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Building hearing likely won't be needed

Repairs have addressed concerns on The Greazy Pickle

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A hearing regarding a downtown bar and restaurant may not need to be rescheduled.

Portland Board of Works briefly discussed the public hearing on The Greazy Pickle's violation of the unsafe building ordinance at its meeting Friday. The public hearing had been scheduled for Wednesday but was canceled because of that day's winter storm.

When the topic came up, board of works member Steve McIntosh asked if the hearing had been rescheduled.

Portland Mayor John Boggs, who is also a member of the board of works, explained that it is likely the hearing will not be necessary after the owners of The Greazy Pickle have had extensive work done to the facade of the building to address the issues that led to the violation notice.

"The work is essentially done," he said.

He added that Jay/Portland Building and Planning will send information and photos of the building improvements to Wessler Engineering, which has been working with the city on the effort to demolish the adjacent Bailey Building. He said if the firm can confirm the safety concerns have been resolved, the notice of violation can be rescinded.

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Torch passed

Greg Bales meets Jay County High School senior Renna Schwieterman at halfcourt during a timeout after she broke his record as the highest-scoring basketball player in county history. Bales had held that title for 51 years, having scored 1,723 points for the Redkey Wolves from 1969 through 1972. Schwieterman broke his mark on a free throw with 4.2 seconds left in the third quarter of Jay County's win over Heritage. For more on the game, see page 10.

Group seeks to help businesses

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A brief Portland Redevelopment Commission meeting Friday focused on efforts by Portland Main Street Connect, including to help downtown businesses learn about resources that are available to help with property improvement projects.

Reda Theurer-Miller, who is a member of both the redevelopment com-

mission and the Main Street group, and city attorney Wes Schemenaur explained that a committee has been reviewing city ordinances. It has looked at what is currently in effect and considered potential changes in an effort to help improve the city's downtown area.

They noted that before addressing ordinances, the committee put together a letter to businesses informing them of the

various programs that are available to them to provide financial assistance and other resources. Those letters were hand-delivered to business owners who were available and will be mailed to others.

As the committee continues, Schemenaur said the important next step is for the group to define its goals. (The group has also been looking at what other communities have

done to help spur growth in their downtowns.)

As part of the discussion, redevelopment commission member Dave Teeter expressed concern about empty commercial properties and those that are being used as residences. He asked if there is a city ordinance addressing the issue of living in commercial properties.

Schemenaur told commission members Rusty

Inman, Joe Johnston, Mike Simons, Theurer-Miller and Teeter that it likely falls under zoning rules and building codes.

"My concern is that it seems to me that some of the buildings have just been purchased to house people," said Teeter. (He had expressed concern at the board's October meeting regarding businesses that seem to never be open.)

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Retrospect

Chamber gave its annual awards

Twenty-five years ago this week, a new local award was presented.

The Jan. 26, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the Portland Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting that included the presentation of the first Jack Cole Award for Volunteerism to rural Portland resident Stuart Ronald.

Other top honorees at the annual meeting were Ward Weisel for lifetime achievement and Rob Weaver as Citizen of the Year.

The Portland Foundation established the Jack Cole Award for Volunteerism and presented it to Ronald at the meeting. It had been founded in 1995 to honor Cole's work as the foundation's first executive director.

"I believe a volunteer is the heart of the community," said Cole of Ronald. "Much

of what (Ronald) does goes unseen ..."

As part of the honor, Ronald, who had been nominated by his four children, got to direct a \$250 gift from the Portland Foundation to a charity of his choice.

"It's very nice when something like that happens," Ronald said of the award. "The only reservation I have is when you're doing things you enjoy it's unusual to be recognized. It's almost unnecessary."

Weisel was tearful after his announcement as the lifetime achievement winner.

"This is an award from my peers," said Weisel, former vice president of First National Bank. "I can't describe how I feel in words. I'm very proud."

During comments presenting the Citizen of the Year Award, past chamber president Doug Milligan said the



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Portland Area Chamber of Commerce gave out various awards at its annual meeting on Jan. 24, 1998. Pictured, from left, are Lifetime Achievement Award winner Ward Weisel, Citizen of the Year Rob Weaver, Glynn Barber of industry of the year winning Qualtech Tool and John Samples of business of the year Jay County REMC.

honor was for Weaver, "the person, the volunteer, the family man, the servant and our friend."

"I really feel I'm receiving

an award for doing what I love to do," said Weaver, echoing Ronald's feelings. "It's been a privilege to serve this community and be part of

just about every news event for the last 20 years. I can't express the feeling I have. It's truly an honor. I was not expecting this at all."

Deaths

Clarice Warrick, 88, Richmond
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 35 degrees Friday.

Skies will be cloudy today with a high of 40. Tonight's low will be 33 with rain expected after midnight and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Two new candidates filed recently to run in this year's municipal elections.

Incumbent independent Mike Aker filed to seek a second term on Portland City Council. Republican Gregg Ellenberger filed to run for Bryant Town Council.

The deadline to file to run for election is noon Friday.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's wrestling sectional tournament at JCHS.

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday's JCHS girls basketball sectional opener.



Obituaries

Clarice Warrick

June 17, 1935-Jan. 23, 2023
Clarice Mae Elder Warrick, age 88, of Richmond, Indiana, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at Friends Fellowship Community. Born June 17, 1935, in Celina, Ohio, to Clarence B. and Mabel Mae Stump Elder; Clarice has been a permanent resident of Richmond since 1976. Clarice graduated from Portland High School, Portland, Indiana, in 1953 and from Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, in 1957 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She practiced as a reg-

istered nurse between Union City, Indiana, and Richmond, Indiana, for nearly 50 years. She was most recently employed by Reid Memorial Hospital for over 30 years working in the nurse education and infection control departments.

Survivors include her daughter, Jane E. (William) Peters Hunt, Temple, Texas; stepchildren Bill (Joan) Warrick and Ann (Richard) Warrick Chegar,



Warrick

both of Indianapolis; grandchildren Justis (Sheree) Hunt of Temple, Texas, Lucas Hunt of Houston, Texas, Elizabeth (Greg) Chalker Rogers of Loveland, Ohio, Caitlin (Mike) Chalker Massa of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Will (Maria) Chalker of Denver, Owen (Kayla) Gibby of Burlington Kentucky, Noah (Kelsey) Gibby of Cincinnati; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, Dr. Francis Bewley Warrick in 2003; parents Clarence B. Elder in 1983 and Mable Mae (Stump) Elder in

1973; brother Charles J. Elder in 2010; and stepdaughter Camilla (Warrick) Gibby in 2002.

Visitation for Clarice Mae Warrick will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13, 2023, at West Richmond Friends Meeting. A memorial service will be held immediately following at the church. Burial will be in Ridge Cemetery.

Our family is most grateful for the compassionate care given to Clarice by Friends Fellowship Community and Reid Health Hospice.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends Fellowship

Community Nursing Department or Reid Health Foundation Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at doanmillsfuneralhome.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.

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

CR almanac

Sunday 1/29	Monday 1/30	Tuesday 1/31	Wednesday 2/1	Thursday 2/2
40/25	28/9	20/11	24/12	25/11
There's a 40% chance of rain Sunday. Wind gusts may reach up to 25 mph.	Monday's forecast shows cloudy skies. At night, the low will dip to about 9 degrees.	Mostly sunny Tuesday, with a 30% chance of snow at night.	Partly sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday. The low may hit 12.	Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday, with the low again dipping near single digits.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-9-6 Daily Four: 4-5-1-7 Quick Draw: 4-6-19-22-34-37-41-42-47-49-50-51-56-58-59-61-66-67-77-78	Pick 4: 7-4-2-4 Pick 5: 5-4-4-1-7
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-4-3	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$572 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.95 Dec. corn.....6.95 Wheat.....7.32	Wheat.....6.90 July wheat.....7.35
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.00 Feb. corn.....7.00 March corn.....7.02	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.81 Feb. corn.....6.81 Beans.....14.97 Feb. beans.....14.99 Wheat.....7.35
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.83 Feb. corn.....6.83 Beans.....14.95 Feb. beans.....15.02	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.53 Feb. corn.....6.53 Beans.....14.79 Feb. beans.....14.79 Wheat.....7.05

Today in history

In 1547, England's king Henry VIII died. His 9-year-old son, Edward VI, assumed the crown.

In 1813, Jane Austen's renowned English novel, "Pride and Prejudice," was published anonymously. More than 20 million copies of the work have been purchased since then.

In 1871, Paris, France, surrendered after a four-month siege during the Franco-German War.

In 1912, painter Jackson Pollock was born in Cody, Wyoming. He led the Abstract Expressionism movement with his "drip" technique.

In 1915, Congress created the United States Coast Guard.

In 1935, Iceland became the first western country to legalize abortion.

In 1958, Lego patented its signature brick. Since then, the company has created 500 billion Lego elements, or about the height of 10 Lego-built towers from Earth to the moon.

In 1981, actor Elijah Wood was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He's best known for his role as Frodo Baggins in movie adaptations of "The Lord of the Rings" series.

In 1985, band USA for Africa recorded "We Are the World," a charity single that sold more than 20 million copies.

In 1986, The "Challenger" space shuttle exploded less than two minutes after liftoff, killing all seven passengers aboard. One of those aboard the vehicle was New Hampshire middle school teacher Christina McAuliffe, the first educator to join a mission with plans to conduct lessons from orbit. President Ronald Reagan ordered a presidential commission into the accident, leading to a 32-month hiatus in shuttle flights.

In 2005, Portland street department workers were still cleaning up the effects of the Jan. 5 ice storm. About 60% of the debris had been collected, street and park department superintendent Jeff Harker said. He estimated the limb collection would cost more than \$50,000 out of the department's annual budget of about \$1.1 million.

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Hearing ...

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The building had been at issue since the city had Wessler complete an engineering report on the buildings from 201 to 211 W. Main St., with an eye on tearing down the Bailey Building — 201 to 205 W. Main St. (The city is currently accepting bids to demolish the building, with a deadline of Feb. 28.) The report identified various issues, including some with The Greazy Pickle, 207 and 211 W. Main St.

"They've complied with everything that was required on that," said

Boggs. "I've got nothing but praise."

McIntosh and Boggs, absent Jerry Leonhard, also approved an agreement to provide a 25% local match for an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings Grant. The city was awarded a \$549,558 grant for the paving of the entirety of Arch and Pierce streets, Walnut Street east of Meridian Street, Noble Street between Main and High streets, and Union Street between Meridian and Bridge streets.

The project is currently out for bid with the work planned for this summer.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the following: a \$15,000 contract with Jay County Humane Society with an additional \$2,500 for gas for animal control services; agreements with IWM consulting for its work on a response to an environmental restrictive covenant via the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at a cost of \$970 and an application for Indiana Brownfields to

remove petroleum tanks from the former Sheller-Globe south site at 510 S. Bridge St. at a cost of \$500; a memorandum of understanding form, which addresses liability concerns, regarding Portland police officers working off-duty events, such as Indianapolis Colts games, while in uniform; and a leak adjustment of \$604.

- Wrote off bad debt that was two years old or older in the amount of \$1,414.61.
- Wrote off outstanding checks that were two years old or older at a total of \$2,730.60.

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As a business owner, he said it would be concerning to have neighboring buildings that are never going to have businesses in them.

Theurer-Miller also reported that so far there are 67 Hometown Heroes veteran banners to be hung in the city this year. (The cut-off date is March 1.)

"It just continues to grow," she said. Portland Main Street Connect and Krista Muhlenkamp of Jake's Little Patriot Fund, which led the Hometown Heroes effort, are also working on putting together a brief ceremony to acknowledge the new banners.

Theurer-Miller noted that the Main Street group is also working with Carolyn Carducci, executive director of

Arts Place, on a possible grant for a public art project.

Also Friday, Teeter asked about the status of the Hood Building, home of The Graphic Printing Company.

After getting appraisals, the commission last month approved moving forward to negotiate an agreement for purchasing the building for potential development. (Teeter and Theurer-Miller were not in attendance at that meeting.)

Answering Teeter's question, Inman said there is currently no purchase agreement in place. (The building was the subject of an executive session that followed Friday's regular meeting.)

In other business:
• Portland Mayor John Boggs swore in commission members for the year:

Inman was elected president with Theurer-Miller as vice president and Johnston as secretary.

• Members an agreement to provide \$75,000 in funding to Portland Economic Development Corporation to be passed on to Sonrise Aviation for its project to construct a new corporate hangar at Portland Municipal Airport.

• Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips presented the financial report. The commission has a total of \$1.22 million across all funds.

• Inman reported that LeeAnn Miller of Reclaiming Design, which is renovating a downtown building to become its new location, would like to make a presentation to the group but that she was not available to attend Friday's meeting.

Capsule Reports

Travel advisory

Jay County shifted to a travel advisory shortly after noon Friday.

The county had previously been on a travel watch — advising travel should be for work and emergencies only — since 3:17 p.m. Thursday because of winds blowing snow across roads.

A travel advisory suggests travel or activities may be restricted in some areas.

Passing crash

A Portland woman attempting to pass the car in front of her lost control of her vehicle, causing an accident at the intersection of U.S. 27 and county road 800 North about 5:40 p.m. Thursday.

Cristal M. Felts, 41, was driving north on the high-

way when she began passing a vehicle in front of her, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. She lost control of her 1999 Dodge Durango because of ice on the road, causing her to spin and hit a southbound 2011 GMC Acadia driven by 32-year-old Robert L. Carlin of Pennington.

Ashley Carlin, a 34-year-old passenger in Robert Carlin's vehicle, sustained a leg injury from the crash.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Rolled in field

A Union City man's vehicle slid off county road 1000 North and rolled several times about 4:55 p.m. Friday. Chester R. Ragon, 40, was driving west on the

road when he lost control of his 2011 Ford Edge because of snowy road conditions. His vehicle left the south side of the road and

went into a ditch, rolling two or three times in a field.

His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.



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Monday
Hedges, James: 11 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.


Tuesday
Johnson, James: 5 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

May 13
Warrick, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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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.
Please RSVP at 260-726-4888, ext. 3015 or Taylor.suman@in.nacdn.net

Citizen's calendar

Monday 6 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.
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To wed Feb. 18

Benjamin Dirksen and Deidre Chenoweth

Deidre Chenoweth and Benjamin Dirksen are planning a wedding.

The couple will wed Feb. 18 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Bryant.

Chenoweth, the daughter of Portland residents Dennis and Donna Chenoweth, graduated Jay County High School in 2011. She received her bachelor's degree in agricultural economics with a minor in crop science from Purdue University in 2015, and she works as a homestead quality livestock bedding manager at Homestead Pioneer Packaging in Portland. She also serves as an Indiana spotted swine breed manager.

Dirksen, the son of Winchester residents Matthew and Paula Dirksen, also graduated Jay County High School in 2011. He owns Dirksen Family Farms and participates in livestock and grain farming.



Benjamin Dirksen and Deidre Chenoweth

Friend worried about house rules

DEAR ABBY: I have known "Gigi" since second grade. We have stayed in touch through the years, although more sporadically in the last two decades. Until 10 years ago, she would spend a week with us in the summer. She came three different times, and we had fun. We also visited her twice in California. I was married, but without kids then. Shortly after our first child was born, she started dating — and then living with — her boyfriend. I'm happy that she's happy with him.

Soon after they began dating, Gigi asked about coming to visit, and I agreed, but said they would need to sleep in separate rooms at my house. She said yes, and I don't think she was surprised because she has known me for so long. However, the plans didn't work out (his schedule, she said) and they didn't come. That was five years ago.

We were recently on the phone, and she asked about coming out. I told her I was glad to meet her boyfriend at last, and we set a date. Neither of us mentioned the sleeping arrangements, but I feel maybe I need to clarify again. I do not judge

Dear Abby



her, but I have made a decision that in my home I should never have to feel uncomfortable. Their sharing the same room would make me uncomfortable.

I told Gigi five years ago that if sleeping separately made them uncomfortable, we could see each other during the day and they could arrange to stay in a hotel or another friend's home. She hasn't mentioned her plans this time around, but right now it sounds like they intend to stay here. What should I do? — HOUSE RULES IN UTAH

DEAR RULES: Because Gigi and her boyfriend sharing a bedroom in your house would make you uncomfortable, call her and explain that although they are welcome, your feelings on the subject of sleeping arrangements haven't changed. This is NOT a discussion you should have upon their arrival.

Library showing the love

Jay County Public Library wants to show the love next month.

Free services and giveaways will be available periodically throughout February to demonstrate its appreciation to its patrons and community.

The following free items will be distributed to visitors: popcorn on Feb. 1, chocolate on Feb. 6, hot cocoa on Feb. 14 and a library voucher for fines or service fees from Feb. 20 to Feb. 25.

Taking Note

The following free services will be offered: No fines for patrons from Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, free printing and copying from Feb. 13 to Feb. 18 and

free faxing and emailing from Feb. 20 to Feb. 25.

To learn more, visit the library at 315 N Ship St, Portland, or call (260) 726-7890.

Dean's list

A Fort Recovery local made the dean's list at Miami University.

Morgan Litmer, a psychology, sociology major, ranked in the top 20% of undergraduate students within her division in the fall.

Community Calendar

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

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.

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

Tuesday

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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 MORNING 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.

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

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		2		4				
5			6					9
6			8		1	9		2
			7					
	9	1			4	5		
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	3	7		6		8		
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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
For Jay County Schools
Jan. 30 - Feb. 3

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread & cucumber bento box, Turkey & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Smile potatoes

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread & cucumber bento box, Turkey & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Seasoned zucchini

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Beef Nachos **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread & cucumber bento box, Turkey & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Mexican style refried beans

Thursday: Main Entrees: Whole grain pancake bite, turkey sausage link, classic chicken sandwich, syrup **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread & cucumber bento box, Turkey & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Tater tots

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread & cucumber bento box, Turkey & cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Seasoned peas and carrots

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Thanks for making holiday special

To the editor:
I am writing to thank Portland-area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022. Combined with those collected from part-

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nering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes — packed with fun toys, school supplies

and hygiene items — Portland-area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Samaritan's Purse

delivered its milestone 200 millionth shoebox, which was packed on a country-wide tour and then hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Across Indiana, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanpurse.org/occ or by calling (937) 374-0761.

Although local drop-off locations for gifts are closed until Nov. 13 through 20, 2023, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanpurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,
Casey Goodwin
Samaritan's Purse

Legislature should address cannabis

By JIM MERRITT
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The 2023 session of Indiana's General Assembly has commenced, and I am certain you're thinking about the biennial budget that features K-12 & higher education funding along with how you can make Indiana a healthier state. As you know, another issue that has gained prominence and support in the minds of many Hoosiers is the regulation of cannabis.

I write you this open letter for the purpose of providing focus on this topic.

The 2022 General Assembly interim committee hearing featuring cannabis this past fall provided a good beginning to show the legislature the amount of interest there is in regulating cannabis in our state. The next step in regulating cannabis is a very consequential one. One of a legislator's main responsibilities is to protect Hoosier citizens. The creation of a system to regulate cannabis is right in line with that important duty.

Like it or not, cannabis is here to stay. Countless Hoosiers will continue to consume it illegally and dangerously with no idea what's in it. A full vetting of the issue is a necessity now. Now is the time for a two-year cannabis commission. Folks will scoff at this idea and yet, it's a common sense move. Remember, commissions have created quality public policy initiatives such as reforming the property tax system and selling alcohol on Sundays.

A commission would uncover best and worst practices in the states that currently regulate cannabis. A commission would have the mission to create an integral framework of guidelines and standards for the product to protect public health and provide consumer safety.

Indiana has ideal soil and climate conditions for the growth of hemp. The regulation of hemp would offer the potential of an economic impact to the state that will result in substantial tax revenues and 20-30,000 new jobs in advanced manufacturing for hemp-based products. All sorts of industrial uses of hemp have been uncovered including bricks, automobiles, rope, and many other products. The supply chain growth that will fuel this will be driven by what is quickly becoming an "agricultural renaissance" for the Indiana farming community as we begin to educate farmers on the long-term benefits of growing hemp.

There is keen interest in the growth potential for the cannabis industry in

Jim Merritt



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Indiana. The Foundation of Cannabis Unified Standards (FOCUS) has taken notice. Arizona-based FOCUS was founded by a former Eli Lilly executive who has spent the past nine years leading the only entity in the cannabis industry that is dedicated to the development of third-party accredited health and safety standards.

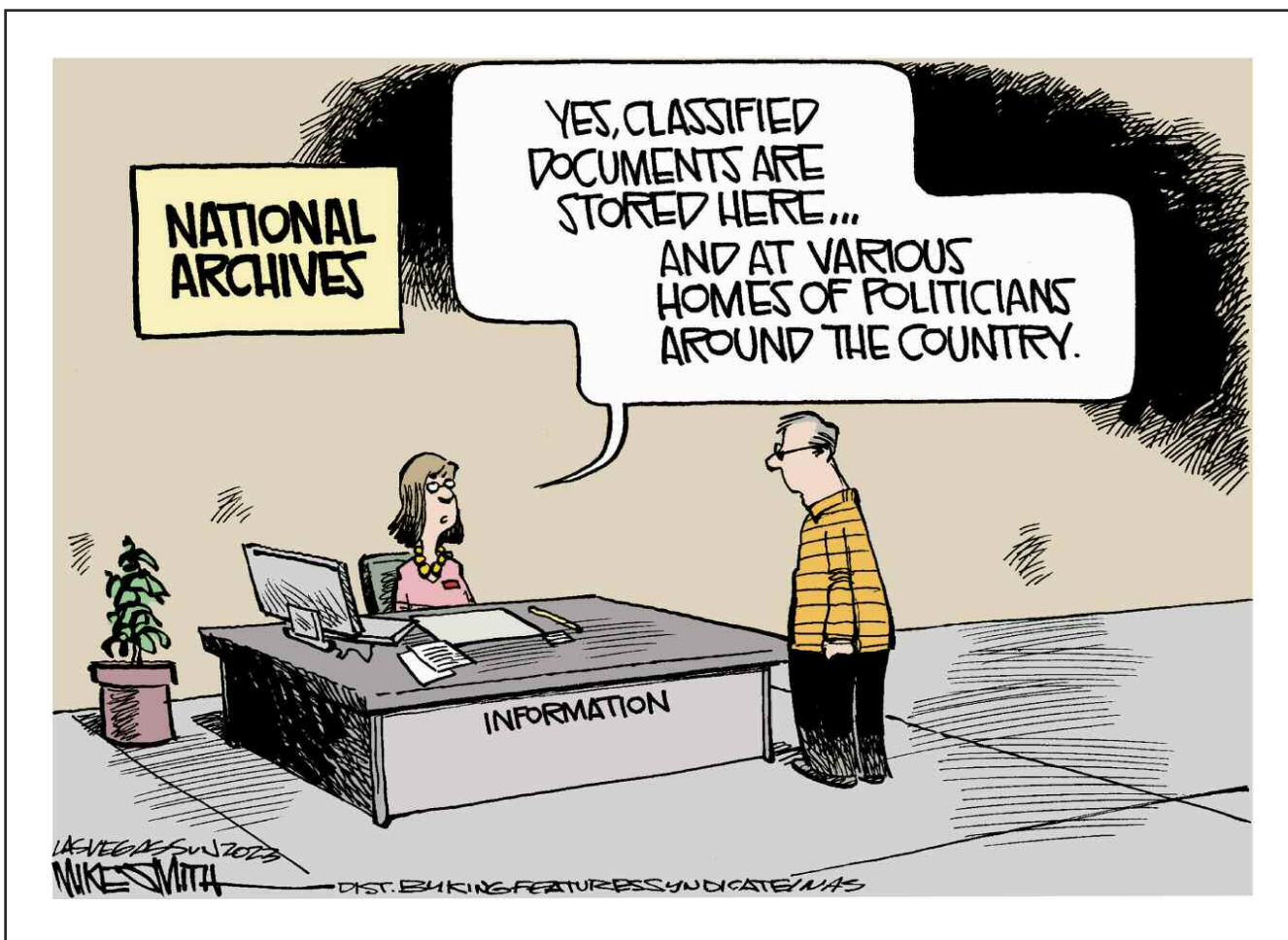
FOCUS has established a strategic partnership with the Cannabis Hemp Industry Employee Employer Association, a newly structured Indiana organization. The association is committed to our state with their Indiana First Initiative. The intent with IFI is to promote the growth of the cannabis industry with a strong emphasis on hemp production on a statewide basis through structured educational mediums and building consensus within key demographic sectors and key stakeholder including but not limited to political leaders, faith-based leadership, farming communities and corporate leadership.

Members of the General Assembly: the establishment of a state-sponsored commission will enable Indiana to quickly become the recognized leader in the cannabis industry and potentially be the first state to establish a framework for growth that is driven by standards.

More importantly, an Indiana state cannabis commission would be a leap forward away from our current unsafe conditions and will serve as a catalyst for economic growth in Indiana.

Merritt served in the Indiana Senate for 30 years before retiring in 2020.

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Store more for non-rainy day

By GEORGE SKELTON
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A gazillion gallons of stormwater have been rampaging down rivers into the sea. But that uncaptured bounty hasn't been "wasted."

"Wasted water" being dumped in the ocean is an old cliché that resurfaces whenever there's a big storm in this weather-ecentric state — or during the inevitable dry periods when crops are thirsty and homeowners are told to shut off their lawn sprinklers.

But "wasted water" is a myth. Uncaptured runoff flowing to the sea flushes pollutants out of rivers and bays, helping to cleanse water for local domestic use. It also saves many kinds of fish, including salmon, not only for recreationists but for the coastal fishing industry. And it deposits sand on beaches.

In the vital Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, runoff pushes back saltwater from San Francisco Bay, making the relatively small amount of water that is captured potentially drinkable.

That's the view of water scholars I've talked to recently. And it makes sense, particularly concerning flows through real rivers. That doesn't necessarily include concrete-lined flood channels, such as the so-called Los Angeles River.

"Every drop of water flowing out of the Central Valley into San Francisco Bay creates benefits," asserts Jeffrey Mount, a water expert at the Public Policy Institute of California. He's a former UC Davis science professor and founding director of the university's Center for Watershed Sciences.

But he continues: "I want to be perfectly clear. That doesn't mean we couldn't harvest more."

He also adds this caveat: "There are some places where water is just wasted to sea. I'm thinking where I grew up — in Santa Monica. Street runoff there has no demonstrable value." That is, unless it's captured and recycled or stored underground, he notes.

But even uncaptured water headed to sea through the L.A. River is beneficial, he contends.

"It cleans out the channel. The L.A.

George Skelton



River is watered by urban slobber, an unpleasant mix of oils and other nasty stuff."

Unfortunately, it winds up "in places where surfers are," he says. "The ocean is full of viruses by the time they paddle out."

Mount's PPIC colleague, Greg Gartrell, says the L.A. and lower San Gabriel rivers were turned into flood control channels "to get the water off the land as fast as possible so they could build houses in floodplains."

The channels "almost immediately filled up with sediment," he continues.

"They put in sediment basins to catch the sediment so it wouldn't go into the channels. Then we started losing sand on the beaches."

The sand flows down from mountains as well as ocean cliffs.

"If we didn't build in flood plains," Gartrell adds, "we wouldn't have to do many of these projects."

The issue of whether to capture and store more runoff or allow it to flow freely into the ocean is more controversial in Northern California, where there are bona fide rivers.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin delta, fed by several rivers originating in the snow-covered mountains and flowing through the agriculture-rich Central Valley, is the source of drinking water for 27 million Californians and irrigation for 3 million acres of crops. The uncaptured water flows into San Francisco Bay and out through the Golden Gate into the Pacific.

"Most of this water is not just uncaptured — it's uncapturable," says Gartrell, a delta expert, independent consulting engineer and former assistant general manager of the Contra Costa Water District.

"And it's not actually wasted. It's freshening San Francisco Bay."

It's uncapturable because of pumping capacity and aqueduct

sizes, and often in wet years because reservoirs are practically full — particularly San Luis Reservoir in Merced County, the big holding pond for both the federal and state water projects. Last week, it was only half full, but is expected to fill by spring.

The future of storage is underground in aquifers, now dangerously depleted by over-pumping.

"We have a 150-million-acre-foot capacity underground — more storage than we'll ever be able to use," says Wade Crowfoot, secretary of the state Natural Resources Agency.

But Mount says, "We're currently not set up for pumping underground" in large quantities. "We haven't gotten our act together."

State and federal delta pumps now are operating at near capacity, sending nearly 14,000 cubic feet per second through aqueducts into the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California. But that's tiny compared to delta outflows, which last week were roughly 150,000 CFS. None of it was wasted.

The wasted water issue is more relevant when runoff is normal or very low.

I called Mount after reading a UC Davis blog post he co-wrote six years ago, titled "Water wasted to the Sea?"

"The seaward flow of freshwater is essential to [delta] farmers, fishers, conservations, seashore lovers and government agencies that manage drinking water supplies, restore wetlands, protect coastlines and clean up sewage and storm pollution," he concluded then.

"Wasted water to some is essential water to others."

"I feel even stronger about it today," Mount told me. "It's a mistake to refer to any water that goes to the ocean as wasted."

"I'm not saying all the water should go to the ocean. We could do a better job of storing some of it without impacting benefits."

So, uncaptured water isn't wasted. But when large amounts are suddenly gifted by nature, more could be stored for a non-rainy day.

Skelton has covered government and politics for nearly 60 years and for The Los Angeles Times since 1974.

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Ardagh earns safety certification

One of an international glass company's area locations was recognized recently.

Ardagh Glass Packaging – North America's manufacturing facility in Winchester achieved FSSC 22000 Food Safety System Certification.

The company also operates a glass manufacturing facility in Dunkirk, which previously earned the same certification.

It "provides a framework for effectively managing an organization's food safety responsibilities." In order to achieve it, a facility must demonstrate it has effectively implemented a robust food safety management system that meets FSSC 22000 requirements.

"Ardagh is committed to driving continuous improvement in food safety management systems within our facilities," said Mike Fair, Vice President of Quality for Ardagh Glass Packaging – North America. "The FSSC 22000 Certification reflects Ardagh's commitment to the quality, safety and well-being of both our customers and consumers across the U.S."

In addition to the Winchester and Dunkirk facilities, Ardagh sites in Wisconsin, North Carolina, Missouri, Pennsylvania,

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Louisiana and Oklahoma have also been certified.

Ardagh's facility in Madera, California, was also awarded ENERGY STAR® plant certification. It goes to facilities that demonstrate superior energy performance and perform within the top 25% of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meet energy efficiency levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Whitinger intern

Jay County High School graduate Keith Hartley is serving an internship with Whitinger & Company.

Hartley, a Portland native, is one of four interns for the public accounting and advisory firm for the spring semester. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting from Ball State University with graduation expected in May.

He plans to pursue a master's

degree in accounting at BSU beginning in the fall.

On the board

Indiana Bankers Association recently announced the members of its 2023 board of directors.

The board includes Kent A. Liechty of First Bank of Berne as an at-large director.

Officers include chairman Jamie R. Shinabarger of Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company in Jasper and first vice chairman Benjamin J. Bochnowski of Peoples Bank in Munster.

Mercer Health awarded

Mercer Health's Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital was recently honored with a Performance Leadership Award for excellence in outcomes by the Chartis Center for Rural Health.

The award goes to facilities that finish in the top 25% of rural hospitals for quality, outcomes and patient perspective.

"This award is a great testament to the care and attentiveness our staff provides to our patients," said Mercer Health vice president of patient care and chief nursing officer Susan Miller in a press release. "Their true dedication to providing the

highest quality care and optimal clinical outcomes for the members of our community is just another example of how Mercer Health takes pride in caring for their community."

The MED Foundation of Mercer Health was also recently awarded a \$15,000 Mercer County Civic Foundation grant for the purchase of a Neptune Rover and three glider rocking chairs.

Program available

Indiana Small Business Development Center is accepting applications to the Indiana Technical Assistance Program.

The initiative is designed to connect small businesses with funding resources and professional assistance for growth and improvement projects, including technology development, business management systems and grant writing.

"INTAP aims to connect businesses with critical professional assistance, especially for underserved communities, by helping them fund projects they might otherwise not be able to pursue," said Indiana SBDC state director David Watkins in a press release. "With funding for this year's INTAP program increasing, more qualified businesses can com-

plete essential projects ranging from prototype development to business management and training systems. I encourage small business owners across industries to consider this program for their next iterative stage of innovation."

Permits issued

More than \$1.4 million in building permits were issued by Jay/Portland Building and Planning department in September and October.

The bulk of those permits — \$6.03 million — came in September, with the largest issued to Tractor Supply Company, 220 W. Lincoln St., Portland. The new store opened for business this month.

Other permits included Meridian Health Services, 406 W. Votaw St., for a \$1.3 million building reconstruction and renovation; Kyle Nietfeld for a \$500,000 new home on county road 400 South and Kent Kahlig for a \$498,000 new home on county road 475 East.

The largest of the permits issued in October was to Earl Muhlenkamp of Creekside Family Farms for a \$300,000 manure storage building on county road 400 North.

DOT looking at issues with schedule

By KYLE ARNOLD
The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

U.S. Department of Transportation officials are investigating Dallas-based Southwest Airlines over whether the carrier's holiday meltdown that stranded millions of travelers was caused by overscheduling flights.

The regulatory agency said Wednesday that it's stepping up the investigation into Southwest's potential shortcomings and pledged a "rigorous and comprehensive" examination of the holiday debacle.

"DOT is also probing whether Southwest executives engaged in unrealistic scheduling of flights which under federal law is considered an unfair and deceptive practice," a Department of Transportation spokesperson said in a statement. "DOT will leverage the full extent of its investigative and enforcement power to ensure consumers are protected."

Company spokesman Chris Mainz pushed back on the idea it deceived customers with a schedule it couldn't meet.

"Our holiday flight schedule was thoughtfully designed and offered to our customers with the backing of a solid plan to operate it, and with ample staffing," Mainz said in an emailed statement. "Our systems and processes became stressed while working to recover from multiple days of flight cancellations across 50 airports in the wake of an unprecedented storm. We're acutely focused on learning from this event, mitigating the risk of a repeat occurrence, and delivering the hospitality and outstanding service our customers expect from us."

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg had already taken aim at Southwest over the 16,700 cancellations in late December that left travelers without flights during the busy holiday stretch. The agency has pushed Southwest to provide timely refunds and reimbursements to disrupted passengers and has even threatened increased regulation if the travel industry can't provide more reliability to customers.

Southwest has said the cold weather system hit key airports in Chicago and Denver, congealing fuel lines and plunging temperatures too low for ground crews to service planes.

Committee affirms pension bills

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ
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Indiana senators on Wednesday said the state's pension system should prioritize return on investment in one bill — not environmental and social concerns — even as they advanced another bill requiring the system to divest from China-related investments.

Senate Bill 292 would require the Indiana Public Retirement System to make investment decisions for its 500,000 members primarily to maximize the rate of return, not to influence any environmental, social or governmental policies — known as "ESG" investing.

But Senate Bill 268 would force the system to divest from its China-related holdings, saying that such investments "risk" Hoosiers' "security and welfare."

The two bills directly conflicted with each other — and existing divestment requirements — until the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee on Wednesday

added an exception to the ESG ban.

Author Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, told the committee his ESG ban wasn't intended to "tie the hands of the INPRS investors," but rather ensure that they "do not make decisions based upon environmental and social, or governance standards."

INPRS Deputy Executive Director Tony Green told the committee that the system does currently prioritize high returns and low risks over ESG considerations.

"This is just codifying what our investment policy statement says," Green said.

State law also already requires that INPRS invest and manage assets "solely in the interest of the beneficiaries," as Indiana Attorney Todd Rokita noted in a September advisory opinion.

Democrats criticized the bill as unnecessary, even as they asked why it didn't apply to other state entities that invest public

dollars, like the treasurer or the Indiana Finance Authority.

The committee approved the bill 7-2, along party lines. Similar legislation is moving around the nation.

INPRS also already follows three state-level divestment laws, plus several federal measures — and Senate Bill 268 author Sen. Chris Garten, R-Charlestown, wants to add China to that list.

The system has more than \$1 billion invested in China as of Wednesday, Garten told his fellow lawmakers. His bill would require INPRS to divest from 50% of any holding within three years of discovering a banned connection to China, 75% within four years, and 100% by five years.

"This is our business partner, right? [China is] engaged in multi-dimensional warfare with every Hoosier that's vested in these funds," Garten said, after running through several Federal Bureau of Investigation economic and security reports.

Rokita's office, which has been highly critical of the country — even filing two lawsuits against China-based TikTok — was in favor.

"The Chinese Communist Party is not our friends. They're a national security threat," Policy Director and Legislative Counsel Corrine Youngs told lawmakers. "And they're trying to supplant us on the world stage by weakening our economy, polluting the minds of our youth, and stealing our systems data and intellectual property."

Garten also pulled from a recent United Nations report detailing the country's ongoing genocide of the Uyghur ethnic group, including surveillance, forced sterilizations, forced labor and attempts to stamp out cultural, religious and language practices.

The bill was amended Wednesday to include specific federal and state criteria, which INPRS said it supported.

JG will shift Sunday edition

Herald Republican (Angola)

FORT WAYNE — The Journal Gazette will be moving its larger Sunday newspaper to Saturdays, effective today.

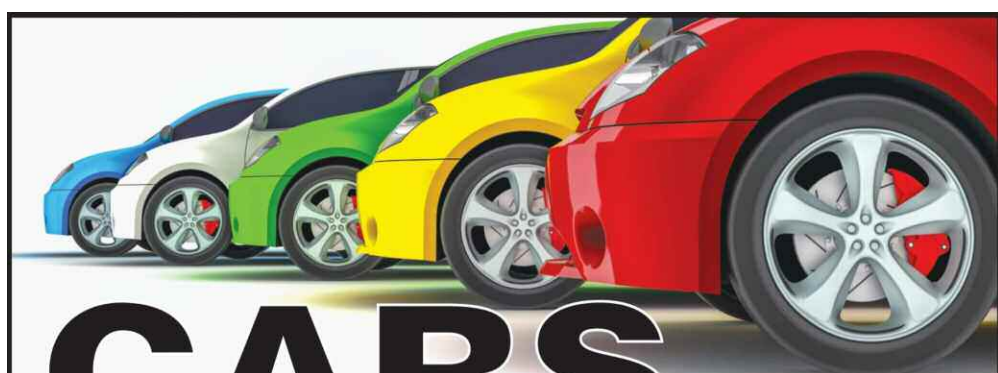
All of the features that readers have come to expect on Sundays — including exclusive enterprise reporting, stand-alone Sports, Metro, Perspective, Business, Living and Classified/Home sections — will move to a Saturday Weekend Edition, along with color comics, puzzles, advice columns and the weekly advertising insert package, the company announced Jan. 20.

"The decision to consolidate and remove a day of print publication was not

an easy one," JG Publisher Sherry Skufca said in the announcement. "And we will continue to provide local coverage of major breaking news and sports occurring on Saturday at our website, journal-gazette.net, which is free to all current 7-day print and digital subscribers."

Newspapers around the country have been dropping days of print publication due to rising production and delivery costs, along with the trend of subscribers preferring the immediacy of getting their news online.

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SYJL, MIYF CH R CH? FLNN
BD MR-JR NHLWZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DISNEY MOVIE ABOUT A PETITE LADY SERVING DRINKS AT HER COCKTAIL LOUNGE: "THE LITTLE BARMAID."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals D

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to donating blood.
A. 3 14 12 5 15 8 14 12
B. 22 21 14 1 15 5 4 6
C. 17 8 2 6
D. 19 5 1 8 12 4

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to blood collection.
NROOD
Answer: Donor

Guess Who?
I am a chef and TV personality born in Ohio on January 22, 1968. I worked as a food product developer before making it big on the Food Network. I'm known for my gregarious personality and bleached hair.
Answer: Guy Fieri

kids' corner
Illustration of school supplies and a laptop.

HEALTH FACT:
TRUE OR FALSE? DRINKING AND EATING WARM FOODS AND BEVERAGES CAN HELP RELIEVE COLD OR FLU SYMPTOMS.
ANSWER: TRUE

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Soup
SPANISH: Sopa
ITALIAN: Minestra
FRENCH: Soupe
GERMAN: Suppe

1-30 CRYPTOQUIP

DKLLGDHMI SJNEN ANEN
YHUQRUN VGRKDPD GX SJN
VQRN INMCNE, AGKRC TGK SJHMP
GX SJNV QD YGTDSNED?

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN I CONVEY SOME NEWS TO MY DARLING AT AN INTERNET CAFE, WHAT DO I DO? TELL MY WI-FI LOVER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals G

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
Picture A: Bowl of soup with chopsticks, spoon, and lid.
Picture B: Bowl of soup with chopsticks, spoon, and lid, but missing a scallion.

Answers: 1. More scallions in soup 2. Missing spoon 3. Chopsticks in soup 4. Dipping sauce bowl

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2020: THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DECLARES THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

New Word
MINISTRONE
a thick soup containing vegetables and pasta

BLOOD CELLS WORD SEARCH

Grid of letters for word search: G M A P V A D A C Y O A D I S E I B O M, E E N N H B M E N H E L T H E R A P Y N, N K T Z V C V S R C T L Y C S D A G M G, etc.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 33 Frighten, 34 Chatter-follower, 5 Nickname for Dallas, 9 Co. with a peacock logo, 12 Pizza cooker, 13 Garfield's pal, 14 Motorist's org., 15 Voice in an iPhone, 16 Revolution period, 17 "Me and Jones", 18 Thin cut, 19 Author Fleming, 20 Spiders' art, 21 Mornings (Abbr.), 23 Airport screening org., 25 Algiers section, 28 "Cheers," for one, 32 Former U.N. leader Kofi
DOWN 54 Jima, 55 Wan, 56 Deli loaves, 1 Em-ployer, 2 Satan's forte, 3 Actress Hatcher, 4 "Sweet Love" singer, 5 Like Peter Pan, 6 Notion, 7 Goliaths, 8 Aachen article, 9 Handle remark, 11 Mama Elliot, 40 From the start, 41 Division word, 43 Medi-ocre, 45 Sculpture medium, 46 "Present!", 47 Morays, 49 Soup legume
Solution time: 26 mins.

Crossword grid for 1-28

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Battle of the sexes
South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH: J 8 7 6 5, 8 5 3, K 10, A Q 9
WEST: A 9 4 2, Q 10, 8 2, 10 7 5 4 3
EAST: K 10, 7, A 9 7 6 5 4 3, K 8 2
SOUTH: Q 3, A K J 9 6 4 2, Q J, J 6
The bidding: South 1♥, West Pass, North 1♠, East 2♦
Opening lead — eight of diamonds.
In April 1989, a match billed as the "Marathon Bridge Battle of the Sexes" took place in New York and Paris. The nonstop, two-week-long, round-the-clock match between an all-male team and an all-female team, playing the same hands simultaneously at the two sites, ended in a narrow victory for the men.
The event, the brainchild of former New York Times bridge columnist Alan Truscott, established many records, including the longest continuous match (2,352 deals) and the most players participating in a match (more than 1,000). It also raised more than \$15,000 for charity.
This deal, played by R. Jay Becker (no relation to this writer) in New York, contributed to a strong comeback by the men after they had fallen behind. Becker reached four hearts as shown. East won the opening diamond lead and shifted to a trump. Declarer won and smoothly led the spade three, which rode to East's ten. The defense was now helpless.
In practice, East returned a diamond to dummy's king. Becker then drew the last trump and led another spade to East's king, ending her. Whether she returned a diamond or a club, declarer had the remainder.
If instead East had cashed the king of spades before returning a diamond, declarer would simply ruff a spade, draw the last trump, cross to the eight of hearts and ruff another spade to establish a discard for his losing club.
The only chance for the defense is for West to put up the spade ace at trick three and shift to a club, playing for East to have both black kings. This is not unreasonable, since if South has the club king, he already has at least 10 tricks, while at the same time he is hardly likely to lead a low spade from his hand if he holds the king.
The same contract was defeated when the deal was played in Paris, so the men gained 10 IMPs.

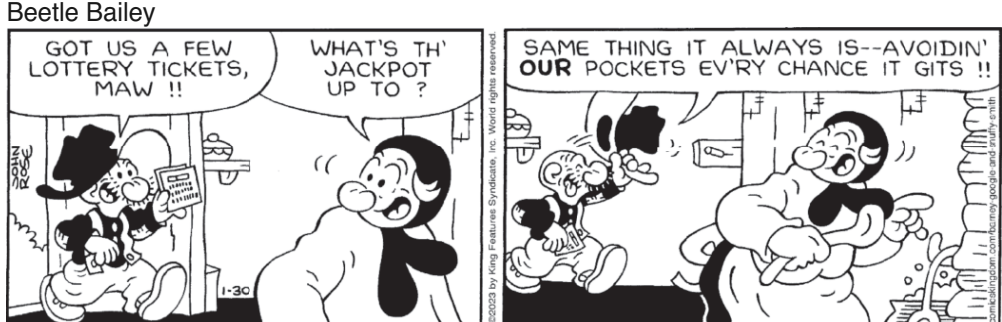
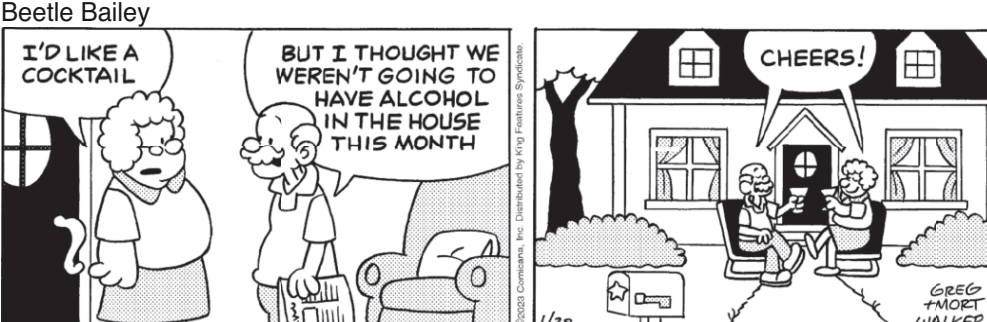
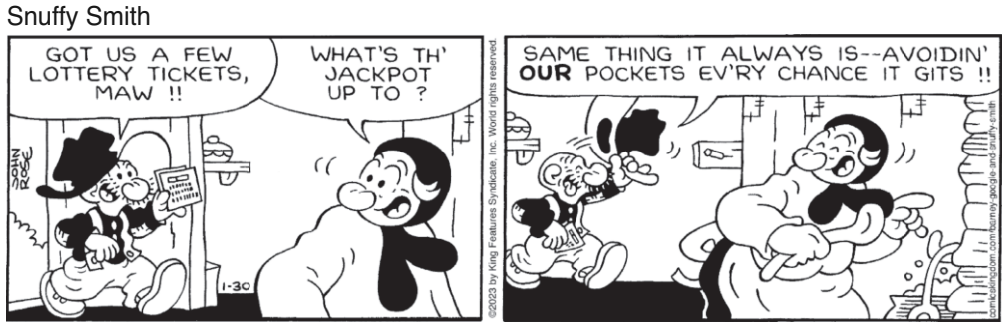
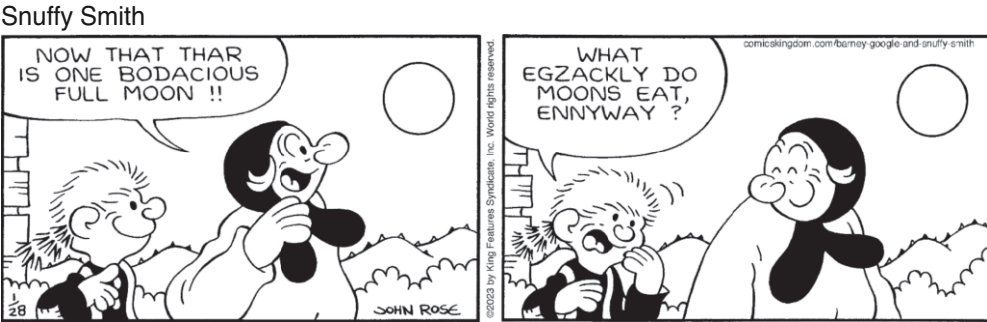
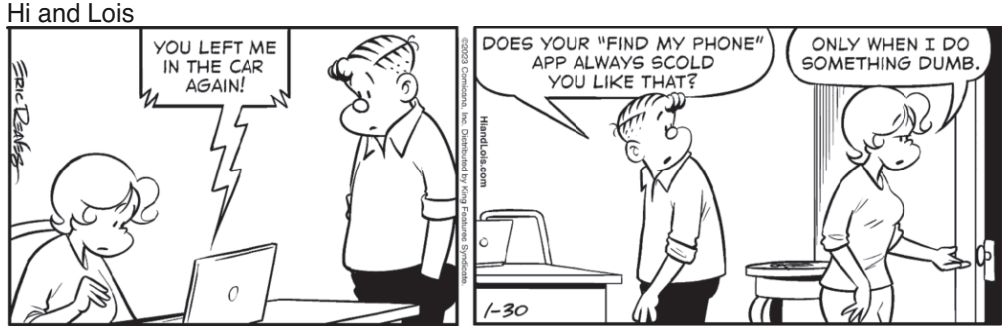
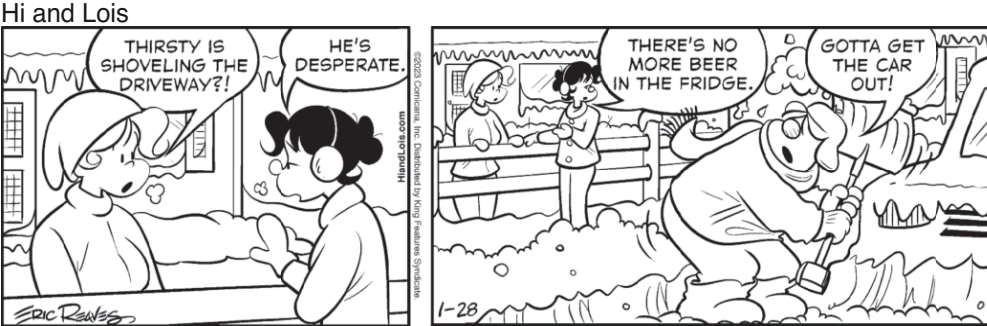
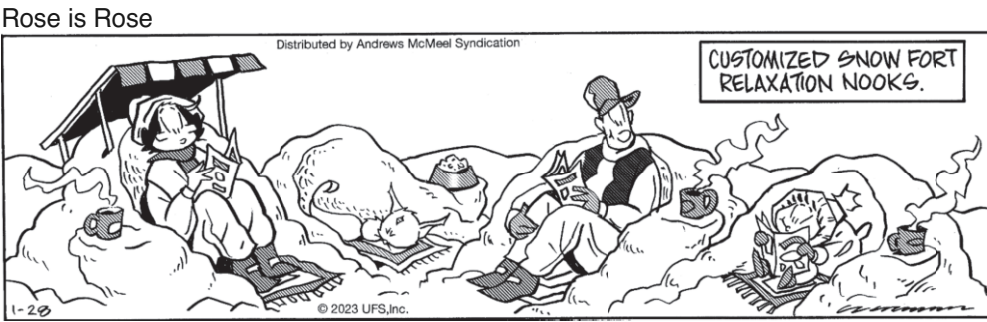
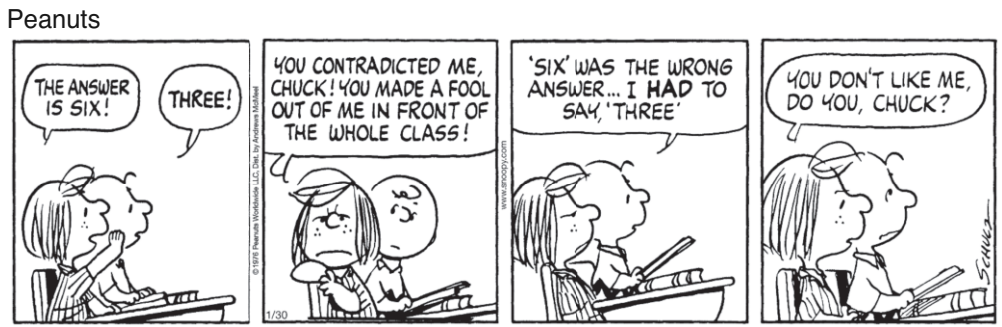
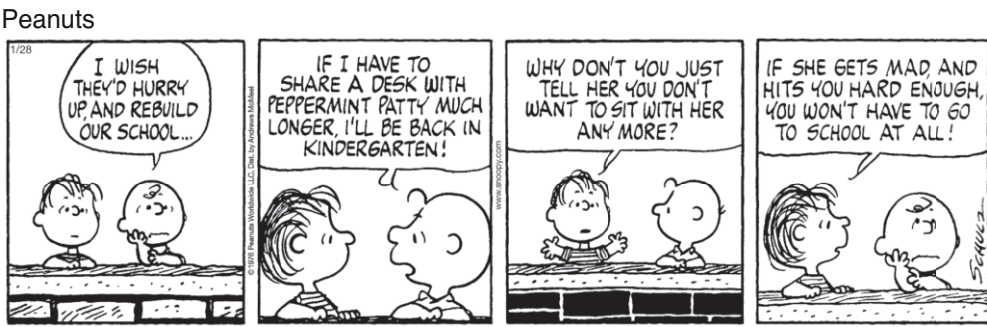
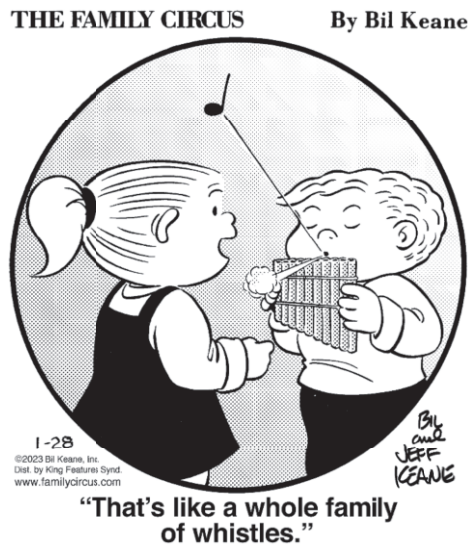
Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: K Q J 9 8 4, 7, J 9 6 2, 7 6
WEST: A 7 6 5, J, K 4 3, A Q 5 4 2
EAST: 10 2, 10 9 8 6 5 4 2, 10 8, 10 9
SOUTH: 3, A K Q 3, A Q 7 5, K J 8 3
The bidding: North 2♦, East Pass, South 2 NT, West Pass
Opening lead — four of clubs.
This hand occurred at the 1991 world team championship in Yokohama, Japan. North-South were Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell of the United States, pitted against Great Britain's Tony Forrester and Andy Robson.
Meckstroth's opening two-diamond bid indicated either a weak two-bid in one of the majors or a powerful hand. Rodwell's two notrump asked for clarification, and three notrump showed a weak two with a good suit, which, given Rodwell's hand, had to be spades. Forrester led a low club, and Rodwell took East's nine with the jack. The three of spades was led to dummy's king, which held, and the spade queen was taken by West's ace. Forrester then found the only return to threaten the contract — another low club.
With ordinary play, the contract would now have failed. After taking East's ten of clubs with the king, declarer would try to reach dummy's good spades by leading a diamond. But West would win with the king and cash three clubs to defeat the contract.
However, Rodwell has not reached the pinnacle of bridge success by making routine or ordinary plays. Reading the situation perfectly, he allowed East's ten of clubs to hold at trick four! This brilliant stroke effectively short-circuited the defense.
Unable to continue clubs, East shifted to a heart. Rodwell won and returned the diamond queen, ducked by Forrester as Robson followed with the ten. Rodwell continued with a low diamond, and Forrester, fearing his partner might have started with the A-10 doubleton, ducked again. Dummy's nine thus won, and declarer scored the rest of the tricks.
Note that even if Forrester had taken his king of diamonds and cashed the club ace, Rodwell still would have made nine tricks and his contract for an excellent result.
Tomorrow: A battle for trump control.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Cleanse, 5 Poorly lit, 8 School orgs., 12 Lotion additive, 14 Millinery, 15 Embassy worker, 16 Lena of "The Reader", 17 6 on a phone, 18 Ousts, 20 "Peer Gynt" playwright, 23 Vittles, 24 Chimney grime, 25 Padded envelopes, 28 D.C. figure, 29 Asia's Peninsula, 30 Very long time, 32 Music school event, 34 Cross-word hint
DOWN 19 Seventh month, 20 WWW access, 3 Soak (up) enabler, 4 Biker's headgear, 5 Show-room sample, 6 401(k) alternative, 7 Fabric role, 8 "Friends" role, 9 Body powder, 10 Bickering, 11 Taxpayer IDs, 13 Olympic skier, 19 Seventh month, 20 WWW access, 21 Rude dude, 22 Only, 23 Grand parties, 25 Was significant, 26 Move, in Realtor-speak, 27 — chef, 29 Actress Sorvino, 31 Born, 33 More crafty, 34 Fee, 36 "Let's go!", 37 Kick back, 38 Lodge members, 39 Spanish artist, 40 Sci-fi fleet, 43 Peyton's brother, 44 Sailor's chart, 45 Packed away, 46 Golf prop
Solution time: 21 mins.

Crossword grid for 1-30



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Bales ...

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After missing a 3-pointer and then dishing to teammate Bella Denton for a hoop, Schwieterman made a drive down the middle of the lane between Madilyn Scheumann and Lucy Buuck of Heritage and was fouled. She calmly sank the first free throw to tie Bales and then the second to break his record that stood for more than half a century. "You know, it was kinda nice," said Bales, a retired Greensburg veterinarian, who congratulated Schwieterman at halfcourt during a timeout after the free throws. "Fifty-one years. That's long enough, right?"

Schwieterman now tops the county's all-time scoring list at 1,724 points and counting. She is followed by Bales, 1959 Bryant graduate Richard Masters (1,574), 1971 Bryant graduate Tom Weigel (1,529) and 1986 Jay County graduate Shannon Freeman (1,458), who she surpassed in December to become the top girls basketball scorer in school history.

"That's just another great accomplishment," said JCHS coach Kirk Comer. "She's just a great player. It's another thing she can put on her resume."

"But she's just an even better person. I'm just really happy for her that she's been able to accomplish all this."

It was another blowout win for Jay County (22-1, 6-0 ACAC), which now has eight straight wins of 25 points or more and a school-record 21 in a row overall.

Jay County wasn't quite as sharp as they would have liked to have been at the start, with Comer taking a timeout after Claire Bickle (16 points) of Heritage (5-16, 3-3 ACAC) hit her second 3-pointer at the 2:34 mark. At that point, the lead was just five points. But JCHS scored the next six in a row and took firm control with a 10-0 run in the second quarter as it held Heritage scoreless for more than four minutes.

A 12-0 run in the third quarter put the game away, and Comer cleared his bench just 14 seconds into the fourth quarter.

"I thought we came out flat," the coach said. "You could tell we haven't practiced in three days."

There was no practice as Jay Schools were closed Wednesday through Friday as the result of a winter storm.

"I thought we played hard the second half," added Comer, whose team opens sectional play against Centerville on Tuesday at Hamilton Heights. (JCHS faces a potential semifinal game against the host Huskies, the only team it has lost to this season.) "We just weren't sharp. So hopefully we can get things going back to where we were and get sharp again going into the sectional."

Senior Gabi Bilbrey shot 6-of-8 from the field and made both of her free throws to join Schwieterman in double figures with 14 points. She added seven rebounds, two blocks and an assist.

Junior Molly Muhlenkamp added seven points, six rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

Jay County cruised to an easy 25-5 victory in a two-quarter game against Heritage.

JCHS was up by six after the opening quarter and then shut out the visitors in the second.

Meredith Dirksen hit a couple of 3-pointers as she led the home team with nine points. Rayla Newton added four points.

Grace Guenther scored all of the points for Heritage.



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Gradin Swoveland of Jay County tries a reverse layup during the third quarter of the Patriots' 55-28 victory Friday over the visiting Bluffton Tigers.

Three ...

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The Tigers (2-12, 1-4 ACAC) were unable to gain any sort of foothold against Jay County's Zorro defense in the opening quarter. They were 0-for-4 with six turnovers and staring at a 17-0 deficit when coach Karl Grau called a timeout with 2:15 to play. They finished the quarter 0-for-8 with seven turnovers and didn't score a point until Kaden Grau's free throw 26 seconds into the second period.

Bluffton's first field goal came on an Andrew Hunt 3-pointer from the right wing with 1:31 remaining in the half.

Meanwhile, Josh Dowlen led a strong offensive effort for the Patriots. After the home team scored the first five points, Dowlen had 10 in a row on his own before assisting on a Dusty Pearson bucket that made it 17-0.

Dowlen finished 8-of-16 from the field and made eight of his 10 foul shots for a career-high 26 points. He also had four rebounds and two assists.

"This is probably the best basketball that kid's played overall in his high school career," said Bomholt of the senior guard who entered the game averaging a team-best 8.7 points per game. "And we needed it. We needed it right there and we're going to need to continue to have it as we work toward the sectional."

"He's been phenomenal for us."

The Patriots' 21-1 advantage slipped to 15 at half-time and nine in the third quarter as Bluffton caught fire from long distance. All but one of its field goals came from beyond the arc as it pulled to within 33-24 on a Tucker Jenkins triple late in the third quarter.

But Jay County scored the final four points of the period and then dominated the fourth as Dowlen

scored eight more points as part of the run that ended the game.

"While we were making that run to put the game away, just about everybody either made a basket or a great pass or something that contributed and we were able to get the lead back up," said Bomholt.

Bennett Weitzel followed Dowlen with 10 points for the Patriots, who were playing without senior Blake Bogenschutz after he suffered a concussion in last weekend's win over Hagerstown. (He will be out again tonight as JCHS visits Blackford.) Pearson added eight points and 10 rebounds.

Grau and Hunt each hit three 3-pointers for the Tigers, finishing with 12 and nine points, respectively.

Junior varsity

Three players in double figures powered Jay County to a 61-38 victory over the Tigers.

Parker Nichols scored 15 points, 10 of which came in the first half, for the Patriots. Wes Bihn and Trevin Dunnington each added 14 points.

Jay County outscored the Tigers 33-17 in the middle quarters, building off the five-point lead it had at the end of the first period.

Bluffton got 10 points from Kaleb Green.

Freshman

The Patriots got the lead early and a strong quarter gave them enough to defeat Bluffton 47-38.

Jay County was up by six at the end of the opening and pushed the lead to seven at halftime. It outscored the Tigers 15-9 in the third quarter.

Drew Schemenaur and Kade Sommers each scored 11 points to lead the Patriots. Brady Jetmore followed with eight.

Marshall Gerber's 15 points paced Bluffton and Griffin Morgan added 12.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Wrestling hosts sectional — 8:30 a.m.; Gymnastics at Western — noon; Boys basketball at Blackford — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Southern Wells — 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Swimming in Coldwater Invitational at Jay County — noon; Girls basketball vs. Troy Christian — 12:45 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Mississinewa Valley — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at New Knoxville — 9 a.m.; Seventh grade girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Versailles — 10 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Freshman boys basketball vs. New Castle — 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Monroe Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament — 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls basketball sectional opener vs. Centerville at Hamilton Heights — 7 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Middle school boys basketball vs. Minster — 5 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball in Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Seventh grade girls basketball in Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Versailles — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 a.m. — Tennis: Australian Open — Women's final (ESPN)
Noon — Men's college basketball: Auburn at West Virginia (ESPN); Minnesota at Northwestern (BTN); Louisville at Notre Dame (ESPN2)
12:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Xavier at Creighton (CBS)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Nebraska at Iowa (FOX)
1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — Rolex 24 at Dayton (NBC)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Alabama at Oklahoma (ESPN); Iowa State at Missouri (ESPN2); Marquette at DePaul (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — Rolex 24 at Daytona (USA)
3 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers (ABC)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Wisconsin (FOX)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: TCU at Mississippi State (ESPN2); Arkansas at Baylor (ESPN); Seton Hall at Butler (FS1)
4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at Maryland (BTN)
4:30 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Farmers Insurance Open (CBS)
5:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets (ABC)
5:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona at Washington (FOX)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Texas at Tennessee (ESPN); Florida at Kansas State (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Penn State at Michigan (BTN)

8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas at Kentucky (ESPN); Ohio State at Indiana (FOX); Mississippi at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)
8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics (ABC)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: San Jose State at San Diego State (FS1)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Mary's at BYU (ESPN2)

Sunday
3 a.m. — Tennis: Australian Open — Men's final (ESPN)
6 a.m. — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — Rolex 24 at Daytona (USA)
Noon — Men's college basketball: Providence at Villanova (FS1); Saint Joseph's at George Mason (USA)
Noon — High school basketball: Bishop Gorman vs. San Ysidro (ESPN2)
Noon — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — Rolex 24 at Daytona (NBC)
12:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan State at Purdue (BTN)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: South Carolina at Alabama (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Rutgers at Iowa (BTN); Georgetown at St. John's (FS1)
3 p.m. — NFL football: AFC Championship — San Francisco 49ers at Philadelphia Eagles (FOX)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Drake at Belmont (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Notre Dame at North Carolina State (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Memphis at Tulsa (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Memphis Grizzlies (Bally Indiana)

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6:30 p.m. — NFL football: AFC Championship — Cincinnati Bengals at Kansas City Chiefs (CBS)
7 p.m. — Hockey: Premier Hockey Federation — All-Star game (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Baylor at Texas (ESPN); Iowa State at Texas Tech (ESPN2)

Monday
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7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Virginia at Syracuse (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Tennessee at LSU (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Winnipeg Jets (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Baylor at Texas (ESPN); Iowa State at Texas Tech (ESPN2)

Tuesday
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at New York Knicks (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Denver Nuggets (TNT)

Wednesday
3 p.m. — College football: Reese's Senior Bowl practice (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Boston Celtics (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Carolina Hurricanes at Buffalo Sabres (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

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Sports

BALES BROKEN

Renna Schwieterman becomes county's all-time leading scorer on third-quarter free throw, surpassing 1972 Redkey graduate

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

When Renna Schwieterman stepped to the foul line late in the third quarter, the game was well in hand.

The Patriots had locked up their 21st straight win and the Allen County Athletic Conference regular season title.

In the game, the free throws didn't carry much meaning.

In the history of basketball in Jay County, they were monumental.

Schwieterman's pair of free throws with 4.2 seconds left in the third quarter pushed her past 1972 Redkey High School graduate Greg Bales as the most prolific scorer in county history.

"It's all God's doing," said Schwieterman, who also had five rebounds and three assists. "It's his plan. And that's the path he had me on this year."

The record-breaking free throw capped her 25-point effort that led the Class 3A No. 2 Jay County High School girls basketball team to another blowout win, this time by a 65-26 final over the visiting Heritage Patriots.

Schwieterman, who entered the game with 1,699 points, broke the 1,700 mark on a hoop in the paint 1:56 into the game. She had five points at the end of the first quarter and then hit two 3-pointers as part of a 10-point second.

Needing 10 more points to break Bales' mark, she hit a couple of free throws and an 18-footer from the left side of the key at the 5:15 mark of the third quarter. Two more baskets had her within a point of the record.

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Jay County High School senior Renna Schwieterman launches the free throw that made her the all-time leading scorer in county history during Friday's 65-21 win over Heritage. She hit a pair of foul shots with 4.2 seconds left in the third quarter to tie and then break the mark of 1,723 points set by 1972 Redkey graduate Greg Bales and complete a 25-point effort.



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Josh Dowlen of Jay County High School flies to the basket in front of Bluffton's Tucker Jenkins during the third quarter of the Patriots' 55-28 victory Friday night. Dowlen recorded a career-high 26 points in the win.

Three in a row

By RAY COONEY
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There was a lull in the middle.

But at the beginning and at the end, the Patriots dominated.

After a shutout first quarter, the Jay County High School boys basketball team's lead slipped to single digits before it closed the game on an 18-3 run for a 55-28 victory Friday over the visiting Bluffton Tigers.

It was the third straight win for the Patriots (5-7, 3-1) whose team also defeated Allen County Athletic Conference) after a 2-7 start to the season.

"I was real pleased," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt whose team also defeated South Adams (49-34) and Hagerstown (69-33) during the streak. "I was pleased

with the start, pleased with the finish. And sometimes that's enough to win you games. That was enough to win tonight."

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