Randy May won the seat. “I wanted one more (term),” Champ admitted.

Although his plans changed, Champ said he’s looking forward to traveling more with his wife and spending time with his family. He’s spent more than 40 years as a regular attendee at Redkey Junior League games and now visits to watch his two granddaughters play. He coached a softball team for the league last year.

Still, he said, he’ll be keeping his eye on happenings at the county level.

“(It’s) been a pleasure serving the people,” Champ said. “(I) don’t have any regrets, by any means. I always tried to do what I thought was right for the people of Jay County, so I’d do it again if I had the chance.”

## CR almanac

Friday 12/30	Saturday 12/31	Sunday 1/1	Monday 1/2	Tuesday 1/3
<b>53/43</b>	<b>49/37</b>	<b>49/40</b>	<b>54/48</b>	<b>61/42</b>
The forecast calls for rain, with up to a quarter inch possible and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour.	More rain is expected, mainly during the morning hours. The high will be in the upper 40s.	Expect a high of 49 for New Year’s Day under cloudy skies.	The forecast calls for cloudy skies with a high of 54 and a 20% chance of rain in the afternoon.	There is a 50% chance of rain. Otherwise skies will be mostly cloudy with a high of 61.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 26-32-38-45-56 Power Ball: 1 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$246 million	55-62-63-64-66-74 Cash 5: 2-4-19-28-31 Hoosier Lotto: 9-10-17-19-34-40 Estimated jackpot: \$7.2 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$640 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 8-7-2 Pick 4: 6-1-4-1 Pick 5: 0-1-6-8-3 Evening Pick 3: 8-7-2 Pick 4: 8-6-2-5 Pick 5: 7-8-6-9-6 Rolling Cash: 12-13-19-22-26 Classic Lotto: 11-30-41-43-46-49 Kicker: 8-0-8-3-1-7 Estimated jackpot: \$3.3 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 5-7-0 Daily Four: 5-4-2-5 Quick Draw: 23-24-31-33-34-36-46-48-50-52-54-55-58-64-66-69-74-75-76-79 Evening Daily Three: 7-0-6 Daily Four: 8-3-7-5 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-7-9-11-15-16-17-27-28-43-44-54	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.98 Jan. corn.....6.99 Wheat.....6.86	Wheat.....7.13 July wheat.....7.58
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.99 Jan. corn.....6.99 Feb. corn.....6.98	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.82 Jan. corn.....6.82 Beans.....15.21 Jan. beans.....15.21 Wheat.....7.87
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.81 Jan. corn.....6.81 Beans.....15.10 Jan. beans.....15.10	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.86 Jan. corn.....6.86 Beans.....14.81 Jan. beans.....14.83 Wheat.....7.12

## Today in history

In 1808, President Andrew Johnson was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. Johnson never attended school but taught himself to read and write, becoming a U.S. Congressman, U.S. Senator, governor of Tennessee and vice president before ascending to the presidency following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

In 1845, the U.S. Congress approved the annexation of the Republic of Texas. The decision sparked the Mexican War because of a dispute regarding land between the Rio Grande and Nueces River.

In 1865, William Lloyd Garrison, an abolitionist, published the final issue of “The Liberator.” The weekly newspaper was considered the most

influential anti-slavery periodical. It was published for 35 years.

In 1972, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team improved to 9-0 with a 91-65 victory over Tri-Village to win the Franklin-Monroe holiday basketball tournament.

In 2015, the World Health Organization declared Guinea ebola free two years after the disease was first reported in the country. It had sparked an outbreak in western Africa.

In 2021, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team watched its early 11-point lead slip to three but was able to stay calm and pushed back for a 58-43 victory over the Lincolnview Lancers.

—The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.	<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, School-city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Friday</b> 10 a.m. — Dunkirk Police Pension Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	

## Obituaries

### Janet Shauer

Jan. 13, 1957-Dec. 28, 2022  
Janet Shauer, age 65, a resident of rural Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022 at her home.

Janet was born on Jan. 13, 1957, the daughter of Sydney and Virginia (Scott) Englehardt. She attended Pennville High School and earned a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University – East.

She owned and operated Jinny’s Café in Bryant for over 20 years.

Janet married Keith Shauer on Nov. 2, 2002.

Survivors include:  
Her husband — Keith Shauer, Portland, Indiana

One son — Christopher Ray Englehardt, Franklin, Ohio

Siblings — Chris Englehardt (wife: Ginger), Linn Grove, Indiana,

Dean Englehardt (wife: Nancy), Pennville, Indiana, Kathy Conway (husband: Steve), Pickerington, Ohio, Karen Harvill (husband: Keith), Hardinsburg, Indiana, and Nancy Meyer, Geneva, Indiana

Her mother — Virginia Joyner, Geneva, Indiana

Two stepsons — Keith Shauer, Jr. (wife: Lana), Rushville, Indiana, and David Shauer (wife: Heather), Marion, Indiana

Four grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her father, Sydney Englehardt; her daughter, Angela Englehardt; grandchildren Janet Elaine Engle-



Shauer

hardt and David Englehardt; and brothers Scott Englehardt and Dale Englehardt.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at a later date in Salamonia Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

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

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## Spending ...

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“We absolutely have signaled that we are interested in an increase in tuition support funding, which of course is the formula that includes everything from basic foundation, to career and technical education, to special education, to complexity. We absolutely will be pushing for an increase,” Jenner said later, during a legislative conference in December. “I have a percentage in my mind. And now, I plan to meet with the governor and budget directors, and then of course work with the General Assembly in the coming session.”

Democrats are on board, saying they will push for a substantial tuition support funding boost.

Republican lawmakers say increasing K-12 formula spending is a priority for them, too, but they warn that they don’t have the cash to fund all of the agency’s requests.

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.

In the most recent budget, K-12 tuition support provided by state dollars grew 4.6% in the first year and 4.3% in the second year.

Jenner also emphasized a \$5 million funding renewal for Crossing the Finish Line — a state program to cover costs for students who fell a few courses short of completing a degree.

Other IDOE spending requests include those for efforts to train teachers for special education and English learning classes.

Education advocates maintain that Indiana needs to appropriate \$122

million more — on top of the \$725 million the state currently plans to spend — to adequately fund special education. Fully funding English language learners would cost up to \$54 million, double what Indiana appropriates now.

In particular, Jenner said, the state needs to invest in literacy, which fell during the pandemic. She asked lawmakers to at least spend enough to meet an additional \$10 million matching grant with Eli Lilly.

“We are presently sitting at a place, as a state, where one in five children are not reading by the end of third grade. I hate sharing that data point with you; our schools don’t love that data point either,” Jenner said when speaking to the state budget committee. “We’re going to do everything we can to make sure that all of our children can read.”

But Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Bremen, said he was skeptical of additional spending when inflation had already hurt the previous cycle’s budget, inflating construction costs on capital improvement projects.

Mishler is the Senate’s budget steward, and said some areas where the legislature had embraced increased spending hadn’t met the state’s needs.

“We invest more and more money in K-12 but all we read about is how the kids are performing worse,” he said.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce continues to maintain that workforce talent — both quantity and quality — remain top concerns for Indiana employers.

Jason Bearce, the chamber’s vice president of education and workforce development, said during a

presentation before the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) earlier this month that the chamber supports measures to enhance early childcare access and quality. He noted a lack of affordable, high quality child care across Indiana is one of the factors most negatively impacting attracting and retaining workers.

To help, Bearce said the state should expand eligibility for the state-funded On My Way Pre-K program for low-income families, in addition to making tuition-free early learning training credentials eligible for state’s Next Level Jobs funding.

“If you want to keep people on the job consistently, having some reliable affordable childcare or learning is really an important piece of that,” he said. “We are nowhere near where we need to be in terms of increasing access across the state.”

Bearce said the chamber also wants to see lawmakers pass bills to reverse learning loss and increase academic proficiency. He said that can be done by fully funding summer school programs and through state investments to education savings accounts of students who meet academic proficiency benchmarks on standardized tests.

Most of all, the chamber wants the legislature to strengthen college and career readiness opportunities for Indiana students to help fill thousands of skilled worker positions across the state.

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## Pummels ...

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Head of the Kyiv Military Administration Serhiy Popko said that three districts in the capital had been hit, including a “industrial facility” and a children’s playground. The Kyiv region’s governor, Oleksiy Kuleba, said during a television broadcast that a number of houses and a medical facility had been damaged outside of the capital during the attack, which lasted five hours.

Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovyi reported that 90 percent of his city was without electricity after explosions. Odessa Gov. Marchenko said that missiles had struck “energy infrastructure,” and emergency blackouts were taking place across the region.

In Kyiv, one of the missiles shot down landed on Oleksandr Fatkulin’s home, leaving half of the brick house in ruins. Oleksandr had been sleeping on the second floor while his elderly father, Leonid, was on the first.

“Are you alive?” Leonid said he yelled up to his son after the explosion ripped through the walls.

Hours later, both men watched as firefighters put out the last embers still burning from their home. Oleksandr took a video of the scene on his phone.

### SERVICES

#### Thursday

**Bollenbacher**, Shirley: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

#### Monday

**Shauer**, Janet: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

#### Jan. 14

**Theurer**, Donald: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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## Responsible students

East Elementary School students were honored recently for displaying responsibility. Pictured above, front row from left, are first graders Kolby Armstrong, Bridgette Kahlig and Archer Nichols. Back row are Neymar Carreno, Sabastian Herriford, Kyler Carrigan and Kayda Kahlig. Not pictured is Kaidyn Garringer. Pictured below are second graders Remy Stephen, Maci Homan, Amber Wilson and Carsyn Guggenbiller. Not pictured are Williams Gutierrez and Paylin Vance.



## Mother uses guilt to manipulate child

DEAR ABBY: I have always been the outsider in my family. My grandma raised me because Mom was an alcoholic and ran the streets with her boyfriend. My grandma died three months ago, and I have been having a hard time dealing with it.

Dear Abby



My mother has moved into my grandma's house and wants me to come visit her. This is a problem because everywhere I look, it reminds me of my grandma. I have told her this, but she thinks that since she's painted and decorated it differently, it shouldn't be a problem for me.

I am the only child who has anything to do with her (she gave up my oldest sister), and she uses guilt when I don't come out and help her clean or go grocery shopping for her. I was raised to believe that we should take care of our elders, but I still have issues with her not being in my life growing up. I don't know how to handle this without just refusing to go. What should I do? — CONFLICTED IN MISSOURI

DEAR CONFLICTED: Tell your mother the truth, just as you related it to me. Explain that although she may have painted and redecorated the house, seeing the place without your grandmother in it is depressing and you are no longer willing to do it. And the next time she asks you to help her clean or go shopping for her, say no and tell her why. Unless you have left something out of your letter about your relationship with her over the last decade, I don't think you should feel obligated to her at all.

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law, 78, was a caregiver for 10 years before his wife died five years ago. After her passing, he eventually renewed his zest for life, joined clubs and found a girlfriend. His health challenges have mounted during the last two years, though, and he no longer has the energy to follow up on medical appointments or do much of anything.

My husband and I call him every day and visit three to four times a week. His medical issues can be surmounted, but he can no longer schedule appointments and advocate for himself with our overwhelmed medical community. If we press him on it, he gets defensive. He doesn't seem to want to talk about his medical problems, and he doesn't understand the burden he's placing on his son to medically advocate for him (a role he also held on behalf of his mother as she battled MS).

My husband (age 40) lost the last few years of his mom's life to a horrible disease. Now he's losing the last few years of his dad's life to indifference and depression. Should we keep pushing Dad to get medical attention? Should we keep dragging him to appointments and nagging him about it? Or should we just let him give up? — ROADBLOCK IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ROADBLOCK: It is important that your father-in-law be evaluated not only for depression but also for dementia. His mental ability in the areas of working memory, flexible thinking and self-control — skills he needs to manage his daily life — appears to have become impaired. His doctor needs to be made aware of what's going on. If you and your husband can confirm the reason this is happening, you may have the solution to your problem.

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

## Community Calendar

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

**Today**  
CELEBRATE RECOVERY — 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 Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

**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.

**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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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

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# State has an imbalance of labor

By MORTON J. MARCUS

There many imbalances in our economic environment. Unemployed people here and too few workers there.

Part of those imbalances are because the skills available here are not needed here, hence unemployment or a shortage of jobs. Or it could be the skills wanted there aren't available there, hence a labor shortage.

Sometimes here and there are the exact same place.

Often these imbalances are adjusted by people moving from here to there. Other times, they just commute from here to there.

Too often, however, the imbalances are not geographic but involve skill sets which take time to adjust. Skill/experience

## Eye on the Pie



imbalances require training, time and money.

Employers sometimes will pay relocation expenses. In rare cases, they will pay for training or the acquisition of experience. Most of the time, employers expect the workers or the government to bear the costs. Some employers will share the cost of commuting by offering "free" parking or an allowance for transit.

How big are these imbalances in this state?

Indiana had 3,971,600 jobs and 3,282,400 residents who were employed in 2019. That's 121 jobs for every 100 resident workers. (Again, 2019 data are pre-COVID and offer a more representative time than the present.)

This apparent 700,000 imbalance could be partially explained by some people holding one or more jobs and/or more people commuting from elsewhere to Indiana.

Those are fine suppositions, but the real reason may be the number of jobs reported by the Bureau of Economic Analysis/Bureau of Labor Statistics et al. from the records of employers is different from the report of the BLS/Census household survey.

Two different sources, collected from two different populations, at two different time periods.

It happens every month and nobody bothers about it. The monthly jobs report and the monthly unemployment rate have the same problem, but we go along with it.

Why? Because some number is better than no number at all. Your turkey thermometer may be off, but you still get a good indication of how well done the bird is. We learn to use the numbers we have.

In Marion County, there were 161 jobs per 100 employed residents in 2019. You can see it in the daily morning inflow and evening outflow of cars.

In Newton County, the figure was 73 jobs per 100 employed residents. Fulton and Porter counties were just about perfectly balanced at 100 jobs per 100 resident workers.

In 51 counties, the figures were over 100, with Dubois (157) numerically just behind Marion. (Jay County showed 109 jobs per 100 employed residents.) In 41 counties, the figures were below 100, with Morgan (68), geographically right next to Marion.

We are a state where most counties depend on their neighbors for jobs or workers. Why do they compete with each other instead of cooperating?

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## Let's rein in the perpetual campaign

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
Tribune News Service

One characteristic of American life distinguishes our country from all other democracies: Our political campaigns are never-ending. The moment one election cycle ends, the nation begins focusing on the next. Even if candidates have not formally declared their intentions, we have already begun the 2024 campaign. These extended campaigns have led to increased partisanship, distrust and anxiety.

Other nations do not have extended campaign seasons. In Mexico, a law stipulates that campaigns start 90 days before the election, with an additional 60-day period for candidates to compete for the nomination. In Canada in 2015, the campaign season lasted 11 weeks, making it the longest campaign in that country's history. In France, campaigning prior to the first round of a presidential election can last no longer than two weeks. In Argentina, the campaign is limited to 35 days, although advertising is permitted to begin a few weeks earlier.

The First Amendment, guardian of American liberty, in this instance stymies political reform. The U.S. can't make the strict campaign rules other nations live under. But one area where reform is possible is the primary system.

For much of American history, party leaders chose candidates to run in the general election, and there was little or no public campaigning. A century ago, however, citizens expressed a desire for greater public involvement in the process. This led to the introduction of caucuses and primaries — and some campaigning. However, no one at that time could have imagined the perpetual campaigns of today. In 1952, Dwight Eisenhower remained in Europe as NATO commander until five months before being elected president.

Two factors — earlier delegate selection and the mountains of money pouring into campaigns — have led our nation down this path. In 1976, only 10% of national convention delegates were selected by March 2 of election year; by 2008 that

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number had grown to 70%. The earlier selection of delegates forced campaigns to begin earlier and earlier.

There's nothing sacrosanct about the primary system as we know it, and the Democratic Party just demonstrated that reform is possible by rearranging its presidential contests. The parties could do the country a favor by jointly agreeing to move all their primaries into the late spring and summer, perhaps sparing voters a few months of presidential politicking.

The bigger influence on long campaigns, however, is the huge amount of cash available to pay for advertising, staff and events. The nation is overdue for campaign finance reform, though the Supreme Court has made anything substantial a pipe dream for now.

The electorate is exhausted from the endless campaigning — and now the litigating of elections after they are held. This cultivates cynicism and erodes confidence in government. Powerful and moneyed interests would like to keep long campaigns in place: It will take a groundswell of citizen advocacy to bring about an improved system.



## Americans found happy place

By TYLER COWEN  
Bloomberg Opinion  
Tribune News Service

How happy are Americans, really? This country has its troubles, surely, but a new study suggests things may be better than they seem.

Two economists, David G. Blanchflower of Dartmouth and Alex Bryson of University College London, have come up with a new and more intuitive way to measure well-being. The results are striking. If you consider U.S. states as comparable to countries, 16 of the top 20 political units in the world for well-being are in the US — including the top seven.

Many happiness surveys ask individuals how satisfied they are with their lives. That is one way of phrasing the happiness question, but it has its biases. It tends to favor nations where people have a strong sense of self-satisfaction — or, if you want to put a more negative gloss on it, where the people are somewhat smug. Those are some of the studies in which Finland and Denmark come in first.

The genius of this most recent study is that it considers both positive and negative affect, and gives countries (and U.S. states) separate ratings for the two. In other words, it recognizes there is more than one dimension to well-being. It lists four variables as part of negative affect: pain, sadness, anger and worry. Positive affect consists of four measures: life satisfaction, enjoyment, smiling and being well-rested. So life satisfaction is only one part of the measure.

One interesting result is that nations that avoid negative affect are not necessarily the same as those which enjoy the highest positive affect. Some countries — including

Tyler Cowen



the U.S. — have a lot of extremes. Americans tend to go to the limit on both the upside and the downside.

Bhutan is an extreme contrast along these same lines. Measured only by positive affect, the Bhutanese are No. 9 in the world, an impressive showing. But for negative affect they rank No. 149 — in other words, they experience a great deal of negative emotion, perhaps due to the extreme hardships in their lives. Considering both positive and negative affect, they come in at No. 99, not a bad showing for such a poor country (better, in fact, than the UK's 111.)

Denmark's positive affect puts it only at No. 71, befitting the popular image of a country where not everyone is jumping for joy. Arkansas has a better positive affect, coming in at No. 67. But Denmark rates higher overall (38, to Arkansas's 72) because Arkansas shows higher negative affect (87, to Denmark's 66).

Measuring both positive and negative affect, the 10 happiest political units in the world are, in order: Hawaii, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Taiwan, Alaska and Wisconsin. Of the top 50 places, 36 are US states (I include the District of Columbia, No. 16). China is No. 30.

The high ratings for many U.S. political units are consistent with a realistic understanding that this

remains a troubled nation. Those problems show up in Americans' higher negative affect, which is partially offset by our strong performance on positive affect.

The five least happy places, taking both positive and negative affect into account, are (from the bottom up) Iraq, South Sudan, Armenia, Togo and Central African Republic. The least happy U.S. state is West Virginia (101), due in part to being more tired and worried than most other states. California ranks No. 59, New York No. 73.

Has this study found the true measure of well-being or happiness? There is no such thing. Nonetheless, it stands to reason that measuring both positive and negative affect, and their component parts, might give a more accurate reading than just asking people about their life satisfaction.

This paper also raises more personal questions. Do you want a quiet and complacent existence? Or do you prefer a life of great joy punctuated by periods of pain and sadness? If the latter, America may be the place for you. If, on the other hand, you wish to avoid trouble, consider Taiwan, currently ranked No. 1 for least negative affect.

No matter where you live, this study might prompt you to consider what makes you smile or angry in your own life. Just be sure to read it when you are well-rested and, whatever you think of it, try not to let it worry you.

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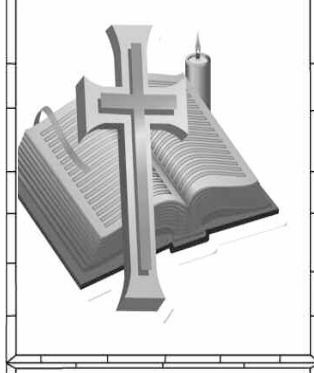


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Michael Burk  
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440 S. 600 East  
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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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Dan Coffman  
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**First Church of Christ**  
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(419) 375-2860  
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fccftrecovery.org

**First Community Baptist**  
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**First Free Will Baptist**  
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.  
firstpcportland.org

**Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene**  
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery  
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff  
(419) 375-4680  
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frnaz@frontier.com

**Fort Recovery United Methodist**  
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery  
Rev. David Porath  
(419) 678-2071  
Services: 9 a.m.

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468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk  
Robert Thomas  
(765) 348-4620  
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

**Geneva First United Methodist**  
100 W. Line St., Geneva  
Barry McCune  
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

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225 Decatur St., Geneva  
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Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec  
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Earl Doll  
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216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk  
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1238 W. 450 South  
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(260) 755-6354  
Services: 4 p.m.  
drkayfairchild.com

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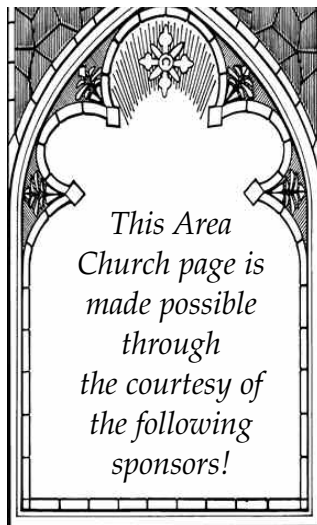
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Fred Stevens  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Walnut Corner**  
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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Consider this deal where South has four possible losers at four spades—two hearts, a diamond and a club. There is no way to escape the diamond and club losers, so all of declarer's thoughts should be concentrated on avoiding one of the heart losers.

If South tackles the suit himself, he will lose two heart tricks, assuming the opponents defend correctly. Thus, if declarer leads the ten from dummy, East covers with the king to hold South to one heart trick. The result is the same if declarer begins by leading dummy's deuce of hearts to his jack. West wins and returns a heart to finish South off.

Yet declarer can make the contract regardless of how the missing hearts are divided and against any method of defense. He takes the king of diamonds with the ace, draws trump and exits with a diamond. West wins with the queen and is forced to return a club; any other return gives declarer the contract at once.

South cashes the A-K of clubs and exits with a club. It does not matter which defender wins the trick—the outcome is a foregone conclusion.

Let's say East wins the club. In that case, he must return a heart; otherwise, South gets a ruff-and-discard. If East returns a low heart, South follows low, thereby endplaying West regardless of what heart holding he has. If East returns the king or queen of hearts instead, South takes the ace and concedes a heart to make the contract.

The outcome is no different if West wins the third club. Regardless of his return, declarer loses only one heart trick.

Tomorrow: Double-dummy problem.  
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12-29 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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## ECIC ...

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Heskett entered the day with a 3-1 varsity record, with the only other loss coming to Rowles at the Franklin Invitational. "He has a different style of wrestling. Not too many kids wrestle like him. It's just a different feel."  
"He just stays in pretty solid position and is always tying, keeping wrist control, and just kind of countering off of shots."  
Moore's victory marked the first tournament title of his career. The senior scored a quick takedown of Winchester's Quentin Keen in the championship match and extended his lead to 6-0 with a reversal and two-point near fall in the second. Keen responded with a takedown at the 1:35 mark of the third period, but Moore (18-3) was able to fight off his attempts to run a half nelson to hold on for the 6-2 win.  
"It just felt good to finally be on top," said Moore.  
"He was a little bit more aggressive and comfortable on his feet," Myers noted. "He's unconventional on bottom, but he usually finds a way out. Every

Taye Curtis, a Jay County High School junior, gains control of Ezra Fye of Alexandria during their 120-pound championship match Wednesday. Curtis pulled away in the third period for a 12-2 major decision victory to secure his second consecutive ECIC title.



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match he's improving on top. It's fun to watch his progression as the year goes on."  
The Patriots had a trio of dominant championship efforts.  
Curtis (19-2) had pins in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds and built a 6-2 lead over Alexandria's Ezra Fye in the finals. He put the match away in the third, racking up six more points for a 12-2 major decision.  
Reiley, who improved to 23-1,

recorded three pins and then needed just 2 minutes, 24 seconds, to blow out Coldwater's Austin Hamilton by a 16-1 technical fall in the championship match.  
"He's improving with some of his takedowns on his feet," Myers said of Reiley. "He's starting to add some tilts on top ... That's where his point explosion is coming from. He's comfortable in that weight class. He's grown into it. He looks solid there."

And Wittkamp (22-2) was similarly strong, shutting out Reed Brandenburg of Winchester after giving up an early takedown on the way to a 14-2 major decision.  
Wood (23-0) faced more of a challenge at 138 pounds, where he was up just 4-2 against New Castle's Gavyn Whitehead (18-2) midway through the second period. He pushed his advantage to 6-2 and held on for a 7-4 victory.

Clark, who is ranked fourth in the state, suffered his first loss of the season in the 145-pound championship match against 17th-ranked 138-pounder Brevan Thrine (15-2) of New Castle. Clark (22-1) was trying for a double-leg takedown but was unable to finish it and got overpowered by Thrine for a pin in 5:13.  
In other championship matches, AJ Myers (21-4) dropped a 6-4 decision to New Castle's Jon Eberhart (16-1) and No. 20 Bryce Wenk fell 11-5 to eighth-ranked Hunter Page (12-0) of Monroe Central.  
Conner Specht earned Jay County's lone third-place finish, pinning Troy Milligan of Coldwater in 57 seconds in his final match of the day. Fourth-place finishes came from Syllas Wenk at 106, Griffin Byrum at 113 and Alan Ortiz at 220.  
Turning in fifth-place efforts were Daidrick Retz at 152, Rhysin Blowers at 220 and Juaquin Flores at 195 — he also earned the quick pin award, recording four in a total of 5 minutes, 57 seconds — and Benson Ward was sixth at 170.

## Toll ...

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A decision on the direction at quarterback should soon follow, and there seems to be little chance any of the three current players at the position on the roster will be the starter to begin 2023.  
Those situations will make the headlines, and speculation about how they'll turn out will overshadow games against the New York Giants on Sunday and the Houston Texans in the season's final week.  
In between, there will be a lot of talk about the "meaningless" nature of the final two games and the need for Indianapolis

to lose and maximize its draft position.  
All of that is normal when things go off the rails in the NFL. But so is the very human toll it takes on the players.  
Less than a half hour after Foles spoke in the interview room, Parris Campbell held court with a handful of cameramen and reporters beside his locker.  
He's two games away from completing his first healthy season after being drafted in the second round out of Ohio State in 2019. And he's a little more than two months away from reaching free agency.  
Campbell doesn't even try to pretend the future isn't weighing on his mind.

"I'm human," he said. "I think about that stuff all the time. I talk to my wife about that stuff all the time just because we've got kids. My son's about to be 5 years old. My daughter's about to be 1. The uncertainty of things is a little scary, but that's the nature of the business."  
"And, at the end of the day ... I've been healthy this whole season. I feel like when opportunities came my way, I made plays. So all I can do is just let God handle the rest, just put it in his hands at that point. But I'm going to continue to be myself (these final two weeks), just bring that professional and that want-to attitude every day

to work and just go to work and give it all I've got. That's all I can do."  
The situation's very similar for linebacker Bobby Okereke, who is the team's second-leading tackler and is scheduled to hit the open market for the first time.  
Other players are at the other end of the spectrum. Wide receiver Alec Pierce and tight end Jelani Woods are trying to finish out strong rookie seasons and prove they deserve a bigger role with whatever regime is in power next season.  
Defensive lineman Dayo Odeyingbo has proven he's finally healthy, and he's taking advantage of the

opportunity afforded by another season-ending injury for Tyquan Lewis. Playing on the edge and in the interior, Odeyingbo had 1.5 sacks against the Chargers, and he has 3.5 sacks the past two weeks.  
He was drafted in the second round out of Vanderbilt in 2021 despite rehabbing a torn Achilles, and he's beginning to live up to his vast potential.  
"We're blessed to be able to play this game as our job and family," Odeyingbo said. "So, at the end of the day, you kind of just have to count your blessings on the positives and look how you can get better."  
Which brings everything full circle to Foles.

He knows time has run out on this season, and it's running low for his career. A former Super Bowl MVP, he's seen the highs and lows the NFL has to offer, and he's thankful for experiencing it all.  
"There are so many kids out there that dream about playing at this level, and you want to believe that guys are going to give it everything they have every day," Foles said. "Because this is something you look forward to as a kid, and it's just unfortunate sometimes you can give it everything you have and the outcome is not what you thought. And that's the hard part of this game."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Pendleton Heights — 6 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.  
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5:30 p.m. — College football: Cheez-It Bowl — Oklahoma vs. Florida State (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — College football: Valero Alamo

**Friday**  
Noon — College football: Duke's Mayo Bowl — Maryland vs. North Carolina State (ESPN)  
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3:30 p.m. — College football: Taxslayer

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12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at Brighton & Hove Albion (NBC)  
3 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
4 p.m. — College football: VRBO Fiesta Bowl — TCU vs. Michigan (ESPN)  
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# Sports

## ECIC obliteration

### Jay wins six titles as it dominates tourney



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By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

How dominant were the Patriots?

Well, they put nine wrestlers in the finals.

And they made the 126-pound final an intra-squad match.

The host Class 2A No. 1 Jay County High School wrestling team won championships in nearly half of the weight classes Wednesday as they rolled to the championship in the weather-delayed East Central Indiana Classic.

"It was kind of an interesting day," said JCHS coach Eric Myers of the tournament that was originally schedule for Friday but was postponed because of last week's winter storm. "It was a lot of fun to be able to get so many of our kids in the same tournament. Our varsity guys got some good matches in there. It was just a little bit of a different field with only 13 teams."

The 315.5 points for the back-to-back champion Patriots, who had 18 wrestlers finish sixth or better in their weight class, were nearly 125 more than runner-up New Castle at

191. Coldwater was third with 155.5 in the 13-team field.

Daniel Moore (106), Tave Curtis (120), No. 8 Cody Rowles (126), No. 20 Ethan Reiley (132), No. 6 Tony Wood (138) and No. 14 Christian Wittkamp (152) all walked away with individual titles for Jay County.

The Patriots' dominance was best illustrated at 126 pounds, where, with each team allowed two wrestlers per weight class, they took both spots in the championship match. One — the undefeated Rowles — was not surprising. The other — AJ Heskett, who had wrestled just one varsity event previously this year — may have turned some heads.

"I think it's awesome," said Heskett, who recorded two pins in two of his three matches en route to the title match. "I was JV the whole time. And I just proved to everyone that I could do it."

Rowles handled his teammate in the finals, getting a throw in the first 10 seconds and recording a pin in 1 minute, 7 seconds.

"I knew it was a pretty good possibility," said Rowles, who improved to 23-0, of the all-JCHS final.

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Jay County High School sophomore AJ Heskett works toward a pin of Brady Hamilton of Coldwater during the semifinal round of Wednesday's East Central Indiana Classic. Heskett finished off Hamilton in 1 minute, 50 seconds, to set up an all-Jay County championship match against Cody Rowles at 126 pounds.

## Human toll weighs on Indy

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INDIANAPOLIS — As Nick Foles addressed the media Monday night, the stress of this nightmare season for the Indianapolis Colts was etched into every line on his 33-year-old face.

The quarterback did not play well in a 20-3 loss against the Los Angeles Chargers. Hardly anyone on one of the NFL's most impotent offenses did.

Foles is the third man to start under center this season to go along with three offensive coordinators and two head coaches. It's been the kind of chaotic campaign this franchise has managed to avoid for the better part of three decades.

And it's taking a toll on everyone within its gnarly reach.

As Foles tried to explain what it was like throwing three interceptions and absorbing seven sacks during his first start in a calendar year, he began to discuss the human aspect of playing this kids' game.

"At the end of the day, we're people, too," Foles said. "So I think that's the part of the game that sometimes gets lost with all the fantasy football and everything — like, they're human beings. I know I've had neighbors before that they're with me through a season and they're football fans, and by the end of it they're like, 'We don't look at football the same. You're just a person. You're just like us.'"

"And that's the thing. We have an opportunity to be role models up here. And that's why we do it, too. Because there are a lot of kids that are looking at us and want to do this, and we want to set a good example."

The Colts (4-10-1) have lost five straight games and are playing out the string of a lost season.

A head coach search looms in two weeks, even if interim head coach Jeff Saturday figures to be a "great candidate" for the full-time job as owner Jim Irsay said during an interview on ESPN before Monday night's game.

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