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Village has new timeline

Fort Recovery must meet limits by January 2028

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The village has about five years to meet new limits on testing wastewater. Fort Recovery Village Council heard Monday from village administrator Randy Diller the village has received final approval on its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, effective March 1, that includes extensions for meeting new limits on phosphorus, ammonia and E. coli. The village is expected to meet the new limit for E. coli by January 2028, with limits for phosphorus and ammonia following by August 2028. Fort Recovery was originally expected to meet the new limits within three years but requested more time while it reviews its options for future wastewater and water treatment. Limits are based on average flow data collected from local watersheds. From there, the Environmental Protection Agency came up with limits to protect the river. Currently the village is not required to meet limits for phosphorus, ammonia or E. coli. Under the new permit, it's required to test twice a week during the summer months for each item. The permit allows a weekly limit for E. coli of 284 colonies per 100 milliliters, or a monthly average of 126. (Testing in the village has ranged as high as 960 colonies per 100 milliliters to as low as 3.1 depending on the time of year.) The permit extends through March 2028. It doesn't list specific new limits for phosphorus or ammonia — they are not expected to be met until August 2028

— but officials have been told to expect weekly limits of 1.5 milligrams per liter or monthly averages of 1. (Testing in the village for phosphorus averages around 3 milligrams per liter, with testing for ammonia generally averaging around 8 or 9 milligrams per liter.) The village received recommendations last year from Pogge-meyer Design Group for a long-term wastewater treatment plan, which included a recommendation to construct a mechanical plant. (It currently uses a wastewater lagoon system.) PMG Consulting also started conducting a study earlier this month on the water plant in order to make recommendations on other possible treatment processes. (Hopes are to move away from using lime and caustic soda because of their high cost.) “What they want us to be doing between now and then is coming up with a plan and start implementing a plan how we’re going to be able to meet those (limits),” said Diller. “So we’ve got a little time, but we’re going to continue to move forward with some of the things we’re doing.” Diller pointed out the wastewater department has started monitoring combined sewer overflows, which is required for the next three years per the permit. Supervisory control and data acquisition equipment is being installed on pump stations and at the lagoons, allowing employees to monitor data remotely. Per Ohio Environmental Protection Agency requirements, the village is also implementing an asset management program that will tie into its geographic information system map. The program will help with organizing utility operations, such as managing assets and documenting maintenance. Council also heard from mayor Dave Kaup that Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts has been selected for the annual Community Service Award, which will be celebrated along with other award winners during the Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce awards banquet at 5:30 p.m. March 12. See Village page 5



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FFA greeters

Jay County FFA members kicked off National FFA Week on Monday by greeting students at local elementary schools. Pictured above, from left, Luke Fugiett, Paisley Fugiett and Emma Outcalt welcome a student to school for the week at Redkey Elementary School.

Fort Recovery schools busy with events

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FORT RECOVERY — The next month looks busy for Fort Recovery students and staff. Fort Recovery School

Board heard about upcoming school events and activities during its meeting Monday. Tony Stahl, Fort Recovery High School principal, highlighted FFA

week, which started with a tractor drive-in for students today. It includes a petting zoo for children from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, a community breakfast from 6 to 8 a.m.

Thursday and Agricultural Olympics — activities promoting agriculture — for high school students Friday afternoon. Fort Recovery High School Drama Club will

also be performing “Frozen Junior” with shows at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Stahl added. Fort Recovery Middle School student council is

collecting items this week for the Ronald McDonald House Charities, noted middle school principal Ryan Steinbrunner. See Schools page 5



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Ukrainian Presidential Press Office

In this handout photo issued by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Office, U.S. President Joe Biden meets with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Ukrainian presidential palace on Monday in Kyiv, Ukraine. Biden made his first visit to Kyiv since Russia's large-scale invasion last Feb. 24.

Biden visits Ukraine

By LAURA KING, COURTNEY SUBRAMANIAN and TRACY WILKINSON
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KYIV, Ukraine — President Joe Biden secretly slipped into Kyiv on Monday for a historic visit to show U.S. solidarity with war-torn Ukraine, pledging an additional half-billion dollars in military aid and declaring Russian leader Vladimir Putin to be “dead wrong” in his underestimation of Western support and resolve. Biden's surprise visit, his first as president, comes four days ahead of the first anniversary of Moscow's invasion of its neighbor, which has devastated parts of Ukraine but drawn fierce resistance and galvanized the West into pouring in assistance. In a reminder of the risks of such a trip, air-raid sirens wailed in Kyiv, the capital, during Biden's visit.

President pledged additional aid to help in war with Russia

The trip was an extraordinary logistical and security feat, marking the first occasion in modern times that an American president traveled to an active war zone not controlled by the U.S. military. And it involved notifying Russia amid raging hostilities between Washington and Moscow. Arriving in Kyiv after a 10-hour overnight train ride from Poland, Biden appeared with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the heavily fortified presidential palace. Ukraine's resilience over the last year,

Biden proclaimed, had been “astounding,” and “the whole world sees it.” The U.S., he said, would support Kyiv “as long as it takes” to repel the Russian invasion, which began Feb. 24, 2022. “That dark night one year ago, the world was literally bracing for the fall of Kyiv ... perhaps even the end of Ukraine,” said Biden, clad in a suit with a blue and yellow tie — the colors of the Ukrainian flag. “One year later, Kyiv stands, and Ukraine stands. Democracy stands. ... The world stands with you.” See Ukraine page 5

Deaths

Ralph Blackford, 90, Portland
Norma Minnich, 87, Portland
Jack Landers, 77, Goshen
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 56 degrees Monday. The low was 37. Tonight's low will be 32. There is a chance of snow after midnight. Rain is expected Wednesday with a high of 52 and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Fort Recovery High School's production of “Frozen Jr.” opens Thursday. Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Sunday, as well as 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from the FRHS boys basketball team in its sectional opener.

Friday — Inaugural People's Choice special section highlights your local favorites.



Capsule Reports

Percussion fifth

Jay County High School's indoor percussion ensemble placed fifth Saturday in competition at Northview.

JCHS scored 67.75 points for fifth in the Scholastic A division.

New Palestine was fourth at 70.65 while host Northview won with 78.1.

Second at classic

Patriot Edition, Jay County High School's co-ed show choir,

finished second Saturday at the Homestead Classic Showcase.

The runner-up finish for Patriot Edition in Tier II included the award for best show concept. Whiteland took first place in Tier II.

Jay County's all-girl Just Treble also competed Saturday but did not place in the top three.

Lost control

Damage is estimated

between \$50,000 and \$100,000 after an Ohio man lost control of the semi truck he was driving, causing it to slide off county road 300 East about 2 p.m. Friday.

See page 5

CR almanac

Wednesday 2/22	Thursday 2/23	Friday 2/24	Saturday 2/25	Sunday 2/26
61/52	66/22	33/25	43/32	51/32
Rain is in the forecast for Wednesday with wind gusts reaching up to 25 mph.	Mostly sunny with wind gusts getting as high as 55 mph. Partly cloudy at night.	Partly sunny Friday with a high in the low 30s. There's a slight chance of snow late.	Another day of partly sunny skies Saturday. The high will be in the low 40s.	More partly sunny skies are expected Sunday, with rain possible at night.

Lotteries

Powerball

Monday
3-17-26-38-54
Powerball: 15
Power Play: 3
Estimated jackpot:
\$100 million

17-21-22-38-39-43-47-50-51-56-59-65-67-74-77
Cash 5: 5-8-25-26-33
Estimated jackpot:
\$115,000

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot:
\$104 million

Hoosier

Monday
Midday
Daily Three: 6-1-4
Daily Four: 5-8-3-7
Quick Draw: 3-17-20-23-30-32-35-40-46-47-52-55-60-66-69-70-71-72-73-80
Evening
Daily Three: 1-6-4
Daily Four: 9-0-8-1
Quick Draw: 2-5-6-7-13-

Ohio

Monday
Midday
Pick 3: 5-7-4
Pick 4: 0-8-5-2
Pick 5: 3-3-4-5-9
Evening
Pick 3: 1-3-2
Pick 4: 7-4-4-1
Pick 5: 1-1-5-0-6
Rolling Cash 5: 1-7-14-35-37
Estimated jackpot:
\$130,000
Classic Lotto: 23-25-33-35-44-45
Kicker: 7-2-5-4-7-1
Jackpot: \$5.6 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery

Corn.....6.81
March corn.....6.81
Wheat.....7.45

Wheat..... 6.99
July wheat..... 7.49

POET Biorefining Portland

Corn.....6.87
March corn.....6.90
April corn.....6.95

Central States Montpelier

Corn.....6.76
March corn.....6.76
Beans.....15.31
March beans.....15.33
Wheat.....7.50

The Andersons Richland Township

Corn.....6.83
March corn.....6.83
Beans.....15.27
March beans.....15.27

Heartland St. Anthony

Corn.....6.50
March corn.....6.52
Beans.....15.08
March beans.....15.13
Wheat.....7.14

Today in history

In 1431, Joan of Arc's trial for heresy began. About three months later, she was burned at the stake.

In 1804, Richard Trevithick's steam locomotive made its first railway journey in Wales. It was the first full-scale machine to travel on the rails.

In 1842, the sewing machine was patented by John Greenough of Washington, D.C.

In 1848, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels published "The Communist Manifesto", a founding work for the communist movement, in London.

In 1878, the New Haven District Telephone Company published the world's first telephone book in Connecticut.

In 1940, construction began on the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

In 1948, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing was founded in Daytona Beach, Florida.

In 1956, 115 people were indicted for the

bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1965, Malcolm X, a civil rights activist and Muslim minister, was shot and killed by Nation of Islam followers in New York City.

In 1970, the Jackson 5 made their television debut on "American Bandstand."

In 1972, President Richard Nixon visited China, marking the first time a United States president visited the People's Republic of China since 1949. He spent eight days in China and met with leader Mao Zedong in Beijing.

In 2017, Jay County Commissioners agreed to switch to AccuMed, a Michigan firm, for the county's emergency medical service billing. The change had been recommended to reduce costs and improve billing efficiency. (In January 2022, commissioners agreed to switch to MedBill of Indianapolis for the same service.)

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday

3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

6 p.m. — Dunkirk

Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board special meeting, community room, Fort Recovery High School, 400 Butler St.

Obituaries

Ralph Blackford

Aug. 26, 1932-Feb. 18, 2023
Ralph L. Blackford, age 90, of Portland passed away Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at his residence.

He was born in Union City, Indiana, on Aug. 26, 1932, the son of Raymond and Barbara (Stroble) Blackford. He was married on Sept. 7, 1958, to Susan K. Beard and she passed away on Dec. 28, 2018. Ralph retired in 1976 after a career in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was a 1951 Portland High School graduate, served in the U.S. Navy during Korea and Vietnam, member of West Walnut Street Church of Christ, American Legion Post #211, Kiwanis Club and U.S. Coast Guard C.P.O. Association. He had also worked at the Jay County Hospital in supply.



Blackford

Surviving are one son, David Blackford (wife: Jennifer) of Portland; one daughter, Barbara Caster (husband: Bill) of Portland; one sister, Janice Bray (husband: Clyde) of Portland; five grandsons, Patrick, Garhett, Matthew, Brian and Michael; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers Paul, Gary and Keith Blackford; and a sister Mary Dailey.

Funeral services will be Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastors Gil Alicea and Darrell Borders presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post #211. Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to West Walnut Street Church of Christ or Everheart Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com

Norma Minnich

June 27, 1935-Feb. 18, 2023
Norma L. Minnich, age 87, of Portland passed away on Saturday, Feb.

18, 2023, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Portland on June 27, 1935, the daughter of Carl and Frona (Ford) Garlinger. She was married on March 7, 1953, to Edward Minch and he passed away on March 30, 2006. She married Paul Minnich on Oct. 22, 2011, and he survives.

She was a homemaker and had worked at CTS. She was a 1953 Bryant High School graduate and member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Norma loved to travel and play cards.

Surviving are her husband Paul; three sons, Rick Minch (wife: Jerry) of Berne, Randy Minch (wife: Janette) of New Haven and Matt Minch (husband: Michael) of Wilmington, Delaware; four daughters, Beth Sammons (husband: Chip) of Berne, Janean Taylor (husband: Rickie) of Perrin, Texas, Carla Pogue (husband: Jeff) of Portland and Mary Bickle (fiance: Rex Pennington) of Berne; two stepsons David Minnich (wife: Heike) of Taylors, South Carolina, and Randy Minnich (wife: Kristine) of Henderson, Nevada; four brothers Robert Garlinger (wife: Nancy) of Geneva, Donald Garlinger (wife: Song) of Spring Hill, Florida, John Garlinger of Bryant and Joe Garlinger (wife: Donna) of Geneva; sisters-in-law Kathy Garlinger of Portland, Alice Minch of Bryant and Jane Minch of Berne; in-laws Harry Minnich (wife: Kathy) of Portland and Eileen Guntle of Portland; 17 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Minch; two brothers, Ed Garlinger and Tom Garlinger; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Logsdon presiding. Burial will follow in the Holy Trinity Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5



Minnich

to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the services.

Memorials can be made to the Pregnancy Care Center or Bryant Community Center.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com

Jack Landers

March 14, 1945-Feb. 17, 2023
Jack Landers, age 77, of Goshen, Indiana, passed away on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, in Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Jay County on March 14, 1945, the son of Riley and Lena (Harry) Landers. He had worked for Supreme Corporation, Sheller-Globe and Dunbar. He was a U.S. Army veteran, a 1963 Madison High School graduate and member of Prairie View Missionary Church.

Surviving are one son, Kevin Landers (wife: Debbie) of Mishawaka, Indiana; and one daughter, Jacque Kozel (husband: Peter) of San Francisco, California; two brothers, Lowell Landers of Winchester and Robert Landers (wife: Vickie) of Geneva, Indiana; three grandchildren, Logan Landers of Sullivan, Missouri, Brandon Landers of Mishawaka; sister-in-law Earlene Landers of Winchester; and brother-in-law Steve Chrisman of Bryant.

He was preceded in death by siblings Gail Landers, Cheryl Chrisman, Barb McAbee and Everett Dale Landers; brother-in-law Max McAbee; and sister-in-law Barbara Landers.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Van Cise presiding. Burial will follow in the Salomon Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Alzheimer's Foundation or choice of the donor. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Landers

SERVICES

Wednesday
Landers, Jack: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday
Minnich, Norma: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Friday
Blackford, Ralph: 10:30 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Meiring, Robert: 11 a.m., Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene, 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery.

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

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Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

A Dunkirk man was arrested Monday for possession of methamphetamine.

Matthew A. C. Bishop, 36, 129 W. Pleasant St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He's being held on a \$4,000 bond at Jay County Jail.

Failed to appear

A Batesville man was arrested Friday for failing to appear in court.

Nickolas P. Layton, 34, 25 Oakmont Place, is charged in Jay Superior Court with two Level 6 felonies for domestic battery and intimidation. In another Jay Superior Court case, he's charged with invasion of privacy, a Level 6 felony, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.

Layton is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

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Some folks are more memorable

By DIANA DOLECKI

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As I See It



Have you ever wondered why we remember certain people and not others? When we still lived in the Dayton, Ohio, area every few months I would run into a dark-haired girl. She would call me by name and talk like we were best friends.

I had no idea who she was or how I supposedly knew her. She would tell me that we worked in the same place at one time. I never did figure out who she was.

So why did she know me when I didn't know her? I really don't know.

I received a short email from one of my daughter's friends recently. I

knew her by her initials, KC. I guess my name popped up on her Facebook feed. She is the only one of my daughter's friends that I know. She is the one who took my daughter under her wing when Beth first graduated from nursing school.

KC went on to specialize in dying people. When my mom was dying, I asked Beth to have her call me. When she did, all I could do was cry

because listening to her voice made it real. The doctors weren't going to work their magic this time. Listening to KC tell me that Mom's journey wasn't the same as mine and that I couldn't help her broke my heart. She also let me know that I would survive.

This last message from her said that Beth and I were people she remembered. She speculated that was because we believed in her when nobody else did.

There are plenty of people that I remember their names and stories but wouldn't know if I passed them on the street.

One such person was Edie. She was a tiny

woman. We worked at the Upper Krust sandwich shop. She was involved with a crazy man. My first day at work, he called the restaurant. They handed me the phone. The guy let off a string of profanity. When he finally took a breath, as sweetly as I could, I asked him to repeat himself as I didn't catch everything he had said. He slammed the phone down and called back a few minutes later.

Anyone who has ever worked at a restaurant offering carryout service knows that tying up the phone has a serious impact on business. We began using the pay phone in the hallway to

call him and leave the phone off the hook. This would keep his line tied up until some kind soul put the receiver back where it belonged.

There are many more Edie stories but like I said before, I wouldn't know her if she knocked on my door.

I worked for Borden's Dairy at one time. That was where I was introduced to a keypunch machine. Three other girls and I spent our days typing codes into the machine. It translated our keystrokes into holes in a paper card. The cards were then fed into another machine that translated the holes into printed orders. The orders deter-

mined which products went into the delivery man's truck. And, yes, it was all men that did that job.

I was friends with one of the girls. Her name was Mary. Even after we had both left the job, we remained friends. She moved away and got married. We are pen pals to this day. So, why are the two of us friends and not the other girls we worked with? Again, I don't know.

I guess that some people are just more memorable than others. Sometimes I think that there are people who are meant to help us on our own journeys through life, or that we are meant to help them.

Cheater shatters marriage after retirement

DEAR ABBY: I'm in mourning for my husband. He's still alive, but he up and left six months ago and sent me a text saying he's done. He is living with another woman. I didn't see it coming. We were planning our retirement move up to our cabin. One weekend he kicked me out of the cabin, and three hours later had her join him there.

I feel so lost. At this point, I don't want him back because I feel he has committed the ultimate betrayal. I have started counseling because I'm so confused, grieving and upset. My counselor seems to think he is leaving the door open to one day return. He still comes once a month to pay the bills. However, when he does, he doesn't want me there. He texts to make sure I will be gone for a few hours, so I leave.

I miss him, but I can't get beyond the pain and betrayal. He has lost a ton of weight and looks terrible. He has aged so much. He's 66, clinically depressed and an alcoholic. He's also a narcissist. He would never admit he did

Dear Abby



something wrong; it was always "my fault." I never knew what I would be facing after work.

I'm still in the house and slowly packing up his clutter that I was never allowed to touch. (He is a hoarder.) I'm lonely, but I'm enjoying my peace. We don't communicate at all. My question is, do you think he is going to come walking back in like nothing happened? — ABANDONED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABANDONED: I hope not! And if he did show up, why on Earth would you want him back? (Frankly, I am surprised that your therapist would suggest you would open the door to him.) You are free. Consult an attorney, clear out the phys-

ical and emotional debris in your life and enjoy it.

DEAR ABBY: I live with my two older sisters. One is 18, and the other is 17. We go to dance parties on Saturday nights. My sisters want to dance up on the stage, but they just wobble all over the place. They're not good at it at all. Should I just pretend I don't know them, or what? I don't want to embarrass or insult them. — BETTER DANCER IN OHIO

DEAR DANCER: It should not embarrass or insult them if you offer to show them some "different" dance moves. In fact, it would be doing them a favor. However, if they refuse, then drop the matter and refrain from criticizing them for their performance because nobody wants a bad review. Trust me on that.

DEAR ABBY: Some years ago, my ex and I went through a contentious, bitter and prolonged divorce. She's a foreign national, and she returned to her home country a few years afterward.

Our son, who is now an adult, soon followed her. I hope to visit him there in a couple of months. My son and my ex expect that I also will visit with her. I do not wish to see her. We are divorced, after all. How do I respectfully let our son know that I do not want to see his mother? And how do I tell the ex? — NOW SINGLE DAD IN WASHINGTON

DEAR NOW SINGLE DAD: Tell your adult son that while you are looking forward to seeing him, considering the circumstances of the divorce, you prefer no contact with his mother. Hopefully, it won't affect his willingness to see you. If it does, however, you will have to decide whether seeing her is a price you are willing to pay to see your son. (And make that "family reunion" short and sweet.)

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are preparing to move south because we're tired of cold weather. The biggest issue is my cat, Buster." He isn't a kitten anymore; he is 9. Buster's in good health, but we are being

advised not to take him from the apartment we share with my dad due to Buster's age. My father is a mediocre caretaker at best. Half the time he doesn't clean the litter box or even take out the garbage. I'm convinced Buster would end up being neglected. I have been accused of planning to steal him.

Yesterday, I found out Dad tested positive for COVID and didn't tell anyone until we were in the apartment, too. He put us all at risk. This kind of carelessness scares me about leaving Buster with him. Should I take him with us, or heed the advice about not stressing an older pet and leave him with dad? I will be heartbroken if I can't take him. — SAD, STRESSED CAT MOM

DEAR SAD: If the advice about "stressing an older cat" came from a veterinarian, it merits consideration. If it didn't, then have no qualms about taking Buster with you when you make the move. It would be better to do that than to leave him in an environment where you would worry that he's being neglected.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third

Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

NARCOTICS ANONY-

MOUS — 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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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

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

Thursday

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

1	5	7	2	9	6	4	8	3
9	4	2	5	3	8	1	6	7
6	3	8	1	7	4	2	9	5
2	6	5	7	1	3	9	4	8
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It's time to step up to save bridge

To the editor:
I am writing to all the city and county officials in local leadership and to any entity and community organization that can help the city to acquire the Big Blue Bridge.

We are asking that you work together to step up and help create a historic destination for our city of Portland. This has been a real struggle as many of our local citizens have expressed their desire to save our Big Blue

Letters to the Editor

Bridge. We are fast running out of time and need you to step up and accept the challenge of saving an important piece of history for our town.

Often a problem seems impossible to solve. The bridge is not one of them. I would cite the Weiler Building as a problem that once faced our community. I attended a meeting inside the building years ago that was called to obtain community input on what we should do. The general opinion at the time was to just tear it down and make a parking lot out of it. Thank goodness, that was not the consensus of

everyone in the community. Can you visualize Portland today without the John Jay Center for Learning? Everyone in Jay County now has a beautiful 1920s building to point to with pride.
Likewise, it is hard to imagine Portland without our Big Blue Bridge. We have a place to put the bridge, a committee to raise funds to support the project and now we need a government entity to sign for the

bridge. A solution has been found and now it is time for you to do your job. Take charge of the bridge and work with the residents of Portland to create a true landmark for our city.
It is certainly within your powers to do this. It is good for our community.
Sincerely,
Jay County Historical Society
Jane Ann Spencer
Jay County Historian

Constitution is getting workout

By ZACH STOCK
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The Indiana Constitution is having a moment.

Abortion bans are pitted against "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The governor's constitutional prerogatives were recently vindicated, and the general assembly is considering no fewer than four proposed constitutional amendments.

One proposal, Senate Joint Resolution 1, would restrict a liberty that pre-dates the United States.

And all of this in less than 12 months. It's a lot.

Of course, the constitution is adaptable, but it is not a super statute to be tweaked whenever we think we have a good idea. Instead, as James Madison observed, a constitution is the greatest of all reflections on human nature. If future archeologists only find the constitution in the ruins of our long-gone civilization, they will know a great deal about how we treated one another, what we prioritized and the nature of our human frailties. Hopefully, they will see, as Frederick Douglas saw, "a glorious liberty document."

What is interesting is how the constitution protects liberty. The document recognizes that we can be reliably trusted to pursue our own interests. Often, we are well-intentioned, but eventually, even our loftiest goals will conflict with the good intentions of others. Majorities will overrun minorities, and the quest for security will run roughshod over liberty. The genius of the constitution was to harness self-interest. Ambition was made to counteract ambition, and a perpetually adversarial process was set into motion.

For instance, in the criminal justice system, we want prosecutors to prosecute, but we also want defenders to defend. The power to incapacitate the dangerous quickly becomes the capacity to harass the undesirable. Thus, the constitution guarantees the accused a right to counsel and to confront his accusers. The suspect cannot be randomly searched or arrested, and she cannot be condemned until a group of her peers has been convinced of her transgression beyond a reasonable doubt.

In short, everyone is innocent until the state has carried its hefty burden. This is a fundamental check and the constitution's bedrock statement of principle.

The constitutional right to bail is part and parcel of this principle. It prevents punishment before guilt and allows the accused to help prepare his defense. Its roots extend to Magna

Zach Stock



Carta, and it was a celebrated right in colonial America. Senate Joint Resolution 1 would change this traditional value and threaten the presumption of innocence. It promises to throw the constitutional balance out of whack.

Indeed, even now, the constitution cannot curtail the prison state. By one estimate, the liberty of more than 160,000 Hoosiers is being actively restricted. And some estimate more than 80% of people jailed nationwide are awaiting trial. By denying bail to anyone who is "a substantial risk to the public," whenever "proof is evident, or the presumption strong," the proposed amendment will drive this number even higher.

The new language is simply too open-ended. It does not define what constitutes a substantial risk to the public, and it does not describe how the determination is to be made. For many people, anyone accused of a crime is a substantial risk. In fact, an activity that poses a substantial risk to the public might be a good general definition of criminal behavior. Under Senate Joint Resolution 1, therefore, the relevant question could be whether anyone is entitled to bail. And we do not know how or when judges will make such a determination. Will it be days after arrest? Weeks?

Proponents argue an enhanced sense of security justifies such a paradigm shift. But if a sense of security is the goal, any number of Draconian constitutional changes could be envisioned. Moreover, this proposal comes at a curious time.

In 2020, the overall violent crime rate was the lowest it had been since 2013. At the same time, many of our jails are full given the nearly 500% increase in the jail population between 1980 and 2019. And there are currently laws on the books that allow judges to consider an accused person's dangerousness when setting bail. Clearly, we don't have a problem keeping people in jail, even with a constitutional right to bail.

So, after more than 170 years of a right to bail in the State of Indiana, why change now? Have our values changed so that we value security more than liberty? If so, by all means, change the constitution. If not, we should probably slow down. The constitution could use a rest.



Argument may lead to subpoena

By HARRY LITMAN
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Vice President Mike Pence has reportedly hit on a clever and novel strategy for resisting a subpoena from special counsel Jack Smith in the Jan. 6 investigation. He is expected to argue that because the vice president serves as president of the Senate, the subpoena would violate the protections afforded legislative officials under the Constitution's "speech or debate" clause. It may be just the argument Pence needs — not to successfully avoid providing evidence against Donald Trump so much as to emulate his former boss's success in running out the clock.

This ground is much less plowed than the executive privilege argument commentators have been expecting Pence to raise. As I have emphasized since the subpoena was served last week, that argument should fail on the basis of several constitutional principles, chief among them the Supreme Court's ruling, in *United States v. Nixon*, that even the president's confidentiality concerns yield to the need for specific evidence in a criminal investigation.

Moreover, federal courts in Washington have made quick work of the executive privilege arguments in recent cases involving former White House counsel Pat Cipollone and his deputy, Patrick Philbin, and the Supreme Court has not reviewed their decisions. So an executive privilege argument might cause only a short delay in enforcement of the subpoena.

I don't think the same quick justice is in store for the argument that Pence is raising. The contours of the speech or debate clause, which protects members of Congress from being questioned about what they say in the course of legislative proceedings, are underexplored and murky. That means the courts are likely to at least request briefing

Harry Litman



and argument and produce original constitutional analysis.

That said, I don't think the claim will ultimately prevail. What is settled is that the speech or debate clause protects only "legislative speech" or "legislative acts." The provision is rooted in historical efforts to protect members of the British Parliament from being cowed by threats of prosecution by the monarch. It would clearly prohibit, for example, arresting a legislator during a floor debate. On the other extreme, however, it clearly doesn't prohibit prosecuting a legislator who takes a bribe or otherwise engages in criminal activity.

It's hard to imagine a less "legislative" and more "executive" function of the vice president than the one-on-one conversations between Pence and Trump that are the linchpin of what the special counsel is seeking. The vice president may wear two constitutional hats, but that doesn't mean he can put them on simultaneously. And for the purposes of the case Smith is developing, Pence was firmly in his executive branch role.

Pence also could hazard a more bare-bones argument that *United States v. Nixon* doesn't apply to an executive branch subpoena of a legislative official. Nothing in *Nixon* hints at that limitation, but many conservative judges have become enamored of broad interpretations of the separation of powers.

The problem here for Pence, however, is that he is no longer a legislative official. The subpoena was served on him as a private citizen.

Bottom line: Pence's gambit

should fail, but it probably won't do so as quickly as a straight executive privilege argument. That means it could prolong the case into the heart of the 2024 presidential campaign. In that event, Smith might be forced into a choice between forging Pence's testimony or conducting the first-ever prosecution of a former president in the middle of a campaign in which he is the front-runner for a major party's nomination.

For Pence, the political calculus of delaying the case is perhaps even more important than his chances of winning his legal claim. The former vice president could likely provide devastating evidence against his former boss that could help secure federal charges against Trump and make his own path to the presidency more feasible. But with former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley jumping into the race Tuesday and other Republicans poised to follow suit, Pence appears to have concluded that he still needs to tow Trump's barge lest he completely lose the 32% or so of the electorate that is inexhaustibly faithful to Trump.

And let's not forget that Trump could still parachute into the case to raise the executive privilege argument that Pence is apparently forging. Indeed, since Trump is incapable of nuanced thinking and has an incorrigible, nearly biological compulsion to fight, we should expect it. The result would be to join the two men, who deeply mistrust each other and have sharply divergent interests, in a joint legal effort.

As ever, Trump and his former cohorts are taking the Justice Department, the courts and the country into new and scarcely ponderable territory — and giving rise to seemingly endless delays in holding the former president to account.

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State budget moves to full House

By CASEY SMITH

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The proposed House Republican budget advanced Monday to the full chamber, where much of the debate over Indiana's next two-year spending plan will continue to center around school funding, public health and tax cuts.

The House Ways and Means Committee voted 14-5, along party lines, in favor of the draft budget.

K-12 education accounts for almost half the proposed two-year, \$43.3 billion state budget. The GOP proposal would also appropriate \$225 million for a highly-anticipated statewide public health program and speed up income tax cuts for Hoosier taxpayers.

But lawmakers are already getting pushback for provisions that seek to generously expand eligibility for the state's "school choice" program

Education accounts for almost half of two-year planned spending

— which allows families to receive vouchers to attend private schools. Further, some traditional public schools could stand to lose millions in operating revenues under a proposed cap on operations tax levies.

Democrats attempted to remedy some of those concerns with their own amendments on Monday but were unsuccessful getting the changes past members of the GOP-supermajority.

The House's proposal is the first draft of a two-year state budget that must still be approved by the Senate and the governor.

A final version of the

budget is expected by the end of April.

House Democrats offered their own ideas for the new state budget Monday. Many of their proposals built upon line items that are already laid out in the House Republican budget.

A wide-reaching amendment filed by Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, included language to fully fund the governor's Public Health Commission recommendations, for example. The GOP plan commits to only two-thirds of Gov. Eric Holcomb's ask for the statewide public health program, and less than half what

the blue-ribbon panel originally suggested.

"In too many areas in the state of Indiana, we fall short on being healthy as a state," said Rep. Cherrish Pryor, D-Indianapolis.

Porter's amendment also included tax relief for low-income Hoosier homeowners and statewide universal pre-K, as well as funding increases for public transit and mental health. It was rejected by the committee.

Democrats also sought significant changes to portions of the budget dealing with education.

Porter's defeated amendment sought a 10% increase in "complexity"

funding schools receive for low-income and at-risk students. Under the House GOP plan, that per pupil grant is set to go up just 4.4% in fiscal year 2024 and 1% in fiscal year 2025.

An alternate budget proposal authored by Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, additionally sought to increase "sin taxes" on cigarette sales and sports betting as a means to spend more state dollars on public health and schools.

DeLaney's amendment was also defeated in committee along party lines.

Indiana taxpayers would more than double their spending on the state's Choice Scholarship program under the House GOP budget.

After the expansion, the program would cost the state an estimated \$500 million in fiscal year 2024, and another \$600 million in the following fiscal year. The current state budget appropriates \$240 million

annually for the Choice Scholarships.

The House GOP budget would also change how local property taxes fund public school districts.

Every Hoosier school corporation would get the same amount of local property taxes for operations funding that is intended to cover non-classroom expenses, like electric bills or school bus maintenance. As currently drafted, the budget proposes \$1,400 per student in 2024 and \$1,500 per student in 2025.

The state would additionally provide a grant to any traditional public school that is below the per student funding benchmark. The move is expected to boost dollars to small and rural schools.

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Ukraine ...

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He noted that he had visited Ukraine six times as vice president during the Obama administration. "Kyiv has captured a part of my heart," Biden said.

Zelenskyy, in his trademark dark sweatshirt, khaki pants and boots, embraced the U.S. president, calling the visit a "great honor" and thanking him for his leadership in marshaling the Western alliance supporting Ukraine.

In a statement issued by the White House after his arrival, Biden said the U.S. would make another delivery of critical equipment to Ukraine, including artillery ammunition, anti-armor systems and air-surveillance radars.

The new package includes \$450 million for weapons, including ammunition for U.S.-provided HIMARS multiple-rocket launchers, Javelin antitank missiles and

howitzers, armament that has significantly bolstered Ukraine's firepower in recent months, and \$10 million for repairing energy infrastructure, according to Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken. Air surveillance radars will also be included, he said.

Biden also said that additional economic sanctions on Russia were imminent. The U.S. and much of Europe have attempted to complicate Putin's ability to finance the war by imposing sanctions on numerous Russian companies, officials and oligarchs.

"When Putin launched his invasion nearly one year ago, he thought Ukraine was weak and the West was divided. He thought he could outlast us. But he was dead wrong," Biden said.

Biden arrived late Monday in Warsaw, where he will mark the anniversary of the invasion, meet with allies and deliver a

major address on continued Western efforts to help Kyiv fend off Moscow's forces. But there had been rumors that he might make an unannounced stop in Ukraine.

White House officials repeatedly denied the president would visit Ukraine, but planning for the covert trip had been under way for months. Only a handful of officials at the White House and Pentagon were made aware of the visit due to security concerns. Biden made the final decision to go to Kyiv on Friday during an Oval Office meeting after he was briefed on the security plans.

The president departed Washington in a smaller than usual Air Force jet at 4:15 a.m. Eastern on Sunday and had already crossed the Atlantic Ocean by the time an official White House schedule was released showing his planned departure on Mon-

day. The lone two journalists allowed to travel on the president's trip were sworn to secrecy and asked to hand over their phones, agreeing to withhold reporting on the president's real-time movements until he left the war-ravaged country.

Biden and his small entourage of aides and security agents arrived in eastern Poland and boarded a six-car train bound for Kyiv. The local time was just after 9 p.m.

Similarly, previous high-level visitors have traveled by train from Poland. Ukrainian airspace has been closed since early in the war.

By the time he rolled into Kyiv around 8 a.m. local time Monday, Biden's visit had still not been announced. But tangible indications of his presence trickled out in the center of a cold and sunny capital, where several major streets were blocked off by police

barricades and devoid of their usual choking traffic, while black-clad officers in bulletproof vests turned passersby away. As word spread of a possible high-level U.S. visit, people clustered near the barricades, asking one another: "Biden?"

Their guess was confirmed when Biden, wearing aviator sunglasses, could be seen walking side by side with Zelenskyy near a memorial wall bearing the photographs of fallen Ukrainian soldiers.

Bystanders were surprised and largely delighted.

"He's a hero! It's quite risky, don't you agree?" said Galyna Reshetnyk, 40, who learned of Biden's presence when she emerged from the subway a few blocks from where he and Zelenskyy had their brief walkabout. "And this air alert — life here is difficult, and he will see that for himself."

Village ...

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Also Monday, Diller explained the village is not currently eligible for a grant through the Small Government Program offered by Ohio Public Works Commission. (It received a grant from the program a few years ago, meaning it will not be eligible until at least next year.) He explained the work officials hoped to do in the next year if it were awarded the grant may need to be split in half.

They previously discussed using the funds toward reconstructing portions of Gwendolyn and Wiggs streets, estimated at \$457,000, as well as reconstructing two blocks of Main Street and

making some repairs to portions of Butler Street.

In other business, council members Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, Luke Knapke, Al Post, Cliff Wendel and Erik Fiely:

•Heard a conditional offer has been made to Haiden Stidam for the open second shift police officer position. The offer hinges on Stidam's graduation from the police academy, slated for April, and his completion of other required testing.

•Learned a sign has been placed at the future site of the Sawyer Overman Ninja Park, an athletic course planned for a portion of ground near Fort Recovery Community Park. The land was recent-

ly donated for the project by Buzz and Pat Hull.

•Were reminded the village is hiring for upcoming seasonal positions such as Ambassador Pool employees.

•Learned the village's tax incentive review council meets for its annual review of two tax abatements with J&M Manufacturing at 2 p.m. March 2.

•Heard the village has posted a 2006 Ford F-750 dump truck and a 2011 Ford F-150 pickup truck on auction website Gov-Deals.com. Bids for both trucks close March 1.

•Authorized the annual Ohio Public Employees Retirement System conversion plan, which allows employees to convert vacation time into cash.

Schools ...

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The middle school will also host a quiz bowl tournament March 18 with at least six teams attending.

Fort Recovery Elementary School principal Kelli Thobe pointed out that its student council's final event of the year, "Celebrate Reading" week, kicks off Feb. 27 and continues through March 3.

The school board also learned from Thobe that preschool registration will be offered online this year starting March 13.

In other business, school board members Sean Kahlig, Jake Knapke, Nick Wehrkamp and Don Wendel:

•Learned senior Alayna Laux advanced to the state FFA public speaking contest after she won second place at the district level competition. Mara Wenning also participated in the contest and came in fourth place.

•Heard senior Chase Kaiser was named as the high school's nominee for the Franklin B. Walter state award. Kaiser will meet in April with other students from Mercer County schools, when a nominee will be selected as the county representative.

•Approved a one-year contract with Jutte's Landscaping.

•Appointed treasurer Deanne Knapke as its public records officer.

•OK'd one-year contracts with non-teaching employees Mandy Newton and Grant Pottkotter, and extra-curricular contracts for the remainder of the school year with freshman baseball coach Ethan Schoen and for the 2023-24 school year with high school cheerleading advisor Jennifer Steinke.

•Approved changing Michelle Stammen's work assignment from first grade to second grade teacher effective Aug. 1. (Superintendent Larry Brown noted the change was planned, with Stammen shifting to first grade in 2022 to accommodate the larger-than-average class size.)

•Accepted Ian Homan as a volunteer baseball coach.

•Hired substitute Dani Brown.

•Accepted several donations, including a \$1,000 grant from philanthropic group Psi Iota Xi for the Beyond the Books program.

•Paid a \$233.72 invoice to Beacon Graphics.

Capsule Reports

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William P. Backus, 36, Celina, was driving a 2015 Freightliner Cascadia south on the road when the vehicle's passenger

side tires went off the side of the road. He wasn't able to get the truck and trailer back onto the road. The semi continued into a ditch, struck a utility pole

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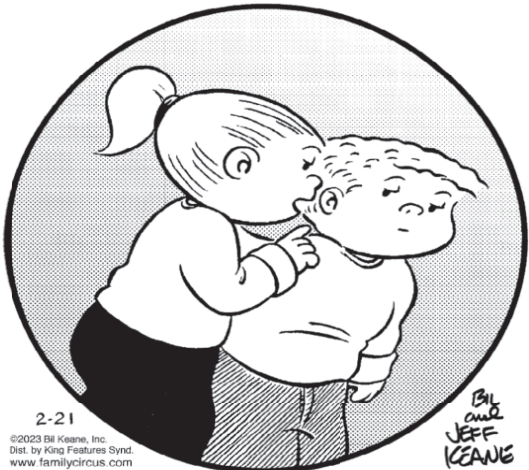


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Diagnostic analysis

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another diamond. Declarer put up dummy's ace, East contributing the ten, and was now in excellent position to judge West's distribution. West had started with two spades, at least six hearts, most likely four diamonds to the jack and, therefore, at most one club. So, after cashing the ten of spades, declarer played another spade. This forced East to discard a heart as South discarded a club. Now the ace-of-clubs play from dummy, on which West produced the eight, convinced South that West had started with 2-6-4-1 distribution.

The bidding: West 1♥ North Dble East 2♥ South 4♣

Opening lead — king of hearts. This deal demonstrates how a declarer can take advantage of the knowledge he has acquired during the bidding and play to bring in a seemingly unmakeable contract. West led the king of hearts against four spades and shifted to a low diamond at trick two. Declarer won with dummy's king, cashed the ace of spades, catching West's jack, and continued with a low spade to the queen. West took the king and led

This assumption was confirmed when declarer next led a diamond to his queen, forcing East to discard still another heart. South then ruffed the queen of hearts with dummy's last trump as East followed with his last heart. Everyone was down to three cards at this point. Dummy had the K-10-7 of clubs, East the Q-J-6 and South the 9-5 of clubs and seven of diamonds. The seven-of-clubs lead from dummy then compelled East to win and yield the last two tricks to dummy's K-10, and the contract was home.

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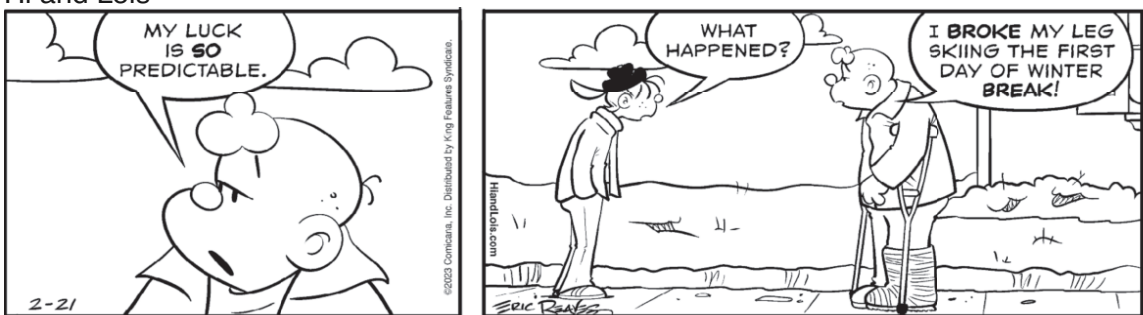
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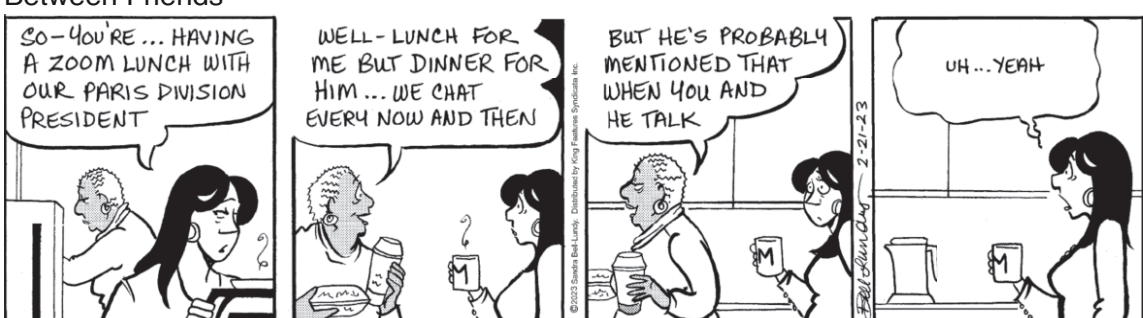
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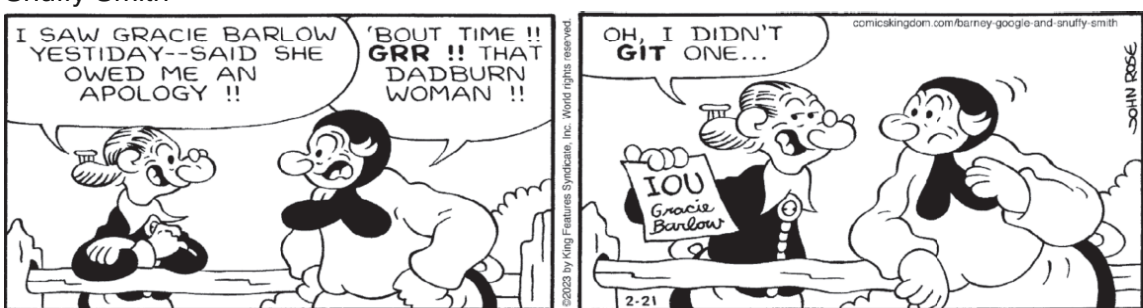
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Seventh ...

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Wood's final win gave the Patriots the seventh-best 138-pound wrestler in the state for the second consecutive season. He followed classmate Cameron Clark, who placed seventh at 138 pounds at the 2022 state finals.

The weekend was a bit of a roller coaster for Wood (43-2), who guaranteed himself a state medal with a pin of 10th-ranked Max McGinley (35-10) of Cathedral in the opening round of the state finals Friday night. His shot at a state title disappeared Saturday morning with a 3-1 loss to ninth-ranked Reese Courtney (36-9) of Center Grove, who went on to finish as the state runner-up. He fell behind 5-0 in his consolation semifinal match against No. 6 Michael Major (28-1) of Carmel and was unable to complete a comeback in a 6-4 defeat. And then he rebounded to beat Arberry for seventh place.

"A lot of highs and lows," Wood said, the 18th wrestling state medalist in school history. "A lot of tough matches. So you've got to reset yourself after every match."

"It's definitely something that is going to help later in life because you're going to have highs and lows. You've just got to keep going forward."

Wood, who entered the tournament ranked fourth, set the tone for the seventh-place match against Arberry when he got a reversal just 11 seconds into the second period after a scoreless first. The stronger of the two wrestlers on the mat, he rode Arberry out for the remainder of the period.

Arberry then chose to go neutral to start the third period, but it was Wood who was able to take advantage. A takedown with 25 seconds

left gave him his 4-0 final margin and one step up on the state podium.

"You're happy to go out there and get a win at the end of the day," said JCHS coach Eric Myers, whose team has now had at least one state medalist in seven of the last eight seasons. "No matter what, once you win that first match (Friday), you're a state medalist. You just try and go out and place the best that you can."

"He does a good job with mental toughness and preparing. It's really difficult when you're at that level to move on from a defeat like that because you had goals to be in the finals, goals to win it. And then having to compete after you've had that disappointment is really difficult. And I felt like Tony did a good job getting back on track and getting mentally there."

The quarterfinal match between Wood, who entered the state finals undefeated and ranked fourth in the state, and Courtney came down to the final minute as each wrestler got an escape following a scoreless first period. Courtney put the pressure on offensively and was able to

work to a takedown with 29 seconds left on the clock.

"We were in some situations where I felt like we were in an advantage where I felt like maybe we could have a chance to score," said Myers. "It just kind of felt like some coin-clip situations, and we lost one and that was the match."

Wood wrestled to a scoreless one-minute first period with Major (28-1) in the consolation semifinal match and looked as if he was closing in on a takedown, only to have Major turn the tide to get one of his own at the 1:07 mark of the second period. Major then caught Wood in a cradle for a three-point near fall and a 5-0 lead. Wood closed the gap with a takedown 18 seconds into the final period but couldn't work to a near fall, eventually releasing Major with 23 seconds to go. He got another takedown with two seconds left — too little, too late — in a 6-4 defeat.

Fellow Patriots Cody Rowles, Cameron Clark and Christian Witkamp lost in the opening round of the state tournament Friday night. All four JCHS state qualifiers will return to the team next season.

'It's definitely something that is going to help later in life because you're going to have highs and lows. You've just got to keep going forward.'

—Tony Wood, JCHS junior

Berths ...

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She was one of seven swimmers at the district to break the 25-second mark, finishing in 24.55 seconds.

The Indians missed a state berth by less than a half second in the 200 freestyle relay. Fortkamp, Bubp, Kaup and Guggenbiller were seventh in 1:43.66 while the final state qualifier was Chargin Falls at 1:43.19. Audra Bubp was sev-

enth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.22 and Joelle Kaup placed 24th in the 50 freestyle in 26.38.

Allison Knapke, Bubp, Kaup and Guggenbiller had a time of 4:07.65 for 16th in the 400 freestyle relay.

Wendel posted his best finish in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:01.32. He recorded a time of 2:16.59 for 29th in the 200 individual medley.

Roundup ...

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Brooklyn Byrum reached the wall first in the 50-yard butterfly in 31.81 seconds and the 100 backstroke in 1 minute, 19 seconds. Maria Laux won with times of 1:00.65 in the 100 freestyle and 2:21.89 in the 200 freestyle.

Also picking up wins were Kaitlyn Fisher (100 individual medley), Elly Byrum (100 breaststroke) and Gabby Gibson (400 freestyle).

The boys team got wins from Carson Westgerdes in the 50 freestyle in 28.21 and the 50 butterfly in 31.86, and Rockland Beiswanger earned victories in the 100 butterfly in 1:03.61 and 100 breaststroke in 1:25.50. Cooper Glentzer had winning times of 2:21.72 in the 200 freestyle and 4:38.14 in the 400 freestyle.

Lingo wins
BROWNSBURG — Lina

Lingo led a group of four Jay County wrestlers who finished in the top three Saturday while competing in Indy Nationals at Brownsburg.

Lingo went 3-1 in the freshman/sophomore 130-pound division at the tournament, pinning Oreall Johnson of Southport and Chelsea Spears and Sanayah Turner, both of Decatur Central. She lost by pin to Londyn Grant of Urbana (Illinois) but won the bracket by virtue of having the best record.

Also wrestling in the freshman/sophomore tournament were Maleah Parsons (second – 155 pounds), Katie Rowles (third – 101) and Dakota Chowning (third – 123).

Bryce Wenk added a seventh-place finish in the 182-pound high school boys division.

Monroe ...

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With a trip to the state finals on the line — the winner of each swimming event advances — he sliced 1.96 seconds in the sectional championship race. But Coyne's cut of just under a second was enough to keep him in

the No. 1 spot as he finished in 1 minute, 2.91 seconds, compared to Monroe's 1:03.22.

Monroe also placed sixth in the 200 individual medley in 2:14.74.

Wyatt Kunkler was the only other Patriot to compete in a

championship race Saturday, finishing seventh in the 100 freestyle in 54.17.

Matthew Fisher, Peyton Yowell, Monroe and Kunkler turned in the top relay effort for Jay County, finishing in 1:41.86 for sixth place in the 200 freestyle

relay. Joseph Dow, Yowell, Monroe and Kunkler were seventh in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:48.66.

Also competing in Saturday's consolation finals races for the Patriots were Kunkler (ninth – 50 freestyle), Dow (ninth – 500 freestyle), Fisher (12th – 100

backstroke), David Keen (14th – 6:20.19) and Yowell (16th – 50 freestyle). Brasen Glassford scored 225.55 points to finish ninth in diving.

Lincoln Clamme, Fisher, Keen and Dow were ninth in the 200 medley relay.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys basketball at Winchester — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball sectional opener vs. New Knoxville at St. Marys — 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Woodlan — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League — Real Madrid at Liverpool (CBS)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Villanova at Xavier (FS1)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Carolina Hurricanes (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Iowa at Maryland (BTN)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Marquette at Creighton (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Michigan State (ESPN); Texas Tech at Oklahoma (ESPN2)

Wednesday
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League — Manchester City at RB Leipzig (CBS)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Providence at Connecticut (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Bradley at Valparaiso (Bally Indiana); Minnesota at Maryland (BTN); Kentucky at Florida (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Soccer: SheBelieves Cup — Brazil vs. United States (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler at DePaul (FS1)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wake Forest at North Carolina State (Bally Indiana); Iowa at Wisconsin (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars (TNT)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: New Mexico at Boise State (FS1)

Thursday
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7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Memphis at Wichita State (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Wisconsin at Northwestern (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan at Rutgers (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: USC at Colorado (ESPN2); Northwestern at Illinois (BTN)
9 p.m. — NHL hockey: Calgary Flames at Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UCLA at Utah (FS1)
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: San Diego at Gonzaga (ESPN2)

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Relay, junior earn berths

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Four Indians are headed to the state finals in three events.

Fort Recovery High School's girls swim team posted a pair of third-place finishes in Friday's district meet at Bowling Green State University and had three events qualify for the OHSAA Swimming and Diving Division II State Finals.

The season came to an end for Sage Wendel, the lone FRHS boy to qualify for the district meet.

The top 32 individual times and top 24 relay times from across all districts in the state move on to the state finals.

The Indians will compete in state preliminaries at 5 p.m. Thursday at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton. (The finals will follow at 5 p.m. Friday.)

Junior Teigen Fortkamp had the top individual finish for FRHS as she placed third in the 100-yard backstroke. She finished in 59.04 seconds, trailing Kami Periat (55.63) of Port Clinton and Lily Baumgartner (58.55) of Ada.

The Indians were also third in the 200 medley relay. Audra Bulp, Joelle Kaup, Paige Guggenbiller and Fortkamp finished in 1:53.12, trailing only Oak Harbor and Lima Shawnee.

Fortkamp also placed fifth and qualified for state in the 50 freestyle.

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Jay County High School's Tony Wood controls Christian Arberry of Warren Central on Saturday during their seventh-place match in the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Wood bounced back to beat Arberry 4-0 to finish seventh in the state at 138 pounds after suffering losses in the quarterfinal and consolation semifinal rounds.

Seventh in state Wood refocused to win final match

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — Set a new goal. Keep pushing. Keep fighting.

That mindset served Tony Wood well at the end of the day at the state finals.

The Jay County High School jun-

ior was in perhaps the most difficult of state finals situations. With his dream of wrestling for a state title gone after losing twice Saturday, he had to try to get refocused for a seventh-place match.

Wood was able to do it, bouncing back from his earlier setbacks to

beat Warren Central's Christian Arberry in the seventh-place match Saturday during the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

"You have a goal. The goal was to win it," said Wood. "But then you immediately have got to change

your goal to getting the next thing. Then I lost again, but I've just got to get my mindset right and win that last match."

"I always try to get the next best thing," he added. "I'm just always trying to win the next match."

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Jay draws Frankton

The Patriots will open the tournament against an unfamiliar foe.

In the IHSAA tournament draw held Sunday, the Jay County High School boys basketball team received an opening-round game against the Frankton Eagles.

JCHS and Frankton will play at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, in the Sectional 24 tournament at New Castle. The schools have never met in boys basketball.

The Sectional 24 tournament opens Feb. 28, with Delta (14-8) taking on Centerville (7-13). Wednesday's

Local roundup

opening round action will feature the Patriots and Eagles in the opening game with defending champion Yorktown (14-7) and host Trojans (11-10) to follow.

In the semifinal around at 6 p.m. Friday, Hamilton Heights will play the Delta/Centerville winner. The Jay County/Frankton

and Yorktown/New Castle winners will follow in the second semifinal game.

The championship is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 4.

The Patriots are 0-3 against sectional opponents this year, with losses to New Castle, Delta and Yorktown.

JCHS swimmers fall

Jay County's junior high swim teams had plenty of first-place finishes Monday but still lost to Norwell — 172-129 for the girls and 182-119 for the boys.

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Josh Monroe, a Jay County High School senior, swims the 100-yard breaststroke during Thursday's sectional preliminaries. Monroe went on to finish as the sectional runner-up in the event.

Monroe places 2nd

Josh Monroe cut nearly two seconds from his preliminary time.

It wasn't quite enough. Monroe placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke Saturday, posting the best finish for the host Jay County High School boys swim team in

the sectional meet.

The Patriots placed eighth out of 11 teams with 151 points, 18 ahead of ninth-place Belmont and 27 behind seventh-place Huntington North.

Norwell, which won five events, repeated as the sectional champion

with 395 points, topping runner-up Delta by 82.

Monroe was the highest seeded Patriot heading into Saturday's finals at No. 2 in the 100 breaststroke, trailing Kody Coyne of Burris by 1.36 seconds.

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