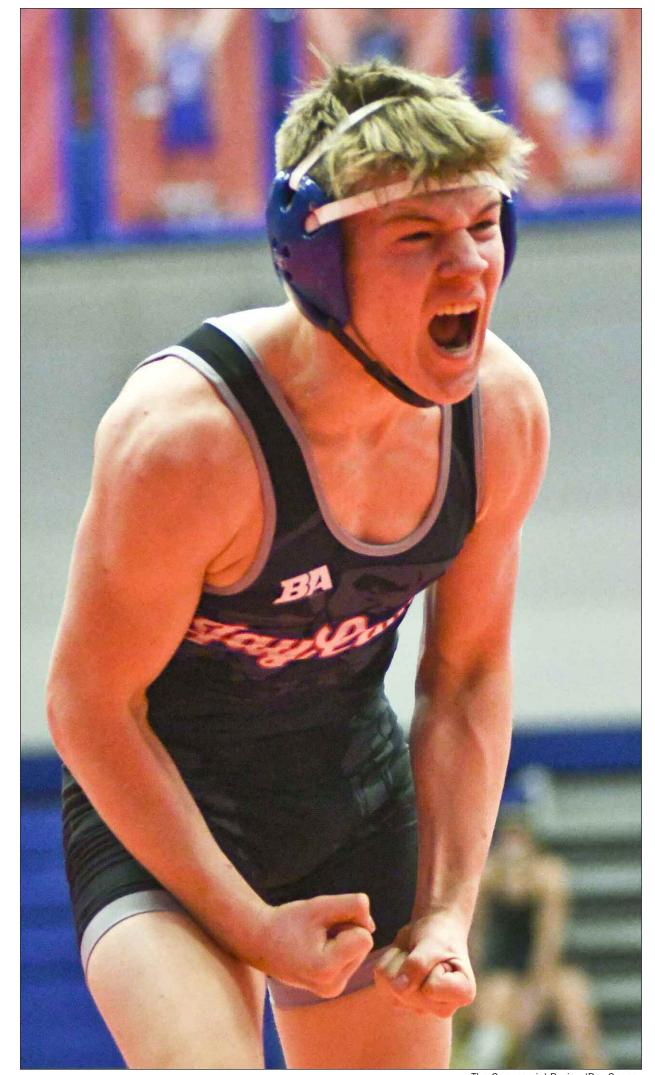
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Council OKs study contract

If grant is approved, firm will review town utilities

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review REDKEY — The town is one step closer to securing a master utility plan.

Redkey Town Council approved a \$90,000 contract with Choice One Engineering to conduct a master utility study, contingent upon the town receiving planning grant funds, during a special meeting Thursday.

Council held a public hearing Jan. 19 and approved a resolution to apply for an Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) planning grant.

If selected for the grant — OCRA would contribute \$81,000, with Redkey paying a \$9,000 match — the town will pay Choice One to look into its water, See S

stormwater and wastewater utilities in order to identify issues and offer suggestions and potential funding sources in order to solve the problems. That includes regulations enforced by Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). (It will likely identify items such as combined sewer overflows, flooding problems or old water lines or valves.)

The last master utility plan for Redkey dates back to 2003, according to officials. Some grants through OCRA or IDEM require towns to have such a plan in place.

Čivil engineering firms Choice One Engineering and Beam, Longest and Neff submitted proposals for the work. Both went through the procurement process per OCRA's regulations, which included providing a statement of qual-ifications and 30-minute interviews with a fivemember committee made up of local representatives. The committee scored both companies based on a range of criteria, such as the company's understanding of the project requirements and its design

See **Study** page 2

Changes made to tax measure

advanced 18-6 to the full House chamber.

The measure would provide multiple remedies to temporarily drop tax bills, including through a shortterm property tax cap and an increase in state income tax deductions. It would also curb how much local units can raise their tax levies.

The proposal was filed by Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, who chairs the House Ways and Means Committee. He emphasized that numerous provisions in the bill won't be definitive for several more weeks. "This is probably an endof-April type of discussion, going right at the end, and we kind of know that going into it," he said. State lawmakers have until April 29 to finalize the state budget and close out the 2023 legislative session.

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Pumped for semi-state

Christian Wittkamp of host Jay County High School reacts after his semifinal win during the regional tournament Saturday. The Patriots will take eight athletes to the semi-state tournament Saturday in Fort Wayne with hopes of winning their first semi-state championship since 1982. For a preview of the semi-state, see page 8.

By CASEY SMITH Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Bill would

temporarily

reduce

property tax

Indiana lawmakers on Thursday approved major changes to a proposal that seeks to provide Hoosiers with temporary property tax bill relief.

But top GOP legislators cautioned the complex bill is still in its working stages, and other significant amendments are expected as early as next week.

The latest draft of the bill was amended in committee Thursday and

It's not clear where lawmakers stand on Thompson's bill.

See Tax page 2

Death toll hits 20,000

By WEEDAH HAMZAH, MIRJAM SCHMITT and JOHANNES SADEK dpa

Tribune News Service

ISTANBUL — The death toll from earthquakes that devastated wide swathes of Turkey and Syria passed 20,000 on Thursday, as hope of finding survivors beneath the rubble of thousands of collapsed buildings diminished.

There were 17,134 confirmed deaths in Turkey and another 3,317 in Syria, putting the total at 20,451 — a staggering loss of life that makes it one of the deadliest tremors in decades.

More than 75,000 people were injured in the two successive powerful earthquakes that struck the region early Monday.

Hope of finding more survivors has diminished

Countless people were left without homes and unable to access basic goods and services, especially in war-torn Syria where international aid has been slow to arrive.

The Turkish government said more than 100,000 people were combing the debris fields for a fourth day, including teams from abroad.

Turkish public broadcaster TRT reported that about 8,000

people have been rescued from the rubble in Turkey so far.

Two brothers, aged 5 and 11, were found alive in Kahramanmaras province about 84 hours after being buried in the quake, Turkish broadcaster NTV reported.

Images showed the brothers being bundled into blankets and carried away to the hospital.

See Toll page 5



Tribune News Service/AFP via Getty Images/Bakr Alkasem

Men recite a prayer Thursday in front of the body of a child killed in an earthquake in the town of Jandaris, in Syria's rebel-held part of Aleppo province. The 7.8-magnitude quake early Monday has killed more than 17,000 people in Turkey and war-ravaged Syria, according to officials and medics in the two countries, flattening entire neighborhoods.

Deaths

William Hemmelgarn, 80, rural Portland Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 51 degrees Thursday. The low dropped to 38 overnight.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 20s. Expect sunny skies Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

In review

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball game against Heritage.

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



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Local/Indiana

Obituaries

William Hemmelgarn

Aug. 10, 1942-Feb. 5, 2023 William Roman "Bill" Hemmelgarn, who was born on Aug. 10, 1942, in New Weston, Ohio, to Clem H. and Julia (Saalman) Hemmelgarn, passed away Feb. 5, 2023.

He was married to MaryLou (Schacht) Hemmelgarn for 51 vears.

Bill is survived by daughter Leslie



Hemmelgarn Muhlenkamp and Muh-

Valerie lenkamp, all of Fort Recovery, Ohio, and Finn Hemmelgarn, Tuck Hemmelgarn and Sawyer Hemmelgarn, all of Portland,



He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Thomas Hemmelgarn and Larry Hemmelgarn.

Bill owned and operated his farm in rural Portland, Indiana, and worked for Avco New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio, for 42 years until his retirement in 2002. and Jerome Muh- Indiana; and three great-grand- After retirement, he drove a

truck for Cooper Farms until 2011.

He was a great dad who liked to play ball in the yard, shoot basketball, take walks in the family woods, ride bikes, swim and ride his Gator or 4 wheeler. He was always up for an adventure and we loved to play jokes on him. He always had a great laugh and everyone knew him by that. He loves playing with the grandkids and watching their sporting events. He will be sadly missed.

There will be no arrange-

ments, just a private family affair at some point. Please keep him in your prayers.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the residence. name, city 0f *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.

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| 40/25 Saturday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high around 40 degrees. | 48/31 Sunny, with a low near freezing in the low 30s. The high may hit 48 degrees. | throughout the | 52/45 Tuesday has a slight chance of rain, with a higher chance (60%) at night. | 63/48 There's a 20% chance of rain throughout the day. Oth- erwise, partly sunny. |

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$34 51-52-54-65-71-75-77 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 0-3-4 Daily Four: 2-6-7-6 Quick Draw: 5-7-13-20-22-23-25-29-39-51-54-56-58-61-69-74-76-77-78-80 Evening Daily Three: 3-0-9 Daily Four: 5-4-1-2 Quick Draw: 4-6-7-13- \$100,000

Markets

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Study

Continued from page 1 Jodi Hayes of Jay County Development Corporation noted Choice One Engineering scored the highest during the process, and she asked council to approve a contract with the firm contingent upon receiving the OCRA grant.

"If we do not get the grant, you're not out anything," she explained, not-

ing the contract will not be signed until after the release of funds. "This is just a little bit of formality that OCRA requires us to do.'

The grant application is due Wednesday. Hayes said it will likely take at least three months to hear back from OCRA.

Council member Chance Retter proposed the board

write a letter of support Hammers and Retter as for the project. Hayes agreed, noting she has received one from former council member Dottie Quakenbush, with a few others from local residents on the way. She pointed out the grant application's upcoming deadline and that she would need the let-

ter soon. Council members Erik being awarded the grant.

well as clerk-treasurer Mary Eley shared positive remarks about Choice One Engineering, which operates out of Sidney, Ohio, and Loveland, Ohio. "They've always done

excellent work here," said Retter.

Council approved the contract contingent upon

Capsule Reports

Off road

A Portland woman drove a truck off the side of Indiana 67, causing her to hit a guardrail and fence about 1:25 p.m. Wednesday.

Naomi D. Beiswanger, 39, was driving south on the highway near the intersection with county road 100 West when she attempted to grab an item from her purse, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. The 2020 Ford F-250 she was driving went off the right side of the road,

owned by Robert Gordon of rural Redkey.

Beiswanger sustained a bruise on her arm. The vehicle she was driving is registered to DNA Family Farms of Portland, and it was towed.

Damage is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Intersection crash

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Dunkirk of Dunkirk. crashing into a guardrail and fence man drove into an oncoming vehicle

at the intersection of Indiana 1 and county road 200 South about 7:15 a.m. Wednesday.

Michael D. Cline, 37, was driving a 2011 GMC Sierra east on county road 200 South. He told police his vision was impaired by heavy fog, and he didn't see the stop sign at the intersection with Indiana 1. He continued through the crossing, crashing into a southbound 2005 Ford Escape driven by 51-year-old Chad M. Tomlinson

See page 5



Continued from page 1 The GOP-dominated legislature has so far expressed hesitation about addressing property tax spikes in the current session.

Leadership in the House and Senate have suggested they will wait until bills are mailed out before deciding whether to take any action at all on property taxes in the current legislative session.

What does seem certain, however, is that any property tax relief legislation is unlikely to affect taxwer bills due Mav 10.

Those taxes are expected

to go up an average of at

temporarily reduced the

homestead tax cap for

taxes payable in 2024 and

gradually increased the

cap back to 1% over four

years. It also provided a

supplemental homestead

credit to be applied to tax

bills after all other credits

That reduction in the

adopted

the

on

by

property tax cap was cut

in half in an extensive

House Ways and Means

Now, Thompson's bill

sets caps at 0.95% for prop-

erty taxes payable in 2024,

The homestead tax credit

Instead, the new version

of Thompson's bill increas-

es the homeowners and

Hoosiers' income taxes by

\$1,000 each — up to \$3,500

for residential property

owners and \$4,000 for

moving parts," Thompson

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and 0.975% in 2025.

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Medicare has changed.

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said. "I consider none of them real, real drastic some may." Local governments addi-

tionally have a new option to create their own property tax relief. Changes at the local level could take effect as early as this fall. But the bill, as written, does not offer locals any state sup-

"But it's not the total responsibility of the state," said Rep. Bob Cherry, R-Greenfield. "We have local officials, too ... it's a combination — we're just trying to do our part."

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Pick 4: 7-9-8-5

Pick 4: 5-6-3-9

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Pick 5: 5-6-9-7-2

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Pick 5: 0-4-7-9-6

Ohio

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Today in history

In 1840, Britain's at the Las Vegas Hilton Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

In 1936, Nazi Germany's Reichstag passed a law investigating the Gestapo secret police with absolute authority, exempt from any legal review.

In 1959, a major tornado ripped through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

In 1972, Olive Calhoun was elected president of The Graphic Printing Company Benefit Association during its annual meeting. Dan Grober was elected vice president.

In 1981, eight people were killed when a fire struction. set by a busboy broke out

hotel-casino. In 1989, Ron Brown

was elected the first Black chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant.

In 2021, renewable energy firm Invenergy presented plans to Jay County Council for a proposed solar farm in northwest Jay County. The 155-megawatt Skycrest Solar was been approved but supply chain issues have pushed back the start of con-

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:45 p.m. —Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room. library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

5 p.m. — Jay School Board Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

6 p.m. – Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Tuesday

7 a.m. — Portland Fireman's Pension Board, Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St.

5:30 p.m. - Portland of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

SERVICES

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Monday

Brelsford, Kim: II a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

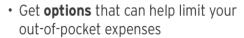
May 13 Warrick, Clarice: II a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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Another provision in the bill would establish a twoyear process to decrease the rate of levy growth in 2024 and 2025.

The extent to which local governments can increase their annual budgets and how much they can collect in taxes — is based on the six-year average of nonagricultural income across the state.

The State Budget Agency calculated a 5% maximum levy growth quotient for 2023 property tax levies. It was the highest rate in 20 years, largely due to income growth and inflation in 2021.



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Family

Students make FR honor roll

Fort Recovery High Dues, Ava Englehardt, School has announced its Marlee Fiely, Ava Grisez, honor roll for the first Kayla Heitkamp, Kyle semester.

were seniors Elizabeth lenkamp, Kennedy Muh-Alig, Danielle Braun, lenkamp, Megan Diller, Ngan Do, Niekamp, Ben Reinhard, Jacob Heitkamp, Chase Anna Roessner, Kaiser, Megan Knapke, Alayna Laux, Megan Met- Mara zger, Miranda Metzger, Emma Will. Sophie Pearson, Alexis Wendel and Faith Wen- Acheson, Evvie Briner, del.

Brunswick, Chloe Bubp, Hart, Aubrie Heitkamp, Alex Dues, Megan Evers, Jameson Teigen Fortkamp, Carson Madison Grube, Paige Guggen- Olivia Knapke, Brylee biller, Trevor Heitkamp, Kremer, Cora Kremer, Trov Homan, Abby Keller, Ella Kremer, Saige Leuthold. Mara Pearson. Marissa Schoen, Brynn Stammen and Ellie Will.

Mason Diller, Kassidy later date.

Huntsman, Eva Kahlig, Making the honor roll Joelle Kaup, Bailie Muh-Karlie Ella Schoen, Eowyn Vela, Wenning and

Also freshmen Gabe Rylee Bubp, Elisa Evers, Also juniors Natalie Alivia Grube, Brodie Heitkamp, Heitkamp, Lily Schwieterman, Megan Weitzel, Georgia Wenning and Leah Wuebker.

Students who made the Also sophomores Drew honor roll with all As and Backs, Nicole Braun, Bs will be published at a



Opera house donation

Fort Recovery Lumber recently donated \$10,000 toward restoring Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House, a 140-year-old building. Pictured above, Chris Moeller and Brian Bubp of Fort Recovery Lumber present the check to Kim Rammel, chairman of the Fort Recovery Opera House committee.

Stranger's message shocks woman

DEAR ABBY: I had pretty much an ideal childhood. My parents have never had issues that I ever saw. We went to church every Sunday, gathered with family often, etc. I'm now grown, and my parents are in their mid-80s.

Out of the blue, I got a message on social media from a woman who says she's my father's daughter from when he was 17 years old, before he met my mom. She found out through DNA testing. She is very nice about whether I tell my parents about her. Their health is beginning to deteriorate, and I don't want to stress them more than they can handle. At the same time, I don't know if it is right for me to withhold this information from my dad. I feel so alone in making this choice, so please give me any advice. - SECRET-HOLDER IN GEORGIA



DEAR SECRET-HOLDER: Your father may be unaware that he fathered a child at 17. (Back then, an out-of-wedlock pregnancy was sometimes kept secret and the baby placed for adoption.) He should be given the information privately so he can decide if he would like to meet his daughter and whether, at this late date, your mother needs to know.

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I began dating 2 1/2 years ago. feet? — BAD CHANGE IN NEW We are in our late 50s. We moved in together four months ago and took out an equity loan for improvements on the house. Until we moved in, we were planning our future together, traveling and having fun. Once we moved in, however, everything changed.

Two months later, she came to me saying "something is not right." She says she loves me, she's attracted to me and doesn't want me to leave. She says I treat her like she's never been treated before, and I'm so good to her (her words). But I feel like I have been put into the friend zone. This usually happens after a couple of dates, not years. It's tearing her up because she doesn't want to feel this way, and it has me stumped YORK

DEAR BAD CHANGE: I don't know, you don't know and it is possible that SHE can't identify what's "wrong" either. Do not procrastinate. Get a referral to a licensed marriage and family therapist for pre-marital counseling. If the two of you do this, whatever is bothering her will be revealed. If she refuses to go, seek counseling without her. (I hope there is no prepayment penalty on that loan.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a friendly person who can get along with most everyone. I am petite in height — 4-foot-8, to be exact. Recently, while my husband and I were at a social gathering, one of the male guests approached me DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, DEAR ABBY: My fiancee and about how to handle it. Is it cold and commented, "Who let a child Los Angeles, CA 90069.

in here?" I was not only hurt, but also offended at his rudeness. My husband is much taller than I am, and he has never mistaken me for a child. I'm tired of being judged for my height. Any thoughts? - TINY BUT A TRUE ADULT

DEAR TINY: Was the guest who said it drunk? I can't otherwise account for his egregious breach of etiquette in making a comment about the appearance of another guest at the gathering. I hope you ignore his tasteless comment. (What a nitwit.)

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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 Abbv at

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in University Health Jay Sunday Community Calendar as Hospital space is available. To sub- Room B. The group is for ANNA'S HOPE - A faithmit an item, email ostomy and intestinal based recovery group for news@thecr.com.

Conference

A BETTER LIFE – BRIdiversion patients and all kinds of addictions,



Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian products and informarecovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

TY HEALTH JAY HOSPI-TAL OSTOMY SUPPORT p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana 7000.

their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest tion.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 INDIANA UNIVERSI- a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For GROUP — Will meet at 6 more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-

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Thursday's Solution

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

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will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST 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.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALI-TION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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. 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.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY 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.

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We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss them.

Spring Home Improvement Friday, March 17 (ad deadline Mar. 10)

FRHS Spring Sports Friday, March 24 (ad deadline Mar. 17)

Motorsports Friday, May 29 (ad deadline May 22)

JCHS Spring Sports Wednesday, April 5 (ad deadline Mar. 29)

Teacher Appreciation(new this year) Friday, April 14 (ad deadline Apr. 7)

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Opinion

How do you preserve lost history?

By EUNICE TROTTER

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Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Imagine reading a book with chapters torn out. Or watching a movie that's missing scenes. Or trying to describe a family when you've not met all of its members.

That's what it's like trying to understand Indiana's history without knowing key stories.

Like the story of Mary Bateman Clark.

Mary was a slave who was brought to Indiana from Kentucky in 1814 and given her freedom ... sort of. Although no longer a slave, she was immediately forced into indentured servitude, first with Benjamin J. Harrison, then with Gen. Washington Johnston, one of the most influential men in the state.



ca throughout the 18th century, indentured servitude was a contractual agreement in which one person worked for another for no pay to resolve a debt, such as the cost of passage to the states, or to learn a trade.

The difference between that model and Mary's servitude is that hers was not voluntary. In a practice that allowed Whites to get around rules prohibiting slavery, Blacks often were forced to sign indenture contracts they could not read, bind-

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without pay. Refusing to sign great-great-great-grandmother. likely meant being returned to But her story isn't just a part of slavery in the South.

abolitionist Fortunately, attorney Amory Kinney was willing to fight Mary's inden-While the suit he ture. filed, Mary Clark, a woman of color vs. General W. Johnston, lost in the Knox County Circuit Court, Kinney successfully appealed the decision before the Indiana Supreme Court in 1821. The case created a precedent that others were able to use to effectively put an end to indentured servitude in Indiana.

As a result of Mary's contributions, a historical marker now stands in her honor at the Knox County Courthouse in Vincennes, a fitting acknowledgment of a remarkable story that's even more remarkable to me because, as I discovered sev-A practice common in Ameri- ing them to decades of work eral years ago, Mary was my

But her story isn't just a part of my family's story; it's a part of Indiana's story, a story that is not complete without her. In 2020, I published the book Black in Indiana to fill in that gap.

I am aware that, by knowing Mary Bateman Clark's story and its connection to my family, I'm an exception among Black Hoosiers. Many don't know their roots and, if they do, the history doesn't go much beyond their grandparents. I have become increasingly aware of this challenge since I joined Indiana Landmarks last year to lead the organization's Black Heritage Preservation Program. As we seek to save and celebrate places significant to the state's Black history, we first need to identify the histo-

To do that, we need help.

ry.

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Don't necessarily blame presidents

St. Louis Post-Dispatch Tribune News Service

Controversies surrounding the discovery of classified documents in the personal quarters of President Joe Biden, former President Donald Trump and former Vice President Mike Pence have helped misperceptions some flourish about how those documents wind up in places they shouldn't be.

The fact that classified documents have been located in storage areas belonging to the three leaders doesn't mean they were the ones who packed them up and hauled them away. Much as Republicans want to demonize Biden and Democrats want to vilify Trump for the documents' discovery, there's much more to the story of how they got mishandled.

If willful disregard of the law was involved, there absolutely should be legal accountability regardless of the person's current or former standing. It also matters whether the people under investigation deliberately withheld documents or obstructed federal authorities from retrieving them. On that Trump so far score, appears to be the only one who claimed a right to keep documents that belong to the government. Pence has decided to fall on his sword. "During the closing days of the administration, when materials were boxed and assembled, some of which were shipped to our personal residence, mistakes were made," Pence told Fox News last week, adding, "I take full responsibility for it, and we're going to continue to support every appropriate inquiry into it." Pence's statement of contrition and responsibility comes in stark contrast to Trump's refusal to admit any error while insisting he possessed the ability to declassify documents just by thinking about it. The Biden White House, meanwhile, is able to hide behind the existence of an ongoing investigation to avoid explaining how Biden might have mishandled his documents, including some dating back to his Senate days.

Guest **Editorial**

There's plenty of blame to go around, including the lower-level officials who failed to keep tabs on where sensitive documents were placed.

not as if he picked up a classified folder and tucked it under his waistband to sneak it out of his office. Nor did he personal-



GOP is too thirsty for cuts

By TERESA GHILARDUCCI Bloomberg Opinion

Tribune News Service At President Joe Biden's State of the Union Speech, congressional Republicans tried to distance themselves from plans to cut Social ty. Don't believe it. Plenty of Republicans are determined to cut Social Security — even though 84% of Republicans and 86% of Democrats want those retirement benefits to increase. Things are already bad enough for retirees and older workers. Benefit cuts would only make them worse. Make no mistake: House Republicans want to take advantage of the debt limit vote due this spring to cut Social Security. That's behind their proposal to create a commission to explore ways to trim Social Security costs. And last week, former Vice President Mike Pence said in a private meeting that the government should partially privatize the program — which will cut benefits for most families, including those who most rely on them. It seems Republicans have forgotten the lessons of 2005, when newly reelected President George W. Bush proposed privatizing Social Security only to abandon the idea after his ratings plunged further each time he brought it up. And it seems they have also forgotten the lessons of 1983, when President Ronald Reagan and a Democratic Congress raised the retirement age to 67 and increased taxes to shore up the program. That deal was based on bright hopes that pensions and 401(k)s would expand to pick up the slack, and that older workers would find accommodating labor markets. Those hopes never panned out.

Teresa Ghilarducci



or even 80 — do so because they feel they can't afford to stop. Do Republicans expect further benefit cuts to help people like 82-year-old Warren Marion, a Walmart cashier who finally planned to retire after a viral Tik-

throated mea culpa, it's the difference.

ly pack all the boxes as he vacated the vice presidential suite. Security-cleared government movers swoop down in droves to pack up the president's and vice president's belongings quickly to make way for their successors to move in on Inauguration Day. Although documents aren't supposed to be in that mix, the frenzy of packing and moving creates a range of possibilities.

Biden was obviously too quick to condemn Trump's handling of top-secret and other classified documents before making sure his own personal spaces were document-free (which they weren't). The difference is that Biden and Pence opened the door for federal agents to ensure there weren't more documents. Trump slammed it shut, forcing the FBI to obtain a search warrant.

There's plenty of blame to go around, including the lower-level officials who failed to keep tabs on where sensitive documents were placed. But Trump is the only one asserting he had a right to Despite Pence's full- keep them. Therein lies

Now, poverty rates among older Americans are increasing just when



tens of millions of boomers are reaching their early 60s and 70s. Americans age 55 to 64 now work significantly more hours per week than their peers in other wealthy nations. Nonetheless, earlier this month the newly appointed House Budget Committee Chairman Jodey Arrington (a Republican of Texas) said he sees a new Social Security Commission as repeat of the 1983 deal.

I expect House Republicans to pick up on the plan recently proposed by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a right-leaning Washington think tank. The CRFB would like to raise the Social Security retirement age to 70, which effectively acts as a benefit cut of about 13% to 15% for people forced out of work and into retirement way before age 70.

Today, fewer than $5\overline{\%}$ of Social Security claimants claim at age 70 – even though they leave money on the table by claiming earlier. About 49% of men and 52% of women see big reductions in monthly benefits for taking their Social Security before normal retirement age (67 for those born in 1960 or later).

Even if they prefer to keep working, most older men and women retire earlier than they want to; they get laid off, they face physical or mental difficulties working; or they need to care for an ailing spouse. Raising the retirement age to some aspirational number ignores this reality.

And many people who work past 70 Social Research.

Tok video and GoFundMe campaign netted him more than \$100,000? Tik-Tokker Rory McCarty posted the video saying, "I was astounded seeing this little older man still grinding. Working 8- to 9-hour shifts." Marion said he planned to use the money to pay off debt, including his house. McCarty copied the idea from a fundraising campaign that helped a different octogenarian Walmart worker to retire - one Carman Kelley, who pushed a shopping cart in lieu of a walker.

Republicans and Democrats alike should be ashamed that America's retirement security has eroded into random acts of kindness and GoFundMe pensions.

Cutting benefits in 1983 was a mistake. Most people approaching retirement now have nothing or next to nothing in a retirement account. And the vast majority of people over 62 (79%) — who had just started their careers in 1983 — don't have enough potential sources of income from anywhere to maintain their preretirement standard of living.

More than 50% of older Americans get most of their income from Social Security. Even though the average check is only \$1,676, the program is still the major force reducing retirement wealth inequality.

Cutting Social Security benefits isn't an idea whose time has come. It's an idea whose time has come and gone.

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Local/World

Toll

Continued from page 1 There was also good news from Hatay province: Three people were recovered alive there Thursday, the state-run Anadolu news agency reported.

But while dramatic success stories still trickled in, the crucial 72-hour survival window for trapped victims had long passed and work was shifting to the recovery of bodies.

To help the hard-to-reach earthquake victims in northwestern Syria, six trucks carrying U.N. relief supplies arrived Thursday. The vehicles departed from Turkey and passed through the only remaining open border crossing at Bab al-Hawa, according to the United Nations.

Activists in Syria reported that these were aid shipments that had already been planned before Monday's earthquakes. Urgently needed equipment for rescue teams in Syria was not included — instead goods such as detergent were on board.

Ubadah Zekra, a coordinator with Syria's White Helmets rescuers, painted a bleak picture.

"We are using our hands and shovels to remove the rubble. Some of us have only slept not more than six hours in the last 70 hours ... Our hearts are broken but the teams are determined to try to save as many lives as we can."

He told dpa some responders had recovered the bodies of friends and family members.

White Helmets The reported Thursday evening that three children were found alive in the ruins of their home in a village west of the city of Idlib. Their mother died. Their father, who was not at the house at the time of the quake, survived.

The region was hit first by a first quake of magnitude 7.7 early on Monday morning, according to measurements by the German Research Centre for Geosciences, or GFZ. Then around noon there was another of magnitude 7.6 which was initially measured at 7.5 — as well as hundreds of aftershocks since then.

The World Bank on according to experts. Thursday pledged \$1.78 billion to help relief and

ment of the urgent and massive needs on the ground. This will identify priority areas for the country's recovery and reconstruction as we prepare operations to support those needs.'

He said immediate assistance of \$780 million would be offered through two existing projects in Turkey, while \$1 billion in operations would be used to support people affected.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited the hard-hit city of Gaziantep on Thursday, where 944 of more than 6,400 buildings were destroyed.

A three-month state of emergency came into force in 10 quake-hit provinces in Turkey's southeast after a vote in parliament Thursday.

According to the Anadolu news agency, the emergency declaration can oblige public institutions, organizations or people to hand over equipment, land, buildings, vehicles or medicines, among other things.

The measure will also help crack down on those discord "sowing and strife," Erdogan said, noting that there had been instances of looting.

Under the measure, Erdogan's Cabinet can decide to impose curfews and vehicle traffic can also be banned at certain times or in certain areas. Gatherings and demonstrations can be prohibited.

The 27 leaders of the European Union declared their solidarity with Turkey's people who "are experiencing a harrowing ordeal" in a letter to Erdogan.

The letter vows to proof vide more aid and states Cline's vehicle is registhat the bloc's leaders tered to Ohio Valley Gas "stand ready to further step up" their future support to Turkey, according to ter. an EU official who shared details of the text.

EU leaders also held a minute's silence at an EU summit in Brussels for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, while EU Crisis Commissioner Janez Lenarcic visited the city of Gaziantep in southern Turkey.

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Felony arrests

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nville man's vehicle along went left of the center between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

county road 400 North line. His vehicle struck about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Larry L. Moser, 80, was

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At odds over balloon

Sailors assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2 recover a high-altitude surveillance balloon Sunday off the coast of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. China has accused the U.S. of exaggerating the dispute over a balloon the Biden administration says was conducting surveillance, signaling the nations remain at odds over an issue that has rekindled tensions. The Biden administration presented the new evidence in a State Department fact sheet on the balloon's capabilities and in open hearings and closed briefings on Capitol Hill Thursday as they sought to counter China's insistence that it was a harmless weather-monitoring device that blew off course.





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recovery efforts in Turkey.

"On behalf of the World Bank Group, we express our deepest condolences to the people of Turkiye and Syria for the great loss you have suffered as a result of the devastating earthquakes," World Bank group President David Malpass said.

"We are providing immediate assistance and preparing a rapid assess-

models age between 11,800 to around 67,000 fatalities," said German researcher Andreas Schäfer of the Geophysical Institute at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, or KIT.

That is calculated from historical comparisons, current data on building infrastructure and population, and factors such as the time of day, he said.

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on a \$5,000 bond in Jay County Jail. Derrickson's bond at Jay County Jail is \$3,000.

Residential entry

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A Bryant woman was arrested Wednesday for possession of methamphetamine.

Kimberly S. Hurst, 57, 118 E. Main St., was pre-A Union City woman liminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

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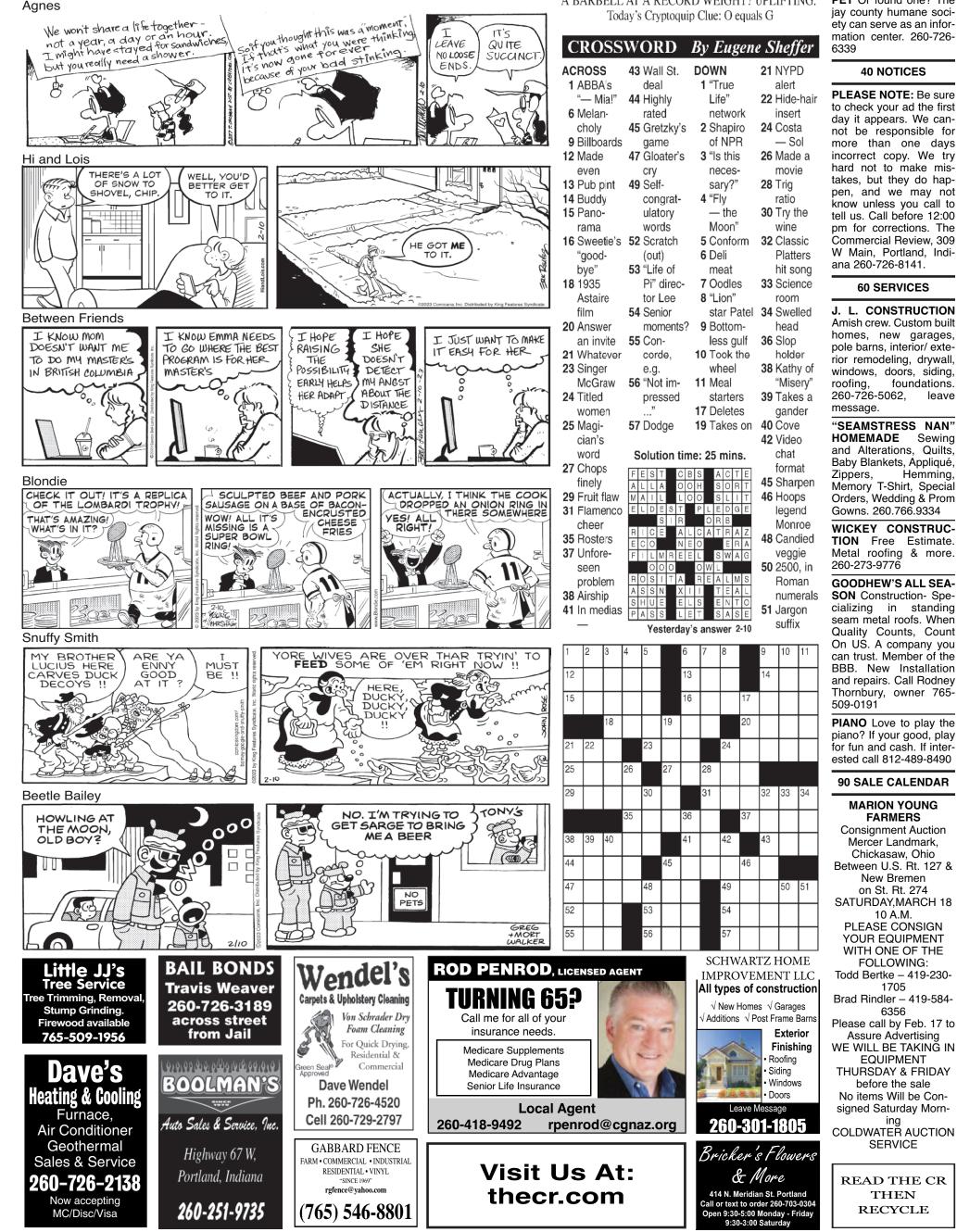


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Sports/Classifieds

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The Patriots won their first sectional title in five seasons two weeks ago. On Saturday, they earned their first regional crown since 1988.

Their only semi-state championship came in 1982. (It is one of just two across all sports in JCHS history along with the 2006 boys basketball team.)

"That's one of our goals going into the season, that we wanted to compete for it," said Jay County coach Eric Myers, whose team was sixth last season. "Really I thought that if we had a good day we could compete for it last year. We've got to come in and wrestle each match one match at a time and see where the cards fall. Our guys know that they've got a shot at it."

The eight semi-state participants — seven of them are returning from last season — are third-most in the tournament, trailing only defending champion Rochester (10) and Delta (nine). Garrett and Homestead both match the Patriots with eight, and four teams have seven.

In addition to the team title, Jav County is seeking to send multiple athletes to the state finals for the seventh consecutive season. It takes two victories — the quarterfinal round is known as the "ticket round" because winners punch their ticket to state — to guarantee the top-four finish needed to advance.

Leading the Patriots' group is defending semi-state champion Cameron Clark, who went on to place seventh in the state at 138 pounds last season. Now ranked

11th in the state at 145 pounds, he brings a 33-1 record to the semistate

Unlike last season when he was seeking to silence doubters, he enters as the favorite to repeat and has beaten just about all of the major contenders in front of him.

He opens with Thomas Sidel (17-9) of Homestead and would face either Kyan Gamble (27-8) of Kokomo or Teegan Clouse (37-9) of West Noble in ticket round. Huntington North's No. 14 Luke Teusch (41-0), who Clark beat in the ticket round last season, looms as a possible semifinal opponent. And No. 15 Kolten Rhonemus (33-5) of Delta or No. 17 Braxton Miller (33-2) of DeKalb, both of whom Clark has also beaten in the state tournament series during his career, are potential opponents in the finals.

"There's no reason to worry," said Clark. "I've been there before. I've been on bigger stages. Just go out, wrestle like I do, try to score points."

Also a semi-state favorite based on state rankings is 138-pound junior Tony Wood, a two-time state qualifier who is 37-0 and ranked fourth in the state. He'll start his day against Tyson Kendall (32-5) of Oak Hill, and he could face either Nolan Castaneda (32-11) of Goshen or Hayden Williams (22-13) of Garrett in ticket round.

The only other state-ranked wrestler in the bracket is potential finals opponent No. 17 Brock Hagewood (31-3) of Prairie Heights.

Eighth-ranked

Cody Rowles, a junior, heads to JCHS after transferring from Illithe semi-state at 35-1 while 17thranked 132-pound senior Ethan Reiley is 35-2.

Rowles, whose only loss of the season came in the regional semifinal to sixth-ranked Jackson Bradley of Cowan, will take on Graysen Beasley (32-7) of Northridge in the first round Saturday. He would likely meet Aaron Swango (36-5) of Rochester in the ticket round, where his season came to an end a year ago.

He could meet No. 10 Hayden Brady (23-3) of Garrett in the semifinals, with No. 4 Keegan Schlabach (40-1) of Lakeland or Bradley awaiting as possible finals opponents.

'Cody seems pretty focused on making things right this week, said Myers. "We want to make sure that we focus on one match at a time still and not take the whole thing in one swing. I think this gives Cody a great opportunity to do what he set out to do.'

Reiley, who qualified for the state finals as a freshman, will wrestle Xavier Garrett (26-13) of Bishop Dwenger in the first round Saturday. He could meet either No. 19 Brody Hagewood (33-4) of Prairie Heights or Carter Booth (25-5) of Wabash in ticket round.

No. 7 Easton Doster (18-0) of New Haven is a possible semifinal opponent, and No. 8 Tye Linser of Western and No. 14 Mikey Kallimani of Goshen are possible championship foes. (Linser represents one of Reiley's two losses this season.)

Christian Wittkamp (32-6), the 126-pounder lone semi-state newcomer for

nois, will open against Jake Thrash (25-14) of Homestead in the 152-pound bracket. He would likely have to get past Kaleb Lounsbury (32-3) of Prairie Heights in ticket round to earn a state berth.

Senior Daniel Moore (29-5), junior Taye Curtis (32-5) and Bryce Wenk (30-6) all would have to knock off a state-ranked rival in the opening two rounds in order to make it to the state finals. Their brackets are set up as follows:

Moore — vs. Simon Comewell (31-8) of Bishop Dwenger in the first round at 113 pounds with No. 3 Jalen May (39-0) of Kokomo looming in the ticket round.

Curtis - vs. Matthew Senn (31-9) of Fairfield in his 120-pound opening round match with No. 4 Tanner Tishner (26-1) of Western in the quarterfinal.

Wenk — vs. 11th-ranked Laish Detwiler (40-2) of Goshen in the opening round at 182 pounds with Austin Ringeisen (39-2) of Maconaquah as the likely ticketround opponent.

"We look at that like we want everybody in that quarterfinal,' said Myers. "We have guys that are the favorite that have to maintain their focus. And then we have guys that are a little bit of an underdog that have to really believe in themselves and be able to battle through a little bit of adversity ... A lot of times if you keep pushing and you keep coming ... you start to put a little bit of doubt in their head and then vou can find another opportunity.

Local

Continued from page 8 Also placing second for Jay County were Cooper Glentzer in the 400 freestyle in 4:42.95 and Rockland Beiswanger in the 100 backstroke in 1:17.63.

Carson Westgerdes posted times of 1:26.48 in the 100 breaststroke for third place and 28.45 in the 50 freestyle for fourth place.

Raif Beiswanger, Rockland Beiswanger, Wesgerdes and Glentzer were also second in both the 200 medley relay and 300 freestyle relay.

JH wrestlers 3-0

The Jay County junior high wrestling team swept the three opponents it hosted Tuesday, defeating Heritage 58-33. Southern Wells 73-15 and Driver 81-12

Winning by pin in all three matches were Logan Wendel (90 pounds), Jason Landers (132) and Spencer Smitley (220). Also going 3-0 in contested matches with a pair of pins was Leighton Brown (160).

Finishing the evening 2-0 in contested matches were Freddie Lingo (175) and Gabe Ardizzone (125). Picking up single wins were Corbin Lothridge (85), Jackson Bonifas (95), Brenna Ruble (102), Cooper Reynolds (110), Cooper Glassford (110), Max McClain (117), Varen Ridgway (150), Leighton Brown (160), Keegan Wittkamp (195) and Revnaldo Ortega-Leos (275).

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Jay County - Mara Bader in IHSAA Girls Swimming State Finals at Indiana University Natatorium - 6 p.m.; Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Heritage – 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. New Knoxville – 6 p.m.

Saturday

Jay County — Wrestling semi-state at Allen County War Memorial Colise-- 8:30 a.m.; Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Yorktown 2:30 p.m.; Gymnastics vs. Muncie Cen-

tral at Cole Academy - 2:30 p.m. Fort Recovery - Boys basketball at Newton – 6 p.m. (freshman – 4:30 p.m.); Swimming sectional at Ayersville - 11 a.m.

TV sports

Today 6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kent State at Buffalo (ESPN2) 7 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Xavier at Butler (FS1) 7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana) 7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Char-lotte Hornets at Boston Celtics (ESPN)

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Kentucky at Georgia (ESPN) 12:30 p.m. - Men's college basketball: St. Bonaventure at Duquesne (USA)

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Marquette at Georgetown (FS1); Provi-

dence at St. John's (FOX); North Caroli-

na State at Boston College (Bally Indi-

ana); Penn State at Maryland (BTN);

Bournemouth (NBC) 1 p.m. - Men's college basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma (CBS)

1 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars (ABC)

2 p.m. - Men's college basketball:

Louisiana Tech at FAU (Bally Indiana); Connecticut at Creighton (FOX); Rutgers at Illinois (FS1)

2:30 p.m. - Men's college basket ball: Fordham at Davidson (USA) 3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour - Phoenix

Open (CBS) - NHL hockey: Washing-3:30 p.m. ton Capitals at Boston Bruins (ABC)

4 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Duke at Virginia (ESPN); Baylor at TCU (ESPN2); UNLV at San Diego State (FOX); Wisconsin at Nebraska (BTN)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Michigan (ESPN)

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Arizona at Stanford (ESPN2); Seton Hall at Villanova (FS1) 8:30 p.m. - NBA basketball: Los

Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors (ABC)

10 p.m. - Mixed martial arts -Islam Makhachev vs. Alexander Volka novski (ESPN)

10 p.m. - Men's college basket ball: Colorado at Utah (FS1); UCLA at ORegon (ESPN)

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN Saturday Morning FEBRUARY 11, 2023 9:30 A.M. ANTIQUES-OLD &

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 3554 W 300 N Thursday evening FEBRUARY 16, 2023 6:00 P.M. REAL ESTATE: Property consists of a 2 Bedroom, 2 bathroom mobile home with an

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| Salamonia Civil Town Jay County, Indiana | | | | | | | | | |
| | Annual Financial Report - 2022 Cash & Investments Combined Statement | | | | | | | | |
| Local | | Beg. Cash | | | End Cash | | | | |
| Fund | Local Fund | and Inv. Bal. | | | and Inv. Bal. | | | | |
| Number | Name | Jan. 1, 2022 | Receipts | Disbursements | Dec. 31, 2022 | | | | |
| | | Governm | ental Activities | | | | | | |
| 0 | General | \$6,268.18 | \$18,125.27 | \$19,241.69 | \$5,151.76 | | | | |
| 0 | Riverboat | \$1,080.92 | \$850.23 | \$364.85 | \$1,566.30 | | | | |
| 0 | Rainy Day | \$140.09 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$140.09 | | | | |
| 0 | Mvh | \$26,209.83 | \$8,457.61 | \$6,728.72 | \$27,938.72 | | | | |
| 0 | I.rs | \$5,595.00 | \$1,736.96 | \$1,959.86 | \$5,372.10 | | | | |
| 0 | Cci | \$1,827.88 | \$274.06 | \$0.00 | \$2,101.94 | | | | |
| 0 | Community Edit | \$2,798.27 | \$470.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,268 27 | | | | |
| 109 | Park Fund | \$13,310.60 | \$53,305.55 | \$15,088.78 | \$51,527.37 | | | | |
| | | Waste | water Utility | | | | | | |
| 1 | OperatingWastewater | | | | | | | | |
| | Utility | \$91,197.00 | \$44,723.79 | \$41,033.28 | \$94,887.51 | | | | |
| 2 | Reserve | \$10,639.42 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,639.42 | | | | |
| 3 | Bond & Interest | \$1,278.04 | \$7,872.00 | \$1,935.00 | \$7,215.04 | | | | |
| 4 | Improvements | \$17,771.60 | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,771.60 | | | | |
| | Total All Funds | \$178, 116.83 | \$138,815.47 | \$86,352.18 | \$230,580.12 | | | | |
| CR 2-10-2023 - HSPAXLP | | | | | | | | | |

Saturday 7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier (USA) 1Ó - Soccer: Premier a.m

COLLECTORS ITEMS CROCKS AND

STONEWARE: 8 gal with blue flowers, Yellow Ware crock bowls, Hoying Hardware, Coldwater Ohio crock bowl, crock with handle and lid, 3 gallon Bee Sting, and others not listed. (2) 1911 and (2) 1917 porcelain license plates; LAMPS: Cast iron base with Leaded Glass Shade, Fenton Cranberry, cast iron skillets; wood plane; triple wood pulley; wood pulleys; Coca Cola cooler; National washboard: small copper kettle with handles; ; Bakelite baby rattler; German razor in case; honey labels; Belick creamer; and many other items not listed AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Building will open at 8:00 a.m. day of auction for preview. **RICHARD STACHLER** Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 **Travis Theurer**

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JAY COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATION LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Alex & Caitlin Langenkamp, Portland, IN, have filed with the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department an Intent to Build/Confined Feeding Permit Petition, #CFINT2023-01-16, to construct one additional turkey starter confined feeding building at an existing operation Parcel ID:

38-12-20-300-011.001-026 Location: 6xxx S 500 E, Portland, IN, Madison Township, Section 20

The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection in the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 South Meridian Street/ Suite E, Portland, Indiana, 47371. Public comments, in writing only, will be accepted by the Zoning Administrator for a period of 30 days from the date of this notice.

John Hemmelgarn Zoning Administrator/Director Jay/Portland Building

Department Date: 2/6/23

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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriations Notice is given to the Taxpayers of Jefferson Township, Jay County Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place 6421 W 300 S Portland In. 47371

At 6:00 p.m. on the 20th of February 2023

| Fund Name Township General | |
|--|-----------------|
| Major Budget Classification | Amount |
| Personal Services | 1,500 |
| Supplies | 1,600 |
| Service and Charge | 4,931 |
| Total for Township General fund | 8,031 |
| Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have | a right to be |
| heard. The additional appropriations as finally ma | de will be re- |
| ferred to the Department of Local Government Fin | ance (DLGF). |
| The DLGF will make a written determination as | s to the suffi- |
| ciency of funds to support the appropriations ma | de within fif- |
| teen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the | action taken. |
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Dated Feb 9, 2023 Angela Moeller Fiscal Officer

Public Notice

| | Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana Cash and Investments Combined Statement - 2022 | | | | | |
|--------|---|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | | Beg. Cash | | | End Cash | |
| Local | Local Fund | and Inv. Bal. | | | and Inv. Bal. | |
| Fund | Name | Jan 1, 2022 | Receipts | Disbursements | Dec 31, 2022 | |
| Number | | | | | | |
| | Governmental Activities | | | | | |
| 01 | Withholding | \$438.00 | \$438.00 | \$438.00 | \$438.00 | |
| 1 | Cumulative Fire | \$48,135.77 | \$8,320.65 | \$0.00 | \$56,456.42 | |
| 2 | Fire Fighting | \$44,153.59 | \$7,964.27 | \$5,391.00 | \$46,726.86 | |
| 3 | Levy Excess | \$67.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$67.00 | |
| 4 | Rainy Day | \$3,630.52 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,630.52 | |
| 5 | Township | \$22,117.43 | \$12,120.87 | \$11.349.14 | \$22,889.16 | |
| 6 | Township Assistance | \$17.475.88 | \$2.093.50 | \$3,358.23 | \$16,211.15 | |
| | Total All Funds | \$136,018.19 | \$30,937.29 | \$20,536.37 | \$146,419.11 | |

CERTIFICATION

State of Indiana

SS: Jay County

I. Scott Hilfiker, Trustee of Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Scott Hilfiker, Madison Township Trustee

Telephone:260-726-5135

Date this report was to be published Februrary 10, 2023

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Madison Township at its annual meeting this 28th day of January, 2023

Patty Starr, Madison Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 28th day of January, 2023.

Madison Township Board:

Patty Starr Charlene Theurer

Greg Shreeve

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Mara Bader competes in state finals tonight, see Sports on tap

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Eyes on the title



Jay County High School's Cameron Clark looks for his next move against Delta's Kolten Rhonemus of Delta during their regional championship match Saturday. Clark is one of eight Patriot wrestlers who will compete Saturday in the New Haven semi-state at County War Allen Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Clark, who won the 2022 semistate title at 138 pounds, enters the ranked tournament 11th in the state and the favorite to win the semi-state again. JCHS is one of the top contenders for the team championship along with Rochester, Delta, Garrett and Homestead. The program's only semi-state title came in 1982.

FRHS keeps up hot streak KNOXVILLE NEW

The Commercial Review

- The first two-thirds of the season were rough for the Indians.

Heading into the tournament, they're on a roll. Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team picked up its fifth win in its

Local last seven games and roundup first its Midwest Athletic Conference win of the season, the topping New Knoxville Rangers 39-29.

A strong start helped the Indians (7-14, 1-8 Midwest Athletic Conference), who opened 2-14 but have topped Franklin Monroe, Indiana Lake, Troy Christian, Celina and New Knoxville since Jan. 21. They built an eight-point advantage that slipped to three at halftime before the Indians gradually opened the lead again in the second half.

Cali Wendel's 19 points paced Fort Recovery, which will open the sectional tournament against Coldwater at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Lincolnview. Kennedy Muhlenkamp followed with nine points and Karlie Niekamp had seven.

Three in second

OSSIAN — A trio of second-place finishes led the Jay County junior high boys swim team to a runner-up finish with 358 points Thursday at the Norwell Invitational.

The host Knights won with 505 points while Bluffton was third in the eight-team field with 308.

Raif Beiswanger led the Patriots with a pair of top-three efforts, including second place with a time of 1 minute, 9.27 seconds, in the 100-yard individual medley. He was also third in the 100 freestyle in 1:03.67. See **Roundup** page 7

The Commercial Review/Ray Coone

Jay Co. is among contenders for championship as it sends eight to semi-state tourney at coliseum

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Everyone to the ticket round. More wrestlers to state.

Winning the semi-state championship.

Those goals are laid out in front of the Patriots.

But they understand everything Saturday is a process. So the focus, cliche as it may be, is one match at a time, one takedown at a time, even one position at a time.

Jav C wrestling team is one of the top contenders to add another championship to its postseason as it

Five earn academic all-state

Jay Five wrestlers earned Academic Jacobs and Willow Hardy — All-State honors today from were named to the IHSWCA the Indiana High School Academic All-State first an athlete must be a junior or Wrestling Coaches Associa- team. Second-team honors senior with a grade point avertion.

County Two Patriot girls — Jenae Conner Specht and Tony went to Cameron Clark, age of 3.25 or higher.

ounty High School's 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Allen Coun- qualifier. "I think we have a real- "Everybody needs to just go

ly good shot. I think our guys and wrestle their best and not hold back on anything," added to help us wrestle better there fellow junior Cody Rowles, a 2021 See Title page 7

Wood of the boys team.

In order to earn the honor,

ty War Memorial Coliseum.

"We definitely want to win this tournament," said JCHS junior takes eight athletes to the New Tony Wood, a 2022 semi-state Haven semi-state tournament at runner-up and two-time state

know that. I think it's just going and look to win every match we state qualifier. can.'



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