

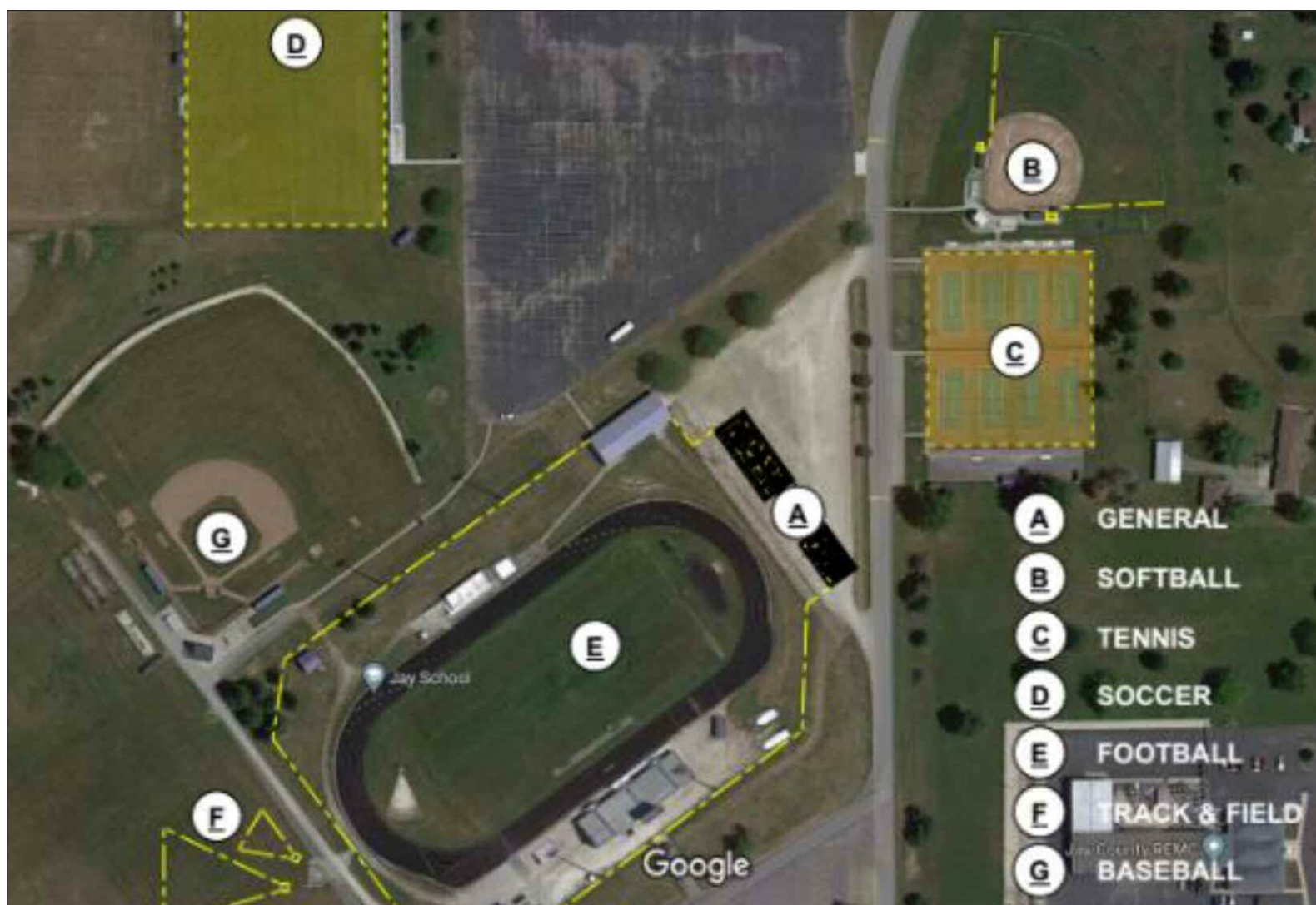
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## Hearing Monday



Barton Coe Vilamaa

The above graphic from architecture firm Barton Coe Vilamaa shows the outdoor athletic facilities at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Jay School Board will hold a public hearing on Monday regarding a proposed capital improvement project at the school that could include upgrades and repairs to the building and its outdoor athletic facilities.

### Jay School Board will considering proposed junior-senior high capital improvement project

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Jay School Board will hold a public hearing Monday on a proposed capital improvement project for Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

The hearing, during which Jay School superintendent Jeremy Gulley plans to make his recommendation on the project, comes after the board was presented with three options at its Jan. 9 meeting.

Dana Wannemacher of architecture firm Barton Coe Vilamaa, financial advisor Lindsay Simonetto of Baker Tilly and bond counsel Julie Bolling of Krieg Devault will all be on hand for the public hearing. School officials will be there to explain the various portions of the proposed project.

**The options**

The board has had a couple of weeks to discuss and make

suggestions regarding possible changes, but they were presented with three options at their last meeting.

All three options include:

- Installing synthetic turf at Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium — this would include construction of new shot put and long jump areas
- Lighting the baseball and softball fields
- Replacing wiring in kitchen
- Adding drop-down batting

cages for baseball and softball in the auxiliary gym

- Replacing siding on the south side of the upper gym area
- Leveling the discus area
- Replacing the softball field fence and expanding dugouts
- Installing a new pool drain valve
- Maintenance of the existing soccer field turf
- Tennis court repairs

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## Officials push to make leaks illegal

By MICHAEL MACAGNONE and RYAN TARINELLI

CQ-Roll Call  
Tribune News Service  
WASHINGTON — A Supreme Court report this week on the leak of a draft opinion has revitalized an effort from two Louisiana Republicans to criminalize leaking information from the high court, a step some experts say could get messy if it became law.

Though the report Thursday from Marshal of the Supreme Court Gail A. Curley said officials did not find out who may have leaked the opinion last year, it did encourage the Supreme Court to engage in “consideration” of legislation from Rep. Mike Johnson and Sen. Bill Cassidy as part of efforts to prevent another leak.

The two lawmakers took the report as a starting pistol this session to reintroduce their bills to make a Supreme Court leak a felony that could carry either five or 10 years in prison.

Those measures did not move last Congress, when the leak in one of the most high-profile cases in decades indicated that a majority of the justices had voted in favor of overturning the constitutional right to an abortion.

Johnson, in a statement, called the report “an unfortunate development” for the Supreme Court, and his office announced Friday he would reintroduce his legislation. The version introduced last session would make disclosure of notes, internal communications or documents of the Supreme Court a federal felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

## Retrospect

### Twenty filed on opening day

Twenty-five years ago this week, there was a swarm of candidates ready to sign up to run for office.

The Jan. 21, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the opening day of election filing in Jay County with a total of 20 candidates turning in their paperwork to run for office.

Kay LeMaster of Portland was the first candidate to file, seeking to run for the Republican nomination for Jay County Recorder.

Then, it was all about sheriff. The next three candidates that followed LeMaster all filed to run for the county’s top law enforcement role. (Incumbent Kip Robinette could not seek re-election because of term limits.) Filing to seek the Republican nomination for Jay County Sheriff were Todd Penrod

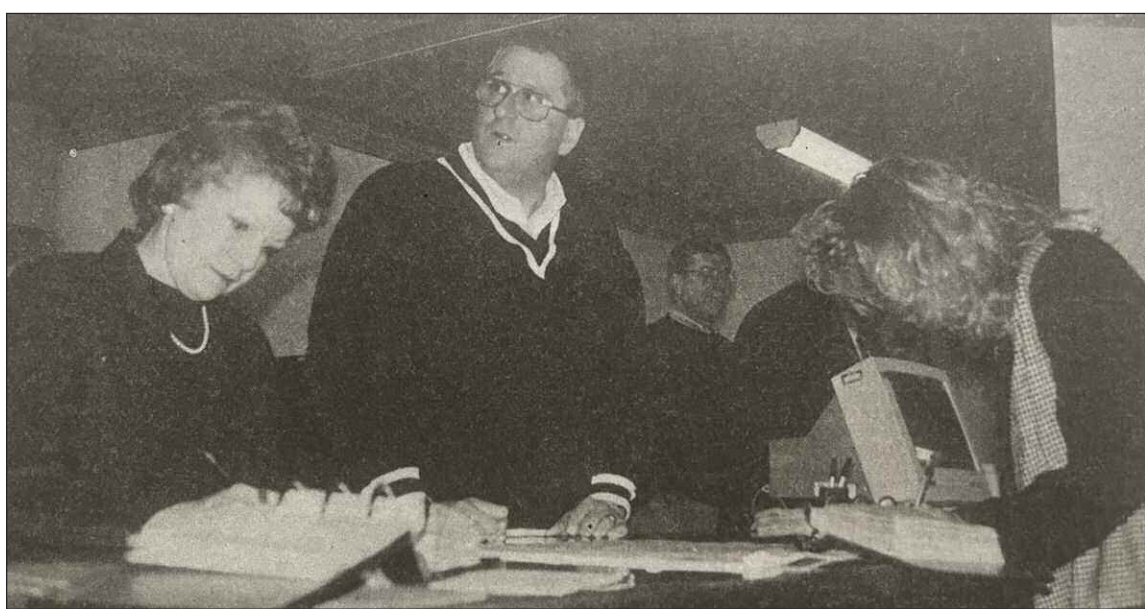
and John Wagner. Democrat Jeff Harker threw his hat into the ring for the Democratic nomination for the office.

Others who filed on the opening day at Jay County Courthouse included Republicans James Johnson and Mary Premer, and Democrat Gerald Kirby, all for Jay County Council.

Candidates filing to run for the non-partisan seats on Jay School Board were John Crosbie and Tom Banta.

Anita Mills, who had been appointed to the county assessor position, filed to seek her first elected term while Freda Corwin filed to run for Jay County Auditor. (Like Robinette, incumbent auditor Jane Ann Runyon could not seek another term because of term limits.)

The lengthy list of opening-



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Judy LeMaster (left) fills out paperwork while Todd Penrod (center) gets help from Jay County Clerk’s Office employee Tina Rodgers on the opening day of election filing in 1998. In the background is John Wagner, who, like Penrod, was filing for the Republican nomination for Jay County Sheriff.

day filers also included Ralph Blackford, Dixie Mumbower and Bob Lyons for township trustee seats; Billy Sipe, Lee Stauffer and Byron Flesher for Pike Township Advisory Board; Lola Joy and Carla Horn for precinct committee-man; and Leland Lemaster for state convention delegate.

There were no early filers for Jay County Commissioner — the middle district seat was up for election that year — or prosecutor.

**Deaths**

Nancy French, 83, Muncie  
Robert Fields, 79, Fremont  
Dorothy Hein, 95, Montezuma, Ohio  
Details on page 2.

**Weather**

Jay County had a high temperature of 34 degrees Friday. Today’s forecast calls for a high of 35. Snow is expected Sunday with about an inch of accumulation possible. The high will be 37. Monday’s high will be 36. Lows will be in the upper 20s this weekend.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

**In review**

Portland Redevelopment Commission has rescheduled an executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate. The commission will hold its regular meeting at 8 a.m. Friday with the executive session to follow.

**Coming up**

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday’s Dunkirk City Council meeting.

**Wednesday** — Results from Tuesday’s JCHS swim meet against Blackford and Burris.





# Hearing ...

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In addition to those items, the options break down as follows:  
Option A — Construction of what is being referred to as a “cleathouse” — it would include locker rooms, restrooms and concession stands — at the northeast end of the football stadium; terrazzo floor improvements in the school’s main hallways and commons area; installing fiberoptic communications to all outdoor athletic venues; replacing light poles along the access road; and adding cameras to athletic facilities and the north entrance. Cost: \$5.94 million in bond spending with an additional \$1.3 million from the operations fund over the course of five years.  
Option B — Replacing two sections of the junior-senior high school roof, renovating the commons area, replacing awnings and replacing carpet in the IMC (library); terrazzo floor improvements in the school’s

main hallways and commons area; the construction of a restroom facility at the southwest corner of the football field. Cost: \$5.25 million in bond spending with \$30,000 from the operations fund in 2023.  
Option C — Installing synthetic turf on the baseball and softball fields; construction of a restroom facility at the southwest corner of the football field; installing fiberoptic communications to all outdoor athletic venues; replacing light poles along the access road; and adding cameras to athletic facilities and the north entrance. Cost: \$5.4 million in bond spending with \$355,000 from the operations fund in 2023.  
**The timing**  
The school corporation has repaid some bonds on previous capital improvement projects and several other bond repayments are coming in the next decade. That allows the school

corporation to bond for new capital improvements while not increasing the tax rate.  
Simonetto explained to the school board in October that the school corporation’s annual debt service payments are currently about \$5 million. Those payments will go down as various loans and bonds are paid off. There is a decline this year, with additional drops of about \$750,000 in 2027, \$2.05 million in 2028 and \$2.2 million in 2033.  
She explained that school corporations generally try to keep that debt service number, and thus the tax rate, relatively stable rather than having it fluctuate up and down. With significant chunks of the debt set to retire in the next five to six years, she suggested it’s a good time for Jay Schools to consider what capital projects may be needed in the future.  
Through further discussion, Baker Tilly indicated the school corporation has bonding capacity of \$6.1 million this year.

Simonetto also said the school corporation’s pension debt will retire in 2025, with the \$840,000 the corporation currently pays annually on that debt to then shift to the operations fund. That fund is used for capital projects, buses and other operational expenses.  
**The process**  
Following Simonetto’s presentation in October, Jay County athletics director Steve Boozyer in November presented a look at possible upgrades to outdoor athletic facilities broken down into immediate, intermediate and long-term goals.  
Wannemacher then visited the junior-senior high school to assess the building and its various athletic facilities. He attended the board’s Jan. 9 meeting to describe options for facility and grounds improvements.  
Monday’s public hearing is referred to as a “1028 hearing,” which is required any time a

school corporation plans a capital improvement project of more than \$1 million that would be financed through bonding (or other available methods).  
At the conclusion of the public hearing, Jay School Board can vote to approve a “1028 resolution” on the spending. If approved, the board would then need to adopt a resolution approving the issuance of bonds at its Feb. 13 meeting.  
Bidding for various portions of the project could then begin as early as March. Timelines for work to be completed would vary widely based on the scope of each project. (For example, kitchen electrical work could be completed as early as this summer whereas installation of synthetic turf on any field would not happen until spring/summer of 2024 at the earliest. Also, under Option A, terrazzo improvements are stretched out from 2025 through 2027 to minimize the annual impact on the operations fund.)

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Sunday 1/22	Monday 1/23	Tuesday 1/24	Wednesday 1/25	Thursday 1/26
<b>35/29</b>	<b>35/25</b>	<b>39/31</b>	<b>36/22</b>	<b>29/19</b>
Snow is expected in the morning with about an inch of accumulation possible.	Expect mostly cloudy skies with a high in the mid 30s. At night, cool, with a low around 25.	Skies will be partly sunny with a high of 39. There is a high chance of rain and snow in the evening.	Rain and snow are likely with a high in the upper 30s. The chance of precipitation is 60%.	Cloudy skies are on the horizon for Thursday with highs in the mid to upper 20s.

Lotteries	
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 4-3-0 Daily Four: 7-2-2-4 Quick Draw: 2-8-15-28-30-31-34-38-49-51-56-58-58-61-68-70-73-74-75-78	Pick 4: 1-4-3-0 Pick 5: 3-9-9-6-0 <b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$473 million <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$20 million
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 0-7-3	

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.94 Feb. corn.....6.94 Wheat.....7.24	Wheat.....6.82 July wheat.....7.27
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## Today in history

In 1616, Samuel de Champlain arrived in a Huron Indian village after a battle with the Iroquois in New France.  
In 1783, Britain signed a peace agreement with France and Spain.  
In 1930, aviator Charles Lindbergh arrived in New York after a 14.75-hour flight.  
In 2013, Jay County Regional Sewer District set plans in motion for a rate increase of up to 22 percent. After months of discussion and contention, the board ultimately agreed to move forward with the increase in July.  
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Citizen’s calendar	
<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, Fort Recovery High School, 400 E. Butler St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.	<b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St. <b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation executive session, airport, 661 W. 100 North. <b>Friday</b> 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 9 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.

# Obituaries

**Nancy French**  
Feb. 14, 1939-Jan. 19, 2023  
Nancy E. French, age 83, former Jay County resident passed away on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, in Brickyard Nursing Home in Muncie. She was born in Richmond, Indiana on Feb. 14, 1939, the daughter of Elsworth and Frances (Roller) Greene. She was married on Aug. 18, 1956, to Ralph French and he passed away on May 14, 2018. She was a homemaker, a 1956 Richmond High School graduate and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.  
Surviving are two sons, Gary French of Taitung, Taiwan, and Steve French (wife: Angie) of Dunkirk, Indiana; one daughter, Julie Gilliland (husband: Marvin) of Yorktown, Indiana; two brothers, David

Williams (husband: Al), Garrett, Indiana, and Sunday King (fiancé: Tim Thacker), Fremont, Indiana  
Two brothers: William Fields (wife: Kathy), Portland, Indiana, and John Fields, Portland, Indiana  
Five grandchildren — Friday Reed (husband: David), Dannie King III (wife: Brittany), Diana Hall (husband: Alex), Laura Williams and Ariel Williams.  
Six great-grandchildren — Kaylee, Emily, Nevaeh, Olivia, Rosemary and Tavion  
He was preceded in death by his wife Diana; and a son, Barney Fields.  
Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Bob’s life will follow at 3 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Eads officiating.  
Memorials may be directed towards Jay County Heart Fund.  
Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.



Fields



French

Greene (wife: Lorene) of Silva, North Carolina, and the Rev. Malcolm Greene (wife: Carol) of Richmond, Indiana; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.  
Private family services will be held with burial in the Center Cemetery.  
Memorials can be made to Muncie Animal Rescue Fund (ARF), 1209 W. Riggin Road, Muncie, IN 47303.  
Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is handling the arrangements.  
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

**Robert Fields**  
Aug. 11, 1943-Dec. 19, 2023  
Robert “Bob” Fields, age 79, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2023, at his home in Fremont, Indiana.  
Bob was born on Aug. 11, 1943, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Alvie and Etta (Brown) Fields. He retired from Portland Forge in 2003 after 37 years of service.  
Bob married Diana Teeple on Dec. 28, 1962, and she passed away on March 1, 2020.  
Survivors include:  
His children — Laura

(Jim) Sederstrom of Glendale, Arizona, Ann (Glen)Thobe of Montezuma, Keith (Connie) Buschur of Montezuma, Art (Dorothy) Buschur of Pennville and Linda (Scott) Tangeman of Chickasaw; 25 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren with two on the way; siblings, Richard (Jeanette) Alig of Coldwater, Rosie Heitkamp of Coldwater and in-laws; Marceil Alig of Portland, John Gast of Carthagen, Rita Olberding of Minster and Ruth (Curt) Brookhart of New Bremen.  
In addition to her parents and husbands, Dorothy was preceded in death by her children, Patricia Buschur, Mark Buschur and Lois Hein; one grandchild; siblings and in-laws; Jerome (Evelyn) Alig, Donald (Vera) Alig, Ralph Alig, Viola Alig, John Alig, Joseph Alig, Berniece (Elmo) Buehler, Edgar Heitkamp, Mary (Shorty May) (Ted Homan)(Clarence) Bergman, Irene (Jerry) Gaerke, Marjorie Gast, Alma (Paul) Huwer, Eugene (Carol) Buschur, Dan Buschur, Rosie Buschur, Irene (Tom) Friesthler and Henry Olberding.  
Dorothy graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 1945 and being good in math she was hired as a bookkeeper at the former Fort Recovery Equity until moving to Montezuma. She raised a faith-filled, yours, mine and ours family of 13. Gardening, canning and freezing produce were her main events in the early years.  
For 19 years she served as an advisor for the Franklin 4-H Clover Club, giving direction and teaching skills to many young people as they completed their projects.  
Dorothy was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, Coldwater, and served as president for two terms, and also was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Coldwater. She served as town clerk in Montezuma for several years. She volunteered at

**Dorothy Hein**  
Aug. 14, 1927-Jan. 19, 2023  
Dorothy M. Hein, 95, of Montezuma, Ohio, surrounded by her family, peacefully passed away on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at Briarwood Village, Coldwater, Ohio. She was born on August 14, 1927, in Jay County, Indiana to the late John and Hilda (Droesch) Alig. She married Arthur H. Buschur on February 12, 1947, at St. Anthony and he died September 5, 1963. She later married Gregor Hein on January 22, 1966, at Montezuma and he died on September 29, 1979.  
Dorothy is survived by her children, Thomas (Carol) Buschur of New Bremen, Mary Ann (Tom) Hoying of Forest, Tony (Glenda) Buschur of Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, Pat (Mike) Wappelhosrt of Sidney, Elly (Ron) Boeckman of Fort Recovery, Jane



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the Mercer County Council on Aging, helping at many garage sales. Dorothy was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Montezuma, and the Christian Mother’s Altar Rosary Sodality.  
Her favorite past times included quilting, bowling, bingo, following the Cincinnati Reds, traveling and playing cards with her friends. She lovingly made many quilts for her family members. Most of all she loved being surrounded by her family.  
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Montezuma. Burial will follow in Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Coldwater. In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Fund.  
Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.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.*

SERVICES	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Buckner</b> , Lisa: 2:30 p.m., Willow Tree Ministries, 722 W. Main St., Portland.	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Hein</b> , Dorothy: 10:30 a.m., Our Lady Church of Guadalupe Church, 6701 Ohio 219, Montezuma.	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Fields</b> , Robert: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.	
Service listings provided by <b>PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS</b> 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com	

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# JCHS seniors, juniors named to honor roll

Honor roll recipients for the first semester at Jay County High School were recently announced.

The following seniors were named to the list:

Eden Abshire, Adrianna Aker, Barbare Aliashvili, Alex Ardizzone, Alba Badajoz, Mara Bader, Gabriela Bilbrey, Danyelle Bland, Tsvetelina Boynova, Lauren Brewster and Zacary Brotherton.

Also Taylor Brown, JaiDi Brunson, Madison Brunswick, Madison Calvert, Kenneth Carducci, Kylee Carreno, Avalyne Carter, Jordan Chapman, Thomas Charles, Devin Clevenger and Hilary Cox.

Also Kaleb Cross, Raven Dale, Caleb Darnell, Brady Davis, Seth Degler, Brock DeHoff, Austin Dirksen, Simon Dirksen, Ella Doll,

Joshua Dowlen, Sofiiia Drahomeretska, Matthew Fields, Dartaven Fossnaugh, Kelsey Frantz and Chelsea Frontz.

Also Nuray Ganbarova, Jared Guntle, Katie Haffiner, Patience Hambrook, Philip Hartman, Denver Hatzell, Rachel Heitkamp, Haylea Hough, Janae Jacobs, Zofia Jeszke, Abigail Johnson, Ryler Johnson, Amelia Jones, Carley Jordan, Raine Keen, Joseph Kunk and Presley Kunkle.

Also Isaac Kunkler, Wyatt Kunkler, Ralph Link, Peyton Lothridge, Connor Markwell, Laci McGinnis, Mabrey McIntire, Destiny McManus, Natali Mindorashvili, Joshua Monroe, Yosha Monse, Andrea Moore, Paige Mumbower, Khutso

Mutheketela, Azael Navarro Garcia, Dominick Newsumo, Trey Nichols, Dusty Pearson, Owen Ransom, Morgan Reier, Ethan Reiley, Lainey Reynolds, Kadin Ridenour and Lilly Rogers.

Also Hunter Runyon, Monte Schmiesing, Katlin Schoenlein, Renna Schwieterman, Puhiza Shemsidini, Grace Shimp, Sebastian Solis, Cameron Smitley, Brooke Stauffer, Alizabeth Stotler, Emily Strausburg and Carson Tipple.

Also Valeria Ursu, Kailey Vance, Lauryn VanCise, Tavin Wasson, Jaiden Watson, Landon Weaver, Isaiah Weekley, Natalie Wehrly, Bennet Weitzel, Jordan Wickey, Hunter Young, Awwaluna Zahara, Kaylee Zimmerman, Melana Zimmerman.

The following juniors also joined the honor roll:

Tommy Adkins, Cade Bectol, Zion Beiswanger, Joseph Belda, Wesley Bihn, Destiny Boggess, Hannah Boggs, Desirae Bonifeld, Makaylah Brainerd, Jose Bravo-Torres, Charles Bye, Jeremiah Canterbury, Sean Carpenter, Isabel Castro Martell and Riah Champ.

Also Cameron Clark, Kenzie Clayton, Brayden Collins, Kaleb Coppock, Ryan Cross, Kylie Davison, Morgan Davis, Justin DeHoff, Isabella Denton, Caleb DeRome, Maggie Dillon, Abraham Dirksen, Breanna Dirksen, Olivia Duncan, Trevin Dunnington, Jackson Edwards, Alison Fields and Jaquin Flores.

Also Madysen Fraley,

Marisa Gallegos-Vargas, Bryan Garcia Benitez, Riley Garland, Liam Garlinger, Ryne Goldsworthy, Brenna Haines, Madison Hambrook, Hayden Hardman, Willow Hardy and Allison Hawbaker.

Also Benjamin Heath, Joske Herndon, Garrett Hime, Madeline Hudson, Zander Hudson, Caden Hull, Audrey Hummer, Kenzie Landon, Hannah Laux, Reece Leavell, Katie Likens, Natalie Link, Nathan Lothridge, Peyton Lykins, Nicholas Lyons, Danielle May and Sarah McClain.

Also Ava Miller, Isaac Miller, Lilliee Monroe, Mariah Moore, Luke Muhlenkamp, Mason Muhlenkamp, Molly Muhlenkamp, Regina Muhlenkamp, Makinsey

Murphy, Samuel Myers, Parker Nichols, Logan Orso, Emma Outcalt, Ty Paxson, Kaley Pettus, Austin Phillips, Nevin Phillips, Skylynn Powell, Madison Reier, Brooke Retter, Erin Ring and Alaina Rodgers.

Also Chloe Ruiz, Samantha Sager, Sophia Saxman, Zoey Shaneyfelt, Gage Sims, Alexander Smith, Emily Smith, Conner Specht, Aiden Stephens, Raelyn Stone, Tristin Stout, Azalea Thompson, Lucas Timmerman, Luke Vormohr, Laila Waddell, Mackenzie Weesner, Elizabeth Wendel, Deacon Williams and Anthony Wood.

Sophomores, freshmen and Jay County Junior High students will be published at a later date.

# Readers offer response to questions about age

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Ageless Lady in Washington" (Oct. 8), who sought a retort to people who ask her age, I had an aunt who refused to divulge her age. She would say to anyone inquiring, "I'll excuse you for asking, if you'll excuse me for not ANSWERING." — JANE M. IN FLORIDA

DEAR JANE: That was a classic Dear Abby retort from many years ago, and one I have also recommended. Readers had fun suggesting answers to the delicate question "How old are you?" Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother lived to 103. She always

## Dear Abby



answered, "I'm old enough to have a past and young enough to have a future." She was still saying this past her 100th birthday. — MRS. F. IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: "Ageless Lady's" letter reminded me of the response my great aunt would use when asked her age.

She would say, "Can you keep a secret?" When the person would reply with "Yes, I can," she would then say, "So can I!" That was usually the end of the conversation. — RITA W. IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Something I heard in a TV commercial would be a perfect response to what "Ageless" considers a rude question: "Age is just a number. Mine is unlisted." — CAROLE R. IN ARIZONA

DEAR ABBY: As a child I heard — and still remember — my mom's answer to that question.

I enjoy sharing it when the opportunity arises: "I'm the

same age as my tongue, and a little older than my teeth." I enjoy the look of puzzlement it creates. — DIANNE H. IN THE SOUTH

DEAR ABBY: I think it's time we stopped behaving as if getting to be a certain age, particularly as women, is something to hide. I hope we will quit giving kids the message that older women are "less than." I know the beauty industry would like to perpetuate that myth for economic benefit, but we don't have to aid and abet them. — LISA A. IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR ABBY: When I'm asked how old I am, I answer,

"When I was born, the rainbow was black and white." — NOT YOUR BUSINESS IN KANSAS

DEAR ABBY: I once received a birthday card that dealt with the issue perfectly. It had a picture of a falcon on it and it read, "If someone asks your age, tell them what Farquart the Talking Falcon says: None of your falcon business!" — DAVID S. IN GEORGIA

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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 [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# AARP accepting grant applications

A national organization has opened applications for its grant program.

AARP Indiana's Community Challenge grant program is available through 5 p.m. March 15. The program, now in its seventh year, funds "quick-action projects that help communities become more livable in the long-term," according to a press release from the organiza-

tion. A part of AARP's Livable Communities initiative, it contributes toward projects that improve public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, diversity and include and other areas of life for people age 50 or older.

Nonprofit organizations and government entities are eligible for the program. Other applications will

be considered on a case-by-case basis, according to the release. Grant amounts will vary depending on the project.

To apply, visit [AARP.org/CommunityChallenge](http://AARP.org/CommunityChallenge). All projects must be finished by Nov. 30.

AARP has awarded more than \$12.7 million to more than 1,060 projects since 2017, including 19 projects in Indiana.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@theocr.com](mailto:news@theocr.com).

## Today

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

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewel-

ry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

**MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER** — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is [museumofthesoldier.com](http://museumofthesoldier.com).

## Sunday

**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 Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For

more information, call (260) 766-2006.

## Monday

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

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

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

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)** — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

**JAY COUNTY REPUBLICANS** — Will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library.

**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

**JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS** — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

**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.

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

### For Jay County Schools January 23-27


**Monday: Main Entrees:** Sweet & sour chicken, brown fried rice, fortune cookies **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Roasted broccoli

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Home-style meatloaf, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, beef gravy **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Beef hot don on whole wheat **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Baked beans

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Sloppy joe sliders **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Herb roasted potatoes

**Friday Main Entrees:** Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned carrots



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Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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.

## Jay County

### Soil & Water Conservation District

Annual Meeting/Program - Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
6:00 PM - Bob Schmit Memorial Building - Jay County Fairgrounds



### Guest Speaker -

## Mark Booth

The director of  
**Take Flight!**  
Wildlife Education located in Indianapolis IN.

Mark Booth- Take Flight will perform an outreach program for anyone interested in learning about the importance of biodiversity and meeting some cool animals up close and personal.

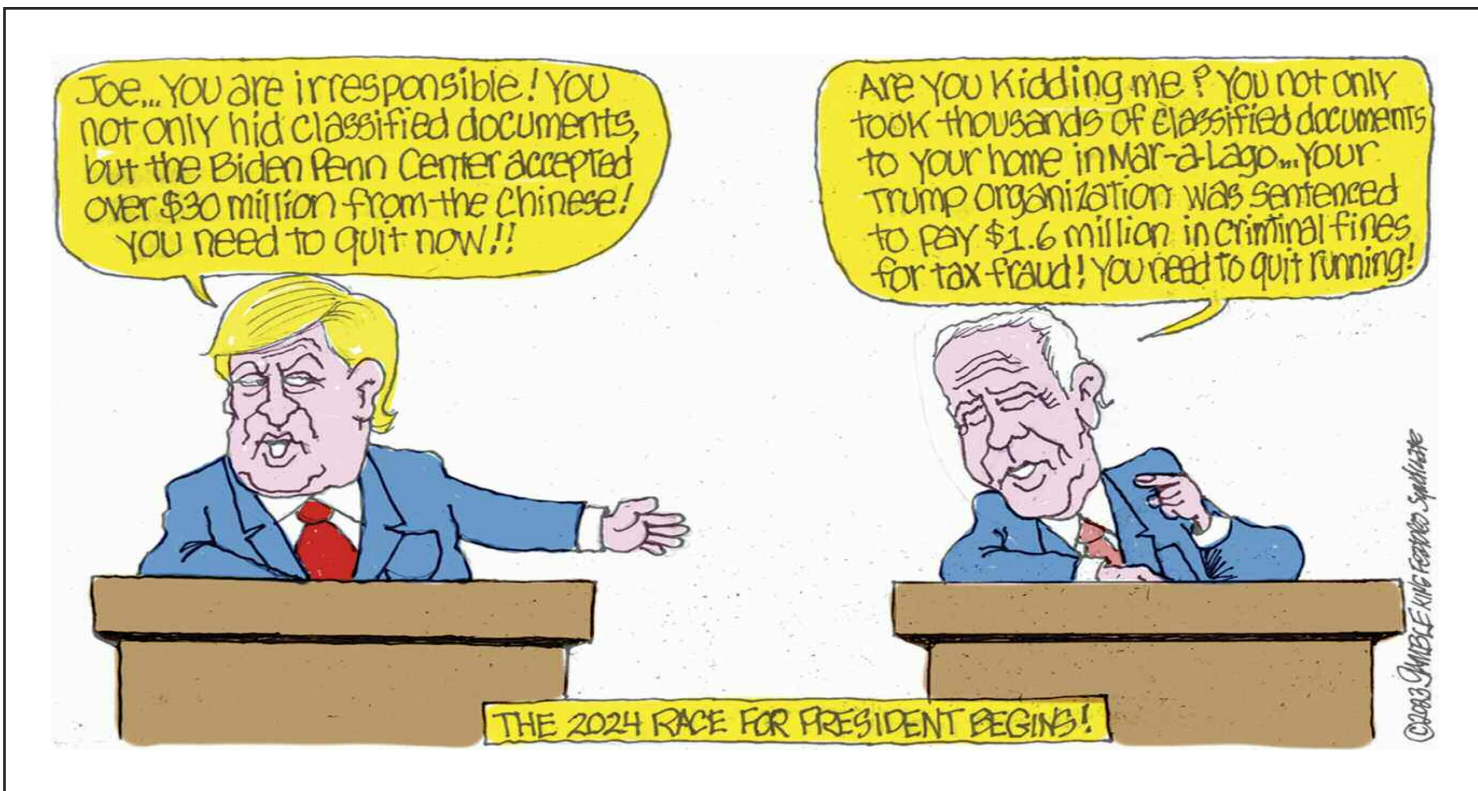
The dinner/program is free & everyone is encouraged to attend.  
Reservations must be received on or before February 3rd.  
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# Couple offers thanks for help

To the editor:  
I would like to thank the couple who paid off my husband's medicine and other purchases Saturday, Jan. 10, at Walmart.  
He did not get your name, but you had served in the Marines and Army and were retired.  
Thank you again.  
Vic and Thelma Overla  
Rural Portland

## Letters to the Editor



# Tax transparency is key

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

There are three types of public debt.

Each imposes some risks to the economic fortunes of the nation or a state. Each type differs in important ways. Each can be politically manipulated to make searing, but often mistaken points. Indeed, it requires a rare level of political integrity to speak of them with equal concern.

The first type of public debt is the one we've all heard about. It is too much spending matched with too little tax collections. The federal government can accrue debt easily, since it can let bonds. State and local governments can also accrue, by borrowing on municipal bond markets or underfunding pensions. Both of these debts are common. They are readily observable and easy to criticize as thoughtless disregard for future generations.

The second type of debt is too little infrastructure or capital spending. This might take the form of poorly maintained roads or water and sewer systems. It may be deferred maintenance on government buildings or the use of antiquated equipment, software or vehicles. This sort of debt doesn't appear on balance sheets, but its effects are real. Later generations bear the burden of this type of public debt, just as they do financial debt.

The third type of government debt lies in providing inadequate public services. This is mostly comprised of national defense, schooling, policing and public health. Again, this deficit doesn't appear in balance sheets of national or state fiscal health, but it does appear in the economic data. In particular, underspending on schools, public safety and health all appear in data on educational attainment, crime rates, fire deaths and health of a state or county's population.

Too little spending on national defense always affects young people. It is they who bear the cost of conflict. Young people also bear the costs of too little education, too much crime or poor public health. Indeed, all types of public debt are effectively transfers of wealth from the future to our present selves.

All three of these types of public debt can slow economic growth, but the effects are far different. Despite what you often hear in public discussion, the least economically damaging of these is financial debt. Though worries about public debt are certainly warranted, dollar for dollar, the economic consequence of financial debt is likely the smallest of the three. The reasons for this should be obvious.

First, some public debt is undertaken wisely, just like a low interest rate home mortgage. Public debt that increases the productivity of the economy may pay for

Michael J. Hicks



itself. Second, some types of spending are designed to avoid higher long-term costs. For example, it took us about 50 years to pay off our debt for crushing Hitler and freeing half the world, a bargain at twice the price. Third, financial public debt is readily observable and can be addressed pretty quickly. Other types of debt take much longer to recognize, act upon and have the remedy take effect.

Infrastructure or equipment debt can be very costly to fix and can take decades to catch up. That's why so many of America's cities still have poor water systems, bad roads and decaying buildings. This type of debt made us unprepared to face Hitler's mechanized army in 1941 and emboldened the Soviets in the 1970s. Our military capital deficit of the 1930s and 1970s cost us more over the long term to defeat those enemies. Again, it is the youngest among us who bear the burden of any debt.

The most economically challenging type of deficit lies in providing inadequate services. Places with poor policing are abandoned as people vote with their feet. Anyone who visited New York City in the 1980s, or Portland, Oregon today can readily observe the economic damage of poor local services. But, crime rates can be reversed in a decade or two. The effects of inadequate education persist for a lifetime.

The single hardest public debt to fully remediate is inadequate education. This should seem obvious, but for individuals, the window of obtaining secondary and post-secondary education is very narrow. Missing that window may mean a half century or more of lower earnings and less certain employment. For cities and states, a shortfall in educated citizens is even more damaging. Poorly educated workers typically don't migrate to other cities or states. So, every young adult who is poorly educated remains local. Inadequate education becomes a half century problem for communities. That's roughly equivalent to the time it took to pay off the debt of winning World War II, and education would've been far less expensive to provide.

Just to be clear, my argument here isn't about any single political party or political movement. At the federal level, Republicans and Democrats alike are content to run up public debt. It is the most bipartisan of political activities. Still, some of the debt comes in the form of a staggering financial debt, while some of it comes

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in the form of too little infrastructure investment.

At the state level, the Democrats tend to dominate politics in places with the worst financial debt; Chicago, Detroit, and Massachusetts come to mind. However, the GOP dominates in places that underprovide public services; Mississippi, West Virginia and Alabama come to mind. But, even these stereotypes have big exceptions.

Iowa and Utah have long had very good schools, and are both solidly red states. Vermont, who routinely elects a socialist senator, is a low financial debt-burdened state. Meanwhile, deeply Republican Alabama has a high financial debt. West Virginia barely invested in people when the state was run by Democrats, and the new GOP majority has continued that pattern.

The point of this column is to help spark a more thoughtful discussion about taxation and public spending. Taxes are the price of public services and infrastructure. Despite what many folks think, business and households are not oblivious to the quality of those public services. Political leaders who focus only on one type of debt — be it fiscal, infrastructure or public services — do a disservice to taxpayers.

I suspect the main reason that higher tax places grow faster than low tax places is because the elected leaders of those places are more transparent. They treat their constituents with enough respect to tell them the truth about taxes. Most importantly, they collect enough taxes so there is little public debt of any type — financial, infrastructure or services.

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# Legislators need to visit prisons

By SHANEVA MCREYNOLDS

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

Illinois has inaugurated its 103rd General Assembly, with a host of new legislators.

They will join dozens of others who've served before, all of whom will grapple with the issues that face our state. One of the biggest issues Illinois — and frankly, the entire United States — is grappling with is the need for public safety. For decades, mass incarceration has been society's defense in response to any concerns about crime.

But despite writing and passing laws that affect the thousands of people incarcerated in Illinois, very few legislators ever visit a prison and experience for themselves what conditions are like inside.

Last month, I had the opportunity to visit Logan Correctional Center, a prison for female offenders just 30 miles northeast of Springfield.

During my visit, I couldn't help but wonder what our legislators just 30 miles away would think if they saw the conditions of this 45-year-old facility. How would they feel if their loved ones were subjected to some of the experiences the women of Logan shared with me?

I thought I was no stranger to prisons. My husband, Jeffery, spent almost 12 years in prison, and I visited him countless times.

I thought I had an idea of what to expect from my experiences in a visiting room — I couldn't even begin to tell you the number of visits I've had with my husband and my brother, who has also been incarcerated. But the visiting room of a prison is not the picture you get when you go from unit to unit inside the facility.

When I saw the facilities at Logan, in this 45-year-old building, I could only think about my loved ones living like this day in and day out for decades.

That crushed me. My husband dealt with similar conditions day in and day out but always came to the visitation room with a million-dollar smile. He never complained to me about it. People in prison have to

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have mental fortitude to deal with the conditions inside and put on a face for their loved ones like those problems don't exist.

Our legislators can't possibly know this reality. They can't have seen places like this and not thought that the people inside deserve a second chance, an opportunity to get out of these conditions and rejoin society.

When I talked to the women at Logan about what they needed to improve their lives, they asked for things as simple as hooks to hang their clothes on so they don't sit on a wet floor when they shower. I wouldn't even want to undress in that shower, let alone use it. The showers were disgusting. Prisons should be designed for rehabilitating people, not warehousing them. There is a need for change, a need for alternative solutions. But our legislators can't even begin to think about this if they've never seen it for themselves or spoken with people living inside these facilities.

More than 27,000 people are incarcerated in our state. They are constituents, too. Legislators who take the time to visit prisons will become effective lawmakers because they govern from a place of empiricism.

Effective policies transcend rationalism. They are derived from evidence-based research, objectivity and empiricism.

Effective policies are the result of lawmakers understanding there has to be a humane component in policy.

How can anyone write laws without knowing the people and places they affect? I encourage all Illinois lawmakers to take the time to visit a prison this year. You can't know if you don't go.

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*McReynolds is the Illinois state consultant for FAMM, a nonprofit criminal justice advocacy organization.*

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# Wind farms deliver economic jolt

By **TIM HENDERSON**

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A wind power boom in the nation's central corridor has been a financial windfall for some struggling rural areas.

Coke County, Texas, which has a population of about 3,300, had the biggest increase in economic output of any county in the country between 2019 and 2021, according to a Stateline analysis of Bureau of Economic Analysis statistics. Coke County's gross domestic product, or GDP, increased from \$128 million to \$235 million, or 83%.

Including Coke County, seven of the top 10 counties with the largest GDP increases had significant recent wind farm construction, the analysis found.

On a per-capita basis, GDP went from about \$39,000 to \$71,000 for Coke County. Rural counties in Colorado and South Dakota saw similar increases, reflecting a record year for wind turbine construction in 2020. Landowners also get annual royalties for hosting the turbines, typically around \$10,000.

"We're just a poor West Texas county. We don't get much economic stimulation here," said Hal Spain, who is county judge, the highest elected official in Coke County. "We're tickled pink about this."

Wind farms sometimes generate complaints about their appearance and noise, and some critics object to the subsidies and tax abatements that local officials grant them. Some states have made it easier for local governments to block wind and solar projects, while others allow state regulators to approve sites.

In rural areas such as Coke County, where ranchers' herds are suffering from drought and oil production is dwindling, wind farms are generating cash to fix roads, recreation centers, senior centers, swimming pools and other aging infrastructure, Spain said.

That's how Coke County is



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Wind turbines are viewed at a wind farm in Colorado City, Texas, in 2016. Wind power in the nation's central corridor has been a financial windfall for some struggling rural areas.

planning to spend the \$787,500 annual payment it will get from the Aviator Wind Farm for the next 10 years, a negotiated payment during which the wind farm will pay no property taxes on the turbines. That might be less than property taxes would have brought in, but the reality is "if you don't give them the (tax) abatement, they'll just move on to the next county," Spain said.

Coke County's expenditures are typical of how counties are using their payments, said Eric Brunner, an economics professor at the University of Connecticut who studies the economic impacts of wind farms on local governments.

"The incentive is to use it for one-time capital costs," Brunner said. "It doesn't work well

for buying books, recurring things."

Benefits to local areas from wind and solar power could generate \$60 billion in annual revenue by 2030, according to a 2021 report by the Colorado-based Rocky Mountain Institute. Much of that money will flow to rural areas, rivaling the economic impact of the beef, corn and soy industries. That \$60 billion figure includes \$2.7 billion in annual tax revenue, \$2.2 billion in annual payments to landowners and \$6 billion in annual wages for construction and maintenance jobs.

In addition to Coke County, six other counties in the top 10 for GDP growth benefited from significant wind power construction, according to Ben Hoen, a research scientist at Lawrence

Berkeley National Laboratory in California. Those counties are Foard County, Texas; Cheyenne County, Colorado; Hyde County, South Dakota; Shoshone County, Idaho; Clark County, South Dakota; and Throckmorton County, Texas.

Much of the wind farm construction is happening in the areas identified as high-wind from the Dakotas south to Oklahoma and Texas, including Kansas, Nebraska and neighboring states, as well as concentrations around Iowa and the Great Lakes.

Texas leads all states with 18,315 turbines as of late 2022, according to the federal data on turbines analyzed by Stateline, followed by Iowa (6,205), California (5,981), Oklahoma (5,370) and Kansas (3,962).

Texas has used tax abatement incentives to attract wind farms, including allowing local governments to grant 10-year abatement deals like the one Coke County used.

The conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation opposes such tax abatements as "corporate welfare," arguing that the abatements have allowed wind farms to take over too much of the power capacity in Texas, said Brent Bennett of the foundation, which is partly funded by oil and gas interests. About a quarter of the energy Texas uses is generated by wind.

Some local residents have organized in Texas and around the country to oppose the farms, and have even sued to fight nearby installations they contend are ugly and noisy.

"This has really been dividing people in rural counties. Obviously, there are people that are making money off this and getting royalties, and they are happy about it, but people who have to live in those areas hate it. They're all fired up," said Bennett.

In Coke County, Spain said he's not sure what to expect when the negotiated payments end. After 10 years, much of the taxable value of the turbines will be depreciated, or written off, he said.

"Are you going to hire somebody and then, what, fire them in 10 years?" he said. "You have to be careful what you spend this money on."

However, royalty payments to landowners, usually farmers or ranchers, do continue and can help them buy equipment, install irrigation or build homes, said Sarah Mills, senior project manager at the Graham Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan.

"For communities that want to go all in on agriculture, wind fits well," Mills said. "For those that want to see a bunch of residential development or have economies based on tourism and the landscape, they may need to look more closely."

**IT'S ALL UP TO YOU ...**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

The Commercial Review is launching a new special section this year to give you, our readers, the opportunity to recognize your favorites.

**Here's the concept:**  
For the next few weeks you vote for your favorites in a variety of categories. We tally the votes.

The winners will be listed in a special section to run next month. The top overall vote getter will be featured in the special section. Eligibility is limited to those in The Commercial Review's coverage area, which includes all of Jay County, the western portion of Mercer County (including Fort Recovery), the southern portion of Adams County (including Geneva), the northern portion of Randolph County (including Ridgeville), and the eastern edge of Blackford County.

**The Categories**

Appliance sales _____	Gym _____
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Auto service and repair _____	Hardware store _____
Bank/credit union _____	Home improvement _____
Boutique/clothing _____	Industry _____
Car dealership _____	Insurance _____
Chiropractor _____	Landscaping _____
Community Event _____	Law office _____
Construction _____	Nail salon _____
Convenience store _____	New business _____
Daycare facilities _____	Non-profit organization _____
Dentists _____	Park _____
Doctor _____	Photographer _____
Entertainment option _____	Pizza _____
Farm implement sales _____	Real estate and auction _____
Financial advisor _____	Restaurant (non-pizza) _____
Florist _____	Veterinarian and pet services _____
Funeral home _____	Other _____
Furniture _____	(is there something that doesn't quite fit the above)
Gas station _____	
Greenhouse _____	

To vote, fill in your selections below or visit [theocr.com](http://theocr.com) and click on the "People's choice" link.  
(Rather than making this multiple choice, we are leaving each category open-ended. That leaves the voting up to you, the readers, and avoids the possibility that we might leave off an option that would be worthy of winning the vote)

**Deadline to vote is Jan. 31.**  
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JQ KBT B TQPBJA KPDSF. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF FABRIC FLOORING IS PLACED IN THE CORRIDORS OF A HOTEL, THAT'D BE HALL-TO-HALL CARPETING. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals C

Trivial Review (Answers are printed below, upside down.) Inaugural questions 1) Before Jan. 20 became Inauguration Day, when was the ceremony held? 2) What president refused to be sworn in on Inauguration Day because he was strict about "keeping holy the Sabbath"? 1) March 4 2) Zachary Taylor (1849)

1-23 CRYPTOQUIP R S F Z H T S A I Z A D H E Y Z T T N U J A B O D Z L S J E S C N S O T B L S J U P S C Y Z A F I , I S M S F P Z J S M "VE ABVS BT LZPHZRPS." Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE CLUMSY COOK CREATED A VERY LARGE MESS WHEN TRYING TO USE THE SIEVE. IT WAS A STRAIN WRECK. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals G

CRYPTO FUN ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ Determine the code to reveal the answer! Solve the code to discover words related to bath safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = G) A. 8 15 24 10 Clue: Slide B. 3 9 11 2 Clue: Hold on C. 15 24 3 4 5 24 25 3 Clue: Illumination D. 23 11 5 14 9 Clue: H2O

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the bathroom. R H W S E O Answer: Shower

Guess Who? I am a rapper born in Florida on January 15, 1981. My mother threw me out of her house for dealing drugs. I wisely turned my life around and became a music sensation. My stage name is a tough breed of dog. Answer: Pitbull

kids' corner COLOR! Includes images of a calculator, laptop, and paper airplane.

PEOPLE FACT: PHILATELY IS ANOTHER NAME FOR THIS POPULAR HOBBY. ANSWER: STAMP COLLECTING

Crossword Puzzle ACROSS 1. Place to live 3. Short for "hello" 5. Pans 6. Like to do 8. Taylor Swift song 9. Word used in comparisons 10. Natural aptitude DOWN 1. Fun interests 2. Exchange of goods 4. Something enjoyed 7. Stick out 8. Male

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Stroke and counterstroke West dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH A Q 6 3 10 7 5 K Q J A 10 5 WEST K 9 7 A K J 8 4 3 6 Q 8 2 EAST 8 9 2 9 8 7 5 4 2 J 9 6 3 SOUTH J 10 5 4 2 Q 6 A 10 3 K 7 4 The bidding: West North East South 1♥ 4♠ Pass 2♠ Pass 4♠ Opening lead — king of hearts. Some deals turn into a tug of war between declarer and the defenders, with the side that gives the last good tug usually coming out on top. An interesting duel of this type was fought between West and South in today's deal. West led the K-A of hearts, everyone following, and then had to decide what to do next. He realized that his partner was extremely unlikely to hold either the ace of diamonds or the king of clubs, given South's jump to two spades. There was also little hope of taking a trick with the king of spades, what with the A-Q positioned over it. The question, therefore, was how the defense could possibly score the two additional tricks needed to defeat the contract. West decided that the only realistic hope was to find East with the eight or ten of spades, as well as the jack of clubs. And so, instead of leading the jack of hearts at trick three, he returned a low one to dummy's ten to force East to ruff. Sure enough, East ruffed with the eight of spades. If declarer had overruffed with the ten, West could not have been stopped from eventually scoring a trump trick. This, together with South's unavoidable club loser, would mean four tricks for the defenders and defeat for declarer. However, South found the winning counterstroke to West's imaginative defense. Instead of overruffing the eight of spades with the ten, he discarded his club loser! After East's eight held the trick, the defense was helpless. Declarer could win any return and then pick up West's king of spades via successive finesses. West unquestionably put forth a great effort, but he was simply outgunned. ©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Famous Hand West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH K 8 7 2 A Q 7 K 2 WEST J 6 3 10 3 J 6 2 J 10 9 4 3 SOUTH Q 9 4 K J 8 7 5 8 A Q 7 6 The bidding: West North East South 1♥ 4♠ Pass 1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♥ Pass 6♥ Opening lead — jack of clubs. This deal was played in the 1965 world championship match between the United States and Great Britain. Ivan Erdos was South for the U.S. and reached six hearts as shown. West led the jack of clubs. So it would seem that the best way to try to avoid two spade losers is to attempt a diamond finesse. If it succeeds, one of your two spade losers will disappear. But Erdos, in a truly remarkable performance, made the slam even though East had the king of diamonds. He won the club lead with the king, played two rounds of trump, cashed the A-Q of clubs and ruffed a club. Erdos learned from these plays that East had started with precisely two clubs and two hearts. East was therefore much more likely to have the king of diamonds among his nine unknown cards than West, who had only six unknown cards. Accordingly, after leading a low spade from dummy to his queen, which won, Erdos played two more rounds of trump, producing this position: North K 8 A Q West Immaterial East A 10 K 10 South 9 4 7 8 Erdos now led his last trump, discarding a spade from dummy, and East was a deceased pigeon. In practice, East discarded the ten of diamonds. But this availed him naught when Erdos next led a diamond to the ace, caught the king and so made the slam. Had East discarded the ten of spades instead, Erdos would have conceded a spade to East's ace to achieve the same result. Tomorrow: The odds are 3-to-1. ©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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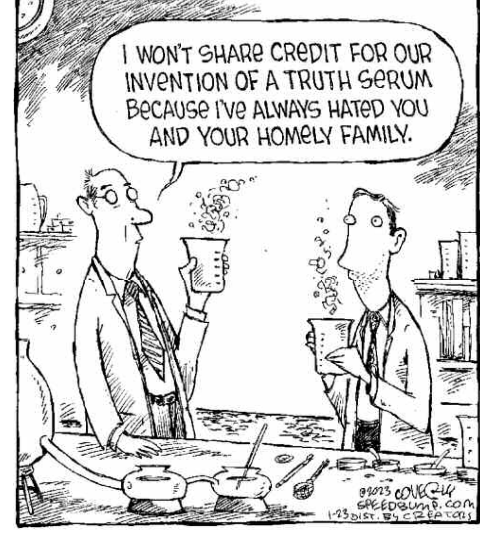
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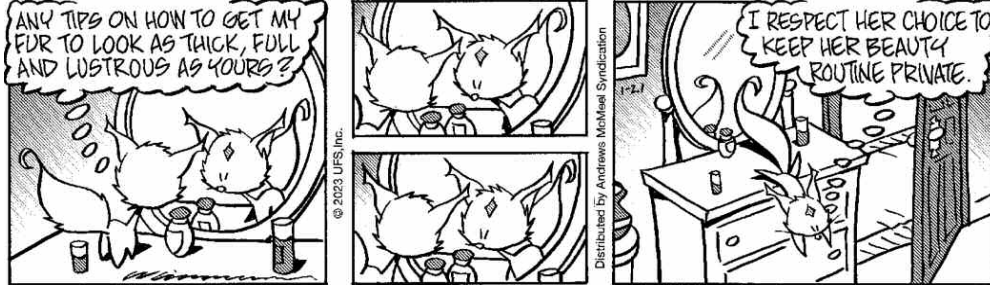
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## First ...

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“That’s kind of been our MO all year. We have one bad quarter every single game ... I thought we played really well for 24 minutes. Now we’ve got to replicate it for 32.”

Jay County took early control as it scored the game’s first seven points before the teams traded four consecutive timeouts. The Patriots then got back on track, adding another eight points to close out the quarter that ended with a Blake Crouch block of a shot by South Adams’ Brady Beall.

A Blake Bogenschutz 3-point to open the second quarter made it 18-0 JCHS before Tytus Lehman — he ended up leading his team with 13 points — finally got the Starfires on the

board after nine scoreless minutes.

“In practice, we can’t simulate their length and size,” said Krieg. His team was 0-for-6 from the field with five turnovers in the first quarter. “I thought we were a little shell-shocked at first. We fumbled some passes, missed some easy shots. But that second quarter, a lot of resilience to come back there. ... I thought our kids played extremely hard on both ends of the floor today.”

South Adams pulled back to within 23-15 at halftime as the Patriots went scoreless for the final four minutes of the second quarter.

The rest of the game went back-and-forth, with neither

team scoring more than two consecutive baskets in the second half. After Josh Dowlen hit a 3-pointer to open the third quarter, Jay County’s lead slipped to fewer than nine points.

Dowlen hit two 3-pointers for the Patriots and finished with a game-high 14 points. Guard scoring was key for the home team, as Abraham Dirksen added a 3-for-4 effort from long range and had 13 points.

“Dirksen and Dowlen and Bogey picked up the slack a little bit,” said Bomholt. “We made some shots. Dowlen got us going in the third quarter.”

Bennett Weitzel and Bogenschutz added eight points apiece.

After having nine days off

following their opening-round loss in the ACAC tournament, the Patriots get just about a 17-hour break before tipping off at Hagerstown (3-11) this afternoon.

### Junior varsity

Jay County scored the game’s first 13 points as it cruised to a 51-17 victory over the Starfires.

The Patriots had a 14-point lead at the end of the opening period and pushed it to 30-6 at halftime. They continued to dominate after the intermission.

Liam Garringer led the victory with a dozen points. Trevin Dunnington and Wes Bihn each had nine points for JCHS.

Derek McKean scored all but five of the points for South Adams.

### Freshman

The Patriots limited South Adams to one field goal — or fewer — in every quarter as they rolled to a 43-7 victory.

Jay County was up 15-2 at the end of the opening quarter and then shut out the Starfires in the second for a 36-point lead. It then backed off as the teams played even in the second half.

Cole Forthofer’s 11 points were the game high to pace the Patriots. Carter Fugiett had seven points and Brady Hess followed with six.

A fourth-quarter 3-pointer from Alex Stutzman gave him the team lead for SAHS.



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Joseph Dow of Jay County competes Friday in the 200-yard freestyle during the ACAC Championships. The Patriot boys team finished second in the four-team field behind Bluffton.

## Swim ...

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The margin of victory was twice as large for JCHS as it had been a year ago.

Jay County’s boys scored 313 points to finish a distant second behind Bluffton, which defended its ACAC championship. Adams Central was third with 266 followed by South Adams.

Mara Bader led the Patriot girls to their championship, winning the two events that she has competed in at the state finals. That started with the 200-yard individual medley, in which she was already more than three seconds ahead of the field after the opening butterfly leg. She did nothing but extend that advantage the rest of the way as she finished more than 11 seconds faster than runner-up Julia Arnold of South Adams in 2 minutes, 23.74 seconds.

She was also dominant in

the 100 breaststroke, posting a time of 1:11.99 to defeat Arnold by nearly six seconds.

“Mara Bader had a great night tonight,” said Slavik of the senior who also teamed with Morgan DeHoff, Zion Beiswanger and Lauren Fisher to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:48.73.0. “She’s swimming comfortable swims and doing exactly what we asked and trying to make some changes to how she raced them. She’s faster than she was last year at this point.”

Sophomore Maddy Snow was the only other individual winner for Jay County as she and teammates Jocelyn Haggard and Anastasiya Fomina were uncontested in diving. Snow put up a career-best 205.85 points for six dives to earn the ACAC crown.

Josh Monroe made it a

Patriot sweep of the 100 breaststroke as he earned the boys team’s only victory of the evening. He was out in front all the way as he posted a winning time of 1:05.64 to finish more than four seconds ahead of runner-up Elija Robles of Bluffton.

Monroe was also the runner-up in the 200 individual medley, with fellow senior Wyatt Kunkler picking up second-place finishes in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

Adding runner-up efforts for the girls team were Hannah Laux in the 100 butterfly and Kenzie Huey in the 100 backstroke.

“Hannah (Laux) and Josh (Monroe) were both sick the last couple of days and both came out tonight and had personal-best swims,” said Slavik. “Josh winning the 100 breast-

stroke in pretty commanding fashion. It was great to see him come down to that 1:05.”

He explained that the meet marked the first time Laux had competed in the ACAC Championships after missing each of the previous two opportunities because of illnesses.

“Hannah Laux had a phenomenal night tonight,” the coach added. (She was also third behind Bader in the 200 individual medley.) “She went faster in the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly than she’s gone. ... That’s what she needed.”

DeHoff added a third-place finish for the champion Patriots in the 100 butterfly and also took fourth in the 100 breaststroke. Lauren Fisher was fourth in the 50 freestyle, and Aubrey Millsbaugh placed fourth in the 500 freestyle.

## Wrestling ...

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And Byrum, who has bounced in and out of the lineup and from 106 to 113 this year, got two second-period pins as he defeated Brendon Sprunger of South Adams in 2:26 for his title.

Each of the other

championship matches for Jay County was close, with No. 14 Reiley edging fighting off 19th-ranked Gavin Cook of South Adams 3-2. Wenk, who is ranked No. 20, won a high-scoring match 12-10 over South Adams’ Maverick Summersett, the

fourth-ranked Wood blanked No. 20 Logan Uhlman of Adams Central 3-0 and Curtis fought off Adams Central’s Maverick Dubach 5-2.

Three other Patriots competed in ACAC championship matches, with Daniel Moore (113)

falling 6-3 to 11th-ranked Levi Johns of Bluffton and Christian Wittkamp (152) dropping a 7-5 decision to No. 19 Caden Funk of Adams Central.

Adding third-place finishes for JCHS were Landon Mills-Blowers (160) and Alan Ortiz (220).

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys basketball at Hagerstown — noon; Girls basketball at Southern Wells — 7:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Noblesville West — 9 a.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Adams Central — 9 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Swimming at Auglaize YMCA — 8 a.m.; Girls basketball at Franklin Monroe — 10 a.m.; Boys basketball at Graham — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Arcanum — 9 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Heritage — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Indian Lake — 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Richmond — 6 p.m.; Swimming vs. Blackford and Burris — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Tri-Village — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at TBA — 5:30 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Everton at West Ham United (USA)  
Noon — Men’s college basketball: Georgetown at Xavier (FS1); Mississippi at Arkansas (ESPN2); Miami at Duke (ESPN); Wisconsin at Northwestern (BTN); Syracuse at Georgia Tech (Bally Indiana)  
12:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Dayton at George Washington (USA)  
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Newcastle United at Crystal Palace (NBC)  
1 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: TCU at Kansas (CBS)  
2 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: UCLA at Arizona (ABC); Texas Tech at Kansas State (ESPN); Iowa State at Oklahoma State (FOX); DePaul at Providence (FS1); Boston College at Notre Dame (Bally Indiana)  
2:15 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Nebraska at Penn State (BTN)  
2:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: La Salle at Saint Louis (USA)  
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Tournament of Champions (NBC)  
4 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Colorado State at Wyoming (FS1)  
4:30 p.m. — NFL playoffs: AFC Divisional — Jacksonville Jaguars at Kansas City Chiefs (NBC)  
8 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — Men’s college hockey: Michigan at Minnesota (BTN)  
8:15 p.m. — NFL playoffs: NFC Divisional — New York Giants at Philadelphia Phillies (FOX)  
9 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Phoenix Suns (Bally Indiana)

10 p.m. — Boxing: Glover Teixeira vs. Jamahal Hill (ABC/ESPN)  
11 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Oregon at Stanford (FS1)

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Wolverhampton Wanderers at Manchester City (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester United at Arsenal (USA)  
Noon — Men’s college basketball: Butler at Connecticut (FOX); Michigan State at Indiana (CBSO)  
1 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Memphis at Cincinnati (ESPN2)  
1 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: North Carolina State at Louisville (ABC)  
2 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Maryland at Purdue (FS1)  
3 p.m. — NFL playoffs: AFC Divisional — Cincinnati Bengals at Buffalo Bills (CBS)  
3 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Temple at Houston (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Arkansas at South Carolina (ESPN2)  
6:30 p.m. — NFL football: NFC Divisional — Dallas Cowboys at San Francisco 49ers (FOX)  
7 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Indiana at Michigan (BTN)  
9 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)  
9 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Kansas at Baylor (ESPN)

**Tuesday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Penn State at Rutgers (BTN); DePaul at Georgetown (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Miami Heat (TNT)  
8:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Northwestern at Nebraska (BTN)  
9 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)  
9 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Kansas State at Iowa State (FS1)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Xavier at Connecticut (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Wisconsin at Maryland (BTN)  
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)  
8:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Butler at Providence (FS1)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Columbus Blue Jackets at Edmonton Oilers (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

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## Two out of three

*Jay County wrestlers and girls swimmers earn ACAC titles while boys swim team finishes in second place behind Bluffton*

WOODBURN — The Patriots entered the meet as heavy favorites.

They did not disappoint. Ranked first in Class 2A and having already dominated the conference duals, the Jay County High School wrestling team racked up eight individual titles Friday night as it won the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament championship.

The Patriots, who got championships from Griffin Byrum (106), Tave Curtis (120), Cody Rowles (126), Ethan Reiley (132), Tony Wood (138), Cameron Clark (145), A.J. Myers (170) and Bryce Wenk (182), scored 297 points to outdistance Class 1A No. 3 Adams Central, which followed with 251.5. South Adams was third in the seven-team field with 216.

Rowles, Clark, Myers and Byrum all pinned their way to their championships, with Rowles turning in the most dominant effort of the night. The junior 126-pounder was on the mat for a grand total of 79 seconds after receiving a bye through the first round.

Ranked ninth in the state, Rowles needed just 46 seconds to finish off Adams Central's Jaret Smith in the championship match.

Clark, who is also now ranked ninth in the state, ended both of his matches in the first period. His championship victory came in 1 minute, 26 seconds over Brody Lewis of Bluffton.

Myers got a third-period pin in his semifinal match before beating Woodlan's Jake Roemer in 3:06 for the championship.

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Hannah Laux of host Jay County High School swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay Friday night during the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. Laux finished second in the 100-yard butterfly and third in the 200 individual medley.

By **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review

Depth can go a long way.

Three teams evenly split the girls victories in Friday's confer-

ence meet. The Patriots were able to rack up far more points with their No. 2 and 3 swimmers.

Host Jay County High School's girls swim team pulled away to

take first place in the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships, winning their sixth consecutive title.

The Patriots' 407 points easily

put them ahead of runner-up Adams Central (293) in the four-team field that saw Bluffton take third and South Adams fourth.

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Jay County High School's Bennett Weitzel blocks a shot by Tytus Lehman of the South Adams Starfires during the first half Friday night. The Patriots ran out to an 18-0 lead on the way to a 49-34 victory.

## Strong first quarter carries Jay over SA

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots were up by 15 at the end of the opening quarter.

The rest of the game was even.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team rode its early dominance to a victory Friday as it defeated the visiting South Adams Starfires 49-34.

"Well, we figured out a way to win," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose team is now 3-7. "We

got off to, at least from a scoreboard standpoint, 15-0. But it could have been a lot worse because we had just some careless turnovers again. But we did get off to that kind of start. But then once again we kind of hit (a lull)."

"Better than we've done," he added. "Better execution. We played hard, especially in the first quarter on defense. ..."

"We'll take it. We'll try to build on this."

After the futile first quarter, the Starfires were

able to hang with the Patriots the rest of the way. SAHS coach Garrett Krieg, a Jay County High School graduate, felt it was a step in the right direction for his team that had previously lost by 40 to Bluffton and 52 to Adams Central in Allen County Athletic Conference games.

"We bounced back really well," said Krieg, who was a senior on the Patriots last sectional championship squad in 2011.

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