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Board reviews an agreement for school clinic

Meridian would provide behavioral, mental health services

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

State law requires school corporations to partner with a mental health provider.

Jay School Board reviewed a proposed agreement to fulfill that requirement Monday.

Superintendent Jeremy Gulley presented the board with a memorandum of understanding with Meridian Health Services for providing on-site behavioral health services via a school-based behavioral health clinic.

The board also took the next step toward a building project that predominantly focuses on outdoor athletic facilities.

The memorandum with Meridian lays out the details of an agreement that would run through Dec. 31, 2025, and then be renewable annually. It calls for establishing a school-based behavioral health clinic to be staffed by three employees — one therapist and one “skill builder” to be based at Jay County Junior-Senior High School and a skill builder to be based at an elementary school.

Therapist duties would include providing therapy, identifying mental health and behavioral health needs and developing and implementing courses of

treatment, among a variety of others. Gulley noted that any such services to be provided to students would require written parental consent. He added that Meridian is the only local provider that meets the requirements of the state statute.

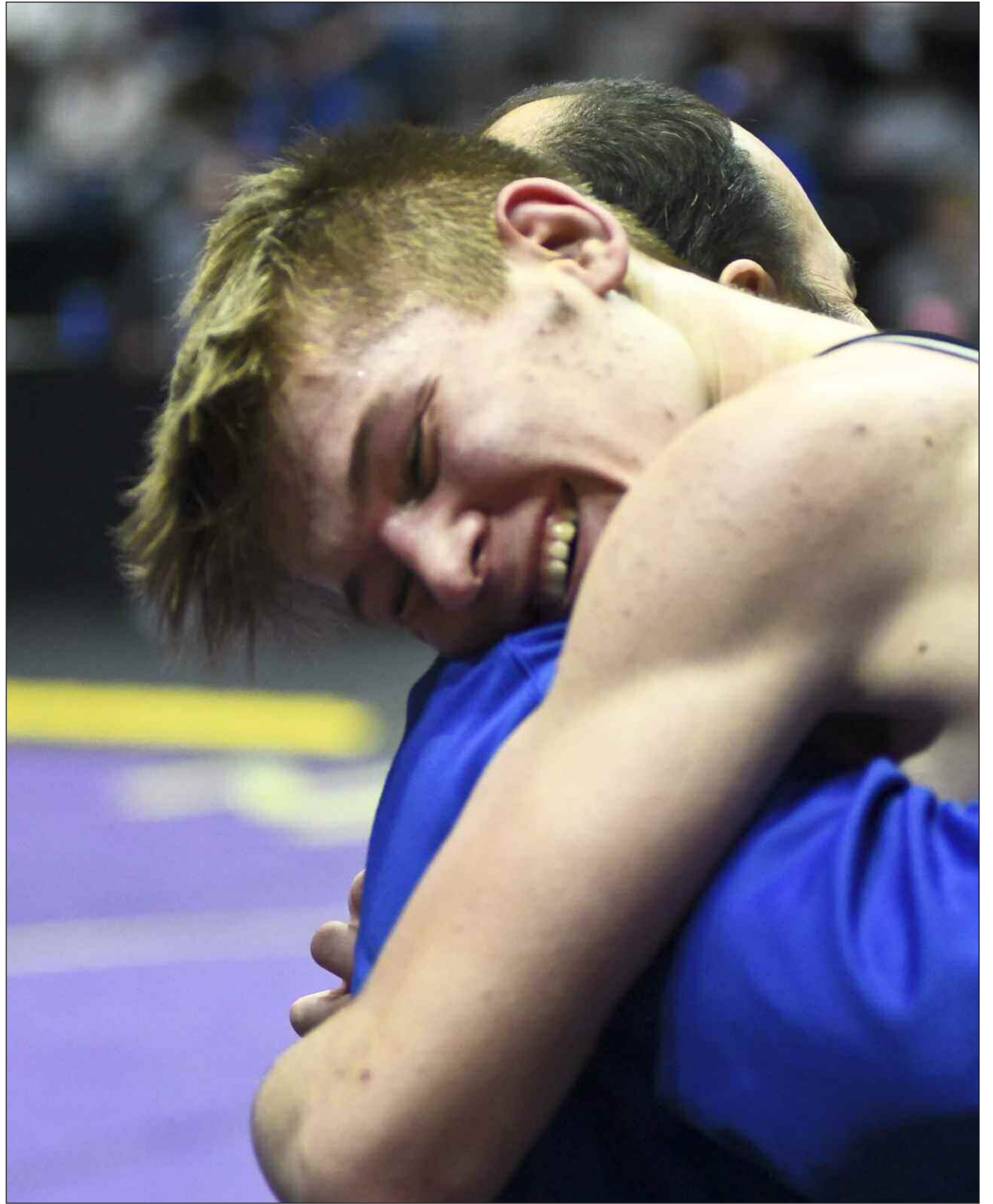
He said there is no cost to Jay Schools, as the clinic would be funded predominantly through payments from Medicaid and private insurance. He added that the school corporation has a verbal commitment for a \$200,000 donation from The Ray C. McKinley Family Foundation and The McKinley Educational Initiative to support such a clinic as well as other unrelated programs.

Gulley noted that through the school’s anonymous reporting system, there have been 25 reports of suicidal ideation, 30 of cutting or self-harm, and 18 of depression/anxiety since 2019.

“So when we have a family who says, ‘I don’t know how to help my kid,’ ... having them in the school is a natural relationship between the school counselors and administrators,” said Gulley. “I think that will make a much more effective response for those families who want behavioral health and mental health (services) to help support kids ...”

Board member Marcie Vormohr raised various concerns about the agreement, including about liability, malpractice, cost, access to birth control, adjustment of medications, communication with primary care physicians and reporting.

See **Clinic** page 5



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Celebrating state

Jay County High School sophomore Christian Wittkamp hugs coach Eric Myers after winning his “ticket round” match during Saturday’s semi-state tournament at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne to earn a state berth. Joining him at the state finals will be teammates Tony Wood, Cameron Clark and Cody Rowles. For more on the semi-state, see page 8.

Commissioners rescind EDIT plan

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Commissioners are changing the course.

Jay County Commissioners rescinded Jay County Development Corporation’s five-year economic development plan and took a variety of other actions during a meeting Monday. By rescinding the plan, commissioners hope to allocate econom-

ic development income tax (EDIT) funds quicker and more freely.

In 2020, JCDC put together a five-year plan for EDIT dollars that was approved by commissioners, Jay County Council and city and town councils throughout the county. It set priorities of using such funds for spec buildings, developing industrial land, acquiring land for industrial,

residential and commercial use, investing in downtown, revolving loans for local businesses, blight eradication and as a match for grants like the Indiana Department of Transportation’s Community Crossings program.

Commissioner Brian McGalliard explained federal regulation no longer requires a five-year plan for EDIT funds. He ref-

erenced Indiana Code 6-3.6-10-2, which denotes purposes in which counties, cities or towns may use revenue allocated for economic development.

“According to state statute, we can spend that money at our discretion,” said McGalliard. “It does not have to go back to county council, EDIT advisory, anything like that. It’s our discretion how to spend that money.”

He noted rescinding the current five-year plan would allow commissioners to designate the funds more freely, pointing out it would also do away with the previous requirement of seeking approval from Jay County Council and a recommendation from EDIT advisory board.

Commissioners voted to rescind the plan.

See **Rescind** page 2

Council OKs rezoning

By RAY COONEY

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DUNKIRK — A city property has been approved for rezoning to bring in a new business.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved a zoning change for 326 S. Main St. to accommodate a holistic health store.

Al Curts explained to council that the property is zoned residential and a request was brought before the city’s plan commission to change it to commercial. The plan commission recommended approval of the change.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur added that the property had previously been zoned commercial.

“This really just puts it back to where it had been up to 2018,” he said of the property at the intersection of Main and Pleasant streets.

Keri Bailey, one of the owners of the building, explained to council that she’d like to open a

holistic health store that would include a salt room, foot detox, reiki healing and eventually growing fresh produce and herbs.

Council members Bryan Jessup, Kevin Hamilton and Christy Curts, absent Jesse Bivens and Tom Johnson, approved the zoning change.

Mayor Jack Robbins also reported to those in attendance that he has been in contact with Center Point Energy regarding the gas line work that has been ongoing in the city. He said he expressed his feeling that clean-up work has not been sufficient. He added that recent heavy rains have created a mess in the area where jobs have been completed or are ongoing.

“They’ve tore up streets, tore up sidewalks, curbs, people’s properties,” he said. “I know it’s the middle of winter, but I think they’re not doing the clean-up they need to be doing.”

He said he was told crews will be back to clean up.

“I’m not happy with what they’re doing right now,” Robbins said. “So maybe we can get this turned around.”

In other business, council:

•Approved the following: allowing Dunkirk’s chapter of Delta Theta Tau sorority to use Dunkirk City Park for a Swayzee Tenderloins frozen breaded tenderloin pop-up sale on April 3; sponsorships of \$300 for Jay County Cancer Society and \$100 for the Easter egg hunt at Frank Merry Park; a payment plan for Dorothy Lewis, who had a \$2,700 water bill following a leak; payment of claims totaling \$323,263.99.

•Heard from Robbins that one of the tanks at Ardagh glass factory is in need of repairs. He noted that the city’s fire department will work with the factory to provide any assistance that may be needed.



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Pop performance

Members of the trumpet section, including Kenzie Huey and Joseph Dow (center), perform Sunday during the Jay County High School band’s winter pops concert. The event included selections from Pixar movies, a tribute to George Gershwin, songs from the musical “Dear Evan Hansen” and pieces from movie scores written by composer John Williams.

Deaths

Jon Juillerat, 96, Portland
Cindy Adair, 62, rural Pen-
nville
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 55 degrees Monday. The low was 33.

Tonight’s forecast calls for a low of 50 with rain expected after midnight and winds gusting to 45 miles per hour. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with a high of 61.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The agenda includes a special exception use petition for a small animal boarding and grooming business.

Coming up

Wednesday — Jay County Civic Theatre preparing to open production.

Friday — Results from the boys swimming sectional preliminaries at JCHS.



Obituaries

Jon Juillerat

Feb. 16, 1926-Feb. 11, 2023
Jon A. Juillerat, age 96, of Portland passed away on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, in The Waters of Muncie.



Juillerat

He was born in Jay County on Feb. 16, 1926, the son of Raymond and Vesta Electra (Thomas) Juillerat. He was married on Aug. 6, 1948, to Mary Catheryn Porter and she passed away on Aug. 25, 2022.

Jon was a farmer and owner of Juillerat Trucking. He was a member of West Walnut Street Church of Christ, a 1944 Port-

land High School graduate and a member of Portland Rotary Club.

Surviving are one sister, Mary Helen Moore of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the Center Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to West Walnut Street Church of Christ.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Cindy Adair

April 5, 1960-Feb. 11, 2023

Cindy Adair, age 62, of rural Pennville passed away on Satur-

day, Feb. 11, 2023, at her residence.

She was born in Portland on April 5, 1960, the daughter of Cloyce and Margaret Sue (Armstrong) Green. She was married on July

6, 1992, to Brian Adair who survives. Cindy was owner and operator of Adair Processing in Pennville with her husband Brian. She was a 1978 Jay County High School graduate, president of Pennville Fair Board, Board member of Pennville Community Center and Pennville Pumpkin Festival, and former officer of Jay County Chamber.



Adair

Cindy loved to go camping and working in her flower gardens.

Surviving is her husband Brian; two sons, Craig Imel (wife: Mindy) of Portland and Jamie Shaneyfelt (wife: Amy) of Portland; stepson Kent Wicker (wife: Amy) of Celina, Ohio; one daughter, Erin Bollenbacher of Berne; sister Kathy Neireiter (husband: Adam) of Churubusco, Indiana; 10 grandchildren, Trevor, Hunter and Carly Shaneyfelt, Colton and Riley Bollenbacher, Alyssa and Easton Imel and Gavin, Jaden and Cohen Wicker.

She was preceded in death by a brother Rick Green.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, at 10

a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Pennville Pumpkin Festival.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

Wednesday 2/15	Thursday 2/16	Friday 2/17	Saturday 2/18	Sunday 2/19
61/43	59/26	30/20	43/32	51/39
Mostly sunny with wind gusts reaching as high as 50 mph.	There's an 80% chance of rain Thursday, with a thunderstorm possible. Winds may reach 30 mph.	Partly sunny skies are in the forecast for Friday with a high of 30 degrees.	Saturday's weather looks to be sunny with a low around 32 degrees.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high of 51 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 17-26-37-61-65 Powerball: 2 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$57 million	14-15-27-38-39-42-45-48-49-50-51-61-64-69-73-75 Cash 5: 2-3-9-29-39 Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$67 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-2-1 Pick 4: 9-3-8-0 Pick 5: 3-0-7-4-5 Evening Pick 3: 3-9-5 Pick 4: 9-3-8-6 Pick 5: 9-7-2-7-7 Rolling Cash 5: 2-8-24-26-31 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000 Classic Lotto: 4-15-18-32-33-47 Kicker: 7-4-5-7-1-2 Jackpot: \$5.3 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 1-3-0 Daily Four: 7-3-5-5 Quick Draw: 3-5-6-9-15-18-20-24-25-33-40-43-48-52-56-69-70-72-77-79 Evening Daily Three: 1-4-5 Daily Four: 6-1-4-5 Quick Draw: 2-3-7-13-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.94 March corn.....6.94 Wheat.....7.77	Wheat.....7.32 July wheat.....7.80
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.96 March corn.....6.99 April corn.....7.04	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.83 Late Feb. corn.....6.83 Beans.....15.30 Late Feb. beans.....15.33 Wheat.....7.81
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.90 March corn.....6.90 Beans.....15.28 March beans.....15.38	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.55 March corn.....6.60 Beans.....15.07 March beans.....15.12 Wheat.....7.47

Today in history

In 1779, Captain James Cook was killed in a dispute over a theft. In 2004, Sarah Miller Cook was known for his three Pacific voyages that included the first European contact with the eastern coast of Australia and the Hawaiian Islands. In 1818, abolitionist, speaker, publisher and author Fredrick Douglass was born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey in Talbot County, Maryland. He became the first Black U.S. Marshal and was known for his autobiography, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, Written by Himself." In 2022, Jay County High School finished her diving career with a sixth-place finish at the IHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving State Finals at Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis. In 2022, Jay County Election Board removed Brenda Beaty from the ballot for Jay County Council District 1, upholding a challenge filed by Jay County Republican chair Jenae Blasdel. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

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

Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, air-

port, 661 W. 100 North.

Thursday
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.
6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Capsule Reports

Patriot is runner-up

Patriot Edition, Jay County High School's co-ed show choir, placed second Saturday at the Carroll Classic.

The group also won the award for best crew.

The school's choirs also competed Saturday at the DeKalb Choir Festival, with the all-girl Just Treble placing fourth and Patriot Edition finishing sixth.

Percussion second

The Jay County High School indoor percussion ensemble placed second in the Scholastic A division at Saturday's Norwell Invitational.

Jay County scored 61.3 points, finishing as the runner-up behind DeKalb (70.7).

Guard is ninth

Jay County High School's winter guard placed ninth overall Saturday in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association competition at Greenwood.

JCHS scored 66.42 points to fin-

ish fourth in its round in Regional A Class.

It was ninth overall, trailing eighth-place Crawfordsville by 1.06 points.

Pole hit

A Portland man crashed his vehicle into a pole in the Walmart parking lot about 1:18 p.m. Saturday.

John Pace, 64, was turning his 2008 Chevrolet Silverado left in the lot at 950 W. Votaw St., Portland, when he struck the pole. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Rear collision

A Portland woman crashed her vehicle into the back of a Center-ville woman's car on Meridian Street in Portland about 11:50 a.m. Friday.

Jody R. Webster, 42, was driving her 2013 Nissan Rogue north on the street when she reached down to grab an item, according to a Portland police report. She wasn't able to see the traffic stopped in

front of her and struck a 2021 Toyota Venza driven by 45-year-old Jacalyn N. Taylor.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

JCHS wins English

The Jay County High School academic team earned first place in English during its most recent Eastern Indiana Academic League competition.

Ella Stockton, Emma LeMaster, Lainey Reynolds and Lina Boynova took first place in English in the five-team meet hosted by Daleville. LeMaster took second place in English individually and Stockton was third.

James Larrowe, who was third individually, Stacy Fomina, Tessa Miller and Puhiza Shemsedini placed second in math.

Also finishing as runners-up were Duston Muhlenkamp, Khutso Muthuketela, Lina Boynova, and James Larrowe in science and Raine Keen, Emma LeMaster, Sarah McClain and Khutso Muthuketela in fine arts.

Rescind ...

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They also signed a resolution adopting a funding application for individuals, businesses or organizations seeking local government dollars, such as EDIT or solar farm economic development funds. It will be available online or at Jay County Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Chad Aker referenced the application in relation to the discussion about EDIT funds.

"It's fair to anybody

that wants to apply," he said.

McGalliard suggested — and commissioners agreed — to create a fund for contractual services. The account would allow commissioners to transfer dollars from the JCDC fund to a separate fund in order to better track payments to organizations and abide by state statute, according to McGalliard.

They also tabled a \$210,000 claim for JCDC's annual budget.

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SERVICES

Wednesday
Kelsey, Jamie: 3 p.m., Wilson-Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk.

Thursday
Adair, Cindy: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

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Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

A Ridgeville man was arrested Monday for possession of methamphetamine.

Jerry W. Slater, 35, 209 W. Water St., was preliminarily charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Probation violation

A Pargon man was arrested Friday for violating his probation.

Michael A. Anderson, 29, 3843 N. Caldwell Road, is charged in Jay Superior Court with nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 felony. He's being held on a \$5,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Dan's Tenderloin & Fish Fry

Sat. Feb. 18th 4:00 - 7:00
At the Bryant Community Center
107 S. Malin St., Bryant

Sides:
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Civic show starts Friday

Tickets are on sale for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "The Laramie Project."

The documentary-style play analyzes the death of Matthew Shepard, an openly gay college student who was brutally murdered in Laramie, Wyoming, in 1998 because of his sexual identity.

It is intended for mature audiences because of strong language and explicit references to violence.

Performances are Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Jay County Campus of Arts Place and Feb. 25 at Blackford County Arts Center. To purchase tickets, stop by Arts Place, call (260) 726-4809 or visit myartsplace.org.

Dean's list

Several Fort Recovery residents were named to the dean's list at University of Findlay.

Those making the list were Janel Bruns, Lauren Bruns, Brandon Keller, Derek Lochtefeld, Cassidy Martin and Hope Wendel.

Taking Note

MLK essays

Entries are being accepted through Feb. 28 to the Indiana Association of School Principals 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

Sixth graders through high school seniors may write essays based on the following quote from Martin Luther King Jr.:

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

For more information, visit iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay/.

Supplies hard to find

By DIANA DOLECKI
Special to The Commercial Review

I think we should invent a new game.

Upon entrance to a store we should be issued a card sort of like a Bingo card. The aim will be to guess the items the store will be out of such as the entire section of vitamins at a local store recently. Fill so many correct spaces to get a raincheck for the next time the item is somewhere in the store but not where it is expected to be. The cards would be time and date stamped so that they must be redeemed on the same day they are issued. There should be a time limit of maybe one or two hours. Maybe that would help alleviate some of the frustration at not finding a particular item for weeks and weeks at a time.

An alternate game with similar rules would be a scavenger hunt. The trick to that one would be that at least one item on the list should have been discontinued.

Before the pandemic, I don't remember finding any empty shelves at any store. I would wait until we were almost out of something before I bought another one. Now, I have multiple boxes or contain-

As I See It



ers of the stuff I purchase on a regular basis, such as cereal or tea.

I do not understand the repeated shortages of this or that. One week peanut butter is not to be found. The next week we are buying enough toilet paper to last a year or two.

When empty spaces began appearing at random at the stores we frequent, we were told that it was the pandemic's fault. Too many workers were ill and that was adversely affecting the supply. After all this time I would expect that the powers that be would have figured how to get the job done. Nope. Not going to happen.

It used to be that I preferred one brand over the other. Now, I take whatever brand the store has. In an effort to save a few pennies I have tried store brands. I have yet to find one that measures up to the name brand.

Now that I have fin-

ished my rant about the supply chain, I had a birthday over the weekend. Every year I give myself the present of calling my daughter and talking as long as I want to. When she answered the phone I could hear the entire family singing happy birthday to me. This was the first year that they omitted the line that goes, "you smell like a monkey," or something similar.

That was the conclusion to a nice, relaxing day. I finished the book I was reading. I made some brownies for myself, and we went out to eat. Plus, the restaurant gave me a free blackberry cobbler to take home. Life is good.

The other good thing was that my daughter did not tell her sister that we would take a couple of dogs. She had called me a few days earlier to ask if we wanted two older dogs in need of a good home. I told her no. Thankfully she listened to me and didn't put them on a plane anyway.

All in all it was a good birthday. Now that it is over, maybe I can concentrate on viewing shopping trips as just a game to be played instead of an exercise in frustration.

Birth announcements

Anderson

Marilynn Jane Lyzanne, a daughter, was born Feb. 2 at St. Vincent Randolph in Winchester to Esther and Seth Anderson of Portland.

She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Richards

Ava Jane, a daughter, was born Jan. 7 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center to Emily and Josh Richards of rural Dunkirk.

She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents

are Alan and Becky Peterson of Dunkirk, and paternal grandparents are Terry and Beth Richards of Portland. Her great-grandparent is Camille Peterson of Portland.

Make the date memorable

DEAR ABBY: I am an 80-year-old senior man who has met, texted daily and called an 80-year-old woman for the last six weeks. We both look and think young for our ages as well. We plan to have our first date on a Valentine's Day theme. It's awkward not knowing what to do when we have our first date. She says "friends first," and I agree, but we are highly compatible based on our communications.

Because our first date will be on Valentine's Day, she said she wants to see if there is chemistry. I'm conflicted about whether to give her a flower or flowers. Would it be appropriate to have a single long-stemmed rose in my car and, if she's interested in a second date or we both feel

Dear Abby



chemistry, use "The Bachelor" TV show idea of asking her if she will accept the rose for a second date? I know it may sound cliché, but I'm reluctant to take the rose to the table. Yes, some of us seniors want to be romantic, but we are still concerned about what's acceptable in today's dating world. — UNCLEAR IN THE SOUTH

DEAR UNCLEAR: I love your letter and I like your style. When you go to the table, have a small box of chocolates to present to your lady friend. The idea of keeping a long-stemmed rose concealed in your car is charming, as long as you keep the stem in water so it won't wilt while you're having dinner, which would be very unromantic. Please let me know how the date goes. I wish you luck.

DEAR READERS: On this day that celebrates love, I want to express how much I cherish the relationship I have with you. Wishing all of you a Happy Valentine's Day. — LOVE, ABBY

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

ANNA'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.

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 - BRI-ANNA'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.

Thursday

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

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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Family was integral to city's past

To the editor:
Feb. 4 was Jerry Ludwig's funeral.

The theme used was the seasons of our lives. Jerry and his family definitely represented a season in the life of Dunkirk, Indiana, and some of the surrounding towns.

This season began when Paul Ludwig and Lois Farling Ludwig moved to Dunkirk from Bluffton. They first worked with meat markets but expanded into the grocery business. For many years, Dunkirk had the Ludwig's grocery on Main Street in Dunkirk. They still had their own meat and specialized in items like garlic bologna.

Our Taylor family became connected with the Ludwigs when my sister, Ann, married Jerry. Several of us Taylors also were fortunate to work for Ludwig's. My brother, Joel, worked there while in college. I also worked there for a time while I was attending Ball State. My hus-

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band Randy later worked at the Ludwig's Annex store.

I remember many of their employees. Names like Noel Metz, Junior Miller, Ralph Anderson, Frank Holtz, Fred the bread man, Pat Andrews and Dorothy May come to mind. There were so many more in the meat department, as carry-out boys and cashiers, and Lila in the office. Ludwig's provided jobs for so many in the area.

Ludwig's was a store where many people shopped. I remember the area in the store where we dropped off bottles for our deposit. I remember the aisles, the nice produce and frozen foods like Tony's Pizza. I believe

they had fresh donuts for a while and of course the Brach's candy that they sold in bulk.

We also got to know the family outside of the store. The Ludwig family consisted of four children. They were Bill, Jerry and Leslie, with Anthony born later. He was just 9 years younger than I was, so Lois had me come to entertain him at times. I still remember pushing him in his stroller along Grand Street when she lived there. Later, I got to go to their pool on Moore Avenue. My mom also babysat for him at times. He seemed like one of our nephews.

I remember Bill and his wife Peg. They lived on Broad Street. I babysat a few times. Later they lived on county road 200 South when Bill managed the Portland store.

Leslie was married to Tony Garr, whose family was well known in Dunkirk. She went to high school with my siblings, Ann, June and Jim.

When my sister Ann married Jerry, they moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where he attended Texas Christian University. My nephew Allen was born there. Later, my brother Jim went there to attend TCU, too.

Paul was active in farming in the Dunkirk area. He had a farm on county road 1150 West. It was there that he lost his legs in an auger accident. Out Arlington Avenue was another farm where he lived for a while in a trailer. We were able to rent his trailer when Randy got out of the army. It was our first home in the states. Paul was a good landlord.

Jerry and Ann moved back to Dunkirk where their second son, Derek, was born. Ludwig's opened a store in Marion, and they moved there.

Seasons change. Jerry and Ann divorced, and Jerry married Barbara. She added her son, Jeff McDaniel, to the family. Paul, Bill and Lois passed away. This year, Leslie passed

away, and then Jerry shortly after.

Times changed Dunkirk too. Indiana Glass closed. Big stores like Walmart, Meijer and Marsh took too many customers. The closing of Ludwig's was rough for the community. It is definitely missed.

Saturday was Jerry's funeral. His family came from all over to be there. It was nice to see my nephews and even meet new additions to the family. Former friends and employees also came to pay their condolences.

As another form of closure, Dru Hall, who now owns the vacant store, allowed Jerry's sons and grandsons a chance to take a last walk through the former Ludwig's grocery store.

The Ludwig family played a big role in what Dunkirk was when many of us were growing up in the area. Seasons change, but it lasted for a long time.

Rose Taylor Davis
Redkey

Sanctions erode democracy in Iran

By ALI TAROKH
Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

Recent drone attacks on Iran by Israel have proponents for military force calling on the United States to take similar action. They believe that the best way to "free" Iranians is by blowing up Iran. As an Iranian and former refugee, I assure you that war is not the path to freedom.

In 2009, the Iranian regime brutally attacked the Green Movement, which rose after widespread allegations of voter fraud that delivered Mahmoud Ahmadinejad a second term in office. Regime forces killed many protesters, detained thousands of ordinary citizens and sentenced them to long prison terms. College students were also expelled from school and detained.

I was involved with the Green Movement, and the regime imprisoned me. I was also banned from studying at university for life. Like many other activists, I hate the regime for what it has done to — and continues to do — to the Iranian people. I fled my country in 2011.

Back then, I thought only of revenge. I believed that the United States and United Nations' sanctions against the regime were the only solution that could stop the regime's brutality and help democratic forces inside Iran. I changed my mind when I saw the impact of sanctions.

When I was in Turkey as a refugee, I knew many whose lives depended on receiving financial support from their families in Iran. In 2012, crushing financial and oil sector sanctions finally hit Iran's economy, and the value of the Iranian rial dropped sharply. Many Iranian middle-class families lost their purchasing power, and subsequently, many refugees lost financial support from their families inside Iran.

Every day, I observed how refugees' lives were getting darker and destroyed by the sanctions and, of course, the regime. I saw many refugees were forced to sell themselves to survive. The Iranian middle-class family shrank suddenly and lost its power to pursue democratic changes, which are the class origins of democracy in Iran. While the nuclear deal gave a brief economic reprieve to their plight, the

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reimposition of sanctions decimated civil society and led to further securitization inside of Iran, with countless human rights defenders imprisoned.

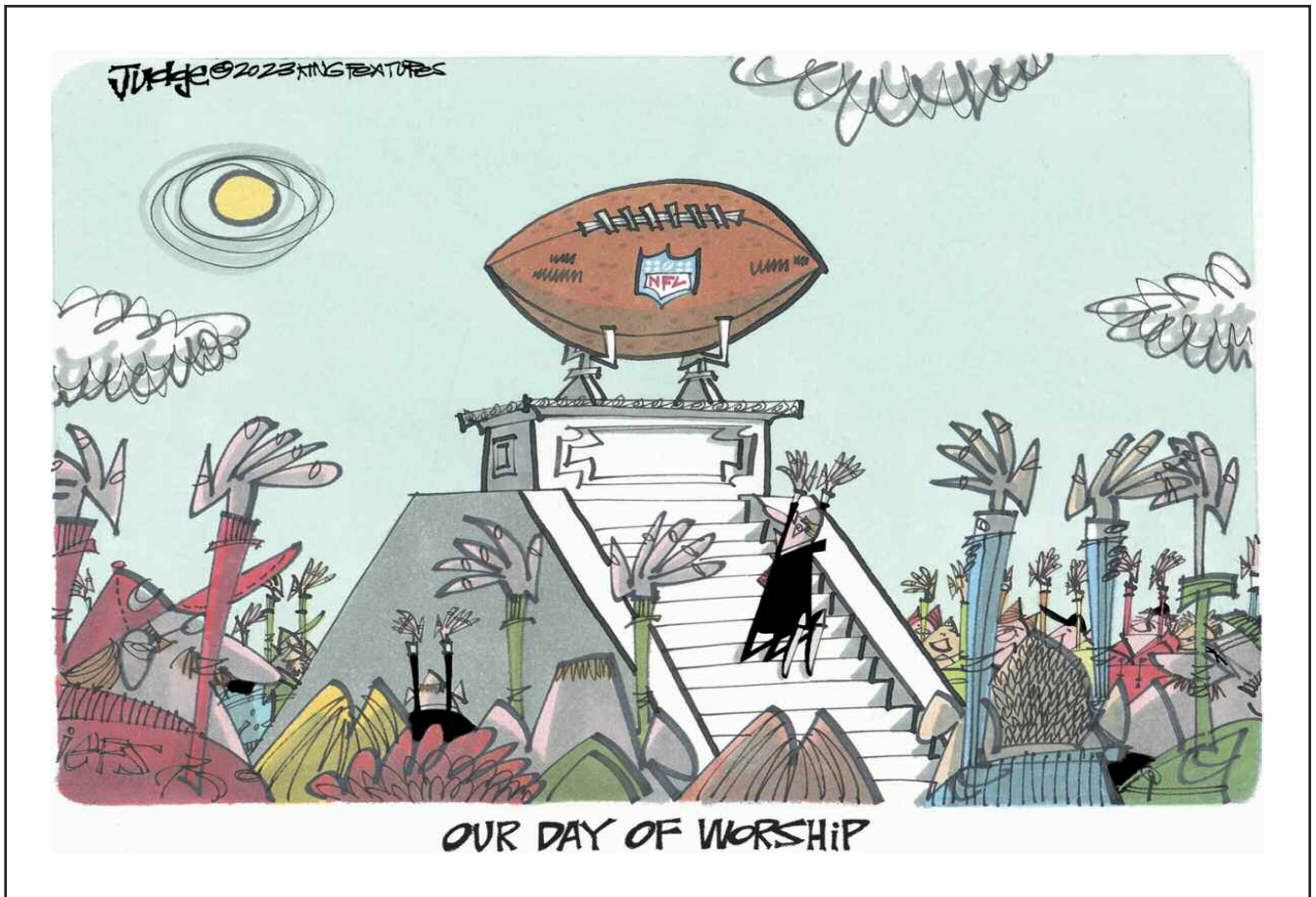
Fast-forward to today, and Iranians are facing a new wave of brutal repression in response to their demands for justice. Following the killing of Mahsa Amini in September, hundreds have been killed, and tens of thousands have been detained. More than 18 people have been sentenced to death, and four have been executed the BBC reported on Jan. 18.

At this unprecedented juncture, the Iranian diaspora is in a unique situation. Regrettably, many are enamored by proponents of punitive sanctions and war that may sound good — particularly to those who have suffered at the hands of the Iranian government — but that, in practice, will work against the long-term movement for democracy and human rights.

Cutting off negotiations, and turning against voices who have warned against the impact of sanctions on Iranian civil society, is a dangerous path. Many opportunists are exploiting the outrage and desperate need to stop human rights abuses by deriding proponents of peaceful interventions that invest in the Iranian people; they seek to divide our community and shut down any policy proposals short of war.

There are no shortcuts to building the power of the people of Iran at the expense of the authoritarian government of Iran. Regrettably, the U.S. has made many wrong turns because being tough on Iran is more politically popular than supporting the people of Iran.

Only by reducing tensions and easing sanctions that harm the very people who are resisting the regime can the U.S. empower the people of Iran economically and better position them to succeed in their long quest for justice, democracy and human rights.



Empower teachers to lead

By DANIEL B. COUPLAND
Chicago Tribune
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A 2022 survey of 615 Midwestern K-12 teachers who left the profession cited poor student behavior as the No. 1 reason for their departure.

Fifty-one percent of the surveyed teachers listed "behavior" as the primary reason for quitting — more than progressive political activity, insufficient salary, parental concerns with their classroom, COVID-19 policies, safety concerns about school shootings, lack of materials to teach effectively, standardized testing, licensure expiration, or professional development requirements combined.

Such a lopsided result is not entirely unexpected. Behavioral issues can easily prevent teachers from doing their primary job — educating the hearts and minds of their students. And so, maintaining a healthy, productive classroom environment is critical to the overall success of the school. And rising levels of student misbehavior should concern all who want to see our children receive the best education possible.

Some factors that influence student behavior in the classroom are beyond the control of most teachers. They range from the minuscule and forgettable to the massive and foreboding — the weather and the time of day, students' friendships and home life, limited space and proper lighting, health concerns and learning difficulties.

That said, time-tested practices of classroom management can help teachers overcome many of these limitations, minimize disruptive behavior in classrooms, and ultimately provide a rich and effective learning environment for students. Establishing useful routines for classroom activities, creating an effective sys-

Daniel B.
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tem of rules for behavior and enforcing those rules fairly, and including parents through regular communication are a few examples of such practices. These are effective because they provide a structure within the classroom in which students can learn.

If teachers are unwilling or unable to provide boundaries in the classroom, students will go as far as they see no limits. With the student misbehavior and the resulting classroom chaos, it's no wonder many educators become frustrated with their work and leave the profession. To stem this tide, educators must be given the authority to make important and strategic management decisions in their classrooms to create and maintain healthy, well-ordered environments for learning. In other words, they must be empowered to lead.

Of course, certain obligations come with this kind of authority. The teacher's knowledge and character must be superior to that of the students. This doesn't mean that teachers must be omniscient and morally perfect — students know this is impossible. But teachers should know on the whole more than the students about the content of the courses they're teaching. Similarly, they should demonstrate on the whole much higher moral character than the students due to their education, experience and maturity.

When teachers don't know something, they should admit it and offer

a plan for finding out the answer. When they fail to live up to high moral standards, they should demonstrate the appropriate way of accepting responsibility for their behavior, dealing with any impact of their moral failure and restoring any relationships they may have damaged. This is what good leadership looks like.

Additionally, teachers must lead their classrooms within the larger context of the school. Teachers cannot simply govern their classrooms however they see fit — as if they were unaccountable dictators. This means a teacher's authority must function within the leadership structure of the school, which includes administrators, school boards and parents.

Finally, teachers' leadership in the classroom must be aligned with the school's overall mission. The school's mission is its North Star to which all community members can and should orient their behavior and work. It defines what the school is, what it does and why it does it. The school's mission should drive all activities related to the school — including how teachers manage their classrooms.

Effective classroom management based on sound principles isn't a cure-all for all that ails American education. But empowering teachers to manage their classrooms by means of time-tested practices may be a key element to more well-ordered and effective classrooms. And it may also encourage good, experienced teachers to remain in the classroom rather than exit the profession for other work or an early retirement.

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Three killed in Michigan State shooting

By CRAIG MAUGER
The Detroit News
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EAST LANSING, Mich. — A suspected gunman who killed three people and wounded several others on the campus of Michigan State University was found dead late Monday night from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, police said.

The 43-year-old suspect was located off campus and died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, MSU Police Interim Deputy Chief Chris Rozman said. A campuswide shelter-in-place order was lifted shortly after midnight Tuesday.

“This truly has been a nightmare that we are living tonight,” Rozman said

at a 12:30 a.m. press conference.

The suspect was not affiliated with MSU as a student or employee, Rozman said.

“We have no idea why he came to campus to do this tonight,” Rozman said at a 1:30 a.m. press conference.

Just after 11:30 p.m., MSU police confirmed three individuals had been killed

in addition to five victims who were transferred to a Lansing hospital. At 1 a.m. Tuesday, all five remained in critical condition, Sparrow Hospital spokesman John Foren said.

It was not immediately clear if any of the victims are MSU students or faculty, Rozman said.

The shootings occurred

in Berkey Hall and the nearby MSU Student Union building along Grand River Avenue on the north end of MSU’s campus near downtown East Lansing.

Law enforcement agencies were working to determine a motive in the campus slayings, Rozman said.

“We are unsure of any affiliation that the suspect

had to the university,” Rozman said.

Rozman later added: “We have absolutely no information about what the motive was and I can’t even imagine what the motive may be.”

Rozman said his understanding is that there was some contact with police just prior to the suspect shooting himself.

Clinic ...

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“It’s a very noble idea,” said Vormohr. “It sounds great. But ... as a parent, I find it kind of iffy, or scary.”

In response, Gulley asked if she had read the memorandum — she said she had not read the whole thing — adding that he felt the document answered many of her questions. He asked that she provide her questions in writing so that he could pass them on directly to Meridian. He added that a Meridian representative could be brought in to meet with the board.

The 11-page memorandum addresses some of the issues Vormohr brought up, including that Meridian would be responsible for providing malpractice insurance and for oversight of licensing and credentialing, helping patients acquire the nec-

essary Medicaid or health insurance coverage, following all federal health privacy guidelines, disclosing information to the school nurse for appropriate treatment and complying with school policies.

The board approved a resolution extending the lease agreement between Jay School Corporation and the Building Corporation of Jay Schools, which is part of the process toward a capital improvement project. Last month, it approved moving forward with a \$6.1 million capital improvement project that would involve the construction of a 7,000-square-foot cleathouse at the northeast end of the football stadium, the installation of synthetic turf at the football field, replacement of wiring in the junior-senior high kitchen and a variety of other upgrades.

Bidding on some portions of the project could begin as early as March. The timelines for the work will vary, with kitchen electrical work expected this summer and installation of synthetic turf in spring/summer 2024.

In other business, the board: •During the Patriot pride moment, honored the JCHS academic team heard a presentation from the school corporation’s literacy coaches, Christa Robinson and Jennifer Snow.

•Heard a presentation from school principals regarding IREAD testing and various educational attainment statistics that are available by clicking “Indiana GPS Data” at jayschoolcorp.org.

•Was introduced to the Patriot Service Award, a new honor to be given this year as a successor

to the previous Star of Character Award. The award will honor those “who have significantly contributed to the mission of the Jay School Corporation over an extended period of time.” Nominations will be accepted through April 1, with a selection committee to choose the winners and presentation of the award at the May school board meeting.

•Heard Vormohr ask a question about what percentage of Jay Schools teachers are not certified. Assistant superintendent Trent Paxson explained that teachers who are not certified must get emergency permits or adjunct permits, as required by the state. Gulley added that exceptions in the corporation are in the areas of technology and elementary school physical education,

where support staff has been utilized.

•Approved the following: a series of policy changes including regarding athletics, driver education, adjunct teachers and background checks; the hiring of East Jay Elementary School art teacher Liana McLaughlin; leaves of absence for three employees; field trips for the junior-senior high school’s Business Professionals of America, German and manufacturing students; the cancellation of checks that are more than two years old.

•Accepted the resignations of East Jay Elementary School art teacher Jacquelin Analco and elementary school physical education instructor Jared Weesner.

•Accepted donations of \$500 from Ardagh Group to Jay County Baseball Club and the junior-senior high choral department.

Rescind ...

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Aker suggested they put the claim on hold in the midst of discussion between the organization and county officials.

JCDC is considering making changes to its bylaws that would assign permanent seats on the executive committee to several local government officials and also establish a code of conduct. The possible changes stem from a proposal made by county and municipal government officials that would have given them control of half of the seats on JCDC’s executive committee. Their proposal also included removing board members who miss three consecutive meetings and reducing the board — by attrition — from its current 25 members.

Also Monday, commissioner heard from Jenny Bricker, a resident leading the effort to relocate the Indiana 26 (Water Street) bridge over the Salamonie River on the east side of Portland.

She explained Indiana

Department of Transportation has proposed the group commit just over \$489,000 to disassemble and move the bridge before its destruction in April. It could then raise funds — the work is estimated to cost between \$1.5 million and \$2 million — to restore and reassemble the bridge in a new location.

The matter comes down to funding, she said. INDOT needs a commitment by March 10. (The date recently moved up by five days.)

“My biggest concern is if we were to do a ... commitment, we’re on the line for this roughly half a million dollars. If that doesn’t get raised, we have to pay that,” said Aker, referencing the current budget shortfall. “We can’t afford — we don’t have the money for this.”

Journay added the county has other needs to fulfill. McGalliard pointed out the issue is a fiscal decision for the city to make.

Commissioners accepted an agreement with Havel for maintenance at Jay County Sheriff’s Office and

Jay County Jail for a total \$35,088. (The cost will come out of the sheriff’s budget.)

Havel employee Tony Ashley explained the price came at a 12% increase since 2017. It includes full labor, covering maintenance and repair work, as well as overtime and emergency work. (Additional fees would be tacked on for extra parts or installing new equipment.) Sheriff Ray Newton vouched for the company, pointing out equipment at the jail runs nonstop and needs regular upkeep.

In related business, commissioners also signed an application to apply for a matching grant through the Small, Rural and Tribal Body-Worn Camera micro grant program in hopes of purchasing body cameras for the sheriff’s office.

Commissioners approved an ordinance amending the Jay County personnel policy handbook in relation to time off, or flexible hours, for positions exempt and excluded from compensatory time. It allows flexible hours for

employees “to avoid working in excess of the normal workweek schedule,” according to the ordinance.

“Flex-time,” as it’s referred to, must be approved in advance by the elected official or department head in charge. Employees must use their accrued flex-time by two dates — June 30 and Dec. 31 — each year or lose it.

In other business, commissioners Aker, Journay and McGalliard:

•Approved an ordinance turning the intersection of county road 300 South and Boundary Pike into a four-way stop. (It will take effect within 30 days of publishing a legal notice.) Flashing lights will be attached to the signs to alert drivers to the change in traffic.

•Agreed to purchase new desks and a raised platform from Rick Clifton Contracting for \$16,331. The desks will be installed in the courthouse auditorium, where officials plan to begin meeting.

•Reviewed a 2022 report from Jay/Portland Building and Planning Depart-

ment. Last year, the department issued 305 permits, including 52 for commercial use, 18 for new homes and three for confined feeding operations.

•Agreed to invest in a \$5,000 income study through Kleinpeter Consulting Group.

•Heard from courthouse superintendent Bruce Sutton the stained glass tiles in the ceiling will be removed and taken for repairs Monday.

•OK’d purchasing a laptop for the sheriff’s office and buying new vehicle emergency lights and installing radio equipment for \$3,473.26 in Jay County Emergency Management Agency’s truck.

•Learned Purdue Extension Office of Jay County is looking for a new agriculture and natural resource educator. Qualifications include at least a bachelor’s degree in agriculture or a related field.

•Heard from Bob Howell of Jay County Highway Department, who reminded commissioners that local residents wishing to con-

struct dust mats on roads must pay for the entire cost. The county previously contributed a portion of the cost for residents but was recently informed it is not allowed to do so per state guidelines.

•Appointed Ted Champ, Carl Walker and McGalliard to Jay County Redevelopment Commission, Missy Putterbaugh to Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau and Virginia Burkey to the Community and Family Services board. (They also agreed to look into the matter of appointing a member to Jay County Community Corrections board.)

•OK’d raising fees for six watersheds in Jay County by 25%.

•Gave permission to county recorder Melanie Upp to open a county credit card for her office.

•Paid claims, including: \$2,506.90 for filing cabinets at the sheriff’s office, \$1,562 for a laptop at the sheriff’s office and \$750 to Jon Funk for his appraisal of about 68 acres on the western city limits of Portland.

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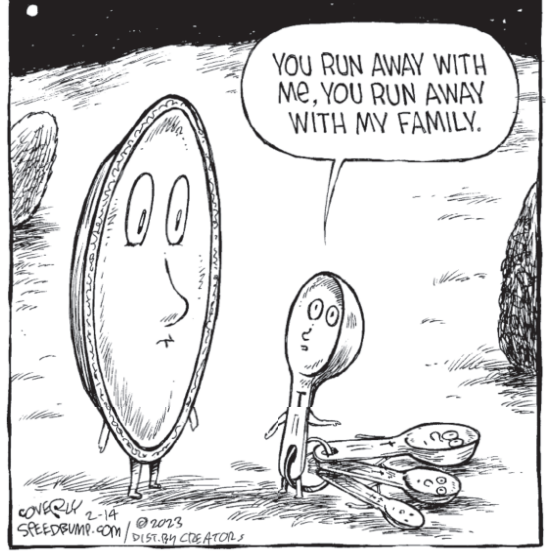
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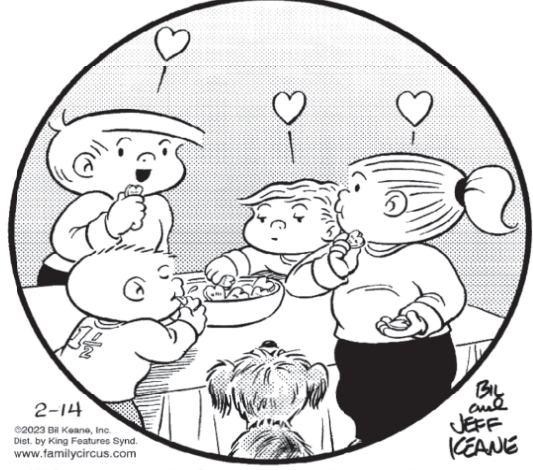
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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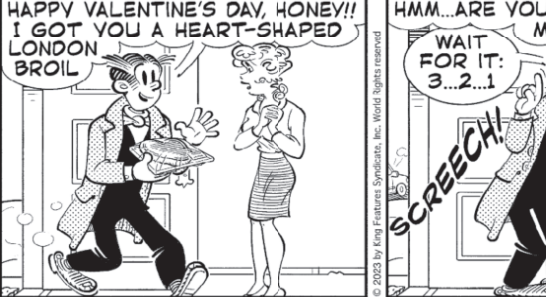
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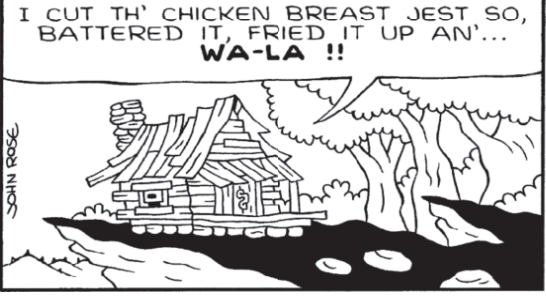
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Myers often talks about Wood's high wrestling IQ, and the junior showed it by simply standing his ground in the center of the mat and refusing to take shots that would allow Uhlman to counter. When Uhlman finally went for a couple of shots late in the match, he wasn't able to finish them. "I knew that I was solid enough that he wasn't going to score his offense on me," Wood said. "And he was kind of keeping space, so there was no need to go rush and get a takedown when I'm winning."

The victory pushed Wood (41-0) over the hump after he had been to the semi-state championship each of the last two years and lost to Aidan Sprague of East Noble both times. It marked the sixth time he and Uhlman have met this season, including in the sectional and regional championship matches. (Wood has won them all, accounting for all but two of Uhlman's eight losses over the year.)

None of Wood's other matches were close as he pinned Oak Hill's Tyson Kendall in the opening round, defeated Garrett's Hayden Williams by an 8-1 decision in the "ticket round" and scored a 15-6 major decision over Cooper Baldwin of Peru in the semifinal.

Clark (36-2), who is ranked 11th at 145 pounds, also advanced to the semi-state championship match but was unable to come away with a second consecutive title after winning at 138 pounds last season.

After winning three consecutive decisions — 8-2 over Thomas Sidel of



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Cody Rowles of Jay County uses a headlock to pin Rochester's Aaron Swango in Saturday's quarterfinal round.

Homestead in the opener, 7-1 over West Noble's Teegan Clouse in the ticket round and 9-5 over previously unbeaten Luke Teusch of Huntington north in the semifinals — Clark never led in the championship match, giving up a takedown to DeKalb's 17th-ranked Braxton Miller in 17 seconds. He needed just six seconds to escape, but allowed another takedown and two-point near fall to trail 6-1 at the end of the first period.

Miller (37-2) recorded a takedown of his own in the second period for the final margin.

"He struggled a little bit getting his offense going," said Myers. "He wrestled really well today up until that point. (Miller) kind of had an answer for Cam's offense."

Friday will mark the third trip to the state finals for Clark, who placed seventh at 138 pounds last season.

Rowles (37-3), who was upset in the ticket round last season after qualifying

for state as a freshman, found his way to some redemption. After pinning Northridge's Grayson Beasley in 5 minutes, 42 seconds, in the first round, he used a headlock to put the shoulders of Rochester's Aaron Swango to the mat in 2:27 to earn his state finals berth at 126 pounds.

"It feels great to punch my ticket," said Rowles, who is ranked eighth in the state.

"When I finished that double-leg, I felt like I hurt him a little bit," he added referencing a first-period takedown. "And I just knew that I was going to win the match."

He dropped his final two matches of the day — 6-0 to 10th-ranked Hayden Brady of Garrett and 10-2 to Cowan's sixth-ranked Jackson Bradley, who he had lost to in the regional semifinal the previous week.

Christian Wittkamp (34-8) earned his state berth thanks to a 6-4 ticket-round win over Kaleb Lounsbury of Prairie Heights in the 152-pound bracket. That

came after he built a 13-2 lead over Homestead's Jake Thrash in the opening round en route to an 18-11 win.

"It feels amazing," said Wittkamp, who wrestled junior varsity in Illinois last season. "I've wanted this for my whole life. This is just an amazing experience. I didn't think I would make it this year. ... It's awesome."

"All my teammates and my coaches, they're the reason I got here. They got me so much better this year."

He dropped the semifinal match by pin in 51 seconds to No. 4 Mitchell Betz (37-1) of Western and lost 8-0 to Carroll's No. 16 Jackson Todd in the third-place match.

Senior Ethan Reiley, ranked 17th in the state at 132 pounds, advanced to the ticket round but came up short of returning to the state finals.

A state-qualifier as a freshman, Reiley (36-3) had a 3-0 lead over No. 19 Brody Hagewood of Prairie Heights with a trip to the state finals on the line. But Hagewood caught him in a spladle for a reversal and three-point near fall in the final period to rally for a 5-3 victory.

Bryce Wenk, a junior 182 pounder, rallied for a 5-2 deficit with two takedowns in the final 21 seconds against No. 11 Laish Detwiler (42-4) of Goshen. But he ran out of gas in overtime, giving up a takedown in 22 seconds to fall 8-6.

Senior Daniel Moore (113) and junior Taye Curtis (120) qualified for the semi-state but did not wrestle Saturday.

Roundup ...

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But Rex Leverette scored all of his 11 points in the final period and Cole Rammel added seven as the visitors rallied for the win.

The fourth-quarter comeback included four 3-pointers — three from Leverette and Rammel's fifth of the game. Rammel totaled 28 points, with Leverette joining him in double figures and Landon Post chipping in seven.

Fort Recovery cruised to a 58-31 victory in the junior varsity game, scoring at least 13 points in each quarter. Mason Diller's 18 points led the way, and Briggs Overman added 14 points.

JCH tankers roll
Jay County's junior high swim team dominated the visiting Adams Central Jets for a pair of victories Monday with the girls team winning 167-65 while the boys triumphed 153-76.

Kaitlyn Fisher led a group of six individual event winners for the Patriot girls team, taking first place with times of 30.4 seconds in the 50 freestyle and 1 minute, 8.02 seconds, in the 100 freestyle. Alvyia Muhlenkamp led a top-three sweep of the 100 breaststroke in 1:41.55 ahead of teammates Lila Wendel and Gillian Keller.

Also earning individual wins for the girls team were Kali Wendel (2:39.93 — 200 freestyle), Maria Laux (1:17.33 — 100 backstroke), Gabby Gibson (5:55.47 — 400 freestyle) and Elly Byrum (33.23 — 50 butterfly).

The Beiswangers each won a pair of events for the

Jay County boys team. Raif finished first in the 200 freestyle in 2:28.62 and the 50 butterfly in 31.71 while Rockland posted winning times of 5:55.47 in the 400 freestyle and 1:28.84 in the 100 breaststroke.

Picking up single wins were Carson Westgerdes (1:13.35 — 100 IM), Jaxson DeHoff (31.89 — 50 freestyle) and Cooper Glentzer (1:02.71 — 100 freestyle).

Three finish first
Khoden Bentz, Jax McClain and Owen Michael led a group of Jay County Wrestling Club athletes who competed this weekend.

Bentz (54 pounds) won the third/fourth grade division at the Indiana Grade School State Qualifier and McClain and Michael finished first in their divisions at the Franklin Central Beginners Tournament. Joining Bentz in qualifying for the Indiana Grade School State Championships were Blake Wood (second) and Bryce VanSkyock (second).

Qualifying for the freshman/sophomore state finals via a tournament at Hobart were Jayla Huelenskamp, Lina Lingo and Tatianna Willis in the girls tournament, and Landon Mills-Blowers and A.J. Heskett for the boys.

Gabe Ardizzzone was second at Delta's Rumble at the Nest, Cooper Reynolds, Max McClain and Alex Huntsman were each third in the Franklin Central Open and Parker Huntsman, Cage Reynolds and Eli Michael were all third at Franklin Central.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Junior high swimming at Muncie Southside — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Delta — 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball sectional opening round vs. Coldwater at Lincolnton — 6 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Boys swimming hosts

sectional preliminaries — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Muncie Southside — 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — Soccer: Championship — Watford vs. Burnley (ESPN2); UEFA Champions League — Bayern Munchen at Paris Saint-Germain (CBS)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Providence (FS1); Miami — Ohio at Toledo (ESPN)

Wednesday
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League — Chelsea at Borussia Dortmund (CBS)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at Rutgers (BTN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. John's at DePaul (FS1)
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7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Minnesota at Michigan State (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Miami Heat at Brooklyn Nets (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Northwestern (BTN); Arkansas at Texas A&M (ESPN2)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Minnesota Wild (TNT)

10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Boise State at Colorado State (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

Thursday
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Purdue at Maryland (BT)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Houston at SMU (ESPN2)
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9 p.m. — NHL hockey: New Jersey Devils at St. Louis Blues (ESPN)
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One for the win

Slim margin is plenty for Wood to earn semi-state championship

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

FORT WAYNE — One point. It's the slimmest of margins. But it was all Tony Wood needed to be in control.

The Jay County High School junior used a single point — it was awarded to him when Logan Uhlman of Adams Central was called for fleeing the mat — to propel himself to the top of the podium Saturday as he won the 138-pound semi-state championship at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Wood didn't show much outward emotion after his arm was raised early Saturday evening, but he was feeling it.

"I usually stay pretty calm during my matches, but I'm pretty excited," said Wood, who is ranked fourth in the state and is now a three-time state qualifier. "I'm super jacked, ready to wrestle next week already."

"(It feels) really good," he added. "Losing two semi-state finals in a row is not the best feeling. I really wanted it this time."

Wood's effort led the way to a third-place finish for the Patri-

ots, who also had Cameron Clark, Cody Rowles and Christian Wittkamp advance to the state finals. (The top four from the semi-state — those who win their first two matches of the day — move on to state.) They will compete beginning at 2 p.m. Friday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

JCHS was within 1.5 points of first place midway through the day but was unable to climb as Rochester — it had nine wrestlers win opening-round matches — successfully defended its title by scoring 77 points. Delta was two points behind in second place and the Patriots (62) were third followed by Snider (56.5) and Belmont (52.5).

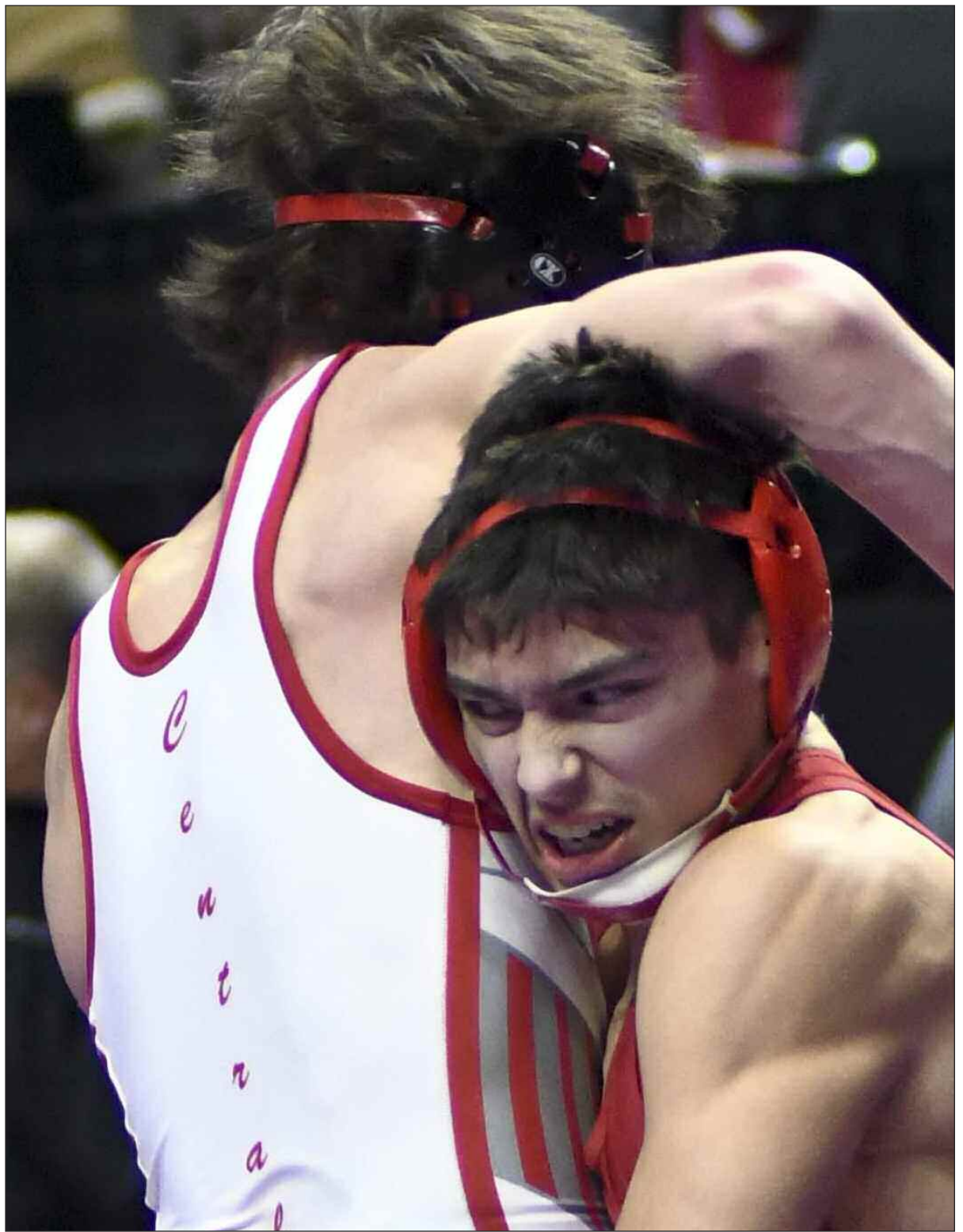
"I felt like we wrestled fairly well," said Myers. "Semi-state wrestling is almost always a roller coaster where you've got some big highs — getting a kid like Christian Wittkamp through — and you also have your lows," he added, referencing close losses for senior Ethan Reiley and junior Bryce Wenk, who saw their seasons come to an end.

"We're really blessed and happy to have four guys wrestling next week in the state finals. We're really looking forward to it."

Wood and Uhlman wrestled a scoreless first minute, with the former awarded the penalty point at the 42-second mark. He added one on an escape 19 seconds into the second period to go up 2-0, and Uhlman got his escape point 11 seconds into the third.

The Adams Central coaches were calling for Uhlman to "re-attack" off of Wood's shots.

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Jay County High School junior Tony Wood wraps up Logan Uhlman of Adams Central during Saturday's 138-pound semi-state championship match at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Wood defeated Uhlman 2-1 to win the semi-state title, leading a group of four Patriots who qualified for the state finals.

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First in two

AYERSVILLE, Ohio — Teigen Fortkamp had yet another record-breaking meet. It resulted in a sectional championship.

Fortkamp won the 100-yard backstroke sectional title in a meet-record time and also teamed with Audra Bubb, Joelle Kaup and Paige Guggenbiller to take the championship in the 200 freestyle relay in the sectional meet at Ayersville. Those efforts led the way as Sage Wendel, Bubb, Kaup and Fortkamp earned individual district berths for the Fort Recovery High School swim teams and the Indians also advanced three relays.

Those with the top 32 individual times and top 24 relay times across all six sectional meets in the Northwest District move on to the district meet Friday at Bowling Green State University. (There is no team scoring at the sectional level.)

Fortkamp's first-place time of 58.98 seconds in the 100 backstroke broke her own school record (59.93) as well as the sectional record of 59.69. She dominated the

Fortkamp breaks record in sectional backstroke as FR earns pair of titles

race as runner-up Jenna Wenger of Upper Sandusky finished in 1 minute, 1.71 seconds.

She was also the runner-up in the 50 freestyle, just 0.14 seconds behind champion Nora Kunsman of Bryan in 24.64.

Fort Recovery was one of two teams to break the 1:45 mark in the 200 freestyle relay. Bubb, Kaup, Guggenbiller and Fortkamp won the sectional title by 0.48 seconds over Ottawa-Glandorf's Marissa Beckett, Olivia Fenbert, Taylor Knott and Morgan Maag with a time of 1:44.47.

The same groups of Indians and Titans also went head-to-head in the 200 medley relay, with Fortkamp, Bubb, Kaup and Guggenbiller posting a

time of 1:54.91 to finish second by 0.28 seconds.

Sage Wendel turned in a runner-up result for the FRHS boys team, placing second in 1:01.29 behind Napoleon's Nichols Flowers in the 100 backstroke. He was also fifth in the 200 individual medley in 2:17.53.

Bubb qualified for the district meet in the 100 breaststroke with a third-place sectional finish in 1:10.92. Kaup was fourth in the sectional at 50 freestyle at 26.37 to earn her district berth.

Allison Knapke, Bubb, Kaup and Guggenbiller also earned a district berth in the 400 freestyle relay, finishing seventh in the sectional in 4:07.1.

Tourney rival tops JC

The Patriots had put together three straight wins, including a couple that gave them a share of the Allen County Athletic Conference title.

Up against a sectional opponent Saturday, the streak ended.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team fell behind in the first half and was unable to rally in a 51-44 loss to the defending sectional champion Yorktown Tigers.

The Patriots, who slipped back below .500 at 8-9, couldn't keep up with Yorktown (14-5) in the first half as they fell behind by 12. They cut that deficit in half in the third quarter, but the Tigers stopped the rally there for the seven-point win.

Abraham Dirksen was the lone JCHS player in double figures in the loss as he finished with 13 points. Seniors Dusty Pearson and Josh Dowlen added nine points apiece.

Senior A.J. Dunn powered Yorktown to its sixth win in its last seven games with 27 points.

Local roundup

Jay County will face perhaps its toughest test of the season Friday when it hosts Class 3A No. 3 Norwell. The sectional tournament draw is scheduled for Sunday.

Eruption in 4th

PLEASANT HILL, Ohio — A big fourth quarter lifted the Fort Recovery boys basketball team Saturday as it erased an eight-point deficit to beat the host Newton Local Indians 48-44.

FRHS (12-8) faced slim deficits at the end of the first and second quarters before getting outscored 14-8 in the third to fall behind by eight.

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