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Evaluating the options

Board looks at potential improvements

By RAY COONEY
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Improvements are coming for the junior-senior high school and its outdoor athletic facilities.

What those upgrades will look like is still under discussion.

Jay School Board was presented with three options Monday for a capital improvement project that would include work on the Jay County Junior-Senior High School building as well as its various outdoor athletic facilities.

The board has been discussing potential facility improvements for the last few months, with financial advising firm Baker Tilly indicating in October that the school corporation's bond debts will begin to fall off over the next 10 years, with bonds from previous projects being paid off this year and in 2027, 2028 and 2033. That opens the door for capital improvement projects without increasing the local tax rate, with Gulley saying Monday the firm indicated there is bonding capacity of \$6.1 million this year.

Boozier laid out priorities on a "do now, do next, do in the future" basis at the board's November meeting, with many of those projects involved in the options shared with the board Monday.

All three options — costs indicated are estimates from architecture and engineering firm Barton Coe Vilamaa — include the following:

- Installing synthetic turf at Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium (\$550,000) — this would include construction of new shot put and long jump areas
- Lighting the baseball field (\$338,2000)
- Replacing siding on the south side of the upper gym area (\$325,000)
- Replacing wiring in kitchen (\$243,750)



Graphic provided

The above graphic from a presentation at Monday's Jay School Board meeting shows the area where a "cleathouse" — it would include locker rooms, restrooms and concession stands — would be constructed at the northeast end of the football field as part of a potential capital improvement project at Jay County High School. It is one of the options being discussed. The blue area indicates planned installation of a synthetic turf surface at Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium, which would allow it to accommodate football, soccer, band and other activities.

- Lighting the softball field (\$164,806)
- Replacing the softball field fence and expanding dugouts (\$65,000)
- Adding drop-down batting cages for baseball and softball in the auxiliary gym (\$50,000)

- Leveling the discus area (\$10,000)
- Installing new pool drain valve (\$10,000)
- Maintenance to the existing soccer field turf (\$10,000)
- Tennis court repairs (\$10,000)

The main difference between option A and the two others is that it includes the construction of what is being referred to as a "cleathouse" — it would include locker rooms, restrooms and conces-

sion stands — at the northeast end of the football stadium at a cost of \$3.15 million.

In option B, various work on the high school building replaces the cleathouse. See Options page 5

Robbins to seek second term as mayor

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The mayor will seek a second term.

Jack Robbins on Monday filed paperwork at Jay County Courthouse to seek the Democratic nomination for mayor of Dunkirk.

Also filing Monday was incumbent Democrat Lori Aker-Phillips for Portland clerk-treasurer. Former Dunkirk Mayor Dan Watson, a Republican, filed this morning to run for the at-large seat on Dunkirk City Council.

Robbins became the third Dunkirk official to file, joining incumbent clerk-treasurer Tina Elliott and incumbent city council member Kevin Hamilton.

"I've got so much started," said Robbins, noting upcoming street paving work through an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings Grant, a flood mitigation project, new sidewalks and trails in Dunkirk City Park. He also mentioned commitments he's made to city employees across the board. "I just can't (finish) that in another year."

"I'm happy," he added. "I'm happy with what I see happening in Dunkirk. I'm happy with the new businesses. ... I want to see Dunkirk continue to grow."

Robbins will be seeking his second term as mayor, having served in the office since 2020. He defeated Republican incumbent Gene Ritter in the 2019 general election.

Previously, Robbins served two terms on Dunkirk City Council, six as the city's health and safety officer and four as its zoning administrator. He is a retired union laborer.

He will try to become the first Dunkirk mayor to win a second term since Grant Fager in 1991.

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Changes already underway at sheriff's office

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Changes are coming.

Some have already taken place.

Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton shared various updates with Jay County Commissioners during their meeting Monday about his first week back running the department. One of those updates included officially retiring Mac, the 10-year-old police dog who was unofficially retired two weeks prior to Newton taking office. He also addressed the state of Jay County Jail and a two-year-old invoice.

Mac was unofficially retired in the middle of December after serving about six years on the force. Newton, who took office Jan. 1, said commissioners should have been alerted and asked for approval before the dog was retired. He also advised the county to form an agreement with the canine handler who assumed responsibility for the dog. (County attorney Wes

Schemenaur, who was also in his first meeting in that role, noted the City of Portland had such an agreement with a past Portland Police Department canine's handler.)

Moving forward, Newton said, he doesn't see the need for another police dog.

"I've dealt with so many dogs," he said, referencing his stint as sheriff from 2007 to 2014. As canine handlers moved up the ranks in the sheriff's department, he said, they would hand off their police dogs to another officer.

"Sometimes it's just a headache to have one," said Newton.

Commissioners agreed to officially approve Mac's retirement. Schemenaur said he would draft a formal agreement for commissioners to sign at the next meeting.

Newton also lamented the state of the jail. He listed various issues, including the lack of cleanliness.

"Right now, the jail is a mess,"

he said. "Very dirty, nobody's been cleaning it."

The jail's maintenance worker — Newton said his main responsibility according to the job description is cleaning, but he has been doing other maintenance work — has put in his two weeks' notice.

He added that the building's boilers did not pass state inspection. (Commissioners were not made aware of this prior to Monday, and they repeatedly asked Newton where he learned that information.) Maintenance workers not affiliated with the company that installed the boilers looked into the issue, which Newton worried would void their warranty.

He also pointed out that some of the key fobs have not worked since the new door security system was put in place.

"I encourage you to come over to the jail, because it's something you have to see," he told commissioners. "Chad's already

been over there. It's just, it's just — it's a shame the last eight years this jail has just not been taken care of."

"It's in pretty bad shape," Aker said.

Newton noted the lack of a smooth transition from former sheriff Dwane Ford, who served from 2015 through 2022. He added he would likely be spending a lot of funds in coming months on jail upkeep for safety reasons.

He also addressed a \$37,545.60 invoice from Motorola for a server at the sheriff's office, which was replaced two years ago. (The invoice had been tabled at the last two commissioners meetings.) He said the invoice cannot be paid for through 911 funds. However, he did learn Jay County and the City of Portland signed an agreement to share the cost. He suggested re-negotiating the contract moving forward.

Commissioners agreed to pay

half of the invoice and reach out to Portland about the matter.

Also Monday, Aker shared a letter dated Jan. 5 from Indiana Department of Transportation clarifying information about its plans to replace the Indiana 26 (Water Street) bridge over the Salamonie River. INDOT has already awarded a contract to Milestone Contractors to replace the bridge in April.

The letter details factors in INDOT's decision-making process for the project. It reads, in part:

"The replacement of this bridge is necessary for the safety of the motoring public in the near and long-term future. If INDOT was to solely maintain the existing bridge, the agency would have to establish additional bridge weight restrictions, which would have a negative impact on several businesses, local schools and farms in the area."

See Sheriff's page 2

Deaths

- Donald Theurer, 101, Fort Wayne
 - Janice Vore, 83, Portland
 - Michael Smith, 73, Portland
 - Janice Gerson, 82, Lebanon
 - Robert Brown, 88, rural Union City
 - Sylvia Lawson, 72, Geneva
- Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 42 degrees Monday. The low was 30. Tonight's low will be 33. There is a 20% chance of rain Wednesday with a high of 50. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Personnel Committee has scheduled a meeting for 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse. The meeting of Jay County Council will follow at 6 p.m.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's opening round of the ACAC basketball tournaments.

Friday — A preview of Saturday's show choir competition at Jay County High School.



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Wednesday 1/11	Thursday 1/12	Friday 1/13	Saturday 1/14	Sunday 1/15
50/44 There's a slight chance of rain Wednesday in the afternoon under mostly cloudy skies.	50/30 Thursday's forecast shows an 80% chance of rain with gusts reaching up to 25 mph.	33/23 A slight chance of morning snow. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 23.	35/25 Mostly sunny skies are expected Saturday with a high near 35 degrees.	42/33 Mostly cloudy skies are on the horizon for Sunday with a high around 42.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 18-43-48-60-69 Powerball: 14 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$360 million	19-20-22-24-26-27-28-35-37-42-43-47-60-64-74-77 Cash 5: 23-27-32-33-39 Estimated jackpot: \$199,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$1.1 billion	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-1-6 Pick 4: 2-1-8-0 Pick 5: 1-0-6-2-8 Evening Pick 3: 0-4-9 Pick 4: 5-3-8-1 Pick 5: 6-3-5-1-0 Rolling Cash 5: 1-9-27-31-37 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000 Classic Lotto: 2-9-17-20-33-49 Kicker: 8-3-6-8-7-2 Jackpot: \$3.8 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 8-9-6 Daily Four: 9-5-6-8 Quick Draw: 3-4-13-15-20-21-23-24-30-31-32-35-37-38-43-51-65-67-75-77 Evening Daily Three: 8-9-2 Daily Four: 5-4-4-1 Quick Draw: 1-2-13-16-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.64 Feb. corn.....6.64 Wheat.....6.59	Wheat.....6.65 July wheat.....7.14
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.68 Feb. corn.....6.69 March corn.....6.71	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.50 March corn.....6.52 Beans.....14.77 Feb. beans.....14.80 Wheat.....7.13
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.52 Feb. corn.....6.52 Beans.....14.80 Feb. beans.....14.86	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.22 Feb. corn.....6.24 Beans.....14.62 Feb. beans.....14.68 Wheat.....6.78

Today in history

In 1776, Thomas Paine published the 50-page pamphlet "Common Sense." It called for a war of independence from Great Britain and sold more than 500,000 copies within a few months.

In 1861, Florida seceded from the United States during a convention in Tallahassee. During the following month, it was one of six states to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1901, the first major Texas oil field was discovered near Beaumont.

In 1945, singer/songwriter Rod Stewart was born in London. He released his first solo album in 1969, with two songs, including "Maggie May" reaching No. 1. Rolling Stone named him "rock star of the year."

In 1946, the general assembly of the United Nations met for the first time in London. The organization was developed following World War II in an effort to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" among other goals. —The CR

In 1949, boxer George Foreman was born in Marshall, Texas. He is a two-time boxing world heavyweight champion. He won his second title in 1994 at the age of 45, making him the oldest world champion in history.

In 1972, local farmers met in the fourth of a series of luncheons to discuss Jay County's crop crisis. John Jaqua Sr., who organized the meeting, said cash receipts from soybeans were expected to be 70% of normal and from corn 75% of normal.

In 1984, after a break of more than 100 years, diplomatic relations were established between the United States and the Vatican.

In 2020, the Jay County High School girls swim team lost the Jay County Invitational by a single point to New Bremen. Juniors Ashlyn Dow and Eliza Bader picked up the wins for the Patriots, with the former taking the 100-yard breaststroke and the latter winning the 100 butterfly.

Citizen's calendar

Today 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Central, 118 S. Meridian St.	Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Monday, Jan. 16 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	
Wednesday 5:45 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.,	7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Donald Theurer

April 26, 1921-Dec. 9, 2022
Donald L. Theurer went to be with the Lord and his loving wife, Thelma, on Dec. 9, 2022.

He was born April 26, 1921, in Jay County, Indiana to Mathias and Pearl (Baldauf) Theurer. He graduated from Madison Township High School in 1939 as class valedictorian.

After joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in November 1942, he spent one year in training and two years in the ETO where he was attached to XIX Corps headquarters as a radio operator. In 1948, he graduated from Tri-State University with high honors and was later awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award. After working four years for Zenith Radio, he joined Magnavox in 1953 and retired in 1986 with 33 years service in engineering and management.

He was a lifelong Lutheran and since 1971 was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He was also a member of The Air Force Association and of the American Legion Post 82.

On April 30, 2021, he was recognized in celebration of his 100th birthday and his military service in World War II by Indiana Representative, Hon. Jim Banks, when his name was read into the U.S. Congressional Record.

His hobbies were golf, genealogy and woodworking. One of his woodworking projects was to design and build grandfather clocks so that each of his grandchildren would have a Theurer-built clock.

His loving wife of nearly 65 years, Thelma Mae, preceded him in death on Oct. 8, 2010. His parents and brother, George, also preceded him in death.

He was a loving, devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by three children, Philip (Linda) of Mechanicsville, Virginia, Gregory (Phyllis) of Seattle and Marla (Roger) Reece of Winston Salem, North Carolina. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Kelly (Mathew) Martineau, Brandon (Stephanie) Theurer, Kendra (Phillip) Atkinson, Winston Reece and McKinnon Reece; three great-granddaughters, Ruby and Stella Martineau, and Ella Atkinson; and three great-grandsons, Tristan Atkinson and Wyatt and Ezra Theurer.

Services will be conducted at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland, Indiana. Visitation will be

from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at the funeral home. A brief service will follow at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Salomon Cemetery at Salomon, Indiana, with American Legion honor guard.

A memorial service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stelloh Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. Family will be receiving guests starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, at the church.

Memorials to Messiah Lutheran Church Memorial Fund to be used at their discretion.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.



Theurer

Janice Vore

Oct. 9, 1939-Jan. 6, 2023

Janice M. Vore, age 83, a resident of Portland, passed away on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland. She was a former resident of Redkey.

Janice was born on Oct. 9, 1939, in Salomon, Indiana, the daughter of Robert J. and Myrtle L. (Smith) Pearson. She graduated from Pennville High School in 1957 and worked for NAAS Foods in Portland and CarQuest in Dunkirk.

She married Richard L. Vore on Dec. 21, 1957, and he passed away in 1976.

Survivors include: Two sons —Richard "Mike" Vore, Albany, Indiana, and Robert Vore (wife: Candy), Redkey, Indiana

Two sisters — Roberta Duncan (husband: James), Ossian, Indiana, and Ruth "Joan" Teeters (husband: Clinton), New Paris, Indiana

Nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her son, Randal Vore.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Pastor Herb Hummel will officiate and burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery, south of Redkey.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Michael Smith

June 23, 1949-Jan. 6, 2023

Michael R. Smith, age 73, of Portland passed away on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at his residence.

He was born in Muncie, Indiana,

on June 23, 1949, the son of Walter and LaVaughn (Rosinski) Smith and raised by his stepfather George Feierstein. He was married on March 16, 1985, to Susie Alig who survives.

Mike was retired from the Telephone Company as a communication tech. He was a charter member of the American Legion in Ridgeville, a member of Dunkirk Moose Lodge and a 1968 Redkey High School graduate.

Surviving are his wife Susie; one son, Mike R. Smith Jr. of Portland; two daughters, Kathy Shaffer (husband: Jon) of Cartersville, Illinois, and Jennifer Smith of Portland; three grandchildren, Braden Smith, Faith Kahlig and Jacey Smith; and one great-grandson Barrett Smith.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Darrell Borders presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery in Portland. Visitation will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Ascera Care Hospice or Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Janice Gerson

Sept. 19, 1940-Jan. 2, 2023

Janice G. Goodrich Gerson, 82, of Lebanon, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2023.

Janice was born in Portland, Indiana, on Sept. 19, 1940, the daughter of Perce Gordon and Francis Ann (Hawkins) Goodrich.

Janice graduated from Portland High School, William Woods Junior College and the University of Chattanooga. She lived in Lebanon from 1970 to 1990, and Zionsville for 10 years.

While in Lebanon and Zionsville, she was active in the early 4-H cat program. She also taught at Perry Worth Elementary School. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck of Indianapolis and a life member of Hadassah.

After the death of her husband, Alex, in 1992, she moved to Beaver Island, Michigan, where she lived for 24 years.

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Smith



Vore



Gerson

Sheriff's ...

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Local resident Jenny Bricker has been leading an effort to preserve the bridge in its original location. She noted plans to host a community picture day at 3 p.m. Sunday and send the picture to INDOT.

In other business, commissioners Brian McGalliard, Rex Jounay and Aker:

- Heard from Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards. He reviewed his organization's work over the last year relating to economic development, housing, infrastructure and workforce. Projects this year include adding to the new online community calendar through Yodel, working with recruitment program MakeMyMove as it attracts new residents to Jay County and implementing plans to spend a portion of American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Process.
- Discussed installing

podiums for county officials to use in Jay County Courthouse auditorium similar to those used by Portland City Council. Commissioners talked about potentially moving their meetings to the auditorium and outfitting it with new recording equipment.

- Learned from Jay County highway superintendent Eric Butcher that Co-Alliance Cooperative was selected as January's fuel supplier. (Commissioners agreed to handle fuel quotes on a monthly basis for all of 2023.) The department ordered 1,400 gallons of gasoline at \$3.1395 per gallon and 4,500 gallons of diesel fuel at \$2.9774 per gallon, or a total cost of just under \$17,800.
- Signed an annual operating contract with LifeStream Services and an agreement to add another bus to its fleet for Jay County. Transportation manager Kevin DeCamp explained he is waiting on several regular-sized buses

because of supply chain issues but was able to secure a minibus.

- Retained officer appointments from 2022 and divided board assignments. Aker will remain president, with McGalliard serving as vice president. Jounay remained president of Jay County Drainage Board and McGalliard remained vice president.
- Reappointed Judith Affolder, Diana Stults and Jon Funk to the Jay County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals per recommendation from assessor Robin Albersen.
- OK'd Jay County Courthouse superintendent Bruce Sutton to apply for a county credit card for fuel purchases.
- Paid various claims, including \$252,584 for two Western Star chassis for Jay County Highway Department, \$10,268.91 for a loan payment on the backhoe owned by Jay County Surveyor's Office, and \$999.60 for postage at Jay County Circuit Court.

SERVICES

Thursday

Vore, Janice: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Garr, Leslie: 1 p.m., Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 2905 Carson Ave., Indianapolis.

Smith, Michael: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Lawson, Sylvia: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Saturday

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

Sunday

Gerson, Janice: 2 p.m., Myers Mortuary, 1502 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon.

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Colleges address student hunger crisis

By ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ

The Denver Post
Tribune News Service

DENVER — Metropolitan State University of Denver's newest strategy to address student hunger is Rowdy's Corner — a 1,000-square-foot former campus convenience store turned free-food-and-supplies stop for students.

Not only is the space new, but the attitude around it is reinvented, too.

The Auraria Campus institution is intentionally avoiding calling the location a "food pantry" in an attempt to shed the stigma students may have around the term and encourage them to use the offerings shame-free.

"We've seen a huge increase in demand from our students, and I think part of that is the continued impacts of the pandemic and cost of living in Denver, but also about us doing a better job at communicating what support looks like and how to find support and that you don't have to be in crisis to connect with your community and get a bit of help," said Miguel Huerta, MSU Denver's assistant

director of community engagement and programs.

But MSU Denver is just one of many Colorado higher education institutions working to keep students and their families fed.

As college student demographics shift to include a more diverse population — parents, low-income learners and people facing housing instability, for example — colleges must adapt to meet students where they're at, said Roberto Montoya, chief educational equity officer at the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

Nearly 40% of students at two-year higher education institutions and almost 30% of students at four-year institutions are food insecure, according to a 2020 survey of more than 195,000 students across the country conducted by the Hope Center for College, Community and Justice at Temple University.

Locally, colleges are seeing a huge demand for food resources, particularly as ongoing fallout from the pandemic, Montoya said.

"We need our institutions to be learner-ready as opposed to learners being college-ready," Montoya said. "This requires us to change and rethink how we approach serving our students and doing it through the lens of dignity. It requires us to understand learners have differentiated needs and we have to be able to respond to those needs in a nimble way. I think institutions are doing a great job of that."

The state higher education department maintains a hunger-free campus checklist, a statewide initiative providing a rubric that institutions can follow to better address food insecurity on their campuses. Some of the tasks include offering food pantries, holding hunger-related awareness events and helping students sign up for SNAP benefits.

The Colorado institutions that currently meet the hunger-free requirements are: Aims Community College, Colorado Mesa University, all Colorado Mountain College campuses, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University in Fort

Collins and Pueblo, Fort Lewis College, MSU Denver, Pueblo Community College, Technical College of the Rockies, and the University of Colorado's Anschutz, Boulder and Denver campuses.

At MSU Denver, the last iteration of Rowdy's Corner was much smaller, tucked away in a "closet-like" space that lacked much decoration or personality, Huerta said. The new location is 10 times larger in a centrally-located spot inside the Tivoli Student Union and was built to resemble a market and community space.

"It's more aesthetically pleasing," Huerta said.

Students often feel like they're taking food away from someone who needs it more than they do by using Rowdy's Corner, Huerta said, but the school is trying to banish this way of thinking and stress that it's OK to stop by and grab something if you're hungry.

In addition to items like fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, snacks, hygiene and school supplies, Huerta said Rowdy's Corner intends to be a conduit for other services that can help students in

need, including financial coaching, nutrition consulting, cooking demonstrations and signing students up for SNAP benefits.

About a third of Aims Community College students who participated in a college-wide survey last year said they were skipping meals because they couldn't afford to eat more than once a day.

"There is a high number of college students that are food insecure," said Patty Schulz, Aims's hunger-free campus coordinator. "They're choosing not to eat so that their kids can eat, or they're skipping meals because they can't afford to eat more than once a day. So we started doing some research on how we could mitigate that."

The community college opened Arty's Pantry, an on-campus resource for food and supplies available on the school's Greeley, Windsor, Fort Lupton and Loveland campuses.

In the past five years, as Aims leadership noticed an increasing need to address hunger among the student population, the college initiated a number of events and pro-

grams designed to help. From free cooking demonstrations to providing students with a \$20 Walmart gift card each week during the pandemic to an on-campus free food and supply pantry with an online ordering system,

Arty's Pantry partners with Weld Food Bank and serves students an array of items such as canned tuna, pasta and sauce, coffee, shampoo, tampons and condoms — all for free. Students can place one order per week and receive 15 credits to use to stock up on goods they may need.

Arty's averages about 150 orders per week, Schulz said.

The food pantry started in 2018 and expanded to online ordering with no-contact pickup during the pandemic. As the need has grown, so has the pantry, said Schulz, who has applied for grants to help keep it stocked.

"One of the main things I want to focus on is breaking the stigma of using this resource," Schulz said. "There's nothing wrong with using this resource if you need it. It's like financial aid for food."

Trauma sticks around for Virginia woman

DEAR ABBY: When I was 13, my 10-year-old cousin let a boy we did not know well into my house. Nobody else was there with us. He told her he wanted to "make out" with me, and he came upstairs. I confronted him and told him to leave. Later on, I told my mother about the incident, thinking I would be commended on my bravery.

Shortly afterward, against my will, she insisted my aunt, a hairstylist, cut my long hair up to my chin. I sobbed during the entire ordeal. My hair had given me con-

Dear Abby



fidence about my looks, which I needed because I was large-chested and embarrassed at that age about it. By cutting my hair against my will, my mother made me no longer trust her and think she didn't love me or like me.

In later years, I realized she may have done it so I would not attract boys and there would be less risk of my being harmed by a boy like the one who got into our house. If that was the case, she should have sat me down and explained that the boy could have hurt, raped or even killed me. I am giving her the benefit of the doubt.

Recently, my aunt and I had a falling-out, and I remembered she was the one who actually did the cutting. I am feeling resentment toward her after

all these years. I would like parents to know that cutting a teenager's hair at such a vulnerable stage of their development should not be a punishment. It is disrespectful and oversteps a child's boundaries. Am I correct in my thinking? — STILL REMEMBERS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR STILL REMEMBERS: Yes, you are. Your mother punished you for being an attractive young girl, which wasn't your fault. What she did was a form of assault and blaming the vic-

tim, and it was outrageous. It's a shame your aunt couldn't have talked some sense into your mother.

P.S. You did nothing wrong. Your cousin let the boy into the house, and your cousin should have been lectured about it.

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

Community Calendar

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Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8

p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

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

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the board room at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

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

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

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

Sudoku

		6	1	9		2	4	8
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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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Comments were just reprehensible

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

The full-contact sport of football is one that is rife with risks.

The public and the players have for some time known the dangers posed to the brain by the forceful blows to the head that occur during regular gameplay, leading first to concussions and then commonly and devastatingly to conditions like chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

Yet every part of the body is at risk in such a physical vio-

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lent sport, including the heart, a fact that was made agonizingly evident Monday night as Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin suffered an apparent cardiac arrest after a relatively routine tackle in a game against the Cincinnati Bengals

and then collapsed on the field. He was administered CPR and a defibrillator treatment and then rushed to the hospital.

It's not altogether clear exactly what happened, though some medical professionals have speculated Hamlin suffered a relatively rare condition known as commotio cordis, caused by a blow to the chest at a critical moment in the cardiac cycle. The uncertainty is natural in an evolving medical situation, yet that hasn't stopped unscrupulous conspiracists from exploiting this painful

event for their own nauseating agenda.

Dimwits like perennially wrong right-wing operative Charlie Kirk hadn't even waited for Hamlin to be taken off the field before they began spinning yarns about the supposed culpability of the COVID vaccine, without any evidence and before even the paramedics on the scene could ascertain definitively what was happening. In their zeal to be reflexively contrarian for political gain and profit, these cretins will latch onto anything to insinuate that the life-

saving vaccines are sinister or even deadly, pitting their know-nothing word against that of countless medical professionals and researchers.

The thing they always glide over is that no one wants us to take ineffective and dangerous treatments, and in fact we have whole regulatory agencies dedicated to ensuring that; yet the vaccines have been exhaustively tested and studied, and saved many millions of lives worldwide. Some more would be saved if these agitators would drop their reprehensible act.

America still waits on Real ID

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

"Government" and "ineptitude" are two words forever joined at the hip. The latest example is a doozy.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the U.S., Congress enacted the Real ID Act, a sensible measure aimed at safeguarding air travel. The law requires travelers 18 and older to show a Real ID-compliant driver's license or identification card — or another Transportation Security Administration-approved ID like a passport or a global entry card — before boarding a domestic flight.

The reason for the change is obvious. The 9/11 hijackers were able to board their flights using American driver's licenses and state IDs, most of which had been fraudulently acquired. These days, fake driver's licenses are easily purchased online and thus ubiquitous.

The law was enacted in 2005, and initially was supposed to take effect in 2008. What's downright baffling is the fact that 15 years have gone by, and Real ID remains a worthy idea derailed by government inertia.

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas recently announced that the May 3, 2023, deadline for enforcement of the law has once again been extended, this time to May 7, 2025.

"This extension will give states needed time to ensure their residents can obtain a Real ID-compliant license or identification card," Mayorkas said.

Needed time? States were given their marching orders in 2005 — nearly 18 years ago. Sadly, deadline extensions pockmark the history of Real ID. There are myriad reasons for the delays, but selfish politics, government inefficiency and lack of coordination between levels of government are prime culprits.

At first, many states expressed reluctance to comply, in part because of concerns about cost. In reality, implementation didn't represent a massive hit on state budgets — in many cases, states already had the means and technology to transition to Real ID.

States like Montana and Maine viewed the law as an intrusion on states' rights and passed laws opposing Real ID. In Illinois, Democrats in power in Springfield resisted

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obeying a national security mandate handed down by a Republican administration; Real ID was passed under President George W. Bush.

At times, reasons for delays had merit. The pandemic forced several deadline postponements, including the Department of Homeland Security's decision to push off enforcement until May 2023. More often than not, however, petty politics was the reason for roadblocks to implementation.

Janet Napolitano, who was Homeland Security secretary from 2009 to 2013, was a fierce opponent of Real ID. Before she joined President Barack Obama's Cabinet, she was Arizona's governor and signed into law a measure opting out of Real ID. Once she took over DHS, she publicly spoke out against the law as an unneeded cost, prompting many states to drop their push to comply.

Still, Napolitano left Homeland Security 10 years ago, and since her departure there hasn't been nearly enough headway made. Roughly a third of Americans still do not have any form of identification that would meet the act's requirements.

What's needed is much stronger cooperation between Mayorkas' department and state governments, specifically each state's department of motor vehicles, as well as a much more robust public awareness campaign that nudges Americans to update their driver's licenses and identification cards so that they're Real ID-compliant.

The bottom line is that, over the years, administrations at both the federal and state level have repeatedly and needlessly struggled to execute a law that bolsters security for commercial air travel. It's hard to argue against a measure that doesn't really saddle states with exorbitant costs, and ensures that travelers at airports are really who they claim to be.

With the new deadline set at 2025, it will be 17 years before Real ID comes to fruition. That's not an example of exemplary governance — it's an epic fail.



Kudos on (most) priorities

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Some of Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb's budget priorities will no doubt be controversial — especially to conservatives who focus solely on tax cuts and never see a reason to increase government spending.

But he should get credit for recognizing some long-known needs, as well as acknowledging the state is at a tipping point for other necessary investments.

Sending money back to taxpayers isn't always the right choice when so much is being ignored or left undone.

The first of those is to finally cover the cost of textbooks and curricular materials for all students in the state. It might seem like an obvious part of the obligation to provide a free public education, but parents have been spending hundreds of dollars on these fees for years.

There are only seven states that don't cover the costs now.

It does cost money — about \$160 million per year — but only \$121 million would be new money. Indiana already budgets \$39 million per year for textbook reimbursement for the 440,000 Hoosier students who qualify for free or reduced lunches.

With billions in the bank and tax revenues growing it is long overdue for lawmakers to follow Holcomb's lead on this simple change.

The governor also deserves credit for putting an emphasis on increased wages for all state employees and especially state troopers with the Indiana State Police.

As the economy has changed and workers have begun driving higher pay from the private sector, wages are rising in all areas. And government has to keep pace with

that to compete for a shortage of workers.

Indiana State Police recruitment has been abysmal. In the last ISP recruitment class, there were only 23 candidates, making it the smallest class since 1946, the Kokomo Tribune reported.

Some of that is likely due to increased pressure on officers amid a move for social justice reform. But pay is also a factor.

The governor's administration noted that the current starting salary for state officers is \$53,690, which is "significantly below" other law enforcement agencies in the state, according to the Indiana State Police Alliance.

He proposes raising the starting salary of state police troopers to \$70,000 at a cost of \$36 million per year.

Holcomb is seeking an additional \$160 million per year to increase salaries for other state employees. He's hoping such a move will help attract and retain more state workers.

One other area Holcomb has identified is expanding eligibility to state-subsidized early childhood education. On My Way Pre K was initially created in 2014 to provide access to free high-quality preschool services for children from families with low incomes.

It was initially in only pilot counties but was expanded statewide, though the funding for it has been stagnant at \$22 million a year for at least six years. Enrollment in 2019 was 3,500 and it is now 6,200.



Niki Kelly

Holcomb wants to raise the income eligibility criteria from 127% to 138% of the federal poverty limit, meaning 5,000 more families would be eligible.

Many of Indiana's education metrics are lagging and the state's sagging workforce is a major issue for employers. The state spends hundreds of millions to entice companies to locate or grow here but if there is no one to fill the jobs it won't matter.

Starting at the beginning with quality prekindergarten opportunities is an obvious win.

This isn't to say there aren't some things I disagree with in Holcomb's agenda. I think putting another \$500 million into READI grants — this time state dollars, not federal — is a stretch. The current round of these quality-of-place projects are still in their infancy. Can local units of government find ways to spend the money? Absolutely. Are there some incredible projects in the works? Yes. But using more and more state dollars to incentivize private investment seems to go against conservative capitalist philosophies.

And lastly, a push to make the tenderloin the state sandwich is just lame. I am not sure if it was said in jest or if there will actually be a bill. Call me a party pooper, but these types of bills have only grown in recent years, and I am tiring of wasting time and resources on them.

A state insect, fossil, rifle and snack have been added in recent years. Let's leave the tenderloin to dinner debate.

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Obituaries

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She spent winters in Sarasota, Florida, and stopped in Lebanon for spring and fall visits. While on Beaver Island, she started the audio book program for the district library. In 2015, she moved back to Lebanon to retire.
She was preceded in

death by her husband, Alex Gerson; and her brother, John B. Goodrich.
She is survived by her sister-in-law Sarona; her daughter, Cynthia Fisk of Sandusky, Ohio; three grandchildren; her sister, Elizabeth Orrill of Madison, Indiana; as well as two nieces and two nephews,

all of whom live in Portland, Indiana. Also surviving are her friend of 50 years, Dr. Paul Nordman; and her best friend, Opal, her French Bulldog.
Donations may be made to the Witham Foundation or the Boone County Humane Society.
A memorial service is

planned for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, at Myers Mortuary with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. Burial of ashes will be entrusted to Baird-Freeman Funeral Home of Portland, Indiana.
Robert Brown, rural Union City, a Portland native, Oct. 10, 1934-Jan. 6, 2023.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.
Sylvia Louise Lawson, Geneva, Sept. 19, 1950-Dec. 29, 2022. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington Street, Geneva
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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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Options ...

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That includes replacing two sections of the roof (\$418,000), renovation of the commons (\$300,000), replacing awnings (\$240,000) and replacing carpet in the IMC (library) (\$165,000).

Option C replaces the cleathouse with the installation of synthetic turf of the baseball (\$1.2 million) and softball (\$550,000) fields.

Options A and B also include terrazzo floor improvements in the school's main hallways and commons area at a cost of \$140,000. Option C does not.

Options B and C also include the construction of a restroom facility (\$200,000) at the southwest corner of the football field.

Options A and C include installing fiberoptic communications to all venues (\$50,000), replacing light poles along the access road (\$50,000) and adding cameras to athletic facilities and the north entrance (\$10,000). Option B does not.

Costs of each option are as follows:

Option A — \$5.94 million in bond spending with an additional \$1.3 million from the operations fund over the course of five years

Option B — \$5.25 million in bond spending with \$30,000 from the operations fund in 2023

Option C — \$5.4 million in bond spending with \$355,000 from the operations fund in 2023

None of the options brought forward Monday include the demolition of the football stadium with the home bleachers to be flipped to the opposite side of the field. (The board discussed the life of the concrete stadium, noting that such a project will be needed in the future.)

"You're going to find more that we want to do than we can afford

What are the differences?

All three proposals for capital improvement projects at Jay County Junior-Senior High School include synthetic turf for the football field, lights for the baseball and softball fields, replacing kitchen wiring, replacing metal siding on the gym and a handful of lower-cost items. Shaded areas below indicate that an item is included in the options as presented Monday to Jay School Board.

	Option A	Option B	Option C
Awning replacement			
Baseball/softball turf			
Cleathouse			
Commons renovation			
IMC carpet			
Restroom facility			
Roof section replacement			
Terrazzo floor			

to do," noted Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley.

Board members Ron Laux, Donna Geesaman, Phil Ford, Jason Phillips, Vickie Reitz, Marcie Vormohr and Chip Phillips had a lengthy discussion about the options at the two-hour meeting, with Ford advocating for Option A. He asked both Boozier and junior-senior high principal Chad Dodd their opinions on the options, specifically asking the former which option came closest to following the "do now, do next, do in the future" timeline he had previously presented.

"I think Option A benefits the most kids," said Boozier, saying that also follows the timeline most effectively. "I just think it benefits the largest number of students, both athletically and academically, co-curricularly, of the three options, for what we can do now." Dodd concurred.

Geesaman and Laux both expressed concern about Option A because of the cost difference and the need to dip deeper into the operations fund than in the other two options. They both said they were leaning toward Option B.

During the conversation, Ford also asked school corporation maintenance director Mark Myers for his thoughts. He suggested that the football field turf and cleathouse, whenever they are done, should be installed in tandem because of concerns about electrical and plumbing service.

Reitz and Chip Phillips later indicated that they were inclined to favor the option that serves the most students.

The board plans to revisit the project at its Jan. 23 meeting, during which it has scheduled a public hearing to present information and receive public comment. The

board could then vote to approve a project.

If a project is selected to move forward, the board would then work toward bonding with plans to award a project bidder in April. In other business, the board:

- Re-elected Laux as president, Geesaman as vice president and Ford as secretary.

- Appointed Coldren, Frantz & Sprunger (Josh Atkinson) as corporation attorney and Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim (Amy Matthews) as legal counsel on an as-needed basis. Their appointments came on a 6-1 vote with Ford dissenting. He had asked that the item be tabled. When asked why he wanted it tabled, he said he preferred not to discuss his reasons in a public meeting but added that they were unrelated to Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim.

- Made the following appointments for the year: All school board members to the corporation's board of finance; Shannon Current as treasurer; Irene Taylor as deputy treasurer; Trent Paxson, Current and Taylor as users of the safe deposit box; and Current and Taylor as small claims court representatives.

- Heard the following appointments: Reitz, Geesaman and Chip Phillips to the board's insurance committee by Gulley; Geesaman, Ford and Laux to the negotiations committee by Laux; and Reitz as school board legislative delegate by Laux.

- Approved several hirings, including Jason Minnich and Kelsey White as instructional assistants and Ashlyn Dow and Chantel Beiswanger as junior high swim coaches.

- Accepted the resignation of Kadie Hall as front office secretary at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Fund balances have been increasing

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The financial outlook for Jay Schools is strong.

In addition to its regular board meeting Monday, Jay School Board members met as the Jay School Corporation Board of Finance and received updates.

School corporation business manager Shannon Current told the board that balances in the education, operations and rainy day funds have all increased significantly over the last five years.

The education fund — it

was previously known as the general fund — had a balance of about \$6.6 million at the end of 2022. That's up from about \$5.7 million. It had dipped to under \$1.5 million in 2017 and has been growing since then.

The story is similar for the operations fund, which was in the black but near zero in 2013, 2014 and 2015. It has finished each of the last two years at just over \$3 million.

The rainy day fund balance, which had been just above zero from 2010

through 2015 now has a balance of just over \$1.8 million.

And the food service fund balance has increased to just over \$1.3 million at the close of 2022. It was at \$113,867 prior to Chartwells taking over management of the school corporation's food service for the 2019-2020 school year.

Current noted that the financial gains made by the corporation have come despite enrollment continuing to fall. The school corporation had a total of

2,910 students as of Dec. 1. That's down from 3,503 during the 2012-13, an average drop of nearly 60 students per year. (State funding is based on enrollment.)

"The reason our cash balance continues to grow even though we have declining enrollment is because we've closed buildings, which reduces staff and benefits," said Current.

Staffing levels dropped from a high of 548 in 2009 to 413 in 2021. Jay School Corporation has 418

employees this year. Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley noted that the uptick was made possible via use of funds from the three federal coronavirus relief measures.

Also Monday, the board of finance elected Ron Laux president and Phil Ford secretary.

It approved First Merchants Bank and First Bank of Berne as depositories, reviewed the corporation's investment policy and reviewed a report of its investments.

Sigh ...

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Rather than putting 18-ranked Christian Wittkamp up against No. 4 Mitchell Betz at 152 pounds, Myers opted to use Daidrick Retz in that slot believing Wittkamp would have a better opportunity to put up points against No. 14 Deaglan Pleak at 160. Retz suffered a loss by pin and then Wittkamp did as well, getting put on his back at the 1:27 mark of the first period and pinned a few seconds later.

"We dropped one in there that we needed really bad," said Myers. "And we didn't get any bonus points in there."

"But that's what we say — we've got to win some matches, we've got to pick up some bonus points in different places."

Western added a third consecutive win at 170 as Brandt Gamble escaped a pinning situation against Juaquin Flores and came back from a 5-2 deficit for a 7-6 win thanks to a stalling calling in the third period. That gave the Panthers a 22-13 lead and put them in control.

"We had a shot for a pin there

early with Juaquin Flores, and then we ended up losing that match," said Myers. "That's a nine-point swing."

"We had opportunities, we just couldn't quite capitalize."

Consecutive wins from A.J. Myers, Bryce Wenk and Alan Ortiz gave the Patriots the lead again, but they would not win another match. Western went back ahead with a pin by Jordan Cree over Conner Specht at heavyweight and 20th-ranked Benton Kanable sealed the victory for his team when he pinned Sylas Wenk during the third period of their 106-pound match. That gave the Panthers an insurmountable eight-point lead with only one match remaining.

Shepherd said he knew his team matched up well with Belmont, but rolling out to a 46-0 lead in the opening match of the day was a surprise that served as a spark.

"When that happened, I think just a switch flipped," said Shepherd.

And the Panthers had learned a lesson from their lone loss — a one-

point defeat to Class 1A No. 1 Rochester.

"We talked and talked and talked," Shepherd added. "To win this tournament, you can't give up bonus points. And we didn't."

Jay County lost its first match in both the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, but was never really in danger.

In the quarterfinals against Rensselaer Central, which upset No. 9 Wawasee in the opening round, the Patriots used that 126 to 152 stretch to push to a 24-9 lead. The Bombers clawed back to within nine before AJ Myers scored a major decision and Wenk locked up the team win with a pin of Trenton Simmons in 1:12. The final score was 40-21 in favor of Jay County.

Rematching with Norwell in the semifinals after winning the regular-season matchup 52-24, JCHS won six straight matches from 120 to 152 — Taye Curtis, Rowles, Ethan Reiley, Wood and Wittkamp all delivered pins — for a 33-6 advantage. Three matches later, AJ Myers' pin of Zach Willson as time

Mayor ...

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In addition to current projects, Robbins noted the need for housing, constructing a water tower to add capacity and continuing to make progress

toward items on the city's five-year master utility plan as goals for a second term.

"We're out of housing," said Robbins.

"Quincy Place ... in the

last two years we've put in the last 13 houses on the lots they had. It's full. ...

"We're pushing out limit on our water tower. ...

"So that's what I'm

going to push on, more water sources, more housing."

Aker-Phillips is seeking her third term as Portland's clerk-treasurer. She defeated Republican

incumbent Mickey Scott in the 2015 election and was unopposed for re-election in 2019.

Watson, who served as Dunkirk's mayor from 2012 through 2015, has

served two previous terms on city council. He is currently on the city's board of works.

The seat he is currently running for is currently held by Tom Johnson.

Swim ...

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Wendel obliterated his previous school record in the boys 500 freestyle as he finished second to Oak Hill's Andrew Scalf in 5:38.8. The previous top time for the Tribe was 5:54.69.

He also posted a third-place finish in the 200 individual medley.

Kaup also recorded a runner-up finish, reaching the wall in 26.59 to trail Ada's Charlie Oldfield (26.28). Union City's Elly O'Connor, who trains with the JCHS team, was fourth in 26.69.

Senior Mara Bader led Jay County to its third-place finish as a team, placing in the top five in a pair of individual events. She trailed only Emma Bledsoe of Oak Hill in the 100 breaststroke as she finished in 1:11.62 with Fort Recovery's Audra Bubb behind her in third at 1:14.01.

Bader was also fifth in the 200 individual medley. She also anchored the top relay finish for the Patriots, joining Lauren Fisher, Aubrey Millspaugh and Morgan DeHoff for fourth in the 200 freestyle.

Along with top-eight diving efforts Friday night — Maddy snow was third and Anastasiya Fomina eighth — Millspaugh was fourth in the 500 freestyle and ninth in the 200 freestyle, Fisher finished seventh in the 100 freestyle and eighth in the 50 freestyle and DeHoff placed eighth in the 100 breaststroke.

Wyatt Kunkler and Jacob Monroe each posted fifth-place finishes to lead the Jay County boys. Kunkler continued to improve his 50 freestyle time as he recorded a 24.46 and Monroe finished the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.26.

Kunkler was also sixth in the 100 freestyle, and Monroe placed seventh in the 200 individual medley.

Kaup added a fifth-place finish in the 100 freestyle for the Fort Recovery girls and Bubb was sixth in the 200 individual medley.

Indian girls win

BERNE — Fort Recovery's girls scored 79 points Monday to defeat St. Henry (49) and New Bremen (38) as they hosted a meet at South Adams.

The Tribe boys scored 45 points to finish behind New Bremen (89) and ahead of St. Henry (15).

Fortkamp and Bubb paced the Indian girls with two individual wins apiece. Fortkamp was first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 freestyle while Bubb took the top spot in the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley.

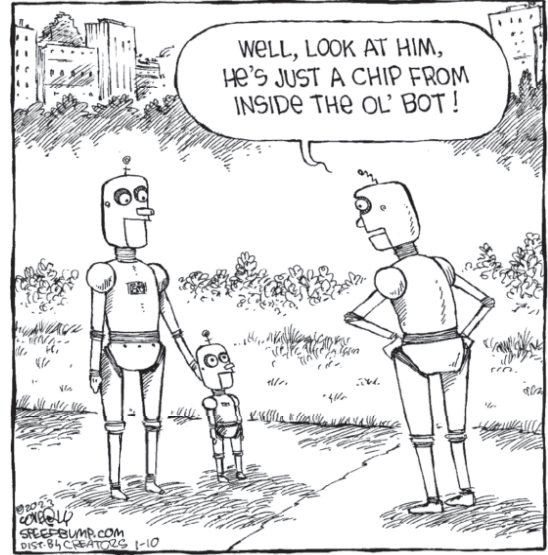
Joelle Kaup was first in the 100 backstroke and Abby Knapke won the diving competition.

Fortkamp, Bubb and Paige also teamed with Paige Guggenbiller to win the 200 medley relay and Autumn Leuthold for first in the 200 freestyle relay.

Fort Recovery's boys picked up two victories, with Sage Wendel winning the 100 backstroke and Caleb Smith taking first in diving.

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By Bil Keane



"Does that milk come from skinny cows?"

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By Steve Becker

The one that got away

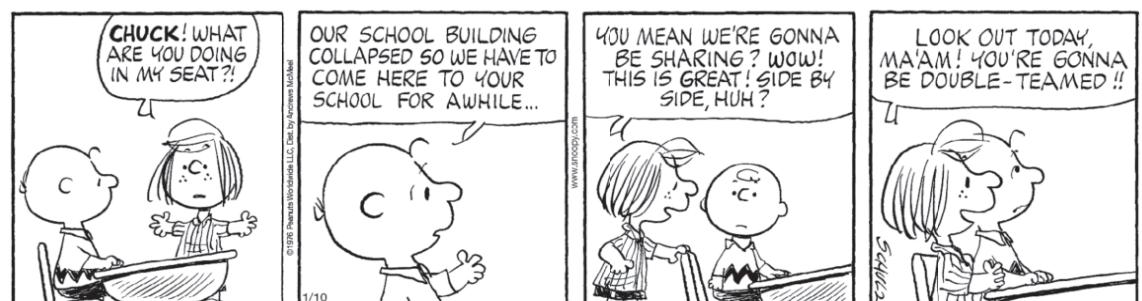
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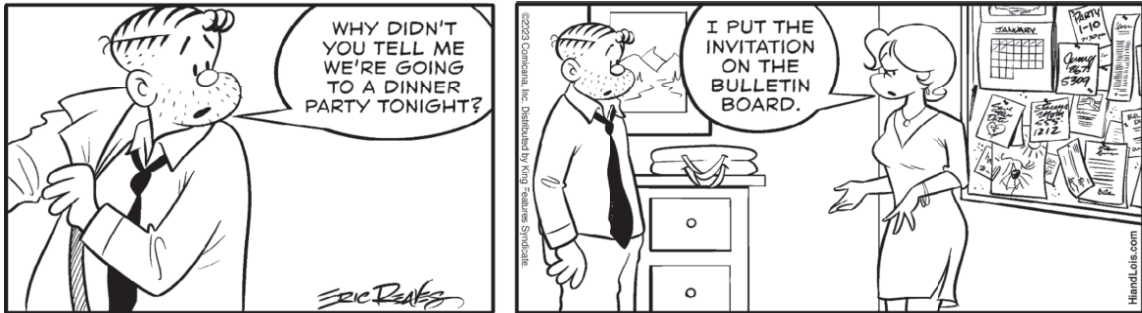
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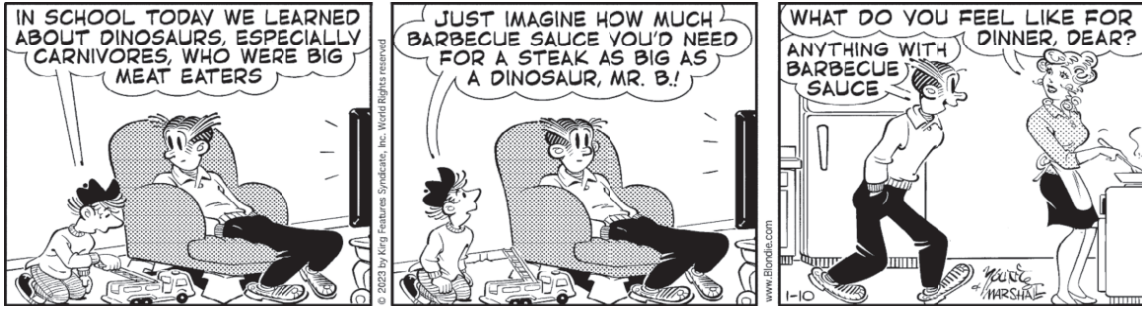
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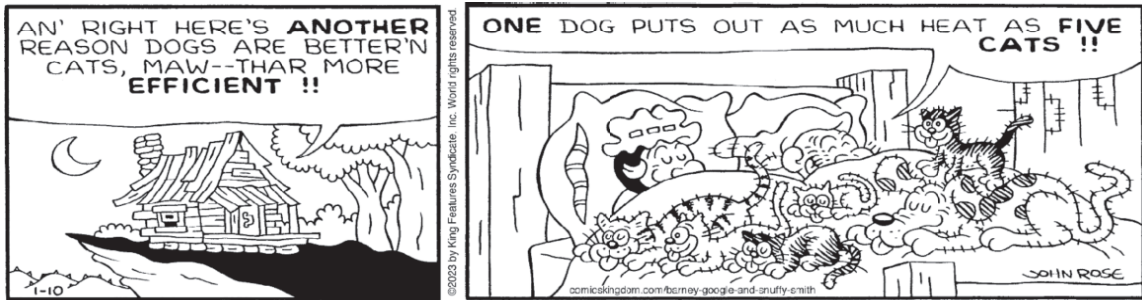
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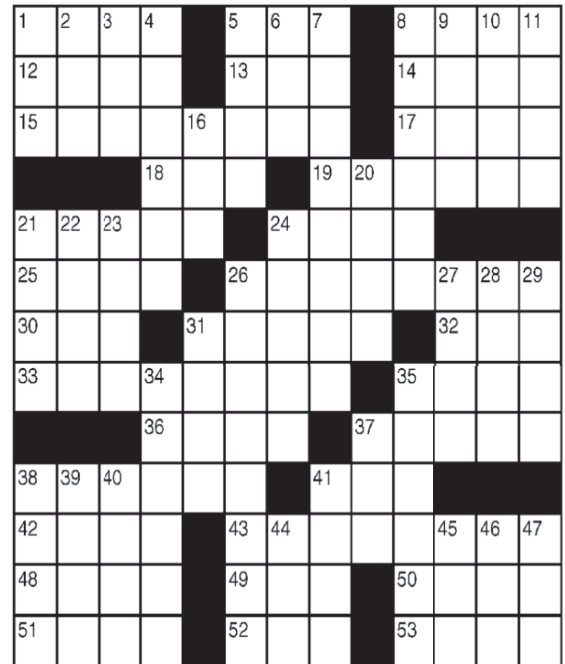
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Indians fall to Trojans' 3-point barrage

BOTKINS — For the first time this season, the Indians have lost consecutive games.

After a low-scoring first half, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team got hit with a 3-point barrage in the second as it fell 52-43 to the host Botkins Trojans.

The loss was the second in as many days for the Indians, who fell 55-49 Friday to St. John's. Before that, they had won six in a row.

Fort Recovery (8-3) trailed by just two at half-time — 13-11 — as both

Local roundup

teams struggled to score. That changed in the second half.

The Tribe picked up its offense, but Brandt Boerger of Botkins (6-4) found his shooting touch. After not scoring in the opening half, Boerger hit five third-quarter 3-pointers. Rylyn Paul added another

as the Trojans put up 20 points.

Boerger added another triple in the fourth quarter for his game-high 18 points and Botkins went 13-of-16 from the line in the final eight minutes to seal its victory.

Carter Pleiman followed Boerger with a dozen points for the Trojans. Paul joined them in double figures with 10.

Cale Rammel paced Fort Recovery with 17 points while Rex Leverette added 11. Daniel Patch scored all of his eight points in the second half.

FRHS also dropped the junior varsity game 58-47, falling behind by nine in the opening period and never recovering. Briggs Overman finished with 13 points and Colson Post had 12.

Three finish first

INDIANAPOLIS — Three members of Jay County Wrestling Club won their weight classes Sunday in competition at North Central High School.

Jay County had two winners in the 8-and-younger division, with Eli Michael

taking first in the 53-pound weight class and Michael Owen taking the top spot at 56 pounds. AJ Huntsman was first in the 14-and-younger, 165-pound division.

Easton Imel finished as the runner-up in the 8-and-younger, 56-pound division. Parker Huntsman and Kaleb Timmerman each finished third, and Brent Huntsman placed fourth.

JC JV goes 2-1

Jay County's junior varsity wrestlers finished 2-1 Friday night at the Wayne

County Classic, a varsity event.

The Patriots topped Union County 45-32 and East Central 55-18. They lost 54-27 to Franklin County.

Jacob Robinson was the lone JCHS wrestler to go 3-0 in contested matches. Competing at 138 pounds, he recorded a pair of pins along with an 8-3 decision.

Adding 2-0 marks in contested matches were Syllas Wenk (106), Garrett Bennett (170) and Joaquin Johnson (195). Carter Barton (182) finished at 2-1 for the evening.

Shots

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Both teams came into the evening looking to build a little momentum, sporting sub-.500 records but coming off of victories Tuesday.

"It was a good win. We came in at 2-4 and they came in at 2-5. Those are probably maybe two of the most deceptive records in the state," said McClure, referencing the difficulty of the early schedules for both teams. According to the Sagarin Ratings, Adams Central's strength of schedule ranked sixth in Class 2A while Jay County's was ranked seventh in Class 3A. "They ran a good (Bishop) Luers team out

of the gym the other night."

Adams Central put three players in double figures with Schultz scoring 13 points and grabbing a team-best seven rebounds.

Micah McClure, the coach's son, added 11 points and Ryan Tester scored 10.

Jay County will host the opening round of the Allen County Athletic Conference Tuesday with a doubleheader against Heritage. The boys game will kick off the evening at 6 p.m. with the girls game to follow.

Junior varsity

A dominant first half carried Jay County to a

42-28 victory over the Jets.

The Patriots limited Adams Central to just three first-quarter points. They then outscored the visitors 19-7 in the second quarter to take a 22-point lead into halftime.

JCHS managed just 10 points in the second half, but that was enough.

Trevin Dunnington scored 11 points to lead the Patriots. Liam Garringer scored all of his nine points on first-half 3-pointers and Wesley Bihn had all of his eight points after halftime.

Cade Van De Weg's 13 points for Adams Central were the game high. Drew Johnson added 10 for the Jets.



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Jay County High School senior Dusty Pearson puts up a shot during the first half of Saturday's game against Adams Central. Pearson scored 18 points, but the Patriots struggled on offense overall in a 49-37 loss to the Jets.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Swimming at Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Boys basketball Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament opener vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament opener vs. Heritage — 7:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Muncie Northside — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swim vs. St. Henry and New Bremen at South Adams — 6

p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. Arcanum — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Wrestling vs. Homestead — 6:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Heritage — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Coldwater — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at St. John's (FS1)
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7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Detroit Pistons at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Calgary Flames at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: Seton Hall at Georgetown (FS1)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Nebraska (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Golden State Warriors (TNT)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wyoming at Utah State (FS1)

Wednesday
7:30 p.m. — NBA NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (Bally Indiana); Milwaukee Bucks at Atlanta Hawks (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Nashville Predators at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: San Jose Sharks at Los Angeles Kings (TNT)

Thursday
9 a.m. — Golf: USGA — Latin America Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
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ball: Minnesota at Ohio State (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan at Iowa (ESPN2)
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7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Brooklyn Nets (TNT)
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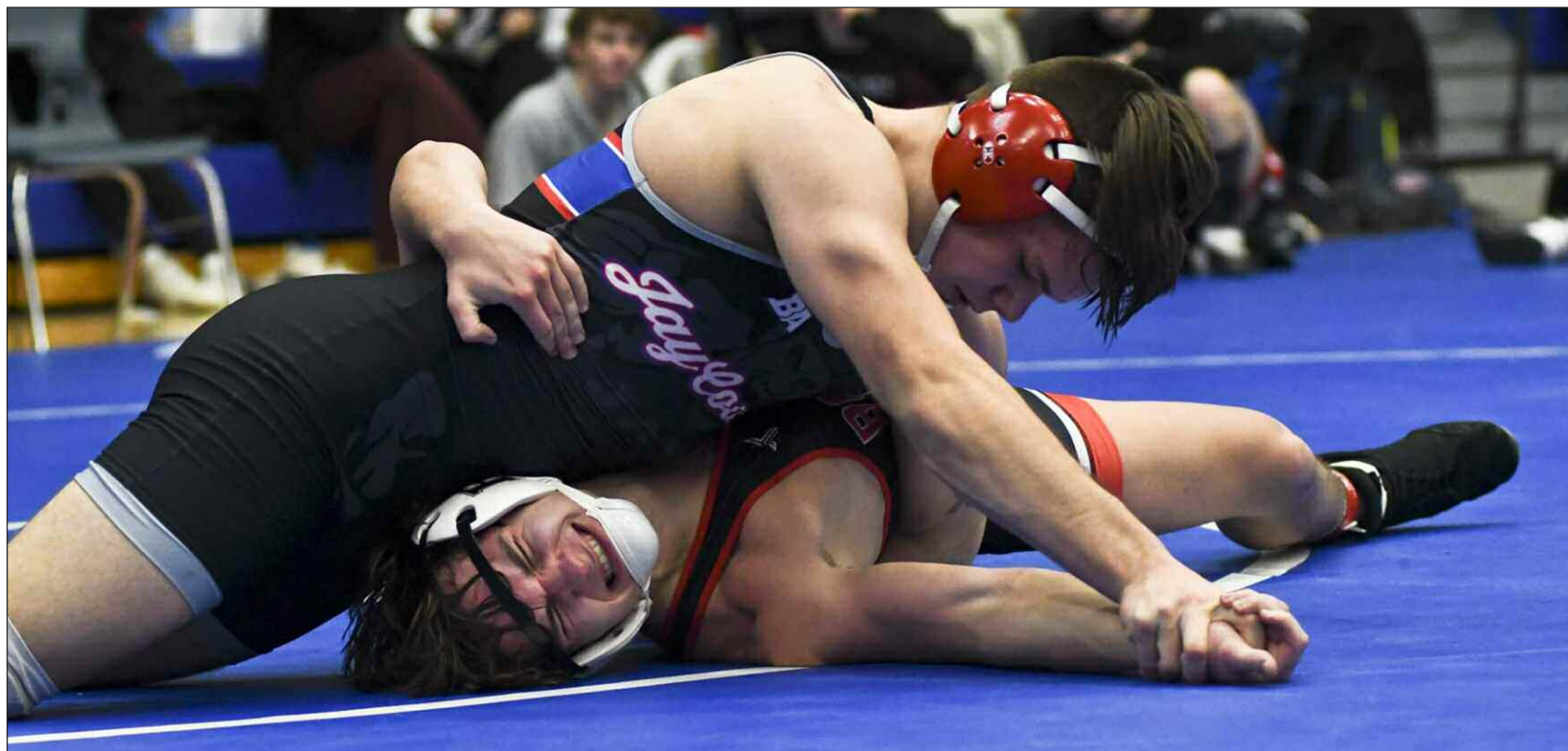
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Austan Pullins of Rensselaer Central High School grimaces as host Jay County's A.J. Myers holds him to the mat during their 182-pound match in the quarterfinals of the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Class 2A Team State Duals. The top-ranked Patriots defeated Rensselaer Central and Norwell to advance to the championship match but fell 37-28 to Western as they finished in second place for the second year in a row.

Top-ranked Patriots reach finals of state duals again but fall short of the title with defeat to No. 3 Western

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

All undefeated season long, the run from 126 pounds to 152 had been deadly for the Patriots.

So when their finals opponent essentially matched them through that stretch, the pressure was on.

The top-ranked host Jay County High School boys wrestling team made it to the championship match of the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association

Class 2A State Duals for the second year in a row Saturday, but again had to settle for the runner-up trophy as it lost 37-28 to third-ranked Western.

"We needed a couple things to go right for us there. We had a few, but we needed a couple more," said JCHS coach Eric Myers, following his comment with a heavy sigh. "I'm not disappointed in our guys. It's just kinda — it's a bummer."

Western obliterated seventh-

ranked Belmont 60-12 in the quarterfinal round and then fought off No. 8 Hamilton Heights 36-28 in the semifinals before beating No. 1 Jay County for the title.

"That's one of the things that we work for, and it was awesome," said Western coach Chad Shepherd. "The kids performed all day. We beat some really good teams today."

"I just can't say enough about the effort these kids put forth today," he added. "It was awesome."

Hamilton Heights topped Norwell 45-30 in the third-place match.

After dropping the first match of the finals, Jay County took three of the next four — ninth-ranked Cody Rowles delivered a pin of Liam Bungardner and No. 4 Tony Wood (138) and No. 5 Cameron Clark (152) recorded a decision and major decision, respectively — for a 13-7 advantage.

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Shots are not falling for JC

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Make shots. That simple goal is at the core of basketball.

The Patriots aren't doing it often enough.

After breaking out of its offensive doldrums Tuesday, the Jay County High School boys basketball team had a backslide Saturday as it shot 31% from the field in a 49-37 loss to the visiting Adams Central Jets.

The Patriots (2-6, 1-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) have scored fewer than 40 points in five of their last six games. The only exception was Tuesday's 63-50 win over Bishop Luers.

"We played beautiful," JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, looking back at that victory.

The difference Saturday?

"Putting the ball in the basket," he said. "Plain and simple. We had one starter who did not score tonight. We had two other starters that gave us, combined, six points."

Dusty Pearson scored 18 points for the Patriots. Blake Bogenschutz added 13. The rest of the team had six.

Adams Central (3-4, 1-1 ACAC) was efficient on the offensive end all night, hitting all of its two-point field-goal attempts in the first quarter.

Meanwhile, the Patriots made just one two-pointer in the opening period — a pair of Bogenschutz 3-pointers kept the score close — and continued to struggle throughout. That was especially the case in the final quarter, when they made just four of their 17 tries.

The bottom line: Adams Central — 17-of-34 shooting for 50%.

Jay County — 14-of-45 shooting for 31%

"Difference in the game," said Bomholt. "No question."

The Patriots were also outscored 10-2 at the foul line.

The 37 points is the lowest mark allowed by Adams Central this year. Each of its first six opponents had scored at least 43, with five clearing 55 or more.

Jay County never led, and the game got away from the home team early in the fourth quarter. Trace Maller recorded a tip-in bucket early in the period to push the Jets' lead back to double digits — they had been up by as many as 11 twice in the third quarter before a Bogenschutz 3-pointer made it 35-27 — and then hit a 3-pointer.

"He was just making some things happen," said Adams Central coach Aaron McClure, noting that Maller came in late in the third quarter when Braylend Reber picked up his third foul. "That was just nice to see him step up in that situation."

The Adams Central lead remained nine points or more the rest of the way.

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Jay girls 3rd, records broken

The host team got a good look at its lineup ahead of upcoming tournaments.

When it came to sprints, no one could keep up with the Indian girls.

And Sage Wendel and Teigen Fortkamp each walked away with school records.

Jay County High School's girls and boys swim teams finished third and sixth, respectively, while the Fort Recovery girls won a pair of relays en route to a fourth-place finish Saturday in the Jay County Invitational.

The Patriot girls scored 257 points to finish behind Oak Hill (332.5) and Versailles (318) in the field of 18 scoring teams. The Indians were fourth with 203 and St. Marys was a distant fifth at 155.

The Fort Recovery boys totaled 170 points for a sixth-place finish among 14 scoring teams. Oak Hill won with 462 ahead of Bluffton with 387.

The Tribe girls were impressive in the sprint relays, opening the day

with a victory in the 200 medley. Teigen Fortkamp staked her team to the early lead with a 28.4-second split in the backstroke and Audra Bupp, Joelle Kaup and Paige Guggenbiller followed for a victory by almost 2.5 seconds over Versailles in 1 minute, 57.97 seconds.

The same group of Indians took the top spot in the 200 freestyle relay, with Fortkamp storming back in the final 50 yards to win with a time of 1:47.1. Versailles again was 0.6 seconds behind in second place.

Fortkamp's record-breaking effort marked the only other victory of the day for the local teams as the only girl to break the minute mark in the 100 backstroke. She finished in 59.93 seconds, winning by more than 3.5 seconds and breaking her previous school record of 1:00.22.

She was also the runner-up in the 200 individual medley, finishing just 0.26 seconds behind Clera Rupert of St. Marys.

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